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A FAITHFUL STEWARD—"And there was set food before him to eat; but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand." Gen. 24:33.

PRAYER—Enable us, O God, to be faithful stewards of thine, ever diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

CLOTURE AND THE WORLD COURT

Those who continue to defend the wind bag system of alleged "debate" in the United States Senate continue to do so with their tongue in cheek. They are interested in the Senate's doing nothing, through the help of certain people who are preparing to talk a particular proposition to death.

This whole procedure, that over the world court, has really nothing to do with the question of too much talky-talk in the Senate.

No one defends this talk system, except for purposes of excusing delay on this or some other specific issue. When this issue is settled, either way, and some other one arises, the assailants and the defenders of the Senate, outside, will be quite different persons.

That will perhaps not be the case, inside the Senate. There is really no inherent reason why the upper Mississippi river farm representatives should be against the world court. Nor is there any special reason why they should be the leaders of a do-nothing system of debate.

They are a favor of much talk, because they regard themselves as the opposition in the Senate, and the opposition, whoever composes it, is always for delay.

In the House of Representatives, before cloture was adopted, the Republicans and the Democrats alternately talked each other to death. It did not matter what issue was up, the speaker, as agent of the majority, was for cutting off debate and accomplishing something. The leader of the minority was for stopping everything, so that he could say it was the failure of the majority leaders.

Cloture has been adopted in the Senate on the world court issue. This is not especially a triumph for the world court. It is a triumph for the pressure of public opinion on the Senate, largely due to the exposure by Vice President Dawes of the waste of public time in debate.

Senator Blease of North Carolina yesterday reduced this sort of debate to its limit of absurdity. Think of discussing the life of the late Henry Cabot Lodge, in rising to a question of personal privilege.

RUSSIA SLAPS SWITZERLAND

Odd, isn't it that the radical always spends a greater part of his time assailing his friends than in attacking his foes. It forms, perhaps, a part of the law of compensations. More time is spent in deciding "how" the attack shall be made on the enemy than in actually making the drive. We venture to say that today the Wets are wasting more time among themselves quarreling about "how" they will fight prohibition, and the Drys in quarreling how to defend prohibition, than either is using in warfare on the other.

An example of this in international politics is the diplomatic quarrel of Soviet Russia with Switzerland. Switzerland, for many centuries, has been the asylum of Europe, the home of the opposed, the one refuge of political escapes. It was the only republic, the home of men who knew what it was to be the victims of arrogance and pomp.

In the last century, Switzerland was the one place where the Nihilists of Russia could live without molestation. The Alpine nation has been impartial in its liberalism. It has furnished a last stopping place for exiled monarchs like Constantine of Greece, to Turks who found life in Rumelia or Anatolia too hot for them; to Austrians and to Hungarians for whom the homeland was no longer a sympathetic region. Lenin spent years of his preparatory efforts in Switzerland.

Now Tchitcherin, the foreign commissar of Russia, makes a point to refuse to attend any international assembly that may be held in Geneva, for it is in Switzerland. He does not like Swiss manners to the Bolsheviks. They do not treat Soviet representatives with enough deference. He finds no profit in attempting to bully France or England or Italy. Whom can he pick on? Some one of the size of the Swiss republic.

John Erskine, an instructor in Columbia university, has announced that the President of the United States is a humorist. Perhaps if took an Erskine to appreciate the delicacy of the humor of a Coolidge.

The Ghost: "What a Piker I Was"



Stuffed over it, you see, by a handful of bad eggs, the original idea conceived by George W. Carver in the thirties of 1899.

"It was a great mistake, that first time. Experience has shown the connection on the 1000-mile stream when the dam was open and but the world's full on its way. It was in the East Room and a great crowd of business men and women were present.

The mistake was in the connection with the dam. It was to have been built at night, but the dam was not built until the day after the dam was built. It was a great mistake, that first time.

THE FORUM

Abraham, Oregon
January 26, 1926

To the Editor:
We are reliably advised that there has been a genuine opportunity of a story in Ashland to the effect that the defendant's attorney in the Ashland Empire Church case had advised the defendants that they had no case, and that they should relinquish their fight.

The statement was made before a full Court house that the defendants' attorneys had vigorously protested against the action taken by the defendants, and this statement should have been accepted at its face value, but since the circulation has been made as we are informed through the city of Ashland, that we directed the relinquishment of the defendants' case, we wish to say again and as vigorously as we know how to say it, that we protested as earnestly as we knew how to protest against the action taken by the defendants in relinquishing their rights to the church, and settling the case, as we felt then and firmly feel now, that we had not only the evidence, but the law on our side, and we were very anxious to continue the case to its conclusion in the Court.

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Poor Marketing Farmers "Black Nag" Says Joy

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modifies must raise a surplus above the needs of the family and sell these products. This places the farmer in the same class as the manufacturers of shoes and clothing, as a specialist. Today we live in a world of specialization, and specialization depends on marketing. The manufacturer of shoes has marketing problems and so does the manufacturer of clothing, and we are concerned with the marketing problems of the farmer.

Our farmer might take some of his business to the city, where they would be producing the future use. From the city they would be able to get through the usual transportation and business by means of a car, and they would be able to get to the city in a few days. So the reason for many farmers are riding the black horse of "poor marketing," is because they don't understand some complicated business. The acting on marketing would have made millions of dollars. Their functions are not to be understood, but many of these marketing operations could be much more economically and profitably performed by the farmer himself.

The most common form of business organization that markets the farmer's products is the corporation. This type of or-

SAP AND SALT

BY BERT MOSES

The bigger the bribe, the weaker the conscience.

Bad luck doesn't come to you so often as you go to it.

The only things worth having seem to be the very things we haven't got.

Give me the lad who ceases to be a liability to his family after his fifteenth year.

While we have many statesmen in the world, the supply of statesmanship is appallingly limited.

Man never saved so much space and material in constructing anything as a hen saves in constructing an egg.

Her Heck says: "Justice is a fine thing, but its failure to work occasionally is what keeps a lot of us out of jail."

TOM SAYS

Nice thing about winter is the weather is mostly too bad to play golf.

Man in Washington claims his dog smokes. Better look out or he will learn to shoot pool.

Since women started getting haircuts it has to go around to a pool room to curl.

Well, it's a terrible world. The weather never gets hot in winter or cold in summer.

Nice thing about having a family is that you can wish you didn't instead of wishing you did.

You certainly can't keep your hands in your pockets when you have a wife on them.

St. Helens—Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., to spend \$4,000 in improvements.

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STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

By CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—When President Wilson in pajamas at 3 o'clock in the morning sleepily signaled for the opening of the San Diego exposition, he probably got the most picturesque touch yet, felt by the famous White House gold telegraph key.

But there have been many distinguished fingers upon the virgin nugget. Edward W. Smithers, veteran chief telegrapher at the White House, who was handed the key as a gift by President Taft, will be proud to tell you the history it has made and still is making.

"You know how people are, when they start some big affair they like to have the president press the button," says Smithers. "Well, this is the button. The key first was used on the afternoon of June 1, 1909, to open the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition at Seattle. It's base is white Alaska marble, and the metal parts are solid gold, except the actual electrical connections.

OUT OUR WAY By Williams



Outbursts of Everett True

