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DECEMBER 17. WINNING AN ENEMY:—If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink.—Proverbs 25:21. PRAYER:—O our God, when we were enemies to Thee we were reconciled through the death of Thy Son. Lead us by Thy Spirit that we also may reconcile our enemies to us and to Thee.

NEW CONFERENCE OF STATES?

While nothing of a conclusive nature should be expected from such a conference of governors or other state representatives on taxation questions, as has been suggested, much in an educational way might be effected. It will not do to be too optimistic of results to be obtained through a getting of governors together. While American officials are usually quite jealous of the powers they possess, they also usually are very sensitive of the limitations on those powers. They do not flatter themselves with having means of doing things that are quite beyond their field of action. Governors, like Presidents, may wield very influential authority over their legislative bodies. But they have no opportunity whatever to agree with any other governors as to what their respective state legislatures shall do. And if anything, they are politically sensitive about trying to do something that they shall fail at. And ever after this they will have the scintillating example of President Woodrow Wilson's attempt to settle the Great war without the "consent" of the American Senate.

About 15 years ago there were undertaken annual conferences of governors. They met for a few occasions, that is a fair number of governors met, at the White House or elsewhere. And students of American constitutional development hailed the occasion with applause. Here was an opportunity to form a new sort of American legislative body, one that would bring unity among the states, in finances, in law and in incidental matters like divorce.

The governors met, dined, shook hands with great cordiality and adjourned with expedition. They knew better than to attempt to do anything.

There are some acute questions that call for unity of action among the states—questions that cannot otherwise be answered except by national constitutional amendment and on which it would be of very questionable propriety to have constitutional action.

One of these is mentioned in the present semi-official news from Washington. It is proposed that the states agree that certain taxes shall be reserved for the states, others for the nation. For instance, it might be agreed that the nation only should assess income taxes, while the states only should collect inheritance taxes. Or vice versa.

As it is, the nation collects both inheritance and income taxes, while some states collect on incomes, some collect on inheritances, and some on both. Naturally the state collections are not only "additional" to those of the nation—they are varied among themselves, assessed on different financial theories. Some states attempt to collect on incomes, whether from property within or outside of the state. Others do not. The system are contradictory and confusing and very unfair in their application to different citizens.

It might be possible to effect a uniform system. It would at least be possible to see that there was not both a national and a state tax on the same sort of tax field.

It should be possible, in theory, for the nation to forbid an inequitable tax. But that, as an interference with the power of state taxation would be impossible at present.

If President Coolidge goes ahead with his conference of state representatives, it may at least clear the air on some of these subjects.

WOMAN—AND PANTS

The Hopi Indians are quite right in their announced determination not to allow white women in knickers to witness the sacred snake dance.

The snake dance is not a frivolous form of entertainment. It is a pious appeal to the high gods of earth and sky.

And I leave it to any sane human being if it is possible for any pious Indian to believe that a heathen god has power to strike people dead, and then see women in pants continuing to live and breathe.

Since the days when Eve wandered around the Garden of Eden wrapped on her naive curiosity, women have worn various kinds of clothes. From the skins of seals and other animals—back to seal skins and other skins again. But the funniest looking garments that the daughters of Eve ever contrived to get themselves into are knickers.

The only women who ever wore pants, without being funny are the Chinese. And they cover them up with long silken coats. Also, they soften the asperity of the female angles with limp, sleazy textures and marvelous pastel colors—grays, blues and mauves, that charm the eye and sooth the soul; they look like little delicate flowers. And their skins are like powdered rose leaves.

FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN

To pursue a little further the subject discussed recently concerning the farmers' problem and farmers' aloofness from the business man of town and city, what do the farmers themselves think should be done as a means toward the solving of their difficulties? Have they any better or more workable plan to offer than that of organizing among themselves for the marketing of their products and the general organization and conduct of their business? Is there among them a settled idea as to what should be done to remedy conditions which not only they but all people concede to be unfortunate and wrong? Do they desire aid toward such an end?

In the last campaign there was contention that farmers wanted, as measures of legislation in their behalf, some of the things advocated by La Follette. The election results showed that only a small minority of them favored those measures. They voted very much as the rest of the country voted.

What the farmers want in results is plain enough. They want fair prices for their products in relation to other prices. In that they are on ground that is absolutely sound, and their position is incontrovertible. But how do farmers themselves think such a result can be attained? Is there unanimity of thought on the subject among them?

As the weather grows colder, mere man can rejoice that his ankles are not worth showing.

It seems very difficult to throttle opium traffic with one hand while taking profits with the other.

The only sure thing about the plan to save Europe from alcohol is that America will finance it.

If the meek inherit the earth soon they will inherit a few situations where in meekness doesn't pay.

Women are naturally heroic. One can sit still and smile at a caller when she knows full well the cake is burning.

Christmas Invitation on Insult to Mabelle

"A lovely Christmas present—an invitation to the opera—an insult! The beast! Oh, the beast! And to think I had grown so fond of him. How could he be so rude?" Mabelle clenched her fists and paced the floor, a deep red flush suffusing her face. She walked to the mirror over the mantle and looked at herself intently. "A bearded woman!" she said in contempt at herself. "Am bearded, of course—but the nerve of him! I've always intended to have that frightful hair removed from my upper lip. It is hideous, isn't it, mother? But oh, how could he be so unkind?" "Why, daughter, what are you talking about? I don't understand. It seems to me if I were given an invitation to the opera as Christmas greeting I should be only too delighted. And what has hair on your upper lip to do with opera, anyway?" "Oh, because, because," she sobbed; "the opera—it's—it's the 'Barber of Seville.'—Marion R. Reagan. (© 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

REFLECTORS

If we could reflect the spirit of Christmas cheer half as brilliantly as a piece of tin will reflect the rays from a lamp, we should help to light the world to an amazing degree. Who can hold out against a smiling face that radiates fun and kindness? Who is cold enough to resist the melting warmth of real friendliness? Let's pretend, this Christmas, that we are very bright, and imitate the modest tin reflector of the lamp of unquenchable goodfellowship!—Martha Banning Thomas. (© 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

Moon and Ice Honored as Christmas Guests

They planned to have a moonlight skating party during the Christmas season. All of the young people, and a number of the hearty older ones, too, had been interested. So the party was planned. And then everyone hoped the two honored guests would not fail them. For without the two honored guests there could be no moonlight skating party. What would a moonlight skating party be without a moon and without ice? Nothing at all. But the moon came and the ice froze solid. And the crisp, clear air seemed to have a special Christmas vim about it, too.—Mary Graham Bonner. (© 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

Buddhists Have Christmas

"Hana Matsuri," or the fete of flowers, is the orient's and Buddhist holiday season that corresponds to the Christmastide of the occidental Christian nations. Curious enough, it is the celebration in honor of the founder of the Buddhist religion, who was Guatama Buddha, lord of grace and infinite compassion. A great deal of attention at the season is given to the youth of the Buddhist land. It comes in April. Buddha was born 568 years before Christ.

Trimming the Tree

Some people hang everything on the Christmas tree but themselves! That comes later—when the bliss arrive.—Martha Banning Thomas.

HOMEMADE TOYS



duced human vowels sounds under the influence of a current of air.

He compressed the neck of one tube with his finger and thumb, and immediately sounds issued from it bearing the true American "twang."

American Twang Is Synthetically Produced

LONDON, Dec. 17.—That the time is rapidly approaching when there will be little or no antique furniture left in England, due to the continuous buying of wealthy American collectors, is the prediction made by Thamas Rohan, well-known English art expert and dealer.

In a recently published book on the art of collecting, Rohan states that there is a continuous stream of famous English art treasures and heirlooms still crossing from England to America, and that England is being rapidly deprived of these treasures.

He foresees the time when the Englishman who wants to buy old English furniture will have to cross to the United States to do so.

Falls City — Brown-Mathers sawmill opens after long' close-down, with 25 men.

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Declares He Wrote Wilson's 14 Points

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Who was the author of President Wilson's "Fourteen Points"? Nicholas John Coundouris, a naturalized American citizen, resident in London, is publishing a book which contains proposals for the foundation of permanent peace, which, he declares, he submitted to President Wilson through former Ambassador John W. Davis.

Friends of Coundouris claim that his plan bears a remarkable resemblance to the "Fourteen points" of President Wilson.

Queer Things Offered in "Dead Letter" Sale

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A radio set with carburetor attached; or (who knows?) a fresh glass eye;

Christmas Candies from 19c to 50c lb.

Oranges from 25c to 65c per dozen and 75c a pair

Florida Grape Fruit 3 for 25c

Brazil Nuts, Filberts, Pecans, Coconuts, Fresh Roasted Peanuts.

Plaza Market

H. A. Stearns 61 N. Main

a set of second-hand teeth, a nice mahogany leg, a can of pork and beans; or a musket, made in 1837, that won't shoot—these are a few of the priceless bargains available at the post office sale in Chicago this week.

The musket has four notches on it, for which, however, there will be no extra charge.

The staple articles listed are among those to be offered, at auction, in the quarterly disposal of unclaimed parcels of the "Dead Letter" Office of the Post Office Department.

Tidings Ads brings results.

Now is the time to buy spray pumps, plows and harrows, drills and all kinds of farm implements. Fencing in every style. Harness, collars, snaps, and pads. New and used Sewing Machines. Auto Robes, etc.

PEIL'S CORNER

WINNING Thurs., Dec. 18. THE THEATER BEAUTIFUL. MESSRS. SHUBERT ANNOUNCE The Monarch Of All Musical Plays. BLOSSOM TIME. Score: Franz Schubert's Own Music. Story: Franz Schubert's Own Romance. WITH THE SAME GREAT NEW YORK CENTURY THEATRE CAST THAT APPEARED 1001 NIGHTS ON BROADWAY. SEATS NOW ON SALE. Prices:—Main Floor and Lower Boxes, \$2.50; Balcony Circle and Upper Boxes, \$2.00; balance of Balcony, \$1.00—Plus Tax.

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