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Educators are agreed that a lack of respect for authority is our greatest national defect. We see evidence of it everywhere; in the home, in the school, in the church and in business. Anything that overcomes this defect, certainly lays the groundwork for more useful and effective citizenship.—Col. R. I. Gignilliat.

TODAY'S BIT OF VERSE

OBLIGATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP. You ought to be fine for the sake of the folks. Who think you are fine. If others have faith in you doubly you're bound To stick to the line. It's not only on you that dishonor descends, You can't hurt yourself without hurting your friends. You ought to be true for the sake of the folks Who believe you are true: You never should stoop to a deed that your friends Think you wouldn't do. If you're false to yourself, be the bluish but small, You have injured your friends; you've been false to them all. For friendship, my boy, is a bond between men That is founded on truth: It believes in the best of the ones that it loves, Whether old man or youth. And the stern rule it lays down for me and for you, Is to be what our friends think we are through and through. —Detroit Free Press.

Our difficulty about wealth is not in getting it out of the earth, but in getting it away from one another.—Charlotte Perkins Stetson.

ST. PAUL REFUTES ROCKEFELLER.

John D. Rockefeller's notions of what the men of bible times would do in the world of today are only less interesting than would be an expression of opinion from the ancients on current business topics. Our American billionaire is reported to have said that the apostle Paul would have made a great modern businessman—a "captain of industry." And the reasons given for this view are his organizing ability and his persistence.

There is no doubt that St. Paul was a great organizer and that he was persistent. But his references to work, to business and to money do not suggest the kind of interest that would seem to be necessary to a gatherer of large funds. His followers are warned, it is true, against being "slothful in business (Romans, xii, 11) but they are also commanded "to do your own business, and to work with your own hands (First Thessalonians, iv, 11). Paul earned his living as an individualistic laboring man, a tentmaker. There were undoubtedly opportunities to capitalize his relation to the early church, if he had wished to do so. But almost his only references to money had to do with collections to relieve the necessities of the poor.

Mr. Rockefeller says that Paul could have acquired all the capital he needed by borrowing. But in Romans, xiii, 8, we read: "Owe no man anything."

It would be easy to quote a hundred passages which suggest clearly enough the chief argument against Mr. Rockefeller's view. And this argument would be based on the fact that Paul was not interested in business. Such a thing may be incomprehensible to a man who has devoted a long life to acquiring a billion dollars.

MAKING A LAW STICK.

The bar association of the state of Washington has advanced a suggestion that it would be well for similar associations in all the states to consider. It proposes that the courts shall pass upon the constitutionality of legislative acts whose validity is open to doubt, and this court action is to be taken before these proposed measures are enacted into law. This would rid the country of a mass of ill-considered, vulnerable legislation. It would advance the esteem in which laws and lawmaking are held by the people. It appreciably shatters public respect for law to have the courts constantly finding legislative measures loosely drawn and unconstitutional, although the principle involved in such acts may be valid and for the public welfare. The Washington Bar association plan com

mends itself strongly. It would drive legislators to greater care in the framing of bills; it would deprive scheming interests of technical loopholes to evade laws by attacking their constitutionality, for the validity of every proposed statute would be tested before passage.

It is a good omen that bar associations are giving the weight of their influence to the advancement of reforms in the making and administering of law. The lawyers and jurists of the land, backed by public sentiment, can force sweeping betterments in legislation and in legal procedure, if they but set themselves determinedly to this worthy work.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY.

Fire, largely preventable and to that extent inexcusable, causes the loss annually in this country of more than three thousand lives and a property loss of two hundred and fifty million dollars. As a means of promoting public education and interest to the end that this great waste of life and wealth may be reduced to the minimum October ninth has been designated as Fire Prevention day, under the general direction of the Safety First Federation of America. The date is significant. It is the anniversary of the beginning of the greatest conflagration in the country's history, the burning of the greater part of the city of Chicago, on October nine, 1871.

AMBASSADOR GERARD'S VACATION.

Our ambassador at Berlin is coming home for a two months' vacation which, according to the state department, he is entitled to. Does it just happen that the period chosen synchronizes with the tense last weeks of the presidential campaign?

That Ambassador Gerard feels the need of a rest may be believed. He has a hard job, with the affairs of sundry belligerents confided to the embassy over which he presides, and no small amount of work as the medium of communication for the innumerable notes between the German foreign office and the state department at Washington. His fellow countrymen will feel that he has earned a vacation.

But will he be allowed to take a real rest, or will he be ordered to the political battlefield, or—what seems more probable—assigned to the Shady Lawn board of strategy, just now reported to be anxiously mapping a campaign to save the state of New York? It is ungenerous, perhaps, to suspect that our ambassador is quitting Berlin primarily for any such purpose, that he is taking a furlough from the service of his country to go on duty in the service of his party.

According to the cable, Copenhagen, from which port Ambassador Gerard departs, learns that "he wants a vacation after his overwhelming work in Berlin, and, besides, he is highly interested in the presidential campaign, in which he wishes to participate."

If some people were not so famous for believing funny stories the hasty assumption might be that Copenhagen has spilled the beans.

While it would be unfair to assume that the president is awaiting an opportune moment to make appointments that may have some political effect, it is not easy to account for delay in naming members of investigating bodies created by congress. It is reported that Mr. Wilson's advisers have urged him to announce as soon as possible his selections for the new tariff commission, the shipping board and the railroad investigating committee. The tariff board and the committee to observe the operation of the so-called eight-hour day law will have important duties to perform, and the sooner they begin their work the better.

The fact that Australia, which has universal military training, is just voting on the question of conscription means nothing to the pacifist. If he sees a lad shoulder a wooden gun he must needs cry "Conscript." To him the doctrine that it is a man's sacred duty to know how to defend the ideals he holds most dear is always an unknown tongue.

Scientists are evolving an onion at which one may gaze by the hour and not shed tears. Consumers have long sighed for an onion that would not stir their emotions and excite their lachrymal ducts. Science is ever striving to give the consumer what he wants.

Viscount Bryce's speech inviting American co-operation toward world peace hardly offsets the inflammatory utterances of Lloyd-George. Our ambitions in that direction are half singed and half frozen.

Mr. Wilson's trip west wasn't a campaign tour, he says. He merely ran out to Omaha to make a few offhand remarks about the weather.

Taft and Roosevelt have buried the hatchet where it will do the most good.

Does Lansing really count less than Tunulty?

IOWA PRESS COMMENT. Sioux City Journal. Many a householder has grieved over the idea of what he would do to a plumber if he ever got one in his power. Well, a Salt Lake federal court jury convicted twelve accused plumbers of conspiracy. And what do you suppose the jury did to them? Recommended the convicted men to the "extreme mercy" of the court!

Cedar Rapids Gazette: If belligerent nations are planning for a trade war or any other kind of mixup with the United States they are going to enter the ring in a very much over-trained condition. Americans are likely to decline to fight until these opponents have been built up under the care of a medical trainer.

Harrison County News: The price of flour is still rising, but thank God corn meal is only 20 cents a sack and fried mush is as good a muscle builder as beef steak and don't you forget it.

Des Moines Register: The Mutual Welfare League Bulletin of Sing Sing refuses to publish poetry. Maybe the editor labors under the impression that some poetry is an incentive to crime instead of a better life.

Des Moines Tribune: Scenario writers are overlooking a bet if they neglect to work up the case of the masked bandit who entered an Oklahoma City theatre during the performance of a comic opera and walked away with the receipts of the evening.

Sioux City Journal: The Clarinda high school students who played hooky on circus day and were suspended by the school authorities have all been reinstated. Something must have recalled to the minds of the Clarinda authorities how they used to behave when the circus came to town in boyhood days.

Council Bluffs Nonpareil: The city attorney in Des Moines is drafting a bill for submission to the next legislature making auto stealing a penitentiary offense. It seems now to be a sort of pastime.

Ackley World: Roosevelt promises to get on the firing line. Teddy can fire whenever he's ready. The public knows what to expect.

Sioux City Journal: Villa is assuring persons with whom he comes in contact that he has nothing against the Americans, but he is anxious to punish the "traitor" Carranza. Americans might be more inclined to take Villa at his word if they could forget Columbus and a few other similar affairs.

Burlington Gazette: Minus evasive verbiage, Hughes' complaint is that Wilson has not plucked the country into war with Germany, war with Great Britain, war with Mexico—and into a general railway strike.

Criticism and Usefulness. Topeka Capital: General Goethals is quoted as saying: "A man's usefulness in the public service is determined in the abuse and criticism he can take without complaining." Also by the amount of abuse and criticism; the less he gets the less useful he is. But the rule doesn't apply to the public service any more than to life generally.

DONNELSON.

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum of Kahoka, Mo., visited relatives here the past week.

Chas. Holderfer and family of Indiana, are moving into the house vacated by Jas. Wise which they recently purchased.

Mrs. F. C. Tabor and daughter were over Sunday visitors in Galland. The Young People's society of the G. E. church will give a social at Krehbiel's hall Tuesday evening, October 10, to which all are cordially invited. A short program will be given at 8 o'clock after which sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake will be served.

Mrs. Guy Casper has returned home from a visit to Chicago.

W. O. Butler is home from a several weeks vacation spent in Missouri.

G. W. Holderfer and son of Pulaski, visited home folks Sunday afternoon. Musical Guardsmen at Dickey's hall Wednesday, October 11.

Mrs. Rev. Ben Harmon of Blanchard, Iowa, is visiting home folks.

Our people from here attended the street fair at Keokuk and Fort Madison the past week.

Mrs. John Holderfer is home from a several day's visit in Indiana.

Wm. Benjamin has gone to Bowling Green, Mo.

Bull Fight Advertised. LITCHFIELD, Ill., Oct. 7.—All Montgomery and surrounding counties were agog today anxiously awaiting the official interpretation of the "bull fight" advertised to be held in connection with the dairy day celebration here today.

Circulars, sent to every part of the state, widely advertised the "bull fight" but declared all might witness the famous Spanish pastime without fear of danger from the "bull" or men, or fear of injury to persons or conscience.

M'ALLISTER TO START NEW SERIES

Baptist Church Pastor to Speak on Courtship and Marriage at the Sunday Evening Service.

TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

Has Come Pointed Remarks for Mothers Who Put Money Above Their Daughters' Happiness.

A series of sermons has been announced by Rev. F. B. McAllister, pastor of the First Baptist church, to begin Sunday night with the subject of "Courtship, or Molly's New Beau." For the past two years the pastor of the Baptist church has given a "fireside series," dealing with popular phases of the making of a home and the home life, and they have become an annual fall event. The other subjects will be as follows: Oct. 15—"The Match, or Did Ma Have a Finger in the Pie?" Oct. 22—"Home Enemies, or Some Pests Worse Than Bugs." Oct. 29—"Embers Burnt Low, or Who Puts Out the Cat?" Rev. McAllister said that if courtship would exist in the marriage tie, Courtship should be a sacred function in the life of the young man and woman, but it is its perversion that blights the character. Sunday night he said he would answer questions that have puzzled young people for ages. Should a young man marry for money? Is it wise to marry a so-called "old maid"? Should a man tell his intended all he has ever done in the past? Should religions be mixed? For the young ladies he will answer such questions as the following: Is it better to remain an old maid than to exist in a living hell? Should a young lady hope to reform a young man she intends to marry? Is it wise to tell mother the plans? Is it at all wrong to flirt? Should one get married against their parent's wishes? The pastor says also he intends to speak a word to parents for he thinks only too often they desire lazy and indulgent daughters to marry any "old pick up" so as to get a probable "burden" off their hands. Some mothers want to know if he is a "good fust" that their daughters may ride around in a car instead of hoofing it, even though the young man's character may be black. He contends that mothers are largely responsible for the double standard of morals that exist by their compromising attitude toward the young man, in her endeavor to get her daughter off her hands.

SAYS GERMANY SEEKS PEACE

Story is That Kaiser is Sending Word to President Wilson to Make The Effort.

[United Press Leased Wire Service] NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Ambassador Gerard, according to the Evening Post, is bringing to President Wilson an application from Germany for the president to use his good offices in suing for peace. The Post's article says: "Germany has definitely decided to apply to President Wilson to use his good offices in suing for peace with the allies. This was learned today from sources in a position to have absolutely trustworthy information on these matters. "It is understood that Ambassador James W. Gerard, who is on his way over here, will lay the kaiser's request before President Wilson within a week. "Important banking interests in close touch with Germany's plans, pointed out today that a great many nations were involved in the European conflict, and hence, months might elapse before peace would be finally consummated, even in the event that President Wilson intervened as mediator. "Ambassador Gerard is on board the steamship, Frederick VII, which left from the other side on Saturday last and is due here, according to officers of the line, probably on Tuesday next. "Corroboration of the statement, from other sources on this side of the water which might be described as 'highest authority' came this afternoon to substantiate the belief in financial circles. "The main statement, made with great positiveness today, tends to confirm the rumors that have been afloat for months. "It is a fact, however positively it may have been denied officially, that the possibility of President Wilson acting as mediator have been discussed by German officials with Ambassador Gerard. It is therefore no means surprising that reports now take definite shape in connection with Mr. Gerard's trip to this country. "The source from which the information was obtained, did not know what terms will be offered by Germany. No proof of that nature was obtainable, but it is generally thought that if Germany was making the offer in view of recent events of the war, the terms which the Teutonic empire would agree to, would be much more reasonable than those which have been suggested from time to time, as a means for ending the conflict. "American farmers and land speculators who vitilized Canada's borders during the past ten years have returned home to the number of 500,000. War is a reality up there.

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The Carthage GATE CITY CARTHAGE, ILL., OCT. 7.

The Carthage band furnished music on the public square Thursday evening, preceding the first political treat given the voters of this city and the surrounding territory, being the appearance of Hon. John E. Wall of Quincy, at the democratic headquarters on the first floor of the National bank building, the room having a seating capacity of between four and five hundred, which was filled, many standing throughout the talk, Mr. Wall holding the interest of the entire audience for one hour and thirty minutes, receiving repeated applause. He opened his address by stating that he expected to tell in a plain and simple forward way, the reasons why he was supporting Woodrow Wilson in the present campaign, saying, "I think he is the greatest combination of courage, patriotism and brain that has ever been cast in any human mold." He then took up the history of the events, beginning with conditions prior to 1912, and continuing through the intervening period, explanatory of his position, in declaring for Woodrow Wilson. Four years ago a new party sprung into being, dedicated to the cause of social justice, and designed to protect the interests of human rights. Ever since the organization of the republic, its forces which have been spent in conserving property rights, received but scant if any consideration. Politics was dominated by big business effectively and completely this being the situation in 1912, for which the republicans offered only that time-worn humbug, a high protective tariff, a high tariff which gave protection to the big business man or manufacturer in keeping out foreign goods at a low price, and yet allowed foreign labor to come in at a low price to keep the American laborer's price for his work down to the minimum, a system that offered every advantage to capital and none to labor. He advanced arguments in support of the federal reserve banking law, the child labor law, the eight hour law, and the administration's European and Mexican policies, which arguments from the manner in which the audience received them, were instructive, conclusive and entertaining. He claims that patriotism is not of any sect or creed or nationality, asking his audience what we could have gained by war, more than we have gained by peaceful diplomacy. Mr. Wall, once a republican, later a progressive, from the manner in which President Wilson and his policies, waxed eloquent in his closing statements, his address being termed by all a successful oratorical, political and convincing argument, and ever to be remembered by all present. Mr. Wall having won many new admirers by his visit to Carthage. Mr. Wall and party returned to Quincy by automobile, at the manner in which the organization club which was to have been organized after the meeting, was postponed until later. Governor Edward F. Dunne will speak in Carthage on Saturday, October 14, 1916, at 8 o'clock p. m. The funeral of Ballard Earls, was held at the Middle Creek Primitive Baptist church on Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m. Elder James L. Dobbs, of Springfield, officiating, with burial at Harmony cemetery. Ballard Earls was for many years a resident of Hancock county, having lived at Beard prior to his removal to Macon, where he lived until the death of his wife, afterwards making his home with his daughter, Mrs. H. K. Bailey, at Cairo Point, Illinois, where he passed away on the 25th ult., at the age of 70 years, after more than two years suffering death being due to apoplexy. He leaves surviving one brother, J. W. Earls, of East Carthage, three half brothers, William, of New Canton, Ill., Ras, of Virginia, and another brother, of Missouri, and one half sister, Mrs. Kitty Mungus, of Virginia. Mr. Earls was the son-in-law of Mr. Martha Tucker, of the southeast country. Ten boys and girls enjoyed a marshall and wicker roast at Ballard woods, just north of the city. Wednesday evening, these present being Misses Erma Rowe, Monica Kenley, May Brown, Agnes Anderson and Ethel Elsberry; and Messrs. Tom Woods, James Jenkins, Martin Tiedt, Vernon Westfall and Lee Trout. Miss Ruth Horton, of Nauvoo, a graduate of the Nauvoo academy, has accepted a position as stenographer to State's Attorney Clyde P. Johnson. —r. and Mrs. Mrs. J. Walton Harnest and Samuel Harnest and A. R. Robertson were Keokuk auto visitors Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Willis, Joetta, accompanied by the lady parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith of Middle Creek, spent Thursday at Keokuk. Chas. C. Tyler and daughter, Miss Mary, of Fountain Green, spent Thursday at the C. S. Tyler home. Mrs. John Gerard left Thursday evening for Oklahoma City, Okla. He spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Fulton. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Pennock (Elizabeth Cherrill) of Plattsburg, Mo., sat Oct. 15, for Honolulu, Hawaii, where Dr. Pennock will locate for the practice of osteopathy. Dr. Katharine Cherrill of this city will accompany them to remain through the winter months. Dr. and Mrs. Pennock recently visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Pennock and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cherrill, in this city.

ADVERTISED LETTERS. List of letters remaining in the Keokuk postoffice, uncalled for, for the week ending October 7, 1916:

- Ladies: Mrs. Bertie Carlton, Mrs. Nora Harris, Miss Leda Hayes, Miss Lena Webb. Gentlemen: J. C. Corn, Mr. Herb Lu Pula, Mr. Clarence Fauster, Mr. Albert Henry, Mr. Noble Hill, Mr. Chas. Johnson, Mr. George Williams. Persons calling for letters in above list will please say they are advertised. E. P. McMANUS, Postmaster. Detroit's latest estimate of population is 870,000. Autoists drove in a circle to facilitate the count.

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