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BE IN EARNEST :-- Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.
—Ecclesiastes 9:10.

FOR TODAYble Thoughts memorized, will prove a priceless heritage in after years.

BIBLE THOUGHT

OUR SURFACED ROADS.

Only seven of the 48 States in the United States had more surfaced roads at the end of 1922 than did North Carolina. This fact is established in a report of the federal Department of Agriculture culture which had just made a survey of the entire country

In these seven States only one—Georgia—was in the South. At the end of 1922 North Carolina had 16,755 miles of surfaced roads and Georgia had 18,000.

In the matter of building roads in 1922

North Carolina ranked third among all of the States. Only Michigan and Indi-ana built more surfaced roads last year than did North Carolina which completed 2,115.9 miles of roads.

The figures showing surfaced roads in

the leading States show:
Indiana 39.857 miles; Ohio 36,067 miles; Wisconsin 19,714 miles; New York 18,566 miles; Georgia 18,000 miles;

vania 13,921 miles.
Following is a table of the ten high-

The present attempted revolution in Mexico will test President Obregon. During the past several years Mexico has thrived under the leadership of this man and the rest of the world had about come to the conclusion that he was go his progressive markh is progressive markh.

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states that Jalapa has been taken by the shaw himself had protected the Congres men." insurgents. The fighting, according to the reports, was spirited by the rebels

been confronted in some time and its outcome probably will determine his influence and leadership in the future. If the can successfully repel the attacks, both of a military and political nature, he will have established himself without question as among Mexico's greatest men.

Frank W. Stearns, closest of President Coolidge's friends, amounces that the President will be a candidate next year. The announcement came as no surprise to the American people. They have belt all along that the President was a candidate and the statement from Mr. Stearns is just a forwal way of putting it over. President Coolidge is going to be a hard man to beat in the Republican race for nomination and he is going to be a hard man to beat in the regular Presidential election race. We believe that he will have little difficulty in securing the nomination, but that does not mean that he will be re-elected by any means.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Repeal or amendment of the Volstead act is inevitable, unless there is a modification of the present system of appointing enforcement offices, William Dudley Foulke, president of the National City Service Reform League, asserted last night before the forty-third annual convention of the League.

The administration of the prohibition service was described by Mr. Foulke as "a frightful yet profitable objection lesson of the inherent vices of the spoils system," which he said was resulting in a serious public reaction against the Volstead law. He predicted, however, that attempts to repeal or amend the law during the present session of Congress would not be successful.

Cases in which prohibition agents and state directors had been convicted of corruption under both the Democratic and Republican administrations were cited by the speaker as "merely samples from the butter of the property of the bulker of the property of the prop

by the speaker as "merely samples from the bulk."

"The post of state director and en-"The post of state director and en-forcement agent were the most coveted of the patronage plums," he continued, "because bribery rendered them very profitable. Appointments were made on the behests of Senators and Representa-

profitable. Appointments were made on the behests of Senators and Representa
tives who in their turn generally followed the demands of the state, county and local political organizations, and the worst men with the strongest political backing secured the places."

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Prohibition Commissioner Haynes and Attorney General Daugherty were accused by Mr. Foulke of pursuing a political soft one calment, regarding violations of the law by their subordinates, the effect of which had been to lull the friends of law and order into a false sense of security. Now that the real condition is becoming known, he added, public confidence in Commissioner Haynes official statements has been utterly destroyed. "Since the prohibition commissioner was appointed through the influence of the Anti-Saloon League," said Mr. Foulke, "that League must accept its share of the odium not only for the lack of enforcement, but for the concealment and false claim that the law was well enforced."

The Civil Service Reform League, the

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The Civil Service Reform League, the speaker said, would enter no compromise, but would resist all current proposals looking to partial classification of the prohibition force.

"We insist," he added, "that any classification which leaves the seeds of corruption still in the enforcement service is not reform at all but a perjectuation of iniquity and that the whole service must be classified and competitive examinations held for all. The horrible corruption in the enforcement unit warms ruption in the enforcement unit warns us that we must leave no loopholes. We

us that we must leave no loopholes. We may well be defeated and get up classification at all but even that is far better than to classify part and thereby perpetuate the scandal."

While Mr. Foulke's address was devoted principally to prohibition enforcement, he took occasion to criticise Attorney General Daugherty and other administration officials who he said had sought to have "key positions" in the government service excepted from civil service requirements.

"Where key positions are given to par miles: Wisconsin 19,714 miles: New York 18,566 miles: Georgia 18,000 miles: Misms," he said, "the other places fall Wisch 18,566 miles: Georgia 18,000 miles: Minnesota 16,504 miles: North Carolina 16,755 miles: Kentucky 15,436 miles: Texas 14,833 miles: California 14,275 miles: Pennsylvania 13,921 miles.

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Following is a table of the ten highest States in 1922 in surfaced roads added to their systems during that year:

Michigan, 2.570 miles; Indiana 2.435 miles; North Carolina 2.115.9 miles; Texas, 2.103 miles; Minnesota, 2.977.0 miles; Wisconsin, 1.958.1 miles; New Yock, 1.043.5 miles; Colorado 1.630.0 miles; Ohio, 1.205 miles; Georgia 1.030 miles; Ohio, 1.205 miles; Georgia 1.030 miles, Ohio, 1.205 miles; Georgia 1.030 miles; Ohio, 1.205 miles; Ohio,

without interruption from internal source-cept confidentially to the prohibition es, but it seems that Mexicans still have commissioners, who did not publish them. much to learn and are not yet ready to If his charges were true, Congressmen adopt modern methods of noting displeasure with conditions or officials.

The latest news from the revolution Commissioner and Representative Upshaw himself had protected the Congress-

the reports, was spirited by the rebels captured the capital of the State of Vera Cruz without big loss of life.

The revolt is the most serious struation with which President Obregon has been confronted in some time and its controlled in some time and i



ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROHIBITION SERVICE Preisdent Coolidge Has Entered Race for Reepublican Nomination

Washington. Dec. 9.—Announcement of the candidacy of President Coolidge for the republican momination for President in 1924 was made tonight by Frank W. Stearns, of Boston, who is known as the competence with him in the organization. The announcement by Mr. Stearns is closest personal and political friend. William M. Butler, republican national committeeman for Massachusetts and also a personal and political friend of Mr. Coolidge, it was stated, will act as the resident's personal representative in the campaign.

The statement follows:

"In answer to a question Frank W. Stearns stated that the friends of President could be competed to serve, temporarily at least, and a friend of Mr. Coolidge are organizing under the guidance of William M. Butler, the Massachusetts member of the national committee, and a friend of Mr. Coolidge of many years standing, who will act as inglit of its invitation, for the republican mational committee, and a friend of Mr. Coolidge of many years standing, who will act as the many years standing, who will act as the president's personal representative As he perfects the organization. The announcement by Mr. Stearns is expected to serve, temporarily at least, in place of any direct personal statement from the President on the question. The announcement by Mr. Stearns is expected to serve, temporarily at least, in place of any direct personal representative particular to a president of the candidacy, however, has come as no surprise at this time following as it does his declaration of policies in his annual message to Congress and coinciding with the annual meeting the many years are representative.

Where East Is West

"East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet,"
was not spoken of the world of fashion, which laughs at geography, and
unites continents in the cut of a
aleeve. For certainly this coataleeve. For certainly this coat-frock of grey silk matelasse has borrowed its voluminous sleeves from the kimono of some almond-eyed Japanese maiden, and its big bow from the same source.

There is something of the flash of the scarlet tanages about Madame when she flits forth in this costume of Cheney design, for the sleeves and sash are lined with a vivid red crepe, which appears again as a facing to the upturned brim of the small hat. Anent hats, we learn from Henri Creange that hats turned up all around, either in front or on one side are very much in the mode.

The corattrick continues to be in

The coat-frock continues to be in first favor, according to this fashion authority, and matelasse one of the used materials. This particular frock fastens on the side—as do 99 44/100 per cent of the new modes—withe bow of self material, under which the material is drawn slightly across the hips.

A practical note is the close wrist undersleeve in the wide bell-like drapery, which keeps from Mad-ame's soft arms the chapping breezes of fall and winter.



Jack Wears Grin as Dry Agents Put Booze Back Into His Cellar

New York, Dec. 7.—A strange sight was witnessed on Forty-third Street to-day by a throng of theatre-goers who gathered to witness a liquor raid and saw, instead, Federal prohibition agents carry \$200,000 worth of real pre-war stuff into-not out of—the cellar of Jack's restaurant.

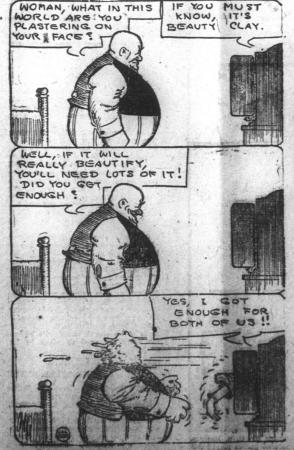
The liquor was seized in that same cellar two years ago, It was returned today by order of Federal Judge Goddard, who heid the method of confiscation had been illegal.

Although the case was recorded on the docket as "the United States vs. 26 gallons of gin." all the liquid fixtures of an oldtime bar were lugged into the cellar. Everything was in bottles with age stained labels—Scotch, rye, claret, fermouth, Benedictine, cordials, brandies, a dozen or so of champagne—and gin.

John Dunston, owner of the restaurant and the liquor, stood beside the cellar door, wearing a broad grin and

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DINNER STORIES

Polite to the Last.
Warden (to murderer in electric chair)—"Is there anything you would like to do or say before I push the fatal button?"
Thoughtful Murderer—"Yes, kind sir, I would like to get up and give my seat to a lady."

A Real Gift.

"I am afraid, doctor," said the wife
"that my husband has some terrible men
tal affliction. Sometimes, I talk to him
for hours and then discover that h
hasn't heard a word."

"That isn't an affliction, madam," the weary reply. "That's a gift."

Chief Occupation.
Visitor (to young lad)—Tell me, John y, who is your sister's sweetheart?
Johnny—I dunno.

Johnny-I dunno. Visitor-You must know what

Johnny-Yes, He kisses sister.

"Say, Mike, did you hear about the flute player in the orchestra dying?" ask-ed Pat. "And he thought so much of his flute that he asked to have it buried with him." "Faith," replied Mike, "an' it's a go

thing he didn't play the pipe organ Teacher (to class)-"When was Geor

Washington born?"

The hand of a lad went up.
"Willie, you may tell me,"

eacher.
Willie—"1732 A. D."
Teacher—"Good. Willie can you tellme what A. D. means?"
Willie—"I reckon it means after

Lady: "Why did you become a tramp?" Hercules: "The doctor's fault, mum He told me to take walks after meals, an' I've been walking after 'em ever

The car was crowded. A fat lady was

The car was crowded. A fat lady was sitting by a small boy. Several ladies were hanging to straps.
Fat Lady (to boy): "Why don't you get up and let a lady sit down?"
Boy (to fat lady): "Why don't you get up and let three sit down?"
"Why did Washington cross the Delaware?"

aware?"
"Please teacher, he wanted to go to
Atlantic City."

"Is your husband a good provider, Di-"Yessum, he's a good providah all right, but I'se allus skeered dat nigger's gwine er git caught at it."

Chorus Girl: "Alas, alas! I am undone!"
Companion: "It's all right, sister, it don't show none."

"I'm beginning to miss my husband," said Mrs, Murphy as the colling pin graz-ed her husband's head and hit the wall.

"One of them city fellows tried to sell e the Woolworth building." "What did you say?" "I sez, "All right, young feller, wrap

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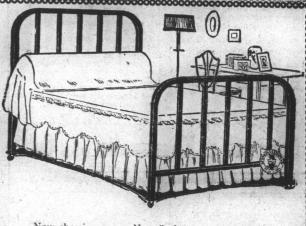
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