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EDITORIALS

SPEAKING AS A METHODIST

Whenever there is anything to be said about that great and good woman, Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, we like to retire into obscurity, for this writer, being a Methodist, has strong feelings on the subject.

Being a Methodist, this writer was naturally a prohibitionist, when prohibition was in its first fine flower. Especially were we strong for prohibition in the national campaign of 1928 and then Mrs. Willebrandt blossomed forth as the bright, particular star of the prohibition cause and the Republican party. All of us know that—and there is no use quibbling about it—Mrs. Willebrandt was IT. She was taken up by our church (we are now speaking as a Methodist) and if there had been time she would have been the honored guest and chief speaker at every conference. As it was she got around pretty lively and the papers were filled with stories of her appeal to the Methodist clergy and laity to rally 'round the cause of Hoover and prohibition. If we (speaking again as a Methodist) had had our way about it, and it is no use for any of us Methodists to deny it, we would have had her regularly ordained as a minister and then put her ahead as district superintendent, book concern agent, or president of DePauw university and finally made her a bishop, if there had been any way of accomplishing that. We say, speaking as a Methodist, a disciple of Wesley and Bishop Asbury, Bishop Bowman, Bishop Simpson and all great leaders of Methodism, that is what we would have liked to have done back there in 1928.

But a great change has come about apparently, as we Methodists describe it. Mrs. Willebrandt has become a backslider. We doubt very much if there is one of our conferences so lowly as to think of inviting her to make an address. We view Mrs. Willebrandt now as no more or less than a traitor to the cause. She has sold herself for a mess of grape bricks. It is undeniable that but for her, the grape brick business would never have started. But she assured its manufacturers that it was perfectly legal, that it was immune to anything like prosecution under the Volstead law and that if the grape growers of California wanted to turn their grapes into bricks, it was a good and legal business.

That looked to those grape growers just like manna from heaven. They entered the brick industry with a rush and if there is anyplace in this country where you cannot buy grape bricks over the counter just like you do bread and cheese we haven't heard of it. Now the thing that makes grape bricks so popular and so profitable is revealed in a warning on each and every brick to the effect that "if you are not careful but let the grapes ferment, the result will be wine, which is illegal." That's just like warning that if you put a certain amount of money in the bank you will be paid interest on it.

These grape brick makers thought so much of Mrs. Willebrandt that they made her their counsel. She seems to have forgotten all her devoted friends and admirers of the Methodist conferences. She, once the associate of the pulp orators of our church, the esteemed of our district superintendents and the co-worker with our bishops, aids and abets these brickmakers from the vineyards of California.

But don't think that the Methodists are not taking notice of the situation. They are. Also they are hot under the collar. They feel that they were misled, fooled and bamboozled. The name of Mrs. Willebrandt is now anathema marthantha to them. Even the meek among them are refusing to turn the other cheek. There is the Adult Bible Class Monthly, as mild a publication as was ever published, washing its mouth and lashing its tail. "It is easy job,

disconcerting," says the Monthly. That seems mild, but if you know the Monthly you will think it is really fierce. It is she, says the Monthly, who is befriending "a traffic so inimical to temperance."

Well, speaking as a Methodist, we have learned a lesson. Let us not be misled any more by a silver-tongued woman. For, verily, wine is a mocker and grape bricks are none the less so. And all the more are they mockers, when they speak with the voice of her who seemed to be a veritable Moses.

A STUMP SPEECH

We have no doubt that the tariff ought to be revised. There never was an American tariff that did not need revision. It is too high in some spots and too low in others. Moreover, the whole world, even our close friend Canada, has gone into the tariff business for itself. If we cut the tariff now, it wouldn't do any good. The tariffs of other nations would simply be made more effective against us. We believe that international tariff regulation would be a good thing. Then we could balance the different national tariffs against each other and possibly get things so arranged that all the countries would be benefitted. We don't believe that our tariff is the result of political corruption, as a wild gentleman in New Mexico asserted in a speech, the other day. Besides, when anybody begins to talk about political corruption, we know he is just making a stump speech, all sound and fury and no sense.

FIRE PROTECTION

If there is anything the farmer ought to prepare against it is fire. There is no general alarm system in the rural districts. There are no organized fire fighting companies. There are no elaborate fire fighting machines. But the farmer can prepare very effectively against fire. The Department of Agriculture has called attention to the situation and has issued a warning to the farmers throughout the country. It seems that the annual fire loss in the rural districts amounts to \$100,000,000 a year. The Department says this could be reduced to \$50,000,000 by a little preparedness on the part of the farmer. There are several simple fire fighting apparatuses that could be installed with little trouble and at little expense. One of the most important things to be done is to have ladders attached to the house and barn. Then it is suggested that community fire fighting companies be organized. A good hand force pump is also of value and so is a section of hose. The cost is trifling.

REVIEWING THE MOVIES

You can't do anything with the movies. Not long ago we heard that they were going to drop all the blood and thunder, the gangsters and the racketeers, murder, robbery and sudden death and go in for the higher things of life. If our memory doesn't serve us ill, the announcement was made by no less a person than the Hon. Will Hays, the church deacon who became the movie czar. Now it appears that the announcement didn't mean anything at all. It was just a collection of words. Here is a case in point: Remember "The Miracle Man", a great picture, a moral picture and an artistic picture. Now it is going to be revived and incidentally revised. The gang element is to be introduced so as to bring it up to date. Machine guns will be omnipresent. They seem to have forgotten all about the higher things of life. In this picture, which originally was based upon the higher things of life, they will probably throw out all those higher things and go in for whatever may be the lower things.

A CORRECTION

The American wishes to correct the item published last week in regard to the action by the city council in the Myers-Gleason controversy.

We are since informed that the council asked for Mr. Myers' resignation, but when he refused to resign and claimed he had a contract with the city for his services for some time, the council changed its mind and voted to retain him.

It is reported the first vote (which carried) was on the question of firing Myers. But when informed the city would still be liable for his salary under his contract, the vote was changed to ask for his resignation. This whole matter seems to us to be something better forgotten. Such cases may drag out indefinitely and always cause community strife and trouble.

Prohibition Director Woodcock seems to be determined to drive all the joy out of being a dry agent. First, he barred taking an attractive young woman with you to a speakeasy. Now he has issued an order forbidding any dry agent to take a drink. After all, we don't think we'll apply for one of those speakeasies.



They Tell Me
 By Al Piche

PRISON FOOTBALL

Warden Laws of Sing Sing has introduced football into the prison's regimen. The Sing Sing team, made of policemen, militiamen and so forth. Sports writers, who watched the games have commented upon the scrupulous fairness with which the convicts observed the rules.

Inevitably, a judge made a speech at a luncheon club, saying that in his opinion, it was inadvisable to let the convicts have such a good time. He pointed out that these are depressed times and that many an honest citizen had neither the money nor the leisure to play football. Also, he thought the publicity given to the convicts as good football players might be very bad indeed for them.

The answer to this is, of course—BOSH.

Society has tried torturing criminals, neglecting them, putting them in prisons where they have the time and opportunity to teach one another new devices in crime. Now a few intelligent wardens are moving slowly and carefully in the direction of education of the convicts, endeavoring to make them good and useful citizens. By all means, let's keep going in this new and civilized direction.

Football is a manly sport and, if criminals learned to play it, learned the teamwork, the skill, the fairness that are required to play it, you may be sure that they would be better citizens for it.

Football games at San Quentin and Folsom would never do half the harm that is done by foolish repression, by overcrowding, by giving hardened criminals a chance to teach younger men the arts of vice and crime.

As for the argument that publicity given to a convict's good football playing might do his soul harm, it is certain a wise policy to give a man publicity for doing good things. Such publicity encourages him, develops in him the desire to "go straight."

"The wise man and the fool seem much alike when they fall in love or try to explain hard times."

Methodists Win From Central Point

The South Methodist basketball team came to Central Point Wednesday night to defeat the Pointers to the tune of 27-22. The game was fast and clean, though ragged in spots, lack of practice being evident in the Central Point team.

J. Powell of the Methodist was high scorer of the evening with 15 counters, with Patterson, slippery forward of Central Point, a close second with 17. This is Patterson's

last year of basketball on the Central Point team, and he is expected to be one of the outstanding men of the secondary league this year.

The game last night was the second this year for the Methodists, they having lost to Sams Valley by the score of 27-22 last week. The preachers haven't a schedule made out, but play anyone who wants a basketball game.

The lineups for the game were as follows:

Methodists (27)	Central P. (22)
H. Arthur (3)	F. Patterson (17)
C. Franks (4)	F. Ayres
J. Powell (15)	C. Caster (2)
H. Powell	G. Eicher (3)
Ray Arthur	G. Taylor

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an execution on Foreclosure duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, to me directed and dated on the 8th day of December, 1931, in a certain action therein, wherein Jackson County Building and Loan Association, an Oregon Corporation, as Plaintiff, recovered judgment against Minnie M. Billings, surviving wife of John Billings, deceased; M. L. Euphrat and Grace Euphrat, his wife; R. E. Hills, also known as R. E. Hillis and Myrtle S. Hillis, also known as Myrtle S. Hillis; Rose Billings and John Doe, her husband, the defendants, for the sum of Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty-eight and 70/100 (\$9,188.70) dollars, plus interest at 10% from August 14th, 1931, in the amount of Three Hundred Six and 30/100 (\$366.30) dollars; plus Two Thousand Twenty-seven and 77/100 (\$2,927.77) dollars advanced by Plaintiff in the payment of taxes, insurance premiums and necessary repairs, with costs and disbursements taxed at Forty-two and 00/100 (\$42.50) dollars, and the further sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, as attorney's fees, which judgment was entered and docketed in the Clerk's office of the said Court in said County on the 8th day of December, 1931.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the terms of the said execution, I will on the 9th day of January, 1932, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Medford, in Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, to satisfy said judgment, together with the costs of this sale, subject to redemption as provided by law, all of the right, title and interest that the said defendants, Minnie M. Billings, surviving wife of John Billings, deceased; M. L. Euphrat and Grace Euphrat, his wife; R. E. Hillis, also known as R. E. Hillis and Myrtle S. Hillis, also known as Myrtle S. Hillis; Rose Billings and John Doe, her husband, had on the 4th day of May, 1927, or now have in and to the following described property, situated in the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, to-wit:

All of Block Forty-two (42) of the original town, (now city) of Medford, Oregon, as the same is numbered, designated and described on the official plat thereof, now of record.

RALPH G. JENNINGS,
 Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.
 By Olga E. Anderson, Deputy.
 Dec. 11, 18, 24, Jan. 1.

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Beginning at the inside of lot number three (3) in block number one (1) in Cardwell's Addition to the City of Jacksonville, Oregon, according to the recorded plat thereof, and running thence south parallel with the east line of the D. L. C. No. 37 in Twp. 37 South of Range two (2) West of the W. M., 178 feet; thence west at right angles 100 feet; thence north parallel with the said D. L. C. line 178 feet; thence east at right angles 100 feet to the place of beginning.
 Dated this 8th day of December, 1931.

RALPH G. JENNINGS,
 Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.
 By Olga E. Anderson, Deputy.
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