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WATCH THE KIDS

Franklin, Ky., has a dollar-a-day farmhand who is making fifty dollars a day in oil royalties but lives on his dollar and deposits his royalty checks in the bank. He is married and has two children. One may guess at what will happen when the second and third generation get hold of that money.

CLUB OF FRIENDLY MILLIONS

Decent men despise the bootlegger; not because he violates the law, for law violation has on occasions gone hand in hand with high ideals and martyrdom, but because he breaks the rules for selfish profit and shows a cruel disregard of the public weal. There have been times when the same charge could be levied at members of the Club of Friendly Millions.

BEHIND THE TIMES

An Arctic explorer sailed into Nome from the Frozen North this month and wanted to enlist in the American Army to fight in France. He didn't know the war was over. He had been three years on the way from Coronation Gulf. Once he and his companions had to walk twenty-seven days to an Eskimo village, living on the route on roots. The news that man will have to read to catch up will be more fascinating than any novel.

IS MELLON TO RETIRE?

That report from Washington that Secretary Weeks of the War Department, is to succeed Secretary Mellon in the Treasury Department lacks confirmation.

The change is said to be contingent on the consolidation of the War and Navy Departments into a Department of National Defense with Secretary Denby at its head.

Such a consolidation has been talked of in Washington as a possible outcome of the efforts to bring about an economy of energy and resources in the conduct of the Government.

Yet sound theoretical reasons can be advanced in support of the proposition that the business of national defense should be managed by a single department. It remains to be seen whether practical reasons, one of which is the jealousy of the navy for its independence, are not strong enough to prevent any change in the system which has prevailed for nearly 125 years.

ALLUREMENTS OF CHANCE

There is a bill before Congress prohibiting the publication in newspapers of any news likely to lead to gambling.

The president of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association has called upon all members of the organization to urge the defeat of the bill as an unwarranted attempt to establish a censorship over the press.

The bill is directed against the publication of racing news as though bets were never laid on anything but horse races. Men who like to wager risk their money on the Government crop reports, betting that the coming report will indicate a larger or smaller crop than the year before. They bet on the amount of bank clearings. They bet on the number of automobiles to be registered in the State within the year, and they even take the license numbers in five figures as poker hands and as they walk along the street play a novel kind of poker with one another.

Literally interpreted, the bill would prohibit the publication of crop reports and bank clearings to say nothing of motorcar license numbers.

The men responsible for the bill before Congress mean well, but they have undertaken to do a difficult thing—that is, to abolish the allurements of chance.

HIGH-PRESSURE "RELIGION"

The discussion by the Baptist clergymen of Pennsylvania as to the general work of evangelists, brought about by the action of the Federated Council of Churches of Pittsburgh, which has decided that evangelistic meetings of the "Billy Sunday order" are "commercialized, obsolete and ineffective," reveals interesting sidelights on the subject.

It cannot be denied that religious meetings conducted under high pressure are apt to have a reaction upon church work as a whole which is not always healthful. The contention that, while some of the converts remain in the Church and do excellent work, many others drop out after the immediate effect of the evangelist has subsided, is fully answered in the Scriptures in the story of the ninety-and-nine and the one lost sheep.

The whole trouble in the matter lies in the attitude of the people themselves. It is doubtless true that most of those who go to hear a prominent evangelist, especially one

of the "Billy Sunday type, go from motives of curiosity rather than those of religion. When a person attends an evangelistic service held by the churches themselves he goes at least in a mental attitude which is open to conviction. The high-pressure evangelist has to convince through forcefulness of personality, imitation of others or an appeal to the emotions. Such "conversions" are rarely based upon firm belief and are apt to prove short-lived.

The problem before the churches is to devise a plan which will do the work of the high-pressure revivalist without the disadvantages attendant upon meetings of this kind. Conviction which comes from emotionalism is generally temporary; that which comes from a better fostered by the steady, all-the-year-round work of the churches is permanent.

The time now approaches when the question of the day will be: Will we or won't we have a white Christmas?

Political navigators begin to point out that the good ship Republican Retrenchment is in danger of splitting on the rock Soldiers' Bonus.

Nobody denies that Senator Tom Watson's charges, being rank, need an airing; and the cost of approving them will at least demonstrate how expensive it is to have a cheap man in office.

Incidental to Sunday night's dramatic search for bootleggers, in Atlanta, pity is mixed with amusement at the plight of the driver of a furniture wagon who was forced to unload three times by three different sets of policemen to prove that he carried no liquor.

Compensation.

The earth is iron-hard with frost,
The hills are white with snow,
The sun is pale, the trees are bare,
The bitter northers blow,
The tulip bulbs and crocuses
And daffodils of gold
Entombed in chilly darkness lie
Beneath the frozen mold.
But look! above the windy woods
The winter sunset glows
In gorgeous hues of yellow red
And violet and rose;
For lo! the spirits of the flowers
That made the spring so fair,
A fleeting space for our delight,
Unfold in beauty there.
—Minna Irving.

STEM NEWS LETTER

(W. R. Mangum)

—Some good hogs were killed in this section during the past week. Elvin Gooch, Route 1, killed one that weighed 680; S. R. Franklin, three that weighed 565-530-465, and J. P. Mangum, off Tally Ho, 579; Josie Currin 303.

—Mr. I. C. Chambers, one of the splendid young farmers of Route 2, has opened up a general mercantile business at his home place. He will do the right thing every time.

—Miss Lucie Pearl Carrington, of Stem, and Miss Helen Farabow, of Oxford, Route 6, arrived at home Tuesday from Greenville Training School.

—Mr. Paul Haskins, formerly of Stem, Route 3, but now of Raleigh, Route 5, and Miss Fannie Belle Bullock, also of Wake County, were united in marriage Saturday, Dec. 18th at, the Methodist parsonage, in Raleigh, Rev. W. W. Peele performing the ceremony. The happy couple came Sunday to the home of Mrs. Fred Bradsher. The groom's sister who lives in the Tar River section, and spend several days visiting relatives in this section before their return home. The groom is a brother of Messrs C. B. and J. M. Haskins of Route 3, and is a promising young man; the bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. Ben Bullock, a prominent farmer of Raleigh Route 5.

—Mrs. Lucy A. Washington, of Tally Ho, who has been in very feeble health for some time, was taken suddenly very ill last Sunday afternoon. Dr. P. R. Hardee, of Stem, and Dr. Nelson Thomas, of Oxford, were summoned and agreed that only an operation could save her life. So she was taken to Brantwood hospital Monday and operated upon. Owing to her advanced age, about eighty-years, the chances of recovery are against her, but we are glad to note that she is steadily improving.

STOVALL NEWS ITEMS

—In the sensational basketball game between Stovall and Townsville, played on the local grounds last Wednesday, the score was 18 to 19 in favor of Stovall.

—The stable and storage house of Mr. D. A. Burwell were destroyed by fire last Tuesday night about 8 o'clock. Several horses, buggies, wagons and farming implements were in the building, but all were saved.

—Miss Ruth Norwood, of Enfield, is here for the holidays. Joe Davis and Walter Spicer, of the A. & E. College, are at home for the holidays. Mrs. Martha McDonough is visiting her brother at Beva. Mr. Roy Williams, of Oak Ridge, is the pleasant guest of Mr. L. C. Wilkerson. Miss Isabella Eudaly is visiting relatives in Virginia. Miss Lettie Hays, of Buffalo Junction, has accepted a position with L. G. & R. C. Puckett. Mr. L. G. Lewis has

gone to Richmond for medical treatment.

"The Sheik."

One of the most remarkable pictures of the current season is "The Sheik," a Paramount picture produced by George Melrod, which comes to the Orpheum Theatre Jan. 6 and 7. It is said to be a photographic masterpiece. Agnes Ayres, Rudolph Valentino, a talented leading man, are the featured players.

No Relief.

The cost of living still is high. Our woes are far from stopping; The presents cost us just as much. When Christmas hints are dropping. —New York Herald.

WANT ADVERTISING

Too Late to Classify

WANTED—A REAL LIVE MAN for my Soda Fountain. Must be Honest, quick and courteous. Begin work Jan. first 1922. J. N. PITTMAN.

R. F. D. No. 5.

Our schools have all closed and our teachers gone home for Xmas. The children are ready and looking for Santa Claus. The good people

on the Rural Routes do not forget the mail carriers at hog-killing, and at Xmas, times. This is to thank the following named persons for nice fresh meat recently sent to the carrier of Route 5: Sam Jones Pleasant, Mrs. Gary Burnett, E. C. Parrott, Mrs. F. S. Hobgood, Mrs. J. G. Hobgood, Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Breedlove, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Breedlove. Hope that other carriers will be remembered by their friends. With best wishes to all friends and patrons, and wishing all a merry Xmas, and a happy New Year, I am your friend,

D. N. HUNT.

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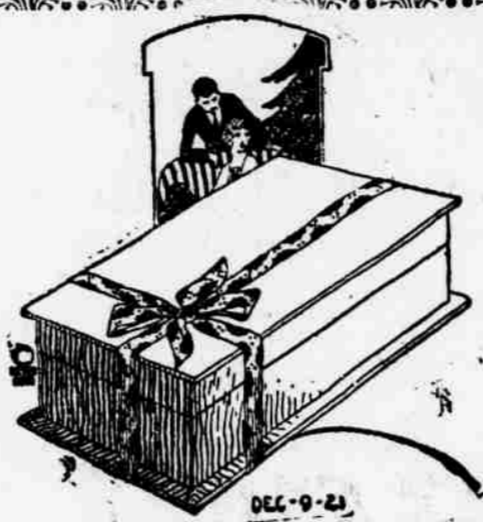
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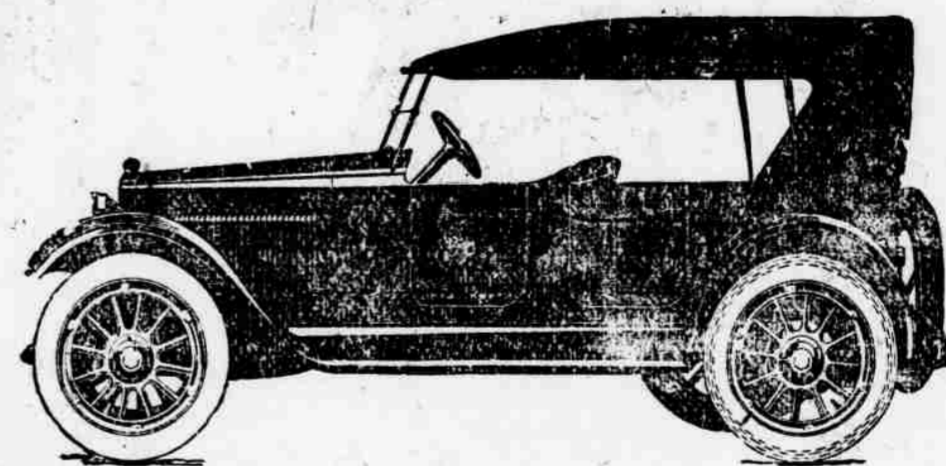
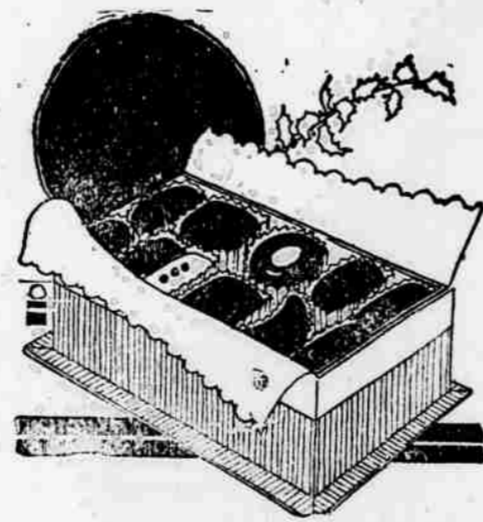
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