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SOME POOR BLIND FOLK HAVE NEVER SEEN A MIRACLE

(By Bruce Barton)

Here is an important distinction that many people overlook. God made the world; but He does not make your world.

He provides the raw materials, and out of them every man selects what he wants and builds an individual world for himself.

The fool looks over the wealth of material provided and selects a few plates of ham and eggs, a few pairs of trousers, a few dollar bills—and is satisfied.

The wise man builds his world out of wonderful sunsets, and thrilling experiences, and the song of the stars, and romance and miracles.

Nothing wonderful ever happens in the life of a fool.

A primrose by the river's brim,
A yellow primrose is to him,
And it is nothing more.

An electric light is simply an electric light, a telephone is only a telephone—nothing unusual at all.

But the wise man never ceases to wonder how a tiny speck of seed, apparently dead and buried can produce a beautiful yellow flower. He never lifts a telephone receiver or switches an electric light without a certain feeling of awe.

And to think what a miracle it is, this harnessing of electricity to the service of man!

Who, unless his sense of awe had grown blunt through constant familiarity, would believe it?

The sun, the center of our universe, goes down behind the western horizon. I touch a button, and presto! I have called it back—the room is flooded anew with light.

The thunder that men once called the voice of God, rolls out its mighty waves of sound and the sound carries only a few score miles. But I—puny speck upon the face of the earth—lift a little instrument; and behold, my whisper is heard a thousand miles away.

Prometheus stole fire from the gods and brought it down to earth. For that crime the gods chained him to a lonely rock and sent a huge bird to feed upon his vitals. Each night the wound healed and each day it was torn open again.

That was the punishment of the man who dared to wrest a way the richest treasure of the gods.

But fire—the treasure of the gods—has almost disappeared out of our daily life; we scorn it.

Do we want heat? We press a button: and lo, heat, invisible, all-persuasive, flows into our homes over a copper wire.

Do we need power? We have but to press another switch and giants come to us over the same slender roadway. Clothed in invisible garments they cleanse our homes, wash our clothes, crank our automobiles—do everything that once taxed the strength of men and hurried women into unlovely old age.

Don't let your life become a prosaic affair: don't let familiarity with the marvels about you breed thoughtlessness and contempt.

Let the fool build his world out of mere food and drink and clothes; you fashion yours out of marvelous experiences, furnish and decorate it with miracles.

Exercise your mind in the wholesome activity of wonder; train your soul to reverent awe.

If you had stood with Moses on the shore of the Red Sea, and I had seen it divide to let the

Dr. J. E. BROOKS.

Eight years ago Dr. J. E. Brooks came to Blowing Rock. But little of his previous life is known here. He was born and reared in Chatham county; educated at the University; studied medicine in Richmond, where the records show he led his class. He practiced medicine in Greensboro for a number of years and there induced the State to authorize the sanatorium at Montrose, Moore county, and under his leadership it was organized. Broken in health and on account of overwork, he came to Blowing Rock to seek rest and strength. He improved here, became attached to the town and built a cottage.

Dr. Brooks was a man of fine ability, a student and scholar. He accumulated some property; could have been wealthy but for his generosity.

He taught our people sanitation, greatly improving the health conditions of this section of the State. He had a tremendous influence along this line in Blowing Rock. In Caldwell and Watauga counties he delivered many lectures, teaching the people how to live. He was a leader in our social life, making out programs, organizing public meetings, dedicating his time and great talent to the good of others.

Many will recall the day when he brought Governor Bickett, Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Dr. Vance and Dr. Patterson, to Blowing Rock and to Boone to encourage during the awful war a patriotic spirit in the mountain counties. Dr. Brooks loved the University as few men ever did. Each year he entertained the Watauga Alumna in his cottage. He loved North Carolina and all her institutions. His was an altruistic life.

Dr. Brooks was a member of the Methodist church. His belief was wider and deeper than any creed, and he had a steadfast and an abiding faith in the goodness of an all-wise Providence.

I was very intimately associated with Dr. Brooks, and during his stay here I never heard him indulge in any conversation that was not the most refined. His great respect for women was an example worthy of all men to follow.

He made his home at the Watauga Inn, owned and operated by Mr. and W. P. Pendley and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Coffey. His love for the family could not have been greater. Their love and devotion for him has been noticed and commented upon all these years by the people of the town. He was fully recognized, it would seem, as a member of the family. They mourn his loss today as his own brothers and sisters do. Not only so, but the people in the town and in the country looked upon him as a friend. Each year they recognized his leadership and talent. His like will never be seen here again.

B. B. DOUGHERTY.

Miss Carrie Stroupe, of Mt. Holly, is a visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. Job Cook, in Boone.

children of Israel pass over, you would have had no difficulty in recognizing that as a miracle.

But every night when the sun goes down, a man stands in a power-house in your city and throws a switch, and instantly the city and the country for miles around are flooded with sunshine.

And you say to yourself casually: "Oh, I see the lights are on."

CAN READ IT EITHER WAY

Violations of national prohibition laws have so crowded the dockets of the Federal courts that the creation of additional machinery to dispose of the cases is suggested. That may be accepted as evidence of the failure of prohibition of its success—depending on the viewpoint. The number of violations and the persistence of the violators can be cited as proof that the law is a failure. That so many of the violators are caught that the machinery of the courts is overloaded may be cited as proof that the law is doing business on full time. If they continue to catch them and will impose a punishment that will make the price too big to pay; and a healthy and outspoken public sentiment will make the buying and drinking of liquor as reprehensible as the manufacture and sale, we may expect to see blockading diminish, not until then.

But the prohibitionists will have to admit that they overstated their case a trifle when they made the stock argument in the old and sinful days that the enactment of prohibition laws would almost put the courts and jails and policemen and sheriffs out of business so far as criminal cases are concerned; on the contrary the officers and the jails and the courts have an unprecedented run of business; and they would have more if they get all that is coming to them.—Landmark.

IT DEPENDS

(Statesville Landmark)

The Washington news seems to indicate that the situation as to Mr. Linney has been about reversed; that instead of small chance to be confirmed, as the first vote of the Senate finance committee indicated, there is small chance that the Republican state chairman can be defeated, notwithstanding he is said to be standing pat with reference to the colored vote in North Carolina. This optimistic attitude is partially due to reports that at the instance of the national Republican committee, the party in Georgia, where the colored man has been rather conspicuous, is to be reorganized to relegate the blacks to the rear; and that is the purpose of the Republicans so to do in all Southern States, they realizing that the existence of the party in the South, or at least any hope of success, is dependent on that course. Hence Mr. Linney will be acclaimed rather than crucified for pointing the way. That programme is all right so far as the South is concerned, but whether it can be put over depends on the influence of the colored vote in the north and west.

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The American Cigarette Co.

Charley Oaks Released On Bond.

Charley Oaks, of Avery county, who was tried at the spring term of Watauga Superior court, charged with the killing of Policeman Zeb Winters, of Elk Park, and found guilty of murder in the second degree, was released Friday evening under a bond of \$10,000, which was fixed by Judge Shaw, pending the action of the Supreme Court, to which tribunal the case was appealed. The trial was a very interesting and many, after the evidence was all in, were of the opinion that he was guilty of nothing more than man slaughter, but the jury found differently, and the outcome of the case will be watched with interest. Oaks, according to Jailer Green, has been an ideal prisoner, taking his long confinement cheerfully, ever confident that ultimately he would again be a free man.

Highway West of Boone in Good Shape.

Mr. John Greer, who has in charge the upkeep of the Boone Trail Highway, has just finished machining and ditching the road from Boone to the Tennessee line, and we are told that before the recent hard rains, it was in the best condition it has ever been. It is still all right, save for the mud. He is now at work on the road leading from the Highway at Vilas to Valle Crucis, and when that is completed the outfit will return to Boone, and let us hope that something will be done to improve the fearful condition of the Boone and Blowing Rock Road.

There are cars, numbers of them, we are told, running without a number tag, in Watauga, which is an open violation of the law. It is up to the officers of the county to see that this evil is overcome. Watauga is enthusiastic over good roads, and it seems strange that any citizen would try to deprive the State of the little license fee that goes directly into the road fund. As we understand it, a man thus violating the law is liable to a fine of \$50.00, and a term of imprisonment. Procure a license and tag and save trouble.

GIVING SPLENDID AID

Postmasters are giving splendid co-operation in the effort to create new capital by increasing the number of investors in government savings securities. Approximately 300,000 letters have been distributed by them since the middle of February to patrons of their offices, through post office boxes or by means of the regular carriers, calling attention to the fact that the man who saves even a dollar out of his income has to that extent become a capitalist, and to the absolute safety of government securities as investments for such savings. The postmasters are to be congratulated not only for helping to finance the government but for making their influence felt in behalf of the welfare of their own communities. Distribution of these letters means that the benefits of saving and sound investment have been brought directly to the attention of thousands of persons in Maryland, the District of Columbia, West Virginia, Virginia and the two Carolinas.

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Mr. Amos Ward, one of our village black smiths and a recent acquisition to our town, has purchased the pretty cottage of Mr. Andrew Blair, located near the town cemetery.

Contractor Ed G. Farthing, with several other carpenters, is now at work on the new residence of Mr. Russell G. Hodges.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Watauga County. By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed, executed by L. F. Watson to R. M. Watson on the 5th day of August 1920, the underlined mortgagee will sell at the court house door in Boone, on the 6TH DAY OF JUNE at the hour of one o'clock in the following described property, lying and being in county of Watauga, and bounded as follows: Beginning on a small poplar in a branch, thence with the meanders of said branch 50 poles to the mouth, thence south 55 degrees east 13 poles to small sourwood, thence 23 poles E. with the old roadway to the top of a ridge south 6 poles to a chestnut oak, thence south 10 poles to a chestnut with the main height or the ridge 47 poles to a Spanish oak and small white pine, thence west 48 poles to a spruce pine on top of the Katy Rock, thence north 20 poles to a chestnut oak, thence north 20 degrees west 36 poles to a black gum on the top of a ridge, thence north 10 degrees with extreme top of ridge 38 poles to sourwood and locust, North 25 degrees west with the same 35 poles to a red oak at the edge of old field, north 48 degrees east 40 poles to a sugar tree, 12 poles more or less to a black oak Lot Green's corner, running east 55 poles south with said line 13 poles more or less to a stake, west 54 poles to a poplar the beginning corner, containing 71 1/2 acres more or less. The said sale is made to satisfy and pay a note in the sum of \$1000.00, secured, together with interest and cost of the sale. R. W. WATSON, Mortgagee. This April 19, 1921.

Entry Notice No. 2556

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, office of entry taker for said county. Mark Squires, a resident and citizen of the State of North Carolina, enters and lays claim to a tract of land containing 10 acres more or less in Blue Ridge township, Watauga county, North Carolina, on the waters of Elk Creek, adjoining the lands of Elk Creek Lumber Co. and bounded as follows: Beginning on a stake, corner of tract no. 230 and also a corner of Grant's no. 389 and no. 2030 and running north 45 degrees east with the line of tract no. 230, 80 poles to a stake in the line of the Storie Grant no. 1971 then with the line of said grant south 18 degrees east 24 poles to the corner of Grant no. 429, thence south with said line 30 poles to the corner on grant no. 389, then west with the line of said Grant 60 poles to the beginning. The above described land is vacant and unappropriated and subject to entry. This May 17, 1921. H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Hilla Laurence, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of May 1921, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 12th day of May 1921. SOLOMON EGGERS, Administrator

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NOTICE

By virtue of the power vested in the undersigned by a certain mortgage deed which was executed by J. P. Mast deceased on the 24 day of March 1917 to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase money on the lands hereinafter described, there still remaining due and unpaid the last note of \$255 with interest on same past due, and costs of sale, I will on the 6th day of June 1921, sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in the town of Boone, Watauga County the following described land, viz: adjoining the lands of D. H. Mast, W. O. Bingham, M. T. Harman and others, and it being in Laurel Creek township, Watauga county, North Carolina, and bounded as follows: Beginning on a hickory on the top of a ridge in the James Harman old line and runs S 3 poles to a stake in Jas Thomas line then N 71 degrees E with Thomas line 14 poles to a stake on top of a ridge, thence S 70 degrees E with said line and top of the ridge 16 poles to a stake, thence N 40 degrees E 12 poles to a stake, thence E 14 poles to a stake, thence S 58 degrees E 28 poles to a stake, thence S 55 degrees E 17 poles to a stake thence S 60 degrees E 4 poles to a large chestnut, thence N 80 degrees E with Thomas' line and top of the ridge 8 poles to a stake, thence S 76 degrees W E 9 poles to a stake in D. H. Mast's line, then N 80 poles to a stake, thence N 55 degrees E 22 poles to a stake in D. H. Mast's line, thence N with Mast's line 11 poles to a stake in said line the south bank of the branch near the foot of the hill, thence S 85 degrees W 6 poles to a stake, thence S 67 degrees W 5 poles to a cucumber marked for a corner, thence S 80 degrees W 5 poles to a stake, thence S 77 degrees W 10 poles to a stake, thence N 75 degrees W 18 poles to a stake on the bank of Cove Creek, then N one and one half poles to the middle of said creek, thence N 76 degrees W with the said creek 14 poles to a stake, thence N 65 degrees W with said creek 38 poles to a stake in M. T. Harman's line, thence S with said line 36 poles to a stake on top of the ridge thence S 10 degrees W with said line and top of the ridge 14 poles to a cucumber (now down), thence S 64 degrees W with said line 48 poles to the beginning and contains 46 acres and 62 sq. rds. more or less. And for a more complete description of said land reference is hereby made to Book 8 of Deeds in the register's office of Watauga county on page 531 of same as said mortgage was therein registered on the 23rd day of April 1917. This the 2nd day of May 1921. BERTIE DAVIS.

By JOHN H. BINGHAM, Atty.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the will of A. P. Eller, deceased, late of Watauga county, N. C. this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of April 1921, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate settlement and present. This 28th day of April 1921. J. C. BROOKS, III, Executor



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