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The elemental political issues upon which we divide in the United States are not made in political platforms but in the minds and hearts of the people. —Charles G. Dawes.

General Dawes on the Stand

General Charles G. Dawes is telling the congressional investigating committee a few things and he is not carefully choosing his language but he succeeds in conveying his meaning which is the chief function of human speech.

But from General Dawes' relation it is apparent that the best disposition was made of such supplies and equipment as could be sold or used abroad; that the liquidation of them brought more than could have been realized if the goods had been returned to this country.

There was no belief never any well grounded criticism of what was done by Americans in France. They were there, as General Dawes says, not to make or save money but to do things and the record proves that things were done.

The charge of delay, hesitation, mismanagement and wasteful extravagance in this country in which millions and millions were absorbed is of course a different thing from the groundless accusations to which General Dawes is replying so earnestly and convincingly, and even profanely, as to the conduct and the closing of our work in France.

The Woman Juror and the Voter

There is, of course, a stronger reason why the qualification for acting as a juror should be withheld from women than there was for denying her the privilege of suffrage. Of course, there was never a good reason for denying that privilege. It is not to be contended that she is not as competent to serve as a juror, as her husband, her brother or her father.

As a voter she may exercise the privilege of absencing herself from the polls, if need be, a privilege which men voters exercise frequently at the expense of their reputation for good citizenship. But the duties of the juror cannot be so evaded. When the summons comes it must be obeyed, though once in court the juror on a proper showing may be excused, an indulgence that we think would always be granted to women who would claim it.

But the trouble of claiming it would frequently be annoying. We suppose, a majority of women would not want this privilege with its attendant annoyance. But it could not be extended as suffrage was, to all women, without being forcibly imposed upon some.

Concealed Weapons

A South American believes that gun toting in Argentina is a preventive of crime. It may be that it holds some sorts of crime in check as it did in frontier days in this country when all men were armed. It no doubt made men less quarrelsome. Men hesitated to give serious affront to their neighbors for the man insulted always had the first move which was apt to be a sudden and deadly one. The gun encouraged a forced politeness.

But it did not repress other crimes, for instance that of stage robbery, for though drivers, messengers and passengers were heavily armed, it was seldom that they could use their weapons which became a part of the plunder of the bandits.

Whatever reason there may be for the arming of the population of Buenos Aires, there is no reason why men should go armed on the streets of American cities. They are not going to insult one another or to be insulted. The average citizen is in no danger from a murderous attack by any other average citizen. In the night time though he is in danger of being attacked by the "stick up" man in which case a gun would be of no service to him. On the contrary if he should attempt to use one it would probably be the death of him.

All this reminds us that in the volume of legislation that has been brought into the legislature we have had none bearing upon the crime of carrying concealed weapons. It is true that we have a law on that subject, but it is a ridiculous one and generally the enforcement of it is still more ridiculous. The man in possession of a gun is seldom punished unless he has shot or has attempted to shoot some one with it.

In any other case he is given a small fine, or else the offense is ignored or else a suspended sentence is imposed. To defendant goes hence with the belief that his appearance as a potential slayer has been approved by the authorities and in time he becomes a real slayer.

We say in our statutes that one shall not carry a revolver. Yet we permit men without restraint to purchase these proscribed weapons. There are displays of them everywhere. No account is taken of the transactions in them. They are sold to whoever may have the price and thus they are distributed among the population without any check on them. There may be legitimate uses for the pistol, as

there are for poison. But when one buys poison there is supposed to be a record of the purchase that the commodity may be traced if occasion should arise. There should likewise be a record of the sale of every pistol so that officers may be guided in their hunt for those who are violating the law by carrying concealed weapons.

The Brightening Sky

It is only a matter of waiting a short time. Then times will be good again. There has been no panic; there has been nothing that looked like one. We had just slowed down. We had had only shifted gears. We found it necessary to go on low, but we are now changing to second and the going looks so good that we will soon be in high.

Word from the east is that the prospect is brightening. Within two or three months the factories and mills will be running. The retail merchants will be in the market clamoring for stocks and things will be as they used to be.

There is no shortage of money, as there has been so often before when money went into hiding. But nobody has been scared this time. People who had the money were not afraid, but they saw it increasing in value in the process of readjustment. Naturally they wanted to hold it until it should attain its full value. The holder of any commodity dislikes to let go of it when its price is steadily rising.

But shortly everything will have settled into its proper place. Prices of everything, money included, will be more or less permanently adjusted and then we shall all move forward again. It is not long we will have to wait.

When the moon gets full on "moonshine" the prohibition enforcement corps need not get excited.

Before electric lights became so general, the mortality resulting from the blowing out of gas was high. But just so many people must die anyway and now the normal is preserved by people stepping on the gas.

We do not begrudge the legislature its two day vacation. It has earned it by rapid and diligent work.

The United States has told Cuba that it can't have a revolution. Of course Cuba is independent, and all that, but she simply must keep the peace.

Everybody had \$9.12 on January 1st, according to the treasury department. Or if everybody didn't, somebody else did.

The congressman from Oklahoma says that when her great-grandfather was ordained for the ministry there was such a big crowd that he had to open three barrels of whiskey. And yet people affect to sneer at the phrase "the good old days!"

Don't make your waiter angry by tipping him with one of the new counterfeit \$20. Federal Reserve notes now in circulation. It is a crude piece of work, and a glance will save you from a faux pas.

Ambassador Davis has found that his job in England is costing him three times the amount of his salary. And his salary is \$17,500. This is a hint to Harding in selecting the man for the job.

The largest amount of coal ever mined in a peace year was dug in this country last year. Hence the terrific price of coal this winter.

The Congressional Record speaks of the "Star Spangled Banner." What is the pay of government printing office proof readers, now?

It is announced that D'Annunzio is to divorce his present wife and marry a younger one. There's a man who can never be satisfied unless he's in trouble.

A minister in Georgia, the papers tell us, has preached 8,000 sermons. They probably mean that he has preached 8,000 times—there aren't that many sermons.

YOUR INCOME TAX

When, How, What to Pay By Graham B. Nichol, U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue

The income tax, this year as last, may be paid in full at the time of filing the return, or in four equal installments due on or before March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. Forms—1040A for incomes of \$5000 or less and 1040 for incomes in excess of that amount—will be sent to taxpayers who last year filed a return.

Failure to receive a form, however, does not relieve a person of his obligation to file a return and pay the tax on time.

The penalty for failure to file a return within the time prescribed is a fine of not more than \$1000, and an additional assessment of 25 per cent of the amount due.

"Willful refusal" to make a return and pay the tax on time is punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or one year's imprisonment, or both, together with the cost of prosecution.

For making a false or fraudulent return, the penalty is a fine of not more than \$10,000, or one year's imprisonment, or both, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of the amount of tax evaded.

Full instructions for making out the forms are contained on each.

The return, made under oath, must be filed with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer lives, or has his principal place of business.

MINUTE MATTERS MEAN MUCH The man who gives up his lifetime to putting science at the service of business finds himself sternly asked, "What's the use?"

THE HARDEST PART Judge—"Did your wife hit you with a piece of brick-a-brac?" Mulligan—"Devil a brack about it, yer Honor; just the bricky."

MARTYRS TO DUTY



THE LADY WHO HATES CLOTHES BUT FEELS IT HER SIMPLE DUTY TO KEEP HERSELF WELL-DRESSED AND ATTRACTIVE FOR HER DEAR HUSBAND'S SAKE

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Any reader can get the answer to any question by writing The Republican Information Bureau, Frederic J. Haskin, Director, Washington, D. C. This offer applies strictly to information. The bureau cannot give advice on legal, medical and financial matters. It does not attempt to settle domestic troubles, nor to undertake exhaustive research on any subject. Write your question plainly and briefly. Give full name and address and enclose two cents in stamps for return postage. All replies are sent direct to the inquirer.)

Q. What is the national flower of the United States? R. C. A. From time to time congress has been asked to adopt a national flower but has taken no steps to that end.

Q. What denominations keep Saturday as the Sabbath? G. E. A. Jews, Adventists, the Primitive Brethren, Seven Day Baptists, Shakers keep the Sabbath on Saturday.

Q. In auction bridge, what is meant by "playing to the score"? Should it be done? M. W. A. This means planning to play a hand with respect to the existing score and not as it would have been played with the score at love. Good auction players always take into account the state of the score, planning and playing their hands accordingly.

Q. Of what nationality was Lafcadio Hearn? For what is he noted? F. G. A. Lafcadio Hearn was born in the Ionian Islands, the son of a Greek woman and an Irish officer, Surgeon Major Charles Hearn. He was educated in England and France, spent many years in the United States as a journalist, then went to Japan as a correspondent. He afterward taught English in the University of Tokyo, became a citizen of Japan, and married a Japanese woman. He is known for his great literary art which he employed chiefly in interpreting the civilizations of the East to the West, writing usually of Japan, his adopted country.

Q. What United States port is the nearest to Europe? V. N. H. A. Portland, Me., is the nearest to Europe, and also has the shortest mileage for ocean travel to European ports.

Q. Can turkey eggs be hatched successfully in an incubator? N. N. A. The department of agriculture says the eggs of turkeys can be hatched in incubators as well as the eggs of other fowl. It is preferable, however, to have them hatched by the hens that are to brood them. In fact, this is the prevailing custom. There is a feeling of confidence when the eggs are in the care of a broody hen which does not exist when artificial methods are employed.

Q. Is there anything I can do to lengthen the life of silk stockings? I. M. C. A. New stockings wear much longer if washed before wearing. This procedure tightens the threads, making them firmer.

Q. How did the name "moonshine" become attached to liquor illicitly made? E. R. U. A. The name was first applied to white French brandy smuggled to Eng-

BLUE LAWS AND THE WIDOW BOGART

As one of a type of our best citizens who are urging the passage of "blue" laws, cleaning up the town and putting the fear of the Almighty God here and there, the widow Bogart is a bird. She is one of the citizens of Gopher Prairies, through which runs Main street. And Sinclair Lewis has made Main Street famous in his book here and there. By the way, you must read that book. Nothing like it in American literature. But anyhow, let's "listen in" on Mrs. Bogart as she sits in her front parlor entertaining Mrs. Carol Kennicott, the doctor's bride "from the city."

"Mrs. Bogart went thoroughly into the rumor that the girl waiter at Billy's lunch was not all that she might be, or, rather, was quite all she might be."

"My lands, what can you expect when everybody knows what her mother was? And if these traveling salesmen would let her alone she would be all right, though I certainly don't believe she should be allowed to think she can pull the wool over our eyes. The sooner she is sent to the school for incorrigible girls down at Sauk County, the better for all—and Won't you have a cup of coffee, Carol? I'm sure you won't mind old Aunt Bogart calling you by your first name when you think how long I have known you, and I was such a friend of her dear lovely mother when she lived here—and was that fur cap expensive? But—"

"Don't you think it's awful the way you talk, like a lawyer?"

Mrs. Bogart bitched her chair nearer. Her large face, with its disturbing collection of moles and lone black hairs, wrinkled curiously. She showed her decayed teeth in a reproving smile, and in the confidential voice of one who scents stale bedroom scandal she breathed:

"I just can't see how folks can talk and act the way they do. You don't know the things that go on under cover. This town—why it's only the roughest trading town ever got its eyes on, and the town devil that's kept him so innocent of—things. Just the other day—I never pay no attention to stories—my, I heard it mighty good and straight that Harry Haydock is carrying on with a girl that clerks in a store down in Minneapolis, and poor fellow, not knowing a fiber about it, though maybe it's the judgment of God, because before she married Harry she acted up with more than one boy—"

Well, don't like to say it, and maybe I ain't up-to-date, like Cy says, but I always believed a lady shouldn't even give names to all sorts of dreadful things, but I heard it mighty good and straight that Harry Haydock was at least one case where Juanita and a boy—well, they were just dreadful. And—and—Then there's this Ole Jensen the grocer, that thinks he's so playboy smart, and I know he made up to a farmer's wife and—and this awful man Bjornstrom that does chores and Nat Hicks and—"

There was, it seemed, no person in town who was not living a life of shame except Mrs. Bogart, and naturally she resented it. She showed her decayed teeth in a reproving smile, and in the confidential voice of one who scents stale bedroom scandal she breathed:

"That's what's the use!—Nation's Business."

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COMING SOON

Coincident with the annual overhauling of our typewriter and the springing of our desk, the Camel's Back in the very near future runs its third annual Spring Poetry Contest. We respectfully suggest that Mr. Findlay, celebrant of the event by putting a new ribbon in his typewriter which we are forced to use in this emergency. Fresh, bubbling spring poetry and new typewriter ribbons go hand in hand, to use a new phrase.

Our constant reader knows that our Spring Poetry number is as constant and as sure an appearance as a rolling planet or the perennial order of the corporation commission to the street car company to put on some service.

To our readers we will say that the poetry contest is open to anybody in the state of Arizona, regardless of their station in life. We prefer that the subject matter deal with spring and we will offer the usual prize of \$1 to the winning poem, in spite of the falling markets. Get busy now, as the advertisers say, and watch for the announcement of the date.

Down shade had been left up a couple of inches. Once again he noticed a man in a woman holding hands, and right at a Methodist social!

"And another thing—Heaven knows I never want to start trouble, but I don't believe what I see from my back steps, and I notice your hired girl Bea carrying on with the grocery boys and all—"

"Mrs. Bogart! I'd trust Bea as I would myself!"

"Oh, dearie, you don't understand me! I mean she's green, and I hope that none of these horrid young men that there are around town will get her into trouble! It's their parents' fault, letting them run wild and hear evil things. If I had my way there wouldn't be none of them, not boys nor girls neither, allowed to know anything about—about things until they were married! It's a terrible, the hold way that gives away what awful thoughts they get inside them, and there's nothing can cure them except coming right to me and kneeling down like I do at prayer meeting every Wednesday evening, and saying, 'O God, I would be a miserable sinner except for thy grace.'"

"I'd make every last one of these brats go to Sunday school and learn to think about nice things 'stead of about sinners and going-on—and these dances they have at the lodges are the worst thing that ever happened to this town, lot of young men sneaking in—and finding out—Oh, it's dreadful. I've told the mayor he ought to put a stop to them—and—There was one boy in this town, I don't want to be suspicious or uncharitable, but—"

It was half an hour before Carol escaped.

She stopped on her own porch and thought viciously:

"If that woman is on the side of the angels, then I have no choice; I must be on the side of the devil. Etc. Etc."

"Like Carol, many of us looking over the army of 'reformers,' 'uplifters' and 'purifiers' must perform choose the devil's side of the argument."

IMMORTAL WORDS

Well, we must take our hat off to Gen. Charles G. Dawes. He handed one of these congressional investigating committees a hot brick. If we were directing the education of our young, we would have every youngster in school repeat as a daily exercise the following words of General Dawes as he turned on the muck-raking congressional war investigating committee:

"I bitterly resent this effort to reflect upon the entire army because some poor devil blundered in Switzerland. You cannot put a blotch on the army. What the hell did we go in for—to steal money. It was not a Republican or a Democratic war. It was an American war, and yet as a rule these committees try to bring in partisan politics."

The general certainly said much. These congressional investigating committees have been probing for a year or more now, and to what benefit? There have been disclosures of incompetency and in some cases graft. But has anyone been found guilty and punished? Years after these muckraking politicians are dead and gone our children and their children will be singing the praises of such men as General Dawes, General Pershing, President Wilson, Herbert Hoover, Charley Schwab, Admiral Sims, and a handful of others. Folks as a rule forget so fast to believe evil of even the best men.

HANDY INFORMATION

The Boston Transcript, the New York Times and the Chicago Tribune did for first honors as the best edited daily newspapers in the United States. The lucky pickers! The Hump couldn't be considered in the race as it is a weekly. The lucky (again) pickers!

Only two western papers qualified as among the dozen best dailies. These two: The Kansas City Star and the Portland Oregonian.

PASSING OUT THE SMOKES

Today the Camel's Back is two years old. And gee! what a bettie two years it has been!

"From the Window Which—" What! (From the Reverend Republican.)

She was rendered unconscious for a long time, she says, and was forced to swallow some of the broken glass from the window which fell in her mouth.

For real violet of violets by the ink of mossy rocks, we nominate the local merchant who advertises "The only grocery store in America that requires traffic officers to direct crowds of customers."

Getting Ready for Spring? Did you notice a local haberdasher advertise: "Flannel Shirts 1/2 Off?"

Great heavens! Only a couple hours from the deadline and just a stickful written: "The Duchess! The Duchess! Oh, my dear paws! Oh, my fur and whiskers! She'll get me executed as sure as ferrets are ferrets!"

We rise to inquire whether Mr. Harding's houseboat is fitted out with a cabin-et.



The Other Side

Please give space for the following: A debate was held January 28 at the C. M. E. church, corner Seventh street and Jefferson. The subject was: 'Resolved that opportunities are greater in Arizona for the negro than in any other state in the union; affirmative, A. R. Smith and W. J. Jones; negative, Major Jones and Clarence Lindsay.'

Now I wish to say that we had honest and fair men for judges and it was proven beyond a doubt that Arizona had no opportunities with Mississippi. Now, here comes the Phoenix Tribune of which Mr. Smith is the editor, with an air of discontent. I am really glad that Mr. Smith published only his side of the argument as it is better to lose with three judges than to lose with all Phoenix.

Now it seems like Mr. Smith is not satisfied and for that reason he is sending publicity. Let me see for once again if Arizona can win over Mississippi. Arizona has no negro schools, Mississippi has negro schools. Negroes do not work in the leading industries of Arizona but negroes produce over half of what is raised in Mississippi. Negroes in Mississippi have the M. C. A. drug stores and everything to make one contented. But Arizona has not got anything along that line and will never have them until it gets good schools, colleges, your children. That is the foundation of all getting.

Mr. Smith said in Arizona one could wear 213 days of hell, that is, pretty hard, for a man has not even the opportunity to rest. Now in Mississippi the negro has more than in Arizona and more than Mr. Smith said you could breathe good air in Arizona. Yes, you can do that in jail. He also said you had the opportunity to be a good Christian, caring for the sick. Well, people get sick in Mississippi but they can go to a nice sanitarium to be cared for by skilled physicians.

MAJOR JONES.

Texas Feudists Fire Till Both Fall Dead

PORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 4.—A West Texas feud of many years' standing, involving prominent residents of Lubbock county, culminated last night at Shallow Water, when James C. Powles and James M. Wright fired at each other until both fell dead.

land. This was received by way of the white coats of Kent and Sussex by moonlight.

Q. Who is the author of "War and Peace"? F. J. W. A. This is a novel by Tolstoy written during the years 1865-1868. The plot is laid in the reign on Alexander I.

Q. How did Russia get possession of Alaska? G. S. A. While the country which is now Alaska was known to lexicographers as early as 1575, several Russian explorers brought back the earliest definite news of the land early in the 18th century. One of these, Vitus Behring, was sent out by Peter the Great.

A POEM LOST

We had a little hard luck this week in the shape of some scoundrel running off with a long poem in a notebook written by a girl who brought it to the office. It was a thrilling story of a poem built on the current crime wave. If we could have copied it before some highbinder got away with it, we would have had little else to do this week as there were 14 verses to it. Just to give you an idea of what it was like we quote from memory the first two verses which ran something like this: Times are so hard this part of the year I'm afraid we can't make both ends meet.

Murder and robbery's all that we hear, And yet Wilson hasn't give Harding his seat.

You can't carry a weapon in Phoenix That you really should know. An innocent man with the one word "Hat!"

Might fall by a coward's blow. There were 14 more of such verses, each one seemingly better than its predecessor. We can't remember the name of the little girl who wrote it, but if anybody finds the notebook with the poem in it we will appreciate the kindness of bringing it to this office.

Once in a while our valued contemporary down the alley knocks out a home run from its editor's column. While it is rising to inquire why gasoline sells in Phoenix for 35 cents and in Chicago for 25 cents, may we urge it to ask also why we have to pay 27 cents for kerosene when it is selling in Chicago for 15 cents.

President Wilson had his Colonel House; Senator Harding has his houseboat. Now, if the senator's houseboat had been steered by Dr. Wilson's celebrated 14-point compass—

Looks too much like press agent's stuff. Governor Cox's train wrecked in Arizona and the pre-elect's boat stuck in Florida mud bank.

Now it's up to the Florida chamber of commerce to explain away the mud bank.

"Speaking of the crime wave," says Findley, "Harding's houseboat was recently stuck-up." What it really lacked was something of the wave.

If Harry Lauder had lived in Phoenix during these hazardous times he would lead his song off with "Oh, that's the gloamin' With your pistol by your side."

A Mexican knocked at the door the other day and humbly asked for work. Last fall they gave us the lynch who we asked them to work. Times do change, don't they?

"Oh," He Said wasn't as good this year as last year. "Did you see last year's?"

"Sure, I was in it."

Oh! And the incident was considered closed.