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These Bank Tragedies

Up in Cheboygan, Michigan, where the northern reaches of the beautiful Green Lakes, Huron and Michigan, stretch out thinly and separate two rugged shorelines, a tragic affair took place two weeks ago. One Clyde Milliken, always a highly respected citizen of that city, committed suicide by shooting himself—adding the leaden pellet with the fumes of dynamite exhaust in his chamber to a tragic story of the family reforming. We saw both the man and the tragedy in the fatal shooting. We saw both the man and the tragedy in the fatal shooting. We saw both the man and the tragedy in the fatal shooting.

Money In Politics

In these days of complex communication, when society is so highly organized that its collective ear must be gained by instruments and devices that cost varying sums of money, one may conjecture at any time with regard to the future of politics in this country. By this we mean, of course, that the chap with the greatest financial backing will, in a majority of cases, win the election in which he may be a contestant. There are exceptions to this rule, we will agree, but at least in major offices, quite rare.

Famous Finales

WEST-NORTH YORK, N. J., Ludwig Lanthier of West North York, impatient because a 124-cent freight train refused to leave a few days ago. He has served several terms in his present county jail, and has nearly \$150 a week, and there is a craze on the Bergen turn-out to meet him. He was hauled into court and held in \$500 on a charge of violating a law which forbids interfering with freight trains.

Our Prisons are Too Full

Once upon a time, let us say, one person lived upon the earth. All he needed to do was to obtain food, clothing, and shelter, and to get along with himself. He did not need any more. He was not required to conduct himself in relation to others.

Now, it was determined by some of the people, when a person interfered in certain ways with the property rights, he would be put in jail; not just for punishment, but for information as well. By reforming a bad person, we can give him another chance, send him out into life again as self-supporting, and thus reduce taxes, not to forget our Christian obligation to love our neighbor as ourself. So they built great jails, herded people into them whenever the people became law violators, and continued to prohibit by law.

There are many measures which can be resorted to in order to aid people in traveling the straight and narrow path. First of all, we must reduce the expense of the measures; though necessary in severe cases, its expense is becoming too burdensome to society. Why not aid people to stay away from wrongdoing by taking advantage of their pride? Since pride has been accused of making people more ambitious than most human characteristics, why not call upon it to keep people out of jail? For instance: require violators of minor embezzlement or larceny to wear something distasteful—something that will label them before their friends and neighbors for all time.

Inspired Thoughts

A cup of water.
A crust of bread.
And this fragile boat.
Of mine is fed.
A glad heart filling.
The sky's blue bow.
With song, and I flourish
My hungry soul.
—EDGAR DANIEL KRAMER.

EX-N-TRIX

SEARCH YOUR POCKETBOOK!
Many counterfeit \$100 bills are said to have been circulated. I didn't get one too.
—The Holy village tax rate is the only one that is not always equal and property rights of others. Holly Herald.
"Give yourself a pat on the back a post-up on a back, etc."
What to do when held up:
Hold up your hands. (This is not fire.)
Look frightened. (This is not difficult.)
Delay things' action by engaging him in conversation. Congratulate him on his perspicacity in choosing you for his victim. Assure him you never seen him before and will never remember him again. Tell him how superior he is to the house agent. Tell him how his golf game is and be sure to follow up the question by telling him, "I bet you've been hitting 'em lately. Explain (and this requires a greater boldness than you have) how you've been hitting 'em lately. Invite him over to the house (give him the nearest police station address, but not 1350 Leabridge). Tell him you think he must be an excellent marksman and arrange those notes on the handle of his gun.

Vox Polly
The world has become astonishingly safe for loose talk. —Alton H. —Middletown, N. C.
"If the stars incline, stay in at night."

Horse-Scope
According to the stars small banks in this country are apt to be blessed by being invited into large financial mergers. Those refusing the invitation are likely to go the way of wind-up shells when pressed between the thumb and forefinger.

Get Well And How
Dear Doctor:
Every year a wall paper cleaning time my husband is afflicted with a pain in the neck. He refuses to see a physician, and says that it's cheaper for me to do the work than for us to waste money on a croaker. What would you suggest?
ANSWER: There are several machines on the market for cleaning ceilings that will do the work automatically, and any one of them is a safe bet for your husband. Why don't you see what they will allow you for him on a trade-in?

IN LETTERS OF GRANITE

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT: THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL; AND THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS: THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.
OUR LIBERTY

The Other Chap Says Something—

COURAGE
Courage does not belong solely to the military man; we have seen courage in the conquering of the soldier on the firing line, in the heroism of the man who has seen his friend die and then calmly carried on his work as if nothing had happened.

The "Big Shots" Say—

"Mother" Jones, labor leader, receiving congratulations from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., on her 100th birthday:
"I have a dream good sport; I have loved him many times, but now we've made peace."
Charles A. Lindbergh, aeronaut:
"I will have no plans for any long trip over the sea. I have to be content with my Trans-Atlantic job."

TWIN SOULS

In America the one national organization which never has indicated by its resolutions that it believes in the possibility or desirability of peace through negotiation is the D. A. R. It is for defense with a large "D." Moreover against the judgment expressed in the constitution of the D. A. R. opposes the World Court. It is for peace through negotiation.

Kidding

Andrew Carnegie, who once took into his employ a poor young fellow named Charlie Shaver, set him to work at his desk, looking up some notes. (Not book notes, either.) He was after some time at work, when he took a break—especially as it was during the month of October. He was talking to some one when the old world he had left was still there. He wanted to make sure that—something remained. "I remained" in the America to keep his libraries here and his free libraries here and his steel mills here.

They Have Murmured:

AMUSEMENT
All human beings ought to find a certain proportion of amusement in their lives. Amusement, according to popular understanding, is that which makes life enjoyable. Amusement, according to popular understanding, is that which makes life enjoyable. Amusement, according to popular understanding, is that which makes life enjoyable.

Our Scrap Book

STRADIVARIUS
What makes the Stradivarius violin the world's No. one known. Partly it is the shape, partly the work and the varnish, but mostly it is the old story of secret formula. We may duplicate the form, the wood and the lacquer, but until we solve the mystery of the varnish he put upon his instruments we will still be a long way from perfection.