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It Writes Its Own Piece

Whatever one's views upon the wisdom of writing prohibition into the fundamental law of the land; whatever one's views about the repeal of that "experiment noble in motive," and whatever one's views as to the best method of handling the liquor question, there is hardly any argument that the teaching of temperance is much to be desired.

The argument that the prohibition amendment infringed upon personal liberty was foremost when the repeal movement was in full swing. There was considerable argument, and not entirely without foundation, that prohibition had failed to prohibit and that racketeering, kidnapping and other form of crime had increased and, in fact, were an outgrowth of prohibition. The question before the intelligent voter was which method of attempted liquor control was the better.

Arthur G. Staples, veteran editor of the Leviston (Maine) Evening Journal, printed a somewhat humorous letter, which antedates repeal, from a correspondent who seemed to have taken some offense at the editor's "opinion on the duty of good people to obey the law."

The letter, which presents the personal liberty theme, follows:

To the Editor:

You seem to take a good deal of delight in telling other people how to live and perhaps that is your business, but it seems to me that you exceed your duty when you arrogate to yourself the right to inform all of those who may happen to enjoy an occasional drink of "Scotch" on occasions.

I have been presented a fine bottle of Scotch whiskey for Christmas and it is before me as I sit at my typewriter and indite this letter to you. It bears the label of Sandy MacDonald—a good, fair, well-bodied liquor which I am assured was bought before the war and has been in my friend's cellar ever since. What right has any form of Law to make me a criminal if I partake of this gift as it was intended that I do by the giver?

I claim that any such law is an invasion of my personal liberty. I notice that you have referred often in your excellent column to the so-called Bill of Rights which secures to all men and women certain inalienable rights to their personal liberty, which, as you say, are not inconsistent with the right of others. How do you reconcile your statements?

I have just tasted of this bottle of liquor, I will confide to you, and I cannot see where I am invading the rights of any other person on earth. I find it excellent. It warms my stomach; it inspires my thought. I cannot feel, Mr. Editor, that I have wronged the community or added to the lawlessness of the general society in so doing. It makes me tired to be classed as a criminal for any such occasion, and I notify you that before long there will be a revolt against the sort of stuff you are writing.

Just to show my independence of such truck as you are writing I have taken another drink of the aforesaid most jubilant Sandy MacDonald, and I will say to you that it is about as smooth a drink as a Criminal ever put into his system. The second drink, which I shall soon follow by a third, makes me more certain that those who feel their systems require stimulant, should band together; organize and start a campaign to floor this Volstead business if it can be done.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am no bum and you can't make me a bum. I like a little drink now and then and I have taken a third or maybe it is a fourth and I am more than ever convinced that any man that doesn't is a big idiot. You say that this evasion of the law is productive a state of affairs in our Great and Glorious Country. You are wrong. This country is just as good as it ever was and I will leave it to you if it wasn't, when we had free rum.

I want to say to you that this S-citch is all right. A lot of it would't do us harm. When we need stimulant we need it. My grandfather was brought up on rum. They had it the house all the time. They drank it freely and even the minister drank it when he came to our house. It's a pretty kind of a country when a gardson is better than his gunfaher. I can drink this sort of Scotch all day and not be no worse a citizen than I was before. I could drink this whole quater and nager quibber an etelash.

But whay I wneat o f yiu is to remund yiu oner agaisian abd agnain thqt you arw dead wronh ib consenfeng evert bony whu drinls as a bounh. We ain't crilals.

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Willie B. Fuller
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Justified Charges

The service charges which are now in effect in the banking institutions of North Wilkesboro are not unreasonable and are justified.

The banks are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, guaranteeing to all depositors a full payment of their deposits up to \$2,500. This is an item of expense not incurred by the banks prior to January 1.

The national administration found a serious banking problem on its hands in March of last year. Banks were being closed in the faces of depositors who sought to withdraw their life's savings. That such a condition might not arise again, President Roosevelt asked for and got legislation designed to prevent depositors from such losses. That this protection should be paid for is not unreasonable. When one takes out life insurance or insures his property against fire, theft, tornado, etc. he expects to pay for it. Therefore, when he puts money in the banks and desires absolute protection, he should not kick at a reasonable service charge.

The new program of banking is designed to allow the banks a fair profit for their services, to protect the depositor and to guarantee the community continued banking service. It is the most forward-looking step in recent banking history.

Friendship

What constitutes friendship and what it means have furnished subjects for many beautiful essays and poems. To this line of thought, Don Marquis, more often thought of as a leading humorist, gives his ideas in the April issue of the American Magazine.

One paragraph of his article gives a side of friendship that is often overlooked. Says he: "Many of my friends are far more friendly when all is fair weather with me. This is natural, and carries no reproach with it. When one is successful and happy he radiates an atmosphere which is attractive. When he has permitted a defeat, or a success, to make him glum, people get fed up on him, and rightly. In friendship, as in other relationships, you take out what you put in."

Did you ever think of friendship in that light? Did you ever realize that you alone are responsible for the attitude of others toward you? Think it over.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

CONFESSING AND FOLLOWING CHRIST
Lesson for April 1st. Matt. 16:13-26. Golden Text: Matthew 16:16.

Our first lesson in the Second Quarter, assigned for Easter Sunday, deals with an episode of very critical importance, the confession of Peter at Caesarea Philippi. For we have reason to believe that here Jesus revealed His Messiahship to His disciples for the first time, and that here they first acknowledged it.

Now there is one verse, the famous 18th, around which the fires of controversy have raged fiercely. What did Jesus mean by "this rock"? Did He mean Himself? Did He mean Peter, as the Church of Rome insists, or Peter's confession, as many Protestants contend? We shall never know. But whatever the Master had in mind at the moment He spoke these thrilling words, we can safely identify the rock upon which the church is founded with all three of the supports just mentioned. Christ is a rock, the chief corner-stone of the Beloved Community; Peter, the intrepid leader of the twelve, is a rock. And Peter's noble confession is also a rock, a Gibraltar standing foursquare against all the winds that blow.

And because the church is built upon so impressive a rock, "the might of Hades shall not triumph over it." Many deny this. Pessimists are abroad in the land inspiring a defeatist attitude. Magazine articles have recently appeared declaring that the churches are bankrupt, that they are failing to take care of their poor, and that 20,000 preachers are looking for a job. An elaborate report, just off the press, asserts that there are, in this country, at least 85,000 feeble churches unable to command the full-time services of a minister.

All this makes people suspect that the church of Christ is doomed. Both the working classes and the intelligentsia have little use for organized religion. But there is certainly a sizeable "remnant," to use a favorite word of Isaiah, who are deeply devoted to the household of faith, and will enable it to weather the present crisis.

Now we know what the difference between Manchukuo and the United States is. When an American postmaster's hat wouldn't fit in his car, he got a new car. When the emperor of Manchukuo's hat wouldn't fit in his car, he lowered the seat.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Those dull thuds you hear these days are the bootleggers kicking themselves for not having the sense to call it "blending" instead of cutting.—Judge.

The liquor-consuming public has strong objections to paying unreasonable prices for poor liquor except when it's illegal.—Southern Lumberman.

This Week In Washington

Washington, March 27. (Auto-caster)—The labor question is at the top in Washington's official problems as this is written. A great deal hinges on the outcome of the union situation in the automobile industry. It is not yet clear whether the Administration intends to back up the American Federation of Labor, which has shrewdly taken the best possible advantage of the provision for collective bargaining in the National Recovery Act, or whether it will content itself merely with seeing to it that organizations of employees are not dominated by their employers.

The Federation is engaged in a vigorous attempt to establish the principle that no union is a good union unless it is an A.F.L. union. Employees in many industries have organized their own unions. In every case the Federation has set up the claim that these "company" unions do not give the employees the right to choose their own spokesmen for bargaining purposes with their employers. In some instances they are doubtless right. In other instances they have been able to get a few hotheads, discontented and dismissed employees to set up the claim that they have been discriminated against.

General Johnson, administrator of N.R.A., has accepted the company union in one of the most important cases, in which he is satisfied the employers kept their hands off and still the workers voted to organize inside the company. That doesn't please the Federation, which wants its own men to act as employees' spokesmen.

Usual Labor Reaction

One result of this situation is a larger number of strikes, and larger strikes, than have been known for many years. Some of the cooler heads in Washington regard this strike situation calmly. They point out that every period of recovery from past depressions has been marked by labor strikes and disturbances.

Any revival in business looks like a good time for workers to demand a bigger slice of the presumptive profits. So, these experienced oldsters say, the recovery must be under way, else these labor leaders would not be making such a disturbance.

It seems pretty clear from the point of view of Washington that recovery is progressing, not steadily but by fits and starts. March has been a better month than February was, so far. The outlook for April is even better. But there is nothing clear yet as to how things will be going in May and June, and some new doses of inflationary stimulant, in one form or another, may be necessary before Summer is well under way. The Administration has still a good many medicines in its saddle-bags that haven't been tried on the patient yet.

Capital for Industry

There seems little doubt that some form of legislation permitting "capital loans" to industry, from R.F.C. funds in part and in part by authority to Federal Reserve Banks to rediscount long-time paper, running three to five years, will be enacted before Congress adjourns.

What is holding back industry is shortage of capital funds. Those are usually raised, in normal times, by new stock and bond issues. Under the Securities Act private capital is afraid to invest and corporations are afraid to offer new securities. Commercial banks cannot and should not make long-term loans.

So the Government must come to the rescue in a new direction, and in addition to providing for these long-term loans the expectation is that there will be some changes in the Securities Act to enable the obtaining of capital funds from the huge reserves of private capital which is anxious to find investment in industry but has been hampered in doing so.

Cabinet Changes Rumored

Washington gossip has it that at least three members of the Cabinet may be replaced before long. The feeling that Secretary Dern of the War Department is letting the generals run things is said to be worrying the President. There is a growing belief that the attorney-general, Homer Cummings, is too easy-going and too easily influenced into hasty action. And even in the President's own intimate circle a great deal of dissatisfaction is being expressed about the Postmaster General, Mr. Farley. This is to some extent based upon the feeling that he put the President in a hole on the air-mail matter and let it develop so that the blame

is on the President instead of on Farley. And the air-mail situation is still a major topic of interest here.

Nobody knows just who Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, famous war-time "ace" aviator, had in mind when he denounced the "traitorous advisers" of the President in his statement before the Senate committee investigating the air mail, but it is certain that the unanimity of his attitude and those of Col. Lindbergh and Clarence Chamberlain have had a great effect upon public and official sentiment.

Beyond question, those on the inside say, the air-mails will speedily be turned back to the people who know how and are equipped to fly them, and there will be a sweeping reorganization of the military flying forces. The weakness of the Army aviation system, under which aviators get only about four hours flying a month, against 90 hours for commercial aviators, lies in the economy urge which impels the department heads to inquire why so much gasoline was used.

"Flash" Campaign On
It looks from here as if political opposition were beginning to take organized shape. A group calling itself the "Republican Builders," financed by nobody knows who, but directed by a very able newspaper man, Julian Mason, formerly editor of the New York Evening Post, is conducting an active propaganda campaign to crystallize opposition sentiment. How far it will get nobody can guess as yet, but it is evidence that the political campaign of 1936 has begun.

BURKE COUNTY GIRL SUCCUMBS TO BURNS

Morganton, March 26.—Harriet Jean Absher, six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Absher of Enola, Burke county, died about noon today in Grace hospital from burns received Saturday.

When her mother went out of the house, Jean, was standing near a fireplace. Her dress became ignited and she rushed screaming from the house. Her mother tore off her dress and rushed her to the hospital.

She is survived by her parents, three half brothers and one half sister. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at Pleasant Hill Baptist church.

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