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HE THAT KEEPETH HIS MOUTH keepeth his life. But  
he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.—Pro-  
verbs 13:3.

## Sickness Tabooed

The time may be nearer than we think when the re-  
puted Chinese practice of paying physicians for keeping  
their patients in health rather than for treating them when  
sick will be universal in civilized lands. It is an ideal  
worth striving for. Great progress has been made in  
searching out the means of preventing disease but, as the  
director of the Rockefeller Foundation said a few days ago,  
we are not making practical use of our knowledge. Now  
comes Sir David C. Bruce, president of the British Associa-  
tion for the Advancement of Science and chairman of the  
governing board of the Lister Institute of Preventive Medi-  
cine, strongly arguing the possibility of virtually eliminat-  
ing disease in civilized lands. He is credited with having  
controlled parasitic maladies in the British army during  
the war.

Sir David, who was addressing the association of which  
he is president at its convention in Toronto, Ontario, de-  
clared that "medicine in future must change its strategy.  
Instead of awaiting attack it must assume the offensive.  
It must no longer be said that 'the man was so sick he had  
to send for a doctor.'"

The more the doctors accomplish along the lines indicat-  
ed the better, but not if the preventive work can be left  
to them. They can discover the means of controlling dis-  
ease and show the people what is essential to be done in  
their own interests, but nothing will be done unless the  
people are willing to pay the price for improving condi-  
tions. Probably the money cost of getting rid of prevent-  
able diseases would not be nearly as great as that which  
we pay as a consequence of sickness. Sir David estimated  
the direct economic loss from this cause at \$750,000,000  
annually in England and \$3,000,000,000 in the United  
States. And in these countries, comparatively advanced in  
medicine, sanitation and hygiene, the death rate constantly  
falls. One important duty that lies ahead is clearly indi-  
cated by such as Sir David and the Rockefeller Foundation.  
Trotzky thinks the United States is imperialistic and  
that its pacifist reputation is a great joke. Trotzky could  
hardly be right in his views, if he tried.

## Isolation Gone

If the present trend of events continues, there will soon  
be no provincialism left in the United States. Isolation is  
what makes people provincial, and isolation is rapidly be-  
coming a thing of the past.

The telephone was the first medium to connect far-  
lying districts with the life of the cities. The automobile  
next furnished a means of rapid and convenient transit.  
Now the city has been brought to the small town by means  
of the radio. When La Grande, Ore., can listen in on  
concerts as far east as Newark, as far south as Atlanta, and  
as far west as Portland, then our town partakes in a  
measure of the characteristics of the cities. They have  
something in common together.

The great national roads form another de-provincializ-  
ing element. A sparsely settled district, however far it  
may be from the larger centers, cannot grow self-centered  
and peculiar when cars from 100 different states pass  
through town every day.

In fact, the danger lies in the opposite direction. Towns  
tend to grow rather too much alike. Without labels, it is  
difficult for a stranger within a diameter of 500 miles to  
be able to distinguish one town from another. Town spirit  
is also becoming more difficult to foster. Communication  
and easy travel have brought this about. There may come  
a time when the people of this country have extended their  
travels around the globe so widely that they will not ap-  
pear even as distinctively American.

I have noticed, said an old-time physician recently, that  
these women who have "nerves" never suffer an attack  
while they are permitted to have their own way.

An ounce of pluck is worth a pound of luck.

You've got to keep your head up to stay on your feet.

New dance steps will develop a great race of wrestlers.

## OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

Press me closer, closer still  
With that fervor you can master.  
All my nerves responsive thrill  
Press, me closer, mustard plaster.

Don't you like to buy goods  
from a store salesman who doesn't  
have to run to some other sales-  
man about stock and prices?

Supplying the Demand.  
Lady: "To be, I'm sorry to hear  
your wife got a divorce."  
Tober: "Yesum; she done gone  
back to Alabama."  
Lady: "Who will do my washing  
now?"  
Tober: "Well, munn, I've cot'n  
again, and I cot'a rapid."

One of the most expensive gifts  
we can think of is the gift of gab.  
To make money last—make it  
first.

A good racehorse should be call-  
ed Ezeasua, for it usually starts  
from scratch.

King: "What to, call the guard?"  
Prime Minister: "Sire, it is rain-  
ing, and the guard has lost his um-  
brella."  
King: "Then, by all means, who  
do, the mud guard?"

A newspaper says a picture is a  
poem without words. Then what  
is a strip cartoon?

Man is like a worm. He comes  
out of his hole, wriggles about and  
lump as he is beginning to feel free.  
Just Year comes and then some  
chicken nabs him.

THE DUFFER'S SONG.  
(Apologies to Mister Tenyson)  
Blushing drive and sweet approach  
And one good putt for me,  
And may there be no aching in the  
rough,  
When I step on the tee.

An ounce of encouragement is  
worth a ton of scolding.

MIGHT BE WORSE.  
Jack: "So your father demurred  
at first, because he didn't want to  
lose you?"  
Ebel: "Yes, but I won't his con-  
sent. I told him that he need not  
(lose me) he would live with him,  
and as he would not only have me,  
but a son-in-law to boot."  
Jack: "First, I don't like that  
expression 'to boot.'"

At this rate we should have all  
our roads hard-surfaced by the  
time everybody travels in airplanes.

Elmer Glyn to the contrary,  
The world is not so bad. We  
still have the Virgin Islands.

No Trouble.  
"It's such a bother deciding  
where to go on your vacation."  
"It doesn't bother me. The boss  
tells me when to go and the wife  
tells me where."

We are natural-born extremists,  
and as a rule we select dark horses  
to replace white elephants.

Men may have their favorite  
bootlegger but the girls nearly all  
have their favorite barber.

The most important event in any  
man's life is his birth.

High Brow Radio Programs  
Make German Fans Unhappy  
BERLIN (AP)—German radio  
fans are complaining of too much  
Wagner and other classical music,  
sedious lectures, camouflaged ad-  
vertising and too much high brow  
stuff in singing.

Another general complaint is  
directed against the lecturers of  
the official broadcasting stations  
run by the postal authorities.  
(When it comes to humorous sto-  
ries they fall in intention to bring  
out the joke, and professional  
journists are demanded.)

Provision nations could learn  
not to hate one another, even with-  
out the services of an American  
expert.

**Kodaks  
Developing  
Printing  
Enlarging**

**Red Cross  
Drug Store**

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



## Tom Sims Says

A group of Swiss Alpina are  
planning to climb Mt. Everest and  
perhaps find a filling station on  
top.

Senator Edge says Coolidge will  
get New Jersey, but all we can  
say is Cal has the Edge on them.

Imagine the surprise of a presi-  
dential nominee when he is offi-  
cially notified of it several weeks  
later!

Japan is buying big bombing  
planes built in Italy so she can  
slip something over on someone.

Newfoundland premier has  
moved to end prohibition there  
where it is getting hot enough to  
make beer taste good.

Polygamy has been forbidden in  
Turkey, except in unusual cases,  
which, perhaps, means when a  
man sees a new dizzy blonde.

A chorus girl was discharged  
from a New York show because of  
notriety, so shine your shoes for  
the millennium.

A man wanted for counterfeiting  
in St. Louis has been arrested  
in Honduras, which was making  
money go a long way.

Five robbers got \$5000 at noon  
from a Tuscola, Ill., bank but  
\$1000 each is poor pay for running  
in the hot sun.

A San Francisco woman killed a  
man.

deer with a how and arrow, no  
doubt much to the surprise of the  
woman and the deer.

Divorce are increasing in Ger-  
many where two can starve more  
quickly than one.

The two Chicago boy murderers  
played chess, but this is not the  
grounds upon which their insanity  
plea is based.

Philadelphia woman has recov-  
ered her memory after four  
months, so maybe her first words  
were, "It's hotter than it was last  
summer."

Grasshoppers are ruining the  
Oklahoma apple crop, but maybe  
there weren't enough bugs to hold  
it, anyway.

A Los Angeles doctor claims  
thousands have died from kissing.  
We claim many more are dying  
to be kissed.

Funny things happen every day.  
We ship spaghetti to Italy.

Wives don't throw rolling pins  
at their once did because they  
don't know where to find them.

Some towns are so lucky. In In-  
dianapolis a movie organist broke  
his arm.

Airplanes Hunt Fish.  
FLEXTOWN, England. (AP)—  
Three government flying-boats are  
patrolling various parts of the  
North Sea trying to locate fish.  
Their principal objective is the  
herring and it is believed that by  
spotting the shoals and advising  
various trawling stations the traw-  
ling stations the trawlers will be  
saved much time.

## THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST  
SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO  
THE EDITOR IF THEY DE-  
SIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

FROM A LA FOLLETTE MAN.  
Editor Observer: Why don't you  
fight fair? Every man is entitled  
to his honest convictions on poli-  
tics, but why say things that you  
cannot prove.

In your Wednesday's editorial  
you say, "La Follette is a natural  
marker of charges which Davis is  
not, for Mr. Davis is a construc-  
tive man rather than a nation  
wrecker."  
So you say La Follette is a "na-  
tion wrecker." Prove it.

I suppose you think it had been  
better if the corruption and graft  
in the Harding-Coolidge and Cool-  
idge administrations had gone un-  
checked and unpunished. This  
would have undoubtedly happened  
if it had not been for La Follette.  
If you will take the time and trou-  
ble to investigate you will discover  
that it was La Follette who first  
laid the facts bare concerning the  
real nation wrecking conditions  
existing in the Republican admin-  
istration of the past four years.

Why don't you find out why it  
is that the voters of Wisconsin  
keep on sending him back to the  
United States Senate. Why did  
they elect him to three terms in  
the House of Representatives  
three terms as governor of their  
state, and to three terms in the  
Senate of the United States? If  
you do so you will discover that he  
had a wonderful record of  
achievement in placing the affairs  
of his own state on a sound eco-  
nomic and political basis and of  
consistently and constantly fighting  
corruption, graft and special privi-  
lege.

And so, when a man devotes a  
lifelong career to the interests of  
his countrymen in dictating di-  
rectness in political parties, and in  
upholding the Constitution and the  
laws of the land, you call him a  
"nation wrecker."

Yours truly,  
Kipling Larsen.

Imbier, August 15, 1924. Please  
publish this letter in your paper.

Nebraska to Have Its Share  
Of Midsummer Politics  
LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Nebras-  
ka University's new half million  
dollar memorial stadium will be  
the scene of two important politi-  
cal gatherings the latter part of  
August. On the 15th Governor  
Charles W. Bryan will be formally  
notified of his nomination as the  
Democratic candidate for vice-  
president and on August 29, Gen.  
Charles W. Dawes, a former resi-  
dent of Lincoln, will open his  
campaign as the Republican can-  
didate for vice-president.

Both speeches will be radioed  
and outdoor amplifiers will make  
them audible to all in the two gi-  
gantic concrete stands on either  
side of the speakers' platform.

The Japs who feel most immed-  
iate exclusion wouldn't come  
anyway.

# Link After Link

FRANKLIN plucked a zigzag of lightning out of the  
sky. Bell linked it with a bit of wire and gave the  
human voice more power than the thunder. Now sci-  
entists, discarding the wire, hurl one voice—undiminished—in  
countless radii across the world.

Each day the ingenuities of men are better, strength-  
ening yesterday's progress. In foods, clothing, house  
furnishings, inventions, minds are adding link to link—  
trying to lift you closer to contentment.

Each day the ingenuities of men are bettering, strength-  
ments before you. They are personal, timely messages  
of products that will please.

The advertisements suggest not only the new—but  
the best; spread them out honestly before you so that  
you can conveniently choose. They show you highest  
values at sensible cost. They help you to live better—  
and save.

Read the advertisements to learn of the latest ways  
you can make your life more pleasant.

KEEP UP WITH THE ADVERTISEMENTS  
TO KEEP APEACE WITH PROGRESS

**N. West & Co**  
THE QUALITY STORE

Announcing the Arrival of  
Our New Fall  
**Gold Bond Clothes**  
CORRECT IN STYLE - RIGHT IN PRICE  
AND QUALITY.  
Two Pair of Pants.  
**\$35.00 and \$40.00**

**Ruben Shirts**  
Silk and Wool for infants..... \$1.25  
Children's Bloomers, Black and White..... 75c to \$1.10

Rubber Crib Sheets and Pats  
for Infants

**Norton's Kiddy Shop**

HEMSTITCHING      PLEATING  
Button Holes      Stamping      Buttons Covered

READ THE OBSERVER CLASSIFIED ADS

**U.S. Thrifty says**

Don't let the other fellow  
talk you out of your crop  
money.

It is the result of a whole  
year's hard work and as  
such should be carefully  
spent and carefully invested.

When you need any ad-  
vice or counsel on financial  
matters feel free to call  
upon any member of this  
bank.

This is a regular part of  
our service and is yours for  
the asking.

Every branch of our bank  
is run for your personal  
convenience in banking.

We solicit your account.

Sharp practice  
has cut off many  
a man's chance  
to succeed.

**La Grande  
NATIONAL BANK**  
SOUND-RELIABLE-PROGRESSIVE