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CURSING OR BLESSING:—Cursed be the man that toucheth in man, and smitteth flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.—Jeremiah 17:5-7.

It looks as though we were going to have a white Christmas, after all.

Perhaps some men are always looking down because of the bills his wife runs up.

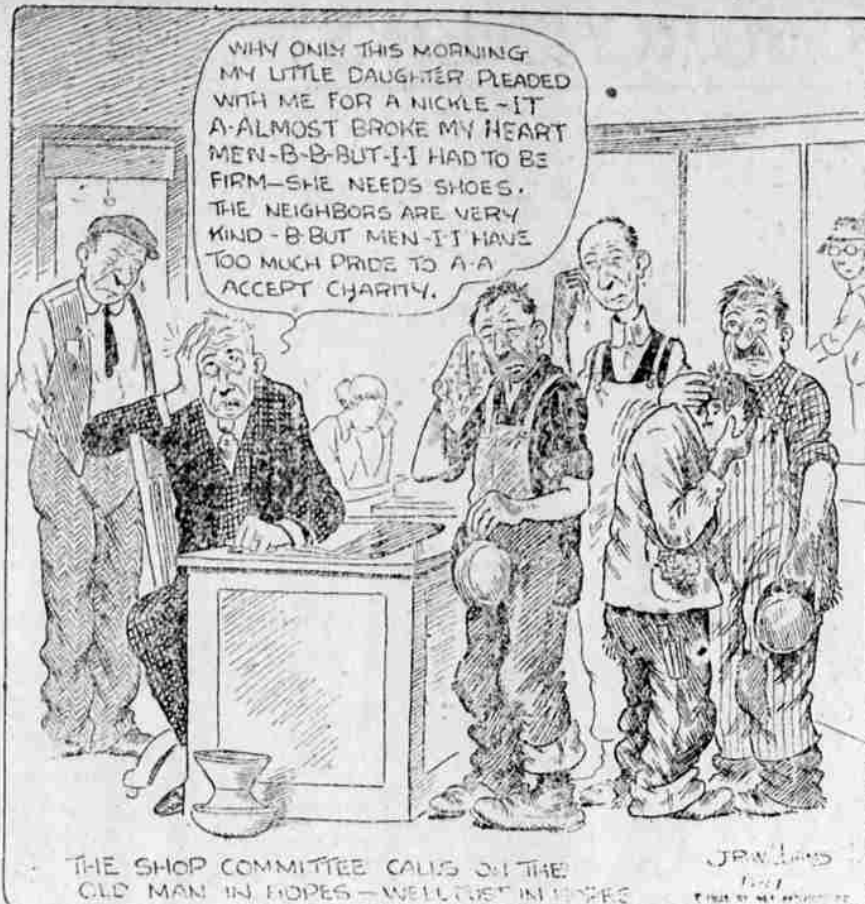
MITCHELL FOUND GUILTY.

The verdict of guilty against Colonel Mitchell in his courtmartial at Washington is what was expected. He was tried for a violation of the 96th Article of War, which is for insubordination, and anyone who has ever served in the uniformed forces of the United States knows that Mitchell's acts and charges could not be considered in any other light than as a violation of that army law. Mitchell knew that he was guilty of that charge, as was indicated by his statement in Texas many months ago, saying that arrest was anticipated at any time.

He never denied that guilt and probably never expected anything but a guilty verdict. And it may be said to the colonel's credit that guilt or innocence as far as the 96th Article of War is concerned was an incidental matter. He sought to have the public, in whose protective service he was employed as a soldier, know important facts relating to national defense. He was willing to sacrifice his military future and give up his chosen career for the sake of what he believed to be the good of the service and the good of his country, which are or should be synonymous.

What President Coolidge will do in reviewing the case is doubtful, and what Mitchell will do when final decision is made has not been indicated. President Coolidge has already shown much sympathy for the Colonel's position by his very radical recommendations to congress for a new air policy and by adopting the report of the special board investigating progress and conduct of military and civilian aviation throughout the country. And the president is well acquainted with the overwhelming public sentiment in favor of Mitchell and his stand on aviation. Considering all angles of the case, it would seem an ideal solution for the president to disapprove the sentence of the court and approve the purely technical verdict—to be followed by the immediate resignation of Colonel Mitchell from the army. His usefulness within the present organization is at an end, yet there is much that he can do without for the betterment of the air service and the improvement of national defense. As a private citizen he can carry on his campaign of education, based on aviation experience as wide as any man in the country, and the public can judge for itself. Guilty he may be; talk too much he may have done; but Mitchell has done the country a real service, nevertheless, and a service that will accomplish much in the future.

OUT OUR WAY



THE SHOP COMMITTEE CALLS ON THE OLD MAN IN HOPE - WELL GET IN LINE

By WILLIAMS

DRY AGENT IN UNIQUE ROLE

WASHINGTON, (AP)—How a prohibition agent lived at the Mayflower hotel here for a month, entertaining women at dinner dances and buying "Old Smokey" whiskey to strengthen his role as a "real sport" before hotel employees, while obtaining evidence against two of them, was told Friday in published testimony given a house appropriation subcommittee.

The two employees, Jules R. Venetie, former chef, and Rinaldo Blum, his assistant, were acquitted Thursday in criminal court. The case recently was called to the attention of Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury, prohibition field marshal, by Representative Gullivan, Democrat of Massachusetts, who complained that two agents on the case had spent nearly \$1000 in getting evidence.

Andrews Astounded
Appearing before the house subcommittee during executive hearings on the treasury appropriation bill, Mr. Andrews said he had "never heard of the case before," adding that "it astounded me."

Mr. Gullivan asked the assistant secretary if he knew that one of the agents had registered under the name of "one of the most eminent members of congress," and to Mr. Andrews' question if he knew that to be a fact, replied he "was shown the registration."

"All such conduct as that is absolutely taboo in our organization," Mr. Andrews added.

True sportsman will not kill more than the law's allowance of game. That's right. And others won't either.

OFFICE CAT

By Junius
Miss Bailey and Mr. Barium have been married at Youngstown, Ohio. Probably it was the usual wedding ceremony.

"I hear that Jones left everything he had to an orphan asylum."
"Is that so? What did he leave?"
"Orphan children."

Margerie—I wish I had a nickel for every boy I've kissed.
Gladys—What would you do? Buy yourself a package of gum?

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.
He took her out for an ice-cream treat.
The pretty, blue-eyed girl; but he taunted when he read the sign.
"Green, sticky cents a gal."

"Men are funny people. A man will chase a girl until she catches him."

"Why, hello, stranger!" exclaimed the youth in the bright socks to the pretty girl outside the post office.
She drew herself up to her full height.
"I think," she remarked in icy tones, "that you are making a mistake. We have never met before."

"Just what I said," replied the youth cheerfully. "I called you stranger."

In New Jersey a man is sure to prove himself insane by shooting somebody.

A cold reception puts a salesman in hot water.

THE CARPENTER'S WIDOW.
Here was a young salesman named Phillips.
When he married on one of his trips a widow named Bluff.
That he died of a shock.
When he heard they were six little chicks.

Some men who bowled for five.

dividual drinking cups in three past are now ready to take a swing out of any old flask.

Some men favor clubs for women, but others try kindness first. The lady had designs on him—she was a tattoo artist.

OFFICIAL AXE CUTS BUDGET

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insurance for the agricultural agent in its entirety and the allowance for boys' and girls' club work also failed to receive sanction.

County Court Cut.
The county court was cut \$400. The compensation allowed to the commissioners being reduced from \$500 to \$500, traveling expenses from \$250 to \$150, and office expense from \$250 to \$150.

The difference in the state tax, due to the increased ratio for Malheur county given by the state tax commission, and consequently lower valuation rate on property, as a big item of saving for the taxpayers of the county, but did not help the levying board in making the budget. However, state tax was reduced from \$100,562 to \$92,409 for the coming year.

The office expenses and office help of the county school superintendent was reduced from \$400 to \$200.

The amount for expense of the district attorney's office was decreased from \$1000 to \$650.

The amount for expense of water master and deputies was cut from \$2250 to \$2050.

Other Items Reduced.
Practically every other item over which the county court had control felt the pressure of the axe and was cut to its limit.

The high school tuition fund was reduced from \$10,000 to \$9750.

Nothing was appropriated for co-operation with state and government for coyotes and bobcats, while \$1,000 was the amount advertised in the proposed budget.

Though it is claimed that man has been on the earth 200,000 years, half his knowledge and control of nature has come within the last hundred years.

Yesterday In Washington

Defenders of Colonel Mitchell came to his defense in congress.

Both sides in the world court fight swung into action in the senate.

Ogden H. Hammond, New Jersey, was nominated for ambassador to Spain.

The first annual appropriation bills were reported to the house.

An investigation of the effect of the British rubber monopoly was asked in the house.

The house passed the \$325,000,000 tax reduction bill.

There was little improvement in Western Europe's agriculture from the beginning of the nineteenth century.

MAKE THIS AN ELECTRICAL CHRISTMAS

La Grande Electric Co.

Village of 700 Sends Four Men to Congress

LOUISVILLE, (AP)—The "Free State Butler" gave three strangers to the nation before she could send to Congress in her own name and Morgantown, a village of 700 population, now has four native sons in the nation's legislative halls.

When John W. Moore took his seat as Congress convened December 7, he found there three other Butler countians, only one of whom, like himself, will be "the gentleman from Kentucky." The other two represent Oklahoma.

Senator John W. Hearld of Oklahoma is the senior member of the quartette of men who were boys together around Morgantown. Congressman Maurice H. Thatcher of the Fifth Kentucky District, and Everett P. Howard of Tulsa, Oklahoma are the others.

Moore and Howard are democrats, rarities in the "Free State," while Harrel and Thatcher, republicans, come by their political affiliations naturally. The Kentucky country from whence they came won its appellation as the "Free State of Butler" back in the days of the Missouri Compromise, when its citizens freed their slaves and permitted no others to enter, despite the fact that Kentucky was a slave state.

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La Grande, Oregon

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