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A BIG JOB FOR PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

America's "Quadrennial Exposition of Human Frailties" is over and Calvin Coolidge has proved "The Choice of a Nation." Once again the United States will resume its perusal of theater programs, baseball scores, prize fight results, and weather reports, and lapse into the business of leading the world in commerce and industry.

President Coolidge will do well to remember what Abraham Lincoln did when the Emancipator was informed of his election to the highest office in the land: thanking the delegation that came to his home with the good tidings, Mr. Lincoln, as soon as he was left alone, went down on his knees and, with head bowed, invoked the guidance of Almighty God in the performance of the tasks to come.

Nobody but Mr. Coolidge may know his innermost thoughts; it is to be hoped, however, that the Republican standard bearer of 1924 will attune himself into a harmonious relationship with Deity, and somehow convey to the busy people of the United States the fact that the world is sadly in need of Jesus Christ.

RELIGION IN OUR SCHOOLS

We are informed that there is a movement in Birmingham to incorporate religious teaching in the local school system. This is, indeed, a hazardous venture, though a much-needed one. Every school in the United States ought to teach boys and girls the religion of the Good Samaritan.

How shall it be done? That is a task for our educators to work out, assisted by the understanding of parents. Would it be wise to adopt any certain modern textbook on religion? Hardly, for even the parents of the children do not accept unanimously the same denominational teaching. However, ALL Christian religions agree on the basic principles underlying the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule, so that the teaching of these things ought to provide a good starting point for scholastic religious training, and thus eliminate controversy over modern non-essentials and vari-colored interpretations of the Bible.

DETROIT'S MANTLE OF PURITY

As this is written the weather man promises cold weather and snow. We hope his prediction comes to pass so that our neighboring metropolis, Detroit, may have itself covered with a mantle of purity, in the shape of snow. For the amount of mud that has been hurled in the vicinity of Detroit's city hall during the recent mayoralty campaign is almost enough to create another Belle Isle in the Detroit River.

Thrusting all jokes aside, the recent "brawl" between Smith, Martin and Bowles was a sad example for the Fourth City to set for its smaller relatives throughout the State; that Detroit, with its magnificent library, its new art museum, its Symphony and its hundred and one other elevating influences, should stoop to such a dirty fight to place a man in the mayor's office is a sad commentary for the cause of progressing civilization.

It will require a good many years of hard work to remove the bad effects of the recent campaign from the minds of thousands of Detroit's young men and women, boys and girls.

"For," remarked Bill Splivens, grocery store philosopher of Piety Hill, "how can you expect the children to grow up decently if the parents are always fighting?"

". . . THEY ARE THE LAW"

Nearly two thousand years ago a Man came upon this earth to preach a simple doctrine, the substance of which was: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets." We, today, know this preachment to be the Golden Rule.

The meaning of this simple statement may be understood by any boy or girl, man or woman. It is so extremely simple to understand just what Jesus meant that a great majority of the inhabitants of the earth take it for granted—and then promptly forget its application to the everyday things of life.

What is wrong with the world? What is lacking in the people of today? What shall we do to make them cleaner, finer, more loving each toward the other? The answer to this, too, is simple; simple in theory but, oh, how hard it seems for the world to accept it!

A few weeks ago we witnessed the screening of "The Ten Commandments." We recommend it to everyone, for the picture starts off with the following foreword:

"Our modern world defined God as a 'religious complex' and laughed at the Ten Commandments as OLD-FASHIONED.

"Then, through the laughter, came the shattering thunder of the World War. And now a blood-drenched, bitter world—no longer laughing—cries [illegible] way out.

"There is but one way out.

"It existed before it was engraven [illegible] Tablets of Stone. It will exist when stone has crumbled.

"The Ten Commandments are not rules to obey as a personal favor to God.

"They are the fundamental principles without which mankind cannot live together. They are not laws—they are the LAW."

THE TRAVESTY OF GOVERNMENTAL CHARITY.

Last Saturday Birmingham, together with the rest of the United States, staged a "Forget-Me-Not Day." Thousands of dollars from every nook and cranny in America poured into the laps (we cannot say arms, for many of them lost their arms and legs) of the Disabled Veterans Bureau, to be used in helping helpless soldiers and their children. Which proves that, when called upon, the rank and file of the residents of the United States possess a good deal of humanitarian impulse.

Can you say as much for the agency elected by the people to administer government, located in Washington, D. C.? Certainly something is wrong when the disabled soldiers cannot obtain assistance from our centralized government. Oh, we do not mean that President Coolidge should have concurred on the soldier bonus! This bonus was not meant to assist disabled men, for the amount of money it would have allotted each soldier was not enough to sustain life for long.

Does Birmingham want to help the disabled veterans? Then let each organization pass a resolution, asking that Uncle Sam create an organization that will function for the benefit of the men and women, boys and girls, who were disabled in the World War. Send the resolutions to President Coolidge.

Let's make EVERY DAY a "Forget-Me-Not Day" for the disabled veterans!

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

43 Years Ago

Horseback riding among the laughing beauties seems to be just "cutting" off at present.

Sometimes, stoped and shad trimmings are beauties at D. E. Wilber's.

Anyone wanting a good job of wood cutting should apply at once to Tom Nelson, Troy, who has a large amount that needs cutting.

Adsit E's beats 'em all and she ranks with the best I'ym for raising good, large, healthy beets. For proof, see the curiosity that heads the list, at our office.

A young son of Sam Daniels was badly scalded while killing hogs on Wednesday. He fell into a kettle of boiling water and sustained very severe injuries. His recovery is doubtful.

Will Jenks found a boy stealing Hickory nuts in his field and upon asking him who authorized him to gather them, he said "Whitehead & Mitchell did"—and that's why we had to "sut 'em up" to Will the other day.

The steamboat express train was thundering eastward from Pontiac one day last week when a man was discovered by the engineer standing in the middle of the track wildly waving his coat in the air. After the engine was reversed and the air brakes applied, the man calmly climbed aboard. "What's the matter? What did you stop this train for?" asked the breathless conductor, Bobby McHarge. "Faith, I wanted to go to Detrite, an I have the money to pay for it, sure," answered Pat.

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Southfield.. Bob Parks and wife have returned to their former home, from the burned district, to their native place, that flows with—well, mud and water at present.

Hounds taken to the north woods for the purpose of running down deer are being poisoned by the settlers.

Dollar picture free! The cause of Ireland! Beautifully colored. The well-known face of Charles Stewart Parnell, nearly life sized, fills the center vignette. In the lower, left hand corner the Land League is personified in the figure of Justice shielding the evicted whilst in the opposite corner an Irish cavalier appears. Over all floats the Goddess of Victory.

25 Years Ago

The recent arrest of the Holly fire-bug proved somewhat of a surprise to the people of that vicinity, it being a little girl eleven years of age named Alice Barnes. She has confessed to the crime, but says she does not know what made her do it. The child's father wished to take her away from Holly, but was refused permission by the authorities. During the night Dr. Barnes and the child disappeared. She is supposed to be secreted somewhere by the father.

Another reader of the Eccentric says: "I consider Miss Bertha Bell the belle of Birmingham."

Mrs. Austin Parks chaperoned a company of five to the Joe Jefferson matinee at the "Detroit" last Saturday afternoon.

We learn that the Rev. N. Norton Clark has a "hard subject" to handle next Sabbath evening at the M. E. Church, viz: "The Devil."

The famous "Joe Jefferson" was greeted by crowded houses at every appearance last week in Detroit.

The Flashlight Club meets every two weeks now.

The Conley homestead will be sold at Administrator's sale on the 9th day of December to the highest bidder. Martin Blunt, the man with the iron jaw, will wield the hammer.

Big Beaver is to have a lecture course of six numbers. Good for her!

The first lecture will be next Wednesday night by Rev. W. F. Sheridan of Pontiac, subject—"Every Fellow for Himself."

That was a wonderful epitaph carved over one woman's grave in only four words—"She was so pleasant."

An Inspiration Institute will be held in the M. E. Church Tuesday afternoon. The program will consist of music and papers. Mrs. Langley will give her excellent paper on "Character Building." Other papers will be "Purity's Greatest Foe" by Mrs. Williams, "Positive Training" by Mrs. Clizbe, "Heriditary Effects of Stimulants and Narcotics" by Mrs. McCracken.

My! the crowd that swarmed C. F. Pennewell's busy store last Saturday—they carried off the palm, too, or a chrysanthemum, with every dollar's worth of goods. The slogan was, "You pays your money and you takes your choice."

As true as gospel—Truth is the offspring of unbroken meditatoons and of thoughts often revised and corrected.

Mushrooms in their resolute growth will lift up large slabs of stone—such is the force of parvenus in the vegetable world.

The feminine observer—It is prosaic, but true, that bead knitting is a much more beneficial exercise than golf, tennis, rowing or any other fashionable outdoor sport.

Birmingham Rotary club attainded a 100 per cent attendance for the four meetings held. This was the result of a contest between itself and the Wayne, Michigan club, the loser to furnish a dinner. However, the Wayne club came through with a 100 per cent attendance.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by E. Ellsworth Ward and Estelle E. Ward, husband and wife, dated the 11th day of July, 1923 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan on the 31st day of July, 1923, in Liber 396 of Mortgages on Page 353, and said mortgages by reason of said default having declared and hereby declaring the whole amount of principal and unpaid interest on said mortgage due and payable immediately, on which mortgage the whole amount claimed to be due at the date of this Notice for principal and interest, is the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars and Seventeen cents ($3139.17) and an attorney fee of Thirty ($30.00) Dollars as provided for in said Mortgage and by law, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice Is Hereby Given that by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the Statute in such case made and provided, on the 20th day of December, 1924 at ten o'clock in the forenoon she undersigned will at the front door of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage with interest at the rate of seven per cent (7%) per annum, and all legal costs together with said attorney fee, to-wit:

Lot No. Fifty-six (56) of Bloomfield Park Pond Subdivision of lot ninety-four (94), Bloomfield Hills Bloomfield Highlands, Subdivision of parts of Sections Three (3) and Four (4), Town 2 North, Range 10 East, according to a Plat thereof recorded on June 14 of Plats on Page 10 as recorded in the Office of Register of Deeds, Oakland County.

Dated September 15, 1924.

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Local Garden Reveals "The Romance of Nature" In Double Cosmos Blossom

By DOROTHY PALMER.

There was a surprise package this fall in Mrs. Fred Boynton's garden on Poppleton avenue, where one of the cosmos stands out from the rest, looking like a small, delicate chrysanthemum. It is a double blossom, one of the newest doubles that has appeared recently in the flower world.

A double blossom growing for the first time on a plant that usually bears single ones is something of a rarity, and is noticed with interest by plant growers. These sudden changes or variations from the usual type have sometimes made the name of the grower famous. That is, provided it is a change to something more striking or beautiful than what has been known before, such as a delicately colored rose or an unusually large carnation.

There are disappointments and perplexities in this business of watching for variations. There is, for instance, as Sherlock Holmes would say, "The strange case of the white carnation."

There was a new white variety developed as a variation of a red flower. For ten or twelve generations following, pure white carnations were grown from cuttings of the new plant. Then suddenly a generation appeared where the white flowers were streaked with red. How could this happen when only cuttings from the plant stem were used, and no seeds involved? To make the matter seem stranger, another grower of this same variety of carnation reported red streaks in his white flowers at just about the same time. How did the red get there?

There is romance, indeed, in the story of another variation, the Colter blue spruce, used in planting some of the finest homes and gardens in the country. It was only twenty or more years ago that Colter, the famous Dutch nurseryman, was touring this country. While riding through the Rocky mountains, he noticed a small area of silvery blue spruces, in decided contrast with the usual dark green of the rest of the spruces and evergreens.

Struck with their unusual color and beauty, and the possibility of cultivating them for commercial use, Mr. Coster, before leaving the country, arranged to buy a large tract of land in the Rockies where these "blue" spruces were growing.

Carloads of them were then dug up and shipped to Holland, where they were transplanted into the Coster nurseries. Cuttings were made, and finally many new plants were propagated from the original lot. American nurserymen began to import them, and they soon became among the most sought for shrubs in landscape gardening work.

The story of the travels of the blue spruce should end here, but a new chapter was added a year or two ago when a law went into effect forbidding the importation into this country of practically all foreign nursery stock. Americans hadn't the favorable soil of the Dutch and Belgian nurseries, or the expert gardeners trained for generations in the art of growing fine shrubs. The supply of blue spruces is cut off unless Americans can in time develop the industry for themselves.

WORTH-WHILE BOOKS.

Worth-while books that can be borrowed from the Public Library: "Alice of Old Vincennes" by Thompson, a novel about the South; "Seats of the Mighty" by Parker, a historical novel; "Vicar of Wakefield" by Goldsmith, a novel of humor; "None So Blind" by Fitch, a modern college story; "Oregon Trail" by Parkman, a book of travels through Oregon; "Adventures of Friendship" by Grayson, a book of essays.

100 PER CENT ATTENDANCE.

During the month of October the