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BIRMINGHAM 30 YEARS HENCE

"Ma-pull 'em'—Quarton Park way nest—ate lively—state ay' step—let 'em out first" sings out the subway guard on the Pontiac express as the train comes to a standstill by the long platform. You scramble out along with several dozen others, a few more scramble on the sliding door hang back and the ten car steel trolley moves onward.

As you mount the stairs to the street a whiff of fresh air greets your lungs and a busy scene meets your eye. "Pooper—wuntty—pooper" yells a newsboy, "All 'bout the big nawth side moister! 'Centric, mister!" You nod, for the rumble of an "L" train passing overhead drowns your voice. As you take the paper and start to go on you are almost bowled over by a motor car for a surface car and then someone steps on your heels for you are too slow; this is a lively place.

It is just dusk and the shop windows glow brightly. There are throngs of people on the street. Some are going to the theater, but most are homeward bound from the day's work.

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Flash electric signs tell you that "Indigesto pancake flour can't be beaten" and "Halts three passenger airplanes are cheapest and never get up." Other electrical displays show incandescent men with flaming billow, red gears using red and white light globes and pushing them back and forth on an Edison Mazda table, while a continuous ribbon of words flows across an "L" station and red worms wriggle invitingly around a green restaurant sign. A lurid zig-zag flash above you refutes the suggestion that lightning never strikes twice in the same place; that the street on the roof of a six-story structure you see a massive sign reading: Buy the Eccentric for news—the largest up-town newspaper in Alabama, yes, it is Detroit now, a city of four million!

From overhead sounds the steamboat like whistle of the Seattle express on its way to New York. The traffic officer changes signals, you cross the busy street and proceed to your home on Oakland avenue where you enter a white tiled lobby and push the elevator boy as you step into his car and are whisked up to your cozy little apartment on the ninth and top floor.

As you pass through the tiny living room you draw your eye to a privacy from possible rubberbers in the eleven story apartment house across the street and go to greet the wife who is preparing the evening meal on the 2 1/2 kitchenette.

At supper you explain that you were late because of the elevator elevators running between the thirty-third and fifty-eighth floors of the Skyrocket building on La Boulevard Grande but out of commission and the other had to do double duty; you break the sad news to your wife the lafford doesn't consider \$12,000 a year sufficient rent for four good rooms and has asked a raise of \$200 a month. "And to think," you sigh, "that back in 1922 we kicked about the high cost of rent and the fact that you brighten up a little, "at least we have plenty of water now."

CHRISTIANITY IN PRACTICE
It is not proper for a newspaper to enter into religious discussions. Religion as a special thing cannot be argued, for its content is unassailable. Its chief substance is love. Therefore we remain silent, keeping our personal views in the background. But inasmuch as Christianity is the principle religion in America today, we feel that our comment upon certain misapprehensions of its principles will not be overstepping our editorial privileges.

To live by the teachings of Jesus Christ is no small task and unfortunately many who call themselves Christians and go to church regularly seem to have difficulty in applying the principles in daily life. By this statement we aim to offer no support to those misguided individuals who revile the Church because they see so many hypocrites in it. We believe it is not hypocritical so much as sheer inability to grasp the essential elements of the religion that causes the failures.

For instance you have heard professed Christians, good people, say "I just hate and despise that person." They may exaggerate, but it is not the Christian spirit. We heard a man, a professed Christian, say the other day, "Those dirty Turks! We

ought to go over and wipe them off the map—the way they massacre the poor innocent Christians! It's a shame!" Yes, it is a shame. But by their teaching they would only shut out the shame upon ourselves were we to retaliate with any such harsh measures. "Do good to them that hate you and despitefully use you—remember? Yet many who are called Christians have near and dear ones eradicate from their systems the germ of revenge and are quick to resent injury. They sin sinners, not instead of trying to help them, apparently fearful of losing their own virtue. What would the Master say to this O ye disciples!"

Reaction is a human trait. It is natural, when injured, to wish to give as good as we get. But part of Christianity is the learning of self-control, the search for understanding, the ability to forgive. In being over-ready to defend their "rights" some who would be Christians evidently forget that "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth."

Real abstinence is time, says ex-king Constantine. We're glad the rehearsals are over.

Thinking without acting 'not' furcades motive power to get you to your goal.

Absence makes the gay check smaller.

"This is the slow time of the year for me," says Judge Buck. After seeing the judge, most people make slow time too.

Talk like a bargain, is cheap, but sometimes you don't get your money's worth.

Lonc skirts are with us again. Remember the old one who used to put about—wonder where the old-fashioned girl with the long skirt is?

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Mrs. Emma Benson, 22 years old, of Patterson, N. J., a niece of James Birmingham of Troy, was fatally injured this week when a mad bull, chased by a dog, ran into the wagon that was carrying her from the Royal Oak depot to Mr. Birmingham's home. The crash upset the trunk one of which fell upon the victim. Mrs. Benson died the next morning.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, was Frankly Oct 16, Mr. Melvin Sly and Miss Fannie Pickering. The happy couple took the midnight train that evening for an extended tour.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
Wanted—Dining room girl at the National House, \$2 per week.

Last Sunday, October 17, the dedication exercises were held for the new United Presbyterian church, Rev. A. H. Orr is the pastor. People for miles around were in attendance.

Alvin C. Staley, aged 19 years, died Friday, October 15, 1922. He was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Staley. Interment took place in Greenwood cemetery.

Beautiful Russian blouse coats in cheviot and kersey for \$10 at Hudson's.

Mr. Carrie Woster and babies are visiting relatives in town.

Supervisor J. E. Rundel is busy in Pontiac this day attending the annual meeting of the supervisors of Oakland county. Being a fool, all around him has the committee work he can do.

Alice, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John German, who live on the Simpson farm, died on Sunday morning of diphtheria, aged 14 years. Interment was made in Franklin cemetery.

There is a lack of hitching posts in town. Isn't it the duty of every citizen, and especially of every church to provide for its own and not to use those in front of private houses? It is an annoyance and often forces one's own guests to go elsewhere. More than that, it throws upon the city some technical debt by a cunning lawyer.

Miss Eliza Fuller, aged 88 years, died in Southfield on October 11, 1897. She was born in Vermont and came to Michigan in 1826, at the age of nine years. She lived in that town 2,000 inhabitants. Their route to Detroit lay along the banks of the River. She died at the home of Mr. Petty Hill, then down the Saginaw road. In 1830 this surveyed township was divided into four townships and named Osceola, and 17 days after was changed to Southfield. The first Southfield township meeting was held in her father's house on the first Monday in April, 1831.

Where's the police force of this here burg?" he excitedly asked. "I need police protection."

Just what he wanted "police protection" for will probably never be known. But it is a stranger braquely strode forth into the night when told that "the whole force on duty," he undoubtedly making his rounds patrolling the Village.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland in Cause No. 10948. In the matter of the Estate of John C. Raynald, deceased. At a session of said Court held in the County Court Room at Pontiac, Michigan, on Thursday, the 16th day of September, A. D. 1922.

Present: Hon. Glenn Gillespie, Circuit Judge.

Upon reading and filing the petition of John C. Raynald, deceased, and the order of said Court, the Court is satisfied that the same had been made of said property if the same had not been made of said property.

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MAKING HIGHWAYS SAFE



Changes in Arson Law are Required
STATE POLICE HEAD WILL ASK LEGISLATION FOR PROTECTING PUBLIC.

Changes in the Michigan laws covering the crime of arson are to be asked of the next legislature by Col. Roy C. Vandervoort of the Michigan Department of Public Safety.

What Colonel Vandervoort is going to ask the Michigan legislature to adopt is what is known as the "model arson law," which was the result of the careful study and work of a number of police officials, fire marshals and insurance experts.

The proposed law will be presented to a number of state legislatures besides Michigan this winter. It is a simple law, an simple that it is hoped there will not be so many ways to evade it as the experts have found in the present law.

The head of the Michigan State Police also plans to ask for laws to cover a situation which is productive of many honestly accidental fires and that is the installation of electric power and light wires in farm houses.

When the farm houses are wired, there being no code to govern the work, but little attention is paid to fire prevention. It is, of course, through ignorance, because the farmer does not want to have his house or barn burned any more than the city man.

The new law which Colonel Vandervoort favors contemplates each a simple safety code for each territory as is not now covered by city or village restrictions and making it unlawful for any public service utility to furnish current to any place where the wiring did not conform to the code.

This would put the burden of inspection on the utility companies which are looked to for the new customers and at the same time protect the farmer by making him conform to recognized standards of safety.

A Merry Ride, But 'Twas a Short One
Harry Petty, a resident of Plymouth, Mich., was taken into custody by Sergeant Walker of the Michigan State Police on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

The search of his car disclosed the reason for the jag—two quarts of moonshine liquor. A fine of \$25 and costs was levied, and as Petty did not have the money he took a garnish warrant to enforce payment.

Philosophy of Riches.
He that is proud of riches is a fool. For if he be beated about by his neighbors because he hath more gold, how much inferior is he to a gold mine—Jeremy Taylor.

Suppose There's No Hair?
A new York inventor has combined an automatic lamp with an ordinary electric hair dryer so that a person's hair can be given a light bath and dried at the same time.

The Secret of Success.
The great secret of success in life is to be ready when opportunity comes.—Disraeli.

Jud Tunkins.
"Happiness" said Jud Tunkins, "has to be cranked up, but trouble always has a self-starter."

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The Detroit Edison Co. Convicted of attempted assault against Miss Marion Finch, colored, Charles Frontera, 25, Detroit fruit merchant, was sentenced to serve five to ten years in Jackson prison in circuit court recently.

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