

ST OFFICE 284  
YEARS AGO IN BOSTON.

ration of Its Anniversary This  
Month Recalls Manner of Its  
Founding.

Boston, Nov. 25.—Two hundred and eighty-four years ago the first post-office in the United States was established in Boston, and the celebration of the anniversary this month recalled the manner of its founding.

It had been the custom in those days for the citizens of Boston to troop on board the packets which arrived from overseas in quest of letters and other tidings from England. That was all very well for a while, but as the population grew the habit became a nuisance to the skippers, who objected to having their decks made impromptu delivery offices and the none too spacious quarters below crowded with men and women.

So the general court (as the Massachusetts legislature has always been called) stepped in. In 1639 it ruled that Richard Fairbanks (on the site of whose home the Boston Globe building now stands) was to take charge of and distribute letters from abroad.

"For preventing the miscarriage of letters," the quaint order read, "and it is ordered that the notice be given that Richard Fairbanks, his home in Boston is the place appointed for all letters which are brought from beyond the seas, or are to be sent hither, are to be brought unto. And he is to take care that they be delivered or sent according to their directions, and he is allowed for every letter a penny."

John Winthrop was governor when Fairbanks was appointed. The latter had a permit to "sell wine and strong water," and over his bar the men of Boston sipped their ale and read their mail and talked of the tidings from far away.

Fairbanks acted as postmaster until 1677. In January, 1673, the general court make a provision for a domestic postal service, the carriers to be paid three pence per mile for their services. Twenty years later the American post office was established and in 1695 a coach and mail service was begun between Boston and Hartford.

#### Ask Any Married Man.

Women have, in a more developed degree than men, the power of rapid preception and intuition. We have this on authority of Sir Humphrey Rolleston, distinguished English physician, who says this feminine trait is allied to second sight and clairvoyance. No married man will question that.

#### Plenty of Apples for All.

Thirty billion apples were grown last season, or nearly 3,000 for every man, woman and child, so this ought to be a poor winter for the doctors. If you don't eat apples to the number of six or seven a day, you are not getting your share.

#### HAS FOUND AN IDEAL SPOUSE

"After marriage a woman finds out what her husband really is," said Mrs. Cora Walker La Forge, of East St. Louis, Ill., who has just married her fourteenth husband. All of her former husbands except one are living.

She has divorced them all. The first one was good to look at but lazy. She divorced him after three years of matrimonial warfare.

There was something wrong with all the others, but Henry—well, Mrs. La Forge just knows that Henry will do for good. Henry is her fourteenth husband—Henry La Forge.

"It's very possible to be happy though married," says Mrs. La Forge. "All you have to do is to find the right man. I've tried to for years and only now have succeeded."

Mr. La Forge was described as a middle-aged business man with quiet habits and refined bearing at the time of his marriage, but that's been some days ago.

"I just know we're going to be happy," says his wife. "Henry has restored my faith in men."

Mrs. La Forge says she has no regrets to express over having married and divorced thirteen men. The men have no comments to make.

#### Legal Precedent, Maybe.

"We were married in 1898," testified George A. Arnold, Chicago citizen, in the divorce court. "We lived together until 1909, but, Judge, she never took a bath, and I couldn't make her." "That will do," said the judge, "you get a divorce." Yet, as we recollect, there's nothing in the marriage contract about taking baths. This must be what lawyers call a legal precedent.

#### Bad Boiler Explosion.

Nine persons are known to have been killed and fifteen others injured, five of them probably fatally, as the result of a boiler explosion at the Vida Sugar Refinery at Iroreaville, ten miles east of New Liberia, La.

A man standing 1,500 feet away was completely beheaded, while a mule a distance of a quarter of a mile was killed by a flying piece of steel.

#### Plenty of Light Already.

The solicitor for an electric light concern visited a Kansas home and asked the lady of the house if they had plenty of light. "Oh, yes," she replied, "I belong to the Sunshine Society and my husband is a member of the Moonshine Club."

#### Haw! Haw.

Two farmers met on a country road and pulled up their teams. "Si," said one, "I've got a mule with distemper. What did you give that one of yours when he had it?"

"Turpentine; giddap."

A week later they met again. "Say, Si, I gave my mule turpentine and it killed him."

"Killed mine, too; giddap."

#### THE WORLD NEEDS HELP OF YOUTH.

(Joan Kilbourne.)

Wake up, young man! Wake up, young woman! The world needs your youth and your smiles. Then, what right have you to waste your God-given talents, your heaven-born abilities in useless living when there is so much for you to do? Never before in the history of the world were ability, genius, talent, hard-headed common sense and application to duty so much needed as now. This war-sick and struggle-weary old world is awaiting eagerly the ministrations of those who have it in their hands to heal its ills.

Experience—the men and women who have reached the middle-ground of the years or gone beyond—has very much to give, too, but youth with its smiles, its winsomeness, its masterly disregard of fear, its endurance and its readiness to grasp—all ingredients in the tonic in which the world stands so much in need—has so much to give.

It has been well said that "the possession of given faculties is an indication of God's will that they should be developed and strengthened in the order, the proportion, and relation in which they have been received from the Creator," which is but another way of saying that Experience and Youth each must render its fair return for its peculiar gifts.

The parable of the Ten Talents, it would seem, is a direct challenge to the honesty and integrity of those who have been endowed with special gifts in the way of peculiar abilities; it is a challenge to use, develop and increase them against the day when the Lord of the Harvest shall return for an accounting. Each is therefore a steward only of his gifts and abilities. And there are few who are not specially endowed in at least one particular direction.

The call of the world today is but another way of bringing out the best in men and women—of giving them an opportunity for developing and increasing their gifts—of requiring at their hands a fair return for the things they have received from their Creator—and especially for those abilities wherein to work for the wonders of well-ordered and unselfish contribution to the happiness and comfort of others.

#### The Big Football Game.

In a game that was born in a drizzle and died in a downpour of rain, two ineffectual elevens battled through four periods in Chapel Hill last Thursday to a tie without a tally. All North Carolina and a goodly number of Virginians saw the teams of the two states fight a feeble struggle up and down the gridiron and saw both teams go down in futility at the impenetrable goal lines.

**BUILD A HOME IN PITTSBORO.**

#### DISCIPLINE AND UTILITY.

(Nathan Howard Gist.)

Your value to society is determined by two forces—discipline and utility. The educated person is the one in whom those two factors are maintained in the proper balance. Life consists of those two things. To succeed you must first discipline yourself. You must exercise self-control and sobriety. You must be able to think for yourself, to be reasonably sound in judgment, and to think a thing thru to a logical conclusion. You may have schooling, or you may be self-trained, but at all events you must have discipline.

But your niche in life will not be an important one if you have discipline only. No matter how intellectual you are, no matter how much you have trained yourself in self-discipline your place in life will be of comparatively little consequence unless yours is a useful life.

The trouble is that most of us do not maintain these two forces in the right proportions. We allow the demands of one or the other to overshadow its fellow. That means a lopsided life, top-heaviness in some stuff and emptiness or lack of other stuff.

Too many school curricula savor of this tendency. For instance, because mathematics is a highly desirable, if not imperative, study, there is no reason why it should take up one-fourth of a person's time in school. Geography, history, and manual training suffer as a result.

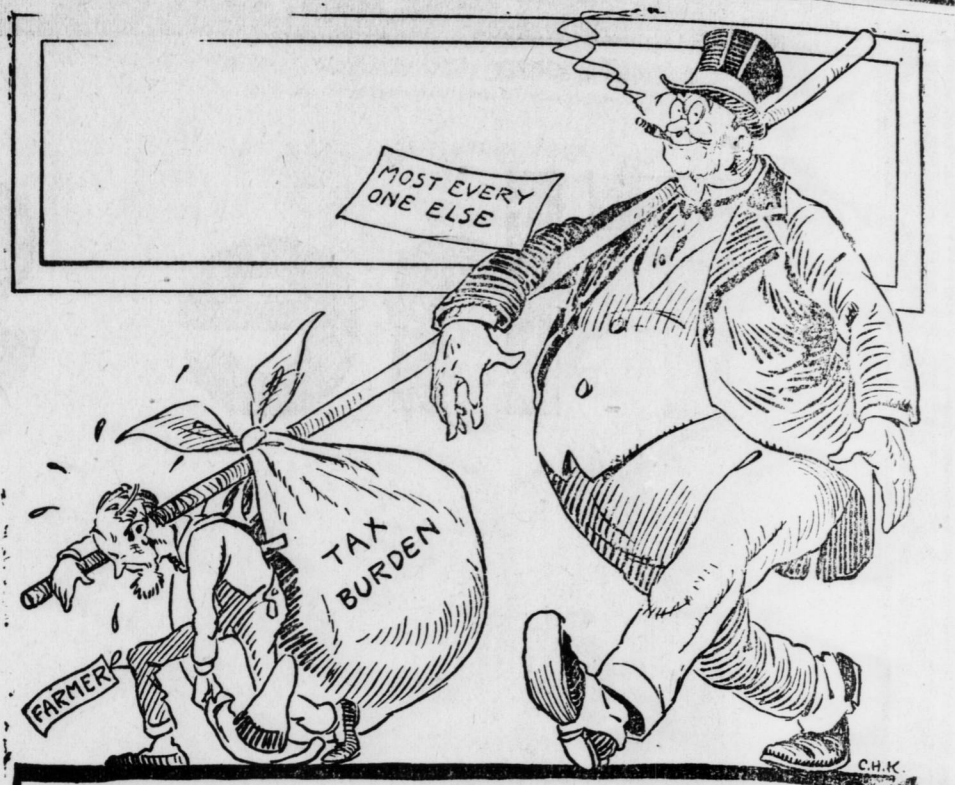
And far too many persons seem to feel that being useful is the chief pursuit in life. All energy is directed toward that objective. But frequently the usefulness of those folks is grossly impaired because they have not first striven for discipline. They are putting the cart before the horse. They are the blind leading the blind. They are numbered among the tragedies and the blunders of the unprepared. Their minds, their souls, their hands are not prepared and trained for the vigorous claims of life.

Utility there cannot be without training. To be good is an essential thing and a commendable aspiration, but being good for something is far better. Every person would profit by having worldly wisdom, common sense to an uncommon degree, and then the foresight to apply it to useful ends. But how many have that sagacity. Precious few, methinks, for the "children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

We need to revise our life's program. We need to mingle the best qualities of mind and heart in right relations, adding here, taking away there, giving cohesiveness to our life's structure. Even a good thing can be overdone, and if it is, it means dissipated energy or wastefulness.—Pennsylvania Grit.

#### Cyclists.

"How did Mr. and Mrs. Hemkins ever manage to get into the best social circles?" "Oh, in a roundabout way."



As usual, the farmer is getting the short end of the stick  
Cartoon from The Farm Journal, September, 1921

#### He Had a Confession, Too.

A Kansas bride of a few months after deceiving her husband for several weeks, said she had a confession to make; that her conscience would no longer permit her to keep a secret from him, so the World relates. "I have a glass eye," she said. "Don't let a little thing like that worry you, love bird," he said. "All the diamonds in your engagement ring are glass, too."

#### Killed While Hunting.

The lure of Thanksgiving hunting resulted in the death of Bud Lewis, 12 year old son of Hardy Lewis, who lives 13 miles east of Dunn, in Sampson county, when the back of his head was blown off by the gun of Rogers West, his 16 year old first cousin.

#### Car Costs \$7.70 a Week?

The average cost of owning and using an automobile is \$7.70 a week or \$4.00 a year, according to the estimate of A. R. Hirst, Wisconsin State Highway Engineer. This includes interest on the original investment, expenses for gasoline, repairs, depreciation, etc. The national auto bill this year will be three times as much as what will be spent on building new homes and apartment houses. Think of that, fellow citizens!

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