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WORDS FROM THE LIPS OF GREAT MEN

"Democracy Means Not 'I Am as Good as You Are,' but 'You Are as Good as I Am.'"—Theodore Parker.

A NAIL HAS NO RESPECT FOR A MILLION DOLLARS

Some local mathematician has estimated that the combined cost of the automobile tires which roll over Second street and the Willamette river bridge each week is about a million dollars. The automobile tires which roll over many of the much traveled macadam roads and bridges runs into the hundreds of thousands of dollars weekly.

We have seen in the second street crossing, on the Willamette bridge and many other bridges and culverts in this section nails sticking up where the tread of a tire would normally run if the driver was in his proper place in the road. A nail has no respect for a million dollars worth of tires and would puncture every one of them if given the chance. The only reason it does not puncture more is luck in not hitting them, because few drivers see the nails until it is too late. Seems that the country might be saved some expense by looking after nails in bridges.

WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT IT

An Indian prince visits Europe and remarks, "The morals of the west are all right but the people don't live up to them." The sultan of Turkey visited Paris the other day and was taken to a tea party where the girls danced the Charleston. The sultan remarked he was glad his wives were not along. He said he had always known western women showed their faces in public but was surprised at their knees. The Europeans make remarks paralleling these about our prohibition.

Civilization binds itself more and more with laws and moral codes yet it seems that people break the laws and disregard the moral codes in greater numbers as time goes on. The question the future must solve would it not be better to have less laws and restrictions and more observance of the few fundamental laws and the Ten Commandments.

Four million people in the United States on May 1 moved into new homes at a moving cost of \$68,000,000.

That women talk more than men is proven by the telephone statistics. Of the 50 billion words daily over the telephone it is claimed more than half are feminine.

A MARTYR FOR THE CAUSE OF RIGHT

The entire nation has been shocked by the wanton killing of Don R. Mellett, youthful crusading editor of The Canton (O.) Daily News. Officials and citizens agree that the murder was a thrust at the very vitals of law and order.

Like a captain leading his forces in battle, Mr. Mellett has fallen a martyr to a system which in too many places in this country is getting a strangle hold upon government. Vice runs rampant in hundreds of cities and towns in America. Nearly every day we read that public officials, charged with the enforcement of all laws, have been arrested and exposed for grafting or laxity in office.

Corruption in public office should not be tolerated. Don Mellett, a born fighter, stood alone for weeks in his battle to rid the city of Canton of thieving office-holders, rum-runners, drug peddlers, gamblers and gunmen. A brave courageous editor, shot down, the victim of cowards who were afraid to fight him fairly.

Now—too late to save Don Mellett's life—Canton rises in indignation. Canton realizes more forcibly now what Mellett was fighting for and why he was fighting.

The Mellett murder is strong proof that good citizens, in all cities, should rally to the active support of newspaper editors and officials who have the courage to defy the powers of evil. Crusading editors usually have the mere approval of the better element of their communities, but not much active, virile, efficient encouragement and assistance. Indifference on the part of the citizenry only serves to help the vice rings.

EVENTUALLY—WHY NOT NOW?

Democratic political developments indicate that the movement to abolish the two-thirds rule in the nomination of candidates in national conventions has been blocked.

Despite determined statements of democratic leaders from East and North that the system should be eliminated, word seeps out of Washington that the "solid South is point blank against the plan.

The opposition has developed into such proportions, it is said, that the Democratic committee, which had planned to meet next December to kill the rule, has decided to abandon its proposal for a change. Instead, the question probably will be put up to the next convention.

The two-thirds rule should be killed by all means. It is contrary to all the true spirit of democracy. All forward looking Democrats should insist that it be abolished. Unless a change comes, we can expect another farcical nominating marathon.

The birth rate in the United States has declined 30 per cent in the last 30 years and is still declining.

With Aimee's case "Blown Up" California will have to dig up another scandal to keep on the boards. You can bet they won't be long doing it.

Some counties in Washington are paving market roads so heavy has the traffic become. We can expect this to be the next step in Oregon.

MEN AT MILL SIGN UP FOR INSURANCE

Members of the local 4L organization at the Booth-Kelly mill were busy this week signing up for the group insurance plan adopted at their meeting last month on recommendations from their headquarters in Portland.

"4L" Smith, field agent for the lumber workers organization, and C. R. Cleaver, group supervisor of the West Coast Life Insurance company of San Francisco, were here signing the men up. The group plan goes into effect after seventy-five per cent of the men in the organization have signified their intention to take the insurance.

Last week the men at the Wendling local adopted the plan. They were the first to sign up and as a consequence were given a cash prize by the insurance company.

The group insurance plan was adopted by the headquarters of the 4L after a study of insurance was made by a committee from the organization. Plans were submitted by four or five old line insurance companies and the one submitted by the West Coast Life was finally adopted last spring. By this plan, each man pays in proportion to the amount he receives in wages and is insured in proportion.

CHICKEN THIEF SCORED BY OREGON POULTRYMEN

A drive on chicken thieves is sought by the Oregon Poultrymen's association which was in session at the state college July 21-23. County sheriffs and city police were criticized as being less organized than the thieves, and slow to exert themselves unless special rewards are offered for catching the thieves.

Members of the association are asked to contribute a fund to be used in apprehending and convicting poultry thieves. Various other means of checking the thievery were suggested, among them the practice of using leg bands on the birds or tattooing registered marks on the skin.

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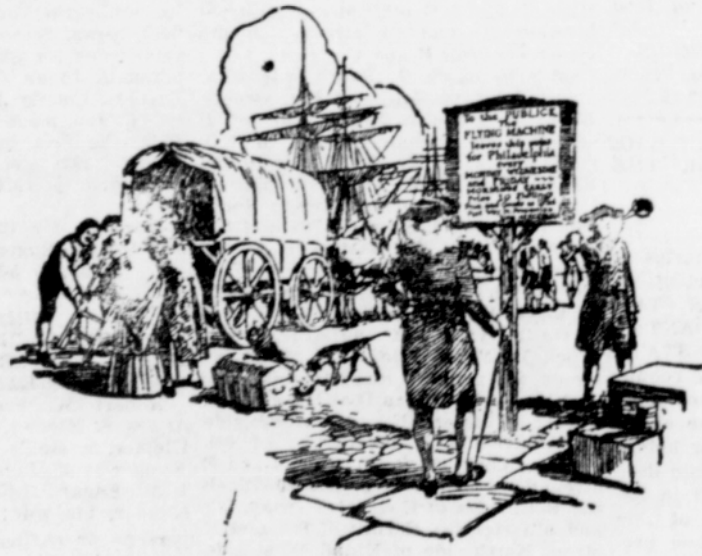
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