

# Capital Journal

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## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.—Acts 10:34.

## 100 Percent Patriotic

Richmond, Virginia, ancient capital of sedition, is now "100 percent patriotic." Its city by a vote of six to one, has voted down an ordinance that would have provided a site for a statue of Christopher Columbus, which was to have been erected out of a fund of \$20,000 collected by the Italian residents of the city. Rejection was made because Columbus was not a native-born American and because he was a Roman Catholic.

Columbus was to be honored by his countrymen with a statue because he discovered America—and how could he be born in a country 46-years before its discovery? And if America had been discovered and he had been born in it, how could he be honored for its discovery?

When Columbus discovered America in 1492, all the Christian world was Catholic. Martin Luther, who was father of the Protestant reformation was a nine-year-old boy at the time. Columbus had been dead eleven years when Luther, then a Roman Catholic priest and superintendent of eleven Augustinian convents, nailed to his church door at Wittenberg his ninety-five theses in Latin as a public protest against the granting of indulgences by the Pope's emissary and thus launched the reformation. How could Columbus be a Protestant years before there were any Protestants?

But why should anyone who claims to be American object to the religion of any one? Does not the federal constitution specifically provide that "congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof?" And was not America settled by people of all religions and sects, all practicing a toleration nowadays unknown? And what difference does it make what the religion of any man was 420 years after his death?

What kind of Americans are we breeding in America today with our 100 percent mixtures of ignorance, intolerance and bunk?

## Cracking the Quibblers

When L. H. McMahan was elevated to the circuit court bench, we predicted he would make a good judge—and his commonsense decisions are verifying the prediction. He is proving a ruthless trimmer of red-tape and exhibiting a scorn of the hair-splitting technicalities of petty-foggers that endears him to laymen, despite opinions that may be cherished by the profession.

In his decision overruling the demurrer in the Shields suit to prevent the construction of an overhead crossing that would eliminate five dangerous railroad crossings, when trivial and unimportant technicalities were raised, Judge McMahan held:

Contentions of this kind where there is no claim that injury has been done any person and quibbling whether an "i" is dotted or a "c" is crossed, may gain some consideration in other courts, but not in this one.

If this plaintiff had been misled to his injury by any or all of the alleged failures to comply with the letter of the law in all the proceedings, there would be actual merit to his claims and they would be given careful consideration, but no such claim is or could be made.

The people are taxed heavily to maintain the courts for the purpose of seeing that equal and impartial justice is done to all who may invoke their powers, but it was never contemplated by the people that the courts should be used for the purpose of quibbling over questions of this kind. And it is fair to say that fairly one-third of the time of all of the courts in this state is taken up by contentions of this kind which are interposed for the sole purpose of doing an injustice by applying certain established rules of procedure to conditions that are actually not within the purview of the rules.

Courts were originally created to administer equal and impartial justice, but even in Shakespeare's day, the law's delay had become proverbial. The main object of courts seems to be to provide jobs for lawyers through abuse of procedure with justice lost in the maze of precedent and quibbles.

## MY MATRIMONIAL VACATION

by Violet Dare

I dined that evening with Frank Harrison. He had changed since the last time I saw him; he seemed to have something on his mind, something so important that he hardly bothered to talk with me. At one time I wouldn't have minded that. Indeed, I'd have been glad out to have bothered with him, but of course, as was on his side, not on mine, it annoyed me.

"Tell me," he said at last, abruptly, as I was beginning to consider throwing something on the floor, "do you think I should separate in order to attract his attention?" "Don't you think your mother has changed lately?" "I've hardly seen Virginia since I came home," I answered. "Perhaps she has. She's a very changeable person."

## SUFFER NO MORE FROM NERVE PAINS "NERVES"—NEURITIS

Nervous, sleepless nights, nervous headaches, darting, twinging nerve pains, neuritis, neuralgia and other nervous disorders are undermining the nervous system of thousands, threatening nervous exhaustion and breakdown. Now science has found a tested treatment to relieve all cases of "nerves." A San Francisco physician announces a new prescription nerve pain and some of the nerve cells thus benefiting the entire nervous system. This remarkable new remedy is called Nopa Neuritis Tablets. They are guaranteed harmless, and are free from narcotics, bromides and coal tar products. Your druggist will recommend them.

know. She was home when I got there, waiting for a long-distance call, she said. "It's from your father," she added. "Or rather, from a man who is staying with him down South. He hasn't been well, and I was to be informed at once if he got worse. They're afraid of pneumonia."

## OPEN FORUM

Contributions to This Column must be plainly written on one side of paper only limited to 300 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.

To the Editor: In a recent issue of your paper there appeared an article dealing with the matter of the snoring election of school director to succeed Mr. Curtis Cross, whose term of office is about to expire. By this time it has become generally known that the writer is a candidate for the office. There are certain facts concerning which the people of the district ought to be familiar in order to be able to vote intelligently when they go to the polls.

lication of the principal involved is not merely local but state-wide; but by the token he advanced we propose to settle it locally if the people of the district will support us at the polls next Monday afternoon and evening, June 15th and to so shape our course during the next 18 months as to make favorable action possible at the next session of the legislature.

There are four stages to this apple pest. First the egg. Then the larva or worm. Then the pupa, then last of all the miller or moth and this lays the egg for another brood.

out the city was that the strike situation was improving.

## PLANE CRASHES; 2 KILLED

San Antonio, Texas, June 8.—Plunging 500 feet to earth in a tall spin Brooks field officer was crushed to death and a cadet was probably fatally injured 11 miles from here.

## Cuts Gasoline Cost TO 10 Cents a Gallon

James A. May of 4635 H St., Sioux Falls, S. D., has perfected an amazing new device that is enabling car owners to cut their gasoline bills in half by doubling their mileage from gasoline used. Many owners have made over 40 miles on a gallon. It also removes carbon, increases motor power and pep, prevents spark plug trouble and overheating. Anyone can install it in five minutes. Mr. May wants agents, and is offering to send one free to one auto owner in each locality. Write him today.

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