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Spiritual price is the most dangerous
and the most arrogant of all
pride.
—Richardson.

Additional County Highway Bonds

The circulation of a petition to the board of supervisors to call another election on a proposition to vote county highway bonds in the amount of \$4,500,000, has been begun.

A type of road has been decided upon by the county highway commission for that part of the program for which money is now available—a little less than half of the whole program.

It is, of course, understood that the prices of materials and wages have sharply increased within the last year since the program was formed, so that even the cheaper type then in contemplation could not nearly have been put in for the amount then called for.

There is nobody who wants to abandon any part of the program because of a lack of funds. If so, there could be no possible agreement on the part of it to be abandoned.

In some quarters we hear of people counseling delay in the issuance of other bonds in the hope that material and wages will be lower. There is no prospect of such an early eventuality, and it would have to be an early one for the reason that that part of the program, less as we have said than the half of the whole program, will be completed presumably within a year.

The present contract, too is for the whole program of 283 miles. The construction company is prepared to execute it within the two years named in the contract and it is agreed by experts that it is a very favorable one to the county.

We have little reason to believe that we could secure another so favorable at the end of two years. Surely we do not want it to lapse.

American Wives of Alien Husbands

The planks proposed to the national Republican convention by the National League of Women Voters are generally worthy of favorable consideration, but there is one that, we think, is not—the recommendation for independent citizenship for women; that is, that an American woman who marries an alien may retain her American citizenship instead of being forced to take that of her husband.

We are opposed to this recommendation for three reasons, one of which we admit is purely sentimental. Any American woman can find a good American husband so her citizenship need not be disturbed.

We believe that husband and wife should be of the same citizenship. It would be preferable, of course, that the alien husband should take the citizenship of his American wife. But we cannot compel him to do that, so the next best thing is to deprive the wife of her American citizenship so that she is compelled to take that of her husband—that the twin may be one indeed.

The fathers wisely foresaw what the National League of Women Voters are overlooking—that the woman is likely to cleave to the citizenship of her husband. We saw that in the late war, about the first test that was ever offered. In nearly all cases American wives of alien enemy husbands, when they were brought to a choice between the country of their nativity and that of their husband's chose the latter. Their sympathy ranged from a reluctant to a hostile abandonment of America. There were, of course, some exceptions, but that was the rule.

The change in the law which the National League of Women Voters desire would affect generally only American women of foreign residence—only women who have married into alien aristocracy or nobility. Aliens who come to America to live, and who anchor themselves more securely to the soil by marriage to women of the native stock, usually become naturalized in order that they may enjoy all the privileges of American citizenship. They generally become citizens before they become husbands.

But whether or not they remain aliens their wives are at home under the protection of American laws, and are participants in all the essential privileges of American citizenship except the new privilege of voting.

And for the good—that is, for peace, of the household to which she belongs, we do not think the wife of an alien should have that privilege. If she were not under alien influence, merely acting as a proxy for her alien husband, her independent enjoyment of the privilege would be more likely than not to produce discord in the family circle.

We are aware, of course, that this is not an exhaustive treatment of the subject; that there are phases of it upon which we have not touched, among them, the rights of property which arise in cases of conjugal differences and in which the wife is subject to the laws of the country of which her husband is a citizen—usually to her disadvantage. But that is one of the chances she takes when she marries a foreigner. As we French say, "c'est la guerre."

We cannot afford to overturn a wisely conceived system to afford relief in unusual and isolated cases however unfortunate may be the circumstances.

A Better Way

A young woman in New York has been sentenced to the penitentiary for life for taking part with her husband in the murder of a former lover who she said had betrayed her. The murder was a rather brutal affair, and the woman was the prime mover in it. With her husband she would probably have been sent to the chair but for the fact that she is to become a mother.

And an exchange raises the question whether it would not be better in justice to the expected offspring that the mother should be freed in order that it may be spared the shame of being born in the penitentiary. It is pointed out that it is innocent or will be innocent, and that the punishment which the mother so richly deserves will be visited upon it. It says "It is better that one guilty mother should escape the prison cell than that one innocent babe should be compelled to crawl out of the shame of a prison cell."

There is still another and a better way out of it. The babe need be made to feel no shame; no shame need attach to it. It should be removed from the prison cell before it is old enough to remember where it was born and should be dissociated from the mother that neither it nor the world should know that it had been born in a prison cell or had had that mother.

Hundreds of children every year are taken care of by society in just this way and all of them have a chance to grow up to be respectable men and women without themselves or the world knowing of their origin. The worst thing that could be done for that prospective child would be to arrange matters that it should be left in the care of the mother.

All Restraint Removed

There's nothing holding North Dakota now. It can proceed freely on its wild career of socialism though it is claimed for it that it is not nearly as "red" as the decaying Russian experiment of bolshevism. North Dakota can now go ahead with its ownership of elevators, packing plants, flour mills, coal mines and whatever else it desires, provided for by its own laws which the supreme court of the United States has found not to be in contravention of the constitution of the United States. If that is the kind of a thing the people want, that is the kind of a thing they ought to have. The law also provides for a state bank to finance the whole industrial program.

The people of North Dakota have been working at this for a long time. They have held several elections on the subject and it has carried in all of them but they have been thwarted by the courts until now, and they are free to proceed with the experiment.

The people of the rest of the country will watch the working out of it with a great deal of interest and if it fails it will fail because of the inherent weakness of the scheme, for if it can be made to succeed anywhere it can succeed in North Dakota where not only a large majority of the people are friendly to it but where all the executive and legislative machinery is behind it.

If it collapses we are not likely soon to hear more about public ownership but if it succeeds it will have a mighty influence on the rest of the nation.

The Democrats of Louisiana have missed not only a chance to do an act of justice, but to put their party in the nation in a stronger position with the women of the nation.

The most reckless prognosticators admit the density of the veil which is thrown about the situation at Chicago.

We do not want to be understood to have assumed an attitude of carping criticism of Salt River Valley weather. These nights are grand and glorious for sleeping. But are they just what cotton needs? We remember those glowing nights back in the corn belt when imaginative persons used to think they could hear the corn groaning with growing pains.

The only plain development at Chicago is that there have been some strange alignments of men who were formerly earnest progressives and others leaders of the reactionaries only eight short years ago.

It may be said of Palmer's boom that it looks as natural as life.

GIFTS OF THE GODS

By Edmund Vance Cooks
The commonest creature
Possesses a feature
Like that which Demosthenes swung,
But he wastes it in bragging
And knocking and nagging,
Till at last it is only a tongue!

The meanest man's vision
Might have the precision
Which Angelo used in his art,
But he dulls it in prying
And snooping and spying,
Till its fitness and firmness depart,
It, too, might have modelled its dome to the sky,
Had it had the same training as Angelo's eye.

The average human
Might have the acumen
Which Shakespeare meshed into his lines,
But he frivolous his passion,
He fits with the fashion,
And follows the dullest designs,
Yet who may deny that he might have learned
The freshness and fullness which Shakespeare discerned?

Who knows what per centum
Of mental momentum
We throw to the world every day?
We fret and retard it,
We scrap and discard it,
Till it drives and frivolous away.
Yet could we conserve us this gift of the gods,
Scarce of heaven itself need we ask any odds!
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A sickroom clock invented in Switzerland has an electric lamp behind a translucent dial, so that when an invalid in bed presses a button the dial throws the shadow of the hours and hands magnified upon the ceiling.

Observing a passage of Exodus which refers to the discovery of Moses in the bullrushes in an ark "daubed with slime and with pitch," Standard Oil engineers went to Egypt on a little trip of exploration and made discoveries as the result of which there will soon be extensive oil operations there.

All officers and enlisted men who served on active duty in the Army of the United States at any time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and whose service was honorable, are entitled to the "Victory Medal," which is soon to be issued by the war department.

THE LAST WORD
PHOENIX MUST AND WILL HAVE A DRY LINE TO NOGALES
A Weekly With a Hump on It. We Cover the Desert.
Price: Tut! Tut!
Ariz., June 10, '20
Seventy-first Trip

EDITORIAL
C. G. H., Editor

OUR COMPLETE WRITER

After citing the amount of street paving done last year, estimating the amount to be done this year, estimating the crop production in the valley for this year, and quoting the local bank deposits, etc., etc., a local enthusiast writing in the coils of our contemporary, says: "These are the features that interest the intelligent visitor or your friends back home."

Sample of a letter to the old folks:
Dear Folks:
Just a line or two to say that things are going on nicely with us and how are things going with you? Dora and the baby are in good health, particularly the baby, owing to the fact that Dora lets the little girl next door take her out in the buggy and wheel her up and down on our excellent cement sidewalks, of which this city has just had three miles of new ones in the last 12 months.

Dora, too, can do her share in advertising the town to her friends in the east, by the deft employment of that subtlety so common with womankind. Sample of a note "dashed off" to Mibey's chum:
Honey, I'm so sorry I have delayed writing this long, but it just seems that with the rush and bustle in this city of ours, I just don't find time to write and besides, business in the local postoffice has increased almost unbelievably in the last six weeks and I don't know when my writing would have gotten to you before this because they just can't get postal help enough to handle the mail.

CONVENTIONALITIES
(By The Club Reporter)

My idea is that it would be a good idea for the Republicans to nominate the strongest man regardless of the wishes of the people.
I am for Wood for republican candidate for one reason and that is that the Republican is for Wood and it is my idea that you should not bite at the hand that is feeding you, and how would it appear for me to come out for Wilson for the nomination and lose my job as a reporter, eh?

And another reason why I am for Wood is because the good book says, "Whatsoever you saw, so shall you rip." Saw Wood and rip the stand-patters up the back. That's my motto.

A Democratic enemy of mine who works on a neighboring paper taunted me with this witty remark: "With Proctor the soap man donating one million dollars to Woods' campaign funds, your man Woods couldn't be elected."

I have wanted so much to tell you how baby is growing. Just the fastest ever! And he learns like a cat. I just perfectly know by the way he drags the books out of the library he's going to have a taste for books and we are already looking for a good school to enter him in after he finishes his early education in the local schools.

And, my dear, I'm just horribly glad we came to Phoenix where Baby can get a good grounding in his bearing because they have a \$500,000 high school that will give Baby every opportunity and they're just building a \$250,000 grammar school and although it's not in our district his daddy has influence with the board that will get him a permit to go there. But we do feel a little bit squeamish over letting Baby attend school where the system has 9488 pupils enrolled. They don't get the individual attention they need, and besides it tends to make them common and give them the wrong viewpoint.

The town is certainly growing and Clarence was saying just last night we ought to start to build because everyone seems to be doing it in Phoenix with \$2,500,000.00 of building done here in the last six months. Some times, my dear, I shiver when I think we might be falling behind and out of the swim here in this town because according to those figures that is a building per capita of about \$56 per person and that would mean that Clarence and I together ought to own a building worth at least \$112, if we are to keep up with the rest of them and here we only are renting! Etc., etc."

Advice to the Lovelorn

Even the lovelorn can be of service by incorporating vital facts and statistics in the amorous effusions. Doubt it? Well, look at the sample!
Dearest Appel of my Eye:
Sweetheart, when I look at these rosy, juicy, red apples that are grown about 20 boxes to the tree in and about Phoenix, and compare them to your red cheeks and sweet lips, I have to laugh at these poor fish down here

Forty Years Ago Today

Thursday, June 10, 1880
SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—The Republicans are firing one hundred guns for Garfield on Union Square. Much enthusiasm is manifested over the nomination.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 9.—General Burnside has been re-elected United States senator from this state.

DETROIT, June 9.—The Democratic state convention met today at Saginaw and nominated a strong anti-Tilden delegation.

NASHVILLE, June 9.—The Democratic state convention has elected a mixed delegation most of whom are for Bayard.

Local
William Frazee of Colton, Cal., an A-1 printer arrived by this morning's stage and will hereafter identify himself with the Herald. (Mr. Frazee spent the rest of his life in Phoenix and vicinity. He abandoned the printer's trade and became associated with the Arizona Canal company.)

The band concert last night was well attended and well received by a large audience. Several new pieces were rendered in masterly style. The band, if they keep on at this rate, will eclipse many fine city orchestras.

The printers of this office tender their thanks to the U. S. Brewery for its present of three bottles of excellent beer. (What could have three bottles of beer have amounted to among a lot of printers? Again, the story of the five loaves and the three small fishes.)

Benjamin Morgan, we hear, is a candidate for congress subject to the endorsement at the territorial democratic convention.

New Boston is the name of the town just surveyed on some of the mining claims east of Tombstone and 600 lots are now offered for sale.

British leather manufacturers made 70,000,000 pairs of army shoes for all the allied armies, including the Americans.

THE BUSY MAN

Then for the busy business man who has time to write only a card, bite at once in a long time, how about a couple of picture postcards with a legend on like this:
"This is some town, believe me! Bonded debt \$2,553,000.00. Wish you were here."

The above, of course, constitute only a few suggestions of what enterprising towns people can do to help boost the home burg by personal correspondence. There are many others that space prevents our printing.

Another reason why I am for Wood is because when he gets the nomination and begins to barnstorm the country and the wimmin suffragists begin to pick on him for being a republican, then us newspaper persons who is so fond of nick names would call these wimmin the Woodpeckers.

In case of a stampede at the convention, I advise the Old Guard to keep Coolidge.

And as a parting shot I gotta point out that it's the campaign that's aged in Wood that will make a hit with the thirsty people.

Why write fillers? The composing room or the makeup merely throws them away.

Two bits they run this filler because there's nothing to it.

We're short of copy this week and we tremble when we consider what the makeup man might pick up at random and use for filler in the Camel's cargo. Look it over and make your guess, reader.

It might interest you to know that the Hotel Sherman got that shipment of booze.

THE LAST WORD

"Phoenix," says the latest publicity pamphlet published by the chamber of commerce, "has a street car system comprising 32 miles of track and consisting of seven divisions." And that, take it from those who try to patronize the thing, is stating it pretty accurately. But we have hope that the company will find a way some time to add the cars and then a little service.

The Week's Best Wheeze
(By Will Sabin in The Weekly Commercial Advertiser)
Shoes have been cut one-third and clothing one-quarter by the largest department store in El Paso, Texas. That gives it peso a chance!

At the price they are getting for it, no wonder they quote it as "refined" sugar.

"What else is a culvert for except to let water run through it?" queried the editor of Forty Years Ago. Nothing else, unless it be to lie there like a good dog and let traffic run over it.

They call Lenin, the premier of Russia, an extremist, a radical and a dreamer. Here's a sample of his philosophy: "Revolution does not depend on propaganda. If the conditions of revolution are not there, no sort of propaganda will either hasten or impede it." Those who are engaged in peddling propaganda against the government and those who peddle counter propaganda against the radicals, and grow hysterical over the danger of allowing the radical to run riot, might do well to give a thought to Comrade Lenin's utterances above.

If the revolutionary preachings of enemy propagandists are taking hold of an appreciable number of Americans it would be well for the energy and money spent in counter propaganda to be directed not so much at the radical orator and writer as at those who bring about conditions that make so many American citizens willing to listen to revolutionary talk. As Br'er Lenin says, "If the conditions of revolution are not there, no amount of propaganda will either hasten or impede it."

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