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MORNING TONIC

(Orner F. Hershey.) You say that the essence of all government is coercion, force, and so it is; and that is why philosophers contend that those governments govern best which govern least.

UNCLE WALT MASON

METEOROLOGICAL

The weather seer predicts a freeze: "Tomorrow 'twill be snowing; and forty kinds of arctic breeze like blitzen will be blowing." Tomorrow I had planned to go to visit sundry nieces, but this bleak prophecy of snow has knocked my plans to pieces.

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CUTTING DOWN EGG PRICES.

The United States government is going after the food speculators in a manner that is extremely heartening to the people.

The government investigations have brought out the fact that eggs bought at seventeen or eighteen cents a dozen in the summer and placed in storage have sold in New York for over twice that amount and that in no case was a profit of more than two or three cents a dozen made on them.

There is great freedom of action in this country and rightly so, but repeated sales of a large quantity of food products on a speculative basis seems sufficiently prejudicial to a safe and fair public policy to be placed under a legal ban.

It is reassuring to consumers that government agents are busy trying to find some way to prevent the unnatural trade processes which are so costly to the people.

A very valuable suggestion also has been made by Mr. W. J. Shuford, a member of the State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Shuford says North Carolina folks must do some storing of eggs and not let the egg kings of the great population centers do it all.

Here is a great opportunity for some fair-minded, benevolently disposed North Carolina capitalist, and we have a feeling that most North Carolina capitalists are that kind.

This will cut into the profits of the farmers somewhat, but the plan is proposed by one of the State's leading farmers and even with the storage facilities the probabilities are that eggs will be high enough to yield a fair profit to the farmer.

In the meantime there is nothing to do with reference to the high price of eggs but what nearly all except the rich are being forced to do, that is, do without them. This policy lowers the price as is shown by the outcome in Richmond where a boycott by the Housewives' League resulted in a reduction in price of two cents a dozen in a single day.

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It has no business throwing cold water on the plans of the Texas Board of Agriculture in this way. Rabbit meat is fine. The only trouble is that the country is being cleared so fast and old fields are being placed under cultivation on such a big scale to meet the growing demand for other foods than rabbit meat that rabbit prospects cannot be said to be encouraging.

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AS TO SWEARING.

A well known syndicate writer wants to halt profanity. We do not blame him, for if the grift that Burns wished for humanity were given there would be less profanity.

The syndicate writer accounts for swearing in part with these words: "The profane person uses oaths because he cannot express his feelings in proper words. If he knew the art of speech he would never swear."

This is true in perhaps the majority of cases. But there is a good deal of swearing indulged in by persons who can express their feelings in good English but have not taken the trouble to break themselves of a habit formed when their vocabulary was less extensive or before they had formed practical views of what is seemly in speech.

The profane swearer will pass out of polite society eventually just as the tippler has done.

FIRE HIM!

One of the troubles with the country is that too much money is spent on freak professors. For instance, New York University has a professor who is said to have devoted considerable time and effort in research work on the problem of "Can a woman be a friend, and if not, why not?"

"She cannot be a friend," the professor announces, "for although the word is given in both genders, the fact alone is masculine. The reason for this state of unfriendliness in woman is that to be a friend a clean cut personality and a disinterested outlook on life are required. Woman lacks both of these. Woman is never a friend because she is never an individual, and to be an individual, one must stand alone. Woman is a planet—a satellite—well adapted to revolving around some centre, but not organized so as to stand alone."

Think of a high-salaried man using his time and thought turning out nonsense like that! He ought to be fired and his salary divided among the scrub-women of New York.

It would seem that now is a good time to get the Kaiser interested in peace.

There is so much red tape about buying the permissible quart of liquor in Virginia that the cost is now in the neighborhood of \$1.50 instead of \$1.00 as formerly. This is one case where red tape is not objectionable.

We congratulate Wilmington on its live, energetic housewives' league. This organization is making itself felt. Every community ought to have its housewives league. And by the way this shows again how important woman is in the economic structure.

"SPIRIT OF THE PRESS"

The Drug Habit.

The reported marked increase of the drug habit throughout the country is a matter for grave concern, but the increase of child addicts is deplorable. This is not an encouraging outcome of a crusade that has been prosecuted with such official vigor. If it is not possible to cope more adequately with the evil among adults, certainly every effort should be made to eradicate it among children.

Greensboro and That Hotel.

Wilmington Star. Greensboro wants a new hotel on metropolitan lines, but the question is whether Greensboro wants it bad enough to build it herself or whether she wants somebody else to come along and supply the Gate City's hotel wants. Like some of the rest of us, Greensboro may imagine that she wants something to such an extent that she hopes somebody will come along and want to supply the city with what it thinks it has wanted all this time.

Other Church Recruits.

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Greensboro College for Women.

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EMPHATIC REPORT ON PROHIBITION

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trans, J. H. Hall and D. H. Tuttle voiced opposition to the motion designed to divert from orderly channels money for purposes other than expressly set forth.

Challenging the cause for the board of directors, Editor L. S. Massey took the floor and frankly told the conference that unless some substantial assistance was offered stock might as well be offered for par and the corporation dissolved. "I have no pet scheme to cram down your throats," suggested the preacher-editor, "and I want nothing but harmonious action of this body." But he inquired was it fair, and just that the few business men that had financed The Advocate again plank down the \$2,000 to insure the life of the publication. He said the production of The Advocate was not a business proposition.

"Violation Spiritual Truth"

D. H. Tuttle vigorously protested the passage of the resolution burdening the four boards of the conference with an additional tax. "We would violate a spiritual truth" he stated as he described the unwise suggestion of taking money from Peter to pay Paul. "We have lost another splendid Sunday School man because the board has been unable to pay the salary offered by another conference," and \$400 would intensify this hampered condition. He deemed it unfortunate that departments were conducted in The Advocate weekly—suggesting monthly installments, thus reducing the dimensions of the paper.

Committee Appointed.

President W. P. Few, of Trinity College, halted the long strung-out debate when he resolved that Bishop Kilgo appoint a committee of seven to counsel over the paper exigency. The personnel is: W. P. Few, J. M. Daniel, M. Bradshaw, L. S. Massey, M. T. Plyler, J. F. Bruton and Joseph G. Brown.

Temperance Resolutions Adopted.

The conference adopted the resolution of the temperance force to memorialize the United States Congress and the North Carolina General Assembly for a tightening-up of the liquor laws. National constitutional prohibition is the definite program agreed upon as sought from Congress and the enactment of law prohibitive of trans-shipment of whiskey literature through the mails. R. L. Davis was instructed to present the measure in Washington. Cider, wine and proprietary medicines were paid respects in the document adopted by the conference. This particular paragraph reads:

Wine and Cider to Be Banned.

"There is special need also of State legislation. Our State laws allow the sale of wine and hard cider which is not allowed by the State of Virginia. It also allows the delivery and receipt of whiskey and beer and the advertising of liquor on bill boards and otherwise. It does not prohibit public drinking or public drunkenness, nor does it prohibit persons from possessing liquor for personal use, or clubs from storing it. The Supreme Court of the State, in a recent decision, has held that the State cannot confiscate property used for the illegal transfer of liquor unless the lien on that property is first satisfied. This virtually nullifies the law calling for the destruction of automobiles used in hauling liquor.

Proprietary Medicines—Beverages.

"Your committee desires to call your attention to the fact that many proprietary medicines such as beef, wine and iron, Mrs. Joe Benson's Remedy, and numerous bitters; also extracts such as lemon and vanilla, and Jamaica ginger are being used as beverages and are producing drunkenness. These things ought not to be so used."

General Assembly Memorialized.

The General Assembly was memorialized to obtain relief from such usage by legislative enactment. The temperance resolution was read by B. C. Beaman, of Henderson, and R. L. Davis made certain explanations. The next biennial session of the Anti-Saloon League will meet in Raleigh the middle of January.

Preachers Chosen Deacons.

Question 10—"What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" was called—H. I. Glass, Harry Bell Hill, Ethelbert Hill, A. Swindell Parker, Richard Floyd Hill, A. William Graham, Lewis John Armstrong Russell, Lauder Beaman Pritchard, William Jordan Covington, Marvin Bascom Cox.

Question 9—"Who are deacons of one year?"—Hubbard Braxton Porter, Ernest Creasey Durham, William Albert Cade, William Floyd Traiwick, Daniel Lane, Jr., James Herbert Miller, James Allen Morris.

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OPEN SEASON



—Lynch in Rocky Mountain News.

according to Dr. Tucker, has not retarded the increased adoption of the word.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS, JR., A VICE PRESIDENT OF YOUNG MEN'S LEAGUE

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 8.—Josephus Daniels, Jr., of Raleigh, was elected a vice-president of the National Young Men's Democratic League at its annual meeting here tonight. Frank D. Shelley, of New York, was elected president and William F. McCombs was made chairman of the advisory committee. Letters from President Wilson and Mr. McCormick thanking the organization for its campaign work were read at the meeting.

LEE DOCTORS ENDORSE LIFE EXTENSION WORK

The Lee County Medical Society last night endorsed the principle of the Life Extension Work through periodic medical examinations just announced as a new feature of the work of the State Board of Health. Dr. Amos J. Ellington, of the State Board of Health, appeared before the society in its meeting at Sanford and presented the scheme and scope of the new health unit.

Work at The Cape.

New Bern, Dec. 8.—Information reaches New Bern from Morehead City to the effect that the work now being done toward the construction of the giant breakwater at the Harbor of Refuge, near Cape Lookout, is progressing rapidly, weather conditions favoring the contractors who are losing no time whatsoever in dumping thousands of tons of rock there each day. The engineers who are in charge of this task, declare that at the present time they are far ahead of their contract and that they will probably complete the work months ahead of the time specified.

The breakwater is now showing away above the water at a number of points.

ORDNANCE BUREAU CHIEF GOES TO SEA

Washington, Dec. 8.—Capt. Joseph Strauss, for three years chief of the Navy's Ordnance Bureau with rank of rear admiral, has been relieved of that duty at his own request so that he may go to sea. He probably will be assigned to command one of the new dreadnaughts. Secretary Daniels acceded to the request because Captain Strauss, who is the navy's principal ordnance expert, has been kept ashore so continuously that he is short of the sea service record required for advancement under the new selection system of promotions.

Captain Strauss is a Virginian, appointed to the Naval Academy in 1881. He was appointed chief of ordnance in 1913. He is a recognized international authority on explosives and ordnance and under his direction the navy has designed the largest gun ever projected for naval use, the 16-inch 50-calibre weapon to be used on the capital ships authorized for the coming year.

The transfer probably will become effective about the first of the new year. Capt. Volney O. Chase, now assistant to the chief of operations, probably will be selected as the new head of the Bureau of Ordnance.

Mrs. J. O. Hagwood Dies at Hospital.

Mrs. J. O. Hagwood, who lived several miles from Raleigh, died last night in Rex Hospital after an illness of only a few weeks.

Bavarian Ministers Resign.

London, Dec. 8.—"According to a Berlin despatch to Dutch newspapers," says Reuters Amsterdam correspondent, "three Bavarian ministers have resigned—Minister of the Interior Baron von Soden-Fraunhofen, Minister of War, Baron Kress von Kressenstein, and President von Brotschneider, of the council of ministers. Baron von Kressenstein has been reappointed commander of the sixth corps of the Bavarian cavalry. The cavalry general, Baron von Stendel, has been appointed war minister."



How To Lift Life Above the Commonplace.

Uplift Talks By Orison Sweet Marden.

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When the movement for woman's enfranchisement was defeated in the New York State Legislature, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, at a great suffrage meeting, said, "It is forty years this spring since I began to work for suffrage. For the greater part of that time I have given my life to it. If I should be born again and it needed me I should do it all over again."

Nothing bigger can come to a human being than to love a great cause more than life itself and to have the privilege throughout life of working for the cause. What splendid enthusiasm and youthful vigor of ideals in a woman in her 70th year! What a contrast to the spirit of some of our young people today—the blasé, the nerveless, the indifferent!

This heroic worker for suffrage actually took a great defeat as a great victory. With the faith and enthusiasm of the prophets and martyrs of old, she knows that her cause will ultimately triumph. Her ideal grows brighter with the years, her purpose to realize it more determined.

It is nothing unusual to see men and women rise serenely above defeat or go through the torture of fearful trials and losses for years and still remain calm, unruined, serene, simply because they are sustained by a mighty principle, buoyed up by a great inflexible purpose.

Men and women have gone to prison, to the stake, the gallows as calmly and serenely as if taking a pleasant journey, because their souls were buttressed by a principle so much greater, so much more powerful than the trouble they were passing through, that they were not materially affected by it.

On the other hand, when a person lacks an inspiring purpose, or is not sustained by divine principle, he goes all to pieces over the least little trouble or sorrow that comes to him. He is crushed by defeat.

Some one has said that "they who have no central purpose in their life fall an easy prey to fear, worry, troubles and self-pity, all of which are indications of weakness which leads, just as surely as deliberately planned sin, to failure, unhappiness and loss, for weakness cannot exist in a power-evolving universe."

The thing that grades human beings is the difference in their sense of life's responsibility. The person who does not feel that there is any special significance in his being on the earth, the man or woman who is indifferent to what his or her life means, or ought to mean, will never amount to much.

The sense of an infinite purpose pervading the universe characterizes those who do the big things in the world. The great majority, however, seem to think that they are at liberty to do anything they see fit with their lives; that life is a present to them without any obligation on their part to use it for other than purely selfish ends. But the fact is our lives have not only a profound meaning, but they involve certain duties and obligations. We were put here to play a divine part in the great universal scheme. Our parts are marked "not transferable." We play them, or they are left out and the performance of the great world drama is defective, incomplete, to that extent.

It is the men who believe steadfastly in something in particular, who ally themselves with a great moral movement; men who have strong and vigorous convictions of some kind who form the bulwarks of civilization. The weaklings are those who are not actuated by an inspiring purpose; who have no strong convictions on any subject. They have no very strong religious faith, no strong political convictions, no decided moral convictions. They drift along with the tide, easily, indifferently, always following the line of least resistance.

If you do not have a definite aim, a high all-absorbing purpose in life, you are not really living, you are only existing. You are not playing the part assigned you as a man or a woman until you live for an ideal, for the sake of the great forward world movement. You are here to contribute your share to the betterment of the race. You have a message for the world. Why not deliver it?