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OF A TRUTH I perceive that God is no respecter of person; but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.—Acts 10:34, 35.

Toads and Scorpions

"We are too rich in harsh and vindictive words," said Dr. Charles MacCaughey in a recent sermon, remarks the Portland Oregonian, and then that newspaper comments as follows:

The doctor is right. We could spare without loss many of the unlovely epithets that fall so trippingly from our tongues. As a people we are censorious and critical, given to the forming of arbitrary opinions and the utterance of cruel criticisms. So established is this habit of speech that often it is lightly indulged, and without justification, and more for the purpose of making talk than aught else. We have too many harsh and vindictive words, or rather, we employ them when wisdom and charity would require us to be silent.

We are not speaking of good-humored vulgarity, although its usage is scarcely defensible. We are speaking of those scathing words and phrases, those stigmata of dishonor, with which many men are wont to embroider almost any discussion of men or events. It is strange to observe that those who make free with such speech, and who are not ashamed to employ it where manifestly it is not warranted, would blush to utter any of the kindly words and phrases which are expressive of tolerance.

The doctor is right. We are too rich in harsh and vindictive words, and far too poor in words of gentleness and generosity. We are afflicted as was the wench in the fairy tale. When we open our mouths no pearls issue therefrom, but only toads and scorpions. For the most part this is no more than uncorrected habit, with little conviction and less cause as its origin. But it is an ugly habit and an evil habit. No man is master of himself who has not broken it, nor are his opinions of any value until he acquires tolerance.

Unit Plan Unpopular

Umatilla county voters beat the proposed county unit plan for schools by a five to one vote. Morrow county did likewise, all of which goes to show that either the unit plan is not the correct idea in handling schools, or the people are not informed relative to it.

We have always contended that the unit plan is not the right system; that it takes away American principles; that it isolates interest in local schools and concentrates to a degree that is dangerous. Under the proposed unit plan the school districts throughout the county would cease to have control of their individual school matters, and everything would be handled by a central board of education.

Our belief has been that the people of Big Creek and Cricket Flat use their schools not only for educational purposes for their young, but those schools also act as a centerpiece for community interest. The hiring of the teacher in a rural district is a distinct event in that community, and the annual school election is another event of importance. Under the unit plan such affairs would be given over to a central county board, and to our way of thinking, such a plan will only add to dissipating interest in rural life—a thing we all know to be very dangerous.

We are glad that Umatilla county tried out the plan first for the verdict in that county will have a bearing on further work for the plan in other counties.

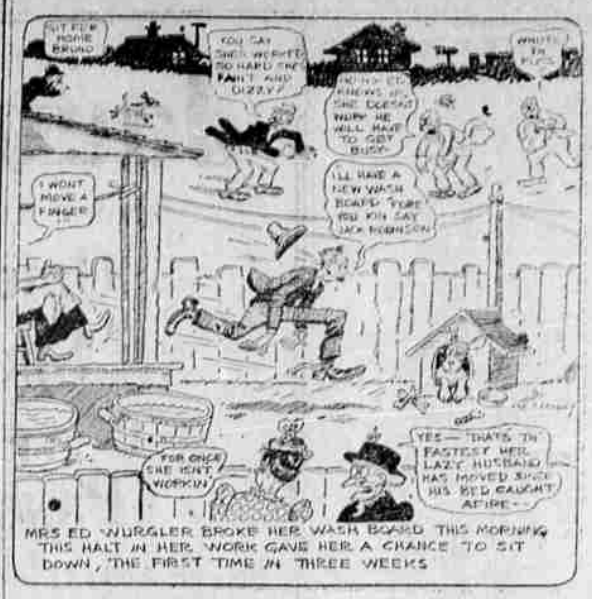
Evelyn's Meal Ticket

Harry Thaw has granted his wife ten dollars a day for the remainder of her life. Evelyn Thaw, once the front page feature of every newspaper in the country, once able to draw any salary she demanded for dancing, is growing older. She is not so nimble as she once was. Her picture no longer is sought after and Evelyn begins to realize that the bitter cup of which she drank is no longer a sweet morsel for the morbid mind to dwell upon. She had a chance to force a meal ticket from her rich, crazy husband, and she did it.

Thus, the primrose path that Evelyn trod has lead her to the quiet life when her popularity faded and she could no longer trim her eyelashes and keep the wrinkles from her brow. She will be little heard of in the future on her ten dollar a day allowance.

But there is one fine thing about Evelyn Thaw. She has a mother's love for her boy, and after all that covers up a multitude of sins.

THE OLD HOME TOWN . . . By Stanley



MRS ED WURGLER BROKE HER WASH BOARD THIS MORNING. THIS HALT IN HER WORK GAVE HER A CHANCE TO SIT DOWN, THE FIRST TIME IN THREE WEEKS

OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK

BY JUNIUS

A hen is the only living creature that can set still and produce dividends.

Some prohibition agents are clever—the bootleggers sure have to hand it to them!

Many people who think they have horse sense, are in a larger sense asinine.

As it appears now, the wrost drawback to many people about the radio is that you have to stay at home to enjoy it.

The fellow who first prated that a straight line was the shortest distance between two points lived before they had detours.

Easy Street is hard to find—but O Boy, when you do!—

The pupils in a Fredonia, Kan., school were given invitations to an art exhibit, says the Herald, which announced the hour at "3 p. m." One little chap walked gravely up to the teacher and inquired if the p. m. stood for Paw and Maw.

Why is it so much easier to climb into bed than out of bed?

When a fellow starts working his employer instead of working for him he's only putting ground glass in his own breakfast food. I'm not saying he's dishonest, but I wouldn't blame a blacksmith for nailing down his anvil when a guy like that passes his shop.—Andy Gump (Sidney Smith.)

"Dear Clara," wrote the young La Grande man, "Pardon me, but I'm getting so forgetful. I proposed to you last night, but really forgot whether you said yes, or no."

"Dear Will," she replied, "So glad to hear from you. I knew I said yes to someone last night, but I had forgotten just who it was."

It is better to have loved and lost than to be sued for alimony and cost.

BACK TO THE FARM.

Farmer — What's the matter with you? I sent you out to brand the livestock and here you come back all blisters?

New Help (who came from the city)—well, I did have some trouble branding the bees.

Don't pity the man with taxhoe. He's probably after fish bait.

PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS TO PLAY AT FRENCH LICK

FRENCH LICK SPRINGS, Ind. (INS)—The French Lick Springs hill golf course, said to be one of the "super" courses of America, is being groomed for the first golf event of national importance Indiana has ever scheduled, the Professional Golfers' Tournament, September 14 to 21.

Thomas D. Taggart, president of the French Lick Springs Hotel company, has donated $5,000 for the professional golfers to shoot for; he also donated $1,000 to the benevolent fund of the association.

The P. G. A. tournament ranks with the National open in importance, though it is restricted to professionals. Gene Sarazen, open champion in 1922, is the 1923 P. G. A. champion, having defeated Walter Hagen in the finals last year. Hagen and Sarazen will be entered this year, as will a host of other American pros, such as Joe Kirkwood, Jim Barnes, MacDonald Smith, Bobby Cruickshank, Bill Melhorn, Freddie McLeod, Mike Brady, Johnny Farrell, Leo Diegel, Clarence Hackney and similar cracks.

MISS DILLON ASSISTING IN SHOW PAGEANT

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which will be given the evenings of June 5-6-7.

President Withcombe then told Miss Dillon that she was officially invited to continue attendance at the Stock show meetings and declared her a life member of the organization.

Miss Dillon has come out from Portland to direct the pageant, with a record of successful experiences on the stage and of having previously directed large pageants. This past winter she has organized the "Little Theater Guild" in Portland.

Good Old Days "Bunk" Declares Journalist

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we are concerned we have better reporters today than then.

"We had occasionally a brilliant man, and sometimes he was sober and sometimes not. The old type ill-educated journeyman reporter, who knew all the bartenders from Sandy Hook to Golden Gate, has passed, and with him many a brilliant feature story and many a heart-breaking fiasco.

Men Better Educated.

"His successor is better educated, more dependable and more accurate, though still far enough from perfection, like the rest of us, to leave plenty of room for improvement. There is one way to improve the quality of staffs, and one only—raise salaries to attract better men.

"I should say that the proportion of college-trained men in journalism has increased sharply in the last 10 years. The cub who has not had at least a touch of college is now an exception.

"I am utterly unable to be down-hearted over the prospects of journalism in America."

ACTION ON EXCLUSION BILL SEEN

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week was forecast with several members of congress, including Representative Longworth, Ohio, the republican floor leader in the house, and Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, who had charge of the immigration bill in the senate.

The congressional callers at the White House were not told definitely by Mr. Coolidge what action he planned to take on the bill, but all left with the impression that the legislation would receive executive approval. All developments during the day seemed to remove further possibility of a presidential veto.

Hughes Reports to Coolidge

The bill still is before the state department awaiting preparation of a report. The nature of this report is understood to have been conveyed informally to the president by Secretary Hughes and at the White House Wednesday it was said that Mr. Coolidge and the state department head were in complete accord.

Various courses of executive action have been suggested should the president determine to sign the bill. These possible courses include signature of the measure with an accompanying statement designed to mollify Japan and signature of the bill after exchange of correspondence between the state department and the Japanese embassy. It also was suggested that Mr. Coolidge might send the bill back to congress with a message expressing approval of it with the exception of the Japanese exclusion provision and asking some change be made in the exclusion section.

Whether any of these courses had been determined upon was not made known by White House officials but it was indicated that an arrangement was being considered.

Perch Sent to Oregon.

NAMPA. — Idaho yellow perch will be part of the attraction at the sportsmen's show which is to be held at Baker City, Ore., Wednesday, L. E. Mettler, deputy state game warden, shipped 10 cans of the fish from Lake Lowell to Baker.

Now is the time for every good wife to select the set of china she will give her husband for Christmas.

GRECIAN KING OUT OF LUCK

King George Is Not Likely to Regain Throne; New King May Be Chosen.

(By Luther A. Huston)

LONDON, (INS)—King George, who recently lost his job as ruler of Greece, has joined the ranks of the permanently unemployed so far as any chance of getting his throne back is concerned, according to Henry Morgenthau, former United States Ambassador to Turkey, who is now the head of the League of Nations Greek Refugee Settlement Committee.

"The Glucksburg dynasty," said Morgenthau, "is blamed by the Greek people for the fact that Greece, which in 1919 was prosperous, with the exchange value of the drachma very nearly par, has 'fallen on evil days.' Most of the blame is placed on the late King Constantine, it is true; but the exiled King George gets his share of the blame, and there is no chance of his ever again becoming King of Greece. Even if the monarchy were to be re-established some other king would be chosen.

"What Greece wants now more than anything else is to bury the hatchet and put an end to political feuds. The reason that Venizelos failed to accomplish his mission when he returned to Greece was because he could not reconcile the opposing factions. When he tried to propitiate the Royalists he lost the support of the extreme Republicans, and vice versa. The Royalists blamed Venizelos for involving Greece in the war, and they would not work with him.

Royalists Assist.

"Convinced, however, that the plebiscite which threw out King George and established the Republic, represents the real will of the people, the Royalists are now showing a disposition to accept the situation and help the country work out its problems. They are being given substantial representation in the senate, and they seem to be satisfied."

Morgenthau is in London negotiating with the Bank of England, which already has loaned the League of Nations Committee one million pounds for its refugee work, for an additional loan of a million pounds. He is certain he will be successful.

In order to carry out the plans of the committee for caring for the more than 1,600,000 refugees who were dumped into Greece when the Greeks were driven out of Turkey Morgenthau estimates that at least $50,000,000 will be needed. By the expenditure of this sum, if the plans of the committee are consummated, all of the refugees will have been established in homes and occupations that will enable them to be self-supporting.

Coming To U. S.

As soon as his business in London is completed Morgenthau plans to return to the United States to endeavor to induce wealthy American Greeks to join in the movement to aid their countrymen. One feature of this mission will be to endeavor to induce Greeks in America to buy Greek government bonds. This will, Morgenthau believes, cause these bonds to rise in value, strengthen the credit of the Greek government and thereby make easier the financing of the refugee relief work.

Morgenthau pointed out that the money the committee has spent and intends to spend is not charity, but a loan. It is guaranteed by the Greek government and by the Bank of Greece. Refugees who are aided by the scheme obligate themselves to repay, and many of those helped, according to Morgenthau, already have begun to repay their loans.

"These refugees," Morgenthau said, "are industrious and need only the chance to re-establish themselves to become prosperous. At first some of them thought they could get back their old homes in Turkey, but now they realize that this is impossible and are building new homes in Greece. If the plans we have for aiding them are successful they will soon be self-supporting and an asset to Greece."

OLD STEVENS HOMESTEAD IN CONNECTICUT IS SOLD

CANAAN, Conn. (INS) — The old order changed, indeed, when the Stevens homestead closed its doors for the first time since 1760 following the death of the last linear descendant of the builder and distribution of his estate by public auction. City folks drove into the Litchfield Hills to attend the auction, which was a record-breaker for this district. They paid $75 each for a blue-and-white plaid blanket, a bedquilt and a wooden rocker, and gave $375 for a highboy.

The homestead will remain, according to its purchaser, acting for Seth Moseley, New York hotel man, whose estate is near by.

Car Overturns, Three Hurt

BEND, Ore.—Archie McDonald, Harry C. Smart and James O'Neil were seriously injured when their car overturned on The Dalles-California highway near Redmond. They turned out for another car and went off the grade. All are in a local hospital.

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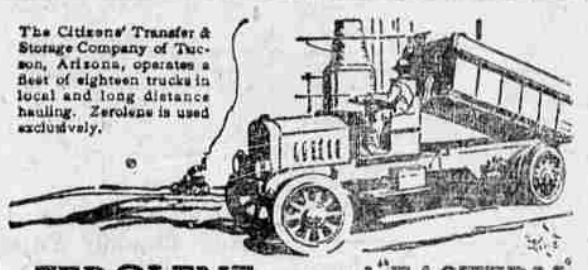

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