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A COMMON COMPLAINT

A distinguished Frenchman complains that while France is the most inventive country in the world, French inventors receive less encouragement from their fellow countrymen than any others.

Meantime Holland died penniless and of a broken heart. The Brooklyn lady who had financed his experiments when no one else would listen to him, soon followed him.

When the desire for world empire seized the Germans they took up the undersea idea and brought it to great perfection. One morning a modest little man, Capt. Koenig, rose up out of the sea and, unannounced, steamed into Baltimore with a cargo of dyestuffs that was very much needed in this country.

With many other inventions it has been the same thing, and especially with guns, gases and explosives. America ignored them until other countries proved what they were capable of doing.

All of which reminds us of the words of Matthew, recording the saying of the Savior, who, having performed many miracles far and wide, returned to His own home, where he was received with scant courtesy, causing Him to say: A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country and in his own house.

OUR MUNICIPAL SALOON

Perhaps when Judge McCall comes to pass final judgment upon Mr. Harry Kiersky he will feel impelled to dilute his bottled-in-bond, 100 per cent, unadulterated brand of justice after the fashion that Mr. Kiersky himself was wont to temper the fiery fluid that he dealt across the bar at just the proper temperature to tickle the palates of the customers in his dry and wet goods emporium.

Mr. Kiersky, we are told upon the authority of Mr. McElven, special agent for the department of justice, did not deal his wares from the hip. No, sir! He dealt straight from the shoulder, over the bar, with the water and sugar handy, or at least the bartender did, and he was outfitted in full regalia, white-aproned and all that sort of thing, scoring to adopt the camouflage of a regulation coat of many pockets as affected by the modern Josephs, whose brethren travel far from the land of drought to supply themselves with corn, or rye, as the case may hold.

We submit that Mr. Kiersky is a proper subject for judicial clemency, otherwise we must conclude that there is no reward for audacity. And besides, others, observing Mr. Kiersky's fate, may be intimidated and refrain from operating a first-class saloon and indulge in the already overcrowded profession of bootlegging.

PILING IT ON

Doubtless Sergeant Alvin York, of Pall Mall, Tenn., is sufficiently skilled in the art of assaying the value of worldly honors, in the light of his experience with decorations and dinners, bouquets, banquets and boneheads, to comprehend adequately the significance of being a colonel for life on the governor's staff.

THE TAX RATE

In view of the announced intention of increasing the city tax rate from \$1.80 to \$2.20, which, when added to the state and county tax, will equal if not exceed a rate of 4 per cent on the assessed valuation of Memphis property.

Atlanta, Ga.—"Tax rate \$1.25. We claim about the lowest in the world. (Signed) The Atlanta Journal."

Birmingham, Ala.—"One dollar, fixed by state constitution. (Signed) The Birmingham News."

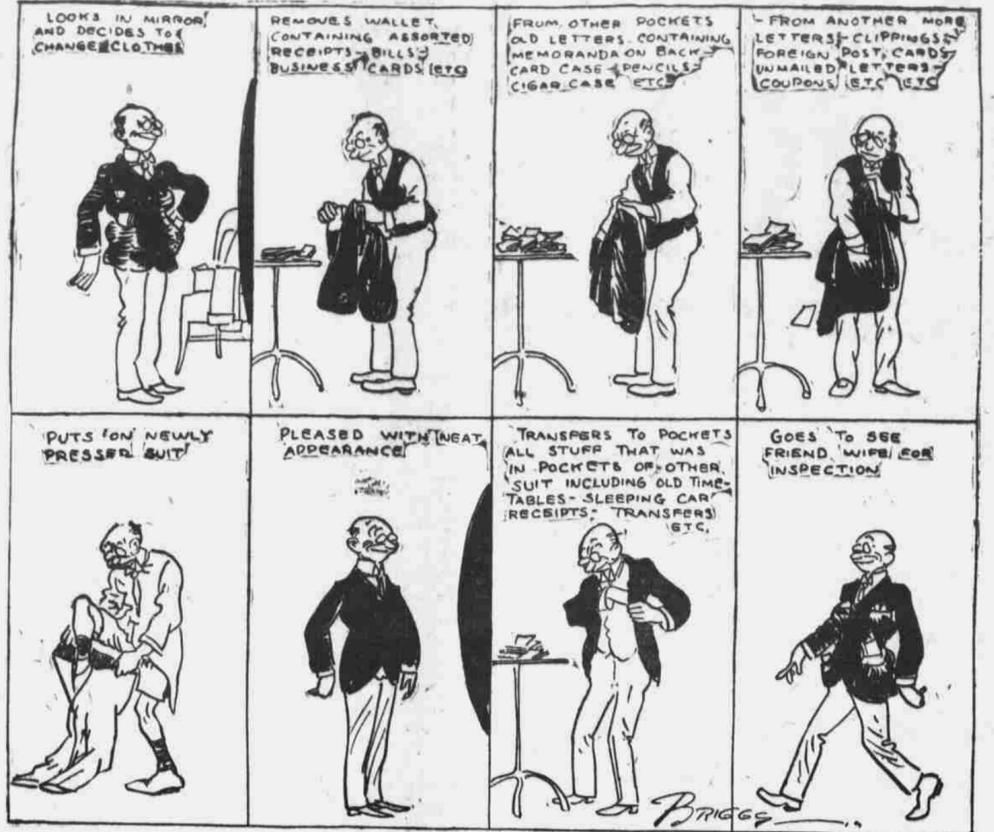
Nashville, Tenn.—"The tax rate for the city for 1918 was 17 mills. The tax rate for the present year has not been fixed. (Signed) The Banner."

Dayton, O.—"City tax rate for operating expenses is \$3.02 per \$1,000, and for interest and sinking fund \$3.38. This does not include schools. Amount for operation entirely inadequate. (Signed) J. E. Barlow, city manager."

It will be remembered that in addition to the 40-cent increase in rate the city has made a material increase in the assessment.

Movie of a Man Changing From One Suit to Another—By Briggs

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Twice Told Tales

10 Years Ago Today in Memphis.

JUNE 3, 1909.

Davis park at Fairview, Ky., the birthplace of Jefferson Davis, president of the Southern Confederacy, was dedicated in celebration of his 100th anniversary and to give the people a Confederate Memorial park.

The last meeting of the general executive committee of the Confederate reunion was held and the heads of every department reported that they were ready for the veterans who were coming the following week.

Thieves entered the city hall and stole all the papers, many of them of value, in the office of the city engineering department.

Tommy Gary, the "Chicago Wonder," who had won from Frankie White and held Teddy Peppers to a draw, had been matched to meet Johnny Connors, the pride of Chicago.

Just a Moment

DAILY STRENGTH AND CHEER. Compiled by John G. Quinius, the Sunshine Man.

Napoleon, at St. Helena, was once walking with a lady, when a man came up with a load on his back.

The lady kept her side of the path, and was ready to assert her precedence of sex; but Napoleon gently waved her on one side, saying, "Respect the burden, madam! You constantly see men and women have to each other in a way which shows that they do not 'respect the burden' whatever the burden is.

Sometimes the burden is an actual visible load, sometimes it is grief or illness. If I get into a little conflict (suppose I jostle or am jostled) with a half-dazed, hungry-looking fellow in the street on a winter morning, I am surely bound to be lenient in my constructions. I expect him to be harsh, pale, loud, interfering; and his burden of irritation entitles him to special indulgence. Again, a man with a

Beauty of Action

A philosopher once said that there is no value to any thought, no matter how fine or noble, unless it is transformed into action.

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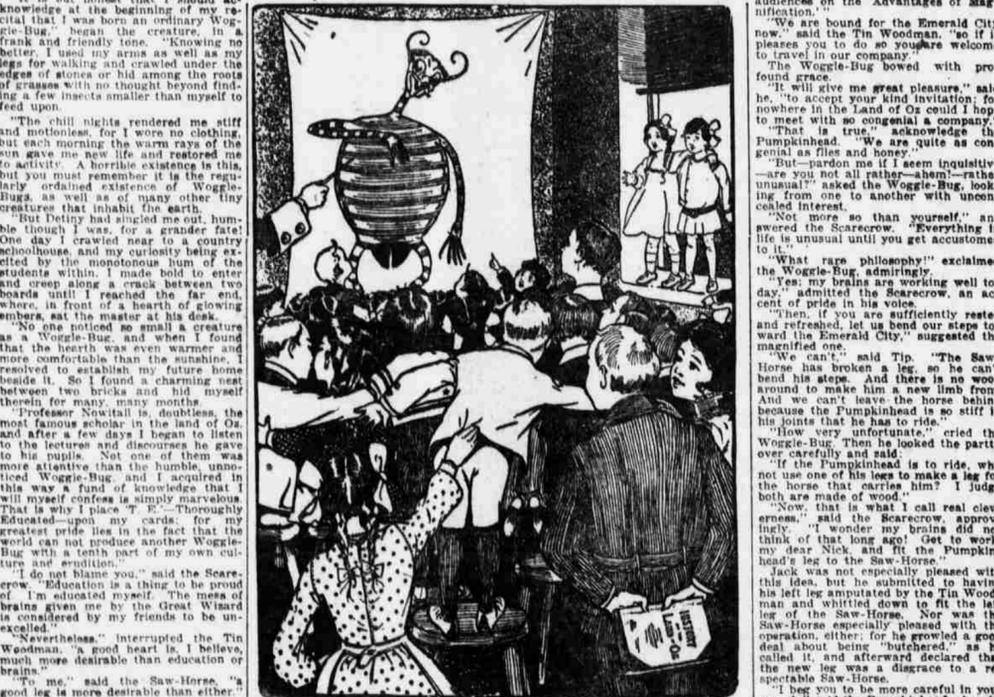
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The Wonderful Stories of Oz by L. Frank Baum

A Highly Magnified History



"It is but honest that I should acknowledge at the beginning of my recital that I was born an ordinary Woggle-Bug, a creature, in a broad and friendly world, as my legs for walking and crawling under the edge of stones or hid among the roots of grasses with no thought beyond finding a few insects smaller than myself to feed upon.

On the Spur of the Moment by Roy K. Moulton

THE SONG OF THE CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR.

Oh, what care I'm going to do With this stuff I've bought, do you? For I'm the old Forthanded guy.

Into my cellar you may drop And find all things But soda pop, And ere I stop This soggy story I'll give you a partial inventory:

9 barrels, 116 jugs, 37 demijohns, 466 decanters, 1,097 bottles, 678 flasks.

I don't know what I'm going to do With this stuff I've bought, do you? Ah, what to do! The question's rife. I never drank In all my life; But when they said I couldn't have it— And never would— I thought I'd show 'em That I could.

One sage remarks that if a woman really wants to be economical she will wait until after Easter to buy her Easter hat. It is remarkable just how many women will not do that very thing.

We have just been thinking, with one aviator on this side ready to fly to England and one aviator in England ready to fly to this side, wouldn't it be distressing if, while traveling at 110 miles an hour, they should happen to meet head on? In that case, who would win?

"Sale of Waterproof Men's Shoes" is a sign on Fifteenth street, says the Kansas City Star. Here's hoping he disposes of the stock before July 1, for there will not be many of that kind of men left after that date.

NC-4 WILL NOT TRY TO FLY BACK

Transatlantic Flyer Not Trying to Make Spectacular Record.

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