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MICKIE SAYS:

OUTSIDE! GWAN! BEAT IT BEFORE I LOSE CONTROL OF MYSELF. ER YOU'LL BE TALKING TO YOUR FRIENDS WITH A LIT WEEJIA BOARD! ANYBODY WHO HAS TH' CRUST TO COME IN 'N STOP THE HOME PAPER BECUZ THEY'RE SUBSCRIBING TO A PAPER FROM A NEARBY CITY IS NUTHIN' BUT A POOR PETRIFIED PRUNE 'N IT'D SURE BE A PLEASURE TO MUSS UP TH' OFFIC WITH YA!



REGARDING THREATS

On the front page this week will be found a story regarding a crap game which was raided by the cops and thereby hangs a story regarding threats.

We knew nothing of the circumstances until one of the young fellows fined came into the office and wanted to know if we were going to print anything about the crap game that was raided. When we assured him that if we could get the facts it

would be printed, he started in with threats of personal violence should his name appear in the article. He breathed hints of fisticuffs and clubbing over the head in the dark and other dire things which would befall us, should we expose that he was caught gambling. The same day another one whispered words of a similar intent into our ears only this time there was added hint of gunplay. A few nights later we were informed that if the names were printed we would lose many subscribers and readers.

Taking all this into consideration, we concluded that not to print the article after having all those bluffs thrown our way would be one of the yellowest things which we could do. Therefore they appear in this issue and we would suggest to these young fellows that if in the future something of a like nature comes up, that a soft word is much better than a threat.

Mayor Barber also requested that the names and the facts be printed so that parents of boys around the village could see for themselves that there are places here where their sons can be enticed into gambling games.

Now boys that we have called your bluff we are ready to take those beatings you have so lavishly promised.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AND ADJUSTED COMPENSATION

The American Legion posts of the United States, and in fact of the world, have taken a vote on adjusted compensation for men who participated in the world war. This ballot was taken to gain an idea of the views of the rank and file of ex-service men so that authentic data could be given Congress which is now wrestling with several projects to give the men and women who served an extra "bonus."

It is interesting to know that the vote in LaGrange which has been made public, was almost unanimous that the United States fall in with the Legion program of adjusted compensation and that the sick and the wounded soldiers be taken care of first and immediately. The ballots of members of the local post were not counted here but sent directly to headquarters. From conversation it was learned, however, that the same thing applies here and presumably throughout the country.

On the same ballot was the question of an Illinois State bonus and the vote on this ran about the same as the other, almost unanimous for a state bonus.

IS POLITENESS "COMING BACK?"

The recent announcement of the Burlington Railroad that they are promoting a campaign of courtesy among all employees who have direct contact with the public makes us believe that politeness is coming back.

During the period of the war when the railroads of the country were swamped with all they could do in the way of both freight and passenger traffic and when they were being operated under the U. S. Railroad Administration, it was a much commented thing among travellers that the employees of the railroads were no longer trying to be even medium-courteous. Apparently they figured that with the Government in the chair of boss they had no worries about being "let out" if they forgot once in a while that politeness pays dividends.

This was apparent in almost all lines of business especially so when one had dealings with large corporations. The scarcity of help made those in authority overlook many of the things which would not be tolerated in normal times. But now times have changed, there are more men and women than jobs, and those who would hold onto their meal tickets are learning that courtesy is one of the first rules in the business world.

It seems a shame that the lesson must be taught in this fashion, but it must be learned.

Wonder where all that money goes which is collected each year from income taxes? And by the way, who does Uncle Sam pay his income tax to?

The lowly musk rat is not being hunted this year as he was last. The reason is a good ;kin last year brot \$10.00. This year it brings \$1.00. Even the small boy hasn't got back to normal in the matter of money and cannot see fun in trapping the "rats" at a dollar a throw. A few years ago he was glad to get two-bits a ;kin.

And speaking of musk rats, we wonder how many women who proudly display their "Hudson Seal" know that the long tailed rodent which is distributed pretty much all over the country would not recognize himself in the coats and muffs which the furrier so cleverly dyes and calls it something which it ain't.

We haven't any particular aversion to gambling providing it is done by non-professionals and on the square. We have even been known to sit in on a little game occasionally ourselves. But we do hate to take a bluff of any kind.

The Chicago Journal in announcing that Ted Curtiss had signed up with the C. A. A. as a sprinter said that he played first base on the Chicago U. team which toured Japan. That is a new position in this game to us and even to Curtiss, cause we asked him.

Oh winter, with your icy breath, send us cold and send it soon, or we fear that on your death, we'll be having it in June. (We needed a few lines to fill up this space and so requested the office poet to produce, with the above result.)

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Lumber and the Cost of Building

The cost of lumber has been generally referred to as the principle reason for putting off building. It is true that lumber during the war and immediately after was high in price and hard to get. BUT—

THE PRICE OF LUMBER HAS BEEN MATERIALLY REDUCED — IN ALL KINDS — ON AN AVERAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 40 PER CENT.

Other items entering in the cost of home-building are labor, plumbing, cement, plaster, and many other things.

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