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As Will Rogers put it, its our dollar and we are going to do what we please with it.

The only objection that we have been able to find to the American dollar as is, is that we can't get hold of the elusive coin.

We, personally, despite the bimetalism standard, recently adopted, will be pleased to have a chip off one of these gold blocs, the papers keep talking about.

Young Peoples' Democratic Clubs, to meet in Wilmington, would do well to confine their resolving to discussion of political matters and lay off moral questions; or the goblins may get 'em. 'Twould prove better for the clubs and better for their party.

So far as man's feelings are concerned, we don't believe that a finer dishing of weather can be handed out anywhere on topside this sphere than we have been enjoying. Of course, a little dampness might help the crops along to maturity.

As we understand it, Mr. Roosevelt told the London Conference just where to head in on this dollar stabilization business, and part of the delegates refused to head; so the conference adjourned for a couple of months.

It was all right for European nations to manipulate the money market to meet the situation, and force American prices down; but when we tried our hand at the same game some of 'em began thumping their noses at us and calling us old meanie.

THAT SALES TAX

The editor of this paper, as a member of the General Assembly, can lay no claim to praise for any good that may come from the sales tax, if any comes; for he opposed the measure on every vote in the House. Conversely, if it proves to be an odious thing, he will share none of the blame, for he was strictly opposed to the measure, and fought it at every turn.

He voted for the relief of the land from taxation for school purposes, and for a uniform school system for the whole State, giving the same opportunities to every child of North Carolina; but was of the opinion that the money could be derived from sources other than the sales tax, that would work no such hardship upon the people.

The measure became effective on July 1. The people are now paying it, and the merchants are worrying over the details of collection. It will be in effect for two years, and the people can render their judgment.

ROADS, PARKS & PROSPERITY

Things are looking up for Western North Carolina and for Jackson county, while the East is enjoying the doubled price of cotton and the Piedmont is dancing to the music of the spindles. It appears to be a settled fact that Highway 106 is to be completed in the immediate future.

The federal and State governments are coordinating and concentrating road building activities on the construction of the principal highways in the area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It also appears to be certain that the land for the entire park, as originally proposed, will be purchased, and the park will be laid out as it was designed in the beginning. This means additional acreage. It means that the park will be of vastly more benefit to North Carolina than in its present shape. It means that the entrance from Balsam Gap will become a reality, and that the principal entrance to the park will be along side Highway No. 10, the "Main Street of North Carolina." It means that Sylva will be the closest town to the park, and that the principal highways of Jackson county will be within a stone's throw of the park itself. It means that Jackson county will really benefit from the park, and that North Carolinians and others from the eastern side of the Great Smokies will benefit from it to as great extent as the Tennesseans, and that nearly the whole of the greatest mountain mass in Eastern America will be where it belongs, within the great park.

A lot of money will be expended in building the highways leading to the park, in reforestation of the shorn acres, in constructing roads and trails through the park. It means work for

our people in the months that are ahead, and it also means that a ready market for all that our farms can produce will be available. It means that tourists will come in ever increasing numbers, and that they, as money matters in the country right themselves, will leave more and more money with our people, to go to the shop-keeper, inn-keeper, laborer, and farmer.

This thing will not be built for temporary usage; but will become a national asset, conserving the timber and the water power for the Tennessee basin, and a never-ending source of income to be derived by all classes of our people, from the tourist crop.

The National Administration is solidly behind the movement, and the present National Administration has demonstrated that it does things.

SAFETY POINTERS FOR THE SUMMER VACATIONIST

Washington, D. C. July 5. Safe and sane vacations are urged by the First Aid and Life Saving Service of the American Red Cross, which offers the following suggestions:

Sunburn: Dangerous. Acquire tan gradually. Avoid mid-day rays. Gradually the period of exposure a few minutes each day until skin is toughened and tanned. Until such time, make a practice of wearing a shirt, bathrobe or other covering at beach except when actually in water. Calamine lotion gives considerable relief and may be applied to the skin several times a day. Especially avoid a burn upon a burn.

Swimming: Know your swimming place. Explore thoroughly for hidden rocks, holes and glass; but not with your bare feet. Never swim alone; swimming in twos is more fun and far safer. Never dive in less than six feet of water, and make allowance for changes in tidewater depths. Always wait at least two hours after eating before entering the water.

Drinking Water: Take no chances. If in the least doubt as to purity, boil. In some states health department signs posted at springs and

other sources indicate whether the water is fit for human consumption.

Food: Food poisoning is of frequent occurrence in the warm months, due to the rapidity with which food spoils. Prepare small amounts at a time. Chicken, fish and potatoes are particularly likely to make one ill, if not properly refrigerated. Protect from possible contamination. Do not eat excessively or when over heated.

Fire: Always bury or quench the embers before retiring or leaving the camp site.

Poison Ivy: Learn to recognize this plant, and then carefully avoid it. Ivy, oak and sumac poisoning are caused by an irritating oil present on the leaves. Poisoning results readily from contact with smoke from the burning leaves. The skin should be washed immediately and thoroughly with warm water and soap. If poisoning occurs anyway, apply calamine lotion or a solution of ferric chloride. Another good treatment is the application of dressings wet with a solution of Epsom salts as strong as can be made with cold water; keep dressings wet. If at all severe, consult a physician.

Insects: Flowers of sulphur applied to the skin helps to prevent chigger bites. Mosquitoes may be kept away for a couple of hours by rubbing a few drops of oil of lavender over the exposed surfaces; but this does not take the place of adequate screening or netting. The itching can be relieved by applying calamine lotion several times daily. Inflammation from other insect bites can be relieved by applying compresses wet with cold Epsom salts or baking soda solutions.

First Aid Kit: Keep stocked and conveniently at hand in fishing kit, automobile or kitchen. Cuts and abrasions are among the commonest of vacation accidents. Small wounds should be given prompt attention. Apply half-strength tincture of iodine to wounds, allow to dry, and apply a sterile dressing.

Driving: Have a thorough mechanical inspection of the car made before starting on the trip. Drive carefully and give heed to speed limits and official road signs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by Charles E. Dunn

CALEB

Lesson for July 9th. Joshua 14:6-14. Golden Text: Psalm 40:4.

Caleb is one of the most attractive of the minor characters of the Bible. As a vigorous man of forty, he left the wilderness at Kadesh-barnea as one of the spies on that famous scouting expedition into the promised land of Canaan. He, and Joshua were the only ones to bring home a favorable report. The other ten were sure that the land could not be successfully occupied, that the obstacles were too great.



But as so often happens, time Rev. Chas. E. Dunn proved that the minority were right. And it is pleasant to note that Caleb and Joshua lived long enough to personally participate in the occupation of that golden land they had so courageously and accurately praised. In fact, they alone of the twelve spies were permitted to share in its colonization.

The lesson presents Caleb as a hale, hearty veteran of eighty-five, appealing to Joshua for the inheritance promised long since by Moses. The land was divided by lot. But before the division took place, Caleb asked for special consideration in view of the hazardous journey of exploration he had taken as a young man, and the subsequent pledge of Moses. His unfaithful colleagues had perished in the wilderness, but he himself had been preserved with eye undimmed and strength unabated. Did he not, as a true, loyal champion of God's truth, deserve a peculiar reward?

Yes, he did. He who had "wholly followed the Lord," as Moses testified, deserved the blessing of his friend and co-worker, Joshua, and the gift of Hebron, that ancient city so filled with memories of Abraham. Located in a mountainous region, in a basin on a lofty point on the ridge of Judaea, it offered only a meagre living at the expense of exhausting work in stony soil. But Caleb was made of stern stuff. Like a good soldier he craved hardness. We leave him at Hebron, a grand old figure, beginning life anew, in the face of difficulty, with all the ardor of youth. And we rejoice that the promise of God to Moses that Caleb and his descendants should own the land he had explored, was so admirably fulfilled.

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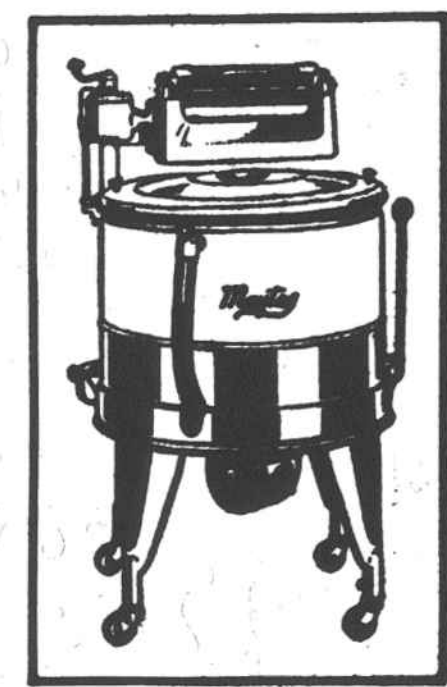
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