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RITTER'S PUNGENTS

Paragraphs That Touch Interestingly On All of the Important News Features of the Day.

To the Editor of The Observer:

There are no miracles in the world of physics. Doctors discover that varicose veins are due to too little expansion. Lack of lung power means lack of oxygen in the blood. Defective lungs cause varicose veins because such lungs fail to supply the power that lifts the blood back from the veins and up to the heart.

Aristotle, Shakespeare and Sir Isaac Newton are said to be the three greatest men in the world's history.

The cleanest thing in the development of literature is the vitality of the Bible.

There is more pneumonia in South Carolina than in Minnesota, more in Missouri than in Montana, more in Utah than in Nebraska.

The scientists are now working on a "Life-forever Serum." A serum to prolong life.

I suppose Michiganders pay $50,000 for a single strawberry plant. They paid a great deal more for Gene Newberry.

The man is what he makes himself. Nobody accounts for much.

Land is the only commodity in the world that does not depreciate in value.

A few years ago the St. Louis Homes Association refused to pay $2,000 an acre (about $10 per foot) for the ground from Newstead Avenue to Kingshighway (which they intended to make a part of Forest Park) because of the exorbitant price asked. Yet this property today is worth about $1,000 a foot and upon which now stands the beautiful Chase Hotel.

Bolshevik statesmen's statistics are called to account by the people and the movement and a day is set for them to come home or else they should not be sent to the penitentiary.

In St. Louis the people versus the officers and directors of the defunct Mark and Trust Bank are now being called to account for their delinquency and consequent mortality and silent succession of the defunctors' means to hide such as used for excluding deaths, while said bank was in an insolvent condition, all of which was in violation of the state banking laws, and they are now before bond. And notwithstanding all this, they personally bonded and denied the bank examiners. And now the day has been set for them to show cause why they should not be sent to the penitentiary.

Lord pity the Salvation Army through the collusion of some paper saved 1,000 cases of starving children from destruction.

According to figures in the census bureau report based on number of deaths in 1920 population, Missouri's death rate being 10.3 and California's 12. So Missouri must be a healthier place to live in than California.

Attorney General Daugherty was asked by Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Massachusetts, to consider a proposition that President Harding, after the manner of President Grant, issue a proclamation calling upon the Ku Klux Klan to disband.

In 1764, Laclede entranced with the beauty of the west bank of the Mississippi river, blazed the trees to mark the spot of a city which he proposed to name St. Louis. Returning to New Orleans, he wrote the French governor that this site "in the future shall become one of the most beautiful cities in America."

Think of the sun, "5400 times hotter and eighty-seven times hotter than the white hot metal in a Bessemer converter"; think of the spouting gases at its surface, flaming, roaring, rushing upward sometimes thousand miles at a rate of 300 miles a second. The wonder is that we can exist safely by maintaining our balance within our narrow limits of endurable temperature, so close to such a giant of heat and radiant energy.

Lloyd George will manage John Bull safely, if John will let him. Lloyd George is a man of endless resource.

Germany's floating debt now amounts to 765 billion marks.

Henry Ford says: "St. Louis has the greatest natural advantages of any city of my acquaintance. Look at it, in the very heart of the greatest productive region of the country and with the Mississippi river at its doors! The Mississippi has a fall of 400 feet between St. Louis and New Orleans. Muscle Shoals is a toy in comparison. If I get Muscle Shoals I'll show what the Mississippi could be made to do." Mr. Ford is a wise business man with more foresight than hindsight.

We do not know what money is or how to manage it, and the only thing that creates money in this country is the government's promise to pay. That must be stamped on a piece of gold before it becomes "real money." You may add that great bankers, financiers and political economists know little about money. Our bankers united to denounce the Federal Reserve bank as destructive of credit. It proved to be the one thing that saved them from black panic.

Justice Arthur S. Tompkins of Nyack, N. Y., grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the state of New York, says: "We know only a few Masons who are members of the Ku Klux Klan and we don't consider them good Masons. The Masons are utterly opposed to the Ku Klux Klan as un-American and un-Masonic. The Grand Lodge of the state of New York, its officers and the great body of Masons throughout New York state are absolutely opposed to the Klan and its activities."

Remove the incubus of a statutory enactment imbedded in a constitution to whose purpose and spirit it is wholly foreign, let the drink question be dealt with by the separate states, so that the laws when passed shall have the sanction of each of the great commonwealths to which they are applied—in a word, let us become once more a people of self-governing and law-abiding freedom.

The social (?) G. P. Rainbow pur Sanglier Newberry style, let the farm hire and the Democrats knocked him down and sat on the seat.

I wonder if Newberry & Co. know how to raise an honorable and honest and lawful horse for our soldier boys who need the money?

Democratic nations and democratic peoples can solve any problem and solve it right.

The Dutch commonwealth: Malice is neither the Atlantic coast with a range equally considered to be higher and the will and stop outside the foreseeable floor to unload it on the social house or wait for secret shoes (Crooks or brothers) first. The place to come to roll right into the Dutchmen' houses like its manifest and can proclamation seems to incorporate their people. The Malice is brought in a complete Chieftainship to the confusion and Dependents. It is yet to be shown thousand dollars and [illegible] to be the proud of assortment of [illegible] Interests [illegible] found [illegible] It is all the Rainbow's money [illegible] Only [illegible] smoke Scotch from the distilleries of Glasgow and Goldbrick wounds plus everything.

After [illegible] Chicago court finds that relatives of a victim of the disaster to the steamer Eastland are entitled to no damages.

If [illegible] I believe the newspapers and the press associations of the United States the most valuable allies of those who are endeavoring to make our nation a people of righteousness, justice and truth.

Al Smith, newly elected governor of New York, begins life as a newsboy. Yet there are those who seek to teach that there are classes in the United States and unless a boy has wealth or influence he cannot rise to eminence or success. Well, if we have classes there is a constant movement from one class to another. Newberry, for instance, has moved from one class (the rich class) to a lower class. The poorer class is now his superior (morally and politically) and the U. S. senate doesn't want him any longer and has bid him adieu.

The St. Louis Star once said: "There are worse men in the senate than Newberry and one is named Spencer." But be this as it may, it has now been clearly demonstrated that in this country a newsboy can be elected governor of New York, the Empire state, and that any poor school boy can, without wealth or influence, be elected to Congress or to the presidency of the United States. Abraham Lincoln's life may serve as an example. There are others who have risen to eminence and success without wealth or influence.

Had Newberry's ideas permanently prevailed and triumphed in this country, then the best heart, intellect and brain, ability, honor, conscience and integrity that this country can produce would never stand a ghost of show of ever rising to eminence and success without wealth or influence or a corrupt campaign slush fund with which to debauch and corrupt the electorate in the first place. God forbid it.

Prohibition is not wanted in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prosecuting Attorney Seaver declared in explaining why he had ordered the wholesale dismissal of liquor cases in county court. "People don't want prohibition and I am not going to force anything down their throats that they don't want." Seaver stated. "It isn't the bootleggers and moonshiners that care so much, but the 'good' people of the community who are putting up every impediment in the way of honest officials. I have lived 74 years and I have just concluded after two years in the county attorney's office that people want liquor and that there is no use trying to force prohibition on them." Just so, and that is one reason why prohibition will never be enforced in this country. The people do not want it enforced and will never enforce it. It is like trying to force negro equality in the state of Mississippi under one of the constitutional amendments. It won't work. It can't be did.

A people fat from belly band will cure most cases of rupture.

If you are wondering what to be thankful for, say I am thankful that I am right here in the United States of America instead of any other place of country in the world, by thunder.

Representative Harry B. Hawes of St. Louis has introduced a bill in Congress prohibiting the use of the mails for anonymous communications. It is aimed primarily at the Ku Klux Klan.

A record of the receipts and disbursements of the Democratic state committee, filed by G. P. Newburger of Joplin, treasurer of the state committee, with the recorder of deeds of Jasper county, shows receipts of $45,751.14 and disbursements of $45,-369.35, leaving a balance in the committee's treasury of $329.78. Among the largest items of expense, totaling $11,300, are: Two tents used by Senator James A. Reed in the campaign (including rented chairs, transportation and tent crews), $9,500; office rent, $1,000; postage, $1500; telegraph and telephone tolls, $3,000; speakers bureau, $3,000; organization expense, $1,500; headquarters expense, $8,000; printing, $3,000; publicity (chiefly newspaper advertising), $7,000; contribution to St. Louis Democratic city central committee, $1,000.

The spirit of true democracy will finally enter into the intimate structure of all earthly governments.

GEORGE A. RITTER.

St. Louis, Mo.

The approximate cost of maintaining troops at the strike centers in the state in the railroad strike was announced as $242,379.89 up to date. This will be increased considerably, Adjt. Gen. W. A. Raupp said, when the troops are transported home, the first of December.

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(No. 3822)
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

In the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, to the January Term, A. D., 1923.
State of Missouri, County of Buchanan, ss.
Emma VanDusen .....Plaintiff
vs.
Edwin R. VanDusen .....Defendant

Now at this day comes the plaintiff by her attorney, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Circuit Court that said defendant, Edwin R. VanDusen, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and does not reside therein, it is ordered that said non-resident defendant be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced her suit in this Court against said defendant by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce on the grounds of indignities, such as to render her condition in life, as his wife, intolerable, in this, to-wit: that the defendant was possessed of a high and ungovernable temper, would fly into a rage of anger and curse and abuse the plaintiff; that he threatened plaintiff's life and that she was afraid he would execute his threats; that the defendant failed and refused to support plaintiff and her children; and that he compelled plaintiff to go to work and earn a livelihood for herself and her children; and that he has caused plaintiff to be sick and become a nervous wreck; That unless the said defendant, Edward VanDusen, shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the 1st day of January, 1923, on or before the third day of said term, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to him and judgment rendered accordingly.

It is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published in The St. Joseph Observer, a newspaper published in the County of Buchanan, for four weeks successively, the last insertion of which to be at least fifteen days before the next January, 1923, term of this Court.

A true copy. Attest:
EMMETT J. CROUSE, Clerk.
(Seal)
By J. L. McMenamy, Deputy Clerk.
F. H. Miller, Attorney for Plaintiff. (1123)

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration, upon the estate of Mary K. Antemeyer, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, bearing date of the 17th day of November, 1922.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

EDWARD A. ANTEMEYER, Administrator.
(Seal)
Attested:
Fred M. Wanger, Clerk of Probate.
(1125)

(No. 3822)
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

In the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, to the January Term, A. D., 1923.
State of Missouri, County of Buchanan, ss.
Rose H. Moran.....Plaintiff
vs.
Ernest Moran .....Defendant

Now at this day comes the plaintiff by her attorney, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Circuit Court that said defendant, Ernest Moran, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and does not reside therein, and has absconded and absented himself from his usual place of abode in this State, it is ordered that said non-resident defendant be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced her suit in this Court against said defendant by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce on the ground of desertion and that defendant has absented himself from plaintiff without reasonable cause for the space of more than one whole year next before the filing of plaintiff's petition; and of vagrancy in that defendant has filed to support and provide for plaintiff; and that defendant has offered plaintiff such indignities as to render her condition in life intolerable in that he has been drunk and abused and cursed plaintiff and assaulted and struck her and threatened her. That unless the said Ernest Moran shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the first day of January, 1923, on or before the third day of said term, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to him and judgment rendered accordingly.

It is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published in The St. Joseph Observer, a newspaper published in the County of Buchanan, for four weeks successively, the last insertion of which to be at least fifteen days before the next January, 1923, term of this Court.

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EMMETT J. CROUSE, Clerk.
(Seal)
By J. L. McMenamy, Deputy Clerk.
Morte H. Craig, Attorney for Plaintiff. (1111)

(No. 3824)
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

In the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, to the January Term, A. D., 1923.
State of Missouri, County of Buchanan, ss.
Margaret I. Ryan.....Plaintiff
vs.
Ralph Ryan .....Defendant

Now at this day comes the plaintiff by her attorney, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Circuit Court that said defendant, Ralph Ryan, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and does not reside therein, and has absconded and absented himself from his usual place of abode in this State, it is ordered that said non-resident defendant be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced her suit in this Court against said defendant by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce on the ground that defendant has offered plaintiff such indignities as render her condition in life intolerable, in coming home drunk, and assaulting her and striking her, in cursing her and gambling and accusing her of infidelity; and on the ground of vagrancy in that he has failed to support and provide for plaintiff. That unless the said Ralph Ryan shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the first day of January, 1923, on or before the third day of said term, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to him and judgment rendered accordingly.

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Morte H. Craig, Attorney for Plaintiff. (1111)

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