

The Other Chap Says Something

Runs Again

WAS THIS TRIED ON YOU?

Many residents of Royal Oak and neighboring communities have recently received by mail merchandise which they have not ordered, but which they are asked to pay for. Inquiries similar to this have been received:



ROBERT W. MOORE

Will you inform me if Paunce Bill, the Blind, The Man, 17 Morgan street, St. Louis, Mo., is really blind and has a family to support? I received by mail today three ties and he asked \$1 for the three. If he is really blind, I would be willing to give him the dollar for them. I would like to hear what you know about him. His right name is Samuel Presberger, but he goes by the name of Paunce Bill. The Rural New Yorker, by answering in its columns a number of inquiries about this same proposition.

Mr. Moore has announced his candidacy to serve again as Bloomfield Township supervisor. He is running the office successfully for three terms. Prior to that he was township clerk.

and to the Congress of the United States.

Yesterday Secretary Kellogg's action in Mexico which can be interpreted in one of two ways: an utterly irresponsible one, as well as a deliberately unscrupulous one. He is using a charge of piracy. As a result of his activities in endeavoring to learn if anyone is benefiting by his merchandise scheme other than himself, Paunce Bill is in fact doing very well, and that he would consider the elimination of all reference to his future literature. He has decided not to eliminate the blind appeal.

As a matter of principle this blind appeal to the sending of unsorted merchandise through the mails is a good many of these requests are accompanied by literature which is apparently an appeal to charity. While there may be many worthy cases, yet it is very difficult to determine where needed assistance ends and excess profits begin. Our country is literally flooded with these requests.

A recipient of unsorted merchandise is under no obligation to perform the labor required to place the merchandise in the mails for return to the sender. It is sufficient that the merchandise be kept in a safe place for a reasonable length of time so that it may be handed to a personal representative of the charity. Should such a representative call and ask for the return of the merchandise, the recipient should not use the merchandise, because its use would signify acceptance of the offer.

"No doubt the failure of recipients to fail to return merchandise except upon personal call would have a tendency to discourage the sending of unsorted merchandise by mail.

The Better Business Bureau regards this particular method of merchandising as a nuisance to the public as well as an unfair business. We believe a test will convince you that the average lot of merchandise sent through the mails will not appraise as high in value as similar merchandise purchased from your local stores."—Royal Oak (Mich.) Daily Tribune.

DECLINE OF HOME

In our country the respect for the law is in exact proportion to the discipline of the home. The Latin-American crisis can be traced in other words the attitude of the public is alone responsible for increasing crime. The average criminal, usually around twenty years of age, mostly reflects his youth. People desire to preserve the full environment. Take the wife, they have no time to lose her youth for an example. As a result of making their will known to the public we were obliged to go to Sun- President, his Secretary of State day school regularly; nothing less

serious than pneumonia interfered with this household rule. We are making no comment on the value of this training other than to confess, in passing, that we have not continued the habits of Skostelbury said in his church notes a couple of weeks ago, we belong to the group that accept the benefits of the church life of the community without giving anything in return. We have too many absent treatment christians. Our point is, capital punishment if adopted in Michigan is merely a smoke screen to cover up the spiritual slump in our homes; Capital punishment is not the remedy. The first place, in fact the only place to check the crime wave, is in the home. Old fashioned standards of home-righteousness will have to replace movies and gasoline before we can hope for much improvement. Respect for law begins at our own respect. If the Volstead law is violated in the home, what right have we to expect the second generation will be law abiding? None whatever. Why legally murder a boy whose father gave him his first lesson in law breaking?—Muri DeFoe in Charlotte (Mich.) Republican.

compatible with high thinking as piano playing or golf? Are you good for anything yourself? Can you be happy alone? Can you look out on the world and see anything but dollars and cents? We should in the natural order of things attend church more or less orderly but as Skostelbury said in his church notes a couple of weeks ago, we belong to the group that accept the benefits of the church life of the community without giving anything in return. We have too many absent treatment christians. Our point is, capital punishment if adopted in Michigan is merely a smoke screen to cover up the spiritual slump in our homes; Capital punishment is not the remedy. The first place, in fact the only place to check the crime wave, is in the home. Old fashioned standards of home-righteousness will have to replace movies and gasoline before we can hope for much improvement. Respect for law begins at our own respect. If the Volstead law is violated in the home, what right have we to expect the second generation will be law abiding? None whatever. Why legally murder a boy whose father gave him his first lesson in law breaking?—Muri DeFoe in Charlotte (Mich.) Republican.

POEMS I LOVE

"To a dog," by Josephine Preston Peabody. A few years ago this fine American poet died—and her death was a distinct loss to our literature. She wrote "The Piper," the Stratford prize play, some years ago; and her poems on children are classics. She dwelt in Cambridge, Mass., and taught English literature for a long time at Wellesley. It is said that she proved an inspiration to her classes. She had the background, the cultural equipment to make an inviolable teacher. Her several volumes are packed with beauty, and the best from them will live in the anthologies. So, back again? . . . And is your errand done, Unfailing one? How quick the gray world, at your

morning look. Turns wonder look! Come in—O guard no guest; Come, O you breathless, from a life-long quest! Search here my heart; and if a comfort be, Ah, comfort me! You eloquent one, you best Of all diviners, so to trace The weather-gleams upon a face: With wordless, quering paw, Adventuring the law? You shaggy loveliness, What tall was it?—What dream beyond a guess, Lured you, gray eyes back, From that lone bitroac Of the wild pack?— Was it your need, or ours? The calling trail Of faith that should not fail? Of hope dim understood?— That should follow our poor humanhood, Only because you would: To search the circle, follow and outstrip, Men and their fellowship; And keep your heart no less, Your to and fro of hope and wisdom, Through all world-weather and against all odds! Can you forgive us now? Your faith gone? (Copyright, 1927.)

Successful tests of a new device to prevent airplane tailpins were recently made near Santa Monica, Cal.

REAL EDUCATION

A professor of the University of Chicago has evolved a series of test questions for the educated which, he avows, are the best evidences of a real education. If you can answer "yes" to all the questions you are truly educated, the professor says. Here are the questions: Has education given you sympathy with all the good causes and made you espouse them? Has it made you a public spirited citizen? Has it made you a brother to the weak? Have you learned how to make friends and keep them? Do you know what it is to be a friend yourself? Can you look an honest man or pure woman in the eye? Do you see anything to love in a little child? Will a lonely dog follow you in the street? Can you be high-minded and happy in the mean drudgeries of life? Do you think that washing dishes and hoeing corn is just as

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