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### FIXING RAILROAD VALUATION EXPENSIVE.

Considering the growing cost of national government functioning, it is interesting to remember that twelve years have been spent up to date in the effort to fix a valuation on the railroads of the country. In that time, according to figures obtained from the Presidents' Conference Committee on the Federal Valuation of Railroads in the United States, a grand total of one hundred and ten millions of dollars has been spent. At the same time we learn the commission expects to complete the "primary valuation" sometime in 1928. Presumably then the real work will begin.

The Interstate Commerce Commission in this twelve years has reached 682 valuations, 133 of them for final figures covering approximately one-half the mileage of the country, and only a few of the final valuations are on the larger roads. Surely the Interstate Commerce Commission, like Providence, moves in a mysterious way its wonders to perform. Let us be cheerful of heart, however. If statistical calculations may be relied on, there is quite a possibility of this work being finished in another twelve, or with unforeseen complications arising, possibly twenty years, and the expenditure ought to be more than two or three hundred millions of dollars in addition to the hundred and ten millions already sunk.

Those whose political memories run back as far as 1913 will recall that the agitation which resulted in the valuation act was stimulated by one of our periodic waves of public demand that if the government ever was to take over the roads then the government should have reliable figures as the basis of bargaining or confiscation. Of course the Gilbertian phase of the situation lies in the fact that when the figures have been reached, the value of the roads will have changed. Positively there is no escaping evolution.

### A THOUGHT ON PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT.

Advocates of modification of the Volstead law, and even enforcement officials high in the Administration, advance the fact that wholesale violations of the liquor law are the order of the day, and give some glaring figures to prove their point. But have they given thought to the fact that the Eighteenth Amendment gives rise to the most sweeping nation-wide criminal law enforcement duties ever founded upon Constitutional enactment? The number of violations is large, but probably no larger than that of many other law violations of greater or less degree. Suppose, for example, that traffic law violation, burglary, hold-ups, murder, assault and battery, child neglect, and all the host of other crimes and misdemeanors were handled by the Federal Government instead of by states and local political units. We would see statistics that would raise the hair of the nation!

Is it not, after all, the fact that Prohibition enforcement comes largely from Washington—hence computed on a national scale—that renders the figures so appalling? Evidently there is something in it.

It is not to deny any assertions made of the restraints, the inequalities or the doubtful wisdom of this piece of sumptuary legislation, which have been advanced with some semblance of merit from certain quarters, that we raise the question. But figures alone do not necessarily give cause for alarm. Only when considered in respect to the magnitude of the problem and its relation and comparison with similar or contrasted conditions can we base a just and reasonable conclusion as to merits of an established cause.

### IS STRIFE PSYCHOLOGICAL?

How many of the so-called troubles of the world are psychological conditions? War, strikes, domestic strife, and many of the law suits undoubtedly come within the category. One person, one faction or one nation gets "a chip on the shoulder" or gets "all het up" about something, and then "hates to give in." Of course, in some cases there are questions of honor or of property and personal rights involved which the whole world recognizes as just, and about which there is no discussion. In many instances, however, it is pride, stubbornness and a woeful lack of understanding that precipitates strife; and much of the world has forgotten that genuine virtue, spiritually conceived, consists in "turning to him the other (cheek) also." This is bitter medicine for most of us to take, but it is well to remember that a good purging of the mentality acts also as a healing balm to the soul.

We'd hate to be the sheriff of that World Court.

A right-thinking man is seldom left unthought of.

If you take up genuine religion, it will take you up.

After all, who ever cashes in on a million dollar rain?

The drug stores run the banks a close race for women's savings.

Regarding some, we say they married for love; others, for he love of Mike!

It takes courage to look into the face of a man; sacrifice to look only at the face of the modern woman.

The Charleston dance is nothing but youth shaking the dust off its feet at our demands for reform.

If the Filipinos would come over and study our brand of freedom, maybe they wouldn't be so keen for independence.

## THE POLK COUNTY NEWS WEEKLY CARTOON

### TIMES HAVE CHANGED

By A. B. CHAPIN



### TODAY



### Judge's Joke

WOMEN KIN' ROLL DOWN THEIR SOCKS—BUT ROLL IN' UP THEIR SLEEVES. GETS SOMETHIN' DONE!



A baby show was held in Cleveland and the winning baby was not announced for a week later. We suppose that was to allow the judges ample time to take refuge in Canada.

Zeb Jones was visiting his old colored friend, Zeke Turner, at a hospital in his native southern town, and on entering the hospital he encountered one of the nurses to whom he directed this inquiry: "Is my old friend Zeke Turner in dis hospital?" "Yes," replied the nurse. "How is he gittin' on?" "Very nicely. He's convalescing now."

"U-huh! Very well, ah won't disturb him; ah'll just wait here until he gets through."

Raise the Ante, Auntie!  
Old lady to fighting youngsters: "If you boys will stop fighting, I'll give you each a nickel."  
"Not me! I'm after a dime now."

A noted educator says that girls are just big grown-up dolls. Some of them even cry Papa and Mamma when you squeeze them!

Most untrue husbands have blue eyes, which gradually turn to dark blue and even black when they are found out.

A Fair Warnin'!  
"Begorra, Pat, an don't yer be talkin' back to me, because sure an I jes got through a tidyin' up the house!"

Pretty Soft.  
"My ole man he done got de softest job in de whole factory, he hab!"  
"What does your ole man done do?"  
"He done test all de mattresses dey manufactur!"

Correct, Sit Down.  
A group of townspeople were visiting the school and naturally the teacher wanted to show off her pupils.  
"What did Samson slay the Philistines with?" she asked.  
"A bone," shouted one.  
"The bone of a what?"  
As no answer was forthcoming she raised her hand to her face and slyly tapped her jaw.  
"Jawbone of an ass!" they cried.

Iowa Wants Better Roads  
Business men of Omaha have decided to organize in an effort to cooperate with Iowa civic organizations in a campaign to gravel or pave the Lincoln highway in western Iowa. The public highways committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to work with a similar committee from Council Bluffs. The worst section on the Lincoln highway at present is said to be that stretch of dirt road in Harrison and Pottawattamie counties, Iowa.

### HOW

NATURE MAKES PROVISION FOR TRAVELS OF SAP.—How the water gets uphill in the trunks and stems of trees and plants has long been a sore puzzle to scientists. Several theories have been proposed, none of them very satisfactory. Until recently the one most commonly favored was known as the theory of "capillarity," which assumed that the water rose in a stem much as oil rises in a wick, through the natural tendency of liquids to climb up in narrow tubes and crevices. The trouble was, however, that ordinary capillary attraction could not raise water high enough or fast enough to account for all the losses through evaporation and use within the plant. Then there was another theory that took into account a supposed pumping action by the roots, or a so-called "foot pressure." This theory, however, was always very vague, and even those who claimed to understand it could not explain it very convincingly. A comparatively recent development is a theory that seems to explain the phenomenon, and at the same time to be free from the objections that have overthrown the earlier ideas. This theory is largely the outcome of experiments by a British scientist, Professor Dixon. He found that by sealing a column of water in a glass tube and using appropriate experimental means, he could make the water carry a considerable weight without breaking. Ordinarily, of course, we think of a stream of water as a thing as unstable as a rope of sand, but the trick seems to lie in getting rid of all the air; for when this was done the water column could support a strain of several hundreds of pounds per square inch. This is exactly the condition we find in the stems of plants.

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## Our Neighbors

**Green's Creek.**  
We regret to report numerous deaths among our old people in this and adjacent townships during the last few weeks.

**Mill Spring Route.**  
We are certainly having weather now. The farmers of it, as they are preparing crops for the coming year.

Mr. John Womack and Forest City were the cause of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Womack, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whitehead and their three little children, being a few weeks with Mr. Whitehead's father, E. M. Whitehead.

Mrs. W. W. Womack has very bad headache. We say she is better.

W. E. Elliott and family spent day in Columbus with his Davis Elliott.

Mr. Elmer Simpson, pastor Methodist Church, preached interesting sermon Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Gibbs was the sister, Mrs. T. L. Womack day.

Miss Ellen Edwards spent at the home of her friend, Dalton.

Lebanon School enjoyed Bears' Den Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot motored Columbus Saturday.

Miss Maude Womack, Hill Crest, spent the week her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Womack.

Miss Marie Campiche week-end with her mother, Campiche, of Biltmore.

Mr. Frank Edwards and the recent visitors of Mrs. Womack.

Mrs. W. W. Womack, who ill for the past week, has considerably.

Mr. Fred Womack, who confined to his home on small pox, has recovered.

Small pox has been raging vicinity for some time, but cases have been reported.

Mr. Joe Edwards and Monday in Asheville.

Mr. J. C. Powell and Powell motored to Columbia business trip Monday.

Among the recent visitors were Mr. Oliver Wilson and of Fairview, N. C.

Mr. Benson Edwards has purchased a new Dodge.

A beautiful bridge has been constructed on Walnut Creek under supervision of Mr. Gambel.

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