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### OFFICERS ARE VIGILANT

No stone is being left unturned by Los Angeles County officials to solve the mystery of the death of William Desmond Taylor. District Attorney Asa Keyes takes up the search to which the former district attorney, Thomas Lee Woolwine, had devoted his efforts. Four years is none too long to continue the work of finding a murderous culprit, if such there was, whether his victim be of high or low estate. The crime has attracted more than its share of attention because film stars were alleged to have been associated with the events surrounding the case. Unfortunately, however, the publicity given to Mabel Normand and Mary Miles Minter has given rise to inferences thus far unfounded on fact. Almost to the point of "persecution," Miss Normand puts it. It is the vigilance with which prosecuting officials are pursuing the matter that elicits favorable comment among all who advocate that justice shall be done.

### FRANCE STABLE DESPITE CRISIS

Headlines concerning France indicate complete collapse of the French Government. But this does not necessarily include the French people. Observant readers will note that the principal difficulties are financial, and thus do not reach into the basic structures of France as a nation, except, of course, as temporary conditions may adversely affect the national opulence.

No series of resignations in the present crisis is likely to bring the French people to a point where industry, art, education and the inventive genius, with which France has long been endowed, will become greatly depleted.

### A LONG FIGHT AHEAD

Senator Edge's joint resolution calling for a national referendum on Prohibition in the congressional election of 1928 presupposes a long, drawn out battle. Even if such a resolution should materialize into action and the States should vote on the dry and wet question and decide for modification of the present laws, it would be only a start. It would take as long again to secure any effective legislation that would legalize the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes. Booze has been outlawed nationally for six years. By the time it gets its plea heard before the court of public opinion and made into law there will have been an entirely new generation sprung up whose verdict we know not.

### IMPARTIAL ENFORCEMENT THE ISSUE

"If marine officers and rich men can have their cocktails, why does the poor man who takes or serves a drink have to go to jail?" This question is now being asked, but the answer it tries to suggest has little weight. Partiality in enforcement tends to weaken Prohibition as a fact, but is no argument against it as an institution.

In any system of regulation we find as a rule that the "higher ups" escape punishment oftener than their less fortunate brethren. The issue thus rendered is not only strict enforcement of Prohibition but impartial enforcement if we are to escape the impending crisis of modification or repeal.

### ALASKANS RIGHTFULLY INDIGNANT

Many Alaskans are incensed over the charge of Representative Sutherland that the territory of Alaska is vice-ridden and corrupt. After the bombardment of refutations and protests has subsided one may calmly reflect even at great distance on the merits of the charges.

Granting that Alaska still has the semblance of well-deserved frontier atmosphere and local color, law-abiding citizens in sufficient numbers are to be found there, as in every part of the civilized Americas, who will become righteously indignant at having their homeland pointed to in scorn and ill repute.

### ANOTHER "WHAT IS NEWS?" STORY

Love, youth and fun will have their way. Six boys and three girls in Dallax, Texas, danced the Charleston all night until 9 o'clock the next morning. This is news. If these youngsters had exerted the same energy and effort in using their legs to run errands for their parents, it would also have been news—the kind of news that is based on the unusual.

The Democrats might as well take on the wet issue: they'll get the blame for it anyhow.

Radio is a gift from on High. Imagine parents quarreling when tuned in on the Wedding March!

Tom Tarheel says every time he tries some new idea that's good, some fellow laughs at him. Tom, remember: "He who laughs last—etc."

Citizens of Tryon, The Polk County News is your greatest asset, stand behind it.

## THE POLK COUNTY NEWS WEEKLY CARTOON

### Baseball Season Opens



### Not Very Favorably Disposed Toward America and the Americans

By COUNT M. SOYESHIMA, Prominent Publicist of Japan.

I was not very favorably disposed toward America and Americans. I did not like Americans because most of them are in fact most arrogant imperialists while they have constantly justice and humanity in their mouths. While they set themselves up as ardent champions of justice they really are the devotees of the outrageous and brazen-faced Monroe doctrine.

While Americans are kind hearted on the one hand, they are extremely selfish on the other.

While the military authorities of America are so busily engaged in the amplification of armaments, however, it appears that the majority of American people are opposed to the idea of war, and in my opinion this is quite as it should be, for a war between America and Japan would be like a fight between a tiger and a shark. However strong the tiger may be, it cannot attack the shark, nor can the shark fasten a quarrel on the tiger whatever hatred the former may conceive against the latter. Neither of the two powers can take the aggressive with any prospect of success.

### "I Became Tired of Eating Everywhere the Same Restaurant Luncheons"

By MLE. LOUISE WEISS, French Liberal Magazine.

I retain most favorable impressions of the courtesy and helpfulness encountered everywhere. Every one was anxious to aid a stranger, especially foreign, giving advice and directions, and answering questions. But I became tired of eating everywhere the same restaurant luncheons, seeing the same little automobile, and finding literary and intellectual pursuits attuned to the standard of a weekly magazine.

I learned to be extremely brief, disposing of the Moroccan question in five minutes and the Syrian problem in three minutes. I never talked more than a quarter of an hour. I must say I found throughout the United States the general opinion that France is very bad, but when I saw the great numbers of people from Europe representing all sorts of interests, telling the Americans all sorts of things, I am able to understand why the Americans misunderstand.

I found the French policies in Morocco and Syria discredited and I was somewhat at a loss to defend our action until I discovered that the majority of my audience did not know where Syria is.

### INSIST ON THESE CO-OP POLICIES GOOD FARM DOPE

Making the whole association a real democracy, by providing for publicity and discussion of association policies by the membership, including referendum votes by the membership at times.

2. Keeping the central organization in direct contact and understanding with the individual member by providing for a direct and unbroken ladder of organization from bottom to top: (a) the local or community organizations meeting semi-monthly or oftener; (b) county meetings monthly; (c) district meetings (including all the counties in a director's district) meeting quarterly, and (d) a general meeting of the entire association annually.

3. Investigation of association affairs by authorities on cooperative marketing—as for example, agricultural extension leaders, state marketing officials, heads of departments of agricultural economies in agricultural colleges, etc., with recommendations from such authorities as to how to make the organization of yet greater service to farmers.

4. Economy of administration—lower salaries and greater economy in operating methods and expenses.

5. Publicity of all salaries and expenses, (a) as a duty to the members, (b) as the most effective insurance of economy, and (c) as the best protection against unjust suspicion and propaganda.

6. That no director of a cooperative marketing association (except possibly the president) should be also a salaried employee of the organization he is elected to supervise and regulate

on behalf of the membership, but should instead receive payment for directors at the time of organization.

7. That the directors newly chosen by the growers each year should have the right to pass on the list of officials and their salaries and not have their hands tied by prior action of the retiring Board of Directors.

8. That no director or official should be allowed more than 8 per cent profit (or certainly not more than 10 per cent) on any business supported by the patronage of the association.

9. Frequent meetings of a compact trusted, capable executive committee to handle details of association affairs, also to investigate facts and report recommendations to the full board about more important affairs instead of having the time of the full board consumed either by miscellaneous details or by larger issues about which the facts are not known.

10. A board of directors containing both "dirt farmers" and successful business men—(a) staunch, sturdy, plain farmers who know the farmers' viewpoint and feel every pinch that comes to him and (b) successful business men who can supply expert commercial knowledge that plain farmers often lack.

The mark will keep on declining while the French keep on declining taxes.

Suckers aren't so green. They find confidence men the law's agents never seem able to locate.

The lady-shop windows suggest to dad the regular spring pocket cleaning.

A study of China just makes you wonder how a Chinaman can tell when he turns Bolshevik.

### THIS STORY WON THE BOOBY PRIZE

A friend met a friend and during the ensuing conversation the subject of false teeth was brought up.

"I wish I could find a good dentist that I could depend upon," said the one with poor molars.

"Look here," said the other, pointing to his bridge work, "how's that? These were put in a year ago. You go to my dentist. He will fix you up right. Just tell him I sent you."

A week passed before they again met.

"Well did you see my dentist?"

"Yes, and everything was fine until I said I was a friend of yours—then he made me pay cash."

### CAREFUL PAINTING

By C. C. CONGER, JR., In The Progressive Farmer

During the last 30 years I have painted and helped to paint many farm buildings. Of recent years I have had no trouble in getting a good job, something I could not do in the beginning of my painting career. I was too careless about selecting paint and brushes, too careless about the kind of surface I applied it to, and too careless about applying it. There is no earthly reason why any farmer cannot do a good job of painting if he only observes three or four very essential things—

1. Use good paint, and to be sure of getting it buy only a standard product that is known the world over.

2. The surface to receive paint must be both clean and dry. This is very essential. If old paint is leaving the surface or scaling remove it with a wire brush made for the business.

3. Don't be afraid to invest a few dollars in a good brush. A good three inch brush will cost around \$2.50 or \$3. This is a popular size for farm buildings. A brush of this quality is the best investment a painter can make.

4. Don't be afraid of getting your brush full of paint. Uneven jobs of spreading paint can nearly always be traced to dipping the brush into paint too lightly.

5. Don't be stingy with elbow grease and plenty of it. Rub paint in well. You not only get better contact but equal distribution as well, which eliminates the unsightly streaks so common in bad jobs of painting.

The blacksmith will not attempt a job of welding till he has conditions just right. We can all get some good ideas about painting by studying his simple plans.

### THE BREAD TRUST

(From the Baltimore Sun)

The promptness with which the proposed baking combine acceded to the government's demand that it dissolve will be taken as further proof that there was little to be said for it from the standpoint of the consumer.

It is understandable that a merger of two or more bakeries in a single city might bring about economy in distribution and some other savings. But a trust or holding company controlling bakeries in a half dozen states did not hold out promise of either greater efficiency or of particular economies.

There did not seem much reason to fear that a bread trust could exploit the public. Nothing so quickly arouses protest as increase in the price of bread and effort to impose upon customers is invariably followed by demand for investigation. The base of objection to the merger was that it failed to show how the public would be benefited.

### All Kinds of Relics in "Courting" Couch

Ottawa, Can.—An old sofa which had been the courting place for seven daughters in the family yielded all kinds of relics when it was torn apart recently. The sofa belonged to George Blake of this city.

Blake, taking it apart for repairing, found 47 hairpins, 3 mustache combs, 46 buttons, 13 needles, 8 cigarettes, 5 photographs, 217 pins, some grains of coffee, 6 pocket knives, 15 poker chips, a bottle of headache tablets, 34 lumps of chewing gum, 9 toothpicks and 4 buttonhooks.

### DUMB DAN SAYS

People have allus sed I'm dumb and mebbe I am, but when me and my gal goes to the picture show and her mother tags along it ain't no accident when I buy two seats downstairs for us and one up in the gallery.

### Not a Minute Later

Willie at the cabinet makers: "When will our sofa be fixed, Mr. Wilkins?"

"Oh in a day or so, I sent it away for a new leg."

Willie:—"Well, my sister says she will pay you a dollar extra if you'll have the sofa ready by eight o'clock Wednesday evening."

### Waiting his Laughs

Office boy to new clerk:—"Hey, what are you laughing at that guy's jokes for, he ain't no boss around here."

### A local man says that the rich lads

who pay \$100,000 for a seat in the stock exchange and never sit down haven't anything on his cousin, who went to New York. He's paid a hundred dollars in subway fares and hasn't got a seat yet either!

### TOPICS BY "LOU" HERE AND THERE

You can't keep a country dry with wet talk.

Righting it out will save many a fighting it out.

Rich foam does not a beverage make, nor brassy rails a bar.

It's time now to turn our attention from the Riff to the tariff.

If at first you don't succeed tell her you'll get her a job in the movies.

The Birmingham News wants to know if there is any way to padlock a thipat. Yes, forget it.

Great as our inventors are they haven't yet made the Coolidge machine into a talking machine.

It generally takes a car with a lot of fresh point to attract a fresh-girl with a lot of paint.

Even if red flannel underwear does come back it won't be safe for the modern girl to walk thru a bull pen.

We're expecting at any time to see someone dig up an old blue law that prohibits saying there isn't any Santa Claus.

It would be both history-making and prudent for the Prince of Wales to exclaim, "My kingdom for a horse that won't throw me down!"

It is said that people leaving Florida receive a manicule at the border so that the State's richest asset will not be smuggled out under the nails.

They are celebrating the anniversary of the telephone. Maybe it was the anniversary of the time they tried to call the number they're still trying to get.

To avoid the idolizing mob, Mary Pickford can't go down town shopping like other women. But look at the signs she saves by not having to look into the store windows at the things she couldn't get if she could go down town shopping.

### Good Roads Hints

Last year the government gave the states \$111,000,000 to help build 11,900 miles of new roads. This is a record. An additional 12,500 miles is being completed.

The mileage of surface roads in the United States is nearing the 500,000 mile mark. In addition to surfaced roads, a considerable mileage has been graded and drained according to engineering standards.

More than half the roads of Brazil are suitable to automobile traffic.

The state highway department plans on eliminating the so-called "dead man's curve" on the Lincoln highway about four miles from Greensburg, Pa., where seven persons have been killed and many injured.

A census taken by the state highway department shows that the average traffic over the Lincoln highway in Wyoming during the present year was 474 vehicles per day.

### W. N. DOAK



An especially posed portrait of Doak, vice president and representative of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, a union of thousands of conductors, brakemen, flagmen in all parts of the States. Mr. Doak looks out of interests in any legislative progress.

### THE NEW BABY'S CLOTHES

Simply made clothing for the baby reflects good taste on the part of the mother. York and shirtings lace and such may have been used later but certainly not in the case of a new born baby. The baby should be protected from the effects of the bodily heat, and the thicknesses are better than the ones containing the same amount of wool.

The clothing should be made with freedom of movement for the or blood circulation. The baby's blanket, tightly drawn, draws bands about the chest and are apparent in many hospitals. Use a sack that they consider protection. It fits without crowding around the neck, envelops the body loosely and is pulled at the hem by a drawstring. It does this give the body freedom but it prevents the baby from pulling the fingers in the mouth. It avoids the evaporation of heat that induces local congestions and sue and the intrusions infections through the sucking ers.

### The Judge's Job



A local man says that his students go thru school on account.

Angry Mother:—"My boy smacked his face and I don't explain!"

Teacher:—"Well, I tried to him every other place but seems to hurt him!"

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Spirit Medium holding dark spooky room—"At strange rappings. Can't you dem?"

Scared One:—"Ah dun kno but mah knees!"

Wife:—"Oh darling, I saw dollars today!"

Hubby, old in the game— "What did you buy?"

JUST HABIT, MAYBE

"Jes all my 'ole woman is jaw!"

"Jes jaw, huh?"

Yes, she jaws from early morn till late in de night, nothin' else but jaw!"

"What does she jaw about?"

"Darned if ah knows, never say!"

In church last Sunday he said that marriage is a rite position and one of the most fifty for this and fifty for that.

GRANDPA SPANK

Mother:—"Children! What is this noise about?"

Little Jerry:—"We've got and Uncle Henry looked up to closet for an hour, an' when madder I'm going to play in the lion's cage."

A GOOD REASON

"Yassar, dat boss ob mine fastest boss in de world! He run a mile a minute if it war'thing."

"An' what am de one thing?"

"De time am to short to de ob de distance."