A Colyum Of Thoughts From Here There, Yonder

(By W. BRODIE JONES)

Limer Post of the American Legion which held an election of officers here this week should hold the solid membership of the two hundred and more soldiers who went from Warren and of those who live within the jurisdiction of the Post.

der within an organization democratic and American. Every service man owes it his membership and the public its co-operation.

The soldiers of the county who have not affiliated could perform no better service than to let their membership Citizens of State Will Know Valgo forward today.

That the town needs better streets is a fact clear to our citizens. The stretch in front of the Dameron building is a disgrace; the street leading to Boyd-Gillam Motor Co., a shame.

The town is able to go ahead with street work, we believe. If it is in destitute condition then lets have a wealth toward removing the sloughs of mud and abundance of bumps.

Good streets are a trade asset and a community necessity.

May we not grow idle and self-satiswe boast.

Let's go when the spring opens. The principle side streets and south main street need bithulithic.

to be present Friday night to organize a business and social club for Warren-

The town needs an organized body to fight for improvements; to make it more pleasant for the visitors who trade here—to render more enjoyable the social atmosphere of the city.

Thru organized effort and co-operation these things are plausible; to development as a trade center essen-

The destiny of the town is absolutely within the hands of its citizenshipthere is no handicap to expansion if

optimistically viewed. The opportunity to evolve an organ-

province of Warrentonians. Will you manifest interest by your presence tonight?

zation truly worth while is in the

By Luck the Wheel of Fortune's turn-

But Reputation must be earned .-- Ex.

"Why did you turn ut for that truck? According to the traffic rules

you had the right of way." "Yes," answered Mr. Chuggins, patiently. "But the truck had the right of weight."-Washington Star.

Let the howlers howl, and the growl-

and the gee-gaws go it; Behind the night there is plenty of light, and things are all right and -I know it.

—Selected.

He Forgot Something

"You seemed embarrassed when that pretty girl met you at the station." "I had a reason for feeling embarrassed," answered the doughboy. "What was it?"

"I promised to bring her the Kaiser's ears."-Buffalo Commercial.

Baby smiled in its mother's face; The mother caught it, and gave it

To the baby's father-serious case-Who carried it out to the other men;

-Selected

Why They Do It.

stick to the old custom of mixing a little corrective milk with it."

-London Punch.

More Labor Trouble

Boss-"Can't you find something to

-Boston Transcript.

Useless Words.

marriage ceremony."

breath."-Detroit Free Press.

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The Legion is a force of law and or- "Ye Shall Know The Truth and The Truth Shall Make You Free"

> KNOWING TRUE VALUES REMOVES INEQUALITIES kettle of lies.

ue of Property and 90 Per Cent Are Listing It At Its True Value; Instances.

"Taking him a text from the scrip- uable piece of property in a desirable ture "ye shall know the truth and the portion of the town, and this, unae truth shall make you free,". Govern- the old system, was assessed at \$3 or Bickett has written a sermon on 850.00 The widow had \$10,000 th. revaluation of property in the State she received from life insurance pol which he released yesterday on the cies on her husband. This money wa bond issue that will place some of its theory that there can be no readjust- loaned on real estate mortgages which ment of tax rates unless there is a working knowledge of what property value of \$10,000. Under the Re-Va

and Observer of Monday "For many years the State of North this amount of money for it any mori. fied with the one good street of which Carolina struggled along under the ing before breakfast. Under the oi yoke of an unwise and unjust system law the widow, in proportion to he of taxation. The yoke was not easy nor was the burden light. It produced a sense of irritation that has been constant and universal. The whole The business men of the town as State was sore on the subject, Governwell as its younger citizens are urged or Glenn, in his inaugural address, and two years later in his biennial message to the General Assembly, vigorously denounced the folly of maintaining in this State property values 11diculously low and tax rates terrily ingly high instead of maintaining true values and low rates.

> "Governor Kitchin, in his message to the General Assembly in 1911, and 1913, points out the evils of undervaluing the property of the State.

"During the first month of the Craig administration a banquet was given in the Auditorium in Raleigh in honor of Governor Craig and Senator lous inequality disappears. Both mills Simmons. At this banquet Governor Craig made a speech in which he insisted that the General Assembly of 1913 should not levy any taxes, but should provide for a general reassessment of the property of the State at its true value, and after this was done that the General Assembly should be and in the same neighborhood there called into special session and levy a lived two farmers, one on a twelvetax based upon the true value of the property of the State disclosed by a farm. Under the old law the twelvegeneral reassessment.

course, but appointed a Constitutional Now when these farmers received Commission to consider, among other their questionnaires the twelve-acre things, the subject of taxation. This farmer swore that his land was worth commission made its report, and at a \$650. The fifty-acre farmer swore special session of 1914, a taxation that this land was worth \$4,000. Un amendment was submitted to the peo- der the re-valuation act the two hon ers growl, and the prowlers prowl, ple and was voted down at the polls est citizens, when they had an oppor that year. When the people voted tunity to do so, corrected a rank in down the taxation and amendment justice. they reaffirmed the present constiturequires that all property shall be he stated that he desired to give then listed by a uniform rule according to an qual amount of property. He had its true value in money.

Bottomed In Scripture. make you free.'.'

est nor how scientifically accurate any "The correction of inequalities like believe in prohibition, and if they "Water," say a medical writer in the plan may be, there will, of course, be those cited above, and there are hun-could they would modify or repeal or Evening News, according to some some errors of administration so long dreds of thousands of them in North modify the new law. But, many as authorities, is a deadly poison." This as it is human to err, but the true Carolina, justify the statement that they are,— in numbers perhaps even may explain why some dairymen still remedy in such a case is to reduce the the re-valuation act is bottomed on the errors of administration to a minimum celestial declaration, "Ye shall know they are a minority, since they are and not to hark back to a system that the truth and the truth shall make massed in a few communities. Moredoes not even pretend to look for the you free."

Finding The Facts.

"The Re-Valuation Act is finding the facts with remarkable success for Office Boy-"Gee whiz: Am I ex- a new measure. It is finding and placpected to do the work and find it, ing on the tax books millions of property never there before. It is assessing the property of the State with wonderful accuracy. The returns that "I see it is now proposed to have have come in to the State Tax Comthe word 'obey' stricken from the mission indicates that about 80 per cent of the people are assessing their my speech," said Senator Sorghum, ment is likely ever to win the support that a time is to come when those Still dtermined to raise chickens, he "Yes, in the interest of economy. own property at what it is worth, that "about my being a public servant." I've always held that in so far as that about 5 per cent are assessing it too "Yes, but it has had its day. As fourths of the states. word was concerned the minister high, and the authorities are having household relationships go just now, The attempts to nullify the law by men will say as they look upon the made a net return of \$142 and was might be concerned the minister high, and the authorities are having household relationships go just now, might just as well have saved his to reduce these assessments, that claiming to be a servant sounds just a ingenious legislation or through the labor and wrought substance of them, awarded the State championship of about 15 per cent are assessing their triffe bossy."-Washington Star.

property too low and the authoritie are having to increase it.

"And just in proportion as the truth appears on the tax books in equalities and injustices will disay pear. This is the untimate objective of the Re-Valuation Act. The Gen eral Assembly passionately desires t equalize the burden of taxation. I was realized that this could be don only by first finding the facts. True values are always equal values, bu the wisdom of Solomon and the geniu. of Edison combined cannot equalize

"Just how the act is wiping out in equalities will be shown by a few il lustrations taken from the bouns.

"1. In one of our county-seats ther ives upon the same street a lawye. and a widow. The lawyer owns a val were listed for taxation at their pa is worth, he writes as follows in News uation Act the property of the lawye was valued at \$15,000, and he can ge real worth, was paying four times a much taxes as the lawyer. Under th. new law this wickedness is wiped ou. and both the lawyer and the wider are paying according to what they a really worth. The result is that th. lawyer is cursing the Re-Valuatic Act, and swearing that he is going t repeal it, while the widow is praisin. God and the General Assembly of 191 for its enactment.

> "2. In one of our Piedmont countie. the experts of the Tax Commission recently examined two cotton mills They found that one mill was on the tax books at 17 per cent of its real value, while the other mill was on th books at 65 per cent of its real value Under the Re-Valuation Act this vic will be placed on the books at their true value and this year the 17 per cent mill will pay a great deal more taxes than it has heretofore paid, while the 65 per cent mill will pay a great deal less.

"3. In a certain mountain county acre, and the other on a fifty-acre acre farm was assessed at \$600 and "The Legislature did not adopt this the fifty-acre farm likewise at \$600

"4. Down in Wilson county a man tional provision which emphatically had a son and a daughter. In his wir a farm which, in his will, he said was \$10,000 in money. When the sheriff "When the General Assembly of came around he collocted from the 1919 came to deal with this vexed sub- daughter five times as much taxes as tion Act was devised for the sole pur- sessed at only \$2,000, though he ad- supreme law of the land. pose of finding out the truth, and the mitted that it was worth \$10,000, and That prediction is based on a ed was a little more horizon. And I And every one of them went straight Re-Valuation Act is bottomed on the that he (the sheriff) had no power to knowledge of human nature. It may came away thinking how often God declaration of Jesus Christ, "Ye shall change it. The re-valuation act does be frankly admitted that there are must smile at us when we get excited Scattering sunshine through the day. know the truth, and the truth shall change it. It carries out the will of millions of men in the country who over trifles and allow some pett; ed by failure, to try a third time, re-

Pleasant conditions will prevail thru Sunday; un settled weather Monday and Tuesday.

WEATHER FORECAST

Autocratic Inference.

Frank H. Gibbs Chosen As Commander Limer Post For Coming Year

COUNTY MEMBER URGES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Be Formed of Town Men In Order That Meetings Might Be More Easily Held; Asks Members To Increase Enrollment.

American Legion held a meeting here the saloon men and the drinkers are Nednesday for the election of officers. dealing with the government of th On count of bad "oads and other United States, which has a long arr auses the number meeting was small. and a strong and all-embracing net. Commander Williams explained that he constitution called for officers from anuary 1 to December 31, and since -spirits, wine or beer cannot not present officers were elected in 1915 legally be made, imported or trans heir term of office expired December ported. In a few years the stock

Commander Williams also called the new generation will not know th ttention of the Post to the difficulty taste of liquor. How can it be mus e had experienced in call ing the tered to the support of something the xecutive committee together because it neither wants nor knows? of the distance of their homes from he meeting point. Since they are recuired to meet once a month and it eemed to be the only possible way o. etting committee together, a count man suggested that the executive committee be composed of local men. This was at first demurred as it was felt hat some members might feel that it was too much of a local affair, but as er discussion of necessity of getting ommittee together it was unanimous y voted and the following executive

mmittee was elected: Walter Egerton, T. I. Gilliam, R. A. heek, and W. A. Burwell.

Officers were unaimously elected as follows: Frank H. Gibbs, Post Commander; William H. Boyd, Vice-Commander; Walter Gardner, Adj. and Finance Officer.

After urging that each member try to increase the enrollment as much s possible the Post was dismissed.

STONES AS MONEY SAYS THIS MARINE

San Francisco, Feb.-Stones, flat mooth ones, with holes drilled in the center, constitute the form of money the Yaps use, accrding to Marine Corps Sergeant Albertos Bresanhan who just returned from the Orient and who was a visitor recently at the island of Yap, a tropical isle in the Pacific used as a trans-Pacific cable

"A Yap dollar weighs two pounds, dds the Marine. "When the natives get on top of a mountain and pitch jennies it reminds one of a landslide.

Amendment Here To Stay

ject it at once realized that it was im- he did from the son. The daughter Constitution has been ratified by for- was little Robert crying so that you possible to proceed with intelligence naturally complained about it and ask- ty of the forty-eight states. Whether could hear him a block away. I ask President's stand as regards the vital or with justice until the actual facts ed the sheriff why she should pay five or not it is true that a majority of ed him what was the trouble, and he were ascertained. It was known of all times as much taxes as her brother, the people of the country are really told me he had lost his tin whistle men that the old system had failed when their father had given them, as opposed to prohibition, it is now as That penny whistle filled his horizon miserably to ascertain values that stated in his will, exactly the same sure as anything human can be that He had loving parents, and health to New York, Feb. 16. even remotely approached the facts. amount of property. The sheriff ex- the amendment will live as long as run about in the sunshine. But al Hence the machinery of the Re-Valua- plained to her that the land was as- the Constitution itself remains the that counted for nothing compared

> majority,-for practical purposes over, their numbers are sure to grow for the lack of anything to feed upon, most of them will cease their efforts * to obtain liquor and accept the situation. Those who never drank are of course satisfied with things as they are. It follows, then, that objectors

rulings of the courts are equally vain. 'See! This our Fathers did for us.'

Anything more than one half of one per cent of alcohol in a liquid make it an illegal beverage. It is pointe out-and of course is true-that Con gress and the state legislatures coul pass laws declaring that liquor cor taining as much as thirty per cent c alcohol is non-intoxicating; but the; will not do it. The most that they ar ever likely to do is to raise the alco holic content to a point where there may be a reasonable doubt whether o not a beverage is intoxicating. Th Supreme Court of the United State has already given an indication that i will not frustrate the intentions of tax prohibitionists. If some of the state courts, give decisions favorable to the sale of mild liquors, those decision will in time be overruled. Formerl, a "dry". state surrounded by "wet In answer to a call Limer Post, states could not protect itself; nov

Moreover,-and this draws th strings of net and ties them in a knot now on hand will be exhausted. Th

-Youth's Companion.

Tin-Whistle Philosophy

To say that Barbara Channing we indignant is to put it mildly. "I shall never speak to Elsie Anderson again! she spluttered.

"What's the matter now, child? asked her mother gently.

"She cut me when she passed me on the street this morning," the gir "Perhaps she didn't mean to, and

if she dia, I shouldn't let that cloud my happiness, dear. I heard a stor; about Abraham Lincoln once that ha always been a great help to me. One day he was walking with a friend in a park in Washington when a mar coming toward them refused to turn ut, and Lincoln quietly stepped aside and let the man pass.

"'Why did you do that?" asked Lin coln's friend. 'He should have turne out for you.'

" 'Why, replied Lincoln, "if I hadn' turned out of the way there migh have been a collison!' He had enough height of manhood and enough girtl of soul to afford to give way. Chris never worried about deference. With out loss of conscious dignity He could wash his disciples' feet. Great soul: are always simple souls. It is th people whose dignity needs defens who are quick to take offense." "Yes, but you can't help feeling

hurt when people snub you, can you? "Oh, yes, you can. It's all a ques tion of your point of view. The troub's with most of us is that our souls swing in such a small circle. I was going downstreet the other day, and The eighteenth amendment of the when I passed Mr. North's house there with his penny whistle. What he need-"I think you're right again, mother,"

said the girl soberly.

-Youth's Companion.

The best tenant is one who stays because he prospers, not because he fails and cannot get away. The best agriless; for, as the old craving dies down culture is found where tenants decline were killed. Theodore viewed the devand owners increase.

BUILDING TOMORROW

John Ruskin

build forever. Let it r + be for the fore a waterspout caused the irrigato the new law will never be any more present delight, not for present use tion ditch to overflow. The resulting numerous than they are now; and, alone. Let it be such work as our de- flood washed his eggs and nests away. since they are now a hopeless minor- scendants will thank us for, and let | Many would have given up in des-"I guess we'll cut out that line of ity, no movement to repeal the amend- us think, as we lay stone on stone, pair at this point, but not Theodore. of two thirds of Congress and three stones will be held sacred because our obtained more egs and finally succeedhands have touched them, and that ed in raising 150 chicks. On these he

auds Manhood of President For Standing Strong For His Opinion

DENOUNCES DELAY OF CONGRESS ON TREATY

tates That History Will Revererence Name of Wilson and That His Course Is For Best Interest of Humanity.

(From N. Y. World) o the Editor of The World:

The news from Washington and sewhere, the editorials in the papers, ear testimony to the fact of a wellgh universal sympathy for ex-Secreary Lansing and of condemnation for resident Wilson's surprising action n getting rid of him. I am not writng to jump into publication so much s I am to ease my mind. I am not a lind follower of our President, thinkng he can do no wrong, but in all sinerity I am sure there are thousands ke me, who remain inarticulate most f the time, who do not join in the hue ad cry. Speaking for myself, I reoice in seeing the President give such stirring manifestation of his power. His dismissal of Mr. Lansing was either delicate nor pleasing, but 1 m profoundly impressed with the ertainty that history will write it own as the righteous stroke of a reat leader who has been singularly Landoned in his magnificent attempt o bring about sane and constructive elations between nations.

The President is not, thank God, a harming figure such as we delight in aving at tea parties; but who thinks t is necessary for the President to be Il personal attraction and whimsical ompromise? Mr. Wilson would be a orry creature indeed if he yielded rom the position he took at Paris. We can be sure he reached such a poition after much deep thinking and ecret prayers for guidance.

I have tried my best to see the neessity for the revisions and changes .nd reservations and what not being reated amid hot air at Washington, ut the harder I try the more paltry t all seems. So they don't want Can da and Australia and the other Engish-speaking colonies to have a vote in the League. How delightful the lanadians must find us just now! What are we afraid of? What on earth are all the fits down in Wasnngton about? To call a halt to this etter, I end in saying the more I hear bout these reservations the more un elievable they seem, so utterly coward and piggish they are, and so bsolutely unworthy of the most powerful country on earth, of which I, for one unimportant, hard-working citizen, long to be proud.

Three lusty cheers for our President! May his will continue to remain as staunch and unmovable as the everlasting hills. When men are sure before God that they are right, that is the only way to be. And the question of principle at stake will be the test of his greatness to the ages. FRANCIS HERBERT STEVENS.

BOY WINS PRIZE AFTER FAILING IN THREE ATTEMPTS

To have castastrophe overtake your enterprise twice and then, undismay-

the dead father and makes the son and have been accustomed to drink-mod-things to blot out the sky. It's our quires pluck of a rather unusual qual-"No matter how fundamentally hon- the daughter equal before the law. erately or immoderately. They do not spiritual immaturity that so often ity It is the kind that Theodore Tholke, a club boy living in Douglas County, Nev., possesses.

Last spring this boy joined one of the United States Department of Ariculture and the State colleges and purchased 300 baby chicks. Soon afterward an electric storm passed over his home and all but 19 of the chicks astation the storm had wrought, straightened his shoulders and went out and bought 150 setting eggs. But luck was against him again. Scarcely When we build, let us think that we had he got the eggs under the hens be-