

70,000 FAIL TO PAY AUTO TAXES.

Large Number of Delinquent Iowans Listed by State Department.

Des Moines, July 28.—There are 70,000 delinquent auto owners in Iowa—drivers of motor cars who have neglected to pay their motor vehicle registration fee—according to lists just completed by the state automobile department.

A large proportion of this number, moreover, soon will feel the long hand of the state government on their shoulders. To cope with this unprecedented failure of Iowa folk to pay their bills to the state—the largest delinquent list ever issued heretofore bore only about 35,000 names—both county governments and a special force of state agents will be employed.

The delinquent list is made up by taking the names of those car owners who paid taxes last year, and did not pay the tax this year. Since all transfers are supposed to be registered with the secretary of state, and are accounted for in the list, it should fairly represent the actual number of delinquents plus those who have juked their cars within the last year. Roy Williams, chief clerk of the automobile department, estimates that this juking process may account for 15 per cent of the total.

After all possible deductions have been made, however, Secretary of State Ramsey believes that about the million dollars remains to be collected. And he is planning immediate steps to collect it.

Delinquent lists for each county will go forward to county treasurers next week. Treasurers are charged with the duty of putting these cases in the hands of county peace officers for investigation and prosecution.

To spur the county authorities, Governor Harding has appointed there a dozen special agents to work on auto tax delinquencies especially, traveling to all corners of the state both to handle stubborn individual cases, and to enlist lax officials. This force probably will be out two months.

The auto department was completely caught up with its applications for numbers Saturday, for the first time in its history. When the department was taken away from Secretary of State Allen by the legislature last winter, the department had on hand 80,000 unfilled applications.

THE CHURCHES.

Presbyterian Church.

At the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning a message in tense interest will be presented. There will be no evening service during the month of August. Sunday school as usual.

Davis City M. E. Church.

Services at the regular hour next Sunday morning, subject "Who is He?" Regular services in the evening, 7:30, at Pleasanton Sunday afternoon.

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Sunday school Sunday morning at 10 a. m.; preaching and baptizing at 11 o'clock. Special services in the evening for missions. You are welcome at each service.

Pleasanton Tent Meeting.

Wm. J. Campbell and C. C. Merritt, evangelists of the Church of Christ, have their tent pitched and began a meeting in Pleasanton this week, July 29. Plain gospel truths will be presented on charts, lectures and sermons. Services at 9:15 each night. Sundays at 11:30 a. m. and 9:15 p. m. with dinner on the ground. All invited.

Brethren Church.

The usual services will be held this week. Prayer meetings on Thursday evenings at 9 o'clock. Remember the Sunday school on Sunday morning at 9:45. Endeavor both Senior and Junior at 8 in the evening, followed by preaching at 9. In spite of the hot weather, the services have been well attended and you will find them interesting.

Methodist Church.

During the vacation of the pastor the regular services will be provided for as usual at the usual hours. Next Sunday at both morning and evening services Rev. Frank Coleman will speak and all are most cordially invited.

Christian Church.

As painters have been re-decorating the walls of the church the interior has been greatly torn up for the past two weeks, which has caused a little inconvenience for some of the Bible school classes to assemble in their respective places. But the work will be completed this week, and by next Sunday the entire building will have the appearance of freshness and cleanliness, so be sure and come out to Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., and preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. A good audience was present last Sunday to greet Rev. Stark, of Richmond, Mo.

The ladies of the church will meet this afternoon (Thursday) to clean and arrange the furniture in order.

On Tuesday afternoon, August 5, from 2:30 to 5 p. m., the mothers and daughters of the church will be entertained at the church with a specially arranged program. It is planned to have talks from some of our own members who have been out in world service for our country, and in National religious work.

Mothers and daughters of other churches are also invited to come and enjoy the afternoon with us.

The Ladies Aid are planning for a unique social meeting some time in September at which time each member is to bring a dollar that they themselves have earned and then tell how it was earned.

Order out flowers and floral designs from O. E. Hall, local agent of Lottier, of Des Moines, at The Reporter office. Orders sent by phone or mail, but order as early as possible.

Coils the stomach, washes out the bowels, drives out impurities, helps the liver, it's Rocky Mountain. Take it once a day, hot weather and see you'll be in the Cherringtons.

Hazel College.

Mrs. N. G. Spencer was calling on Mrs. Wesley Steen Tuesday afternoon.

Several from this neighborhood attended the funeral of Claude Wilkie's baby.

Wilma Hall-stayed with Mrs. Wesley Steen Tuesday night.

Platt Harris and Wesley Steen were down on Grand River fishing Tuesday and Tuesday night; they returned home Wednesday morning.

Grant Spencer bound Timothy for Lee McConnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ramsey and children were calling on Mr. Ramsey's sister Mrs. Dice Cross Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Steen were calling at the John West home Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Albert Simmerman, who has been helping Mrs. Clyde Blades coach threshers, returned to her home at Van Wert Wednesday.

Little Jack Jones is visiting his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards.

Mrs. Wesley Steen was calling at the N. G. Spencer home Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fry and granddaughter were visiting their daughter Mrs. Claude Wilkie in Van Wert Thursday.

Jace Smith helped Grant Spencer put up hay Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Spencer were visiting with Mr. Spencer's daughter Mrs. Horry Redman and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Simmerman and children were visiting Sunday with Mrs. Simmerman's sister Mrs. Dice Cross and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Blades and son Myron were visiting in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ramsey were visiting in the Tennessee neighborhood Sunday.

Carroll Spencer was visiting with his friend Mr. Willie Steen Saturday night and Sunday.

Dice Cross and son John have been helping Amos West put up hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Jace Smith and husband Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Irving were visiting Mrs. Irving's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steen Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scadden and son Gerald were visiting Mrs. Scadden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McConnell.

Rauch No. 2.

Farmers are very busy taking care of their oats, wheat and hay.

Mr. Blevins helped Robert Reed stack hay.

Lindsay Roush and Frank Dobson helped Tara Baker thresh last week.

Jennie Chaney went to Leon last week on a visit.

Leo Dobson and Artie Wells drove to Aberdeen, S. D., where they expect to stay for some time helping in the harvest fields there.

Ethel and Elma Blevins spent Sunday at Reed's.

Mr. and Mrs. Childers of Les Moines spent Sunday at Roush's.

Walter Thompson and Frank Dobson are stacking oats.

Ruth and Audra Spray came Saturday to visit at the Isaac Norman home.

Jennie Chaney is helping Mrs. Stella Baker during threshing.

Florence, Viola and Walter Garber spent one day with Niada, Elsie and Wilma Merrill.

Hazel Lewis and brother Harold, and Bernice Alexander spent a few minutes at Elmer Merrill's one day last week.

H. E. Hughes and family spent Sunday in Albia with relatives.

DR. H. V. ADAMS

Author of the Famous "Grapes of Gold" Lecture, Among Our Chautauqua Attractions This Season.

"Grapes of Gold" is coming to be a household word among Chautauqua patrons in all parts of the country, as Doctor Adams has delivered this lecture many hundreds of times before representative Chautauqua audiences



from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It is understood that his lecture this summer which will be along constructive lines will carry the title "Morale—The Battle Winner." Doctor Adams is one of those likable fellows with whom an audience gets in tune immediately. He has such a happy faculty of illustrating his point with just the proper kind of illustration that everybody is kept in good humor and understands just what he is driving at.

DR. LYMAN P. POWELL

NOTED EDUCATOR AND AUTHOR OF SERIES OF BOOKS ON AMERICANISM.

Released by Inter-Church World Movement for Chautauquas Lectures.

Dr. Powell, who is one of the leaders in the movement for educational reciprocity between England, France and the United States, author of a new series of books on Americanism

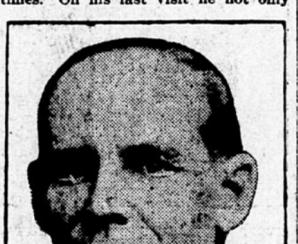


to be used in the public schools, and a contributor to many magazines, has been released by the Inter-Church World movement for a series of Chautauqua lectures, one of which will be delivered here. The doctor is a speaker of much force, virility and originality, and will doubtless have a large audience.

DR. JAMES T. NICHOLS

World Traveler at Peace Conference Will Give His Impressions About a "Warless World."

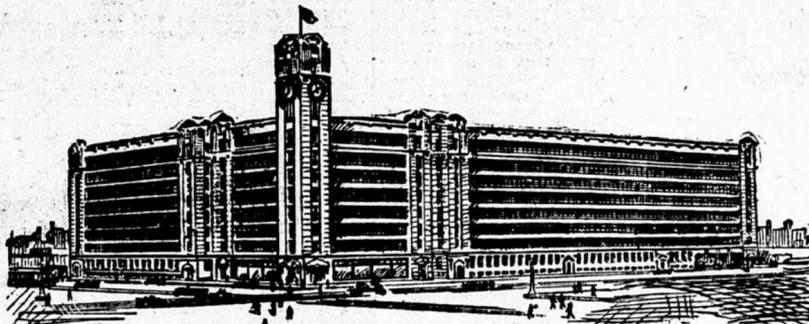
Dr. James T. Nichols, editor, writer and lecturer, has been to Europe three times since the war began and has had some very unusual experiences. Previous to the world war he had traveled around the world and back and forth to Europe a good many times. On his last visit he not only



succeeded in getting into the peace conference but was within ten feet of President Wilson when he proposed the league of nations. There were hundreds of newspaper men outside who would have given thousands of dollars to have had his place. We simply mention this fact to indicate that Doctor Nichols knows how to get what he goes after. The facts he has collected and his interesting way of telling them will make his lectures here at the Chautauqua one of the most eagerly-looked-forward-to events of the season.

A Mammoth Reconstruction Project

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NEW WRIGLEY CHEWING GUM FACTORY, CHICAGO

THE already tremendous chewing gum factory of the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company, at 35th Street and Ashland Avenue, Chicago, is to be doubled in size. The first large unit of the new structure is now under construction. When completed, the new plant will comprise a million and a quarter square feet of space, devoted entirely to the manufacture of chewing gum. The area covered is six hundred by three hundred feet, the building being eight stories high with basement. It is of heavy re-inforced concrete and steel, white terra-cotta exterior. Track facilities for loading fifty cars at one time are provided. Special features are a modern roof-garden, recreation hall, restaurant, hospital, welfare department, library, club rooms, smoking room, hand-ball courts, gymnasium and showers. S. Scott Joy, Architect, E. W. Sproul Co., General Contractors.

The Opportunist

By RALPH HAMILTON

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"Yes, you've done well, Marshall, we all admit that. You seemed to start in business at just the right moment. Opportunity knocks only once at every door, and you was ready to welcome her, eh?"

"Nonsense," uttered Eben Marshall. "Opportunity is hanging around most of the time, I've got her trained, see? I've made a science of it. In fact, I call myself an expert as an opportunist."

Jim Ready nodded approvingly and with profound admiration of his fortunate acquaintance. Certainly Eben had done well. He had struck Wharton just as the boom of that thriving little town was beginning. He had speculated in a new subdivision and had doubled his investment. He was the first man to comprehend the practicability of starting a movie show, and money flowed in.

"You see, Jim," he observed, "there's no helter-skelter in grabbing opportunity. You have to get so that you recognize her when you meet her. Then you have to know how to utilize her. You've got to act just in time, and exactly right. You've got to be shrewd, diligent, sure of your ground and confident and irresistible in your power. Confidentially, I am now courting the shy damsel along new lines. I've tried opportunity in business. I'm going to see how she is going to treat me in the matrimonial line."

"You don't mean it, Marshall! I didn't suppose you was much interested in that way."

"I'm interested in any way where an advantage means money or my own well being. For some time I've been having my eye on Miss Eva Burton."

Jim uttered a low whistle. "I say," he remarked, "you ain't high. Why, her father is the richest man in Wharton and she's the most refined, cultured and beautiful girl in the district."

Eben did not like this, for, per contra, as he was fully aware, he was boorish, ignorant and decidedly unhandsome. All the same he perked up, rattled some coins in his pocket and ficked a speck of dust from his newly made coat as if he would brush away any obstacle that might come in his path.

"I've heard that Ross Adams had a sort of fondness for Eva," went on Jim speculatively.

"Humph!" snorted Eben, contemptuously. "That pauper! Writing books and painting pictures. Fine prospects, eh? I've got money and I amount to something in this community. Watch me prove it to pretty Eva when opportunity hits my trail!"

"Reckon Eben has begun his courting," soliloquized Jim about a month later, as he saw the opportunist in his shiny, brand-new automobile speeding down the street with Eva by his side.

"Wonder how Ross Adams feels about it? Poor fellow! He's the match for Eva, just the same, for she's educated and artistic and all that, and Ross certainly has written some beautiful things."

Jim had transferred his glance to young Adams, who had just come out of the village post office. His attention and interest were centered on a letter he had just received. He stepped into a sheltered doorway and opened the envelope.

came with that letter," ruminated Jim. "Mebbe opportunity has struck him—what!"

Good news, indeed, good news, had Ross Adams received! Long deferred hope had been rewarded. The letter was from a city publisher, accepting a series of articles Ross had written at a price that seemed fabulous to the struggling young author and ordering a second series.

Ross had not intended to go to a general picnic whither Eva and Eben had been headed, but now, because he knew he would find Eva there, he started forthwith to seek her out, to apprise her of his good news and to tell her furthermore that he was at last in a position to think of settling down for life.

Now Eben had devoted this particular day to the goddess, Opportunity. He had spread himself in the purchase of the new automobile and essayed to overwhelm Eva into a sense of his importance and liberality. He had left Eva with some friends while he went to negotiate for a cruise with the most showy electric launch on the river, regardless of expense. It was during his absence that Ross came upon the scene. He readily lured Eva to a walk. Jim Ready, keeping track of him, watched him reach a sequestered spot with his lady love.

He saw Ross show the letter. He saw him half-kneel at the feet of his innamorata, pouring forth his love story. He saw them kiss, and he knew that it was all over with Eben.

"Marshall may be an opportunist," chuckled Jim, "but Ross has beat him two to one as an importunist!" Which was true—as all Wharton soon learned.

No More Dark Continent.

One may no longer believe in the existence of a strange white people in Africa. Rider Haggard's splendid race is probably only the Buhima, originally discovered by Speke in southwestern Uganda. At least Sir Harry Johnston claims to have discovered in them the clue to many of the mysterious white-race legends found in the dark continent. He was engaged in nothing more thrilling than a tour of inspection of Ankohe when he came across them. They are of a very light complexion, and are the aristocrats of this region. Sir Harry holds that they are obviously descendants from a Gala, Somali or other Hamitic stock, and adds that some of them are more like Egyptians than is the case with Galas and Somalis. Romance disappears before the tread of the explorer. The dark continent is dark no more.

Sir Redvers Buller's Ghost Story.

Some time after the Franco-German war of 1870, writes Lady Buller in an English paper, Sir Redvers (then Captain) Buller left England to visit the battlefields, and on arriving at the town of — gave directions that his letters should not be forwarded, and started on his tour of inspection. After he had been away some days, he awoke suddenly one night, thinking he saw Lord Wolseley (then Sir Garnet), and that he heard him say: "I wonder where that fellow Buller is. I can't think why he has not answered my letter." This so impressed him that he returned at once to the town of —, where he found a letter awaiting him from Lord Wolseley, saying that he must return to London immediately, as an expedition against the Ashantees was imminent.

Unnecessary Luggage.

A Scotchman who had emigrated to America wrote home to his wife instructing her to sell most of their household property and take passage out to him. The good wife asked a neighbor to help in the packing. In the midst of the business they found Sandy's watch. The neighbor examined it closely, and then said: "It's a grand watch, Janet. Ye'll be takin' it wi' ye?" "Na, na!" was the reply. "It wd be o' nae use out there, for Sandy wd be in his letter that there is some o' difference between the time here and in California, so I needna be takin' it."

CHANCES IN GAME OF LIFE

Must Be Winners and Losers, Since It Is Sure All Cannot Hold Equal Cards.

Life is like a game of cards. Some must win. Some must lose. It all depends upon the player and on the gambling chances that may favor or disappoint him.

All have the same gambling chance, so the player's ability really determines whether he shall be a loser or a winner. Assiduity, persistence, practice and patience all help to make him a winner, and the lack of these a loser.

Those who win make their gains at the expense of those who lose. There must always be winners and losers, the winners rejoicing and the losers disappointed, complaining and jealous of the winners.

How much like the experience of everyday life! Some succeed because of their diligence, earnestness and ceaseless ambition, others lose because of the lack of these winning qualities.

Some live in well-deserved ease and comfort on the proceeds of their success, others in discomfort, proclaiming that they suffer from injustice.

Everybody must play the game of life, and, like the game of cards, in the end every gambler must be a loser. Only the Grim Reaper is sure to be the winner in the end.—John A. Slescher in Leslie's.

Relic of Old Rome.

During plowing operations in a field near the village of Bratton, Westbury, Wiltshire, Eng., the plow struck what proved to be the cover of a leaden coffin. The coffin has been examined by E. H. Carrington, the curator of the Wilts Archaeological museum, who states that the coffin, without doubt, belongs to the period of the Roman occupation, says the London Times. The place where it was found is about a mile from the site of a large Romano-British village. The coffin is 6 feet 8 inches in length; its width varies from 1 foot 6 inches to 1 foot 4 inches and its depth is 1 foot 7 inches. Large iron nails 4 1/2 inches long indicate that when interred it had a wooden outer covering, but that has perished, as have the bones interred, except the leg bones, the pelvis and the lower jaw; there is no trace of the skull. Two pieces of lead form the bottom of the coffin, but the cover is one piece.

To Temper China.

Many a lover of fine china is heart-broken to discover her choice dinner or tea set lined with hairlike cracks. Hot tea or chocolate poured into dainty cups cracks them instantly.

A Chinese merchant gave this bit of information when a rare tea set was purchased from him: "Before using delicate china place it in a pan of cold water. Let it come gradually to a boil and allow the china to remain in the water till cold." This tempers the china and it is capable of withstanding the sudden expansion caused by the heat. There is no need of repeating the treatment for a long time.

Notice of Final Report.

In the District Court of Iowa in and for Decatur County. No 2257 Probate. In the Estate of Nancy J. Brannaman, Deceased. To Wm. S. Brannaman, Ernie Johannessen, Mrs. Pearl Lancaster, Jesse Brannaman, Otis Brannaman, S. A. Gates, guardian. You are hereby notified that the undersigned Patrick Griffin, administrator of the estate of Nancy J. Brannaman has filed his final report therein in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for the aforesaid county, and has asked for its approval and his discharge from further duty or responsibility therein, and that said report and application for discharge will come on for hearing before the Court aforesaid at Leon on the 30th day of September, A. D., 1919, at which time and place you can appear and show cause, if any you have, why said final report should not be approved and the undersigned discharged from any further duty or responsibility therein. Patrick Griffin, Administrator.