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We Are Disappointed

The other night, for the first time, we listened over the radio to Al Smith's speech, given by that "leader" of the Democratic party, before a gathering in St. Paul, Minnesota. Words cannot express the dissatisfaction that we manifested when we heard the subject of Tammany's rule explicated him on that memorable occasion.

Who Would "Pay The Shot"?

Proponents of a change in Birmingham's charter, making it mandatory upon the public treasury to pay 75 per cent of the cost of private street improvements, as against the usual 50 per cent, seem to be very much interested in vacant lots.

Too Many Drownings

So far this summer 18 persons have drowned in the bays of Oakland county. Many of these fatal accidents occurred through carelessness. There are so many lakes in this territory that for the county to furnish life guards at all of them would be impossible.

LAWYERS ARE CREATED TO COMBAT LAWLESSNESS

Remove all the laws that are not being rigidly enforced, and you would eliminate the United States institution, the various State enactments, and the statutes of every city and hamlet in the land.

DRESS GOODS FOR WOMEN IN 1928

dominate in sky blue colors" read dispatches from Paris, the cradle of feminine fashion. Let's hope, though, that the dressmakers keep the material some here near the earth. The sky may be all right for her, but certainly not for fit.

To Kill, or Not to Kill; That is the Question

In which The Birmingham Eccentric answers the query raised by The Clinton County Republican-News.

Should We Love Jaworski?

Some weeks ago under the caption of "Who Is The Murderer?" the Republican-News published some comments upon the circumstances surrounding the murder of four-year-old Virginia Lethermon by her crippled and dependent mother in Eaton County.

THE STAIRS OF LOVE

To kill, or not to kill; that is the question; Whether 'tis better for the race of men to slay in the name of love the ones who slay in hate.

Somehow, somehow, many millions of people have spent part of their eternity upon this earth planet; from the most primitive of environments, from the most frugal of mental attainments, mankind has emerged through the centuries from an unthinking animal to a point where, as the result of his intellectual and spiritual faculties, he has turned his eyes from the slime to the immortal and eternal planes; out there in the space that seems to separate him from his Creator, he is visioning stairs to build, stairs that he may use in his climb to the thing he calls happiness.

I do not mean the quality of love that is builded upon human sex or lust; that quality which, at intervals in human relationship, has sprung hotly from the breast of boy for girl, of man for woman. Such love is merely necessary for the propagation of the race.

What I mean is that quality of LOVE which includes within itself the ability and the willingness to "love thy neighbor as thyself," "to do unto others as you would have them to do unto you," to sacrifice for the sake of truth, to bear burdens willingly, to exemplify only the positive attributes of character—indeed, to become as the Christ—in order to preserve the human race!

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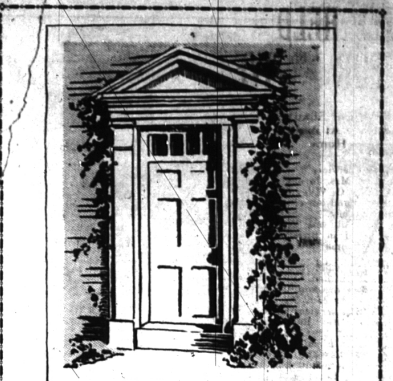
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