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"The Washington Daily News calls for an ordinance to prohibit the kissing of babies, but how about the babies' sisters?" queries the News and Observer.

Youngtown, Ohio, must have forgotten its geographical location and imagined itself in Europe for a few days.

We've had numerous puns about Dumba, Ford and all of the other celebrities who have figured in the news columns of late, but we have still to see the paragraph who is courageous enough to tackle the name of Baron Zwiedinek.

"President Wilson Favors Step," declares a headline in the Virginian-Pilot. What kind—hesitation, fox-trot or one-step?

Judging from the number of notes that have passed back and forth since the war started, we suppose that future generations will refer to this as the note-torious period.

Although the doctors are warning against kissing, most of our girls are saying: "There's many a slip, twixt the kiss and the grip."

After vigorous panning by the United States, it now looks as if Germany has about concluded to get out of the Frye-ing pan.

BACKSLIDING CONVERTS.

In his sermon Sunday morning, Rev. John R. Matthews, who is conducting the mission at St. Peter's Episcopal church, expressed himself as being somewhat doubtful over the success of revival meetings of the usual type.

Mr. Matthews is probably right in his assertion, for much has proven the case in many cities where Billy Sunday and other evangelists of the sensational type have held their meetings.

In Philadelphia, for example, where Sunday held a series of meetings last spring, the immediate results of his preaching were astonishing. Thousands were converted and became associated with the various churches of the city.

Whose fault was it? Is the blame to be placed on Sunday's methods, or were the converts at fault?

We believe that the churches themselves were responsible. It was their own fault if they could not make religion attractive enough to hold those hundreds who gradually drifted out of the fold.

Most everyone attends Sunday School as soon as they are old enough to know what it means. How many of us, however, can remember any especial desire to go of our own accord?

It is the same with many of us now. If the churches would only endeavor to keep up with events and make their form of services more entertaining, it might be found that backsliding would not be so prevalent.

Many of the churches in the country are already beginning to realize this. They are having motion picture services, special musical attractions and are employing other methods for making their services appeal to the public.

A PECULIAR PROSPERITY DAY.

The Greensboro Daily News, in its issue of Monday, calls attention to the fact that February 29th will give us an extra day this year and that many communities will "celebrate" this as "Prosperity Day."

Theodore R. Gerlach, first vice-president of the Gerlach-Barklow company of Joliet, Ill., according to the News, is the first person to become excited over this fact.

That extra day business is all well and good. It is true that it will bring us millions of dollars in extra revenue, but we can't see how that is going to help us any or make us any richer.

WHAT CO-OPERATION CAN DO.

The success of the good roads campaign has shown conclusively what co-operation and united work can do.

There are many other projects that can be carried to an equally successful finish if the right persons will only get behind them AND PUSH!

A meeting of the Chamber will be held tonight. It is hoped that a large number of members will be in attendance and will give their assistance and advice in the various matters that are to be brought up.



Nation Should Prepare For a Worldwide League of Peace

By WILLIAM E. CHANDLER, Former Secretary of the Navy



I SHOULD be glad if there were no presidential election until after the European war, but we cannot postpone it, and parties must meet its issues as they do every four years, and they must show the partisanship, however intense, which the national contest may require and ought to change party lines to the right side whenever the national interests so demand.

OUR NATION SHOULD MAKE HASTE SLOWLY, AS ORIGINALLY TAUGHT BY PRESIDENT WILSON AND SECRETARY DANIELS. WE SHOULD AT ONCE STUDIOUSLY AND EARNESTLY PREPARE FOR A WESTERN HEMISPHERE LEAGUE OF PEACE AND NEXT FOR A WORLDWIDE LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE.

On all these questions President Wilson's deliberate advice should have great weight for thoughtful men of both parties, because he and his party have solemnly pledged themselves to the vital principle that no president shall be elected more than once.



Duty of the United States to Defend Strongly Its Honor and Ideals

By DAVID JAYNE HILL, Diplomatist and Historian



WHATEVER comes of all this talk of armament and preparedness, it is our duty to stand for something international. WE MUST DEFEND STRONGLY OUR IDEALS AND HONOR AND NOT THROW THE BURDEN OF OUR DEFENSE ON NEUTRALS.

First of all, we must have a clear international policy for which we can all stand. Without such a policy we cannot justify our stand on military preparedness.

WE HAD A DREAM A SHORT WHILE AGO THAT ARMED FORCE WAS NOT NEEDED TO SECURE THE RIGHTS OF NATIONS AND ADJUST THEIR DIFFERENCES. IT WAS ONLY A DREAM. NOW WE MUST FACE EXISTING FACTS THAT TREATIES AND PACTS CANNOT PROCURE THE EXEMPTION OF VIRTUE AND INNOCENCE FROM VIOLENCE.

Co-operation Is the Best Foundation For a Rural Community

By Sir HORACE PLUNKETT, Leader of the Co-operative Movement in Ireland

AMERICA must prepare for the great international competition which is bound to strike the American farmer keenest, since he is farthest behind in organization for his own interest.

The farmers' form of combination should be the co-operative corporation. THIS KIND OF A CORPORATION HAS FOR ITS OBJECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS ON A DEMOCRATIC BASIS. It contains the "one man-one vote" principle; it limits the interest on the share capital to a moderate amount; it provides for a division of profits above this on the basis of patronage after certain parts of the profits have been set aside for a reserve fund for depreciation and for other necessary purposes to develop the organization to a successful growth.

There is a marked tendency throughout the United States from occupying ownership to tenancy. It is extremely difficult to get people who have no abiding interest in the place of their habitation to concern themselves for all those things which must be attended to so as to insure a progressive and agreeable social life in a community.

I mention these adverse factors not as a reason against, but as a reason for, co-operation. Co-operation is the best—I might almost say the only—foundation for a rural community.

IT WILL GO FAR TO PUT AN END TO THE MIGRATORY HABIT AND TO CREATE A DESIRE TO HAVE A PERMANENT HOME AND A PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL EXISTENCE.

ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE DAILY NEWS GIVE RESULTS

Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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Give Mac Credit. The banker's attention being called to a note to cash, she took about a million years and never came to cash.

Paw Knows Everything. Willie—Paw, what is a self possessed man? Paw—A bachelor, my son.

Wuhl. The doggone railroad I will sue. Cried angry Mr. Thrasher. For though you check your baggage you can't check the baggage wrecker.

The Wise Fool. "He who goes a-borrowing goes a-borrowing," quoted the sage. "Oh, I don't know," corrected the fool. "It is usually the fellow who does the lending that does the borrowing."

Draw. The artist sat up. He was soon told he: "I'm through. My hand! I won't play poker any more. For I can't draw a hand."

Huh! "No business man has any use for a dead one," remarked the wise guy. "How about the undertaker?" asked the grouch.

Dedication. Full many friends Has Hiram Grow; He never says, "I told you so!" —Cincinnati Enquirer.

As popular. Is Elias Wren; He never says, "Say, lend me ten!" —State.

Not claimed with these Is Jacob Lot; He always says, "I'll say this post!" —Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Hating People. It doesn't pay to hate a man. If you don't like him laugh at him. This will make you feel better, and it won't hurt him much.—Luke McLuke. Now isn't that nice? Think how many people waste their time and their energy hating other people! It's mighty hard work to get angry. A fit of anger has ruined many a half day's work. You—yes, you—"get mad," as you put it, and you talk and splutter around and give up a whole lot of time that might better be put to your work, and what does it profit you? Nothing. Finally you get over it, and all you have to show for it is the wasted time. Philosopher Luke is right. Better just laugh about the man you don't like. You will feel better, and it won't make any difference to him.—Wilmington (O.) Journal-Republican.

Sad. That married man's a silent gawk, He's always in the wrong. Said he, "I often long to talk, But friend wife talks too long."

Was He White? Dear Luke—L. R. Greene was arrested here by Officer Brown. As he stepped into the black Maria he remarked that he felt blue.—Will Deane, Deputy Clerk, Police Court, Louisville, Ky.

Names Is Names. Miss Ura Lyre lives on North Fourth street, Hamilton, O.

Things to Worry About. The Romans were the first people to shave.

Our Daily Special. The homebase plays are not all pulled off in the baseball arena.

Luke McLuke Says: You may not have noticed it, but as a rule the girl who looks like a doll baby uses infant class grammar. What has become of the old fashioned man who spent his whole life trying to invent a nonrefillable bottle?

Maybe the reason why a girl doesn't appear on the street wearing her own natural complexion is because she does not want to be too conspicuous.

Better a wife who can keep silent in one language than a wife who can converse in six languages.

The automobile is a great invention. But it is doubtful if it will ever be responsible for as many marriages as was the old fashioned horse and buggy.

All silver dollars are exactly the same size. But it is funny how much bigger a silver dollar looks when it is galling than it does when it is coming.

It is all right to call a man a liar to his teeth when his teeth are false.

Every man has enough sentiment in his makeup to commit to memory some little verse and to clip out and save some poem that appeals to him.

When a colored man gets to be about sixty-five years old he likes to add about thirty years to his age and tell everybody that he is ninety-five.

There isn't much high cost of living in the small towns where the evening disipation consists of a parade by the town belles, who walk down one side of Main street and up the other side with the male population of the town as an audience.

The most unpopular woman in a neighborhood is the one who never does anything that the other neighbors can gossip about.

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TIMELY HINT ON OVER-EATING. Christmas, New Year's and other feast days cause many disturbed digestions. The stomach and bowels should not be permitted to remain clogged up, for indigestion and constipation are often followed by serious diseases, resulting from undigested poisonous waste matter. Foley Cathartic Tablets should be in every home, ready for use. No griping, no unpleasant after effect. Relieve distress after eating, regulate bowels, sweeten stomach and tone up the liver. Davenport Pharmacy.

STOCK OF GOODS FOR SALE. I have for sale stock of goods and accounts in store on 244 West Main street that I recently bought under mortgage sale. Will make terms reasonable for good security. anxious to make deal on or before Dec. 31st, 1915. E. R. MIXON, 12-21-15c

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