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Disgusting
That persons should be so low as to racketeer among the aged and needy people is disgusting, to say the least.

The poor, and easily misled aged people have heard of old age pensions until their hopes have arisen to remarkable heights. Many think that after they reach the age of 65, or if they have already passed that milestone, that a pension will be waiting for them or is already on the way.

In that state of mind they are easily misled by persons who tell them that for a certain amount they will assist them in getting the pension. Anxious to be among those who receive a check monthly they will give the last dollar that is between them and desperate want to the shyster who promises to help them secure a pension or help "change the laws" that provide aid so they will get their share.

With the desire to be of maximum service to our readers, The Journal-Patriot again passes on word from the highest authority in the state that no contribution or fee should be paid to anyone.

If you as a citizen want to do a favor for your aged neighbors, tell them not to pay anything to anyone who promises to help them get a "pension." The authorities who pass upon applications for old age assistance, we believe, will consider the need of the applicant for funds with which to provide for the bare necessities of life, and that old age assistance will be put out on that basis and in line with the rules for eligibility.

The Average Man

We have heard a great deal about the average man, but we have never met him. All the men we know are above or below the average in some particular or other. We are beginning to believe that "there ain't no such animal" as the average man. He exists, if he exists, between the pages of the vast volume of statistical computations and reports which we pay the great army of government clerks to figure up every year.

The average man, we are told, pays \$316.33 a year in taxes. We never happened to meet one whose taxes came to that precise figure. The average man is 5 feet 8 1-2 inches tall, wears an 8 1-2 shoe and a 6 7-8 hat. We know one or two like that, but they are not average men, because the average man has \$473 in the savings bank and 1 3-4 children, and none of our friends has either. The average man, according to statistics, is 43 years old, goes to church eleven Sundays a year, smokes 3,000 cigarettes and 1,200 cigars annually, and eats eggs for breakfast. But as soon as we find a man who is average in those respects we discover that he has a taste for sugar in his beer or else has been divorced three times, or has some other characteristic which takes him out of the average class.

Of course, what has just been set down is largely nonsense, but is it any more nonsensical than the idea that any individual, group or government can lay down rules for human conduct and expect to enforce them or have them obeyed? For all such rules must be based upon an average man, and there is no such thing as the average man. If there were, the mythical average man might be content to let someone else prescribe his life for him; but even that is doubtful, for some statisticians have it figured out that the average man breaks at least one law every day!

The advantages of living in the mountains are that the cows walk down hill to get to the foot of it; the other is that water never attempts to run up hill.

Court Bill Dead

Now the public can breathe a sigh of relief because the bill to enlarge the United States Supreme court has been defeated.

The relief will be felt on both sides. Those who favored the bill no longer await the results of a senate vote with anxiety. Those who so vigorously opposed the bill no longer fear that it may pass in a close vote.

With the court bill in the background, congress may go ahead on some of the important measures that have been kept in the background during the bitter fight that challenged the leadership of the administration and threatened a split in the ranks of the majority party.

Tobacco

Of all classes of "big business," the tobacco industry is the most consistently profitable, according to a study of business profits recently made by the Twentieth Century Fund. This is especially curious, because the tobacco industry, which is principally the manufacture of cigarettes, pays the highest percentage of taxes of any industry. Every package of 20 cigarettes, retailing at from ten cents upward, pays six cents as a direct sales tax to the Federal government, besides all local, state and Federal taxes paid on the manufacturer's business, property and earnings.

The record shows that the 16 largest tobacco companies have fluctuated in net income, but have regularly paid increasing dividends every year, since before the beginning of the depression.

One reason for this may be one which the investigators fail to point out. The tobacco companies have been steady and consistent advertisers on a large scale. They have set up a system of distribution which makes their products available to everyone, everywhere, and have earned their profits in fractions of a cent on each unit of sale. They have made their money not swiftly but slowly and surely.

The "little fellow" in business may, and often does, make a higher percentage of profit on his invested capital than big business corporations do. But a well-managed big business, in the long run, will stand up under depression conditions which the small business often cannot survive. Investors in big business are content to earn five or six percent on their money. Most small businesses try to make a great deal more than that.

FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHY
By C. M. DICKSON

Enough's enough, though it be honey. No wise shepherd will select a wolf to guard his sheep.

If voting twice for the same issue or for the same person is right, there would be nothing wrong in saying so by statute.

True, bread cast upon the waters may be gathered many days hence, but it is sometimes necessary to have some right now.

If the devil can't get what he wants, he will always compromise.

While he doesn't think so, but a drunk man always plays on a "minor" key.

How fortunate is the girl who is really beautiful, but is herself apparently unconscious of it.

Had our pioneers consulted the Indians and the beasts of the forests, instead of a "land of the free and the home of the brave," America would have been a howling wilderness.

One proof that all people are not wise—watch them drive their cars.

The height nor the depth of a man's prayer is not always determined by the length of it. A mule's a mule just because he is a "Cross."

However fleet-footed or strong-muscled a person may be, not one single idea has its origin in his hand or his foot.

The greatest general in the world is he who leads an army along the lines of peace.

Some lines of procedure may be expedient, but yet not be wise.

There should be a mighty good reason before one should swap a horse that's true and tried for one that isn't.

It seems that the more done for some people the flatter they "alt" on the ground.

Though a son be inclined to prodigality, he should think seriously before he tramples the ideals of his ancestry under his feet.

In a process of reasoning, if the major premise is wrong, one of two things will happen—fallacious reasoning, or a wrong conclusion. It's tragic for a person not to accept the doctrine of a leader when this person sees his leader crumpled upon the cross of undisputed success.

No person who possesses an unswerving scepter handed him by his father should fail to keep it so, as it goes to his posterity.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

HISTORY come alive
Most Americans have rather vague ideas about the history of their own country, and most of the historical traditions not recorded in contemporary documents are somewhat mythical. Lately there has been a revival of interest in the historical monuments and relics of the nation's past. The restoration of Virginia's ancient colonial capital, Williamsburg, with money supplied by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., brings the early days of the Old Dominion to life.

Now the Carnegie Institution of Washington is doing a similar service for the oldest city in the United States, St. Augustine, Florida. Dating from 1565, St. Augustine has the oldest buildings in this country, and many for which great antiquity is claimed but doubted. A corps of scientists is at work there, restoring the ancient Spanish, French and English structures, rebuilding the old city wall and assembling authentic relics of St. Augustine's past. When the work is done, there will be a complete early American town standing in a park, true to history in every detail.

That will make history come alive for the generations to come.

RESORT farmers' delight

New York is going to have the greatest World's Fair ever held, in 1939. A hundred million persons from all over the world are expected to attend. But New York itself is a World's Fair, and according to its Merchants Association it is the vacation resort, both Summer and Winter, of increasing millions of Americans every year.

I have noticed more and more tourists every Summer in the 40 years with which I have been familiar with New York. The city's Summer climate is far better than that of many popular Summer resorts, and the vacationist who seeks a change of scene and environment can certainly find more to interest and amuse him than anywhere else in America.

I do not know of any other city where the stranger is given a more courteous welcome and such facilities for seeing the sights as he or she gets in New York. And, curiously enough, the tourists who seem to get the biggest "kick" out of a trip to New York are farmers and their families. They like to see what happens to the products of their farms when they have reached their final market.

ART 1400 years ago

One of the great events in the world of art was the discovery, in the ancient Church of St. Sophia in Istanbul, that under the plaster of its walls are the oldest known Christian pictures. Built in the year 537, by the Emperor Justinian, in the city then known as Constantinople, St. Sophia was the chief temple of the Christian faith for more than 900 years. The Turks captured the city in 1453, converted the church into a Moslem Mosque, and covered the pictures with plaster.

Now the Turkish government has disestablished Mohammedanism as the state religion, declared the old church a national monument, and has entrusted the work of scraping off the plaster and revealing the beautiful ancient Christian art, to an American commission, the Byzantine Institute, which has a dozen experts at work carefully uncovering the world's oldest art collection.

One by one the relics of the early days of civilization and the record of man's progress in the arts and crafts are coming to light. They all add proof that the upward march of humankind has been very short, indeed.

WOOD preservation

A few years ago a friend of mine found, buried under the bed of a river in Yucatan, thousands of mahogany logs which had been cut by the early Spanish explorers, who tried to float them down to the sea for shipment to Cuba or Spain. A great flood had covered them with gravel, and there they lay for more than 300 years. My friend dug them up and made a small fortune. The lumber was still as sound as when first cut.

Now they are "mining" white cedar from the marshland near Maucitown, N. J. Buried for hundreds of years, tree trunks up to five feet thick and fifty feet long are being hauled out of mud sometimes 30 feet deep. The wood is sound and smells like freshly-cut cedar.

These logs have been preserved because they have been continuously submerged. Wood decays when it is alternately wet and dry. Next to a dry barn the best

Things That Rem Me Up — by A. B. CHAPIN

AMN'T TH' HEAT TERRIBLE?
IT'S OVER HUNDRED IN 'N SHADE,
AN' TH' WEATHER MAN SAYS
IT'S GOIN' T' GIT HOTTER!
MORE'N TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE
DIED O' SUNSTROKE YESTERDAY!
GOSH! IT'S AWFUL—SEE, ETC.

WHO MAKES MY
STAY-AT-HOME-JOB
HARDER TO ENDURE—

WHY DON'T YOU
TRY IT?

THE HOT WEATHER GRACKS HANGERS
WHO MAKES IT TOUGH FOR ME TO
KEEP FROM COMMITTING MURDER.

THE IMMEDIATE OCCASION
WHO BRINGS ABOUT THE
COOL MENTALITY—

THE FRESH YOUNG THING
WHO BOWLS ME OUT OF BED,
BEING A SUMMER Sissy

place to store wood, apparently, is at the bottom of a pond.

MANNERS much improved

In some 5,000 miles of travel, by ship, railroad, motor-car, bus and airplane in the past two months, I have been struck by the apparent improvement in public manners on the part of those whose work brings them in direct contact with the public.

I can remember when civility was the last thing the traveler anywhere in America expected to encounter. Nobody went out of his way to be helpful to those whom he was supposed to serve. Now it is different. I suppose I had dealings of one sort or another with two or three thousand hotel, railroad and steamship employees, taxi men and bus drivers, filling station attendants and vendors of food and drink, postal attaches, policemen and other functionaries. The only one who was not polite was a New York taxi driver. The politest persons, as a class, I would say, are the filling-station attendants.

This universal courtesy is to me a sign that America is growing up. Our young men no longer think that to be courteous is the mark of a "sissy"

Johnston county hog growers have found their cooperative shipments so profitable that they plan to add sheep and lambs in the series of regular shipments.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

By virtue of authority contained in a certain Mortgage Deed executed on the 8th day of December, 1928, by J. L. Bell and wife, Cora Bell to B. C. Caudill, Mortgagee, and to him duly assigned to Dr. C. W. Moseley, said Mortgage Deed being recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wilkes County in Book 149 at page 137, and the stipulations in said Mortgage Deed, not having been complied with, the undersigned assignee of and in said Mortgage Deed will expose to sale at public auction on August 9, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon at the Courthouse door in the Town of Wilkesboro, for cash, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Mortgage Deed, the following described real estate:

Adjoining the lands of Curtis Johnson, Jim Combs and others. Beginning on a pine running north 58 poles to a white oak on the bank of the creek, then 50 degrees north 18 poles to a persimmon on the bank of branch, then West 19 degrees south 9 poles up the hollow to a white oak on the point of the ridge; then West 40 poles to a stone in Payton Dowell's line; thence west 78 1-2 poles to a stone, then north 36 poles to a red oak, west 48 poles to Bogs branch, then up and with said branch 35 poles to a stake on the north side of a hill at the mouth of a gully, then with said gully 34 1-2 poles to a stone; then west 26 poles to a stone in the old line; then south with said line 70 1-2 poles to a post oak; then west 28 poles to a white oak; then north 8 poles to a stake; then west 40 poles to a stone; then South 45 poles to a red oak; then South east 36 poles to a stone on Sloan's

creek; then down and with the center of said creek to Mistida Sparks line; then 61 degrees east with the old line 38 poles to two small chestnuts, then North 14 poles to a post oak; thence west 30 poles to a post oak; then north 32 poles to said creek; then up and with said creek 10 poles and 10 1-2 feet; then 80 degrees east 72 poles to a holly; thence south 12 poles to a sourwood on a hillside; thence south 63 degrees east 42 poles with a marked line, crossing the branch 1-2 rod below a spring to a stake; then a southeast direction 9 poles to a stone; then a northeast course 18 1-2 poles to a hickory, south 3 poles to a white oak; then east 172 1-2 poles to the beginning, containing 114 acres, more or less.

This the 8th day of July, 1937.
B. C. CAUDILL,
Mortgagee,
By Dr. C. W. Moseley, Assignee.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

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