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ASCRIBE YE GREATNESS unto our God. He is the
 Rock, His work is perfect; for all his ways are judgment;
 a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.—
 Deuteronomy 32:3, 4.

Newspapers Cannot Do It

When the eighteenth amendment became a law the public fully expected (with its characteristic lack of fore-
 sight) that the end of liquor would spell the end of crime,
 courts, insanity and poverty. There was a period of dimi-
 nished crime which was attributed to prohibition and which
 apparently supported the public's hopes but it was eventu-
 ally discovered that the United States had prohibition in
 name only, so there began a period of rigid enforcement.
 The inevitable outcome was wholesale prosecutions and
 over-crowded prisons, bad liquor and over-crowded asylums
 for the insane, criminal courts doubled in size and cost to
 the taxpayers and increased cost of government. Friend
 and foe of prohibition have been disillusioned by the after-
 math.

When it was found that the nation was not voluntarily
 observing the eighteenth amendment the government and
 public was confident that observance could be enforced by
 the iron hand of the law. Upwards of two years of the
 most rigid and organized enforcement by federal, state and
 local authorities has only served to divulge what appears
 to be a growing number of infractions.

Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, sought bone-dry en-
 forcement by prohibiting the exhibit of "wet" scenes in
 the moving picture theaters and in an unsuccessful at-
 tempt to abolish the sacred American search warrant. The
 president of the National Editorial association has addressed
 his association to the effect that the "wholesale lack of
 respect for the law can be blamed in part upon the news-
 papers." In the same strain is the suggestion by an east-
 ern editor that the press can enforce prohibition by refus-
 ing to publish "wet" jokes.

It is not infrequently that the public assumes that news-
 papers, if not responsible for the world's ills, can easily
 cure them by refusing to mention them. A newspaper once
 tried to "kill" Theodore Roosevelt by refusing to print his
 name. Many national and international movements have
 gained headway despite a silent press. It has been sug-
 gested that the press could abolish future wars by refus-
 ing to write about war. As for the "wet" joke, it will
 die the natural death of jokes—from old age. Advocates
 and opponents of prohibition feel too strongly on the sub-
 ject and the neutral camp is small.

Nothing at all can be said for the suggestion that the
 newspapers might foster this thing and suppress that thing
 by combining for the purpose. A combination of news-
 papers for any purpose is destructive of the basic concep-
 tion of a free press. Instead of an agency for expression
 of the multifarious play of public opinion, the "combined"
 newspapers would become an instrument for propaganda;
 and as such they would lose both their usefulness and their
 prestige.

Old Hanson, former mayor of Seattle, was arrested in
 California for stealing his own horse, but it may have
 been on the theory that one who will take a horse when
 there is an automobile handy deserves arrest.

An American woman refused to heed the "royal com-
 mand" of the kind and queen of Spain. American women
 are not accustomed to being bossed and few of them will
 stand it.

An Indian, said to be 110 years old, is dead at San
 Diego. He is said to have taken a bath in a cold stream
 every morning which makes us doubt the statement that
 he was an Indian.

A rumpus is kicked up in New York because a daughter
 of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., arrested for speeding, was given
 a suspended sentence. Perhaps it was thought she had
 no money with which to pay a fine.

Taxation without representation riled the colonists, but
 then they didn't foresee what taxation with representation
 would finally become.

The Southern Presbyterian church sticks to the literal
 story of Adam and Eve. It's comforting to be sure about
 a matter.

THE OLD HOME TOWN - - By Stanley



A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION ROCKED MAIN STREET TODAY WHEN THE BACK TREE ON EDWYLL'S BICYCLE BLEW UP.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

Never dispute the woman who says she was a model husband. Webster says a model is a small imitation of the real thing.

The only time some men look important is while they are adjusting their spectacles.

"I must look in the book to see where I'll go on my vacation."
 "You mean a resort directory?"
 "No, my bankbook."

Table: He cracked a joke that wasn't naughty and the audience guffawed.

A La Grande woman has just received a letter written nine years ago. (Now, here is a case where the blame will have to be about 50-50 between the democrats and the republicans.)

A recent musical comedy in New York is known as the Inger-
 toll Review. Even the police could not stop it from running.

Small talk begets big trouble.

The poet who sings of "the shade of night and eloquent pain" knows the great American poet all right.

Whether you are up and coming, or out and going is indicated by whether your conversation is about now or then.

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THE WAY SHE USED ME
 She used to let me see her home,
 She used to make dates over the phone,
 She used to let me hold her hand,
 She used to treat me something grand,
 She used to let me steal a kiss,
 She used to fill my heart with bliss,
 —Yes, it was I
 She used to bait the other guy.

It has been said, "The letter to be kissed and caught than never to be kissed at all."

Those who wish to avoid the depositions of "second-story men" should live in bungalows.

Young Bride: "Won't our little unripe dumplings kiss our little potato warts?"
 Man (in best berth): "You can't go anywhere nowadays without running across some of those new brides."

By starting now, and studying three hours every night, you may be able to decide where to spend your vacation this summer.

To Whom It May Concern: Advs. in Veripoint paper: "If you have any prospects, I have a nice willow baby carriage for sale."

MRS. EDGAR IS ELECTED
 OREGON CITY, Ore.—Mrs. H. C. Edgar was elected president of the Oregon City Women's club for the coming year at a meeting held in the chamber of commerce Saturday.

Mrs. Oscar Eby was named first vice-president and Mrs. L. J. Porter, second vice president. Mrs. Ernest Hanks will be secretary for the new year and Mrs. Geo. A. Boy, treasurer. Financial secretary, Mrs. William Wright was chosen treasurer.

Editorials From Over the Nation

STATES RIGHTS AND CHILD LABOR
 The New Republic State's rights opposition to the amendment giving the federal government power to regulate child labor would stand on firmer ground if the record of state legislation in the field were a good one.

Unfortunately it is not. Not more than one-fourth of the states come up to any fair, civilized standard in their handling of this problem.

Nor is there evidence anywhere of a strong movement among the champions of state's rights to force the states to do their duty by their children and thus render federal action superfluous.

Instead there is a compromising connection between opposition to federal child labor legislation and opposition to any kind of effective legislation on the subject.

We may agree that our political system is in danger of over-centralization, and that a wide range of powers ought to be left to the states, even though they may fail to use them properly or even abuse them.

Child slavery, however, works such havoc with the quality of our common citizenship that it is a question whether the nation is justified in leaving it unattended a deference even to a highly respectable political theory.

ELUSIVE HAPPINESS
 Sunset Magazine: An automobile for every family.
 A piano for every family.
 Overstuffed furniture for every family.
 A telephone and a radio for every family.
 A silk stocking for every leg.
 A movie ticket three nights a week and a new hat every time Mrs. Jones invests in one.

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Money has been abundant during the past eight years. The opportunity to acquire it in large sums by those who knew how have been endless.
 Not much effort was involved on the part of those having the money making temperament and abilities, and the ease with which they got their money has excited the envy and envy of their friends who tried to emulate them both in the acquisition and the spending of money.
 The pity of it is that the production of great wealth should bring in its train consequences that undermine the national character and increase the burden of the individual without adding to his happiness or contentment.

AN HONEST MAN
 Toledo Blade: A woman in an Eastern city left a bag of jewelry worth \$5,000 in a taxi cab.
 The next day she learned that the driver had turned in the wealth to the police station.
 "I only did my duty," said the taxi driver.
 Go back into the boyhood of that taxi driver and somewhere you will find some training—home, school or church.
 Probably it was home training, for that is the best. He learned not that it is a fine and showy thing to be honest.
 He didn't learn that he would get credit for being honest.
 He simply learned that it was his duty as a man and a citizen to be honest.
 What a wonderful lesson that is, once it is learned!
 "I only did my duty."

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Unpainted surfaces leave the field clear for rain, wind and sun to do their damage. Rattle and shake houses and out-buildings, once so new and storm-tight, gaping corner boards, warped and rotting window frames, —all directly result from failure to paint. Either you have to go in for expensive repairs, or let the entire building investment go. How much better and cheaper it would be to keep the buildings painted!

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