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PLEASE NOT MESS—Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is no guile: fear ye not the reproach of man, neither be ye afraid of their reviling.—Isa., 51:7.

Fifteen nations signed the anti-war treaty. Which means that at least fifteen nations can't make aggressive war without feeling slightly embarrassed, anyway.

Twenty-five thousand dollars for the best plan of enforced prohibition and make it a reality. That's a real prize for the solution of a real problem. It isn't a drop in the bucket, however, when compared with the amount the liquor gang trends each year to find ways to evade prohibition and make it ineffective.

### COURT HOUSE ECONOMY

So far as we are able to judge, there is no controversy between the citizens who express themselves in favor of a new court house and those who say the old building should be remodeled and utilized. Both have in mind the thing which, in their opinion, would be the greatest economy for Union county and for the ultimate best interests of all taxpayers. They would accomplish that by different methods.

One group, as sincere as it is thrifty, is frightened at any mention of an improvement that will mean a small temporary increase in taxes. They contend that the greatest economy is in spending no additional tax money at all, that the county is best served by getting along with what it has. In other words, repair with insurance money and let it go at that.

The other group, an increasingly impressive number in favor of a new court house since the fire, contends it is false economy to try to utilize the old building. They say that only two ways are open—first, build a new building, or second, build modern and fireproof record vaults in the old building capable of protecting county documents and business. This latter course they argue is ridiculous in an old building.

What is the greatest economy for the county? With the old building repaired, important documents and records of concern to every taxpayer in the county and worth hundreds of thousands of dollars would be stored in vaults that leak and that are in no sense a protection against fire. Is that real economy?

With the old building repaired, new reinforced concrete vaults could be constructed as a part of the rehabilitation at an extra cost of a good many thousand dollars—an investment that must be entirely lost and wasted when the remainder of the building became inadequate in later years and had to be discarded. Fireproof vaults cannot be moved and cannot be of value in such quantity to anyone except the county. Is that kind of rebuilding economy?

If the old building is repaired, it would be used as a court house for as many years as cramped quarters, insecure records, and absence of additional fires would permit. It would depreciate in value far more than the ordinary building of similar character simply because the uses to which the building might be put will rapidly diminish. Today, conditions are such that it might be sold profitably to the school district. Ten or twenty years from now it will be so antiquated as to be of little value. Is failure to "cash in" on the present investment, to avoid future depreciation, a program of real economy?

The greatest economy for Union county or its individual citizens, is the wisest spending. We spend wisely when we buy fire insurance policies as a means of protecting our property. Saving the insurance premiums and going without protection is not good economy. Yet that's what Union county will be doing if we repair the old court house. It's impossible to insure county records for their true value.

We buy fire insurance by the year, or for several years, the more we anticipate our needs and appreciate the importance of continued protection, the cheaper the rate. We can buy fire insurance by the month—but the rate is exorbitant. The investment is so obviously unfavorable that practically no one does it. Yet that's the kind of an investment Union county will make if we keep the old court house and build new, fireproof vaults into the old structure. We'll be making an investment that must be thrown away, discarded later on—an extra premium for our lack of foresight.

The Observer is in favor of a new court house because it means in the long run the greatest protection to county business and the least expenditure of county taxes. We believe repairing the old building would be a direct waste of county funds, a false economy that would be all too obvious in future years. We can either try another make-shift or build wisely, practically, economically for the future.

## ABE MARTIN



There's not a ray o' hope in either party platform for the feller who talks about a commin' rose, Steve Nugent got into it' good groove o' Grocer Lou Moon i' the extent o' two cases o' lemon extract by tellin' him the King's daughters was i' give a big banquet.

### Russian Press Cold To Anti-War Treaty

MOSCOW, Aug. 29 (AP)—The Russian press shows very little enthusiasm over the Kellogg-Briand renunciation of war treaty, both Lavski and Pravda, leading official papers, being decidedly cold in their editorial comment.

Meanwhile the Soviet government seems to make a careful study of all documents relating to the pact before making any decision as to whether it will accept the invitation to adhere to it, extended through the French government.

Pravda says that while a great part of the Bulgarians protest against its signing the "universality" of the pact it is simultaneously giggling in its hands over the fact that the pact does not oblige anybody to do anything.

Lavski says that as long as nations keep signing, the pact will not be anything but a dead letter. The Russian position, it adds, is that full and lasting peace can only come after complete universal disarmament.

About the only thing left for the say who used to read the newspaper is that will be to think up snappy comebacks for the talking rooster.

## WARM SPRINGS COMMITTEE HAS NO PLAN YET

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 29 (AP)—A plan of reorganization for the Warm Springs Irrigation district will not be reached for several days, it was said here yesterday following a meeting of the district bondholders' committee. The indebtedness of the district is over \$2,000,000 of which \$1,550,000 is outstanding bonds. The project covers about 12,500 acres.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 29 (AP)—The Warm Springs bondholders' committee will continue its meeting in Portland today at the Security Trust and Savings bank.

### Charlie Worshipped Mother, Says Friend

LONDON, Aug. 29 (AP)—"Poor lad, he worshipped her, Charlie will be a wonderful man today." Such was Dan Lipson's comment in his Lambeth barber shop today to a representative of the Evening Standard when he heard the news of the death of Mrs. Hannah Chapman in California.

Dan, who was once a music hall singer, composer and writer, and knew Charlie Pappin when he played in the Lambeth alleys as a school boy, was full of reminiscences.

"We never saw Hannah or Mrs. Chapman, but heard a lot about her from Charlie," he said. "He thought no one ever lived like his mother. He loved her as the dearest playmate in the world, the greatest lady and an ideal. When he became Charlie's Charlie and not the little boy of Lambeth alleys it was still the same. His mother's serious illness when she was a young woman troubled him deeply. As soon as he was famous and with money such as he never dreamed of in Lambeth, he sent for her. What ever were the troubles of his mother always was in his mind. That's the man. There never was a creature less essentially the justice."

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### Haiti Chief Says 100,000 Face Famine

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, Aug. 29 (AP)—An intimation that outside help is needed for relief of the hurricane stricken district of Haiti, was contained in a statement issued by President Dornno today.

"More than 100,000 people are facing starvation in the hurricane devastated areas. All animals were killed and entire crops were destroyed. Cultivated farms were either drowned out or completely washed out. It will take from three to six months to grow new crops.

"The resources of the government are not sufficient to help adequately these unfortunate people. We need rebuilt roads and bridges and provide food and shelter."

It was stated that it will be at least three months before it will be possible to obtain food for the stricken area from local sources.

### EAST MEETS WEST



Senator Hiram Johnson of California and Rep. John O. Tyner of Connecticut confer on Hoover-Curtis campaign plans in the East and West.

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### Burglar Lynched In Mexico City

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 29 (AP)—A burglar was lynched last night after attempting to rob an aged man in Mexico City, says a dispatch to The Continental today. Neighbors who captured the burglar, stoned him and beat him with sticks. He died soon after.

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