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**TRUE HOSPITALITY:**—"And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; \* \* \* And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night." Gen. 19:1, 2.

**PRAYER:**—O God, we thank Thee for angelic visitors and that we can entertain them as friends although it may be unaware.

## GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION

That the government has already instituted sufficient regulation of things in general seemed to be the concensus of opinion at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon yesterday.

A committee had been appointed to investigate the referendum which the national chamber of commerce is making on price maintenance legislation that is now pending before Congress. The committee recommended that the chamber oppose this legislation and a vote of the members present at the forum unanimously accepted this recommendation.

"The government regulates sufficient of my activities now," one of those present stated.

One of the speakers had as his theme the betterment of society, naming three agencies which might be used for this purpose, biological changes, governmental regulation and social education. He chose the last, dismissing the biological change idea as too slow, and eliminating the government regulation as follows: "Liberty loving Americans do not like to see the government regulate too many of their actions."

Another speaker told of observations in Europe as regards temperance. There was less drunkenness on the Continent than there is in the United States, he stated. Some inferred that he meant the governmental regulation of drinking, instead of reduction or control by education, had been a failure.

These are only a few of the instances which could be cited whereby the opinion seems to be that governmental regulation should be curtailed, instead of extended.

## SIGNS OF PROGRESS

One of the most encouraging signs of progress in this community that has come before the attention of The Tidings is found in the reports of the meetings of two of Ashland's organizations.

The Ashland Fruit and Produce association reports a large increase in business during the past year and asks that the growers assist them in extending their organization by consigning all of their products with the association.

The report of The Ashland Preserving company shows that in 1923 \$21,000 was paid out for fruit and wages, \$39,000 in 1924 and \$88,000 in 1925, practically doubling the amount of money for labor and produce, each year.

The Tidings believes that the success of each of these companies will materially add to the success of every resident in the Ashland community and that every possible cooperation should be extended to them.

## EVERY ONE TAKE NOTICE

In 1913, \$203,763,550 worth of property was destroyed by fire. In 1923, the figure had mounted to \$335,372,782 and the estimate for 1924 places the probable total at a new high point—\$545,810,639. This is at the rate of ten million and a half dollars a week which can be represented by a row of ten-thousand dollar residences over four miles in length set on fire and completely destroyed every seven days.

Because of their close contact with the fire loss problem, the insurance companies realize more clearly than does the general public, the magnitude of the yearly waste of material wealth and human life.

As underwriters, they view with alarm the result of ever-increasing loss ratio, approaching 60 percent last year. Cooperation of every interest toward conservation with earnest coordination, constitutes the best possible, and indeed, the only means—for remedying a situation which is a discredit to an enlightened people.

**SAP AND SALT**  
EYEBLIND NOSES

Public giving often hinges up on private stealing.

Wisdom is of little value unless used at the right time.

No man can become a hero until fate supplies the proper occasion.

Life to most of us is a simple matter of helping to make up the crowd.

One flea more or less on a dog has no effect on the time he devotes to scratching.

Riches have the bad habit of creating new wants instead of supplying old ones.

Hex Heck says: "After gettin' all you want, you sit up o' nights keepin' others from takin' it away from you."

**STEWARTS**  
WASHINGTON LETTERS

By Charles F. Stewart  
NAS Service Writer

WASHINGTON—Jan. 1, is a hard day on presidents of the United States. Also on the "first ladies in the land."

The New Year's reception at the White House is the biggest occasion of its kind in the entire year.

Literally thousands of people invariably are on hand to "pay their respects", as they say, but really, most of them, to go home and brag about having exchanged clasps with the country's chief magistrate and his wife.

Now it's no joke to stand in one spot from 11 o'clock in the morning until late in the afternoon, shaking hand after countless hand, trying to smile and struggling to put a little warmth into the same two or three words of greeting, repeated over and over again for half a dozen hours on end.

It's a very considerable physical feat and mentally it must be deadly tiresome.

President Coolidge goes through it like a routine task, which is what it is. His wife makes a wonderful bluff at liking it. It's impossible to believe that she actually does.

Stroll along Pennsylvania avenue past the White House of a New Year's Day and you'll see what it's like.

All of ten or a dozen city blocks of callers for one pair of human beings to shake by their hands and thank, separately, for best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!

**TOM SAYS**

The only hunter who trails race tracks is a fortune hunter.

A man in Oklahoma says he killed a deer with his knife. We say the dry laws are not enforced there.

One real argument for prohibition is the man who gets drunk.

Love is awful stuff. It can make you think you are not being silly.

Most of the tears you see in the movies are faked. Movie stars really have nothing to cry about.

Every time we get a bill marked "Please Remit" we get almost mad enough to go and pay it.

**TOM SAYS**

**SIX ARE KILLED WHEN HOTEL BURNS**

FERRIDAY, La., Jan. 12.—(UP)—At least six persons were burned to death, and a score are yet unaccounted for, in a fire which destroyed the Johnson and Vannoy hotel here, early today.

Twenty guests were removed to hospitals, where they were treated for burns and other injuries. The property loss has been estimated at \$100,000. Six bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the hotel.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

**TOM SAYS**

**PURITAN LAWS NOT SO BLUE SAYS HISTORIAN**

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Jan. 13.—(UP)—American history needs to be "debunked" in the opinion of Harold Underwood Faulkner, professor of history at Smith College.

Among other historical myths, according to Prof. Faulkner, is the popular belief that the Puritans had "blue" laws so stringent that it was a crime to kiss one's child, to make a mince pie, or to play on any instrument except the drum, trumpet or Jews-harp on the Sabbath.

Faulkner, who is author of an American economic history, which is a standard college text book does not dislike the Puritans. But he does have an aversion for certain popular notions about them: "The Puritans," he says, "are

**TOM SAYS**

popularly pictured as being more tyrannical in their laws than they actually were. The old New England criminal code was much less harsh than that of England at the same period. The English laws listed 31 offenses punishable by death, at the beginning of the reign of James I (in 1603.) Massachusetts in 1641, and Connecticut a year later, exacted the penalty of death for 13 offenses only.

"When moralists of today denounce the public for its close followings of the court proceedings in sex scandals, they are touching on a pastime which was enjoyed among the Puritans.

"Under their regulations, persons arrested for illicit love-making were compelled to stand up before their church congregation and make complete confession of their offense. Undoubtedly events of this sort were relished by the Puritans in crowded meeting-houses every bit as much as they are today in our 'original courts.'"

**TOM SAYS**

**EPIDEMIC NOW HITS OLD MEXICAN STATE**

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 13.—(UP)—An epidemic has broken out to scourge the further stricken state of Nayarit, where, according to the latest estimate, 130 persons lost their lives as the result of recent floods. The bodies of the victims are being gathered along the banks of streams, as rapidly as the flood recedes.

**TOM SAYS**

**JAP HILLS SELF FOR WRONG ORDER**

TOKYO, Jan. 13.—(UP)—Because months ago he gave a wrong order to the men of his company, resulting in the death

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of three conscripts. Lieutenant Ishigami, one of the officers of the Mito garrison, committed suicide in one corner of the parade ground at his post.

He delayed shooting himself for nearly a year, he explains in a note found on the body, because he desired to help his other conscripts through their two year term with the colors. The dead officer was highly thought of and was an honor graduate of the Tokyo Military Academy.

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