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FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 7, 1919

Who shoots at the midday sun, though he be sure he shall never hit the mark, yet as sure as he is he shall shoot higher than he who aims at a bush.

—Sir Phillip Sidney.

It Was Well Done

The house did good work yesterday when it put through the educational commission's bill to the last stage before final passage. The almost unanimous support of the measure was very gratifying to those who have chafed against the ancient partisan political system which has been a drag on educational progress in this state.

This measure is a crystallization of the ideas of Arizona educators for several years, but never before could they find a legislature which was not so intent on politics and not willing to surrender material that might be converted into political machinery until now.

We have no doubt that the senate will affirm the action of the house and that both houses will complete their work by the adoption of the county unit system.

If the legislature should do nothing else than to complete the educational reforms now so happily under way, it would have justified its existence and the hopes which have been entertained by those who have observed it after it had gone fairly into action.

The reforms proposed are in line with those which have been adopted in all forward-looking states and which was urged upon Arizona by the federal experts who made the educational survey of Arizona two years ago.

The Lion's Mouth

The Republican has just received the following communication in which the most casual reader cannot fail to detect a note of sarcasm:

Arizona Republican: Fine editorial you have on the Y. However, why not interview the boys that are coming back that have had their experience with this bunch of godly grafters. See—who is here. See—and publish their statements. This you won't do for the reason that your spineless backbone is like a jelly-fish.

In order to get at the subject matter as quickly as possible, we will hurriedly pass over the fact that whatever may be the unfortunate physical peculiarities of the jelly-fish, it is not charged that he is a coward, though he may be, but it is universally agreed that the man who withholds his name from an insulting note he addresses, is a coward. But that is neither here nor there.

We know that it is widely reported that the Y. M. C. A. in France and in the training camps of this country was guilty of charging the soldiers extortion prices. We have no doubt that there were instances which justified such accusations. We have heard the experiences of enlisted men and some officers who were embittered by the treatment they had received and we do not doubt the accuracy of their statements as to their own experiences.

This has been the subject of much discussion in the public prints. The Literary Digest and other magazines have gone into it quite freely and the Y. M. C. A. itself has taken up these charges. In some cases it was shown that what the soldiers believed was extortion was not; that the prices charged were as low as could be charged without incurring actual loss. Perhaps in some instances there was what our correspondent calls grafting. But we have the word of General Pershing and other high officials most highly commendatory of the Y. M. C. A. abroad as a contributor to the morale and comfort of the soldiers.

The editorial to which the correspondent refers, though related solely to the Y. M. C. A. of Phoenix, concerning whose usefulness to the community we believe there is no dispute. No one has ever suggested that there is any grafting there. Its service has been given freely. It has excelled in deeds of charity. It has been the support, financial and moral, of many a young man and it has picked up many a one who has been cast down; whose outlook upon the future was hopeless, and it has set him on his feet, steadied him and has given him an upward and hopeful view.

Granting, only in order to clear the brush away, that there were cases of "Y" grafting in the army camps and abroad surely our "Y" had no part in it; nor could the "Y" anywhere have derived any advantage from it. If there was any profit it went into the pockets of unworthy individuals.

That there was grafting by government officials and even by government organizations, has been charged. That through incompetence or worse, many millions of dollars were dissipated, is beyond dispute. Let no one would hold the government morally responsible for this; no one would condemn the government and propose to withhold support from it.

The great usefulness of the Y. M. C. A. has become so recognized that it would be as foolish to attack it as an institution because of the frailty of a member here or there, or even a unit, as it would be to attack the government because now and then an official has gone wrong.

The West Must Stand as One

A letter from Hon. Carl Hayden printed in yesterday's Republican, makes it clear that the west must stand together as a section; that is, the west which has land to be reclaimed. It can get nowhere by setting up clamors for aid in this or that particular section or this or that project. It must accept the plan of Secretary Lane which brings the whole country into a great reclamation project and from it other sections of the country expect benefits. It was a wise and judicious (small) that with the financial assistance of President Roosevelt overcame the

objections of the east to the extension of government aid to the arid region.

That objection is not wholly removed according to the letter of Mr. Hayden. There is no doubt that it is pretty deep-seated and is founded on what is believed by those who entertain it to be sound and just principles.

There was a rather enlightening development the other day in the legislature concerning the attitude of those who have no direct personal interest in reclamation. The propriety of endorsing a memorial to congress in favor of the San Carlos project was questioned by a member. At first it seemed unbelievable that any citizen of an arid state could raise such a question, but his position became that of one detached from any particular section or from any private interest anywhere. It was to him simply a matter of right and wrong.

If the project was intended to supply water to the Indians who are under the government's care; or, if it was to reclaim lands owned by the government, it was proper for the government to spend money on it. But if the reclamation of Indian or public land was only a pretext for enhancing the value of lands in private ownership it was not in his opinion proper to call upon the government.

We cannot, of course, endorse that view, though to the eastern onlooker it must seem a correct one. We have seen how the private owners under the Salt River project have been benefitted and along with them many thousands of people who were not private owners. We have seen great tracts of land in private ownership and which without the project would probably never have been subdivided, cut up to make homes for many.

The same thing has happened under all the projects which have grown out of the reclamation act. It was the benefit of the many rather than the comparatively few private owners that was aimed at. Though we look upon the private owners as the chief beneficiaries, and though they themselves may think they are chiefly concerned, they were after all benefitted only incidentally.

But the easterner's point of view has not changed in twenty years and it will not be changed, when he sees government aid extended to this or that community. He will, though, favor a policy which will extend all over the country though from it the west will derive the greatest benefit.

CONQUERS HIS SHYNESS

A certain surgeon, who was very young and rather shy, was invited to dinner by a lady who was at least fifty but frivolous enough for twenty. She imagined herself very clever when making rude remarks. At dinner she asked the young surgeon to carve a fowl, and, not having done so before, he failed lamentably. Instead of trying to cover his confusion, the hostess called attention to it pointedly by looking down the table and saying loudly:

"Well, you may be a very clever surgeon, but if I want a leg off I should not come to you to do it." "No, madam," he replied politely, "but then you see, you are not a chicken."—Stray Stories.

HAD ALL HE ADVERTISED

Two facetious cockneys were passing a Dublin butcher's shop the other day when, seeing the bawler standing at the door they decided on a laugh at his expense.

"Well, old boy," said one of them to him, "according to your notice on the window you have cuts to suit all purposes."

"At sure, so I have," replied the butcher. "Well, then, what sort of a cut can you give me for an empty purse?" he was asked.

"A coward shoulder, of course."—Chicago News.

THE MORTGAGEE'S INTEREST

Thou, too, sail on, O German state; Your course you shifted pretty late; Now, laden to your water-line, You dare the gale and floating mine.

We want to see her keep aloft, Because we own the darned old boat. —Syracuse Herald.

IN NO DANGER

"I say, Jones, I want to insure my coal-yard against fire. What would a policy for \$20,000 cost?" "What coal is it? Same kind as you sent me last?" "Yes."

"I wouldn't bother insuring it if I were you. It won't burn."—Boston Transcript.

KNEW HER BUSINESS

"John," announced Mrs. Stylover "I'm going to town tomorrow to see the new hats." "You forget," her husband reminded her, "that tomorrow is Sunday. The shops will be closed." "Who said anything about shops? I'm going to church."—Memphis News Scimitar.

WILL YOU WALK INTO MY PARLOR?

A Mr. Cobb has married a Miss Webb. He knew that they were meant to be joined as soon as he spied her.—Tit-Bits.

ACTRESS' THREATS MAKE N. Y. NERVOUS



Mrs. Betty Inch.

Mrs. Betty Inch, an attractive actress, who is now on trial in New York charged with extortion, has promised to keep that city nervously interested for some days if the court grants her permission to tell parts of her story. "A man worth \$30,000,000 is behind this prosecution of me," she said. "He told me I would be sorry because I would not leave my husband and live with him."

BIG COPYRIGHT SUIT POSTPONED TO FALL IN FEDERAL COURT

\$150,000 is involved in a suit brought against the Southern Pacific railway and allied companies, by Lauren Elkins, hearing of which was set over yesterday by Judge Sawtelle to the October term of court. The suit was filed last September and came again into prominence yesterday when it was orally stipulated to postpone.

Lauren Elkins, it is set forth in the complaint, purchased from E. E. Kunselman, a local photographer, in August 1917, a set of six pictures that Kunselman had made of the Roosevelt dam and which, it is claimed, were sent to Washington yesterday when it was orally stipulated to postpone.

In its answer, the Southern Pacific claims that Kunselman did not secure copyrights on the photographs and that the prints that were used in the advertising literature bore no evidence that the subjects ever had been copyrighted. An agreement between all parties concerned, yesterday, trial was set for the October term of the federal court.

CALL FOR WOMEN TO CANVASS EACH BLOCK OF CITY IN CAMPAIGN

The single block unit system has been adopted by city chairman for women, Mrs. Thos. E. Campbell, as the easiest and most logical method of soliciting funds for the united drive for relief in the near east which starts Monday. Mrs. Campbell issued an appeal last night for women volunteers. "I want at least 100 women of Phoenix representing as many city blocks, to volunteer to canvass the one block in which they live," said Mrs. Campbell. "Under this plan the task of raising the city's quota of \$20,000 will be a comparatively easy one. It will mean not more than a half hour's work or so for each committee woman," she said.

This plan has been carried out in Detroit, Indianapolis, Lexington, Kentucky and other cities of the east, with marked success, it is stated. Mrs. Campbell spent yesterday in getting her organization into shape and already a number of block units have been assigned. Those desiring to assist her in this worthy cause, which has for its purpose the raising of funds for the relief of Armenians, Jews, Greeks and other peoples of the near east, are asked to telephone Mrs. Campbell at 4901.

SPECIAL REDUCTION ON MEMBERSHIP FOR THE Y. M. C. A. THIS WEEK.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

20 ACRES fine cotton land, corner East Lake park road and Henshaw road. Come quick if you want a nice piece of land. S. H. Mitchell, care Phoenix Street Railway company.

WANTED—Man to operate dairy machinery in whole milk shipping plant, northern Arizona. Call Room 526 Jefferson Hotel, between 5 and 6 o'clock, this afternoon.

Comparison

That's what counts, compare our prices with all the rest. Then you'll come here to buy your groceries.

- 1-lb Can Schilling Coffee 37c
Camelback Standard Tomatoes 2 1/2-lb can 15c
No. 2 Can Pineapple 18c
Large Can Pumpkin 13c
EGGS ARE CHEAP—Now is the time to make pumpkin pie.
Grapenuts, Pkg. 12c
Creamery Butter, lb. 57c
10 lbs. Blue Karo 83c
Hydro Pura, Per Pkg. 18c
\$3.75 Horlicks Milk \$2.95
Glass Jar Brand Solid Pack Tomatoes 2 1/2-lb. Can 22c
3-lb Can Squirrel Peanut Butter 81c
No. 5 Wooden Box Crackers 79c

Always a full line of FRESH FRUIT and VEGETABLES.

We have CALIFORNIA COMB and STRAINED HONEY now. Glass Jar Brand is the best.

MOSES BEST FLOUR, "nuff Sed."

The Storage Pot Groceries Meats 4TH AVE. AND WASHINGTON

YOUR MONEY

Every Penny of Every Dollar You Give Goes to Relieve the Suffering of Some Starving Refugee

None of It Is Used for Administration Purposes

Nearly Two Million Refugees in Exile in Egypt, Caucasus and Persia Are Without Homes or Means of Procuring Food

WINTER IS AT HAND

GIVE That Others May LIVE

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BOOZE BUSINESS OF BROTHERS HALTED BY FEDERAL OFFICIALS

Scotty Oby, negro porter at the Hotel Adams, in conjunction with his brother, George Oby, who lives at Fresno, California, had a clever liquor importing scheme rigged up. It is claimed by agents of the department of justice, and, for a while, they succeeded in "putting it over." After about 150 pints of whiskey had been brought into the state, Uncle Sam, as usual, was "put wise," and now Scotty is in jail, unable to give \$500 bond, while brother George languishes in a Fresno lockup.

Scotty is said to have forwarded a trunk from the Hotel Adams to Fresno. George then proceeded to stock said trunk with the contraband beverage. The trunk was shipped to fictitious party at the Hotel Adams, and Scotty so notified. Upon the arrival of the trunk, Scotty, as porter, is alleged to have hidden it until such time as he could unpack it, and then profited from the sale of the pint bottles.

But—George lived in a rooming house in Fresno. On numerous occasions, his landlady had seen him carrying sacks into his room, apparently filled with canned goods. The sacks became so many in number, however, that the landlady advised the Fresno police. A search revealed that there was nothing suspicious about the

room, but that a certain trunk had been shipped to Phoenix on a certain day. Justice department officials here were notified and Scotty's scheme was exposed.

Information probably will be filed against Oby today.

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NOTICE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: I this day give notice that I will not be responsible for bill contracted by my wife, Jettanner Dunn, she having left my bed and board. Please take notice. (Signed) R. L. DUNN.

AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN CUTTING SHOE EXPENSE

"Many months of comfort at little expense" is the way Charles A. Pearson of San Diego, California, sums up his experience with Neolin Soles. Mr. Pearson had two pairs of shoes resoled with Neolin Soles, and after wearing them for twenty months writes "I will have to get new shoes sometime, but so far as the soles are concerned, that time seems as far distant as when they were new."

This is typical of the experience millions are having with Neolin Soles. Created by Science to be durable, flexible and waterproof, these soles are an important factor in cutting shoe expense. You can get them on new shoes for the whole family, and for re-soles. They are made by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, who also make Wingfoot Heels—guaranteed to outwear all other heels.

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ARMENIA AND SYRIA? ANOTHER JOB FOR THEIR UNCLE SAM

GIVE THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE ARIZONA CAMPAIGN FOR \$150,000

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