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WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Predictions are made in London that Winston Churchill, at present in charge of the British admiralty, may be made viceroy of India. The position is an honorable one, one of the highest in point of prestige in the gift of the British government.

A few years ago Churchill made a trip from Capetown to Cairo, passing, of course, through the great lake region in the center of the continent, and the articles which he wrote during and after the journey were full of interesting comment, and showed that the writer had studied carefully and sympathetically, not merely the physical features of the country through which he passed, and its commercial possibilities, but the people themselves, the natives who had their homes there, who were, in a manner, fixed to the soil.

A comment which he made with reference to the great waterfall on the waterway which connects the great lake system with the Nile proper illustrates his manner of thought. He spoke of the tremendous power of the fall, of the vast industrial output of which its utilization would bring about in the whole surrounding country.

The thought was an inspiring one, and it seems a pity that some man with a vision as broad as that indicated in the Churchill letters could not have been given an opportunity to realize it.

THE WHEAT SITUATION.

Wall Street Journal: Notwithstanding President Wilson's letter on the question of a wheat embargo, inquiries are still made as to the quantity of wheat in the United States. It is not necessary to ask the department of agriculture, which may or may not be fully informed.

Private estimates put the entire supply of wheat at \$67,000,000 bushels. Consumptive demand for a year is placed at \$30,000,000 bushels, and \$8,000,000 bushels for seedling. Up to February 1 exports since July 1 were 208,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour calculated as wheat. This accounts for \$24,000,000 bushels, leaving a surplus of 141,000,000 bushels above estimated needs, until the first of next July.

In the past seven months movement of wheat from farms has aggregated 595,000,000 bushels, and about \$6,000,000 bushels have gone in the ground as autumn seedling. There must be on the farm at least 248,000,000 bushels. This equals the amount estimated on farms at corresponding period of February 1 of last year, while the supply of wheat and flour in second hands is really larger than a year ago.

Good rains and snow have improved the outlook for winter wheat. Present indications are that the abandoned acreage will be small, although the weather to the first of April is an uncertain quantity. The northwest may be counted on to make every possible effort to expand the acreage and put in 20,000,000 acres of spring wheat. If this is done there would be a total of \$6,000,000 acres. With only average weather conditions the crop should be larger than that of 1915, or in the neighborhood of 900,000,000 bushels and upward.

Furthermore, the price of wheat is reducing consumption in some sections. The people of the south know the value of corn, and are using more of it and less of wheat. Other economic factors make a material difference in domestic consumption. Cattle and horses are being raised on wheat at a lower cost. Naturally, the amount of the spring wheat will be increased to some extent.

will relieve the pressure to some extent so as to tide Europe over until our crop is harvested.

There is not the slightest danger of a wheat famine in the United States in the immediate future, and with average weather conditions, there is no danger for the coming year.

THOSE SUFFRAGE RESOLUTIONS.

A timely and well-considered comment is that of Editor Wardwell of the Pembina Pioneer-Express, on the proceedings immediately following the Robins meeting at the Auditorium on Sunday evening.

The meeting itself, as Mr. Wardwell says, was inspiring. Its effect was excellent. It was unfortunate that any portion of that effect should have been neutralized by the introduction of foreign matter, not related at all to the purpose of the meeting, which those in attendance had not expected, and for the consideration of which they were not prepared.

According to the text of the resolution itself, those voting for it merely protest against the action of the senate in smothering the woman suffrage bill, and ask that the bill receive fair play in the house. But that does not at all represent the tenor of the proceedings. Those proceedings included the presentation, in the form of a communication from Bismarck, of sweeping charges, both direct and by implication, the only possible conclusion from which is that the action of the senate was improperly influenced, that the lieutenant governor himself was actuated by improper motives, and that all who are not in favor of the prompt resubmission of the question of woman suffrage are the enemies of good government and the friends of the hirelings, and of the whiskey element.

Individuals have a right to resent the judgment of their actions in this manner by others who are in no more moral, honorable and patriotic than themselves. Members of the legislature have a right to resent having their motives impugned and their acts sweepingly denounced without the presentation of some concrete facts in support of such accusations. As for Lieut. Gov. Fraine, The Herald has known him for many years. It respects him for his character, and it has a high opinion of his intelligence. And, like Editor Wardwell, it will give fully as great weight to the parliamentary rulings of the lieutenant governor as to the opinions of any who have criticized them.

AN UNFAIR COMPARISON.

In a brief communication to The Herald, Dr. F. R. Smyth, city health officer of Bismarck, says:

"The relative value of animal and human life, in this state, is clearly indicated in the health appropriation in the legislative budget bill, as published in The Herald, as follows: State live stock sanitary board (for animals) \$27,025 Public health (for human beings) \$4,500."

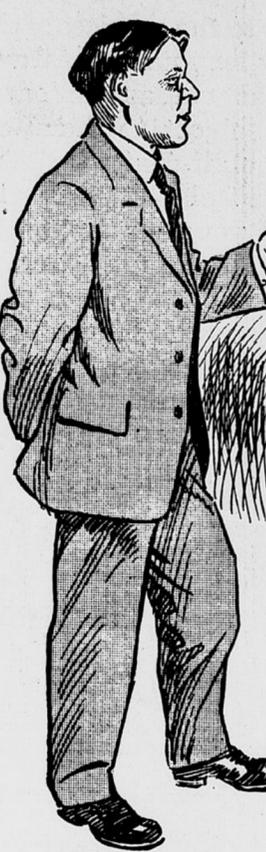
Such comparisons are frequently made, but they are scarcely fair to those who make the laws or to the people of the state who, behind all, are responsible for the legislation which is enacted. It is undoubtedly true that the public has not yet a sufficiently keen appreciation of the importance of the study of the diseases which afflict the human race, and of means for preventing those diseases. Neither is there a full appreciation of the importance of the work which is done, and which may be done, by various agencies for the betterment of live stock, grains and grasses, fruits, and many other things. There is progress along all these lines, and we are far from the goal in all of these directions. But it is not a fact that because the state of North Dakota spends six times as much on the live stock sanitary board as it does on the department which has to do with one phase of the public health, that the state values its animal life six times as high as it does its human life.

We are not legislating for the benefit of animals when we make provision against the spread of animal disease, any more than we are legislating for the benefit of potatoes when we make provision against the spread of potato scab. All these things are intended to promote the well being of the people of the state. The farmer spends a thousand dollars on the cultivation of a field, and perhaps not a cent on anything which could be specifically pointed to as intended to prevent the spread of disease. Is it to be concluded, therefore that he thinks more of his crop than he does of the health of his family. Not at all. The crop is the thing on which the family must rely, not merely for health, but for life itself, and he is doing his family good service when he makes proper provision for that crop. As for health, he may be fortunate in not knowing what disease is, and without consciously spending specific sums of money on this, that the other department of family health, he and those dependent on him live lives that are wholesome in every way, and surround themselves with conditions that are ideal for the preservation of health and the development of happy and useful life.

Something of this applies to the state. Probably in the future we will spend more money on the study of health problems than we are spending now. Our activities in many other respects will be enlarged. But let it always be remembered that when we are legislating for the preservation or betterment of animals or plants, it is the human beings who own those things who are being benefited and protected, and that while in some cases concerted state action is necessary and useful, in other fields effort that, measured on dollars, is immeasurably greater in the aggregate is being put forth, with reasonably good results, by local municipalities and by countless individuals everywhere.

It is argued that when the girls are willing to stay on the farm the boys are willing to stay in town. They are not quite so reasonable.

Amiable Libels on the Great and Near Great at the State Capital



ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL H. R. BITZING EXPLAINING A POINT OF LAW TO THE ARTIST, WHO SAID: "UH-HUH, I SEE, I SEE" AND LIED EVERY TIME HE SAID IT

H. R. Bitzing, assistant state attorney, formerly engaged in the practice of law at Mandan, is one of the best known attorneys of the southwestern section of the state. Bitzing has been located at Mandan for the last ten years, coming to this state from St. Paul. He is a graduate of the college of law of the University of North Dakota, graduating there in 1905. Mr. Bitzing also graduated from Macalester college, St. Paul, where he obtained the arts degree. Mr. Bitzing was born in Indiana, but spent his boyhood in Kansas. He is married and has two children.

LAUGH WITH US

Gloom (in restaurant, having waited 15 minutes for his soup)—Waiter, have you ever been to the zoo? Waiter—No, sir. Gloom—Well, you ought to go. You would enjoy watching the tortoises whiz past.

Benevolent Individual—Yes, sir; I hold that when a man makes a little extra money his first duty is to make his wife a present of a handsome dress. Stranger—You are a social philosopher, I presume? No, I'm a dry goods merchant.

"My dear," said a business man to his wife as he was starting for the office, "don't expect me home early to-night as I will have to dictate twenty-six letters."

"All right," was the response; "but I wish you wouldn't work so hard." He left his office at the usual hour, went to the club, and sat down at the card table with three others. "Just a moment, you fellows, before we deal the cards. I've got to keep my musty old head down what I dictate: 'A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z.' There, those letters are off my mind."

Mike (going down a ladder)—Hold on, Pat. Don't yez come on the ladder.

Pat (getting on)—Arra, be aisy. It would serve 'er boss right if he would have to buy a new wan.

A countryman in Savannah observed a gang of convicts laboring on the streets, each wearing a ball and chain. He asked one why the ball was chained to his leg. "To keep people from stealing it," said the man. "Heap of thieves about."

"Even animals show their feelings," remarked the comedian to a friend. "Only yesterday an animal showed me gratitude. I was wandering along a stream in the country when I met a cow in great distress. Her calf was drowning. I plunged in the water and rescued the calf, and the grateful cow licked my hand."

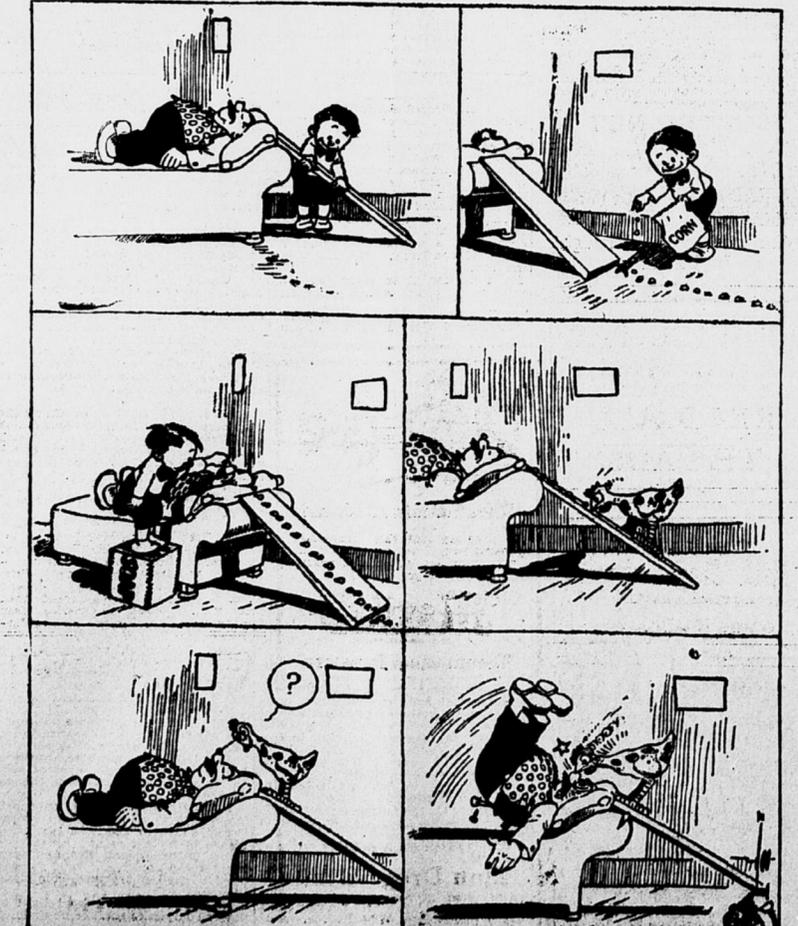
"That wasn't gratitude," replied the friend. "The cow thought she had twins."

There is much complaint in many cities, both large and small, about box car thieves.

Climbing trees is recommended as the best exercise, but hoeing the vegetables pays better.

C. R. Crane, a large taxpayer in Chicago, is moving out of that city and out of the state of Illinois to get away from unjust taxation. Chicago papers say that unless the law is changed many other taxpayers will do likewise.

LITTLE PAL—He's Awakened.



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IN OUR SCHOOL

(By Paul West.) (Illustrated by Moser.) Torp Stebbins, when he got home yesterday from school, found the head side of his horse, where they are putting on the ell, ripped off, & got orders to sleep in the barn room with four moar of his fambly, 3 in one bed. Torp sed that settled it, he wassent going to stand anny such crowding, so when bed time come he sneaked out & got in the dog howse with the dog. At ferst the dog dident like it much, but Torp scratched his

like your father, utterly cruel and heartless. I was frankly astonished. In my whole life I had never heard my mother speak like this. I managed to articulate. "Cruel, heartless! Haven't I slaved for you both all my life?" She laughed wildly. "Perhaps you have, I don't deny that you have fed and housed and clothed us, but it was part of the thing you wanted to do. You have always thought me a silly, passive creature, but I lived with your father for twenty years, and I knew him through and through—and you are just like him. I saw it coming when you were a baby. I tried to change you, but you were too strong for me even then. I am weak, but I can see the truth—and I know what you are, just as I knew"—then the habit of a lifetime overwhelmed her, and she burst into her usual deluge of tears. "I was on familiar ground, and I usual sissy routine until the storm should have spent it self."

big fambly, it seems to us, but he says what can he do, his father & mother not be willing for him to swap anny of them off for annything usefule? Andy in Dowd. Andy Anderson is quite worried, he having a grate idee for doing sumthing, but if he does it & gets ketcht it will end his being on the half holiday roll on Friday next. Andy's idee is about Fatty Bellows, to pass him sumthing to ete, a cookie or sumthing, with a string attached to it, & when Fatty swallows it Andy would have the other end of the string & could lide him rown & have a grate deale of fun with him, or tie him to the deak, or sumthing. But it would probably be Miss Palmer mad & she would lick him, so he would loose the half holiday. Andy is now trying to figger out which would be the moast pleasure, to ketch Fatty or get out Friday. We don't think how annything could be as much pleasure as getting out of half a day of school, say we.

Voats & Gossip. Mister Short-Leg Miltion, our ef-fishunt truant officer, cut some pussy-willier switches today & brot them to Miss Palmer. He ast her to try them out on us & if they werked us good out rattans he would fernish them reglar, thereby saving the town a grate deale of expense. We consider Short-Leg too fresh.

Fatty Bellows is starting to talk sulfur & molasses & when you get nere him he smells like a packidge of matches.

Walt White herd a blew bird this morning, & that settles it for him. Walt says after he heres that he mite



The Dog Began to Dream He Was Chasing Cats, Barking and Growling.

neck where he likes it, so he let him stay in with him. Torp sed it was very comfortubul & he would of got a good nite's rest, only the dog got to sleep ferst & begun to dreame he was chasing cats, kicking & growling, which scared Torp, so he got up & went back to the howse. His farther & muther was worried abowt him by that time, & when they found out what the matter was they let Torp sleep on the sofy in the parlor. Torp thot that would be fine, but when he took off his close & lade down it was werse than the dogs fees, he sed, it being one of those hoarse hare sofy's with the pricklers all oaver it. Torp has a pritty hard time with his

I thought they would come around after a little sulking, as was ordinarily the case. I was distinctly annoyed when mother told me the next evening that Cherry wanted to go away for a little, and that as she did not consider the child fit to travel alone she intended going with her.

I told mother that I intended announcing my engagement in a week's time, and that as I intended to invite some of Raymond's family and friends to the little informal tea I planned to give I should want my family there. Mother was obstinate, so I left I must work through Cherry, little as I relished the job.

I went up to find her lying spent and fragile as if from a long illness, but I could not mince matters. "Cherry," it is sometimes not a woman's fault if she behaves in such a manner as to let him and every one else know that she takes the loss hard and is pining away on account of it. Don't be such a little coward. You have played the game and lost. Don't lie down and whimper and try to hide your head and run away. Pull yourself together. Haven't you a scrap of pride? Raymond is going to be in the family. Do you want him to think every time he sets eyes on you in the future: "Poor girl! almost died of love for me."

Cherry was sitting up now, eyes flashing, cheeks burning. "Go out of this room—oh, how I hate you! If only I never had to set eyes on you again!"

Congress is like a boy at work who wastes his time until near the finishing, and then hurries as fast as he can, naturally doing poor work in the hurry.

March is a month of uncertain weather, but it will serve to make connection with spring and more work, one mighty good point in its favor.

Walt White heard a Bluebird This Morning, and That Settled It for Him.

as well not come to school anny moar for all he can keep his mind on his lessons. Miss Palmer sed maybe the sound of the rattan coming down on his hand would bring him back.

CONFESSIONS OF A WOMAN CROOK

Chapter XX. The door closed, and I looked up to confront a mother I had never seen before. Her face was set and stern and colorless. "You have done a wicked thing, Elizabeth, a cruel, wicked thing. You knew that Cherry loved Raymond Newton. I told you. You could not help seeing it with your own eyes. And you took him away from her. I do not know how, or when, or why, and you may deny it, but I can see now what I never dreamed of before, that it was all your doing. You are

OUT OF THE GAME.



Hiram—is your boy still pursuing his studies at college? Zebulon—No; he sprained a ligament in his leg!

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