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The Dispute Over Edison's Will

Even Mr. Edison, with all of his knowledge, failed to please. His No. 2 set of children got most of his property, under the terms of the will recently probated.

An older son claims his father was overpersuaded and coerced by the step-mother and younger children—which is a very reasonable story, based on average cases. The old story of the neglect of the step-child is perhaps true in this case.

The natural thing for a father to do is to treat all of his children alike. When a man fails to do so he is generally betraying a weakness, unless there is some signs of wildness in the life of some of them.

Of course, Mr. Edison had the right to do as he wished in this matter. Still, we wonder if he did not show weakness in his will.

Nothing New Under the Sun

Recorded history shows that thousand of years ago nations had their periods of drouth, famine, pestilence, and troubles of one sort and another. As we all know they still have them from time to time. Maybe the human race will finally reach that stage of developed intelligence and character, where wars, disease, financial depression and other grievous ills will be no more. At present such a happy state is not in sight.

In a recent issue of the Greensboro News quoted from an article that appeared in the year 1857 in Harper's Weekly, a famous publication in its day. The Greensboro News editor was much impressed with the similarity in the conditions described in the Harper's article and those that exist today. The likeness is indeed remarkable, but, as the News comment, the best thing about it is that the country recovered from the 1857 depression and will recover from that which we have now. The quotation from Harper's follows:

"It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this paper—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. In our own country, there is universal commercial prostration and panic, and thousands of our poorest fellow citizens are turned out against the approaching winter without employment and without the prospect of it.

In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly Indian insurrection, and with its disturbed relations in China.

It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference (which, happily, no man pretends to feel) in the issue of events.

Of our own troubles no man can see the end. They are, fortunately, as yet mainly commercial; and if we are only to lose money, and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom—the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity—no man need seriously despair. And yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion of this widespread calamity, has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity.

Good Friends—Let our conduct prove that the call comes to men who have large hearts, however nar-

RED CROSS WILL MAKE BID FOR MORE MEMBERS

Increased Burdens in Relief Work Spurs Society to Intensive Drive

By virtue of the increased burdens in relieving suffering during the last fiscal year, ended June 30, the American Red Cross this fall will make an effort to muster the largest membership it has enrolled in many years.

The past year will be recorded by the Red Cross as one of its most significant periods for several reasons. The year found the society bringing to successful completion its greatest

peace-time assignment which was the disastrous drought-relief program. It found more volunteer workers giving their full time for relief of drought victims through the Red Cross than during any similar period in the last decade. Then, this year marks the organization's fiftieth anniversary.

Since its beginning in this country fifty years ago, the Red Cross has handled more than 1,100 disasters. This work is conducted in addition to other Red Cross services. First aid and life-saving, nutrition, public health nursing, home hygiene, and care of the sick, service to veterans and service men, foreign and insular operations and Junior Red Cross work, all showed forward strides during the last year. Besides the drought, 61 other disasters visited this country during the 12-month period, spreading destruction over 31 states. All of them added to the increased demands upon the society.

The American Red Cross came in-

rowed their homes may be; who have open hands, however empty their purses. In time of peril we have nothing but manhood, strong in its faith in God, to rely upon; and whoever shows himself truly a God-fearing man now, by helping wherever and however he can, will be as blessed and beloved as a great light in darkness."

We Need To Work—Not To Faint

By O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., in the Roanoke-Chowan Times, Rich Square, N. C.

Economic conditions have much to do with the state of mind and physical well-being of a people. While a people may make their own living conditions, so often these conditions become the ruling masters of that people. Perhaps something of this sort may be in effect today. A return to normalcy may be a retrogressive act in progress. Tomorrow is the goal of individual and nation. To retrograde is but to lose. Private thinking for public utterance needs the tone of encouragement and hopefulness. Our public leaders would serve a generation could they sing a symphony of faith and work, and not a dirge of helpless despair.

Economics always depend upon supply and demand. This country is blessed with unlimited raw material. The immediate demand, among the poor and needy, is now greater than in a single past decade. Industry and finance could work wonders by getting on speaking terms once more. They need to form a working agreement. To create a market for farm products is to create a job for the laborer. A job must precede the daily wage. The daily wage must come before the purchase of bodily necessities. More work and less talk may be, in part, a solution to some of our economic ills.

News comes from Washington that the Federal Reserve Board discovered \$24,000,000 decrease in money circulation for a single week ending in October. We agree that there is a time to save and a time to spend. But we likewise believe that there never was a time to hoard. Money out of circulation is useless money. It is only of value when put into the streams of finance to serve the markets for people and the nations. To hoard it is to convert it into a thing of utter uselessness. On the other hand, financial recovery will not likely come throughout extravagant spending. Nor through a process of unlimited credit. But sound business principles always demand hard work backed up by sane, wise, and judicial investment of the family income.

We need to work, and not to faint. This is no time for fear or loss of confidence between individuals or business. There is no place for hysteria. Our times call for faith, hope, and hard work. Farmers need a fair price for their product. Industry must have a market for their production. The wage-earner needs a job. The banker is holding idle money. Bring these into a working relation, and much good will be done.

Your Responsibility for Your Son

By Mayon Parker, in the Bertie Ledger-Advance
In my opinion, it will do no one any harm to read what Dr. Douglass Freeman, editor of the Richmond News-Leader, says in the paragraph below:

"Have you a boy born between 1911 and 1927? Have you lavished love on him and sacrificed for him, seeking to give him a chance in life? Unless America can reverse her history, you are rearing that boy to be a target for machine gun bullets, a prey to poison gas. Not only so, but you contribute to his danger when you lend yourself to international hate; yes, even when you are indifferent to promoting the cause of peace you are adding danger to the life of the boy you love. It will be you, not he, who will say whether he marches away to return no more. Your generation, not his, will neglect the safeguards of peace and promote the rivalries that lead to war. Your contemporaries, not his comrades, will pass the conscription law, on which the ardent spirit of youth will hardly wait. It is absolutely within the power of the parents of young children in the United States to say whether their sons shall inherit war or peace; but American parents must use that power now. They can not wait until the quarrels are made and blood is hot and the mob mind is past control. The latest date at which war can be prevented in 1941 is 1931. If your boy is killed in the next war, after you have exerted yourself for peace, other men are his murderers. If he is slain after you have been indifferent about peace, his blood is on your own head."

If your son was not born between 1911 and 1927, this question Dr. Freeman asks is still a vital one. It makes the heart of the father of a son born in 1931 grow tight with fear to think of the possibilities that may grow out of our indifference to the cause of making the world secure against another wholesale murder.

to being on the night of May 21, 1881. It was on that date that Miss Clara Barton, famous for her volunteer relief work on the battlefields of the Civil War, called together a group of distinguished men and women in her Washington, D. C., home to organize the society. During that gathering, the organization's first constitution and an application for the District of Columbia charter were signed. Miss Barton was selected as the first president and served in that capacity for 23 years.

To Cut Marshmallows.—Dip the scissors in cold water, and the marshmallows will cut freely without sticking.—Mrs. R. J. Nelson.

To Keep Hands White.—If it is necessary for you to keep your hands in water a great deal, keep a small perfume bottle of vinegar handy. Shake a little on your hands each time you dry them and they will be kept smooth and white.—Mrs. J. W. Bailey.

BUSINESS BRIGHT SPOTS NOT SEEN ON LOCAL MARTS

Commodities Not Bringing As Much Here As in Large Cities

Bright spots in general business conditions in America today failed to cast their reflection in the marketing of commodities produced in Martin County.

Fresh country eggs today are being purchased at 28 cents a dozen in the city markets while there is a slightly lower price in Martin County unless the amount of the eggs is accepted in merchandise. Spring chickens are valued at 20 cents a pound in Norfolk although they are retailed at about 25 cents a pound. Ducks are priced at 20 cents and turkeys 25 cents a pound at the store.

Veal calves are being bought in the larger markets for 8 cents a pound. Fat sheep are selling to the markets at three cents a pound. Live hogs are bringing to the grower 5 cents a pound with 8 cents a pound for dressed pork.

Cotton is still reported on a small incline with the price being a few points over 6 cents in the lint while corn is quoted at about 40 cents a bushel. Peanuts are still ranging in price a little over two cents a pound with little or no demand for them. Some buyers are off the market.

The Norfolk and Chicago markets as reported to local buyers are a little off in all local commodities.

ADVERTISING IS URGED AS CURE FOR DEPRESSION

Roger Babson, Noted Statistician, Says Trouble Is Under-Consumption

"Advertising is now offered an opportunity to render this country and the world at large a great economic service," says Roger W. Babson, world-famous financial statistician, in a recent article. "The present trouble with business is under-consumption, not over-production. Human nature always goes to extremes."

"It was popular and fashionable to

spend money lavishly back in 1928 and 1929, and people overdid it," he continued. "Now it has become fashionable to scrimp and hoard, and again people are overdoing it."

"Advertising must sway the public fashion back to a sane middle course. It is up to the advertisers to make the desire to buy goods more appealing than the security of safe deposit boxes. The extreme lack of purchasing among the well-to-do classes is now the result of fear and fashion rather than it is of inability to buy. There is still plenty of money in this country. The trouble is that it is being hoarded."

Referring to the hoarding of cash, the economist says: "This hoarding goes on in two ways: First, by the actual withdrawal of currency and placing it in safe deposit boxes, hiding it in homes, and otherwise storing it away; and second, by piling up savings deposits to a point where many banks are refusing to take more money. Moreover, the banks are virtually hoarding it, because in an effort to keep as liquid as possible, they are not making their accustomed volume

of loans and have shut down on their purchase of securities.

"I am not pleading for extravagance," Mr. Babson insisted. "I do, however, believe that those who can afford to buy should do so. If even one-half of the billion dollars now hoarded away were brought back into circulation, business would start up immediately. Mere preaching about it, however, will not loosen up those pocketbooks. The best way to break up the 'buyers' strike' is by liberal and intelligent advertising, showing merchandise values the greatest they have been in this generation, and greatest in relation to wage levels they have been in the history of the country."

In concluding the article Mr. Babson says that "manufacturers and merchants must not make the mistake of cheapening their quality. By so doing they will breed ill-will. Rather they must strive to keep up the quality and pass along the savings in production costs and low raw material prices to the mass of the people who most urgently need goods of long service in return for their hard-won dollars. For both classes of consumers, well-to-do and those of limited incomes,

advertisers should talk values instead of comparative prices. Concerns merely talking price reduction miss the point.

"Business today is like an engine that is caught on dead center. It takes some unusual push to start it going. Advertising can supply that push, providing business men will make the proper use of it. Once recovery starts, hoarded capital will be rushed out of safe deposit boxes just as fast as it was frightened into them by the depression. The most foolish thing a concern can do today is to cut down its advertising appropriations and the cold weather.

Spots on Woolen.—If you have grease spots on any woolen material and have no cleaning fluid handy use spirits of camphor. Turpentine on black grape stain will remove the stain.—Mrs. V. L. Roberson.

To Whip Cream That Will Not Whip Easily.—Put the required amount of cream in a bowl and add enough sugar to sweeten to taste. Begin to beat with an egg beater and add lemon juice, drop by drop, until the cream is as stiff as desired.—Mrs. J. C. Keel.

Blue Banner CHOCOLATES

50c lb.

Nougatines, Chips, Krinkles, Ice Cream Drops, Caramallows, Brazil Nuts, Montevideos, and Various Other Brands—All Fresh and Inexpensive. Each Piece Brings the Temptation to Try "Just One More."

FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

We have the best brands in boxes — and inexpensive, too. Come in and look our line over. You will be pleased.

Clark's Drug Store

WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

A COLD DAY COMFORT



ELECTRIC HEATERS

How its warm glow does please . . . how quickly it routs the chill from a room. A winter comfort necessity for every home, at an unusually low price.

WILLIAMSTON ELECTRIC SHOP
Washington St.
Williamston, N. C.

CONSTITUTIONAL TAKE
"If I got constipated, I would get dizzy and have swimming in my head. I would have very severe headache."
"For a while I thought I wouldn't take anything—maybe I could wear out the headaches; but I found they were wearing me out."
"I found Black-Draught would relieve this, so when I have the very first symptoms, I take Black-Draught and now I don't have the headache."
"I am a firm believer in Black-Draught, and after using it 20 or more years, I am satisfied to continue its use."
—F. H. McKinney, Orange Park, Fla.

Black-Draught

WOMEN who are run-down, or suffer every month, should take Black-Draught. Used for over 50 years.

Don't Forget To Attend Young's Annual Harvest Sale

On November 25 AT 3:00 O'CLOCK WE WILL GIVE AWAY FREE A HANDSOME 9X12 DRUGGET. ASK FOR PARTICULARS IN STORE

2 1-2 pounds of Best Sugar for 10¢	Table Oil Cloth, newest patterns, yard 19¢	AUTOMOBILE TIRES Guaranteed Federal Tires
Best O. N. T. Spool Cotton, 3 for 10¢	Children's Jersey Bloomers, pair 10¢	29 x 4.40 33.89
Ladies' Silk DRESSES, Newest styles and shades \$1.95	Men's All Wool Suits, very special \$7.95	30 x 3 1-2 33.45
Apron and Dress GINGHAMS, yard 4¢	Men's and Boys' Guaranteed Work Shoes, pr. \$1.95	30 x 3 1-2 Tubes 79¢
Good Grade HOME-spun, special, yard 3¢	Children's Printed Dresses, long sleeves and fast colors 48¢	29 x 4.40 Tubes 89¢
Men's Heavy Dress SOCKS, pair 5¢	Men's Fast Color Dress SHIRTS 48¢	29 x 4.50 94.48
Ladies' Rayon Hose, limited, pair 5¢	Men's Triple Stitched OVERALLS, pair 67¢	Ladies Outing Gowns 48¢ special
Ladies' Fur-Trimmed COATS. A real value \$2.98	Boys' Heavy Overalls, Special, pair 39¢	Children's Button-Up and Slip-sleeves and fast colors 49¢ - 69¢ - 98¢
Children Fur Trimmed COATS \$1.95	Ladies' Full Fashioned Silk Hose, pair 49¢	Men's Heavy Button-Up roll collar Sweaters 95¢
Boys' Tweed Suits, 2 pairs pants \$2.95	One Table Ladies' Patent Straps, all sizes, pr. \$1.48	Men's Sport Sweaters on sale at 89¢
Good Heavy Outing, all colors, yard 9¢	Children's School Shoes, will wear, pair 95¢	Ladies' Ribbed Heavy HOSE, pair 10¢
Beautiful assortment of PRINTS, yard 9¢	Men's All Wool Top Coats \$6.95	LADIES' COATS Beautiful Assortment Ladies' Coats \$4.95 - \$9.95 - \$14.95
Fast Color Romper Cloth, yard 9¢		KOTEX Very Special — Box 25¢

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