

**GLEANINGS--WISE  
AND OTHERWISE**

Mamma—Now, Bobby, say your prayers.

Bobby (after the usual "Now I lay me")—And please God, make me a good boy, and if at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

"Could you forgive a boy who'd strike you?" inquired a benevolent old gentleman of a boisterous and combative little five-year-old boy. He replied: "Yeth, sir, if he were bigger than I be."

One parrot had learned to pray and another to swear. They were put together in order that they might come to a common standard on the prayer question. But before three weeks were over both parrots were swearing, and neither of them praying.

"Do you want to kill the child?" exclaimed a gentleman as he saw a boy tip the baby out of its carriage on the walk.

"No, not quite," replied the boy; "but if I can get him to bawl loud enough, mother will take care of him while I go and wade in the ditch with Johnny Bracer!"

A minister about to leave home for a few days was bidding good bye to his family. When he came to Bobby he took the little fellow in his arms and said: "Well, young man, I want you to be a good boy and be sure to take good care of mamma." Bobby promised and the father departed. When night came, and he was called to say his prayers, he spoke thus: "O, Lord, please protect papa, and brother Dick and sister Alice, and Aunt Mary, and all the little Jones boys, and Bobby. But you needn't trouble about mamma, for I'm going to look after her myself."

An Irishman stepped into a drug store and asked for something to kill moths, and the clerk supplied him with camphor balls. Next day the same customer appeared, and holding out the crumbled remains of some of the balls, said: "Are yez that young man that sold thim things to me yisterday?" "I am," replied the druggist; "what's the matter with them?" "The idea of selling them to kill moths or anything else! If yez can show me a man that can hit a moth wid one of them I'll say nothing about the ornaments and the looking glass me an' the missus broke!"

A little lawyer, appearing as a witness in one of the courts, was asked by a gigantic barrister of what profession he was. "I am an attorney," said the lawyer. "What, you a lawyer?" roared the counsel; "why, I could put you in my pocket." "Very likely you could," rejoined the other, "and if you did you would have more law in your pocket than in your head."

Two young men were arguing about the abilities of various weight lifters. First Young Man—I got a silver medal for lifting 150 pounds, and that's nothing to what dozens can do. Second Young Man—I know a man who, with one hand, lifted 500 pounds. First Young Man—Great Scott! And what did he get? Second Young Man—Six months.

**He applauded Himself.**

Franklin being present at a meeting of a French literary society, where many pieces were read, and not understanding the French when de-laimed, but wishing to appear polite, resolved to applaud when he should see a lady of his acquaintance, Mademoiselle De Boufflers, express satisfaction. After the reading was over his little grandson, who was with him, said to him: "But, grand-papa, you always applauded, and louder than anybody else, when they were praising you." The good man laughed and explained the matter.

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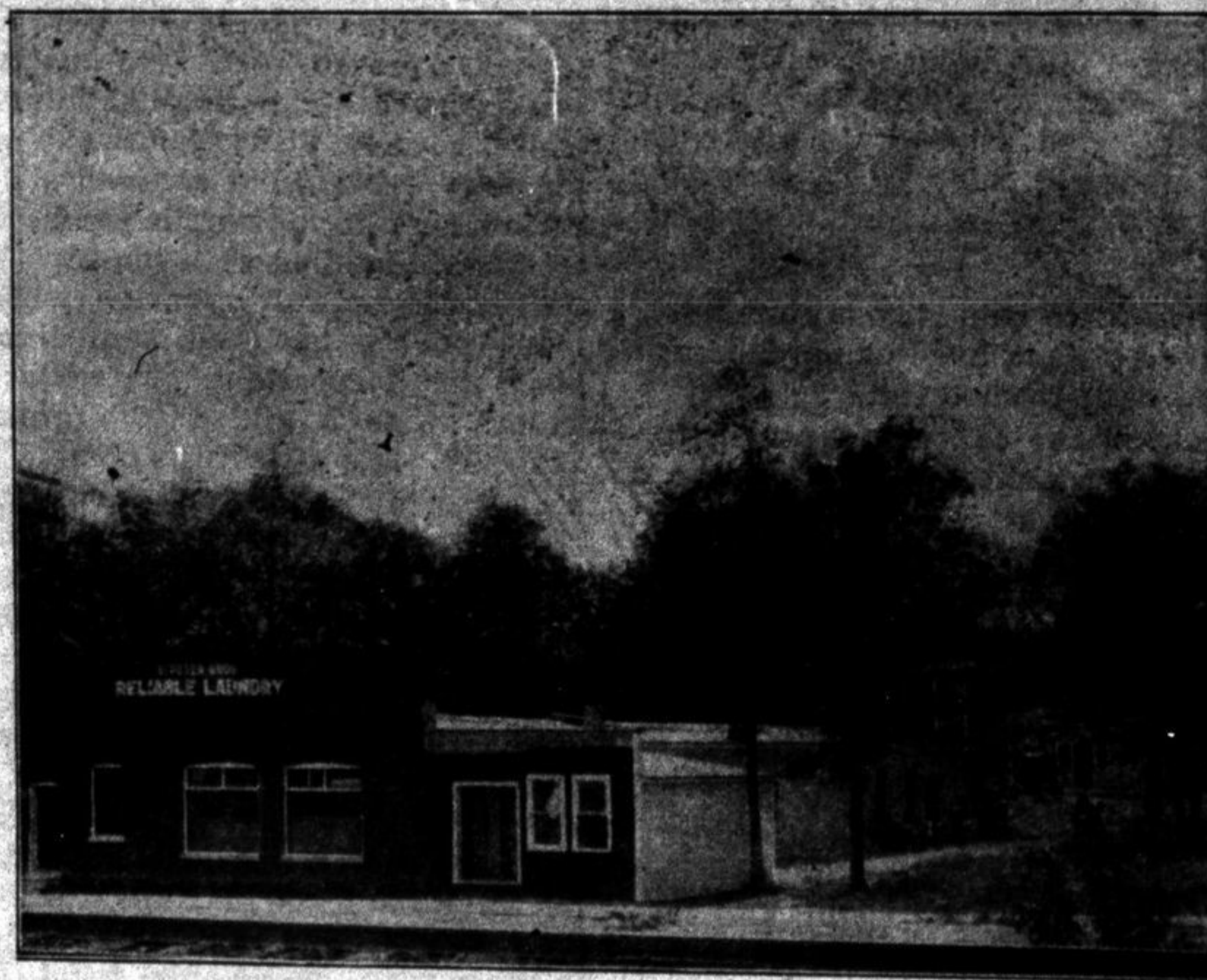
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