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"HE IS A DRINKING MAN"

Not many rods distant from this office a meeting, of a kind, was in session. The name of a young man, not present at the sitting, was mentioned for a place. "Ah, no!" spoke up a lady, "he is unqualified, for he is a drinking man". The statement was positive, not even being supplemented by the remark that she had "heard" he was.

Now, we do not know this lady's name. If we did, it is probable we wouldn't print this article. But we do know the young man, so don't hesitate to brand the remark as a dangerous one, since it aims so heavily at his good name, the sole thing of real worth that a man just entering life possesses.

Now, the facts are that this young man, once in his life time, with some other youngsters, engaged in an escapade. It was his first and last to date, and yet this one incident was seized on to give this young man a character. Character, good or bad, is not made by one incident in life, but the every day life and the work of years. A single incident may make a scar, and the uncharitable never tire of referring to it. Gossip will seize upon it and distort it, magnify it and roll it as a sweet morsel under the tongue, and draw utterly false conclusions. It is the penalty paid for straying once, and possibly not unjust; but this in no wise excuses those who are responsible for peddling gossip to destroy character.

We leave this thought with you: Would you like to have your character appraised from one indiscretion, magnified and distorted by gossip, or would you have the mantle of charity drawn over this isolated incident and your years of striving for higher and better things, on which you have endeavored to build your life, taken into account?

When beginning the repetition of some alleged indiscretion, be sure that you have a foundation in fact upon which to base it, then—just don't repeat it. We possibly don't all live in glass houses, but there are so many that do it isn't safe to throw stones; and, if you don't, you can afford not to indulge such uncharitable practice.

PLAYING THE POLITICAL GAME

The news sent out from Washington by the special correspondent of the Commercial Appeal thus forecasts the political line-up two years hence: Gov. Rye a candidate for congress in the Eighth district, regardless of whether Representative Sims seeks the nomination or retires at the end of the Sixty-fifth congress.

Speaker of the Senate Crabtree for governor.

Speaker Shropshire of the house to oppose Representative Byrns for congress in the Hermitage district.

United States Senator Lea to run against Senator Shields in the next senatorial primary.

Judge Ewing L. Davis to contest the next nomination for congress in the Fifth district with Representative Houston.

Representative Moon, of the Third district, to be opposed by Judge Joe V. Williams.

Whether this forecast is correct is a matter of speculation, but the game is being played with energy. There are measures before the assembly that bear the earmarks of the handiwork of the machine builder.

It is known that Hon. Charles T. Cates has senatorial ambitions; Hon. J. B. Frazier would like to go back to the senate, and Judge S. J. Everett of this judicial district, would like to be governor. Senator Shields is not going to surrender without a fight, and there are few more astute politicians.

In the making of the slate, some strong men will be left out and the possibilities are that any slate made will be badly cracked, if not smashed. Machine building and slate making are favorite diversions of politicians, and Tennessee politicians are past masters in the art.

T. C. Scroggs, assistant traveling manager of the National Stock Yards Co., of St. Louis, is of the opinion that the South is to be the great cattle and hog growing section of the United States in the future. He cites the great improvement in the grade of both and the fact that in the South they can be grown more economically as reasons for his opinion.

The supreme court has ruled that Shelby county must return to the state \$140,000 collected from the school fund on a padded scholastic census. The refund is to be made in installments.

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ON THE RIGHT LINE

Congressman K. D. McKellar has introduced a joint resolution, creating the offices of congressional examiners. There is to be an examiner for each of the departments, embracing the state, treasury, war, navy, justice, postoffice, commerce, interior and labor.

The resolution provides that each examiner for the respective departments shall receive a salary of \$6,000, and that they shall be selected by a joint resolution of the senate and house of representatives and hold their office during the will and pleasure of congress.

The offices of the examiners shall be located at the capitol, and no examiner shall be related by blood or marriage to any head of the department which it is his duty to inspect.

Mr. McKellar says his idea is for the examiner to trace every dollar appropriated for the departments to its last resting place. They are to audit the estimates furnished by their respective departments and examine and report on all appropriation bills submitted by their departments and will be relied on by congress not only for all information needed about each and every appropriation, but they are to be depended on for a report on the advisability of such appropriations.

We are of the opinion that Mr. McKellar's resolution has merit in it. It is stated that he has strong backing in both branches of congress. We have a general idea that the United States government is run along lines of efficiency and according to the highest business ideals, but this is largely imaginative. The extravagance that prevails is large. Senator Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, in a speech, is quoted as saying that "the government of the United States is the most extravagant, inefficient, loosely run and bureaucratic government in the whole world. The senate of the United States is in a Rip Van Winkle sleep of inefficiency."

Mr. McKellar will probably not be able to get his resolution through the present congress, but the question has been brought forward for discussion and results will ultimately be obtained along this line. Millions can be saved by eliminating useless offices and sinecures, and this is one of the things that the resolution aims to secure. If Mr. McKellar secures a much needed reform along the line he is pursuing, he will have done much to justify the confidence his constituents have placed in him.

TO RE-DISTRICT THE STATE

Senators Houk and Ogle have introduced into the senate, and Representative Pope in the house, a re-districting bill for Tennessee. All are Republicans. We are not advised as to the general merits of the bill, and don't suppose it has a chance of being enacted into a law. We are not advised as to the motives behind the bill, but it is evidently making a bid for the support of the Shelby delegation.

The bill gives Shelby three direct senators and a fourth jointly with Tipton. We know from actual experience that Tipton will not be consulted as to who he shall be, and he will represent Shelby and not Tipton county. Shelby is given ten members of the house and the eleventh man jointly with Tipton county.

Under this proposed bill, Shelby would go into the next general assembly with sixteen members in the house and senate. If Tipton county is to be deprived of representation in the senate, let it be done openly, for she will not be more effectually left out by not being placed in a senatorial district than she will be combined with Shelby county.

We love Shelby county, and especially her politics, but are not anxious to furnish her with power in the legislature. The novelty of voting every two years for a hand-picked senator of Shelby's selection has worn off.

Who represents Tipton now in the senate? Oh, yes, Mr. Johnson. Well, what does he care about Tipton? Not a rap. He did not think enough of it to make application to have his name put on the ballot at the last election.

A REAL CRISIS WITH GERMANY

Notwithstanding President Wilson's note-writing and parleying, the crisis between Germany and the United States has been reached. The German government announces, to begin on February 1, an unrestricted submarine war on commerce. It prescribes the territory on the seas and neutrals and belligerents in these limits will be the prey of the submarine. It is an open declaration of war on the commerce of neutrals as well as belligerents.

International law and rules of warfare are repealed by the order of the imperial government. Mr. Wilson must either break off diplomatic relations with Germany, with all this means, or decline to back up what he declared to be international law and the rights of neutrals.

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BONE DRY LAW

The "Bone Dry law" has received legislative approval and it is said will receive the approval of Gov. Rye as soon as it can be delivered to him. The only fight against the measure was as to the date fixed when it should go into effect. March 1 is the date fixed and until that time individuals will be allowed to ship one gallon for personal use. After the bill is signed it will be enforced for any wholesaler to receive a shipment. This law is supposed to be the capstone on the liquor legislation for the term.

The news comes from Nashville that the bill granting partial woman suffrage is likely to fail of passage in the senate. The cause had a great advocate in Col. Bryan, but even his eloquence will fail to insure its passage.

Judge J. C. Higgins, of the civil court of appeals, has announced himself as a candidate for the supreme bench from the middle division of the state.

The legislature has repealed the Bowers law, restoring capital punishment in Tennessee. The majority in favor of the repeal was large.

A CARD FROM J. M. POLK

To My Friends and Customers: You have doubtless noticed in other columns of this paper that I have resigned my position as assistant cashier of the Union Savings Bank.

I desire to state that, in severing my connection with this bank, I do so of my own free will, as I was honored by the directors, January 2nd, and elected for this year. My work and service in the bank for the past two years have been most pleasant and I have enjoyed serving my friends and the customers of the bank and appreciate the many kindnesses received at your hands, and the confidence you placed in me, and endeavored at all times to serve you conscientiously and efficiently—and now that many of you will miss me in my duties and place in the bank I commend you and your business to the care and keeping of the officers in the bank, and feel sure you will receive every courtesy, and the best of treatment from them, and I wish for you and the bank continued prosperity and success.

I have for some time been considering the step I have just taken, feeling that I would be benefited to have employment that would not so closely confine me that my health would be better, therefore I have decided to enter the Life Insurance business, and I will appreciate at any time anything my friends will do for me, I feel confident that my business experience makes me fully competent to offer you the right kind of contracts that will protect your loved ones.

I wish further to state that I will still look after the unfinished business of the Covington Savings Bank, and make distribution of any and all money derived from the sale of some fixtures still unsold.

Call on me and let me know your wants, and if I can serve you in any way it will be my pleasure to do so. Yours very truly, J. M. POLK.

MOTHER KNOWS

Nobody knows of the work it takes To keep the home together,
Nobody knows of the steps it takes— Nobody knows but mother;
Nobody listens to childish woes,
Which kisses only smother,
Nobody's pained by the mighty blows,
Nobody—only mother.

Nobody knows of the sleepless care Bestowed on baby brother,
Nobody knows of the tender prayer— Nobody knows but mother;
Nobody knows of the lessons taught,
Of loving one another,
Nobody knows of the patience sought,
Nobody—only mother.

Nobody knows of the anxious fears Lest darlings may not weather Storms of this life in coming years— Nobody knows but mother;
Nobody knows of the tears that start,
The grief she'd gladly smother,
Nobody knows of the breaking heart,
Nobody—only mother.

Nobody clings to the wayward child,
Tho' scorned by every other,
Leads it so gently from pathways wild,— Nobody can but mother;
Nobody knows of the hourly prayer For him, our erring brother,
Pride of her heart, once so pure and fair,
Nobody—only mother. —Credit Lost.

Sighing for the Flesh Pot. Mr. Hughes, the Republican nominee for President, has now covered the continent from coast to coast in one grand speech-making swing around the circle. Summed up and boiled down, all the reasons and arguments offered in his speeches why the people should elect him President and return the Republican party to power amount to nothing more than the reason given to Gov. Bob Taylor by an old negro woman pleading with him to pardon her husband out of the penitentiary. The governor asked her: "What's he in for?"

"Stealing a hog."
"Did he steal the hog?"
"He show did, Gov'ner."
"Is he a pretty good sort of a nigger when he is at home?"
"No sir, he is about the trifflin'est, noountest nigger you ever saw."
"Well, what do you want him out for?"
"Because, Gov'ner, we'se out o' meat agin."
The Republicans are out of meat again and are getting awful hungry for the offices.—McMinnville Southern Standard.

A new cafe and observation car has large windows at the tables, so that diners may get a broad view of the passing landscape while dining.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Cherry tree gum stiffens hats. Holland is annually increasing its production of potato flour.

New York newspaper men are forming an aviation corps.

New York in July fined 1,280 auto speeders a total of \$16,309.

Philadelphia children in a recent week destroyed 78,939 caterpillars.

Mississippi's women's clubs are raising a fund to help stamp out illiteracy in that state.

In spite of its capacity for hard work, the elephant seldom, if ever, sleeps more than four, or occasionally five, hours a day.

Nebraska suffragists propose to raise a large part of their 1917 campaign fund by collecting and selling waste paper, rags and junk.

Ants have the faculty of crossing water by means of the surface tension of the liquid, but they resort to it only under great necessity.

Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois and Ohio together produce more than 40 per cent in value of the minerals found in the United States.

To help support the spines of men who do not wear suspenders an inventor has patented a small brace to be attached to their belts.

French experiments have indicated that sugar has a decidedly restraining effect when added to photographic developing solutions.

During the first year of prohibition in Colorado there were 281 fewer convictions to the state penitentiary than in the preceding year.

Static electricity produced by the feathers of a duster used to clean incandescent lamps has been known to break their filaments.

Shawl comes from the Sanscrit word "sala," meaning floor, for shawls were first used as carpets, then as tapestry, then as shoulder coverings.

The hawkbill turtle, from which commercial tortoise shell of high grade is obtained, is extremely plentiful along the northwestern coast of western Australia.

It is estimated that in the United States nearly \$15,000,000 worth of metal, at the present prices, could be recovered every year from empty tin cans.

Success does not necessarily mean great riches, as some people seem to think. It means that you have qualified yourself to conquer all your duties, to create new duties and to conquer them, to provide for, and take care of yourself, and last but not the least important—to help your fellow-man. This is wealth, indeed; and will lead to financial wealth eventually.—Textile Manufacturer.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by Alexander Drug Co. adv.

THE AGENT

I do not wish to buy your book, oh, agent at the door; I do not need a shepherd's crook, nor salve to heal a sore. And if I did I'd hie me down along the village street, and buy of men who boost the town, pay taxes and repeat. I took a ride the other day, in my new pasteboard car, and saw, along the right of way, men toiling near and far. They're building us a thoroughfare in which we take much pride, and soon like streaks of lightning there our motor cars will glide. They're grading down the steeper hills, and bridging creeks and draws; and who is paying up the bills? Who is the Santa Claus? The agent from some parts unknown, the smiling gent like you, was never known to cough a bone to put such projects through. The local business men must bear such burdens on their backs; they pay for bridge and thoroughfare when they dig up their tax. And so when I am needing prunes the merchants of this grad will get my hard-earned picayunes, you bet your lid, my lad. So, to the place from which you came, oh, agent smooth, return! I do not need your quilting frame, nor patent duplex churn. WALT MASON.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

Howard Carey, et al., vs. Frank Womack, et al. In the County Court of Tipton County, Tennessee, January, 1917, Term.

In this cause, it appearing to the Court from the bill and amended bill of complainants, which is sworn to, that the defendants, Bernard Womack, Beulah E. Womack and Agnes Womack, are non-residents of the State of Tennessee and are believed to be residents of the State of South Carolina, it is, therefore, ordered by the Court that said defendants, Bernard Womack, Beulah E. Womack and Agnes Womack, appear, before the Judge of the County Court of Tipton County, Tennessee, at the Courtroom in Covington, Tennessee, on or before Monday, March 5, 1917, that being the first Monday in said month and being the first day of the March, 1917, term of said Court, and make defense to the bill and amended bill filed therein against said defendants and others in the above styled cause, or said bill and amended bill will be taken for confessed and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to all of said above mentioned defendants.

It is further ordered by the Court that a copy of this order be published for four consecutive weeks in the Covington Leader, a newspaper published in said county.

This January 24, 1917. A true copy—Attest: C. P. SIMONTON, Clerk. JAN 25-4w SIMONTON & GWINN, Solicitors for Complainants.

STREET ECHOES

"Say, Niggah, you see dat white man cuttin' meat down at Mr. Sullivan's Meat Market? I never saw a man use a knife so in my life. I declare, I do bieve dat man can cut a good steak out of cow's horn."
"Ah, Niggah, you know you's lying bout dat, but I sure gwine down dar and have him cut me a steak out of a cow's horn, case I know it will be good, for he sho do know how to cut meat."



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Statement of the Condition of

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Covington, Tennessee,

at the call of the Superintendent of Banks, at the close of business, January 6, 1917

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$284,629.67
City Warrants.....	14,864.11
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,802.75
Cash and Sight Exchange.....	122,599.36
Total.....	\$424,895.89

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	7,018.75
TOTAL DEPOSITS.....	367,877.14
Total.....	\$424,895.89

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