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WITHHOLD NOT THOU THY TENDER MERCIES from me, O Lord; let Thy loving kindness and Thy truth continually preserve me.—Psalm 40:11.

Debts for Posterity to Pay

On the eve of his retirement, Governor Baxter of Maine pauses to offer a word of friendly counsel to the people of his state, says a Boston newspaper. The advice is so sound and practical that people elsewhere might profit by it if they would. The governor says he wants to go on record as opposing the issuance of any additional bonds for the purpose of raising money to be spent on the roads and bridges of Maine. He does not mean by this that he disapproves of such improvements. The expenditures he made he regards as necessary and advisable. What he objects to is the continuance of the prodigal practice of mortgaging the future for the benefit of the present, thus allowing the accumulation of debts to be paid by those of another generation. He believes the people who use and enjoy the modern roads now being constructed should be made to pay for them.

Experience has taught a valuable lesson. It is that the people of today are not really building for the future when they lay down even the most expensive of highways which modern ingenuity has devised. Vehicles now operated in large numbers quickly make rebuilding or expensive repairing necessary. At the present rate of wear and tear many of the streets and highways will be unfit for use long before the bonds issued for their construction have matured.

Otherwise expressed, it is the opinion of Governor Baxter that Maine, as well as every other state, should live within its means. By that he wishes, no doubt, to be understood as meaning exactly what he says. It is a mistake to pretend that the roads of which the people of a state or section are rightfully proud are a monument to a generation yet unborn. The indication is that those who follow will be left, unless a fairer policy is adopted, the duty of paying for what the people of today are enjoying. It is interesting, in this connection, to bear in mind the fact that the state highway commission of Maine has recently recommended a \$9,000,000 bond issue, the money to be spent on the roads and highways within the next six years. This plan has been approved by the state automobile association, the state grange, and several farm bureaus.

The instance is another, perhaps, in which these bonding operations are encouraged or made easy by those who are anxious to find investments in tax-free securities. Money is readily obtainable from those who have discovered this more or less safe and comfortable method of escaping federal and state tax levies. But it should not be forgotten that these debts must, sooner or later, be paid. There is no royal road to affluence, but it would seem that the people of today have come near to discovering a pretty fair substitute. The awakening will come when the bond fall due.

Going too Far

A doubtless well-meaning evangelist in Washington denounced women with bobbed hair so savagely that many women in the church choir quit. It is difficult to quarrel with the choir members for what they did.

When the style of a hair cut is made the test of the soul's salvation, it is relatively easy to understand why the world backs away from that sort of religious appeal.

If Christianity could be spiced the troubles its friends make for it and concentrate of the big job of demonstrating its value to its enemies, its progress would be much faster than it is.

Thirty years ago women never thought of doing the things they do today, which may be why they didn't do them.

The difference between many a man's last year suit and this year suit is merely a matter of time.

The light brigade charged like thunder, and so do the gasoline men.

All work and no pay makes Jill a dull wife.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



OFFICE CAT
TRADE MARK REG.
By Junius

Tramp—Lady, could you give me something to eat?
Lady—My good man, have you no work?
Tramp—Kind lady, I am an artist.
Lady—What do you do in art?
Tramp—Kind lady, I make house to house canvases.

We suggest that snoring be called sheet music.
"I hear Serogus has quit the sausage business."
"Yes, he's retired. He plays golf now."
"Says he just can't keep away from the links."

Lovers used to hang over the ate. Now they hang over the telephone line.
She wrote to a poultry journal but poultry raising was much to her liking and wondered how long he had been around in the eggs. The editor wrote: "Three weeks for chickens and four weeks or ducks."

Later she wrote the poultry journal as follows: "Many thanks for your advice about setting the hen. She remained on the nest three weeks and at the end of that time there were no chickens hatched. As I did not care for ducks I took her off the nest and sold the eggs."

Build for yourself a strong box. Fashion each part with care; fit it with hoop and padlock. Put all your troubles there, hide therein all your failures. And each bitter cup you quaff look all your heartaches within it. And then—sit on the lid and LAUGH!

fell on one of its contents; Never let secrets share; drop in your ear and your worries; Keep them forever there; the world will never dream the half; Fasten the top down securely; Then—sit on the lid and LAUGH!

If a man stays out late it is no sign that he is studying astronomy.
He: "Will you think of me, dear?"
She (sighing): "Constantly! I shall be perfectly miserable all the time."

Terrance: "It is a fine kid you have there. A magnificent head and noble features. Could you send me a couple of dollars?"
Pat: "I could not. It's my wife's child by her first husband."

Moses: "This is a deuce of a job. How am I going to get out of it here?"
St. Peter: "Now none of your art miracles—play straight golf."

The first essential in learning golf is a pair of legs that look well a knickerbockers.
He sauntered into the strange office with much self-assurance and an air of familiarity, threw down his business card and inquired: "Where the main entrance around here?"

"Well," replied the good looking fellow, "they'd all take me for it I'd let 'em."

A woman asks divorce because her husband treated her cruelly and drove her from home because she had bobbed her hair. Apparently there is one husband left who means something when he says something, all of which is very sad.

"The Prince of Wales," the newspaper says, "wears exactly what he pleases." This perhaps is true in his being a prince and partly because he is a bachelor.

EUGENE TO BE VISITED
EUGENE, Ore.—A large party of costume retail lumber dealers, numbering 25 or more, will be here February 25, according to announcement made at the meeting of the La Grande County Live Stock and Lumbermen's club.

This, it was declared, will be a red-letter day for La Grande county, as Eugene will be the only city in the Pacific northwest, outside of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, where the children will put in a complete day. The opportunity to build up good will for Eugene, La Grande county and its timber will be exceptional, it was pointed out.

BISHOP TO MAKE PENDLETON HIS HEADQUARTERS

PENDLETON, Ore.—(Special)—Bishop William P. Remington of the eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, who has been making his home in Pendleton for the past year, has decided to make this city his permanent headquarters. Announcement to this effect was made in the bishop's speech at the annual convocation here.

Following the announcement of the bishop that he and Mrs. Remington will make their home here, the clergy and laity assembled in convocation agreed to the inclusion of an item of \$15,000 in the 1925 budget for the building of a suitable residence in Pendleton for the bishop. The budget itself gives the expected receipts at \$55,022.31 and the total expenditures at \$55,768.66. The budget includes the complete building program at a cost of \$22,000, with \$15,000 for the bishop's house here. \$2000 for the combined church and parish home at Ontario; \$1000 for Hermiston and \$1500 for Wallawa for the building of churches; \$1000 for a parish home at The Dalles and \$100 for a parish home at Heppner.

Tentative plans for the raising of the \$15,000 include apportioning a part to Pendleton, another to Portland people who were formerly members of the Pendleton church, and the remainder to parishes in the eastern Oregon outside of Pendleton.

FRANK DICKSEE BECOMES HEAD OF ROYAL ACADEMY

LONDON (AP).—With traditional 156-year-old ceremony, Frank Dicksee has been elected president of the Royal Academy, the eleventh holder of the office first held by Sir Joshua Reynolds in 1768.

The retiring president, Sir Ashton Webb, having reached the age limit of 75, addressed the students, then retired to the assembly room and discarded the insignia of office, while 40 Royal Academicians voted for the new president.

Frank Dicksee is a relative of Thomas Francis Dicksee, who illustrated Shakespeare and Sir Walter Scott. He was born in London 71 years ago, was made A. B. in 1881 and R. A. in 1891. Among his well-known paintings are "Funeral of a Viking," "The Redemption of Tarshish," "Horus and Juliet," "The Passing of Arthur" and "La Belle Dame Sans Merci."

CLIFTON SAFE BLOWN

ASTORIA, Ore.—Yugmen blew the safe in the Clifton railroad ticket office and postoffice in the Columbia Blockers' association store there. The amount of the loot was not reported here. J. H. Thompson, stockbroker, postmaster and ticket agent, and Mrs. Thompson, who reside about 200 feet from the building, were awakened by the blast.

Thompson started from his home to investigate, but hearing what he thought was a shot directed at him, retired indoors and turned on the lights of his home. After a ten-minute interval he went to the store and found the shattered safe.

Radio Bishop



The favorable impression created among churchmen by the radio broadcasting of his sermons has caused the Rev. Warren L. Rogers, dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, to be named bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. He has been using the radio every Sunday for two years.

Hunt's Letter

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other expedition which explored the old Spanish trade route from Buenos Aires to Lima. Later he explored the ancient lands of the Incas and discovered Vitcos, the last Inca capital.

And he was the first to make the ascent of Mt. Coropuna, 21,793 feet high, one of the five highest peaks in South America.

During his South American explorations, Bingham probably had little idea that he would some day sit in the senate, with Charles Evans Hughes, arch-apostle of the Monroe Doctrine, and recently resigned, serving as secretary of state.

For based on his knowledge of South American affairs he wrote a book about our political relationship with our Latin-American neighbors under the title, "The Monroe Doctrine—An Obsolete Shibboleth."

That is one skeleton in his political closet which his Republican colleagues hope he will manage to hide.

With his love of adventure still undimmed, it was natural that when the World War came on Bingham should get into it—and into its most adventurous branch, aviation.

He learned to fly at Miami, but his qualifications as an instructor were so prominent that he was shifted into the teaching instead of the service end of aviation.

He advanced rapidly to the position of commanding officer of all U. S. schools of military aeronautics, and when he had these operating smoothly he was sent overseas where he was placed in command of the great aviation instruction center at Issouan, the axis of the flying school.

Personally, Bingham is an erect, playful, vigorous chap just under 50, prematurely gray, and preternaturally inquisitive.

Fossilized BONES FOUND IN BUSY LONDON STREET

LONDON (AP).—A collection of fossil bones, unearthed in a stratum of sand and gravel 20 feet below the surface and during recent excavation for an office building foundation near Charing Cross, one of the busiest traffic centers of London, has been identified by Sir Arthur Keith and R. H. Burne, prominent scientists, as containing the fossilized remains of the hippopotamus, the mammoth, the auroch or great ox and a great antlered variety of red deer.

Although no stone implements were found on this site, these have been found at nearby places during the past excavations and have indicated that the prehistoric animals had man as their companion. The bones from which the fossils have been taken are on which a great part of London is built, are ancient beds of the River Thames.

The recently unearthed collection has been presented to the Royal College of Surgeons.

P. L. CAMPBELL BETTER

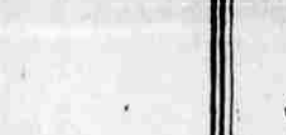
EUGENE, Ore.—Slight improvement was the report received on the condition of P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon, who is convalescing at Corvallis, Cal.

A message received by Karl W. Outlook, executive secretary of the university, from Mrs. Campbell, wife of the president, told of his slow improvement and mentioned that he had been out for several rides in a wheel chair and in cars, and that he was enjoying the southern sunshine. No official medical report has been forwarded.



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Winter Building Problem Solved, Constructors Say

Dwight L. Hoopigarnier Announces That Construction Can Be Successfully Carried on During Weather 20 to 25 Below Zero.

NEW YORK (AP).—Constructors say that midwinter building has become a conquered peak. First scaled successfully after years of effort in the winter of 1923, they report that during the present winter they will go 1925 enough better to make the conquest permanent.

The business world, watching the climbers from below, already sees the effect in an early ending of seasonal unemployments in both the building trades and the field of building supply, in relieving of the housing shortage, and in a better stabilizing of the building industry as a whole by distributing the old back-breaking seasonal loads over a full 12-month period.

Dwight L. Hoopigarnier, executive, American Construction Council, in describing some of the new aspects of winter construction, says:

"The greater stabilization has been secured by relatively simple methods. Experience has shown that work on large buildings, whether of steel, masonry or concrete construction, can be conducted with safety in temperatures down to 20 or 25 degrees above zero.

"After that, scaffolders to provide heat, tarpaulins to keep it, and hanging scaffolds to hold men and materials where they are needed, have solved the problem of keeping out the cold and frost and permitting winter operations to go ahead in many cases at more even temperatures and greater economy. Records of contractors over periods of years have shown an average of about 14 days, with scarcely over 21 days maximum in any one year, in which the weather necessitated that the precautions of winter building be taken."

Mr. Hoopigarnier advises the building investing public to recognize the necessity of exercising special care in securing responsible and thoroughly skilled architects, engineers and contractors in the performance of winter work.

Four per cent more contracts were let for new building in the first 11 months of 1924 ended Nov. 30, than in the full 12 months of 1923 in the 26 states covered by the Dodge Reports, says Mr. Hoopigarnier. The total figure for the 11 months was \$4,100,000,000. Compared with the same 11 months of 1923, the increase was 13 per cent. With prices in the main slightly lower than the year before, he says the comparisons are conservative.

Mr. Hoopigarnier shows winter activity producing a relative increase in prices, although prices for the year as a whole show a slight decrease. Previous to last year the winter demand for materials was relatively small. "It is well to note the fact," he observes, "that with a greater volume of winter construction there will be a tendency toward higher relative prices for labor, than have been considered normal for the winter season. Such a condition, however, will not vitiate the basic advantages of winter work."

London Fashions Prescribe Military Heels for Women

LONDON (AP).—The smart four gallon bustle that tops off the fall dress uniform of British guardians and delights the feminine contingent that never fails to be interested in the picturesque ceremony of guard mount at Buckingham Palace, has been copied by London milliners in a military bearskin hat that promises to be popular at the winter style shows. The new hat fits closely over the ears and is held in place by regulation military chin straps.

Another innovation for the winter, this time in footwear, is the use of ostrich skin shoes. The skins are dyed brown and the holes from which the feathers have been plucked assume a deeper shade, adding an effective decoration. One London bootmaker has been showing shoes made from walrus hide, and is experimenting with the skin of the rayfish, which he thinks will prove successful for footwear.

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