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MAKING TAXPAYING HILARIOUS AND AMUSING PROCEDURE

There is ground for serious reflection in the statement made by his press agent that a little chocolate drop movie actor has amassed a fortune of a million dollars before the arrival of his ninth birthday anniversary.

We are not inclined to discuss whether this juvenile actor is entitled to earn that much money, but we would like to point to an inconsistency of human nature.

We have heard a great deal about \$7500 being too great a salary for the governor of Oregon, which by the way is not greater than that paid for the management of a sawmill property, according to a recent account filed in the Lane county district court; we have heard a great deal about \$5000 being as large a salary as any state officer should receive; we have heard a great deal about the prodigal extravagance of the legislature which boosted county salaries to as high as \$3000 and state salaries to \$5000, \$4000, \$5000, \$6000 and \$7500, but we have heard no one say a word about the prodigal extravagance of the movie picture producers who support in extravagant luxury with our nickels and dimes those who do nothing for us except to amuse us.

An actress with a form that goes well in the nude gets a salary that would provide many times all the clothes a governor's family could use in a lifetime.

A half-baked male who can imitate the idiotic penguin gets a salary such as is not paid to our brainiest statesmen in the highest positions. The salary paid the president does not compare with that paid to a fool who can amuse the people with his idiosyncrasy.

We are not arguing that these persons are being paid too much, but we are calling attention to the fact that those who howl the loudest about the salaries paid national, state and county officials never think of remonstrating when they plunk down their dimes and nickels to maintain in luxury the idols of the screen.

The conclusion which we would naturally reach is that no sum is too great to pay to those who amuse and entertain us but the bare expense of living is too much for those who care for our national, state and county business. Certainly there would be a howl to the heavens if a proposal were suggested

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to pay our president the salary that the penguin man gets or to pay our governor the salary that the little chocolate drop eight-year-old kid gets. But such a conclusion probably would be wrong.

If each patron of the movies had to pay his movie picture admission fees through the tax collector in two equal annual installments, he would howl about the salaries his taxes paid to movie actors just as much as he howls about the salaries paid national, state and county officers.

These with ambitions to hold national, state and county offices at greatly increased salaries will, therefore, take the hint and arrange a method whereby taxes will be paid as movie admission fees are paid, with nickels and dimes that are not greatly missed when taken a few at a time and the purpose to which they are applied not greatly considered.

That would be a really simple solution of making tax paying a pleasure and holding public office a sin.

VILLAINOUS BUSINESS

(The Courier, St. Stephen, N. B., Canada.)

An illustration of the W. R. Hearst style of yellow journalism in the United States is furnished by comments made by the Wall Street Journal upon some remarks in the New York American about Britain's debt to the United States. Says the Hearst paper: "England borrowed billions upon billions of dollars from us and she has never paid a cent, not even the interest on a cent."

To which the Wall Street Journal replies: "To November 15, 1921, Great Britain paid us a total of \$247,444,685 in interest on the debt she had incurred here, so that this charge is a manifest falsehood on the facts of the record. It is needless to say that the further payment of interest is provided in the British budget. England borrowed from us to prosecute the war and lent to her allies, and our own, twice what she borrowed from us. For her own needs she would not otherwise have borrowed a single American cent."

Another statement by the Hearst paper was this: "England is using our money with which to pay her soldiers a bonus and consequently we cannot have our own money with which to pay our own soldiers a bonus."

The reply: "This on the facts of record, is another falsehood. England did not pay her soldiers a bonus. Every man, for the past century or more, enlisted in the British service has been entitled to a pension, and this practice was continued when she adopted conscription. Because of the right to a pension her soldiers were paid less than one-third of what the American soldier received. These pension rights were, for the most part, commuted for a gratuity, which, of course, amounted to deferred pay. It was not a bonus."

"Not a cent of it came out of the money borrowed from America, which was all spent here. Mr. Hearst and those in his employment describe this sort of thing as 'American.' That has been a frequent excuse for bad manners. Does it palliate lying?"

The Hearst lying goes to millions of people in the United States. The exposure of it is unfortunately confined to a more limited circle. Still, the gratitude of decent people is due to such sane and fair newspapers as the Wall Street Journal.

One can hardly imagine a more villainous business than that of stirring up rancor between Great Britain and the United States by deliberate and malicious falsehood.

A Chicago man scatted his daughter on the nose because she wore her clothes too low above and too high below and painted the exposed portions, for which exercise of paternal authority he paid a fine of \$5. He should have found a place where he wouldn't have marred the paint and the court probably would have said nothing.

Residents of a large section of St. Louis were frightened by a wild calf running loose. Calves unconfined in these modern half-breed days should no longer create terror in an enlightened community.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

A. Conan Doyle says there will be marriages in the next world, which is inconsistent with another statement of his that there is no hell.

Those who have feared to drink moonshine for fear they might get some of the stuff that causes blindness, need have no further fear. The latest French fashion edict is that short skirts shall no longer be in style.

Mrs. Eva M. Shanshan, of Reading, Mass., so the dispatches say, lived for three years with a pair of scissors six and a half inches long in her body. And probably during all that time she accused her hubby of mashing them.

A bootlegger dislikes being cut off at the hip.

American Legion men in Lincoln, Neb., had everything ready for a dance but the music failed them. An ex-gob rigged up a radio outfit and tuned in on an orchestra a thousand miles away. That is about the correct distance for some music.

Those earth vibrations down around Los Angeles may be God Almighty taking a hand in giving the movie business a shaking up.

It is not so much what your religion is as whether you work at it.

Angels don't wear any clothes to speak of, but some weak men claim partially adorned angels are leading them to the devil.

Happiness and unhappiness are more conditions of the mind than of surrounding circumstances.

Woman loses her subtlety when she attempts to gain her rights through militancy. There is a way so much more pleasant and so much more certain.

A Philadelphia woman recently paid \$1,000 for a "bow-wow" weighing a pound and a half, while hundreds of her neighbors can not dig up 10 cents for a pound of wieners.

A Portland pastor says he merely glanced at the X-ray skirt with one eye. A man with such remarkable self-control is entitled to some special recognition.

A scientist claims that we think with our toes—which probably accounts for the fact that people who wear tight shoes are usually narrow minded.

The Tennessee orator who gets intoxicated with his own voice wouldn't make much of a temperance talker.

The fellow who said you can't get something for nothing, just as like as not forgot that he hadn't paid his newspaper subscription.

An American scientist says man laid eggs before he was an ape. Then the habit some men have of "laying" around probably is hereditary.

The school of experience has no holy day season.

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A young woman who would consider a young man a quitter if he went home before midnight, wants him home by 8 o'clock every night, after the nuptial knot is tied.

Women are said to live longer than men. But they never reach the same age.

Many things that you consider hard luck would seem like good luck to others.

A man knows just about what to expect of his boys by reminiscing on his own devilry when a kid.

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When you hear something dreadful about a friend, just take it for granted that it isn't true until the proofs are

forthcoming, and don't hunt around for the proofs.

Every person in the country is said by the treasury department to be \$2 poorer than he was last year. What is the financial status of those who didn't have the \$2 last year.

Whether women show good judgment in seeming to prefer homely men depends largely upon what our looking glass tells us.

A baseball player in the winter cuts about the same kind of a swath as a bridegroom at a wedding.

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