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CONTINUE IN LOVE—As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love.—John 15:9.

Nine parts of righteousness consist in an intimate relationship between one's nose and the grindstone.

A definite result obtained by the intangibles tax levied by the last legislature is property relief to the extent of a million dollars in the state. That's quite a sum and may lay the way for the elimination of all property taxation for state purposes eventually. But, in the light of your tax total, it doesn't amount to much. Our mental calculation indicates that it means a saving of about two per cent—two cents less to pay out of each tax dollar. The rest of the money—and the big share of the total burden—is for schools and local government and so forth. Which emphasizes, as we have oft remarked, that the state and the legislature is really not responsible for but a small portion of our tax woes.

If anyone thinks that war is a thing of the past, he would do well to study Hoover's "personal budget" showing division of government expenditures. Out of every federal tax dollar 72c goes for wars, past and future—a billion and a quarter for the public debt, three-quarters of a billion for pensions and veterans' care and nearly as much for the army and navy. Only 8c of each dollar goes for routine operation of the government, with 13c for public health, education, farm relief, public buildings, and other aids and subsidies. The final 7c goes for tax refunds, veterans' insurance, other fiscal demands. All of which indicates that war is our most expensive occupation by all odds.

One of the services undertaken by the special business committee formed at the suggestion of Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, is for the benefit of the small retailer. Records in Louisville were shown to the effect that 30 retail grocery stores failed in that city each month and 32 others started in business. The committee doesn't think help impossible. It would seek to set up certain standards, no doubt, by which the small retailer could be guided to attain success. Encourage a more careful investigation into a proposed field, determine overhead factors that could be anticipated. Many facts could be assembled that would assist the prospective business man in making his decision. It's true that many who fail must learn through personal experience. But there should be many others who would be willing to learn from the experience of others before risking their own investment. The service has vast possibilities of a constructive nature and should be awaited with interest.

### "A MATTER FOR THE MILITARY"

The operation of what may be called the Troy mind, with all its limitations, is admirably illustrated in remarks made by Major General Sir Charles Herbert Powell, a British conservative of the old school, who toured the middle west recently.

After sharply criticizing all the present talk about armament reduction, world peace and the like, Sir Charles turned his attention to India, where a powerful demand for independence is giving the British government no end of worry, and dismissed the whole matter in a sentence. "That," said Sir Charles, "is a matter for the military."

It would be hard to find a better example of the old-fashioned "die hard"—the man who thinks in the manner of the past, the man to whom the events of history have brought no knowledge.

"A matter for the military." Sir Charles, presumably, would end the conciliatory negotiations by which the British government is trying to reach an understanding with the restive Indians. He would, one imagines, simply call out the troops, shoot all malcontents, and trust to luck that everything would come out all right.

A century and a half ago Britain had trouble with another overseas possession—the North American colonies. Patience and tact could have settled that question; but England's Tories insisted that it was "a matter for the military." And you don't need to be told how that came out.

No country has a monopoly on the Tory mind. We have our specimens, too. But Sir Charles is such a perfect example that he deserves attention. Unfortunately, he is not the only man on earth who wants to solve modern problems by methods that proved unworkable years ago.

## Abe Martin



We never hear nothing about Tanna-Arica any more, an' I wonder if it contained too much alcohol? Another fine thing about fox farmin'—it don't break your wife's back.

### MAN TESTIFIES HE IS "FIRE VICTIM"

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and brass "knucks" to beat him, she said.

The deaf mute boy said that on Sunday, March 10, the day after the rummer girl said she witnessed the beating of Franklin, he was strolling in the woods in that vicinity and saw Herman Greenway, one of the defendants, dragging Franklin's body toward a big log fire. Three other men were with Greenway, he said.

The other bit of evidence to establish the corpus delicti was an odd assortment of charred bones which the state contended were the remains of Franklin. Because the temple bone which he said originally was included in the assortment, was missing yesterday, Dr. C. W. Garrison, state health officer, said he could not identify them as human bones. He said he had based his original identification on the temple bone. Sheriff Johnson testified the bone might have been removed from his safe where he had kept the collection since he found them in a heap of ash.

The four defendants, Herman Greenway, Joe White, Bill Younger and Hubert Heister, testified that on the day before Franklin disappeared from the St. James community they were drunk with him, becoming so as they were on their way to Mountain View to obtain a marriage license for him and the rummer girl. All but White testified they saw Franklin the next day when the defense charges that the wishes of the girl to postpone their wedding until fall caused him to break off their romance and suddenly drop from sight.

**TO VISIT ISLANDS**  
EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—Floating schools of the University of Oregon 1930 summer session will be sent to both Hawaii and Alaska. It was announced by Alfred Powers, dean of the extension division of the university. Elaborate preparations for the summer event in Hawaii are being made by people of the islands, it was said.

### Wheat Is Lower At Close Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP)—With a cold wave over domestic winter wheat territory, and with Liverpool quotations advanced, the Chicago wheat market advanced higher early today. More or less offsetting anxiety about cold wave perils, however, were reports that new-fallen snow covered a wide area. Opening at 3/8 off to a cup, Chicago wheat prices afterward showed some gains all around.

Corn, oats and provisions were likewise firm, with corn starting at 1/4 decline to 1/2 advance, and subsequently holding near to the initial range.

### Issues Erratic But Closing Is Firm

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP)—Prices on the New York stock exchange continued to pursue an erratic course today as trading continued in light volume. Trading was largely professional in character, although the weakness of several stocks was attributed to liquidation for the purpose of establishing income tax losses.

### WILLS WEDDING DATED

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 18 (AP)—The wedding of Miss Helen Wills women's tennis champion, and Frederick S. Moody Jr., San Francisco broker, will occur next Monday noon in St. Clements chapel, here, the mother of the bride to be announced late today.

### HERE and THERE

with Frank Cleavinger

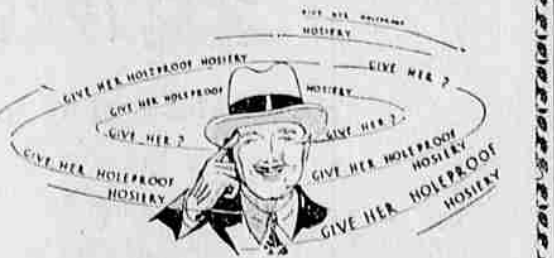


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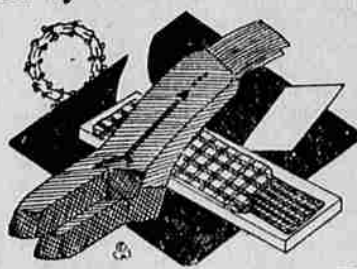
of Silk in Bright Colors

\$15

A large assortment of silk robes for the man—and he will like them. All silk \$10 to \$19.75. Others in cotton flannel \$8.75 to \$12.00. All-wool in light weight \$11.75.

### Sox by Interwoven

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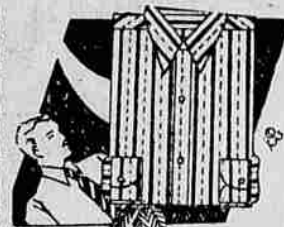
### Popular New Neckwear

Knit Cut Silk Satins \$1.50



Everyone can use another tie, see our assortment and you will want several. Many at \$1.00 and prices to \$5.00. The finest assortment we have ever had. Boy's at 50c.

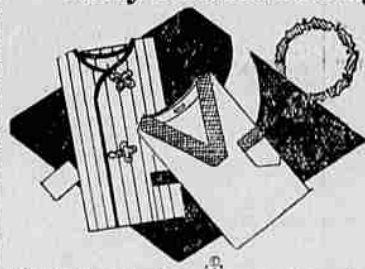
### Give Him an Eagle Shirt



Pointed Collars Well Tailored Full Cut \$1.95

Collar attached and neck band—we just received a new shipment. A wonderful assortment at \$3.50 and pure radium silk in plain colors at \$6.50.

### Nifty Patterned Pajamas

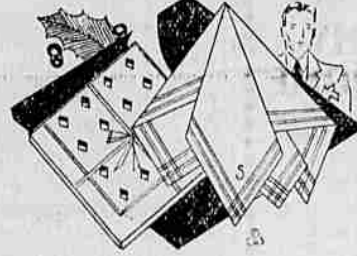


V-Neck Slip-on Coat Style \$5

Manhattan make—a real pajama for a man. Pure English Broadcloth at \$5.00. Others in silk as high as \$10.00. Others as low as \$2.50—see the striking new colors.

### Who Has Too Many Hdks?!

Plain Colors Bordered Initial 50c



A wonderful assortment to choose from. Pure linen 50c and 35c. Others in plain white at 50c, 75c, \$1.00. Men's fancy colors in silk \$1.00. Now is the time to choose.

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All-Wool Sweater and Sox to Match Imported \$5.50



Other boy's sweaters all wool in attractive plaids and colors, V-neck and crew. All the new style features.

### Genuine Pig Skin Gloves

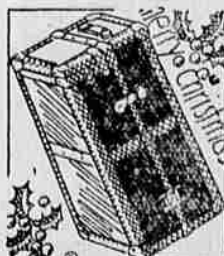
Made of Wild Boar Skin A Truly Smart Glove \$5.50



Other men's dress gloves in gray and tan colors, \$3.00 to \$5.50. Wool lined gloves — for real warmth \$1.50 to \$7.50.

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### Bags - Gladstones for Men

\$22

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### Several Shapes in Hat Boxes

\$9

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### Lovely Ladies' Fitted Cases

\$17.50

All leather, silk lined, beautiful finish in shades of brown and black. Others with over-night tray inside \$27.50 to \$32.50. Many over-night bags priced at \$6.50.

