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Mr. Ferguson Explains.

Mr. Howard Ferguson has broken the silence. He had a question put to him at Huntsville as to how he would enforce the O. T. A. His reply was that he would "follow the course laid down by the late Sir James Whitney, and that will be to attempt to create a sentiment which will dictate the manner in which liquor legislation is to be enforced, and it will not be to attempt to penalize the people or to compel them to take any particular line of thought."

What nonsense for Mr. Ferguson to go back and try to stand beside Sir James Whitney. He is not in the same class with the former Conservative leader.

This is 1923, and Mr. Ferguson must talk to 1923 people in terms of 1923 conditions.

His explanation is just as plain and clear as a mud puddle.

The Peculiar Case Of Ison.

John Ison, who confessed to having set fire to more buildings than any other criminal in Canada, was sentenced by Magistrate Graydon to ten years in penitentiary.

The magistrate's summing up of the case, and the care he gave it, in view of the fact that Ison was not represented by counsel, cannot but impress one with the justice of the sentence.

There is always a tendency now, when a man is charged with a serious or unusual crime, to resort to the plea of some form of insanity. A man would not think a person to refer to him as insane or mentally unbalanced before a crime, but afterward it becomes a different matter.

Allienists find it hard to classify a person who claims to be a pyromaniac. The medical superintendent and doctors of the Ontario Hospital say they have no such classification in all their 1,200 or 1,300 patients.

Ison set his fires cunningly; they were well planned so that the blaze would be a certainty and he would be an absentee. He seemed to be on the lookout for places that would burn well. The fact that he planned his work thoroughly, and carried it out with such secrecy, would lead an alienist to decide that he was not of the insane type, because a person of that type will display insane tendencies regardless of the surroundings. Too much planning, too great secrecy and a careful covering up of tracks are not signs of insanity.

It would not be an easy matter to classify a man of Ison's type. To all outward appearances he is a normal, smart-looking young man; the people with whom he lived in the city liked him, said he was kind and considerate, and very popular with the children. Yet in his short career he destroyed property of many times the value of what he could create in a lifetime. He can hardly be classed as normal, and yet alienists refuse to believe him insane.

It remains to be seen whether he will be able to set the penitentiary on fire. London feels easier now that he is locked up, and expresses its thanks to all who in any degree aided in running him down and bringing him within the grip of the law.

The Majority Should Rule.

Welland is all tangled up in its time because a certain section of the community are bound to have daylight saving, while the rest adhere to the standard system.

The public school runs on one time, the high school on another. The same is true of stores and factories.

The people voted on the matter at the first of the year, and expressed a desire to run on standard time.

A vote expresses the will of the majority, and if there is any one thing that should have precedence it is the result of a popular vote.

When any section of a community decides it can ride over what the people have expressed in a vote there is going to be trouble, and lots of it. It could not be otherwise.

Cutting Down The Spread.

"Too great a spread between what the producer receives and what the consumer pays." In two places that same phrase occurs in election addresses delivered on Tuesday. There was hardly a word's difference between the two. Neither of these speakers had uncovered anything new. The same thing has been written and said many times before.

There is a gap in between the producer and the seller. Figures covering a very wide range of articles give for every dollar 42 cents for selling and distributing, 20 cents for the primary producer, 17 cents to the manufacturer, and 14 cents is profit for retailer, wholesaler and manufacturer.

The only man who gets the effect of all these combined is the consumer, and he is credited with a full 100 per cent.

Consumers are paying for elaborate service, and they demand it. They are paying because they insist on their dealers carrying every known line of every known thing.

They are paying for packing and packages where they used to buy in bulk; they are paying the penalty as well for an overdone system of distribution.

They are paying 60 cents for an imported canned article that can be secured in bulk for 30 cents.

The consumer quite often helps to increase the spread between producer and himself because he is not a very keen or studious purchaser. He makes no particular effort to get as close to the source of supply as possible.

Why Pick on the Flies?

When we are being urged to start fly-swatting, why pick on the flies alone? Let's swat:

The man who is always howling about how hard up Canada is and how easy it is to get along in United States.

The man who, when he sees a neighbor who has been frugal and thrifty for years buy an auto, starts the rumor that he had to mortgage the house to do it.

The young man who refers to his father as the old man and his mother as the old woman.

The girl who is ready to dance until two in the

morning, but too tired to do the supper dishes.

The man who just drops in to see how you are and stays an hour at the busiest time of the day.

There are a few others, but this list will keep us going for a month at least.

Three in South Wellington.

South Wellington is in for a real stand-up and "may the best man win" fight. Mr. Lincoln Goldie, a worthy citizen from a fine old family, is out for Conservative support; Mr. Mahon, a combination school teacher and farmer of Puslinch, has the U. F. O. banner in his keeping. The last to enter is ex-Mayor Frank Howard of Guelph, a fearless, hard-hitting Liberal.

The contest in South Wellington is peculiar in that the candidates are thoroughly representative of the parties they represent.

Mr. Goldie was for years a miller on a large scale, favorable to Conservative ideas on tariff and other matters.

Frank Howard is a tinsmith who has worked away and built up a nice business of his own in the stove and hardware business. He knows from experience the problem of the workman, and he likewise knows from experience the value of thrift and effort.

Mr. Mahon is a Puslinch Township farmer, formerly a Liberal. He will no doubt see eye to eye with Mr. Howard in many things, but owing to the whirligig of politics is thrown into opposition against him.

In Frank Howard the Liberals have brought out a red-blooded, two-fisted citizen who can hold his own in debate and personal appeal. He also has a good working knowledge of municipal affairs to his credit.

It All Depends On Where You Sit.

The Guelph Herald (Conservative) hastens to assure its readers:

"One thing ought to be clearly understood—there is no opposition, but praise, for anything that will effectively curb the profiteering combines."

The Montreal Gazette, another Conservative paper, refers to the combines bill under the heading of "Parliamentary Humbug."

The Plea of a Bank Clerk.

A letter written by "Old Bank Clerk" in the New York Herald puts up a plea for the white collar man. He claims that while every other line of business is receiving more wages, the bank clerks are just where they were.

In his own case, the children of the family have gone to stay with the wife's mother, while his wife has taken a position in a store to help keep things going until prices recede.

The bank clerk also claims that during the war they received little consideration, and of those who stayed at home their lot was about the worst.

They have no labor union to go to the bank in a body and demand more pay; it is easy to get women and girls to come in and take the places of many of them. The banks apparently reckon that their places can be filled, hence they display very little worry.

There are many bank clerks, not only in United States, but in Canada as well, who have found that it is easy to get stuck in a rut on a white collar job that seems to be leading to no particular destination.

As a class, they are not developing knock-knees from carrying home bulging pay envelopes.

Note and Comment.

German dye factories have been seized by the French. The chief color so far in the situation has been drab.

Saskatchewan is going to hold its first corn show on November 14 and 15. Who's been selling tight boots in the west?

South Africa still favors the granting of titles to its citizens. The favorite title in Ontario just now is "Fellow Electors."

Man at Warton takes 16-pound pike out of the water. Navigation in rivers and lakes is apt to open up slow if they take all these ice-breakers out.

Sugar refiners, appearing at Ottawa, did not want publicity given to their cost figures. Perhaps they were quite right. But the consumer notices there is plenty of publicity about what he has to pay per pound.

A little colored lad was run down in Toronto by a truck, and the jury considering his death recommends fining parents for allowing children to stray off on the streets. When they were about it the jury should have gone further, and recommended that parents committing this offence be shot at sunrise without the bother of a trial.

A farmer was summoned to court in London for delivering a load of sod without a carter's license. He had to secure a lawyer to make it clear that the farmer had a perfect right to deliver sods or anything else, the same as a farmer would have a right to deliver a load of hay without a carter's license. And yet this farmer was put to the expense of a lawyer to explain the law to the court.

FEARS FOR AMERICAN HOME.

"A storm of vicious propaganda against the monogamous family life and against the divine element in the marriage relationship is raging almost everywhere," said Dr. Bert E. Smith, superintendent adult department, board of Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in a statement issued by the board of Sunday schools on "Is the American Home Passing Away?"

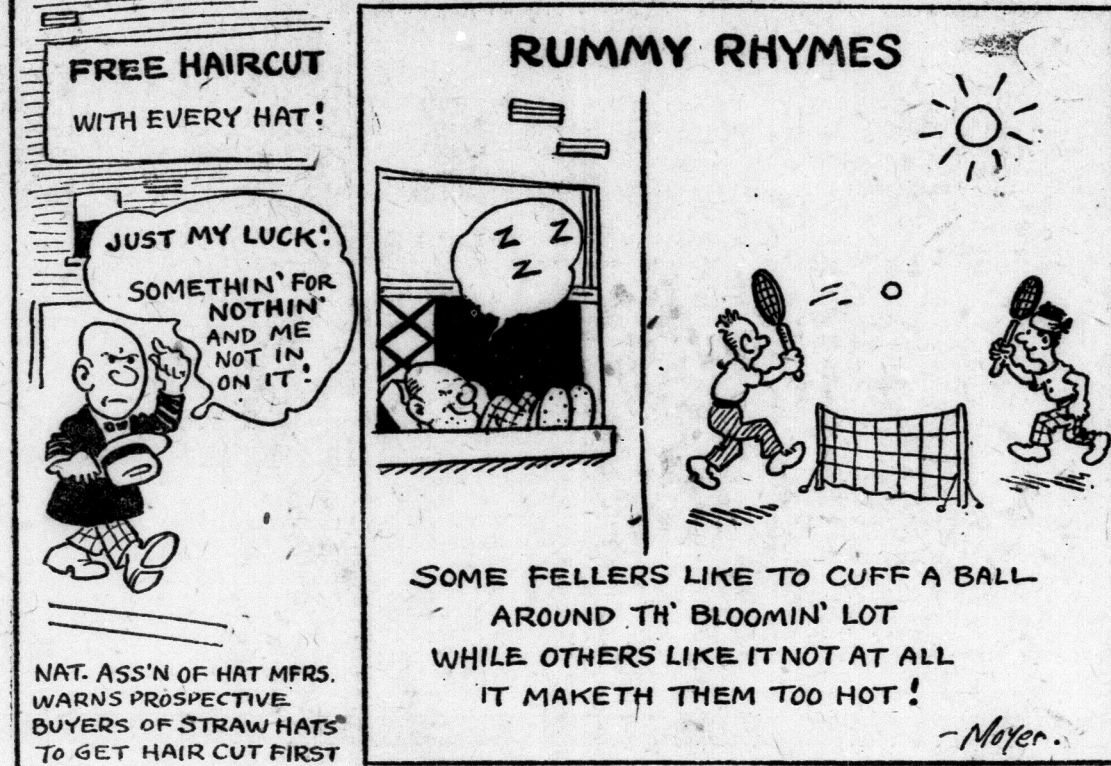
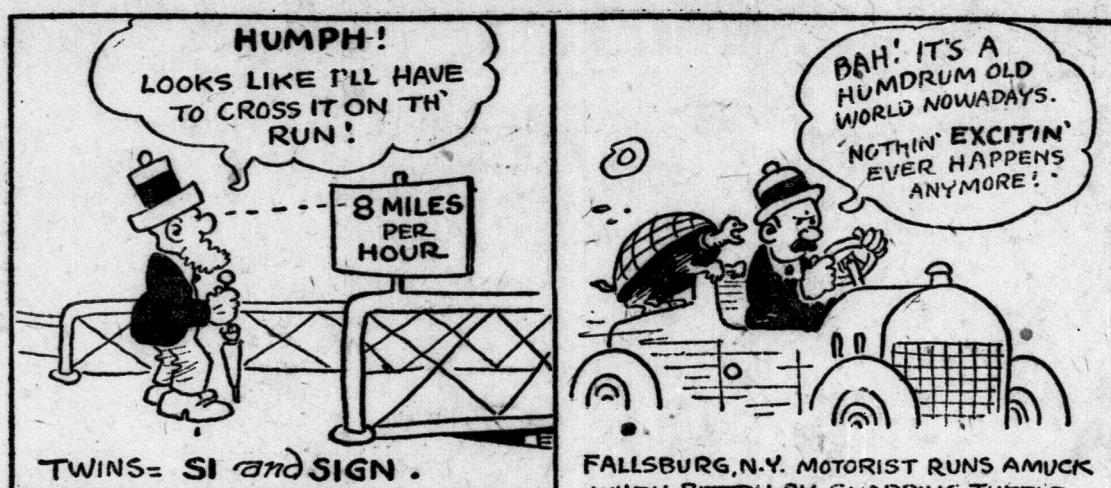
"The conditions that exist in society," said Dr. Smith, "cast many obstacles in the way of family life. Some of them are inevitable and the home must adjust itself without losing the elements that make it national and supreme."

"In the twenty years ending in 1906 our nation granted one divorce for every thirteen marriages. England granted one for every 406, Italy one for every 321, Scotland one for every 187, Austria one for every 152, Australia one for every 98, etc. The only large country having a higher divorce rate than the United States was Japan, with one divorce for every four marriages."

"If fewer of the unit were permitted to marry; if marriage were more than a bit of romance of a temporary adventure, if the standards were lifted until the mistake was the rare exception, if society recognized that the family is a divine institution, if there were a federal marriage and divorce and remarriage law strictly enforced, then the stampede to the court of domestic relationships would be reduced. Divorce should not be made impossible, but very difficult."

DIBS AND DABS

—BY HARRY MOYER



Rarebits by Rex

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE BALLAD.

Ethyl and Methyl, the alcohol twins, Are alike as a couple of pearls; But the likeness is only the depth of their skins:

Inside they are different girls.

Ethyl is one of those lovable vamps;

A jolly good pal for a lark, But Methyl is likely to put out your lamps.

If she doesn't extinguish your spark, And the worst of it is

That a chap never learns He has made his mistake Till he makes his returns.

A thoroughbred race-horse is a horse whose ancestors never delivered milk, ice, meat or coal.

They say Trotsky has a habit of talking to himself. He must hear a lot of silly things.

A howling success never howls about it.

The Guardian.

A contemplative cat

Watched a predatory rat

Surveying a sack of meal;

"I'm sure," he thought,

"I really ought

"See that that rat doesn't steal."

The most successful courtesy week will come when "Mayor Winzke is seen doffing his hat to Sir Adam."

A subscriber wants to know how long babies should be nursed.

Answer: Same as short ones.

The militarist who says men don't develop nerve in time of peace has had little experience with book agents.

The only thing some people regret is that the fire-bug was caught before he had a chance to get at the Grand Trunk Station.

The most popular flower of May nowadays seems to be red flags.

"The Ten Books I Have Most Enjoyed"

(By HUGH WALPOLE.)

Member of a distinguished British family and celebrated as a novelist; author of "The Gods and Mr. Perrin," "Fortitude," "The Cathedral," "The Secret City," etc.

"The Brothers Karamazov" (Dostoevski).

Browning's Poems.

Keats' Poems.

"Life of Johnson" (Boswell).

"Life of Scott" (Lockhart).

"Madame Bovary" (Flaubert).

"Pride and Prejudice" (Austen).

"Winterslow" (Hazlitt).

"Redgauntlet" (Scott).

"La Cousine Bette" (Balzac).

Tomorrow: Gelett Burgess.

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A Little Girl's Morning Song.

By ANNE CAMPBELL.

The sun shines through my window shades.

The birds are all awake.

I hear them in the everglades.

A-singing for Thy sake.

I step from out my little bed.

This day belongs to me.

And like the bird, I raise my head.

And sing my thanks to Thee!

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The Guide Post—By Henry van Dyke

LEARN BY THE WORLD'S EXPERIENCE.

"Let them not turn again to folly."—Ps. 85:8.

Why suffer twice to learn the same lesson?

Communism, agrarianism, proletarianism, anarchism, have all had their day, and it was a bad day—in Athens and Sparta and Rome and Jerusalem and Paris.

Why give them another day?

The divine right of kings and capitalists to impose their will upon their fellow men has been tested many times and has always failed to make good before the throne of Eternal Wisdom and Righteousness.

Why ask us to return to these old discredited theories?

Between the mastoid antrum and the cavity of the skull is a layer of bone no thicker than a half-dozen sheets of paper. On the other side of this thin partition lies the brain. It really is easier for pus in the mastoid cells of a grown person to burrow through the bone into the brain than to escape outwardly into the soft tissue behind the ear. Therefore, to protect the brain and for the lesser reasons, when the mastoid cells fill with pus an operation should be performed to permit their drainage.

This story of how the mastoid becomes involved should teach you several important lessons. The first of these is that you should lead such a hygienic life that colds are not in your catalogue.

Then, a common cold should not be regarded lightly. Give yourself such considerate treatment that it shall disappear speedily.

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2.—What should a boy 18 years old, 5 feet 10½ inches tall weigh?

TO THE EDITOR.

LEAVING CANADA.

May 15, 1923.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—Picking up your very valuable paper this evening, my eyes chanced to see what appeared to me a very sad state of affairs, happening here in this wonderful country of ours.

Just think of it, 62,000 Canadians have left Canada for the U. S. A. in the last few months. What is the cause of this? Is it the tariff as laid down by the present government?

Is it the combine, which have raised the cost of living? Is it the value of the Canadian dollar in comparison to what the U. S. A. dollar will purchase in the U. S. A.?

Does the fact rest with the government, who seem to have no control or power to deal with manufacturers, dealers, middlemen, that when the government has removed taxes from commodities, these so-called gentry do not reduce the price of goods to the public that have had the taxes removed from the goods that they are handling?

Mr. Editor, I do not know what the grant is for bringing immigrants out to this country, to railroads, shipping companies and others who may be interested in the transportation of immigrants. I do think it is a shame that we should lose 62,000 Canadian people, while we are at the present trying to induce people to settle in Canada. Trust some one open more able than mine will be able to throw more light on this sad state of affairs. Sincerely yours,

Member Woman's Labor Party.

THE KNOLLWOOD CHURCH.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir—As a resident of this community and a worshipper at our little church at the corner of Quebec street, I have been puzzled at the agitation that is going on for an Anglican church.

If there was not room for the people of Knollwood I would say that it would be nice to have a new church, no matter what denomination, but we have a man preaching every Sabbath and giving us the best in him, trying to win the people of Knollwood to Jesus, and often there are not more than thirty or forty people in the audience.

The Christian people of this district would find their Master just as near to them in Knollwood Presbyterian church, as in a Methodist, Anglican or Baptist church.

Forget all difference and save the people of Knollwood.

RESIDENT.

HOLD MRS. KOHEN, TORONTO ON ALLEGATION OF FRAUD

Canadian Press Despatch.

Galt, Ont., May 16.—The warrant on which Mrs. Sophie Kohen of Toronto has been arrested in that city charged her with false pretences in obtaining the sum of \$100 from E. A. Couleford, teller of the Bank of Commerce here. It is said Mrs. Kohen was visiting Galt at the time, February 2, 1922.

Your Health

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AVOID DANGERS OF MASTOID DISEASE

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D., United States Senator from New York. Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

After influenza or, after almost any of the acute infectious or contagious diseases it is not uncommon to have mastoiditis. This is a painful and serious complication.

Back of the ear is a prominence called the mastoid bone. Inside this bone are a lot of spaces like the cells in honeycomb. The largest space is the "mastoid antrum," which opens into the middle ear.

The mastoid cells are of small content in health, but when diseased you will find that these little cells are so located and so neighbored that their involvement is serious, even fatal.

I have told you that the mastoid communicates with the middle ear. In its turn, the middle ear communicates with the nose through the eustachian tube. This relationship leaves the ear susceptible to attack. You "catch cold." For a few days the nose "runs." The ears feel stopped up. There are occasional twinges of pain in one ear. Then the ear begins to ache and, with intermittent periods of slight relief, trouble steadily increases.

A "gathering" forms in the middle ear and in a day or two the drum may break, permitting the discharge of a few drops, or of a considerable amount of fluid. Usually the pain ends now, and after a few days the discharge stops, the perforation heals and recovery proceeds satisfactorily.

In other cases, however, the discharge stops and the pain returns, but now it is not alone in the ear, but it is felt back of the ear as well. The pain grows worse and the skin over the prominence back of the ear gets red. Gradually the tissues here begin to swell. The swelling increases till the ear is pushed forward. It may be difficult to turn the head.

There are fever, restlessness, anxiety and even delirium. The patient gives every evidence of severe illness.

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A.—Yes, you should weigh 133 pounds.

2.—One hundred and forty-nine pounds is the correct weight for the age and height you mention.

A CONSTANT READER. Q.—What can I do to cure much uric acid in the urine?

A.—If you have an excess of uric acid, you should be under the care of your physician.

A.—Kindly advise me whether or not the use of quinine is harmful.

A.—It is not advisable to use any drug unless it has been prescribed for you by a physician.

E. E. C. Q.—Will you kindly tell me what is meant by catarrh?

A.—There are several forms of catarrh. Nasal catarrh is inflammation of the mucous membrane of the nasal passages and adjacent sinuses.

MISS P. K. Q.—Will you kindly tell me what causes half-moons to form on one's fingernails?

A.—This is a natural condition.

MR. J. T. B. Q.—Will you please tell me what to do for a shiny, oily skin?

A.—Hot and cold applications, alternately, each for ten minutes, will help you.

A READER. Q.—I have had tonsillar diphtheria three times in the past six years of age. Do you think it would be advisable for me to have my tonsils removed?

A.—You should have your throat examined by a throat specialist, and he will advise you. If your tonsils are diseased, an operation may be indicated. Be guided by the advice your doctor will give you after a careful examination.

R. S. R. Q.—Would you please tell me the cause of a red face and whether it can be cured or not and how?