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THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

The new president of the United States, in taking the responsibility of the office, told the folks all over the world that one of the principle things we must do if we are to survive is to give personal attention to the law. The attempt to make the law apply to others than ourselves has gradually and not very gradually, at that, brought us to the unenviable position of being the most regardless of law of any civilized or semi-civilized people on the globe. We have assumed that laws are not to govern us except as we elect to obey them, and that laws are optional, and that individually we are all personal courts of the highest interpretation. Mr. Hoover says that is a mistake.

One of the great principles of the old nobility was that doctrine of "noblesse oblige," a doctrine that made the man of greater privilege a man of greater responsibility. Because the law dealt more lightly with him he accepted the position in society that that privilege required him in fairness and in the worth of his example to observe the law, and to give no one an opening to accuse him of doing that which another man by his lower condition was denied the right to do.

It is not the bootlegger that breaks down the prohibition law. It is the Pharisee who drinks the liquor and in doing it exhibits a contempt for law. Law is created by all of us in mass. It asks certain concessions from all of us for the welfare of all of us, and no man who is unwilling to obey the law that would ask him to concede his submission has any right to ask any other man to concede obedience. The man who defies one law encourages another man to defy another law, and no matter who you are, or what your standing, nor what your opportunity to defy law, you have no more excuse than the man who comes from the gutter to commit his crime. You have not so much, for his incentive to obey the common laws are not so great as those of us who profit more by law and order. Carried a little further to where every man may make or interpret or obey the law to suit his own notion we become anarchists, and our civilization becomes chaos and destruction. You cannot square yourself with your conscience if you violate any laws, nor can you ask any other man to do any more than you do. We are a lawless nation because of our conceit, which tells us we may violate laws, though others may not. Some day we will pay the bill we are running up.

THE LITTLE FOLKS

This week the Daughters of the Revolution hold a convention at Winston-Salem. With the older members of the society will go from this section one of the younger generation, Miriam Converse Johnson, of Aberdeen, who while not yet adopted into the order, is nevertheless by heredity in line for acceptance when she grows older, for her mother, Mrs. Talbot Johnson, is one of the prominent members and officers of the society. Miriam goes to Winston-Salem as the personal page of Mrs. Whitaker, of Southern Pines, State Regent, a woman of wide acquaintance and standing, not only among these descendants of the early day heroes, but likewise she is a woman of prominence in her community.

The newspaper folks are accustomed to make mention of the movements of grown-up folks, but it is a fact without any justifying excuses that while the world has also a fair proportion of small people, much less is said of them than of their bigger companions and associates. So when Miriam Johnson joins the pilgrimage to Win-

ston-Salem it may as well be recognized, that if she has not yet achieved those accomplishments that draw the eyes of the world toward her she is on the way to becoming one of the actors in this big world of human effort and accomplishments, and that as the older ones among us turn our feet from the busy scenes she will join with those whose shoulders are to carry the tasks of the world, and those who know her best are most confident that she will do her share in maintaining those high ideals that the old patriots of revolutionary days set up for the people of a newly developed nation.

After all it is the boys and girls who will accept the responsibility for the next big forward move of human kind, and for the broadening of life and the alluring of the race toward those nobler standards that generation by generation work the unfolding of the human accomplishment, the climaxing of civilization and the fulfillment of the purposes of existence. Only a little while and the Miriam Johnsons are to rule and to operate the world.

FORECASTING THE CROPS

A government bulletin comes to The Pilot telling of crop conditions, probable acreage to be planted, and one thing or another that might give the farmer some idea of what the American farmer will do this season. Humorous among the reports is the statement that no reference is made to cotton because congress has prohibited certain information and forecasts concerning cotton. The presumption is that to know about the cotton crop may hurt the farmer by giving that remarkable bugaboo, the speculator, some information. Then at the legislature in Raleigh the attempt was made to forbid some forms of information by the state agricultural department, and the amazing statement was made by some persons that the price of cotton had been harmed by some information given out by some of the departments, and that such a policy should be pursued as would keep cotton in the dark.

What a funny world. Any other industry than farming makes every effort to be posted as completely as possible on every branch of the business. But the assumption is that the farmer should be kept in ignorance for fear some one beside the farmer would get information as to crops and demands and uses, and in that way buy the farmer's stuff for a lower price than he could get if everybody remained in dense ignorance. And a lot of farmers accept that shallow nonsense. Right now every farmer ought to have access to all the information possible as to how much cotton is on hand in the mills, in the warehouses, abroad and at home, how much is carried over as compared with previous years, what the yarn trade is like, what the mill outlook is, what the trade is demanding in cotton goods, what acreage farmers are figuring on planting, and all possible slants on the industry from start to finish. That the speculators will get the information is no consequence. They manage to get much more information than the farmers get no matter how much the government tells the farmers, for the speculators and every one else concerned in the use of cotton want to know all they can and get all the knowledge they can. To keep the farmer in ignorance is a crime, even if he wants to be kept there. The farmer ought to know everything possible about his business. Then he will know better what he wants to do. But to do everything blindly cannot help him.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM SOLD

Bernard Leavitt and Claude Leavitt have sold the telephone systems at Southern Pines and Carthage and these become parts of a new system that will include some sixteen exchanges in villages in three different sections of the state and in South Carolina, and afford an outlet to the big cities of the state. These two men have devoted practically all their lives to the work of creating the telephone system of the main part of Moore county, and that they have brought the work to a conclusion so desirable is to their credit. They will continue with

GRAINS OF SAND

Today is the last for filing your State and Federal Income Tax returns.

Charlotte is in the midst of a fight over the City Manager form of government. This is a war which every city seems to have to go through at some stage of its career. There are now 392 cities in the United States having the City Manager form of government, 109 of which have had it for ten years or more. Those cities in North Carolina under this form of government are Chapel Hill, Durham, Elizabeth City, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Hickory, High Point, Morganton, Reidsville, Rocky Mount, Roxboro, Salisbury and Thomasville.

There is a difference of opinion in the Grover family in Southern Pines over the value of athletics. We heard someone speaking to Mrs. Grover about her son's prowess and promise in tennis.

"Yes," she said, "that may be, but you should see his algebra marks as a result."

All one has to do to know it's spring is to walk by the playgrounds of the community. Youth is in full bloom on swings, slides, tennis courts, putting greens and baseball diamonds.

STARTS, THE LORD KNOWS WHERE! AND ENDS SAME PLACE: ELECTRICITY

At last a satisfactory definition for electricity! It is given by the New York State Committee on Public Utility Information in its Utility Bulletin of January 28th, which says:

"Electricity is something that starts the Lord knows where and ends in the same place. It is 1-36 of a second faster on its feet than its nearest competitor, backyard gossip, and when turned loose in Europe will get to the United States five hours before it starts. Nobody knows exactly what it is because it has never stood still long enough.

"Electricity is sometimes known as science gone crazy with the heat, and if you can understand its manueuvres you can do anything with it except open a can of peanut butter at a picnic.

"Electricity was locked up in ignorance for centuries until Ben Franklin let it out with a pass key, and since then it has been pulling off more new stunts than a pet monkey. "With it you can start a conversation or stop one permanently, cook dinner, curl your hair, press your trousers, blow up a battleship, run an automobile or signal Mars, and many more things are being invented."

the new and enlarged company, because as an official of the company remarked, they are both men of experience and acquaintance with the people and conditions of the neighborhood and their years of work in the community make them valuable.

These young chaps, or rather they were young chaps when they started, have grown up as far as they have grown in the service of their two developing industries. They are men of standing in their communities, and it is not going out of the way to remark that they have been builders on a broad scale proportionate to the field as they took it and to the task they undertook in creating the property of which they are now disposing. They have stood by at times when the promise was not very great and the work was burdensome compared with the returns. They have held on and sawed the wood until it seems the opportune moment has arrived to make it possible for ample capital to lend a hand, and it is now to be believed that Moore county will have an expanded telephone service that will keep up with the progress of the Sandhills, a thing that has been demanding a much bigger capital than the small company could provide.

The Leavitts have had considerable criticism because they did not keep up with the development of the community more closely, a criticism in which The Pilot has not indulged for it could see that they were digging in in their effort to keep ahead of the rapid growth of this section. Now that they have put their scheme on a footing big enough to make it appeal to bigger developers, and have passed the major responsibility to heavier shoulders they are going to be given credit for the work they have accomplished, and the foundations they have fairly laid. Those who know what they have done will appreciate it.

and we met three young high school girls the other afternoon who said they were going swimming.

One of the Casey Jones cabins on the Southern Pines-Aberdeen road burned down the other night and the Southern Pines department had quite a time laying a hose to it. The nearest hydrant was one-fifth of a mile from the cabin. Unfortunately, the Casey Jones establishment is outside the city limits and hence the absence of a nearer water supply.

Those who went to Frank Buchan's Bible class for the first time fearful of having to display their ignorance of the Bible were soon at ease. They found everyone else in the same frame of mind. But it's surprising how quickly it comes back to you if you haven't happened to keep up your Bible reading for some time. And how interesting it is!

Wherever you go, planting is going on in the Sandhills. Not crop planting, but beautification planting. The epidemic is due to the work of the Kiwanis Club, the civic bodies and a general desire to make the countryside more picturesque, and it won't be long before we're living in a garden spot comparable with any in America, and away ahead of most.

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Weymouth Heights

Southern Pines, N. C.

The shrewd buyer, whether for a home or investment, will observe the tendency to gather up acreage lands close to the villages in the Sandhills recently and at present.

More room than a town lot affords seem to be the idea now, and big and little tracts are changing hands.

You can see what the buying of lands around Southern Pines will mean. More homes of consequence in the Weymouth territory.

WEYMOUTH HEIGHTS IS THE REGION OF THE FINE HOMES

For Information, See—

S. B. RICHARDSON, Inc.
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Of interest to every car owner:

A statement of General Motors' Policy

by Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President

THE public has been visiting the automobile shows in the larger cities of the country to see new models.

Suppose you could drop a curtain over the 1929 automobile shows and raise it immediately upon the shows of ten years ago. How vividly the changes would then appear!

Go back five years, or even three, and the contrasts are amazing. So fast have the improvements followed one another that every year has offered you more for your automobile dollar—in performance, in comfort, in safety, in beauty and in style. Never was this fact quite so impressive as in the cars now on display.

This is real progress, and inevitably General Motors has been a leader in it. You cannot have hundreds of engineers, in one organization, thinking and working day and night without knowing more about making automobiles than was known the year before. You cannot have great Research Laboratories, the Proving Ground and the unmatched resources and skill of Fisher body without developing constantly better processes and new ideas. The patronage of the public makes possible all

this machinery of betterment; so the public is entitled to each improvement as promptly as it has been proved.

In this way came the self-starter, the closed body, durable Duco finish, four wheel brakes. By the same process one of the remarkable feats in industrial history has just been effected: Chevrolet has been transformed into a six-cylinder car within the price range of the four—almost overnight. Similarly, the new brakes and transmissions of Cadillac and LaSalle are a fundamental improvement; while the new models of Buick, Oldsmobile, Oakland and Pontiac all represent values that could not have been offered before.

Such progress, born of the inherent ambition of an organization of active minds to do better and to give more, is of benefit to all. It offers you more for your money with each succeeding year. It gives you more value for your present car when you trade it in.

This is our policy. This is real progress.

ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President

Detroit, March 1, 1929

AN INVITATION

General Motors would like you to see the progress which it has made during the past year and which is represented by its new models. More than that, it invites you to peep behind the scenes at the methods employed to assure further progress. Simply check on the coupon below the products in which you are most interested. Full information will be sent without obligation plus a valuable little book which tells the inside story of the General Motors institution. This book—"The Open Mind"—has real value to every one owning or planning to buy a car.

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