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DEPARTMENTAL BULLHEADEDNESS.

When any department head or official in Washington ever gets an idea thoroughly planted in his cranium he is immune against the influence of reason, of common sense, or any consideration of the protests of the public as brought to his notice by private letters or the press of the country. From all that can be learned there appears to be no prospect that criticisms in newspapers and protests from other sources will cause the war department to change its policy of publishing the lists of alleged draft deserters which have been found full of errors that have stamped some men who served honorably in the army and navy in the world war as unpatriotic shirkers.

Department officials take the position that in publishing the lists the department is giving every man with honorable war service a chance to clear his record. If there were no publication according to the official contention, a man with honorable service, but carried on the department records as a draft dodger, might have no means of knowing that he was so classified. As a result of his ignorance, it is claimed, his children or grandchildren might find in after years that he was regarded by the government as a deserter and it might then be too late to produce the proof that he had served in the world war.

One weakness of the contention is the fact that once the name of a man is published in an official list as a slacker or deserter he is practically branded for all time by that publication. If anyone is gruesome enough, or even interested enough, to care to preserve a list of slackers he preserves the list as it originally appears. Any correction or denial that the publication is warranted it is a ten to one shot never comes to his notice, or if it does it is but lightly regarded. Years afterwards if he or his decendants want to humiliate the alleged slacker or his children unto the third and fourth generation he springs his "list of slackers" as published by the government, *and it goes*. The correction or denial appearing later and getting by unobserved, or unpreserved, is lost in the shuffle and is in effect quite as useful as if it had never been printed. In many instances the man wrongfully accused would never get his correction into print. But why take the chances of subjecting loyal and true patriots to the odium of being posted as slackers because such undesirable citizens are known to exist? Does the department expect to "get" the slackers by the publication? An ounce of brains will tell them they never will. Fully ninety per cent of the names published show that the owners of these names were at least of foreign birth and a big majority will be found to have left the country, indifferent as to whether or not they were posted in this country as slackers or deserters. This leaves practically all chances for errors that are of real damage to fall on the small percentage of good American boys who were unfortunate enough to have their names duplicated or who for various reasons were missed by draft boards and classified by them as not reporting or not found.

The game is not worth the candle. The possible good to be accomplished by the publication, even allowing all claims of the department, is by no means commensurate with the chances of putting a cloud on the name of a boy who served his country well, who was ready and willing to give his all, or who perchance may be in "Flanders Fields."

SLIGHT DECINE IN WHOLESALE PRICES.

The federal department of labor has issued its monthly report regarding average wholesale prices. This report shows a decline of five per cent from the prices of March and forty-two per cent from April a year ago. Prices reached the peak in May, 1920, and the decline from that time now averages forty-three and a half per cent. The heaviest drop for the month has been in farm products, eight per cent, while the least was in metals, in which the decline was but three fourths of one per cent. Food articles decreased six per cent and clothing a fraction over three per cent. These figures relate wholly to wholesale prices, and in no way indicate what reductions, if any, may have been made in retail prices. It will be seen that, as in previous reports of like character, the products of the farm show the greatest decline. It is no surprise that former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carl Vrooman should have said that, "Unless given at once a foreign outlet for their surplus, a million more farmers will go bankrupt before fall." It is a gigantic problem, to provide ways and means for the marketing of the large crops still in the country, with prospects favorable for other crops coming on this season. There is involved in it the dual propositions of securing a credit for those requiring it and providing transportation facilities at rates that will enable him to send his products to those markets where they are most needed.

LOST BALLOON USED AS INDIAN CANOES

Cochane, Ont., May 14.—Some wonderful canoes appeared mysteriously recently in the James Bay region. They were constructed not of birchbark, but of a strange material the north had never seen. As light and swift as swallows on the wing, they skimmed the water. Moose Factory Indians marveled. Had the Great Spirit come from the Happy Hunting Grounds to teach his red children new medicine?

The big balloon that carried three of Uncle Sam's naval aviators into the wilderness several months ago has since lain collapsed on the spot where it decended. Officials of Moose Factory, one of the earliest posts established on American shores by the Hudson's Bay company, had given orders to all the Indians who own allegiance to the ancient fur company to leave the great gas bag undisturbed. These orders had been strictly observed.

A band of outlaw Indians, whose home village is sixty miles northwest of Moose Factory, found the balloon. Old Hudson's Bay company's order meant nothing to them. As for Uncle Sam, they had never heard of him. But they knew good canoe material when they saw it, and straightway with their hunting knives they sliced great blanket pieces from the sides of the fallen monster and from the magic fabric fashioned canoes that rode the waves like a thistledown. The air had given the Northland their most marvelous craft.

The Indians who wrecked Uncle Sam's gas bag are known as plutocrats of the wilderness. While on a recent visit the chief of the outlaws was asked if he were not afraid of getting into trouble for cutting up a balloon belonging to the Great Republic across the border. With a shrug he drew from his pocket a roll of money that would have made a rent hog jealous. He was ready to deal with Uncle Sam as one man with another.

"How much cost for big bag?" he asked indifferently. "Me buy the tam thing now and pay spot cash."

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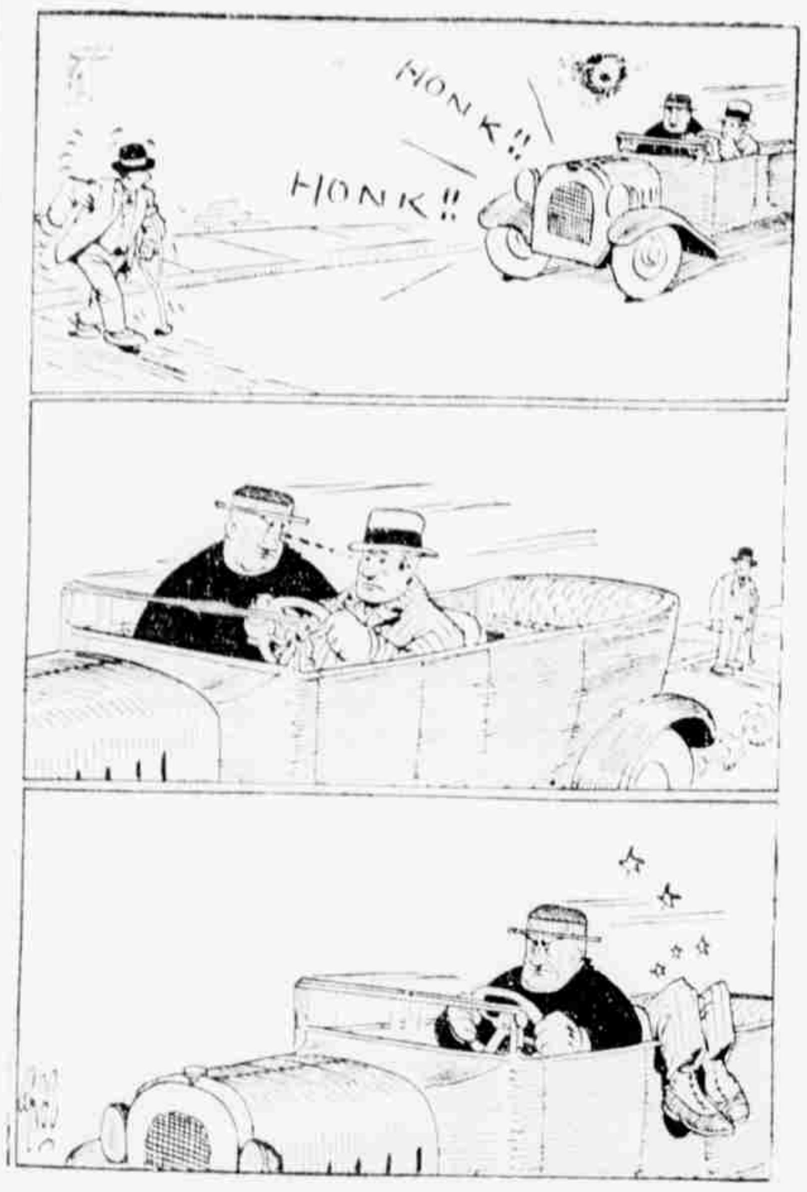

Marseilles News

MARY MACARTHUR

Office Phone, Black 176. House Phone, Black 85.
Office over Star Theatre.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1921.

PRETTY PARTY GIVEN FOR MISS HUMPHREY

A surprise party was given Vinetta Humphreys at the home of Mrs. S. R. Lewis yesterday afternoon. The congregational choir were also guests of honor and shared the praise so lavishly and justly given the choristers and choir by the large number of women present.

Games were played in a sociable manner by those present, and the company got had some enjoyment among themselves, part of which was a tangle of thread to be wound on a spool by Miss Humphreys, which had a lovely gold pencil at the end as reward for patiently untangling instead of breaking the knots.

Dainty refreshments were served, brick pink and white ice cream, white and dark cake and candy. After this the presentation of a set of silver salad forks to Miss Humphreys in a touching little speech by Mrs. Mary Ladd. The richness was as appropriate as the presentation, and tear dry eyes were among the ladies surrounding the group.

Later in the afternoon the choir were caused in a row with the chorister Miss Humphreys in the center and each presented with a big bunch of flowers to indicate the appreciation of the church of the faithful performance of the trying duties of preparing hymns and anthems for every Sunday rain or shine. Mrs. S. A. Collins also presented at the same time a bouquet of lilies of the valley to Mrs. W. S. Sterrett to express recognition of her sympathy with her daughter's work for the church.

Then a brides cake with a large bunch of flowers surmounting it and a tiny pair of brides representing a bride and groom beside the flowers, was presented the blushing bride-to-be by Mrs. S. R. Lewis.

A birthday book was passed around each woman to write her name and Miss Humphreys is expected to write a card within a year to each woman. As half had no opportunity of putting their names down, there will not be more than one or two a week of the year to claim her attention.

A fine program of piano solos and vocal solos was given by Mrs. John Parsons, Miss Sarah Kendall, Mrs. P. Trowbridge and Miss Vinetta Humphreys. A tiny baby on the floor near the piano applauded vigorously with its tiny dimpled hands, joining with hearty good will in that given by the older ones, and frequently [illegible].

The wedding of Miss Vinetta Humphreys and Oscar Nelson of New York will mark the culmination of as pretty a little romance as often comes in this workaday world and will not be many weeks in taking place. That Miss Humphreys had occupied a large place in the social life of the community is evident from the many showers and valuable gifts marking the announcement of her engagement.

[illegible] upon petition of his parents [illegible] he devoted his services.

He was a man of strikingly distinguished appearance, of strong magnetic personality and had friends wherever he went. It seems impossible that any man so [illegible] would drop out of sight leaving no trace.

Open School Bids.

The board of education met last evening and opened the bids for the contemplated new school house in the east end. The Elks received were as follows: [illegible] of the building [illegible] of plumbing, heating and lighting. Arkansas Carlson, Ottawa, [illegible] Brothers, Ottawa, [illegible]; John Poole, Marseilles [illegible]. Plumbing and heating, Hynds Carlson & Co., La Salle, $5,600; George Holle, Marseilles, $5,520.78; Barker Brothers, Marseilles, $5,850; Electric lighting, Clean Perkins & Co., [illegible]; Johnson & Pattison, [illegible]. The total low bid for the entire job was $[illegible]. That, with the architect's commission and other costs, would bring it up to $41,000. The board rejected all the bids, as the amount in the bond issue would not cover the cost of building and instructed the architect to prepare plans for a cheaper building to come within the bond issue.

Rebekahs Hold Meeting.

The Rebekahs held a meeting last night at which five candidates were subjected to the beautiful experience of the initiation ceremony. Light refreshments of cake and ice cream were served and dancing followed for the rest of the evening. Music was furnished by a self-playing piano, so all could dance, no one having to [illegible] being tired of having to play.

Look for $5,000 in Currency.

It is reported that there was a package of currency containing $5,000 lost from the Congress hotel in Chicago. It is supposed that it went into the paper stock, and they are sending a man down to go over the paper stock at the National Biscuit company's plant to see if any trace of it can be found.

Bury Baseball Victim.

Many friends attended the funeral of Stanley Rivett in Seneca, which took place yesterday. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were represented by a large delegation to express their sympathy with the bereaved parents and appreciation of the lovable character of the lad himself.

Catholic Ladies' Party.

The Catholic ladies will give a card party Friday afternoon, May 20, in Halligan's hall. Five hundred and euchre will be played. Tickets will be 25 cents. Refreshments are to be served. Everybody invited.

Annual Banquet.

The Greater Marseilles club will hold their annual banquet tonight in Odd Fellow Hall. Holders of tickets have been asked to assemble at the Thompson hotel as near after 6 o'clock as possible. Secretary Bryan of the La Salle Chamber of Commerce will be the principal speaker. The banquet will be served by the Main Street Girls.

Local Notes.

Mrs. Hiram Brier and Mrs. Grover Millikin, both of Chicago, are guests at the home of their sister, Mrs. Gilbert Coffeen, of Broadway.

Mrs. George Van Slyke went to Chicago to visit her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Burke.

Commissioner Sterrett and Fire Marshal Phillimore returned from Freeport last evening. They report that the machine they examined and saw in operation was very satisfactory.

The card party and dance to have been given by the Catholic ladies in Halligan's hall on Friday evening has been postponed until a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. White, Mrs. Kate Hannah and Mrs. Charles Stickles drove to Ransom yesterday to visit the cemetery there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morrissey of Ottawa and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morrissey of Utica were visiting relatives here yesterday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. George Barner of Papineau, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. N. Langlois and Julia Mathieu, returned to her home this morning.

Mrs. Carrie Gill, accompanied by Mrs. William Shaver of the east bluff, drove to Champaign this morning to attend the interscholastic meet. They will remain over Sunday to visit their children, students in the university.

Sam Eppstein is going to Peoria this morning to attend a bakers' convention.

Miss Anna Hines, who has been in Iowa for several years, is coming back to make her home with her mother, Mrs. Kate Hines of Armstrong avenue, for the future.

Don't You Know

That old scrap iron is worth but very little, and it does not make good furnace castings? There is no old scrap iron in a Detroit Jewel Furnace. You will not make a mistake to have a Jewel Furnace installed now. We have a real furnace bargain that will interest you. Call and see us. Ottawa patronage also appreciated. JOHNSON & PATTISON, Marseilles and Seneca. Phone Red 64 and we will call and see you.

SEEK TRACES OF DR. WEIRICK, GONE 2 MOS.

Less than two months ago Dr. A. J. Weirick left town, supposedly to be gone about two weeks or near a diligent inquiry can reveal. Up to date nothing has been heard from him, and on inquiry at his office the young lady who is in attendance there answers that she does not know. Patients of the doctor have been repeatedly, some from long distances, who came by appointment, inquiring to know when the doctor will return. Inquiry from his immediate family has been without results and some of his friends fear an accident may have happened.

Dr. A. J. Weirick was a captain in the service of the United States army overseas, attached to the medical department. The doctor is a skilled surgeon and was retained in the service long after the armistice and only

Today's Markets

MARKET OPENS WEAK AND THEN RALLIES

Chicago, May 18.—Bullish crop reports from the southwest turned the wheat market upward today after a setback at the opening. Early declines were ascribed to talk of reduced wages for railroad employes. The expected wage cut was looked on as indicative of lower costs in all lines, but offerings of wheat were readily absorbed and the market quickly rallied. Opening quotations, which varied from [illegible] lower, with May $1.4[illegible] and July $1.15 to $1.1[illegible], were followed by moderate gains all around.

Corn was steadied by the wheat bulge. After opening [illegible] lower, including July at [illegible], the market scored a [illegible] in some cases.

Oats paralleled the action of corn, starting unchanged to [illegible] lower, July 38¾ [illegible], and climbed somewhat further but then became irregular.

Provisions were inclined to drag owing to the absence of any special demand.

Wall St.

New York, May 18.—Rails were the feature at the initial dealings of the day's stock market, advancing 1 to 3 points within the first fifteen minutes as a result of the proposed cut in wages announced by the United States railroad labor board. Low grade as well as investment shares moved in the advance but conspicuous strength was shown by Chicago and Northwestern, Northern Pacific, New York Central, Reading, Baltimore and Ohio, Kansas City Southern and St. Paul preferred. Coppers and tobaccos continued to strengthen but oils were irregular on the further heaviness of Royal Dutch, and steels reflected uncertainty in connection with today's dividend action on Republic Iron and Steel.

Liberty Bonds.

New York, May 18.—Liberty bonds at noon: 3½s [illegible]; first 4s [illegible]; second 4s 87.18; first 4¼s 87.20; second 4¼s 87.20; third 4¼s 90.74; fourth 4¼s 87.38; Victory 3¾s 97.78; Victory 4¾s 97.80.

Produce

Chicago, May 18.—Butter receipts [illegible]; creamery extras 28½; firsts 24 a 27; seconds 18 a 22; standards 28.

Eggs lower; receipts 24,140 cases; firsts 20½ a 21; ordinary first 18 a 19; at mark cases included 19½ a 20; storage [illegible] 21.

Poultry, alive, lower; fowls 26; broilers 35 a 40.

Potatoes.

Chicago, May 17.—Potatoes 51 cars; market stronger; Northern white sacked and bulk 95 to 105 cwt. New weak; Louisiana sacked long white $2.50 a 2.65; Texas triumphs sacked $2.75 cwt. South Carolina Irish cobblers No. 1 $8.25 a 8.50 bbl.

Live Stock

Chicago, May 18.—Hogs, 16,000, held over 8,585; opening slow, strong to 15c higher, mostly 10 to 15c higher than yesterday's average, largely to yard traders and a few shippers; 8.50 paid for 200 pound hogs; quality mostly good; average cost yesterday, 8.35.

Cattle, 8,000.

Sheep, 9,000.

WARRANTY DEEDS.

May 3, '21 Mary E. C. Allan & h[illegible] to Jonas J. Cocking [illegible] Morschhouse's 2d sub se¼ 10-12-1 La Salle Its. [illegible] La Salle, $1.

May 6, '21 Frederick Cook & w to Henry & w lt 16 Dake's sub & Oglesby [illegible]; $4.

May 21, '21 Mary Chvetla to Susie Mindlfort [illegible] nw ... [illegible] Painters add Streator, $1.

May 3, '21 Alice Gudmanson to Amelia Bruer pt ne¼ 5-36-3; $1,200.

May 7, '21 Henry & Lena Leisge to James O. Long & Lottie w18ft [illegible] strip 5ft off e side w½ lt 3 Rutland; $600.

Jan. 30, '20, S. B. Patch & Sons Co to Ray B. Patch lts 7, 10, b 12 Main st. add lts 1 to 5 b3 pt b5 lying n & w of A. T. & S. F. Ry. pt alley lying e of A. T. & S. F. Ry. in rear of lt 17 b10 [illegible] strip of land 10ft wide s of and adjoining lt 13 b5; e120ft lts 11, 12, 13, b3 sub O[illegible] Main st. add Streator; $3,500.

Grain

Chicago market report furnished by G. W. Kirby, manager Simons, Day & Co., Room 312 Moloney Building. Phone 95.

	High	Low	Close	Prev. close
Wheat—				
May	1.48¾	[illegible]	1.48¼	[illegible]
July	1.18½	[illegible]	1.18¼	[illegible]
Corn—				
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sept.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats—				
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sept.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Cash Markets.

Corn—		
No. 2 mixed	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 yellow	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 yellow	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 white	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 white		[illegible]
Oats—		
No. 2 white	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 white	[illegible]	[illegible]

CASH MARKETS

WALLACE GRAIN MARKETS.

Wheat	$1.37
Oats	[illegible]
Corn—	
No. 2 white	52½
No. 2 yellow	[illegible]
No. 3 white	50½
No. 3 yellow	[illegible]
No. 4 white	48½
No. 4 yellow	48½

RUCKRIGEL'S ELEVATOR.

New wheat	1.04
Wheat	$1.30
Oats	32½
Corn—	
No. 2 white	[illegible]
No. 2 yellow	[illegible]
No. 3 white	51
No. 3 yellow	[illegible]
No. 4 white	[illegible]
No. 4 yellow	[illegible]

SOUTH OTTAWA ELEVATOR.

Wheat	$1.40
New wheat	[illegible]
Oats	[illegible]
Corn—	
No. 2 white	[illegible]
No. 2 yellow	52½
No. 3 white	50½
No. 3 yellow	50½
No. 4 white	48½
No. 4 yellow	48½

LOCAL MARKETS

Lard, 16c.
Cream, 35c.
Eggs, 23c.
Butter, 35c.
Hens, 25c.
Springers, 25c.
Ducks, 20c.
Geese, 15c.
Young turkeys, 30c.
Stags, 20c.
Old roosters, 11c.
Old Toms, 29c.
Guineas, 25c.
Pigeons, 5c.

UTICA

Mrs. Jno. Newell went to La Salle yesterday to see her little girl Irene who is in St. Mary's hospital. She recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. D. J. Cahill and Mrs. Geo. Meyers were La Salle callers yesterday.

Mrs. Allen Russell was a La Salle caller yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl DeBolt and children of Pontiac spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wheeler.

Mrs. Cassidy from La Salle visited her sister, Mrs. Wm. Johnson, yesterday.

Mayor Neary was an Ottawa caller yesterday.

Chas. Cochran transacted business in Bloomington yesterday.

N. B. Cosgrove attended the Elks' dance in Ottawa last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reynolds and Dr. R. J. Boyle and wife drove to Morris Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Collins.

Misses Irene Hickey and Frances Sykes were La Salle callers yesterday.

Mrs. Kate Shinski shopped in La Salle yesterday.

Miss Mayme Glancy, Miss Ruth Baumann, Miss Sarah Gibbin, Miss Nellie Sykes, Miss Henrietta Hasbach were Ottawa visitors yesterday.

Misses Josephine Neary and Mildred McCormick were La Salle shoppers yesterday.

Mrs. Rudolf Smith and daughter returned home from Chicago yesterday.

Bill Fowlie transacted business in Ottawa yesterday.

Shock Absorber

A home-made shock absorber against damage to manhandled trunks. It's a mat consisting of 14 pieces of old rubber hose held together by two rods.

Remember, away back, when—

The Ottawa Bottle Company was formed with Solomon E. King as president and Cairo D. Trimble as secretary and treasurer? In 1882 a bottle making plant was erected on the east side of Chestnut street, a short distance north of the Rock Island tracks. Two years later the name was changed to the Ottawa Bottle and Flint Glass company. Later another factory was started across the street, making small bottles. Both plants shut down in 1885 due to competition from Indiana glass makers.

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Going Chicago One Better.

Well-Dressed Girl (in street car)—Why, but said Jim Were the best of friends before Jim and her lost. Of course this is between you and I.—Boston Transcript.

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Our Neighbor Says:

"I am a very wise sort of guy, but there are a lot of wiser ones than I am, which I realize every time I take a look at a lot of yellow and time-worn notes that I have been obliged to pay."

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Then He's Not Interesting.

It is not hard to arouse a man's interest to follow him it's his move, unless you indicate that he must move toward the cellphone of the iron works.—Houston Post.

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PLENTY OF TIME.

"I've been looking for my husband for the past two hours," said an agitated woman to a calm one.

"Don't be excited, madam," replied the latter. "I've been looking for a husband for the last twenty-five years."

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Has Other Things to Do.

"The world owes me a livin'," said Jud Tunkins, "but the world never did much settin' up nights worryin' about its debts."

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A good thing ceases to be a good thing when we get too much of it.

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Which Is the Highest Mountain?

It is generally thought Mount Everest, with its 29,002 feet, is the world's highest peak but some authorities assert that Terain Kangri Karakorum, Kashmir, has an altitude of nearly 30,000 feet.

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A college professor rushed into print the other day to say that it's just as important to be able to carry on a social conversation as it is to carry out a Latin grammar.

He's in favor of a college course in "small talk," so that graduates will know how to conduct themselves at a tea or a bridge party. We don't know what subjects will be taught, but we suggest that the elementary classes should take up these important branches:

How to balance a tea-cup and a macaroon at the same time.

How to make a quick getaway.

that you've been introduced to not less than four times.

How to hand a lady a snappy compliment and a slice of lemon without upsetting either.

How to look as though you were having a better time than you are.

How to preserve the creases in your pants.

How to make a fuick getaway.

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Leave It to State Legislators.

Man was some millions of years reaching his present stage of development; but Be It Enacted may speed him up.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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Sure—we've got to haul out the old pruning knife once in a while when stuff is scarce and the hour waxes late. They do it in the best of newspaper families but it is our aim to be orginal as much as possible. If you've got a good story boil 'er down and send 'er in.

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All Puffed Up.

When a man completes a doubtful deal without getting caught he imagines he has brains enough to be a lawyer.—Exchange.

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JUST FOR A CHANGE.

"I believe," said the impatient man as he put aside the telephone, "that I'll go fishing."

"Didn't know you cared for fishing."

"I don't ordinarily. But it's the only chance I have of finding myself at the end of a line that isn't busy.

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There's Various Kinds of Killings.

Cosmetics, says the medical examiner, never killed anybody. And still many a girl has painted as she dressed to kill.

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HEAR, HEAR!

Mr. Gasbag Jones stood on a soap-box at the corner of the street.

A huge crowd surged around him. Surely his heart should have been glad.

But he was dissatisfied.

He tried hard to be heard, but it was all in vain.

Every attempt he made to speak was interrupted by some members of the audience.

At last, stamping his foot in great anger, he bellowed at the top of his voice:

"Every time I open my mouth a silly fool speaks."

And the crowd agreed with him entirely.

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Man is different from other animals. He has to fool his watch before he can get up early in the morning.

—G. W. W.