

## MIGHT KILL 'EM

"We have three of the best babies God ever put life into. Will someone who is still human rent us a flat or small house?"

Unable to find a place to live for the winter because Omaha landlords object to his three small children, 3 years, 18 months and 2 months old, respectively, B. J. Sullivan inserted this want ad in the Omaha World-Herald, after trying for days to find a home for his little family. At last accounts he had received no response to this advertisement.

Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." City landlords say, "We do not rent to families with children."

Because of this now almost nationwide rule and because the extortionate price of lumber makes it financially impossible for families to build homes, it is estimated there are today nearly 25 million homeless people in the United States, if we count men, women and children.

In Chicago such strong sentiment has developed against landlords who bar out children that the legislature will be asked to take action.

Lumber prices have increased 300 per cent, lumber production costs only 100 per cent. But if any lumber profiteer has been prosecuted we have not heard of it, altho we have had at least 2 years of excessive profits in that industry, as Secretary Meredith, a cabinet colleague of Attorney General Palmer admits.

The Lever Law proscribes profiteering in necessities. The millions of American people that are homeless or are without adequate homes shows how necessary is lumber, but it cannot be had for what the people can pay. This winter in cities we shall have sickness and disease due to overcrowding, for people with little children must somehow, somewhere, find shelter from the storms and the cold. Thousands of other families will have to face hardships and suffering and the rigors of winter in tents.

It is now too late to "rescue" these people no matter how low a price might be put on lumber. But at least we can compel landlords to rent houses and apartments to families with children. There is no more important, pressing present issue before city and state governments worthy of the name of government, than this.—Exchange.

## MORE POLITICS

The political pot which had boiled furiously previous to the primary election subsided for a short time but now is beginning to bubble again with signs of reaching a state of ebullition which, while not equaling the preliminary ultra-boiling point stage promises to develop more or less excitement between now and the second day of November.

Last Saturday Durant was treated to two political speeches, one by a Socialist speaker, a lady, who spoke from a wagon in front of the Cotton Exchange to a fair sized and attentive crowd in the afternoon, and another in the evening when J. W. Harrold, Republican candidate for U. S. Senate held forth to a good audience in the District Court room.

Both speakers spoke along the traditional lines of their parties.

## RED CROSS STATE CONFERENCE

Every Chapter of the American Red Cross in Oklahoma is expected to be represented by one or more delegates at a State Conference of workers to be held at Oklahoma City, October 13 and 14.

Noted Red Cross workers from National Headquarters and Divisional Directors will address the workers and detailed information concerning the general Red Cross program for the coming year will be given them by the experts. This phase of the conference is expected to be of invaluable assistance to the workers in solving problems that will come up.

Plans for the Fourth Annual Red Cross Call, which will begin Armistice Day and last through Thanksgiving Day, particularly as they relate to Oklahoma also will be discussed at the conference.

Among the speakers at the meeting will be Dr. Livingston Farrand, chairman of the American Red Cross; Frederick C. Munroe, General Manager; Dr. E. A. Peterson, Director General of Health Service, and others whose names have not yet been announced.

The meeting is one of the series being held throughout the Southwestern Division of the Red Cross between the dates October 4 and 14.

## IT'S A QUEER WORLD

We all remember reading the remark of the old Quaker to his wife: "Rachel, all the world is queer excepting thee and me, and sometimes I think that thee is a little queer."

Read this extract from an editorial in the Caddo Herald:

"The county officers closed the gambling devices and refused to permit the roping and bulldogging contests to continue at Durant last Friday, which act was commendable in them. Private and secret gambling is bad enough, but when engaged in publicly it becomes a menace to good citizenship and should not be allowed."

And then read this taken from a news item in the Pawnee Courier—

## DISPATCH: "KURIOUS KARNIVAL"

"The members of the Christian Endeavor entertained the public last Thursday night in a most unique and delightful manner. They called it a "kurious karnival" and it was that and more.

"Then there was the fortune teller's tent where you always got good fortune. Also a wheel of fortune where many beautiful gifts were drawn and which was splendidly patronized. In one corner a young man gave invitations to the people to throw rings over a perfectly good duck, which ducked every time the ring went over its head. Chances were sold on a beautiful kewpie doll and after much anxious waiting the doll was drawn by Floyd Close. About \$80 was taken in, something like \$70 being clear profit, which will be used by the Endeavorers in helping to build the new Christian church."

Funny, isn't it? And it leads one to enquire, when is gambling not gambling?

## NOT MUCH CONSOLATION

Those Democrats who were expecting to find consolation in the returns from the state election in Maine, which took place Monday, were doomed to disappointment. While Maine is a Republican State this year she beat all of her previous records. There was an increase of over 43,000 votes over the last presidential year of which the Republicans gained 40,000 and the Democrats 3,000.

The State campaign was fought out almost wholly on national lines. Both parties sent into the State many of their leaders, including the two candidates for Vice President Governor Coolidge for the Republicans and Franklin D. Roosevelt for the Democrats.

The chief issue which all these speakers emphasized was the League of Nations, the Republicans urging rejection of the league covenant unless accompanied by strong reservations and the Democrats advocating ratification of the league without reservations which could change its terms.

The large increase in the total vote was attributed chiefly to the fact that women voted today for the first time and came out in large numbers, in spite of the heavy rain throughout the State during the afternoon.

## THE OKLAHOMA TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

With the opening of September 15th of the schools in Oklahoma City and other parts of the State there will also open the biggest Modern Health Crusade in Oklahoma's history. The Health Crusade is a movement carried on by the Oklahoma Tuberculosis Association to teach by habit and example the principals of health to young Oklahomans. Hundreds of Superintendents throughout the state have placed orders for crusade supplies and indications are that the crusade will be far more successful than in the past years, according to Miss Henriette Hart, Crusade Executive.

R. H. Wilson, State Superintendent of schools has given the movement his hearty endorsement and has announced that the crusade credits will count equally with a corresponding amount of work in physiology during the Special Health Crusade week. Due largely to Mr. Wilson's co-operation Oklahoma promises to rival Iowa as one of the leading states in the movement.

Miss Mary Richards, Superintendent of the schools in Washington County promises a particularly active crusade and she has recently placed a large order for supplies. The Enid school system has also laid plans for extensive Modern Health Crusade activities. Other counties in the state are rapidly falling in line, in a manner that augurs well for the movement this year, Miss Hart says.

## THE TREND OF PRICES

"Prices are going to slide," one hears wherever men meet. It is said with an air of conviction not as a year ago with a touch of hope, and it is the conviction back of the air that in the end will make them slide.

There are some indications now of a prospective fall. Here and there a shading off has come, and though in many lines there is not a trace of lower prices, the public feeling that a drop is coming has had food to keep it alive.

Now this means cautious buying, not only by the man or woman buying for himself, but the merchant who serves him. There is not the old attitude of, "I'll take it. What's the price?" but a careful consideration of what the price is, what the price has been and a guess at what the price may be.

Every sign points to a gradual return to more nearly normal pricing, not a great collapse of prices, not even a recession to those halcyon days of 1914 when people thought they knew something of the high cost of living, but simply a trend downward and away from the freak bounds that have become such an irritating part of our lives.

Expectation is whetted, even beyond the bounds of probability. There will be disappointments, of course, and people will pay fairly high prices this autumn and winter, but it seems evident that the peak has been reached.—Dearborn Independent.

## COMPRESS WILL SHED AN OTHER BLOCK OF DOCKS

To Protect Cotton. Adjacent Property Owners Try to Block Improvement. Matter In The Courts.

According to new rulings of the Federal Reserve Banks, compresses of the country must provide sheds over all cotton on their docks, otherwise, the Federal Reserve Bank will not advance money on the cotton.

Consequently the Inland Compress Company, owner of the Durant Compress, has planned the erection of some \$20,000 worth of sheds to cover a square block of cotton docks which has hitherto been uncovered.

Thereupon, property owners adjacent to the ground in question, set up an objection, and upon request of the company are said to have quoted a price on their own property, with a view to selling it to the compress folks, but when the Compress folks evinced a disposition to accept, proceeded to hike the price of their ground. The Compress folks balked, and now the property owners, it is said, will attempt to stop the improvement by injunction.

Compress officials say that if they are stopped on this improvement, that the compress will likely be moved to some other point.

## WILL HOLD STATE HEALTH CONFERENCE

Plans for the largest health conference ever held in the state of Oklahoma are now practically complete. The dates agreed upon are Tuesday and Wednesday, October 12 and 13. The place is Oklahoma City and the meeting is to be held under the joint auspices of the State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Tuberculosis association.

More than 5,000 invitations have been sent out to individuals, women's clubs, civic and commercial organizations, and farmers' associations. It is expected that attendance at the conference will reach the high water mark.

Though tuberculosis will be given a prominent place on the program, the conference will not devote all of its time to any particular disease. Rather the whole field of public health and the problems confronting Oklahoma will be studied and discussed.

Noted speakers who are now at the American Public Health Meeting in San Francisco will come to Oklahoma and appear on the program. The public is invited.

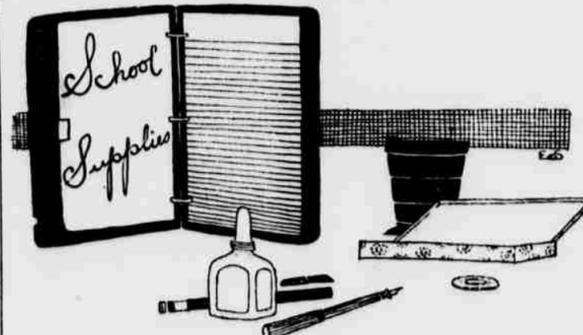
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A few weeks ago the Press announced that a series of meetings would be held in the Methodist church by the denomination of Freewill Baptists. Nothing more was heard in regard to it until possibly a week ago when an interrogatory elicited the information that only one meeting was held and the conduct of some of the would-be young men was so bad the speaker did not feel justified in trying to conduct further services. That is a fine tribute for an outsider to pay to the social and religious condition of a community. It might have done in years passed but to think with the advanced intelligence and improvement of religious tolerance we are supposed to have reached, that an organization can not hold services without being interrupted by a hoodlum element is not speaking very highly of the perfection we have attained. The officers were not advised of the affair, we are informed, or action might have been taken to break up further interruptions.—Achille Press.

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