

Another good way to learn how to think fast on your feet is to be a pedestrian.—Sacramento Bee

HENBLEY'S COMMENTS

Bits of Opinion Noted.

REAL RELIGION.

The other day we read an article about a man who had, as he put it, "shopped around" among all the churches of his community trying to find a preacher who would get right down to the real foundation of religion and "cuss him out," tell him of all the mean things, all the sinful things he was in the habit of doing, a minister who wouldn't hesitate to tell him in no uncertain language just what would happen to him if he continued on down the primrose path he was traveling.

Now that is our conception of a real man, and up to the present time he is still looking for the preacher who does not hesitate to tell those back in the pews what is going to become of them in eternity and tell to them straight from the shoulder without any of the trimmings and camouflage with which that truth is usually garished.

The preachers of the present generation seem all too prone to break the news gently, to smooth it over with a velvet cover, to grind down the rough edges and let the dear layman believe hell isn't such an awful place after all. What we need is a race of ministers who aren't afraid of hurting the pride of the dear listeners by giving them the facts in connection with the everlasting penalty of sin, to remind them that hell isn't any pink-hued bed of roses with ice water and good society. The need pastors who will preach sermons in a language which we all can understand, pastors who aren't a bit squeamish about letting the world know the fate that is in store for those who take it for granted that just so they sit in their accustomed seats in the church Sundays they can do almost any old thing in their everyday life and still walk thru the golden gate at judgment in a blaze of glory, men who will preach old fashioned hell fire and eternal damnation of sinners.

That fellow who was searching for a church and denomination in which the pastor would "cuss him out" was on the right track and if a few more of us would get the same viewpoint there wouldn't be so many disappointments in Heaven.

SWELL FUNERALS.

Old-timers can recall when one's social standing in the community never was definitely settled until death. Then the deceased was classified according to the number of hacks in his funeral.

For instance, back in the home town we recall old Soerates Shagaway. He never cut much of a figure socially. But when he died, his family gave him a "20-hack funeral"—thereby assuring his social standing, also the family's for years to come.

For a time, village events were even referred to as so many years before of after "Soerates Shagaway's 20 hack funeral."

Most people like big funerals. When all's said and done, that's probably why King Tut has caught the popular fancy. It wasn't so much that Tut lived a long time ago, or that the unearthing of his tomb had important scientific value but that Tut had the "swellest funeral" in history—costing at least 15 millions of dollars.

That beat even Tilla the Hun, who died in the year 453. According to tradition, this Chinese conquerer was buried in an unknown river in a gold coffin, packed in jewels.

As people get more civilized, funerals become more simple and less expensive. The other day it was revealed that William K. Vanderbilt, who died in Paris in 1920, left an estate of more than 54 million dollars, but \$8,040.54 covered his funeral expenses, including bringing his remains back to America.

Henry Clay Frick, who died in 1919, left a fortune of nearly 93 million dollars. An accounting in court shows that his funeral cost only \$11,489.

These two multimillionaires were buried at an expense of only \$1 for each \$7,150 of the estates they left behind. You can imagine how gorgeous their funerals would have been if they had died in King Tut's time.

A considerable part of King Tut's treasure was buried with him. No way of knowing how much for his tomb was looted by grave robbers a couple of thousand years ago, and they probably carried off the bulk of the gold and precious stones that were sealed up with him.

Today the rich man's fortune, instead of being hidden away in his grave, goes on as an active influence representing him after his death. His fortune carries on the industries he founded. It builds libraries and museums and endows schools and research laboratories—the finest kind of monuments.

Among families of smaller means, the tendency is still to spend more on a funeral than can be afforded. This is not so much to gratify vanity as it once was, but as an expression of respect and love for the departed. Then the years slip by—and it takes only a few of them to emphasize the folly and futility of costly funerals.

"Vote Selling Charged in Ohio"—headline. In most of the States it is C. O. D.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Many a lame duck is able to waddle in the direction of a government salary.—Boston Transcript.

"And There Wasn't the Slightest Smell From Dead Rats."

Whites John Simpkins, farmer of Annadale, N. J.: "Rats were costing me hundreds yearly; tried dogs, ferrets, poison, could not get rid of them. Bought \$1.00 pkg. of RAT-SNAP (5 cakes). Used half, not a live rat since. Dead ones aplenty. I like RAT-SNAP because after killing rats it dries them up—leaves no smell." Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Siler City Drug Store and The Hardware, Siler City; W. L. London and Son, Pilkington Pharmacy and The Chatham Hardware Co., Pittsboro, N. C.

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Vass Pilot. On the heels of the high charges for lawyers' fees to prosecute a case against the railroads for the State comes another charge for hired men to carry on an audit of the State accounts. Fifty dollars a day it is said is paid to a number of men day after day to do this work. Now the unsophisticated countryman, who is not familiar with this thing of big fees to men to do things that up here in the country we have imagined the State does with its own employees in the department of auditing and of justice will wonder why we have to hire extra men to do the job instead of asking the regulars to do it. And why we have to pay such big prices to the extra hands when the regulars get wages may be not a fourth as much.

If the State gets its affairs into such a shape that it takes a lot of men weeks at a time to audit the accounts it would seem that we need a bookkeeper more than we need anything else to run the State government, for any business institution should keep its accounts in such a shape that the balances can be shown every night. It does not cost as much to hire a bookkeeper who will have his accounts balanced every night as it does to hire an extra hand at \$50 a day or a dozen of them as it seems is the case now, to get the balances adjusted after everything has been jumbled into disorder.

All this matter of hiring high-priced men to do the work of the different departments may seem of slight consequence to the people of the State, who are complaining more and more every day about the mounting taxes, it is not so slight as the administration and leaders may think. The State is an institution that is doing a business of hundreds of millions a year, and we seem to have no intelligent idea within several millions of what our financial condition is. If a country bank that does a business of a few hundred thousand dollars should find its accounts in such shape that it could not account for a few thousand when it closes its doors at night the bank examiner would ask it to keep the doors closed until it had its accounts straight. But the State can get in such condition that weeks of auditing by a big crowd of high-priced men cannot tell us within two or three millions whether we have money enough for current needs or not. And the serious feature of it is that few of us take it all as a matter of any consequence.

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T. M. BLAND, R. M. CONNELL, W. F. BLAND, J. T. BLAND,

Apr. 26-R-C.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Having qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of J. J. Peoples, deceased, late of Chatham county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Pittsboro, North Carolina, on or before the 29th day of March, 1924, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 24th day of March, 1923.

J. N. PEOPLES, Executor. LONG & BELL, Attorneys. May 4-R-C.

NOTICE OF RESALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred by an order of the Superior court of Chatham county made in the proceeding therein pending entitled "Willis A. Burns, Administrator of John B. Burns deceased, vs. Nora Burns, widow, and others," the undersigned commissioner will on Wednesday, May 2nd, 1923, at 12 o'clock noon, at the court house door of Chatham county in Pittsboro, N. C., resell the following described tract of land located in Haw River Township, Chatham county, N. C., at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, which said land is bounded as follows:

Bounded on the north by the lands of Walker Thomas and John Desern; on the east by the lands of Nancy Thomas, Billie Marks, J. N. Holt and Walker Thomas; on the south by the Gorgas lands; on the west by Charlie Clifton; containing 130 acres, more or less; saving and excepting from the same, however, 50 acres of the said land allotted to Nora Burns, widow, as her dower, and to the heirs of Jno. B. Burns, deceased, as a homestead during the minority of Max Burns; the net amount of land to be sold being 80 acres, more or less. This land is being sold to make assets with which to pay debts; and a resale has been ordered on account of an increased bid having been placed on the same; the present bid on the land being \$800.00. This the 16th day of April, 1923.

DANIEL L. BELL, Commissioner. Apr. 26-R-C.

Look, study and act according to the 11th chapter and 9th verse of Proverbs. Sure, it seems to be human nature or we seem to forget the ten commandments one. I mean the big majority of us so-called Christians are, or at times act the hypocrite and try—maybe unthoughtfully—to doom our fellowman by accusing him or her of something untrue or if it is true in some sense, rather than face the one that has done us an unfair deal, for fear we will hurt his or her feelings but go talking to others that so and so sold me rotten potatoes or lied to me, or tried to take advantage, cares for nothing but the almighty dollar and so on. We know then that sometime he or she will hear of it and cause more hardness and make more doubts among others, than it would. If we could be brave and Christ-like enough to hold our tongues on, go to him or her at first and right the wrong.

This life is too short at best to make it bitter for some one. The Bible teaches that many were punished for sin, also teaches of others who were tried by afflictions, losses and so on and yet came out in the end true Christians and were made to rejoice and Job was made rich, but the thing we need is more brotherly love and not so much backbiting and criticism but go face to face with what we have to say. HENRY F. DURHAM.

Imagination and Memory.

Imagination is not, like memory, held to actual experience. It takes the mind beyond its own experience, beyond the present and apparent. It idealizes.

EXECUTOR'S LAND SALE.

Under and by virtue of the authority given in the last will and testament of J. T. Womble, deceased, which will has been duly proven, and recorded in Record of Wills, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for Chatham County, and by the terms and instructions contained in said will we will on the 14th day of May, 1923, at the court house door in Chatham county, at Pittsboro, N. C., at 12 o'clock, M., offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, upon the following terms—one thousand dollars cash, balance in deferred payments bearing interest at 6 percent per year, payable yearly and title reserved to land until paid for in full—the following described tract of land, situate in Matthews township, Chatham county, and bounded as follows: Bounded on the east by the lands of John T. Womble estate; on the north by the Paschal lands and the Dixon lands; on the west by the Paschal lands and by the Estridge lands; and on the south by the lands of Ira White, and the lands of Mrs. M. R. Houston, containing 130 acres, more or less, and being situate near the State highway leading from Greensboro to Sanford, N. C., and on which is situate a residence, a tenant house and out buildings. This is a good farm and in a good state of cultivation. This April 12th, 1923.

F. A. HOUSTON, Executor, Miss DAVIS HOUSTON, Executrix, The estate of J. T. Womble, deceased. Dixon & Dixon, Attys. May 10-R-C.



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Mrs. Mary Lou Dobbin Anderson, widow of the late John H. Anderson, daughter of the late John C. Dobbin, who was secretary of the navy under Franklin Pierce's administration, died at her home in Brooklyn, N. Y., last Friday. She was 80 years old and was born and reared in Fayetteville. Mrs. Anderson was the mother of John H. Anderson, Jr., son-in-law of Mrs. Henry A. London, of Pittsboro.

Spelling Bee Postponed.

On account of the death of Mr. Harlowe Taylor, Wednesday night of last week, the spelling bee, which was to have been held Thursday evening, was postponed until tonight (Thursday). A big crowd is expected and several good spellers will be on hand some of them from the country. Go and enjoy the evening and see some of the big spellers put down to the foot. It is for a good cause.

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On April 21st, 1894, 29 years ago, Henry Anderson, colored, was under sentence to be hanged; he escaped from jail and was found in Martin county. While trying to escape from the sheriff who arrested him, he was shot and killed. On the 23rd day of April, the same year, at Garner's Stables, in Wake county, a team driven by Arch Simpson, a 17-year-old boy, ran away and the boy in jumping received fatal injuries; on same date seven railroad cars were burned by tramps at Fayetteville. On the 24th Sears' Livery Stables in Durham, together with 13 horses, harness, buggies, etc., were destroyed by fire; Silas Nicholson, a Jackson county farmer, was in court at Webster, N. C., being tried for the murder of his son and he dropped dead.

School to Close Saturday.

Commencement exercises at Moses school will be held at the school house next Saturday night, April 28th. The teachers advise us that the public will be welcomed.

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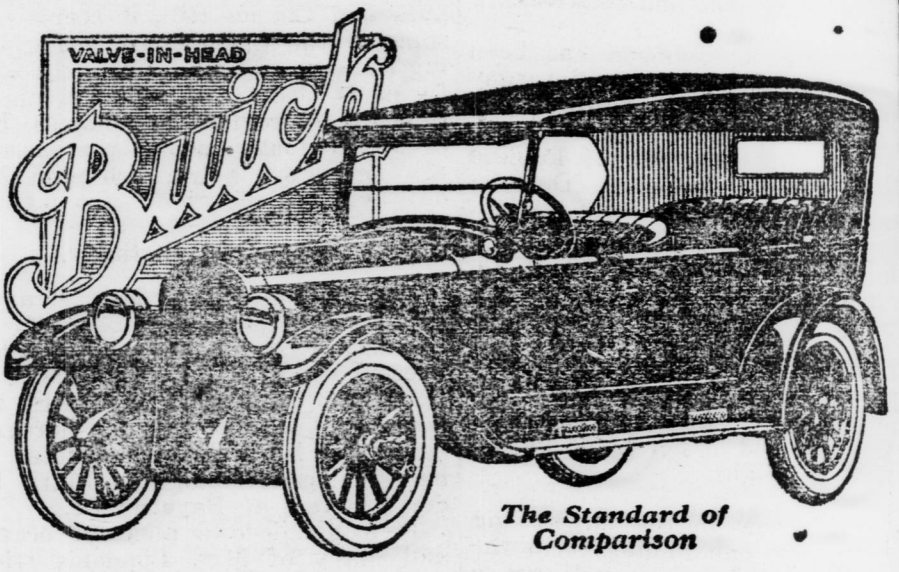
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