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There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death.—Ecclesiastes 8:8.

## "A Little Knowledge"

The immortal couplet of Pope, "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing," should be amended to include "unless it creates a desire for more knowledge." Pope may have meant a multitude of things by his proverb, but if he here employed "knowledge" as a synonym for "truth" he was grievously in error and by his inspired pen has done mankind much harm.

Since the war the civilized peoples have learned to their alarm that although there is nothing dangerous in the possession of knowledge in small or large amounts, much that is dangerous can come from a misuse of knowledge. The classical schools of philosophy invariably came to the conclusion that there was no "truth" and made their deductions from there, keeping ever in mind that all was opinion and theory.

Modern schools of philosophy have taken quite the opposite attitude from the classics. They work from the premise that the other side is wrong and from that point make deductions which they proclaim to the world as proven facts or truths. The ancient philosopher was with knowledge. The modern philosopher is claiming for himself supreme intelligence.

Many writers are seizing on scraps of biological science, or on bits of discovery in the physical laboratory or on odds and ends of philosophical theory with which to build world-comprehensive theses, which may be twisted by the ignorant and unthinking into argument and justification for all sorts of weird and destructive movements. In the field of "new thought" such dangerous trifling with little knowledge is generally conspicuous. Unknown individuals blossom out as authorities on life and soul problems. Almost any volume offered carries positive exposition as to perfect happiness and contentment and as to health and soul salvation. Different, and often antagonistic, theories and arguments are relied on to make out the cases championed by different authors. Thus readers who fail to take their literature on such subjects with the sale of reason may be led into perilous conclusion and become involved in a twisted scheme of life.

A little knowledge is truly a dangerous thing when it deals out dangerous theories and conclusions for readers who are not capable of weighing truth and reason.

## Your Income Tax

Let no one entertain the hope that the taxes levied on his income received in 1923, the first payment on which is due on or before March 15, will be reduced. The impression left by a hasty reading of the action of the Republican members of the house ways and means committee, that such reduction is remotely probable, is erroneous. What these members did was to vote affirmatively upon a provision for a reduction in the amount of of taxes payable this year on the income of last year. It is to be feared that the proposal is a case of introducing poorly concealed politics, which Chairman Green of the committee justifies on the ground that Democratic members of the committee have been playing politics in their attitude toward the Mellon plan for tax reduction.

There is scarcely a possibility of the new revenue bill being enacted into law within the ensuing two months. On the contrary, there have been rumors of an intent on the part of some senators of talking the measure to death at this session and taking it up after the presidential elections. In the meantime, as stated, the first installment of taxes payable on 1923 income must be met on or before March 15 next. Even if a revenue bill containing a provision reducing the tax on 1923 income were passed before the adjournment of congress, the taxpayer would have to wait the slow progress of examination and readjustment of returns before he would receive the rebate due him and that might be several years hence. So it behooves the individual to make out his income tax return according to the provisions of the present law and pay the amount of each installment when due.

Although the income tax law has been on the statue books for many years, there are literally thousands if not hundreds of thousands of individuals subject to its provisions who are apparently ignorant of their obligations under the law. Probably there are several millions more persons legally required to file a return this year than there were before our entrance into the war, because within that period salaries and wages have greatly increased and the amount of exemption has been reduced. Loopholes formerly existing through which some individuals may have escaped their obligation to make a sworn return of their annual income have been pretty effectually closed.

Employers who are compelled by law to report amounts of $1,000 or more paid employes, would be doing the latter a service by enlightening those whom they have reason to suspect of ignorance concerning income tax requirements of their responsibilities.

Bryan's presidential candidate is an ungrateful person. He is for evolution, probably only to make a monkey out of W. J.

### THE OLD HOME TOWN - - By Stanley

## Editorials From Over the Nation

### THE HUMAN COMPLEX

Philadelphia Public Ledger: One who has anything to do with other human beings cannot fail to be impressed with the complications that arise whenever there are others to be consulted.

The scheme of the universe was not so devised that any of us can go it alone and have everything his own way. Napoleon and the Kaiser tried it, and lost. Again and again in business men have risen to a lofty peak and fallen far, because they were self-sufficient and would not call others into counsel.

When an only child goes from a family that has spoiled him to a school that pays little heed to him, the larger part of his educational experience is to find where he belongs. He learns his real size on a scale that is not of his own making.

So it is with the individualist in this great round world we inhabit together. He must concede. He must learn the virtue and the beauty of teamwork. He cannot have at once all that he believes he wants; he must renounce some things and modify, if not abandon, his claim to the rest.

The strongest, apparently riding to power over delicate scruples and quashing the will of others, are at times strangely conciliatory and gentle, if they mean to hold the place they win. For mankind, while it forever seeks a leader and to that leader demands a fighting spirit, will give neither its love nor its abiding confidence to the selfish.

If we are sure we are right, the attitude to take toward those who cannot see things as we see them is not a brusque dismissal of their views and feelings, but an effort to understand and to clarify misunderstanding.

### WHERE FIGURES DISAGREE

Los Angeles Times: According to bankruptcy figures more than 8 per cent of farm owners in the principal corn and wheat states lost their farms between 1920 and the spring of 1923.

In addition 15 per cent were insolvent, but permitted to remain on their farms through the leniency of creditors.

On the other hand, the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce announces that nearly one-third of the cars in America are now owned by farmers or other persons living in the country.

From these statistics you can draw your own conclusions as to the condition of agriculture; it all depends on what "dope" you belong to.

### ENFORCEMENT BRINGS RESPECT

Black River Falls Journal: The quickest, surest way to enforce the law is to enforce it, put in men who mean business and hold them responsible for results. When that is done everywhere booze selling and other criminals will become fewer in number. Even crooks respect the law when they are behind the bars.

### NATURALLY

Tennessee Times: As a rule nobody seems to know or care a great deal what congress does, but when congress commences to talk tax reduction people sit up and take notice. It's so unusual, you know.

### Brisk Demand for Brick Forecasts Paving Activity

CLEVELAND (AP) — A sharp increase in unfilled orders for vitrified paving brick, as reported to the U. S. Department of Commerce, may be taken as an indication of an active street and highway building season for 1924, in the belief of the National Paving Brick Manufacturers association here.

"Unfilled orders in December jumped to [illegible] as against [illegible] for November, and this is considered an accurate gauge of the demand for early spring and summer shipments," said a statement from the association. "Stocks on hand exceeds the total of unfilled orders. It is interesting to note also that contractors and engineers are assisting in relieving the seasonal aspect of the paving brick industry by asking for winter deliveries."

In the distribution of unfilled orders Oklahoma leads the list with Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Illinois following consecutively.

Things are different here. You never hear congress asking for a vote of confidence.

## Parliament House Proves Inadequate

LONDON (AP)—The present session of parliament with its large number of new members and the usual scramble for seats once again gives rise to grumbles and wonderment why the famous old chamber is not rearranged to meet the needs of modern times. Some 615 members are called by the electorate of the country to represent them in a house which has not accommodation for nearly that number, and even those obtaining seats thruout the session have little else to call their own except a hat peg and a small locker about three cubic feet.

In the actual chamber there is no provision for the papers of private members except a very narrow gully which runs along the benches so that those who want to speak have to gather their papers and notes and hug them. The library is said to contain only parliamentary papers instead of useful reference books; the reading rooms are small as are those set apart for private secretaries of ministers and other leaders.

Considering the lack of accommodation, however, members, as a rule take it philosophically and grumbles are scarcely ever translated into actual complaints.

### France May Shoe Her Clerks.

PARIS. (AP)—In the midst of measures providing for drastic economies and increased taxation, the French Chamber of Deputies will consider a bill sponsored by the leader of the Radical party and reading as follows: "The Chamber invites the government to restore in the 1924 budget the indemnity to the ushers, office boys and clerks in governmental stores and ministries, permitting them to buy their working shoes at the expense of the state."

### England Helping Ireland Finance Land Purchase

DUBLIN. (AP)—Under the Land Purchase Act passed in 1923, all land tenancies in the Free State were abolished and the tenants become proprietors, paying annual installments are from 25 to 35 per cent less than the rents, and the purchase will be completed in about 70 years.

The landlords are to be paid for their property in four and one-half per cent Free State stock of which 25,000,000 pounds sterling will need to be issued. The cash value of this security to the landlords depends on the credit of the Free State on the money markets, but the British government will guarantee the principal and interest of the land purchase stock.

There are still in northern Ireland many unpurchased tenancies and the British government is pledged to assist the northern government to complete land purchase within its jurisdiction.

### League Calls for Report On White Slavery in America

GENEVA. (AP) — Official notification has been received by the League of Nations that Miss Grace Abbott, of the department of commerce and labor at Washington, has been requested to furnish a report on the traffic in women and children in the United States.

A worldwide investigation of this subject is being undertaken by the league with a view to attaining the total suppression of the so-called white slave traffic.

### Compulsory Rest Day in Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE. (AP)—The compulsory rest day law passed by the National Assembly will not affect American interests in Turkey. The Standard Oil company of New York, the American Express company and other American business concerns are observing Friday, the Moslem Sabbath.

American missionary schools and colleges here will be permitted to continue classes on Friday providing the Moslem employes are excused from work.

### MONTANA STOCKGROWERS TO CONVENE NEXT APRIL

HELENA, Mont. (I.N.S.) — Although the event will not be held until next April, plans already are being made for the annual convention of the Montana Stockgrowers association, which this year will be held in Dillon. It will be the greatest event of its kind ever held there, and will be attended by stockmen from all parts of Montana and the West. A livestock show will be held also. Substantial cash prizes will be offered.

## OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK

BY JUNIUS

IT'S A GREAT LIFE IF YOU DON'T WEAKEN — BUT IT'S BETTER IF YOU WEAKEN JUST A LITTLE.

There's never a closed season on suckers that expect something for nothing.

Women spend entirely too much time seeing themselves as others see them.

"WANTED—I am in a position to hatch your eggs at five cents per dozen. Phone 256. Osage, Iowa News." All Junius has to say regarding the above add is that the boy surely knows his eggs"

She frowned on him
And called him Mr.
Because in fun he merely Kr.
And then in spite,
The following night,
The naughty Mr. Kr. Sr.

### HOW IT SOMETIMES HAPPENS

A sweet La Grande woman, at least that's what she used to be before she got married, now weighs 225 pounds.

In these days of easy divorces it's a wise child who knows his own step-father.

"No, darling, I'm not crying! I had oranges for breakfast."

## TRACK AND FIELD OLYMPIC TRIALS' SITES SELECTED

NEW YORK (AP).—Eight sectional preliminary tryouts for the American Olympic track and field teams will be held in May and June, according to plans completed Sunday by William C. Prout, of Boston, president of the Amateur Athletic union and chairman of the Olympic track and field committee. These meets, open to athletes throughout the United States and its territorial possessions, will determine participants in the final Olympic trials to be held in the Harvard stadium at Boston June 13 and 14.

Definite sites and dates for two of the sectional tryouts already have been arranged. The eastern tryouts will be held at the Yankee stadium, home of the New York American league baseball, on June 7, while the Pacific tryouts, awarded to San Francisco, will be held in the stadium of Stanford university on May 17. With the exception of the latter tryout, President Prout recommends that the meets be held on Decoration day, May 30, or Saturday, June 7.

The six other preliminary tryouts are scheduled as follows:

Southeastern — At Birmingham or Atlanta.

Central—At Chicago or Detroit.

Midwestern—At Kansas university stadium, Lawrence, Kan.

Southern—At Tulane university, New Orleans.

Pacific northwest—At Portland, Ore.

Southern Pacific—At Los Angeles.

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## ALASKA SOON TO SUPPORT SELF IS PRESENT BELIEF

WASHINGTON (INS).—Alaska will soon be feeding herself.

It is the hope of the United States department of agriculture to make the soil of this region produce in great abundance so that much of the food now imported may give way to home-grown products of better quality and freshness.

Experiments are being carried on the department stated, with different breeds of cattle. Hogs are now being bred and raised successfully. Hardy dairy breeds of cows soon will be developed, giving the Alaskan population a good fresh milk supply.

Hardy strains of small grains do well in the interior in most growing seasons, according to the report, and when made useless by the elements as food for human beings may be made into hay or silage.

Winter feed is a big problem for Alaska farmers, but the silo is helping them solve it. Oats, with peas or vetch, make good silage, as well as some of the native grasses, especially wild rye and a tall sedge, the report stated.

"Alaska produces as fine potatoes as can be found in any country," says the report, "and they are successfully grown in all parts of the territory, even far north of the Arctic Circle, in favorable seasons."

Improved hardy varieties of potatoes have been developed and are being grown. Strawberries have been developed to a commercial scale. Currants, gooseberries and raspberries are also successfully growing, the report states. Roses also are being introduced to beautify the country, a Japanese rose thriving the best in all parts of the territory, the report stated.

### Visitors from Air Welcomed With Best City Has to Offer

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP)—Muskogee has opened wide its portals to aviators, and in so doing has set a precedent for all airports of the central and southern states in hospitality. The city is endeavoring to establish itself as the leading control field of the southwest.

For the last three years all visiting army and civilian fliers have been provided with identification cards which entitle them to reduced hotel rates, free picture theatres, twenty per cent discount in meals, free admission to the ball park to league games, free use of the country club, and free boating, dancing and swimming at Muskogee's beach resort. New cards are just now being issued inviting all airmen to attend civic club luncheons free of charge. More than 1,000 of these cards have been issued in the last three years.

Still, it must be admitted that skill is required to write 100,000 words that mean "sex."

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CHURCH
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### Alaska to Have Fast Train.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska. (AP) — The government's Alaska railroad next summer will operate a train faster than the regular ones, calling it the "McKinley Park Limited," the management announces. The train will run from Seward the tidewater terminal, to McKinley Station, where Mount McKinley may be viewed.

Extra sleeping cars are to be attached to all through trains on the railroad, which has been designated "The McKinley Park Route." Stop-overs will be optional, instead of compulsory as heretofore.

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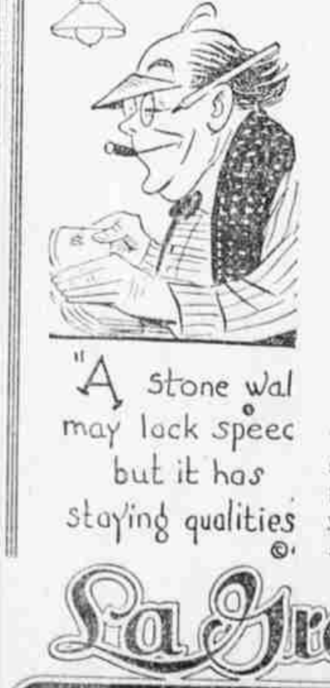


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