DOES EL PASO WANT TO BE CLEAN? IF SHE DOES, THEN SHE CAN BE

"SHALL we allow the prostitutes and blackmailers to run El Paso? I say NO."

And every good El Pasoan will echo an "Amen" to this ejaculation from A. P. Coles before a meeting of business men and public officials in the chamber of commerce Saturday afternoon.

El Paso arouses itself from its lethargy every once in awhile—particularly when it is challenged by vice and viciousness—and demonstrates its real metal to the world! We are going to do it now—if we go about it in the right way and on the right grounds.

Recently, we came near tossing the demon Booze to the bow wows where he belongs.

Some while back, spurred by the taunts of our national officials, we closed the "redlight district"—and proceeded to forget about its inhabitants until they scattered all over the city with their unlawful practices.

Several years ago, we closed public gambling and we have kept it closed, although we haven't been overly particular about the "private" games operated in hotels and rooming houses. For a time, we were rather rigid about all kinds of gambling and we were a better city for it. There is not much gambling now—occasionally a visitor drops a few thousand across the green cloth in some rather respectable hotel—but generally, we are pretty clean on the gambling question.

On the social evil, we are NOT clean; we all know it. The public officials admit that we are not clean in this respect; Washington officials tell us we are not and incidentally inform us that we must be if we wish to be a military center.

The local officials put their fingers upon the ailment, THE REASON WHY. It lies in the hearts of the people. We are NOT READY TO BE CLEAN—or we have not been in the past. We are now at the point where the test has come. We must decide. Washington is watching us for one thing and El Paso always grows chesty when other people are watching our step. We are much like a three-year-old boy. When people are looking we grow very serious or very pompous—sometimes ridiculous.

We are now going to make an effort at cleaning up—because Washington is looking. Will we stay on the job? That is the main question now. Will we keep at it if Washington turns its head? We have made spasmodic efforts for some time now; our officials have gone in for cleanups on several occasions, and, undeniably, they have got results—for the time being—but they have quit too soon. And can you blame them? When taxes are high, what do we do? We say we want "economical administrators" of our affairs and we put out an opposition ticket.

Naturally, what official is going to spend our money to clean up our city and keep it cleaned, WHEN WE DON'T EVIDENCE INTEREST SUFFICIENT TO PROVE TO HIM THAT WE WANT IT CLEANED AND KEPT CLEANED?

When the sheriff arrests a vagrant or a bootlegger or a blackmailer and some of our leading citizens allow themselves to be pulled out of bed at midnight by some of our attorneys who have excellent standings at the bar and in the community, to sign bonds to get these prisoners out of jail, are the officials expected to think that the people, the taxpayers, want them to spend their money for suppressing vice?

If we want vice suppressed in El Paso, we must indicate it in no uncertain terms and in such a way as to show that we mean it. El Pasoans must take steps to eliminate it not because Washington is watching us, not because a major of the sanitary corps with a legal mind finds out things we thought nobody knew but ourselves, but because it is right. We have talked too long on the financial side of cleanups. We have done our cleaning TO GET TROOPS HERE and, apparently we thought the officials at Washington would be satisfied with a little scratching on the surface. We were fooled. Somebody at Washington is very much in earnest. Somebody wants really to remove vice from the soldiers and that somebody is seeing what we are doing about it. "Soldiers don't contract diseases of the sort we are now fighting, in their camps," says Maj. Johnson; "they contract them in your communities and you must clean up."

If it is good to clean up our communities for soldiers, WHY NOT FOR OWN OWN BOYS AND OUR OWN GIRLS?

If Washington considers it worth while to protect its fighting men, what about the boys and girls at home for whom the fighting is being done? Weren't they worth as much to us as soldiers are to the president and the secretary of war?

If we are interested enough to clean up to get soldiers here to fatten our pocketbooks, why not clean up for the boys and girls who look to us for their guidance, their protection and their leadership—our own flesh and blood?

When we get to feeling this way about it, we are going to take such a stand that there will be no misconception on the part of any public official as to whether we want our money spent to suppress vice or not. When we decide that IT PAYS IN MORE WAYS THAN CASH to clean up our city and keep it clean, then and not until then, are we going to have a city that will satisfy Washington. If we satisfy ourselves in our own hearts, we will satisfy Washington.

Commercialized goodness never was a success. A cleanup that is put into effect for the sole purpose of satisfying officials at Washington that EL PASO WILL DO as a place for soldiers to live, is not a cleanup that will last. It is begun in the wrong spirit and the vice that such a crusade drives out, is not stamped out; it is merely hidden for a few days, until the storm passes over, to creep out again in stealth as soon as that which we wished has been secured.

A campaign to clean up a city because it OUGHT TO BE CLEAN is a campaign that comes from an aroused parenthood. Such a campaign will be lasting, for it will start with the fire and enthusiasm of men and women with a personal interest in it.

Such a campaign will be so vigorous, so thorough, so whole hearted, that public officials can no longer hesitate between duty on one side and fear of public condemnation upon the other.

A public official's morals are usually as high as those of the people who elect him and no higher; at least his moral activities seldom if ever ride above the level of the morals of his constituency.

If we want a clean city, because it is right to have one, because it is the thing to do, we can have it in short order by doing that which is a duty.

The chief anxiety is to make Germany stop putting the rush into Russia.

If the Japanese ever get into Siberia, it will be a long, cold day—even for Siberia—before they get out. At that, a well ordered Japanese government in Siberia would be preferable to the Bolshevik brand, and infinitely better than the German.

The El Pasoan who stood on a street corner the other day, wiping dust from his eyes and saying he saw the state of Texas go by, was wrong. He was watching a New Mexico real estate movement for the wind was blowing here from out Deming way.

Two Of A Kind—Slackers

By Batchelor

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Short Snatches From Everywhere

Don't depend on a crank. Be a self starter.—Philadelphia Record.

In most cases, the conflict of much well meant advice drives a man to take refuge in reliance upon his own judgment.—Albany Journal.

As we understand it, the position of the allies is that Herr Hindenburg is welcome to begin his drive as soon as his donkeys are harnessed.—Galveston News.

King George of England, in a recent speech, said he hoped for a settlement of the Irish problem. So do a lot of other people besides His Britanic Majesty.—Baltimore American.

While it would require more than a five foot shelf to hold all we don't know about aviation, it does seem that there ought to be enough room up in the air for beginners to fly around in without colliding with each other.—Macon Telegraph.

American soldiers in France are running their part of the war like American business men, hitting the line hard and with sureness, blowing up Germans whenever they pop up and moving forward with a grimness that is irresistible if not terrifying. —Bryan, (Texas) Eagle.

One thing this war is going to do for the people of the United States is to make a large percentage of us independent, in more ways than one. We are doing things we have never done before and learning to do others some of us never knew we could do. —Navasota Examiner-Review.

The fellow who is today hurting the allied cause the most is the fellow who is willing to let someone else do his fighting, willing to let someone else purchase the Liberty bonds, willing to let others do whatever is to be done to maintain his rights and continue government protection of his body and property.—Greenville (Texas) Banner.

Cock Fight Audience Held Up By Bandits

Greenwich, Conn., March 4.—While sporting men from points in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York were enjoying a series of cock fights in a barn near here six bandits, heavily armed and masked, held up the entire party, obtaining several thousand dollars. The automobiles used by the sporting men had been disabled, preventing pursuit. The bandits emptied their revolvers and then escaped. Fifteen sporting men have been arrested for violating the law which prohibits cock fights.

WHITE HOUSE PICKETING NOT UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY

Washington, D. C., March 4.—The local court of appeals today reversed police court convictions of the white house pickets of the National Woman's party, holding that picketing of the white house by the silent sentinels was not an unlawful assembly unless an unlawful purpose or acts were shown.

The decision is an after development of the sensational campaign which caused many disturbances in front of the white house. The picketing campaign was abandoned some time ago, soon after the administration came out in support of the woman suffrage constitutional amendment.

TWO KILLED, MANY INJURED WHEN TRAINS HIT IN IOWA

Boone, Iowa, March 4.—Two persons were killed and from 20 to 30 injured when a Des Moines bound passenger train on the Fort Dodge, Des Moines and Southern electric road crashed into an interurban freight train seven miles southwest of here today.

The collision is declared to have resulted from a mistake in orders.

Frank McFarland and Dick Nooman, of Boone, were killed and Harry Davis, motorman of the passenger train, was probably fatally injured.

:: FACTS ABOUT OUR NAVY ::

Ex Scientia Tridens.

By LIEUTENANT FITZHUGH GREEN, U. S. N.

THIS Latin phrase is the motto of the U. S. naval academy. It means sea power is based on science. Today this is an easy point, to prove. Yesterday—in history—such a remark would have set the speaker down as an imbecile. Men prided themselves on being roughnecks. When Capt. Broke "with a backward stroke of his good and mighty Toledo blade felled the patriot to the deck" the Britishers hailed him as a topnotcher. One time at bat and he hit 1000 percent for the game.

That was yesterday. Today the skinny scientist, the blear eyed human test tube, that dopes out a way to petrify the U-boats or to await the invisible mosquitoes of modern radio waves is acclaimed the hero of our age.

The change didn't come all at once. There was Matthew Maury a century or so ago. Matt would have been mortified to death if his shipmates had realized that a naval officer was capable of so learned treatise as he compiled on ocean winds and currents. Within his own lifetime he made it possible for the average deep sea skippers to shorten their long voyages by as much as 40 days.

Admiral Dahlgren popped up with the gun named after him. We've outgrown the gun but still have a destroyer, the U. S. S. Dahlgren. The gun was a whizz—literally. It was still "slick inside" as the sailormen designated it, for riflings were yet to come. But it was big at the breach in proportion powder pressures, and curved mathematically to the slender muzzle—the greatest gunnery innovation of the period.

Lent Brook was only one of the long list who have in the name of the navy, explored the bottom of the sea. Since Maginty's method was too wet he made use of Maury's charts and a deep sea lead. His deep sea sounding apparatus gave results that proved indispensable in laying the first Atlantic cable. He founded the weather bureau, though he wouldn't always be proud to acknowledge it—if he read the daily predictions.

Rear admiral Stephen B. Luce brought seamanship to its present scientific perfection. Admiral Mahan is known and read all over the world today for his marvelous crystalation of naval strategy.

In fairness must we go back of the navy. What vast industries of steel, what laboratories of explosives, what gigantic enterprises in shipbuilding has the country come to now—since the navy came to need them.

No wonder Arthur Pollen exclaims: "The hope of the world lies in the untried brains of the American navy!"

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CITY OF DENVER LOSES FIGHT WITH WATER RATES

Washington, D. C., March 4.—The city of Denver, in the supreme court today lost its fight of 20 years duration against the Denver Union Water company over consumers' rates.

Injunctions restraining the city from enforcing an ordinance reducing water rates 20 percent, alleged to be confiscatory on the grounds that it would take the company's property for public use without compensation, were sustained.

Down town corn bread cast on th' waters won't git you anything. We haven't noticed any egg stickin' t' pasturint knives an' forks fer some little time.

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The Young Lady Across The Way

The young lady across the way says she saw in the paper that the Germans are going to interrogate American prisoners sharply and she wonders if they realize that in the end they will have to pay for every brutality.

BOMB BLAST AT FT. WORTH KILLS TWO; OTHERS HURT

Fort Worth, Texas, March 4.—The explosion of a crudely constructed bomb—a pipe filled with explosives—which was shipped in a car of junk to steel mills here killed two Mexicans and injured a number of other employes early today.

Little Interviews

Maj. Regan Says Q. M. Department Not Hurt With Red Tape
Justice Hall Says Property Owners Should Help Clean Up

"SOME persons have the mistaken opinion that the quartermaster's department of the army is hampered by red tape," said Maj. James Regan, in charge of the El Paso general quartermaster's depot. "As a matter of fact, there is far less red tape connected with the operation of the quartermaster's department than with the operation of the average large business establishment. Because of the fact that there are so many new men in the military service, many of whom are unfamiliar with the procedure required in dealing with the quartermaster's department, there has been some confusion at times in procuring supplies, but this is invariably the result of ignorance on the part of those desiring the supplies. Sometimes we get an order scribbled in pencil like this, 'Please give bearer four camp stoves,' without a signature or any other means by which we may know for whom these supplies are intended. Can you imagine a modern department store issuing goods to a man who presented an order like this? We require only the knowledge demanded by an ordinary business house; what organization the goods are for, and the signature of the commanding officer. It is true that requisitions for large amounts of supplies must be approved by headquarters at San Antonio, but this is not the case when the supplies are needed immediately, when the local quartermaster may issue them in his own discretion."

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"A. P. Coles instructed me to eject the tenants of a house of his on Stanton street immediately and at any cost, after he found that they were conducting an immoral place," said Robert Holliday. I would have done so Saturday, had it not been a holiday, and as it was necessary to take legal steps to oust them. In cases of this kind, a person with the best of references and of apparently faultless character will lease a place, and then transfer the lease or sublet the place to those who operate the establishment as a house of ill fame. In such cases the landlord is practically helpless, although he has made every effort to keep tenants of the best character."

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"The public in general should get in and help the officers of the law in their campaign to clean up El Paso, said Walter Reese. "The police department is doing its best, and arresting everyone on whom there is the slightest suspicion. The citizens can help wonderfully, if they will, particularly property owners. The only way to have a thoroughly efficient department is for all to help. If every one will notify the police of any suspicious characters; if they will tell the police whenever they see anyone or anything that appears like it is a violation of the law, the police department will make investigations fast and thorough. We must have the cooperation of the citizens and when we have this we will have the cleanest city in the United States from a moral standpoint."

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"A number of the old time mines in the vicinity of Prescott, which were worked and abandoned long ago, are being reopened," said E. R. Gillespie. "The old timers got all that they could get any value from, out of the mines, and now the latter day improvements, and better transportation facilities are making it possible to handle much of the ore which they threw on the dump as no pay ore. Of course there is nothing startling in the way of new flotations, the country is just about loaded up with them already, but the old abandoned prospects and mines will contribute no small share to Yavapai county's resources."

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"The police department and the sheriff's office have been doing all they could toward cleaning up El Paso," said A. J. Hall. It is up to the property owners to help in the suppression of vice. The best and only way to accomplish this is for the property owners to see that every one who rents from them is respectable. If the people who are not living a good clean life are refused places of residence it will not take long to rid the city of all vicious characters."

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"One of the strictest rules of the army in times of war is that the penalty is death for a sentry who sleeps at his post," said Maj. S. E. Patton, U. S. A., retired. "I remember very well that during the civil war, a mere boy was found asleep at his post and, although the violation of the rule did not cause the enemy to invade the lines, the boy was sentenced to be shot. All kinds of appeals were made to have the sentence countermanded, but it was only after his aged mother appeared in person before Abraham Lincoln, that the president ordered the soldier's life saved. As to the sentries reported to have slept at their post in France, I believe it was probably a fact that they had been gassed a little and the gasses caused them to go to sleep. That would account for Gen. Pershing submitting the case to Washington, because he has absolute power to have any sentry shot who sleeps at his post, and would not have to submit the case to the war department or to the president."

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"Much of the credit for the cleanup already accomplished at Lynchville and that under way at the smelter is due to Maj. John T. Sprague, of the district surgeon's office," said county health officer Dr. Will Rogers. "Maj. Sprague has extended the county all kinds of cooperation and has made a number of personal visits to the scenes in question and given valuable advice as to how to proceed in the cleanup. The assistance of this army officer is a matter of civilian nature is more than appreciated by myself and the other county officers."

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"The Texas rangers have their counterpart in the north in the northwestern mounted police," said L. M. Lawson. "The similarity is illustrated by a story that I heard at one time when I was in the north. In one of the little Canadian towns there was a riot, which grew to alarming proportions, and became so furious that the law abiding people of the town sent for the mounted police. In due time a mounted policeman galloped into the town and found a huddled group of frightened citizens in the church. 'What's the trouble,' he inquired. 'There's a riot,' cried one of the men; 'where's the police?' 'Here I am,' replied the policeman. 'But there's only one of you,' returned the man. 'Well,' replied the policeman, 'there's only one riot.'"

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE,
A MAN'S VOICE CALLED ME ON THE WIRE, THEN SUDDENLY HUNG UP AGAIN — COULD IT HAVE BEEN MY HUSBAND, WHO DESERTED ME THIRTY YEARS AGO?
—MRS. BLINTZEN

STEVE
IF YOUR VOICE HASN'T CHANGED IN ALL THESE YEARS, IT WAS YOUR HUSBAND

Poker Profits Count in Income Tax But Losses At Game Not Deductable

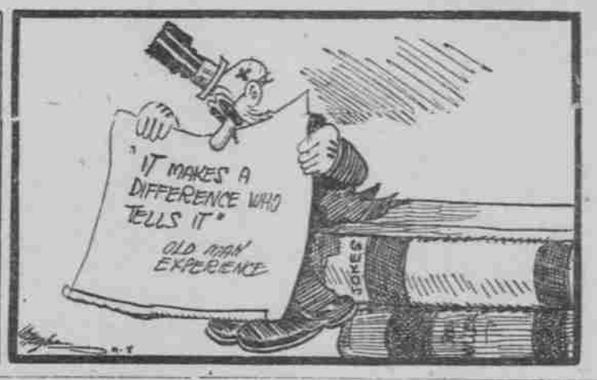
Washington, D. C., March 4.—Poker profiteers were hit today by the internal revenue bureau's informal ruling that earnings from the game were subject to the income tax, but losses could not be deducted from income in figuring the tax. Thus there is a tax for the winner and no relief for the loser. The ruling was given in answer to the following letter of inquiry.

"Kindly tell me whether poker losses are deductable from net income in figuring income taxes. I have lost large sums in the past year and the question with me is vital. For the information of a friend who has had good poker profits please tell me whether these are to be included in income."

AND HE DID

Old Man Experience

By Wheelan



Uncle Walt's Denatured Poem.

The Glad Season

FAIR spring will soon be springing the climate we adore; each passing day is bringing her closer than before; fair spring, whose fragrant lilies will drive away the willies; and nanny goats and billies will gambol on the shore. To winds that chill the gizzard we soon shall say farewell; the wild bewhiskered blizzard no more shall roar and yell; but spring will show some poses, and thaw our frosted noses, and carpet with her roses the meadows and the dell. The brooks will gayly babble along their pebbled track; the guinea hens will gabble, the happy ducks will quack; good by to crazy snowing! So glad the winter's going, the muley cow is lowing until she sprains her back. Fair spring will break the shackles that gall the voter's soul; for in the spring he tackles no job of pushing coal into a furnace-crater, whose appetite grows greater each day, and soon or later will put him in the hole. Now signs are in existence that spring is close at hand; she's eating up the distance, she comes, to beat the band; along her course she teeters, to banish coal and heaters, and fill with joyous skeesters the flower bespangled land.

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Answer to Saturday's

WHAT HAS ONE HUNDRED EYES, BUT NO MOUTH, NOR NOSE? A SIEVE

SO WE PERSIEVE — T,T,T,T,T,ISH!

Ye Gods!

FROM WALTER BERNOT, — U.S.A.

WHAT WORKS WHEN IT PLAYS AND PLAYS WHEN IT WORKS?

ANSWER TO-MORROW