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"YES-MEN"

One of the best slang phrases ever invented is "yes-men." A "yes-man" is a fellow who always agrees with whatever is proposed, particularly when the proposal is made by his boss or anyone else with whom he seeks to win favor.

Around newspaper offices, an editor picks up the latest edition and comments, "Well, that's as good a paper as we've had for some time, don't you think so?"

The "yes-men" instantly nod and chirp their agreement.

Their idea, of course, is to flatter the editor's vanity. Then, too, by agreeing with whatever is suggested, the "yes-man" is relieved of what he dreads most of all—the agony of doing his own thinking, particularly reaching a personal decision along an original line of thought.

There's a "yes-man" in every office, every factory, every social gathering, every home.

The "yes-man" follows the line of least resistance. He is a mental loafer. So he rarely rises to the top.

The man with more chance of getting to the top is the "not-by-a-darned-sight-man." This type is aggressive, has ideas of his own, personal convictions and is willing to work for them. Mentally lazy "yes-men" follow him gladly, like sheep follow a leader.

Carried to extremes, the "not-by-a-darned-sight-man" is bullheaded. On general principles he's opposed to everything suggested, often before he knows what is proposed. Like the shipwrecked sailor who, crawling out on the shore of a strange land, was told "there's a government here." Instantly he said, "I'm agin it."

Much evil is merely good carried to extremes. Which are you—a "yes-man" or a "not-by-a-darned-sight-man"? Answer this question and you know whether, by nature, you are a tugboat doing the hauling or a barge being towed by the tug.

There's a third type that says, "I can't answer offhand, am not sure whether I like this thing or not. Let's go into it very carefully, consider it from all sides, make up our mind after due deliberation. Then, whatever we decide, we'll go after it hammer and tongs."

In the long run, this third type rules the world and its people. For this third type represents conservative progressiveness—which obeys a law of nature by striking "a happy medium."

AT LAST!

The latest plan for settling the international finance problem growing out of war debts is for the United States to lend Germany money with which to help pay her indemnities.

If it works, it will solve the old problem of squaring the circle.

It reminds us of the philosophy of the old-time telegrapher who explained his pursuit of happiness as follows:

"I work hard to make money to buy beer to make me strong so I can work hard to make money to buy beer."

FASHION.

Changing styles and criticism of the newest fashions are nothing new.

We run across an essay on the subject in a book known as "The Family Magazine," published in 1837.

"Fashion," the writer says, "constantly begins and ends in the two things it abhors most, singularity and vulgarity."

"It is the perpetual setting up and then disowning a certain standard of taste, elegance, and refinement, which has no other foundation or authority than that it is the prevailing distraction of the moment, which was yesterday ridiculous from its being new, and tomorrow will be odious from its being common. It is one of the most slight and insignificant of all things. It cannot be lasting, for it depends on the constant change and shifting of its own Harlequin disguises; it cannot be sterling, for, if it were, it could not depend on the breath of caprice; it must be superficial to produce its immediate effect on the gazing crowd; and frivolous, to admit of its being assumed at pleasure by the number of those who affect, by being in the fashion, to be distinguished from the rest of the world."

DEAD MAN'S CURVE.

Dead Man's Curve on the Sulphur road seems to be a monster that must be fed with a victim at regular intervals.

There are any number of dangerous curves on this road, and if there is one any more deadly than the other, it has only a slight advantage in claiming that title.

We think that money would be well spent in altering some of the more dangerous spots on this highway. The Kiwanis club of Ardmore has been good enough to place danger signals along the road.

The fact that it is hard-surfaced increases the possibility of accidents, since motorists usually make good time in driving over it.

WILDCATting

Over Oklahoma.

Easy-going men generally find the going hard.

The world is surely growing better. It's been months now since any fond mother has forced her child to "speak a piece" for the editor.

TIME TO GIT 'ER OUT

When the frost is on the pumpkin And the fodder's in the shock, Then dad redems his overcoat And puts the Ford in hock.

THE SILVER LINING

"I sentence you to die in the electric chair," pronounced the court.

"Well," soliloquized the prisoner, as he was being led back to his cell. "That ain't so worse. The doctor told me electricity would be a fine thing for my gout."

Milady Sees the Modes.—Fashion show headline. And milhusband hears about them indefinitely thereafter, depending on how long he is able to hold out.

The meanest man on record is said to live in Shrewsbury, Mass. He sold his son-in-law one-half of a cow, and then refused to divide the milk, maintaining that he sold only the front half. The buyer was also requested to feed the cow and carry water to her three times a day. Recently, the cow hooked the old man, and now he is suing his son-in-law for damages.

"Good, John!" whispered Mrs. Congressman Squibs. "Wake up! I'm sure there are robbers in the house." "Robbers in the house," he muttered sleepily. "Absolutely preposterous. There may be robbers in the senate, Mary, but not in the house."

Jack Baird says among the best works of fiction this year have been the income tax returns.

Editorial of the Day

A "Y" THE WORK OF PATRIOTS

No one can doubt, who has viewed seriously the tendencies of the times, that as a result of the war the country, from Pacific to Atlantic, from Brownsville to Bangor, is suffering from readjustments and reactions. It has been said that following every war the scum always rises to the top, destroying the ideals of youth and offering menacing substitutes for the true and tried institutions of the country. On every hand, evidences of this painful truth lift their warning hands. America sent 2,000,000 men to the western front as our army of immediate defense, and they did their work nobly and well. But today in this nation, in this state and in this community we must more intensely train our youth in the fundamentals of righteousness, which is true Americanism. And by the way, it is a fact, that the nation needs not step to the seashore and to our immigration ports to begin teaching Americanization. Mexican citizens may begin it right here in Mexia by helping build the Y. M. C. A. Every such institution is needed to help in this task of conserving our human resources. Certain it is if we properly train the citizens in the making now in our midst and send them forth as thorough-going, bed-rock, clean Christian characters, equipped and eager for service to country and home, this Republic and this city are safe, and certainly more and more will become impressed with that fine saying of Zoroaster: "Ah, what is the glory of Rome and Jerusalem, where all the races and nations come to worship and look back compared with the glory of America where all the races and nations come to labor and look forward."—Mexia Evening News.

Berton Braley's Daily Poem

THE WISE VIRGIN

"So good, my child, and let who will be clever," Charles Kingsley said that mouthful of advice; But I'd suggest it does no harm whatever To be both good and clever. To be nice A lady doesn't have to be a dumbbell. Her brains won't hurt her any with a man. "Be good, my child"—but do not be a mumbelle. You ought to be as clever as you can!

"Fine feathers," so the moralists may warn you "Don't make fine birds." And that's no idle word, But feathers that are fine won't make folks scorn you If you are, otherwise a noble bird! Clothes do not make the man nor yet the woman, But they are mostly what the world will scan, And—knowing human nature's very hum— The wise dame dresses smartly as she can!

"Beauty is but skin deep," the preachers tell you, And "Handsome is, as handsome does," they say; But just the same, wherever you may dwell, you Will learn that beauty isn't in the way. You will not find that it's a waste endeavor To make yourself a pleasant sight to scan, "Be good, my child"—and be as well-dressed, clever, And just about as pretty as you can!

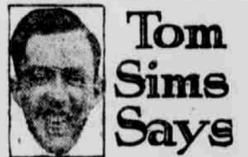
FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



IF WE COULD ONLY GET EVERYTHING WE WANTED



Tom Sims Says

The boy will be disappointed if there is no sawdust in sister's doll.

Give daughter a razor so she will not sharpen pencils with yours.

The lighter electric irons do not damage the wall or knock a husband out like the heavy ones.

What we need is a coal wave.

Presidential work is ruining Harding's golf, which is an alibi very few golfers can give.

After calling a man a liar you often find you missed your calling.

Basketball has the place of football, but like substitutes for highballs, it hasn't the kick.

Miss Grace Huskins is 22 and a film producer, but some movies indicate there are producers 10 years younger than Grace.

Trapped.

John Martin, champion hunter employed by Uncle Sam, "works" two months in South Dakota. He kills 33 coyotes and two bobcats, all old animals. Two-thirds of them bore evidence of having been in traps from which they had escaped, or of having been shot and wounded in the past.

Old and wary animals are hard to trap or shoot, says John.

Experience is valuable to humans as much as coyotes and bobcats. But most of us raise a mighty howl while we're acquiring it. Yet getting caught in a small trap usually saves us from a larger trap later—provided we remember and learn.

Sooner Read

"Miss Alice Robertson," says the Bartlesville Examiner, "was a good winner but is a poor loser. It is too bad that she should lose the esteem of a multitude of admirers when she could just as well retired to private life with more than ordinary honor."

The state highway department, announces that it has on hand 150,000 auto license tags for the year 1923 and that applications for tags are now being received. Every auto owner says the End Daily News should make a special effort to obtain his license tag early, not only to save himself the worry and inconvenience of waiting in a long line of applicants at the eleventh-hour rush.

The Ponca City News thinks that if Bartlesville proves that it is above a very pronounced oil structure, the town could, by drilling municipal wells, entirely eliminate city taxes and create a sort of heaven for the taxpayer.

"The success with which bandits met in their raid on the mint at Denver," concludes the Blackwell Tribune, "might lead one to expect that some bold bunch would stage a hold-up of the United States treasury were it not for the fact that it has been held up so many times by non-professionals that real bandits will probably hardly consider it worth while."

The conduct of the Drunright mayor who, when the city was without fuel, tapped a gas main which passed near the city, might have been a little irregular, but, says the Ponca City News he got the gas.

TEN YEARS AGO

Happenings in Carter County and Ardmore as Told by the Files of the Ardmoreite.

The Frisco railway company is putting an asphalt crossing across their tracks at the Union depot on Main street. This is an improvement which has long been needed and will add greatly to the sightliness of the surroundings of the depot property.

The Shelby Downward Asphalt company has just been awarded the contract for paving west Bonham street, in the city of Paris, Texas, amounting to about forty-three thousand dollars. The pavement is to be built out of natural bituminous sand asphalt after the standard specifications. The miles around Ardmore are employing an increasing number of laborers and the production of Ardmore asphalt is growing yearly.

Commissioner of the Fire and Police Department L. C. Slaughter left this afternoon for Oklahoma City where he goes to attend the state meeting of the Oklahoma Fire Chiefs and city officials. Commissioner Slaughter was at the time of his resignation as chief in this city last fall, one of the oldest if not the oldest, fire chief in the state, in point of years of service. He is authority on all fire fighting devices and fire escapes.

Ford.

Henry Ford's factories in America turned out 121,745 passenger cars and trucks during October, final check-up shows.

It was Henry's best month on record, and 32,000 cars more than in October, 1921.

Further, it was at a rate of nearly 1,500,000 machines a year—or only 100,000 less than total auto registration in our country in 1916. Today there are seven times as many cars.

PUBLIC OPINION

A column devoted to views of our readers. Each communication to this column must bear the signature of the writer, although this will be withheld if requested.

To the Daily Ardmoreite:

I want to thank you for, and to commend the editorial which appeared in Sunday morning's Ardmoreite under the heading "Let's Keep Dyer." I hold no brief for Mr. Dyer but as a citizen and a tax payer and the further fact that I live here, as to the duties of Mr. Dyer as city manager or with what fidelity he has performed them I know but little as to details but from the best information I can get the City's business especially its finances is in the best shape it has ever been.

As the charges of extravagance that is made against Mr. Dyer, business men who ought to know real values tell me that he never employs a "cheap John" workman but employs the best class of mechanics procurable and has the work done in a thoroughly efficient manner.

There never was an official administration that pleased everybody, personal grievances or certain business interests feel Ardmore has some sixteen or eighteen thousand population with over 50 per cent of voting age and a petition containing 1700 is only about 20 per cent of this amount. Another and an opposing petition as large or larger could be just as easily gotten. Many signatures to petitions are secured by the disposition on the part of the signer to oblige, at the time knowing little and caring less about the matter involved.

The greatest trouble with the factional rows is that they hurt the town and discredit it abroad. Ardmore has in times past had too much advertising along this line.

We ought to be bigger men than to thrust our personal grievances and prejudices into the administration of the City's affairs in a manner to cause a factional row that will damage our town.

In May we will have a regular City election. Four months from now we will elect a majority of the law making body who will have the power of filling all appointive offices in the regular way. This is not long to wait. Let us at this Christmas time forgive and forget and for the good of all among ourselves have peace and good will. S. J. WORLEY.

Psycho-Analysis

The medical profession is urged to "recognize" psycho-analysis, by Lord Dawson of Penn. He's the king's physician in England. Ethical doctors should take a hand at it, he urges, to save patients from being victimized by an army of fakirs. Mental healing has more quacks and patent medicine men than ever sold pills and dollar-a-quart curules. He warned, "Tinkering with the subconscious mind is more dangerous than taking poison as medicine except under expert scientific guidance."

Reading in the Dearborn Independent that young are advised to exercise care in selecting an employer, the Ade Evening News says this is a new way of putting it, but it is something to think about.

Ardmore Has It.

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BY BLOSSER.

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BY ALLMAN