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The Dime Letter Racket

THESE chain letters, are merely another manifestation of the prevailing passion to get something for nothing,—or if not nothing to make a fortune out of a dime.

And while the post office authorities are being pestered to death, and devising ways and means to halt the racket, it is doubtful if they have much success.

These things appear in regular cycles. They come and they go—then after a lucid interval they come again.

ONLY a few years ago it was fountain pens. You sold ten fountain pens to your friends, and they sold ten to their friends, and those ten times ten, sold to theirs, and eventually all you had to do was to sit back in an easy chair and collect the royalties.

It was sure-fire on paper. The boys and girls, with nothing better to do, fell for it, from the Statue of Liberty to the Golden Gate.

But as far as known, the royalties somehow never came in the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow was never found.

SO now it's a round robin letter, with a dime sent in, to a certain name and that dime and many thousand more, coming back to you when your name reaches the remunerative position at the top of the list!

Well so it goes. Postal authorities rage, hire extra help, threaten prosecution, but it will do no good,—or very LITTLE. Like any other epidemic, it will start and spread, reach a climax, then, just as surely decline and fall.

In another year or two, one will hear no more of dime chain letters than they hear now of selling fountain pens.

But by then, say 1938 or 1939, there will be something else for the boys and girls to waste their spare cash on!

It's the old army game.

Another 5-4 Decision

THE U. S. Supreme Court declares the railway retirement law unconstitutional, by another five to four decision. The division between the liberals and conservatives of the court was clear cut this time.

Five to four! And for many years this has been the division on nearly every important decision. Determining what is constitutional and what isn't; what is legally right and what is legally wrong; determining in short, what the destiny of this great country is to be, by such a narrow margin, presents quite an interesting problem.

For obviously if five justices are right, four must be wrong; or if four are right, five must be wrong; the change of one vote,—one individual's mind out of 120 million,—changes right from wrong, in short determines the future course and character of the government under which we live.

OR to express it in another way, the preponderance of five-four decisions on important questions, justifies the statement that the Supreme Court, the most powerful governing body in the civilized world, is never more than five-ninths right; and never less than four-ninths wrong.

If this tendency continues the demand that justices of the Supreme Court be elected by the people, instead of appointed by the President will be revived, the recall of the justices by popular vote might also be included, and thus the one substantial pillar of the government, FREE from politics, would be thrown INTO politics.

SUCH an outcome would in our judgment be a calamity. One allow the Supreme Court to become a football of partisan politics, the goal of table thumping demagogues and designing politicians, and the end of American institutions as we know them, would be only a question of time.

Human nature being what it is however, a continuance of five-four decisions will, inevitably impair the prestige of the highest tribunal in the land, and increase popular skepticism, as to its authority and infallibility.

So while this paper would fight to the last ditch against changing the present constitutional setup, we would also welcome fewer five to four decisions and more six to three, seven to four, and occasionally one that is unanimous.



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have taken up the remark as an indication that Mr. Snell is trying to grasp the North Pole and the South Pole at the same time, a feat which is good if ever accomplished. These snickers are calling him "a radical conservative."

Similarly, some of the congressmen, speakers within the party have been jabbing the wise Kansas editor, William Allen White, who has spoken well of him like Norris and La Follette, as well as some of the Republican opposites.

Speaker Byrns lately has been trying a new kind of leadership quality in the house. It has worked very well so far.

Instead of using the so-called historic Garner method, he has tried friendly consideration. He does not use his gavel on the skulls of his flock, but tries to shepherd them gently with his crook.

For instance, there has been no real old-fashioned gag-rule invoked on any bill since the first one (the relief bill). On all legislation lately, the sheep have been permitted to romp and play in an unprecedented extent.

Some old-timers believe his system is working better than the Garner

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M.D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to disease diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink.

FRIVOLITY THE ANTIDOTE FOR DIGNITY

You are old, Father William, the young man said, and your hair has become very white, and yet you incessantly sit at a desk...

One important factor of premature old age, hardening of the arteries and all, which requires medical attention, has quite failed to apprehend, is dignity, in my opinion.

The late Luther Burbank celebrating his 79th birthday anniversary rolling somersaults on the lawn was not undignified.

Dignity that depends on keeping your neck stiff and your map frozen, taking yourself too seriously, trying to seem important, is hard on the arteries.

Education, culture, good breeding, make an individual keep at least the outward semblance of calm under circumstances which are likely to upset the more primitive or unrefined.

Or in a man to avoid losing his temper and raising his voice and indulging in extravagant language under provoking circumstances? Or in the "big business executive" or the diplomat to avoid betraying his confidence to his neighbor?

High School Athletics

Washington Bridge from the Riverside upswamp known as Inspiration Point. It's especially breath-taking just before the sun, hanging like a sullen red ball, dips behind the golden crumble of the Jersey horizon.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

NEW YORK, May 7.—Brook Pemberton has come under the wire with another hit—the second of the season. He has been successful on a number of occasions of the time-hiders, often going through several sabbaticals, seemingly doing nothing but sitting around a rather dingy office with feet on a desk.

Yet this is unconscious camouflage. Where so many others rush in pell-mell, he waits for an idea to bloom. One of the theater's shrewdest and most studious observers, his castings have shown uncanny judgment. The majority of his successes are brought about by his selection of obscure players.

Few had heard of Gladys George until he salvaged her from stock to be the bright particular star of "Personal Appearance." Time after time he has figuratively picked them out of the air. Unsmiling, ungrateful, he is in some ways the Hailuo's current Gloomy Gus.

Member of a distinguished Kansas family, he began as a newspaperman in Emporia, migrating in easy journalistic stages to New York. His first theatrical venture, "Enter Madame," established him, and his failures have been few. He is the calmest person in the audience at his own first nights.

When Sam Byrd grows too jittery from his 800 sombrero slithering nights of turnip eating in "Tobacco Road," he gets hold of himself by buying a train for several hours of window looking. He buys a round trip to some point in Jersey or Long Island, acquires a window view and returns refreshed and ready for more turnips. He has to detour two, full-sized, at each performance. Dyspepsia sets him and flutters into the cork-corks.

And many cannot enjoy the skills of Cardinal, the Inverness capped illusionist, because of a forbidding he is shortening his career by incessantly smoking the lighted cigarettes he plucks from the air. At four performances a day he fairly eats them up in deep initial snuff, and then from 20 to 30 at each show. There are times, too, when he plays two additional night clubs. Then there's doubtless his home-work smoking.

Bobby Clark gives Frisco a close race for the cigar consuming championship. He burns up a half dozen each performance, aside from being a steady smoker off stage. But Frisco lights a cigar upon awakening and is never without one, even puffing (occasionally through his meesa) until he catches the light of night!

Maughan's most famous scenic view has become the vista of the

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

RALPH CAKE, vice-president and managing director of the Equitable Savings & Loan Association, of Portland, who spent Saturday in the Klamath country, has just returned from a trip through the Middle West and East.

He is more than ever convinced of the future greatness of this country out here.

"The next five or six years," he says, "the Pacific Northwest will see tremendous development. Everybody back there wants to get out here. The fame of the Pacific Northwest is spreading faster than ever before."

"The only reason they don't come now is that they can't get loose—can't get rid of their property back there. As conditions improve and they are able to get loose, we'll see them come flocking here to found new homes in what they regard as the finest country in America."

THE drought and the dust storms back there," he says, "are very bit as bad as we've been led to believe."

"I flew back this time, and east of the Rockies we passed through a severe dust storm. We climbed to 15,000 feet in an effort to avoid it, but couldn't get above it."

"The dust was really terrible, actually interfering with breathing. I'd certainly hate to have to live in it."

BUSINESS conditions, Mr. Cake says, aren't as good as they might be yet, but are improving. They will continue to improve as people get more confidence.

"Our own company," he says, "is steadily extending its loans on real estate, and is also finding its collections good. We're getting more money in than we know just yet how to put out."

LOS ANGELES, Mr. Cake says, is about the only city in which there is really extensive building of homes.

Nearly everywhere costs are still too high, but down in Los Angeles they seem to have got their costs down to a point that people can meet.

Men in the building trades in Los Angeles, Mr. Cake says, are working for \$5 a day, feeling that it is far better to keep busy pretty steadily at \$5 a day, than to be idle.

Material costs, also, have been kept fairly low. The result is that people are going ahead.

IT ISN'T high price alone, you see, that make business good. Before business can be really good, prices of what people want have to be low enough that people can afford to pay them.

Either that or earnings have to be high enough FOR EVERYBODY to make it possible to pay high prices. It doesn't matter much which way it works.

About the only definition of prosperity that really holds water is a condition where everybody can exchange what he has for what the other fellow has at a fair and equal rate, so that nobody is robbed in the exchange.

When we have that condition, we have prosperity.

HEAVY JOLT GIVEN DRUNK DRIVER FOR SECOND OFFENSE

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While intoxicated last Saturday night, drove an auto on South Riverside in a reckless manner, causing a head-on crash in which Mrs. William Schultz sustained injuries while riding in a car driven by her husband. Bryant also ran into an auto belonging to Ernest Adams of this city during the same rampage.

Bryant, in his own defense, presented a CCC rating card showing that he had recently enjoyed a promotion in the CCC and was a \$45 per month man. The court reminded Bryant that he had not fulfilled any of the promises he made when he received a previous lighter sentence, and that his rating with the CCC was no defense for drunken driving. Bryant's driver's license was revoked on the first conviction.

William Shann of this city, also charged with drunken driving, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and fined \$100 and costs. It was Shann's first conviction. He entered a plea of guilty. His driving license was suspended for one year.

Shann purportedly drove an auto on East Main street last Saturday night while intoxicated and crashed into a parked auto. After the accident he was alleged to have fled and before capture engaged in a fist fight. Roy Yoder of Ashland, truck driver, entered a plea of guilty to exceeding the speed limit on the Pacific highway ten days ago, and was fined \$5 and costs. He was given until May 11 to pay.

Gleg Drake, charged with fishing in Rogue River with more than one line, and Charles T. Hoensberger, charged with fishing without a license, were each fined \$25 and costs upon their pleas of guilty.

Granted Divorce



Mrs. Clara Grant Ray, wife of Charles Ray, famous actor of the silent film era, was granted a divorce in Los Angeles.

The couple had been married 20 years. (Associated Press Photo)

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Appeal for Lepers

May I make an appeal to your readers for the destitute lepers in 1935 people throughout the world. Through no fault of their own they are suffering from a terrible disease that makes them outcasts. Every day little children become infected because a diseased parent is not properly cared for.

Money and bandages are needed. Any amount of money will be most gratefully accepted. \$10 will often cure an early case, using the standard medical treatment. \$1 will provide food for a month; \$2 a warm blanket. Lepers colonies can never have enough bandages. Tear old sheets, towels, and napkins into strips 3 or 3 1/2 inches wide, roll and pin with a safety pin or send any white material except gauze, and the patients will make their own bandages. Women's clubs and societies for young people can do a noble work here which will cost them nothing.

Please send contributions to The American Mission to Lepers, Inc., 156 Fifth Ave., Room 1118, New York; or to Room 1368P, 77 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

FLORENCE ALDEN McLEOD, Pittsburg, Pa. April 30, 1935.

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H. E. WIRTH, Medford, May 7.

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A TAXPAYER OF JACKSON COUNTY. Central Point, May 7. (Name of writer on file).

See Mail Tribune want ads.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune of 10 and 20 Years Ago)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

May 7, 1923 (It Was Thursday) City police, in early morning hours, fire three shots into the air, to stop intoxicated man, but he only runs faster.

Lions club will get their charter next week.

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