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OH, CONSISTENCY, WHERE ART THOU?

The claim put up by the advocates of wine and beer modification of the liquor laws in order to save young men from drunkenness seems to be about the same as the making of a law allowing boys to break in grocery stores to keep them from blowing bank notes, or to give them the right to make counterfeit nickels to keep them from making counterfeit dollars, or a law giving them the right to shoot babies to keep them from assassinating the president and his cabinet.

The arguments for liquor are sometimes without any reason whatever, and the man who wants wine or beer to keep him from drinking is not on very safe ground.

EIGHT-MONTH SCHOOLS IN DURHAM COUNTY

Durham County will have eight month schools in every district. The teachers in that county, where the fund will not pay the full 8-month term, are teaching for half of their regular salary to help make up the full term.

This is easy in the rich county of Durham, which has so few schools under eight months, and which has a low school tax, but it can not be expected in counties like most of the agricultural counties, where there are so many short-term schools.

The segregation of property and corporate taxes has worked a very great hardship on the poor counties, making each county pay its own school expenses.

As an illustration, Martin County pays about four times more tax on its property as Forsyth, and yet they have more teachers according to school population than Martin County.

The big centers like Durham, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, and Guilford Counties, with cities made up not only by the people of their own coun-

ties but by adjoining counties all have good schools and cheap schools, while the counties in the State without rich cities have high taxes and poor schools.

It is only another case of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer.

CONTENTMENT

By James D. Taylor

Sometime ago I visited a friend of mine and every time I see this friend, or even his name is recalled, I think of this verse from the Bible:

"Not that I speak in respect of want; for I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content.—Philippians, 4:11."

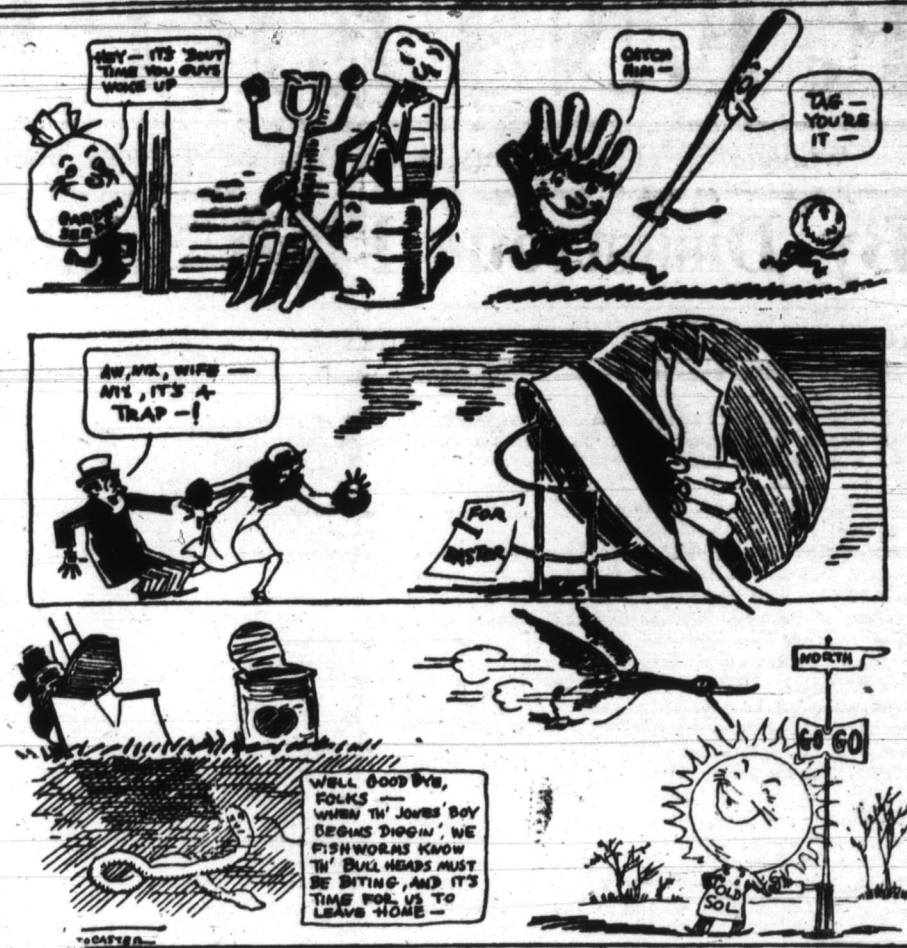
I have never known my friend to be restless. But always calm and patient, and when you talk with him you know that he is at peace with the world. I like to talk with this man when I am restless, unhappy, discouraged and discontented, for it seems that he can read your very thoughts and sends you away happy and contented. His life has not been a bed of roses. He has had his ups and downs, even as you and I, but he has learned in whatsoever state therein to be content. Years ago he gave vent to that spirit that allows no dullness within, and he held on to that spirit to adult life, middle age, and even now when his hair is whitened by the many summers.

To many people life is a monotonous existence, which in a large measure is due to discontentment. They fail to find gladness in their daily activities and their souls are sour and they become embittered. They are restless and discontented. They are not the "Master of their fate nor the captain of their soul."

In the game we call life many hands are dealt, and as humans, we often say that fate is the dealer. That sorrow, unhappiness, and discontent is dealt to some while to others is dealt contentment and a happy spirit. But

SIGNS OF SPRING

By A. E. CHAPIN



this is often in the state of mind. At times it is very apparent that some are given those things that make life a gladness experience, while to others life is one hard knock after another. But if we had the power to look into the hearts of others, we would seldom want to exchange our lives for theirs. The happy people you see have their troubles and disappointments. But to them the joys of life are far greater than the sorrows. They think of the good things and are thereby able to adjust themselves and be content.

They are sympathetic, compassionate, and understanding. They are unselfish and are always doing something for others.

Be optimistic. Look on the bright side of life. When you have your troubles, always remember that there are those who have troubles even greater than yours. Life is just what you make it. You can have a happy life and enjoy all the pleasures associated therewith if you walk in the right direction. He that ruleth his spirit is might. Whatever your

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR GOOD FRIDAYS

Nearly 2,000 years ago on the first Good Friday no doubt the great multitude of people in Jerusalem stopped their work, some closing their business houses or possibly in the excitement ran off and left them open and followed the Christ to "Calvary's Brow," where they spent about six hours watching the events of and waiting for His death. Three of the hours being darkness surely startled them more.

The few words recorded as being spoken by Christ in that time can easily be repeated in a very short while now and mean the same, and they would sink deeper in our hearts than they do by merely hearing them if we could imagine ourselves near the cross while hearing them and meditate on them for that length of time, but where is a person who meditates on such subjects that long without some other reason than just for meditation's sake? And whose bosom would not swell with both sorrow and joy and who would not be better satisfied with their knowledge of the occasion after a three-hour meditation?

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