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# Home Brew



### OUR DAILY FICTION

Once upon a time there was a young lawyer who became the secretary of the Taxpayers' league. And he helped whip it up to beat the band, and when the budget officials met he howled high and thunderously about the rate of taxation. So the county commissioners proposed to cut out ferry service to Vashon island, because the ferries were losing money. Now this lawyer lived on Vashon island.

"What do you say to that?" he was asked. "Bully," said he. "And I suggest that you also cut out that piece of road building near my home."

Of course we were never kissed by a pretty deflowerer, so we don't know. But maybe Henry figured that a bit of osculation in public would be like near-beer. The appearance would be there, but not the kick.

There once was a young girl in Marquette, And she probably is somewhere there yet, Who was awfully gay, Always had her own way, And when she meant yes said, "You bet."

Why is it that the fellow with the sour disposition generally has plenty of "sugar."

Whenever I read your column's wit, It makes me laugh with glee, To think at last I've found a guy Who's crazier than me.

A kindly word I wish to say, 'Tis stated for your good: I've heard Seattle's hungry squirrels Think you'd be good food. —PANHANDLE PETE.

A man imagines that he has a pretty good education until he has three or four children in school who do their night work at home and want him to help them.

NO ROUGH TALK "And now, Johnny," said the teacher, "can you tell what is raised in Mexico?" "I could," said Johnny, "but I don't want you to run me ragged."

STRANGE Ask friends for help and I'm afraid, Not one of them will heed it; But they are quick to offer aid When they think you don't need it.

WHEN IN DOUBT, WRITE A POEM Gentle reader, do not hiss When you read a verse like this: For you little dream, I'll bet, How it made the writer sweat.

IT'S A GREAT BEVERAGE IF YOU DON'T WEAKEN Frank Fensy, 341 Plummer ave., arrested Saturday on a charge of intoxication and disorderly conduct, startled attaches of the city court this morning when he said that he had consumed half a pint of wood alcohol. After imbibing the fire-water he entered a barber shop in W. State st., where he first offered to fight the barber and so on, and in a few minutes he was in the hospital. — Lake County (Ind.) Times.

LO, THE POOR HOUSEHOLDER The day is warm and sunny, Gloom pervades his weary soul; Behold in him a broken-hearted man. Yesterday he spent the money— For another ton of coal— He was saving for a nice electric fan.

## Poll Tax NOT a Bonus Tax

THE poll tax is not a bonus tax. It is unfair to our service men to refer to it as such.

The bonus law did not contemplate a poll tax. When the people of this state demanded a bonus law for our service men, and when they voted for it by overwhelming majorities, they did not have a poll tax in mind.

The poll tax is unjust and discriminatory. The bonus is just and right.

If the bonus law could not have been obtained except by forcing a poll tax upon the people of this state, it is possible that many soldiers and sailors would have willingly foregone the bonus.

Our service men are too big and too brave to ask something that is not right.

And the poll tax, violating the essential principle of taxation that it should be borne by those able to pay in the proportion of their ability, is NOT right.

To mention the poll tax, therefore, in the same breath as the bonus, is an insult to the veterans of this state.

The poll tax is an invention of politicians at Olympia, mainly the same politicians who at first opposed the bonus. The poll tax is a scheme to make small property owners and rent payers assume taxes that should be borne by larger property owners. That's all there is to it.

It is claimed the poll tax will raise between two or three million

dollars a year. To raise that amount in general taxes would mean \$1.50 to \$2.50 a year for the small homeowners, and it should mean an increase in rents to that extent only. Instead, the small homeowner pays \$10 a year for himself and wife, and the renter does likewise. The difference, which amounts to \$7 or \$8 a year, is a CONTRIBUTION from the small homeowners and renters to the BIG property owners and absentee landlords.

The absentee landlord pays no poll tax. The big property owners pay no more poll tax than the poor man, and thus the poor man is paying part of the tax that the rich man and absentee landowner should pay.

No, the poll tax is not a tax to raise money for the bonus. It does not even go into a separate fund. The poll tax money goes into the same general fund as the other taxes. It goes into the same pot.

The poll tax is no more a bonus tax than it is a tax to help pay the extravagances of capitol buildings in Olympia. It is no more a bonus tax than it is a tax to pay the salaries of the governor's cabinet.

The poll tax is wrong and should be repealed. It probably will be repealed.

In the meantime, don't insult the veterans by calling it a tax to pay the bonus.

Don't play the politicians' game.

## Letters to the Editor—

ALL OF US RESPONSIBLE FOR ISOM'S DERELICTION Editor The Star: When a man has been found guilty of murder and the sentence is pronounced, the judge says, "It is the sentence of this court that you be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy on your soul!"

If there is any significance to "that you be hanged by the neck until dead," then also "may God have mercy on your soul" is not merely a figure of speech but plainly shows that those who deal in law believe that there is a part of Isom White and his kind that the hangman cannot kill, a part of him that goes to a higher court and judge than any we have in the state of Washington.

This divine court works with law, God's law applying to all alike—to the educated judge, to the governor and statesmen as well as to a lad of 17 who just grows up a crime, un-nourished and untaught.

But law, so far as we know it, is not of divine origin. It is made by the people to express their sentiments and feelings.

A boy of 17 commits a murder. No matter what his mental caliber, no matter how innocent the pendulum too far one way in his life, if it is proven that he killed a man, in the state of Washington he must be killed. But on the other hand, the high officials who have had all the training, the experience, the fruits of the justice system in criminology for years, they can murder this boy at the end of a rope and "get by" with it. What is the difference if the individual commits murder or the state does it? It is murder just the same, and if it is the subject of the state, an example for the youths of the land, it would seem that they have defeated its own ends by making other youths hate such a system that does not give the boy an opportunity to be decent in the first place and then kills him.

How can we imagine that we are delegated to take human life for any cause whatever?

What argument can the wisest governor or statesman of any state bring forth to justify capital punishment in the face of statistics and facts at hand?

Hanging does not reform the criminal, does not protect society, and does not benefit by setting an example.

It places the man beyond any further hope of development so far as we are concerned. It disgusts and shocks and debases society and those who are connected with it. It breeds further hate in the friends of the murderer and sets an example by the state—to kill a thing that gets in our way instead of trying to make it useful and constructive.

In the United States every year more men are executed than in all the other Christian nations combined. Statistics show, after all this "prevention by example," that the United States has a higher percentage of homicides than any other country in the world. And just so we will be sure to get them all, we hang innocent men in the U. S. an average of one every three years.

Capital punishment was abolished in Belgium, Finland, Holland, Norway, Portugal and Rumania years ago. All these countries studied the question, found that killing produced more crime than preventing it. The death penalty has been abolished in Michigan for 43 years; Wisconsin for 43 years; Maine for 40 years; Kansas, by practice 50 years, and recently by statute. Figures show that in these states murders decreased since the death penalty has been abolished. Is it a mere coincidence that these states have less than one-half the number of homicides than the states bordering them?

Not so long ago cripples were tortured and mutilated and put to death, a century and a half ago insane persons were put to death. The time will come when our children's children will look back upon the practice of killing our morally crippled with the same disgust and horror as we now feel in regard to burning our witches.

We taxpayers pay over two million dollars for the upkeep of hospitals for the Isom Whites of our land—hospitals where they can at least be given a chance if not entirely cured.

I am a part of the state and as such I am responsible for the life of Isom White! I do not want to stand judgment for taking his life when I am in part to blame for the conditions which nourished him in crime, neither do I wish to punish him for crimes not yet committed by killing him as "an example." It is a disgrace and should be a humiliation to any thinking citizen that a mere boy of 17 should set the example for us in our dealings with our fellowmen.

LOIRA WOOD HUGHES, 905 Olympic Place.



## Warning

Oh, it's great to be a spender in the splendor Of your youth And you hate to be a tightwad with your light wad, That's the truth, And you shouldn't be a miser, but it's wiser Now and then To deny yourself a craving, and be saving Five or ten; And the luck is running rank For when wet days follow sunny In the bank! Yes, I know each old curmudgeon who is trudging To the grave Has a lot of stuff to preach you that'll teach you How to save; And I know it's irritating—all this prating Handed you, (And the most distressing fact is that, in practice, It is true); You can smile at most reverses When you hear the pleasant clank Of your jolly old nestersons In the bank. I was once a merry spendthrift, couldn't blend thrift With my fun; Now I'm old and I'm seedy and I'm needy. —Listen, son; I'm a horrible example—don't you trample On my trail. Don't spend every jot and tittle, save a little Of your kale, To be busted lem't funny. When you're old and drear and dank, —Keep a little roll of money In the bank! (Copyright, 1921, by Newspaper Enterprise Association)



## LONG IN LEARNING

BY DR. WILLIAM E. BAFTON

It is generally known that the successful navigation of the atmosphere in machines "heavier than air" was accomplished only after long study of the mechanics and method of the flight of birds. It was a surprise to the builders of these machines when they found it advantageous to modify their first drawings of the body of the car and shape it like a fish. The first attempts were in an effort to reduce head-resistance, and the cars were built with pointed fronts and blunt sterns. Now the cars of the airplane are "stream-lined" or shaped like a fish. The wings of the airplane support it in an elevation above the earth as the propeller drives it forward; it is the blunt end of the car that is pushed ahead; the tapering end is at the rear.

The inventors discovered that it was not the head resistance that slowed down the plane, but the suction behind. So the plane pushes its blunt end into the wind, and the rear end tapers to an edge. Now the announcement is made that boats also may be modified by changes in the construction of the stern so as to lessen the suction and increase the speed.

Wonderful are the adaptations of life to its environment. Structural modifications of the forms of life to meet the requirements of conditions in which these forms of life must be lived excite the wonder of the learned and become the more remarkable as we know more about them. Creation is very full of mysteries, and of things understood in part only. As we learn a little here and a little there we are profoundly impressed with the wisdom which undergirds the whole universe and continuously operates thru its widely various forms.

But whatever we discover is of something planned long before our discovery. While we make our blundering advances in the field of knowledge, we gradually approach to some aspects of truth which were manifest in the creation. We learn slowly what God knew first.

## Another Goal for Women

THE national woman's party is going to try "to remove legal discriminations against women."

In the past one never knew whether he had to dodge a brickbat or a bouquet when Alice Paul's peppy followers rallied 'round the picket banner.

Whether one agreed with them or not as to their unprecedented methods of campaigning, nobody questioned their courage.

Many things entered into the late suffrage victory. Years of patient, educational work on the part of women whose hair is now white and whose feet move haltingly, laid a firm foundation.

They suffered the ridicule that comes to pioneers. They had the steadfastness of purpose to keep right on when there wasn't a ghost of a show of their winning out.

Slowly public opinion changed to favor "the cause." Wyoming, first state to grant equal suffrage, adopted it largely as the result of a joke. But from Wyoming to Tennessee, the "perfect thirty-sixth," there has been no turning back.

Eight years ago Alice Paul, a young Quaker, gathered a group of progressive women about her.

"Let's concentrate our fire on congress" was her call to her clan.

The rest is history, or at least, first page publicity. But the battle is not yet done.

"To remove legal discriminations against woman," the new task the woman's party has cut out for itself is no small one.

The most ultra-conservative can find nothing objectionable in that goal.

But when it comes to altering laws already on the statute books there are several ways of doing it, none of them easy.

## Movies in Your Home

SOON you may have movies in your own home. The invention of a moving picture disc has been announced, by the use of which, movie pictures may be shown on a screen in the home just as easily as records are played on the phonograph.

The claim is made that a 12-inch disc carries enough pictures on its surface to be equivalent to the length of the standard film, 300 feet, this being made possible thru the use of the microscopic lens in the taking.

The story runs that the projecting machine will cost the home owner about \$25, as against the phonograph's \$100 or more. And the "movie records" are expected to retail at a dollar or less. There may be wonderful possibilities in the idea, with millions of people having their movies sent in rather than going out to the palaces. And think of what a boon this invention will bring to thousands of places where there is no such thing as a nearby movie show.

The time may come soon when one can send Willie to the corner drug store to buy—or rent—a Mary Pickford, a Charlie Chaplin or a Fatty Arbuckle, with the same assurance that the bill will be filled as if he were sent for an ice cream soda.

### Unde Sam M.D.

Specialist in health, sanitation, hygiene, will be answered if sent to Information Department, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

### Inflammation of the Feet

My husband has great trouble with his feet. The pain and inflammation are intense. Sometimes the pain reaches to the knees, keeping him awake at night. He does lots of walking on a hard floor. His arches seem high.

By all means go to a qualified physician. Many different conditions could give rise to these symptoms. A person may suffer pain due to a weak arch, even though the arch is still high. If there is swelling in the legs, it is suggested that the doctor's examination include an analysis of the urine.

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### Try This on Your Wise Friend

What is the smallest family that could include one grandmother, 1 grandfather, 2 fathers, 2 mothers, 4 children, 3 grandchildren, 1 brother, 2 sisters, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 1 father-in-law, 1 mother-in-law and 1 daughter-in-law?

Answer to yesterday's: Uncle.

## Inquiring Reporter



TODAY'S QUESTION Do you believe that sparing the rod will spoil the child?

ANSWERS RAYMOND BALLARD, 1021 Pine st.: "Not in my household. There are more powerful things than rods, you know."

R. TURNER, 314 Summit ave. N.E.: "I'll be a model child that gets along without it, I'm thinking."

B. E. LAKE, 1315 E. Jefferson st.: "Not necessarily. One should use judgment, I suppose, in every case."

G. G. MURDOCK, 2505 14th ave.: "Why talk of business when spring is here?"

H. N. MARSON, 1019 E. Pike st.: "If it does, I ought to be a model young man."

## REMARKABLE REMARKS

THERE is one good thing about being discouraged. A man at least realizes that there are some things he cannot do alone and, unless a man does realize that, he will not get very far in the world.

—Rev. J. Ralph Magee, Pastor, First M. E. church.

"Thru ill-smelling jazz we have been making children hot-blooded animals. This is the fault of the gospel hymn today."—Dr. H. Augustus Smith, Boston university.

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