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EUROPEAN DEBTS

The National Republic Magazine does not agree with an argument in the New York Times in favor of the payment of European public debts to the United States by American rather than by European taxpayers. Frederick A. Delano says that if these debts were handled as American business men would advise we should "demand no more than the debtor can pay and still continue in business on a sound basis." Did Mr. Delano ever hear of an "American business man" or concern cancelling the debts of a customer in order that he might continue to do business with the concern thus relieved from the payment of its past-due obligations? There are many Americans who would be glad to be introduced to a few business men who have formed habits of this kind. It is of course, certain that a wise business man would extend to an embarrassed creditor liberal long time terms at a low rate of interest, but that is exactly what the United States has done and is proposing to do in the matter of these debts. It is conceivable that an American business man who held a second mortgage on a debtor corporation would highly recommend to this corporation's creditors that they forgive a first mortgage, and perhaps would base their recommendations on very high altruistic grounds. In other words it is very easy to be generous with other people's money. But that is exactly what the advice of private creditors of Europe to the public creditors amounts to; moreover these private creditors took their second mortgages with full knowledge that the first mortgage existed.

"SAFER" TO INJURE PEOPLE.
Ohio has been "exposed" to a proposal for compulsory automobile liability insurance backed by a state fund says an exchange. Thus would the state be launched in the insurance business, a most complicated undertaking, and especially so under political management. Why put the state into the business. Probably for no real reason except to build up the political machinery of government. The law proposed in Ohio would charge each motorist \$10.00, in addition to license fees, for a state insurance policy to protect the public. Of course, the fee is an arbitrary amount and not based on any law of reason or experience, but with the taxpayer to fall back on, mistakes in estimated expense for state undertakings make little difference. The theory of compulsory insurance as a means of creating responsibility in irresponsible persons, may be good. But by removing what little responsibility such persons now feel, it is probable they would be all the more careless and "let the state pay the bill." Thus accidents would be increased rather than prevented.

A significant development in the Northwest, originating in Montana and North Dakota, is the drive for the creation of a Farmer-Labor party, a split-off from the Nonpartisan League which has in the past dominated the Democratic party in Montana and the Republican party in North Dakota. This movement is being extended to South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin and may exercise an important influence upon politics in these states this year and two years hence.

There was no trick employed by French jewelers to obtain possession of a portion of the crown jewels of Russia. They simply outbid the American jewelers. The little matter of \$135,800 was the difference in the bids on \$2,924,550 worth of gems. And still it is claimed the French have no money.

The American chewing gum habit is invading Europe. The Prince of Wales is now chewing gum, and William Wrigley, Jr., is over there "biting the ball." He has opened a manufacturing plant in London, after establishing similar plants in Germany and Austria.

The damming of McKay creek was food for editorial reflection in two county papers last week, and we read both with considerable interest, finding one a damsite more logical than the other.

The buttercups are with us still, even though snow came down in big flakes one day this week.

Who will say that there is no money to be made in the paper game in this country when we are told

that A. E. Lefcourt, who forty years ago sold papers for a living in front of the Hotel Normandie, New York, has bought the building and site for one million dollars.

The over abundant rains have washed sediment into the reservoir and thence into the distributing pipe lines, much to the dissatisfaction of water users. Surface water of this kind is certainly a menace to health and it is to be hoped some remedy may be found to remedy present conditions.

Two of the three women in Congress, Mrs. Julius Kahn, of California and Mrs. May Norton of New Jersey, are opposed to national prohibition. Yes, but remember where they are from.

Mudguards to protect light colored stockings from mud splashes and rain, are the latest novelty to reach this country from Paris.

Hyacinth Haywire says she took her bath all this week, a la mode. She says it was too "altogether all over mud!"

Rubber prices are going down. Maybe Hoover had something to do with it.

Whistler Not Always Regarded With Favor

Whistling is forbidden in Iceland, where it is regarded as a breach of the divine law. But whistling is regarded with disfavor in other places as well. In the dressing room of a theater, for example, it dooms a play if anyone whistles within hearing of the players who are "making up" for the first performance, according to a very old theatrical superstition. On shipboard you must not whistle unless you want to bring a gale of wind. You may whistle just a little in a calm, if you wish for a bit of wind, but sailors generally believe you are likely to get much more than you want.

Whistling after dark is regarded as unlucky in some parts, while miners hold that at no time of day should one whistle in a mine; doing so is sure to bring in a cave-in, an explosion, or some other form of disaster.

Among the races which resent all whistling are the Arabs. They say that it is inspired by the "evil one," and that it takes 40 days to purify the mouth of a whistler. Five years ago the governor of Guam, the American island possession in the Pacific, issued an edict against whistling on that island—presumably in deference to the prejudice of the natives against the practice.—Grit.

Gatherings Not Only for Trade Purposes

While the natives of Ethiopia present a rather high order of intelligence they do not seem to be able to break away from their old traditions and their old methods. The market is the medium of exchange of news and views as well as of commodities, and market day is a treat that the native does not miss if it can be avoided. The inhabitants of the highlands bring their grain and similar products down to some large plain which is recognized as the "market," and there they meet the natives of the lowlands who have brought their cotton. The latter is the basis of all exchange and barter. They have money, but the value of the cotton regulates the value of the money. Salt also is highly esteemed. The coins made use of all bear the date 1780, no matter how recent their origin may have been. The date is regarded as evidence of their validity and a coin remains in service until the date is worn off, after which no one will accept it for anything.—Exchange.

Glaciers

You liked the music instruments that glaciers made, but no songs were ever so grand as those of the glaciers themselves, no falls so lofty as those which poured from brows and chasmed mountains of pure dark ice. Glaciers made the mountains and ground corn for all the flowers, and the forests of silver fir; made smooth paths for human feet until the sacred Sierras have become the most approachable of mountains. . . . The primary mountain waves, unival granite, were soon carved to beauty. They bared the lordly domes and fashioned the clustering spires; smoothed godlike mountain brows and shaped lake cups for crystal waters; wove myriads of maze canyons and spread them out like lace.—John Muir.

First-footing is an ancient custom which still exists in Scotland. Late in the evening of Hogomany, December 31, in each year, thousands of the common people assemble in the vicinity of the Edinburgh Tron church to ascertain on good evidence when the new year commences. When the clock is about to strike 12 they cheer so loudly that the strokes are not heard. Instantly that it has finished, they depart for the purpose of first-footing—that is, each one tries to be the first person that year to cross the threshold of his friend's house and wish him the compliments of the season. It is considered bad luck to go into a house empty-handed, and good luck is supposed to attend the resident whose "first foot" is dark-complexioned and whose name begins with straight instead of curved and curly letters.

The KITCHEN CABINET

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He that has once done you a kindness will be more ready to do you another than he whom you yourself have obliged.—Holmes.

DIET AND DENTAL REVIEW

We are supposed to be all born with good teeth and each child has the same sort. Good or poor teeth depend largely upon the food and exercise given during the first few months of life.

Doctor Durand, in his investigation of over two thousand children has based his report and proved that breast-fed babies stand the best chance for development of good teeth. The babies fed on modified cow's milk come next, and babies fed on sweetened and condensed milk are under the severest handicap.

Those who have studied the earlier races find there is no indication of dental decay which is common among the civilized nations.

The proper brushing of the teeth after each meal and before retiring is the best possible insurance of long-lived, sound teeth. Good teeth, like good health, are never rightly appreciated until they are lost.

A set of good sound teeth is an asset too valuable from many standpoints to need comment.

The acid-forming foods such as sugars and starches contain bacteria which multiply rapidly in the mouth, attack the enamel of the teeth which is the great protection and when that is worn away the teeth are easily broken down. All sweet and starchy foods are fermentable and acid-forming, so the important thing is to see that the teeth are properly cleaned after each meal. Another important safeguard and one which is seldom noticed, is the value of choice, tasty foods which need enough mastication to produce the flow of saliva to neutralize the ever present acidity in the mouth.

While the teeth are developing and the jaws are growing the coarse fibrous foods like whole wheat should be used to keep the teeth well polished.

The last food in the mouth is that which causes the mischief. See that it is neither sweet nor starchy, or follow it by a good brushing and rinsing of the mouth and teeth.

Nellie Maxwell

Heraldry at Bottom of Ophelia's Remark

Many who have seen the tragedy, "Hamlet," and heard Ophelia say to the queen, Hamlet's mother, "You may wear rue with a difference," must have been mystified as to her meaning, although the poignancy of the mad act causes the mind to pass it by as one of Shakespeare's inexplicable problems. Yet it is not inexplicable. In heraldry "differences," or "marks of cadency" indicate the various branches of a family. During the lifetime of his father, the eldest son bears a label, the second a crescent, the third a mullet, the fourth a martlet, the fifth an annulet, the sixth a fleur de lis, the seventh a rose, the eighth a cross moline, the ninth a double quatre fol.

Ophelia says both she and the queen are to wear rue, herself as the affianced bride of the eldest son of the king, but the queen with a "difference," indicative of the fact that, although she was Hamlet's mother, her status was that of her present husband, Claudius, the cadet branch of the family.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wasps Build Strong House

Scientists claim they have learned some important secrets from the work done by the paper-making wasp. It constructs its houses from paper of its own making that is durable to an unusual degree. The wood pulp paper made by man today is modeled exactly after the paper made by the wasp and the two qualities are almost identical, the Ohio State Journal says. The paper is strong, so that when the large wasp house, with its many six-sided cells, is completed, the edifice swings from two or three twigs. It is held there safely by paper cables and anchored so firmly that winds are unable to dislodge it for years after the wasps have deserted it, leaving the top-shaped bag swinging in the winds.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Mitchell Thompson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Cecil Curl has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mitchell Thompson, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against his estate are notified and required to present them with proper vouchers to said administrator at the law offices of Will M. Peterson, Smith-Crawford Building, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice which is Friday the 26th day of February 1926.

CECIL CURL, Administrator.
F26M26.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Kate Hendrickson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, the 27th day of March, 1926, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day as the time, and the County Court room of the County Court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place, for hearing of the said final account and report. Objections to said final account and report should be filed on or before that date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 26th day of February, A. D. 1926.

F. S. LEGROW, Administrator,
Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon,
Attorneys for Estate. F26M26.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of Jackson Nelson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his Final Account as Administrator of the estate of Jackson Nelson, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County, and that Saturday, the 27th day of March, 1926, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.

M. of said day, and the County Court Room in the County Court House at Pendleton, Umatilla County, State of Oregon, has been fixed by said Court as the time and place for the settlement of said account.

All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at such time and place in said Court and file any objections they may have to such account or to any part thereof.

SHELDON D. TAYLOR, Administrator of the Estate of Jackson Nelson Deceased.
R. I. Keator, Attorney for Administrator. Address: Pendleton, Oregon. F26M26.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of John Wright, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of John Wright deceased, by the above entitled Court.

All persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby notified to present them to B. B. Richards, at his office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 17th day of February, 1926.

B. B. RICHARDS, Administrator. F26M26.

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