

Laws Could Add to Personal Comfort

By RING LARDNER

To the Editor: Here's a copy of the message I am sending to congress and maybe they might not dash it out to the papers so here's a copy of it:

To Congress: Well, ladies and gents, I realize it ain't customary for nobody only the president to send you boys a message but still and all they've got no body sending you one a specially a man that come as close to the white house as myself, and might of got all the way in if I hadn't of left Washington a few minutes before the Coolidges decided to make it a amusement park, at least judging from some of the birds that did get in I don't see how they could of barred this baby.

And besides if you boys is anything like our last congress a message will go just as big whether it comes from me or the president or the oula board, so anyway I am going to write and point out a few things that needs ten-sion.

Well, gents, you know the old gag that people that lives in a glass house shouldn't drink out of a bottle so the place to commence making reforms is right where you are at, namely the nation's capital, and I don't know no way you can make a better beginning than appoy a committee to attend all the ball games in Washington this season and find out if the home team is really playing their best.

And the next thing to do is to give the town Pullman telephone booths so a person can enjoy a nights rest while waiting for the wrong number and thus kill 2 birds with one nickel besides getting your shoes shined.

"Please use this rag to wipe your razor as one small cut destroys a towel."

"Guests without baggage 25 cts. extra for meals served in booth."

"Stop; have you anything left?"

Pass a bill providing for the president not to leave Washington during his incumbence as they are libel to run wild when they get away from home and go to gay Paree and buck the Tiger or something. Presidents, of course, like to travel because they get 10 cts. per mile which nets them about 2 cts. profit at the present rates minus the amusement tax on a upper but if they claim they can't get along without some such kind of a get rich quick scheme, why allow them a dime for every mile they stay on the fair-way and I guess by the end of 4 yrs they will have enough saved up to buy 1/2 interest in a milk chocolate.

I also wished you would put up the names of the different govt. bldgs. in big letters so as when a man is showing his Mrs. the town she won't act like she has him subpoenaed.

Borrow a 16 yr. old dependent child somewhere and give it to the bird that figured out the personal exemption allowance on the income tax and make him support it on \$200 a year.

Pass a rule to permit smoking in the senate and house so as you boys won't keep asking teacher if you can leave the rm.

So much for local legislation and now we come to matters that effects the whole U. S. States and the first thing to do is pass another amendment because it takes in both the 18th and 19th amendments to have this new amendment provide that Election Day is Kings X from prohibition so a man will have some place to hang around while the madam is spolling ballots.

Repeat the truants law so a person won't have to go all spring and fall without a caddy.

Repeat the law vs. the rabbit punch in boxing. This punch is a blow that lands at the base of a fighter's brain and it looks to me that the man that lands it instead of being disqualified ought to be given a sent in the hall of fame along with Columbus and Admiral Peary.

No 1/2 fare minded congress wants to show partiality towards either one of the 2 big govt. war schools so another sporting event that should ought to be held on the shelf is the service game. This saves them the trouble of getting rid of the fickers.

Pass a law vs. men wearing dinner clothes which don't benefit nobody but the Chicagoan. Or if it looks like there was too much opposition to abolishing this quaint custom all together, at least leave us have some govt. regulation so as, when you are called up and ast to dinner you won't have to go through no all day battle of the Marine deciding if you will or you won't.

Make some kind of a universal rule in regards to hats in co-ed elevators. The way it is now a man is all right if he stays in one town but the minute he goes visiting he is all wrong.

For inst. if you are in Chicago you keep your hat on unless the elevator is in a hotel or a department store. In N. Y. city you also take them off in a apt. bldg. providing the lady ain't your own wife or a relative. But in places like Washington you got to expose yourself in elevators, or all kinds and when I and the madam were on a sight-seeing trip to the different floors of office bldgs. I discovered I was the only gent in the car with a covered egg and felt even siffier than ever.

There is a few of the needed legis-tations, boys, and I wished you would find time to give them tension but I suppose you will be too busy monking with the words and music of a peace treaty with a country that knows, or at least has heard rumors, that we ain't been fighting them for 10 yrs.

An Evening With the Spirits

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To the Editor: The other P. M. they was a bunch of us up in Youkers talking about what terrible spirits you get around N. Y. now days and I of the birds in the party name Herb says he know where they was some beautiful spirits and wa said lead us to it and he look us down to 58 st. and 5 ave. and they was a doctor's name on the door and I said to myself this guy will probably give us a prescription that will knock us for a year. But the doc took us in a inside room and introduced us to a lady whom they all call Medie, witch I learn was short for Medium so you see the kind of spirits we got and the kind we thought we was going to get was 2 different kinds of spirits. Medie was a Medium rare blonde lady that could of lose 30 or 40 pounds and still talk back to Gene Tunney.

Well, profits soon Medie, and the doc and our party went into still another room, yet where they was about 20 other guests, mostly female that looked like the end of a perfect wash day. A alma mater of Oberlin college ast me to look at a kind of a close line that was stretched across the room and on it was a bunch of toys such as dolls and coddles and etc. witch Medie had told her was for the baby spirits to play with when they got cross.

We was all put around in a circle like Yale learning their signals in the 4th quarter. I set next to Jack and his Mrs. from Youkers and the rest of us skepticals was scattered around amidst the believers.

"Is there somebody here name R" says Medie so I says yes it was me. "This is Edward" says the spirit and Medie ast me if I had a brother Edward and I says yes. So Medie says "This is your brother Edward that was killed in a accident a long while ago wasn't he?" So I says yes 3 yrs ago. Then Edward said Hello there and I said hello Edward how are you and he said hello there and I couldn't refute it so he left the field with the last word and give his megaphone to a Irish comedian.

"Oh, here's Pat O'Brien" says the doc. "He is a funny Irishman that is with us every night, get his brogue.

So then Pat told a Irish story that died even longer ago than Edward, but you don't feel like razzing the spirit so everybody laughed the right amount.

Before the darkness had fell I had noticed a bird setting over to the left of me that was a countryman of Nora Holmer and now all of a sudden a spirit spoke to him in Norski and he answered back in the same strain and I never understood Norway before but as soon as these birds begin to talk I knew they was saying hello Knut hello there and etc. Pretty soon Medie turned to the live ski jumper and told him his mother was going to die. "She was all right the last time I seen her" says Ellert. "Well she is going to die" says Medie and personally I think she was right as Ellert was around 45 yrs. old and when a man gets that age their mother is seldom never trying out for the Vassar basket ball team.

"Here's a beautiful spirit, who does he want" says Medie next. "He says dear boy."

"Lots of people call me that" says Herb the guy that had brought us there at \$2.00 a crack.

"Yes it is your father and he says he was on the river once in a boat when he was a little boy and was saved from drowning and he says something about a dog. Did a dog ever swim out and save your father from drowning?"

"Well no" says Herb after a terrible pause. "But a dog barked and roused up the neighbors and they come to the rescue."

"There that's evidential" says the doc and several female voices says wonderful.

"Shish" says Medie. "Is there some one here that lost their wife?"

"I did" says Jack from Youkers.

"Hello sweetheart" says the spirit.

"Hello, Kate" says Jack.

"Hello sweetheart" says the spirit.

"She must of forgot my name" says Jack in my ear.

"She is a beautiful spirit" says Medie.

A long about this time, I got rest- less for a smoke and began rattling a cigarette paper and a few spirit whunged me on the knee cap with a megaphone and says what have you got there.

"That's Bright Eyes talking" says Medie. "She wants to know what you have got."

"Tell her I got a sore knee" I says. "Be serious" says Bright Eyes.

Well they was a lot more of them that give us all the latest news from Over There like hello dear and hello there and hello mummy and finally Medie came to and turned up the lights and we all shoved off to 68 st.

"Well" says Herb. "Did you have a brother that got killed 3 yrs. ago?"

"No" I says. "But I know a man that has a brother Edward that ought to of been killed 3 yrs. ago but what about that dog story?"

"Well" he says "Part of it is true. We use to have a dog once and he use to bark."

CORINTH ITEMS

Master Junius Stephens has been very ill this week, but after having his ears lanced seems to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hubert Coss have just left Corinth for Fayetteville, where he is employed by the Carolina Light and Power Company.

The people of this community were very busy during the pretty weather hauling pulp wood and cedar. Some of them got more for a few loads of cedar than they made from their whole cotton crop.

Mr. S. V. Stephens of Broadway is clearing a site here for a planing mill, which is to be installed immediately. He is also to put in two saw mills just across Cape Fear river to cut a large tract of timber on the McCoy's quarter. We understand Mr. Stephens will purchase lumber from other mills in this vicinity. All told, this will mean a good pay roll and considerable money brought into this section.

tion. We are glad to say that little Sadie Marie Dickens, who has been quite ill with tonsillitis and cold, is much improved.

We have just learned that our own Mr. Will Harrington will run for the legislature. We are glad to have so worthy a citizen in our community and hope him success.

Mr. James Cross is to represent the Moncure high school in the oratorical contest among the high schools of Chatham county for the \$25 prize to be given. We hope this youngster wins the prize.

We are glad to note that Mr. H. R. Dickens is back after about six months' stay at the State Sanatorium. He has been there on a rest cure and for observation and treatment for lung trouble. All wish him a complete and speedy recovery. He is looking stout and well.

The school house here that was sacrificed, or thrown away, by the county had been partitioned off and prepared for dwelling quarters, and is partly occupied by Mr. Spivey and family.

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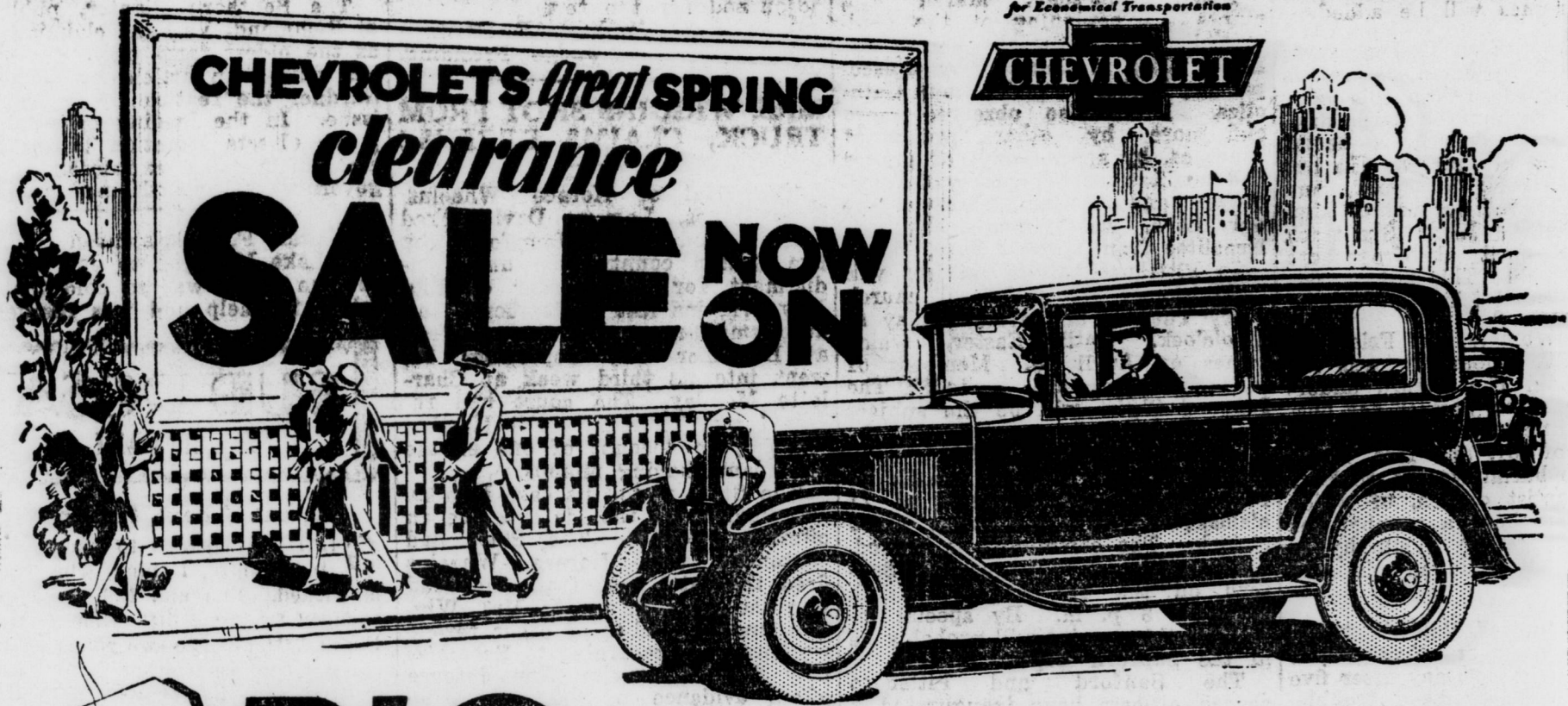
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