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Free Press Editorial Tonic

One of the saddest truths about the members of the Free Family is its strain of incoherence upon the course of the problems and perplexities that confront its higher development.

For instance, let us look at the Detroit Free Press, 98 years old, long a compelling influence in the nation as well as Michigan.

All that is fine stuff to print, and the Free Press should be complimented for it; but the Free Press, like many humble readers of its whimsical columns, too often proves its inability to be consistent and swallow its own editorial tonic.

Did you see the two column head on Sunday's Free Press story from Washington, in which E. S. Leggett, staff correspondent, dug up government figures to prove that prohibition has cost the country in nine years, the staggering sum of \$19,000,000.00?

"Well," as the rural chap once ventured when the city slicker kicked the cow, "there's no accountin' for taxes—the man know's, but a likker'll allus hanker for it."

"Keep virtue ever before you as a goal, and forsake not the ideals that grow within your mind; though your feet may be in the mud, try to keep your head near the stars."

May The Eccentric suggest, as merely a youngster of just 51 years vintage, that Detroit's Free Press, in the next two years that will bring it to the ripe and venerable age of a century, give the 18th Amendment a terrific lullaby to the public mind of the United States?

With humility, The Eccentric, at least, admits the biggest of prohibition, and hopes that other good newspapers will become as humble.

Honor in High Places

We will recall the old copybook maxims that captivated the tops of the pages upon the paper that our teacher used, the better to acquaint us with penmanship; and now we have come to the conclusion that copybook maxims, instead of being written as guides for life, were written merely as guides for penmanship.

FOR MONTHS, NOT JUST WEEKS, the Michigan Legislative geniuses have sought to find a method of obtaining additional state revenues; any one of them, it is probably true, would not waste so much time in finding ways to spend said revenues.

ABOUT A YEAR AGO she then village of Redford, tired of finding itself under an ill-fated public improvements that it wanted, conceived the notion that, by annexation to Detroit, it would become wedded to a municipal Santa Claus, and would soon take on the appearance of the private estate of a steel baron.

Fashion Beats Policemen

Put a thousand policemen in any community to try to prevent the sale or consumption of liquor and you will accomplish less than could be done by two or three of that community's leading men and women.

Business to Outlaw War

The mingling of human beings upon God's footstool reveals some odd paradoxes and queer reactions; boomerangs, it seems, are not merely things that some primitive barbarian or bushman throws into the air—they may be human aspirations.

For instance, war has been considered, for many, many years, as the curse of civilization, and most historians declare that man's avarice and greed, his commercial instincts, his desire for the expansion of national boundary lines, have all united in bringing about it.

Thus, today, in the consideration of ways and means to stop war, the nations of the earth are turning to the soldiers in the Army of Business for solutions—because, you see, men have come to a realization that the thing which they deemed responsible for causing war is the immediate thing which can be done.

"Christian monarchs, statesmen, soldiers and ministers were responsible for the world war, not atheists, pagans, infidels and agnostics."

"I say—as British Minister when the World War broke out—that if all the churches in Christendom had said in 1914, 'Halt. This murder must not be committed,' the minister in Christendom would have dared to start it."

Time Changes It All

Time slips along, and with its fleeting moments changes the thoughts, habits, and customs of those who dwell upon the earth. Within a few years, if you live, you will see thousands of airplanes flying over the upper spaces, people seek to get from where they were to where they want to go.

IT IS NOW REVEALED that there are no less than 300 different kinds of cheese on the markets of the world, and, we suppose, no two of them hat the same kinds of holes.

THE AVERAGE AGE of girls who now run away from home is 15 years, younger than it has ever been, say the statisticians. Does that meat that the female of the species is more nomadic than the male?

HARRY NIMMO, DETROIT newspaperman of shiny sheet fame, did not attend the recent legislative committee-public meeting on capital punishment in Lansing; the reason, we have been informed, is because Harry didn't want to get mad in public.

THOMAS ALVA EDISON, in the recent interview which he gave on his birthday, said some things that he gave on his birthday, said some things that he gave on his birthday, said some things that he gave on his birthday.

MARY GARDEN, WHOSE artistic temperament and abilities have wrung a huge fortune in the public for so many, many years, once allied her name signed to a cigarette testimonial advertisement. The other day, during a press interview in Dallas, Texas, the singer asked six newspaper reporters "may I have a cigarette, please?"

BLAME IT ON THE TWO BLACK CROWS



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others will claim the same "right," so that all good government and liberty will be jeopardized.

What we need most of all just now is to develop a better spirit of civic sportmanship. If an amendment to the constitution is valid then the 18th Amendment from no reasonable process of logic can be rejected, as it was approved by the necessary two-thirds of both houses of Congress and ratified by over three-fourths of the states of our union.

REV. D. L. WOODWARD, Pastor First Baptist Church.

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In the past 15 months we have bought and built for the Community Improvement Company, Inc., 15 stores in Oakland County, which are showing a handsome income.

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Friendly Thoughts By G. Dewey Kimball. We should not deny an eager little blossom its share of sunlight or permit careless words to put upon young impressionable minds dark blot that years may never efface. Let us think of children as flowers; that we may nurture them more carefully. G. DEWEY KIMBALL FUNERAL DIRECTOR 408 N. WOODWARD AVE. PHONE 819