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No matter where you go, you will always find those who obstruct your pathways, always find those who belittle your endeavors, those who ridicule your honest efforts to succeed; those who prove great stumbling blocks to your progress; those who are continually predicting your failure; those who magnify your indiscretion; those who lie about you; those who "put up jobs" on you; those who discourage every effort you make; those who rejoice at your every failure; those who predict your inability to prosper; those who are envious, jealous and cruel. You cannot escape these people; they lurk in every town and city—in every community and knowing this, there is then but one way to thrive, and that is to hustle. If you find not that which you seek in one spot seek elsewhere. If clouds hang low and black, wait for them to roll by and for the shining of the beautiful sun that is behind. If your plans miscarry, try again, do not be discouraged.—hustle.

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True haracter.

What we are, not what we seem to be, is the measure of our true worth. A base coin may be washed with pure metal and pass current for a time without detection; but sooner or later the thin veneering will wear through, and the spurious inside will be revealed; so a pure coin may be covered with base alloy, but though it tarnish for a time, it cannot change the value of what it conceals. So it is with human character.

Sham airs and graces and assumed virtues may win for a time and deceive the most penetrating, while virtue, loaded with calumny, is shunned by its kind; but sooner or later true worth will assert itself and all the world will discriminate between the gold and the dross.

Where gold is not, gold never can be found. Where true character is not, no sham or artifice can long support a semblance of it.

The principle that true worth is the captain who leads to victory in life's battles, is one that should be early and constantly taught by those having the tutelage of youth.

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Children's Rights.

In the home life never forget that the children have social rights, and the chief among these is the right to laugh when they are happy, to cry when they are unhappy, and to make a noise. A healthy child is always active. It must jump and scream, fall down, cry when it gets hurt, and jump up only to repeat the same thing. But to keep it still means unhappiness and nearly, if not quite, death. Let them be gay. This is their element. We always class children, birds and flowers together. And why? Because they should be equally beautiful, innocent and happy. We should never rob childhood of its ideal loveliness. Even old people should be gay and happy and good; too good to overcloud the children's horizon with angry eyes and lowering brows, nor turn their merriment to discord by continual fault-finding. Allow them all the freedom consistent with absolute safety. Let them play and be happy, but teach them self-control. God's estimate of self control is this: He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty and he that ruleth his own spirit, than he who taketh a city." Condemn your children only when they are really wrong, and then as gently as possible, but be sure to commend, when they do right. A little praise with a child goes a long ways. A child may be very provoking but not wilfully bad. Attributing bad motives to a thoughtless child has ruined many a little life. Just blame less and praise more and we shall have better children. Especially as most of their faults are copied from their parents we should exercise the strictest charity for verily "Charity doth cover a multitude of sins."

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We all need to cultivate a depth of sympathy, a broadness of mind and a gentleness of heart, which will lead us on to charity when a fellow creature goes astray, for "let him who thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall," and "with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again."

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My Country.

What is my country? Well, it is my own little world where I live. It is the dear little spot where my cottage stands. It is the sunshine over my head and the blue vault bounding my vision. This is my country. Again, my country includes the wondrous history of three hundred years, wrought out by heroic hands and loving hearts on American soil. It includes the shocks of battle and the pursuits of peace. We kneel at its sacred altars, sing its immortal song. We see waving over it the beauteous banner of the stars, the dear old flag that is always and everywhere, the symbol of protection and hope and home. May this love of country be the satisfaction of our old men, and the strength of our youth until

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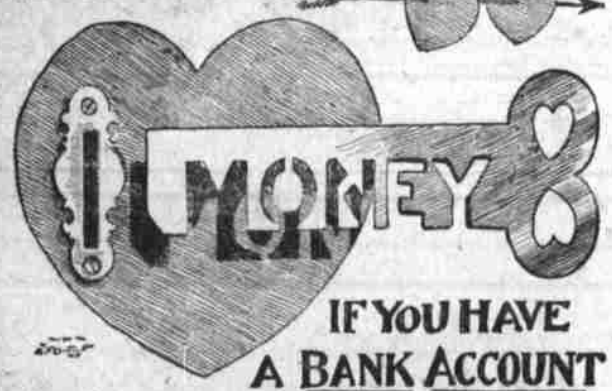

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The Legislature.

The congregation will now arise and sing the long-meter doxology.

The Senate is at last organized with sufficient legality to suit the Republican brethren, who were never caught in an illegal trick in their lives.

They insist upon every thing they do being strictly legal from alpha to omega.

That's the way they elected Senator Scott twelve years ago—strictly legally.

By mutual agreement the lion and the lamb are now lying down together.

President Kidd, of the Senate has resigned, and Senator H. D. Hatfield, president of the McDowell County Court, has been elected in his stead.

The Senate has a Republican President, and that's what makes it legal.

It is perfectly legal from a Republican standpoint for a man to be President of the Senate and County Commissioner at one and same time.

Even Governor Glasscock has recognized the legality of the body, and has condescended to submit his message for consideration by that august body.

Several good bills—to say nothing of the bank bills—have been introduced in the house, but we are told that in order to make them "legal" they will all have to be re-introduced since Drewry came to town.

If the legislature ever accomplishes anything further than making asses of themselves we will inform our readers of it.

Until then, "au revoir, but not good-bye."

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Engineer J. C. Nuckels, of Bluefield, brother-in-law of Deputy Sheriff W. Cole, of Williamson, met death Monday when his train, time freight second No. 85, was wrecked at Panther. Several of the crew were injured, among them C. A. Welch, fireman; E. J. Shawver, engineer; J. A. Hubble fireman and Scott Cline brakeman.

The train was a double header and Engineer Shawver and Fireman Hubble were in charge of the first engine. The wreck was caused by a slide, which covered the tracks.

The second engine was turned over and Mr. Nuckols was badly scalded by steam. The body of Mr. Nuckols was taken to Bluefield, where the funeral was held on Thursday.

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A parole has been granted to Allen McCoy, who was sent to the penitentiary from McDowell county in April 1910, for second degree murder for killing his father. The elder McCoy is alleged to have been abusive to his wife, mother of Allen, and while the elder McCoy was beating his wife the son secured a revolver and shot his father, and for this he was given ten years in the penitentiary. His health became so bad recently that removal from the petenitairy was believed to be the only course to save the young man's life. He had to be carried from the penitentiary. He has tuberculosis and it is not thought that he has more than a few weeks to live.

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Messrs. R. N. Taylor, Hi Williamson and J. S. Miller have purchased the timber of the Alex Varney place on Pond Creek and have already commenced cutting. The lumber will be hauled to the city and shipped by rail.

Wife Got Tip Top Advice.

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CHEROKEE.

Ben Hylton, Ed Kitchen and Ward are going to Mahan Wednesday.

George Young has gone to White-Wood, Va.

Miss Lucy Thompson and Mrs. Tom Fitch were visiting Dave Thompson of Greenup, this wee.

N. T. Boggs has returned from West Va.

Jim Woods, of East Fork, was buying hogs on this creek last week.

Philip Bishop is visiting friends on Irish creek last week.

Barnes Butler, of this place, is making business trips to Caney fork. Sweetheart.

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THE PRAYER-ANSWERING GOD

I Kings 18:1-40—February 12

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve."—Joshua 24:15

THE word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year instructing him to manifest himself to King Ahab, with a view to the termination of the drouth. This may have been the third year of the Prophet's sojourn at Zarephath, or it may have been the third year after Elijah's announcement to Ahab. The land of Israel may already have been experiencing a six-months' drouth; when Elijah announced to the king that no rain was to be expected until he, as God's servant, would announce it or bring it. In any event we have the assurance that the entire period of drouth was three and a half years.—Luke 4:25; James 5:17.

When the time was fulfilled God directed Elijah to present himself to King Ahab, because the time had come when God was willing to relieve the drouth—when a sufficiency of punishment had come upon the Israelites for their iniquities—when at least some of them had been called to their senses, reminded of their Covenant with the Lord and his engagement to give them blessings or adversities, according to their obedience. On arriving at the palace Elijah called for the Royal Superintendent, or Prime Minister, Obadiah. He was a godly man and, of course, distressed by the idolatrous course of the King and the Queen. If he was not sufficiently courageous to protest openly, he was, nevertheless, courageous, for, in a time when the servants of Jehovah were being persecuted to death by Queen Jezebel, Obadiah hid one hundred of them and supplied them with the necessities of life—evidently at the risk of his all. When Obadiah met Elijah and was told to tell the King that Elijah was there to see him, Obadiah feared to do so. He declared that himself and others had searched the entire country over most carefully to find Elijah and found him not. He realized that the Lord had hidden him. He protested that if now he would declare that Elijah was ready to see the King, the probabilities were that, by the time the King would get there, the spirit or power of the Lord would somehow carry Elijah away. Then the King, infuriated, would cause Obadiah's death; but Elijah reassured him.

"Art thou he that troubleth Israel?"

When the King met Elijah his first word was, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" This is the worldly custom. The fearless minister who tells the Truth and relates the Divine prophecy respecting the rewards of evil-doing is held accountable, as though he had caused the trouble. But Elijah was not intimidated. He promptly answered, I have not troubled Israel, but thou and thy parents' house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and followed Baal. Three years before the King would have probably ordered the execution of Elijah; but the fulfilment of his word and the pangs of hunger had humbled him. He was anxious that the blight should be removed and responded to the demands of Elijah that the eight hundred and fifty prophets of idolatrous Baalism should meet at Mt. Carmel and that thither all the people of Israel, represented by their chief men, should also assemble. The design, evidently, was a contest between Elijah, the representative of God, and these murderous priests of Baal, proteges of Jezebel.

"Choose Ye This Day"

This gathering of the priests and of the prophets required time, but was finally accomplished. When the meeting convened Elijah declared that it was time to have a testing and showing as to who really was God, Jehovah or Baal. The test was to be that two altars were to be built and two bullocks were to be sacrificed. The Baalites were to provide the bullocks themselves and to make choice of the one for their own altar. Whichever God would answer by fire and accept the offering, would be acknowledged as the only true God.

To them came the first opportunity. They had the noontime opportunity, when the fierce heat of the sun seemed almost warm enough to set fire to the fat of the bullock. They prayed; they shrieked; they cut themselves with knives, entreating that Baal would answer by fire and prove himself the mighty god. Hour after hour this proceeded until evening, when they were forced to give over and admit their inability.

Then came Elijah's turn. He commanded that water be brought and that the altar which he was to use should be thoroughly flooded with water. No one must have room to say that there was a secret smoulder of fire beneath. And, since the sun had gone down, no one could claim a spontaneous combustion. Then Elijah prayed calmly, earnestly, reverently and the Divine answer came—a fire from heaven consuming the sacrifice and licking up the water in the trough of the altar.

Then the people recognized the difference. They fell on their faces and said, Jehovah is The God! A great lesson had been learned.

A lesson for us is that the masses of Christendom are deceived today, as were the masses of Israel then. And when, by and by, God shall open their eyes of understanding through the agency of Messiah's Kingdom, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess. The knowledge of the Lord will fill the whole earth.

Complying with the Lord's direction through Elijah, the Israelites slew all the prophets of Baal. We are not to understand this to represent the Divine command to us today to put false teachers to death. We are to remember, as before suggested, that Israel was a special nation with which God dealt in a special manner, and that many of their doings, under Divine direction, were typical of higher things to be accomplished in God's Kingdom. Ultimately, after full opportunity, every false teacher and every wilful sinner will be destroyed.

Fire from heaven consuming the sacrifice.

"All the wicked will God destroy." The death of those priests of Baal foreshadowed the destruction in the Second Death of all who work iniquity; but those priests themselves did not suffer the Second Death. Like all the remainder of Adam's race, their resurrection from the dead was provided for at Calvary, and they, as well as all others, must be brought to a knowledge of the Truth and to an opportunity of reconciliation to God.

Following the Lord's demonstration came the long-desired rain, not only physically refreshing, but also showing a return of Divine favor. It fell on the evil and on the good, to make both better.

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