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Bonus On Babies

Giving a bonus on babies is something new but the principle is sound and it is found to work out to the satisfaction of the employing firm who started it. A bond house with a great number of employes found the same difficulty that other lines have in being able to keep men and secure their loyalty to the employers.

Working on the idea that married men would be the most reliable and realizing that the cost of a family might limit the number of children, the idea was solved of a bonus in cash for each child born to an employe and a handsome present to every one when they married.

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This concern is now able to command the very best of service and to keep its employes for an indefinite length of time.

Forest Preserve

We have a well cared for forest right at our doors that is used to excellent advantage by picnic parties but the general public has little information regarding it, even if Ransom Kennicott, a north shore resident, is the chief forester.

Attention has recently been called to the fact that waste tracts acquired by the forest preserve have been cleaned up, made attractive and much white pine planted on barren spots. It is asserted that picnic parties have been digging up these young pines for the purpose of transplanting them to their home yards and that, as that is a difficult operation, the pines seldom live in their new places and the public suffers.

The tax payers have paid for these young pines and the growth will, in a few years, add valuable trees to the assets of the state, while the individual can seldom benefit by them even after they have been stolen for the adornment of private grounds.

The forester and his aids are trying to educate the people regarding the benefit to the general public of allowing the flowers to remain unpicked where they are a pleasure to

all beholders. The custom is a very common one for visitors to the preserve, particularly auto parties, to pick the flowers, stripping whole sections, and carry them away. The flowers do not live long and fade and are swept out of the machines unregarded, but it takes a long time for others to grow in their places.

Enforcing Dry Laws

That government officials are strictly enforcing the search and seizure act, and getting efficient aid from the Chicago police, is indicated by the arrest of a Desplaines butcher. He was on his way to his home in his automobile, when the machine collided with a Chicago street car and was wrecked.

Policemen investigating the damage to the car found a five-gallon jug of whisky in the machine and the butcher was booked for violating the search and seizure act. The court fined him \$50, which he paid, but he objected to the confiscation of the liquor by the police, and now he threatens to enter suit for it.

The predictions that when the saloons stopped selling beer and whisky there would be a decrease in cases of wife beating and abandonment of the kind that have kept busy the Court of Domestic Relations, the Boys' court and the probation offices, have not yet been fulfilled by the records of the first days of July. There has been a decrease in major crimes, but minor infractions of the city ordinances have increased in Chicago. The figures, however, do not cover a sufficient period of time to prove anything.

Make No Martyrs

General Pershing properly wants those responsible for the war to pay the full penalty, but that does not necessarily mean trial of the kaiser in London and making a martyr of him. He will suffer most if he is forgotten and most people in this country are willing to let it go at that.

Restoration

American concerns have signed a contract with the French government for the restoration of several provinces, but the work is delayed because of some financial tangle, and meanwhile the French who are to be relieved in this way have become very impatient at the delay.

According to the reports, the only thing that hinders the immediate commencement of this very important work is a difference of opinion among United States bankers as to who is to handle the contracts. Frank Vanderlip's resignation as

president of the largest bank in the United States is said to have had to do with this. Meanwhile, the French farmers and tradespeople who were to benefit are in a ferment because lack of employment means lack of food. The promised rebuilding would give them both.

German Efficiency

That well known and much advertised German efficiency blew a tire in the closing days of the war. While the Allies were taking over the war material as provided in the terms of the armistice, they found, much to their surprise, that the efficient Germans, instead of having used up all their war material, had manufactured and stored an immense quantity of big guns and ammunition, nearly enough to start another war with.

Then, in the hurry and panic of surrender, they had abandoned whole batteries and machine guns by the thousands, all in perfect order, so that, in taking over this war material the allied armies have found that it consists of quite twice as much armament of all sorts as was demanded of the Germans by General Foch.

SEEK IMPROVED CONDITIONS AT BATHING BEACH

Conditions at the Wilmette Bathing beach formed the keynote of prolonged discussion at the meeting of the Village Board, Tuesday evening. Complaints from the Wilmette Woman's club that deplorable conditions and overcrowding at the beach were causing it to become a nuisance rather than a benefit to the Village, were read and President Zipp authorized by the Board to appoint a committee to confer jointly with committees from the Woman's club and the Wilmette Park Board relative to necessary changes and improvements at the beach.

According to the Woman's club complaint Wilmette bathers, who are maintaining the beach through the small assessment fees paid to the Park Board, are being deprived of the pleasure of the beach now overrun by outsiders who crowd the beach and park on week-ends and holidays leaving in their trail an ugly scattering of trash.

Village police have been practically helpless on busy days in patrolling the beach and regulating traffic on the streets in that vicinity. It is expected measures will be taken to remedy the conditions at the beach even, if found necessary, to limiting use of the beach to residents who possess the annual passes.

Ink on Oak

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Perennial Relative.

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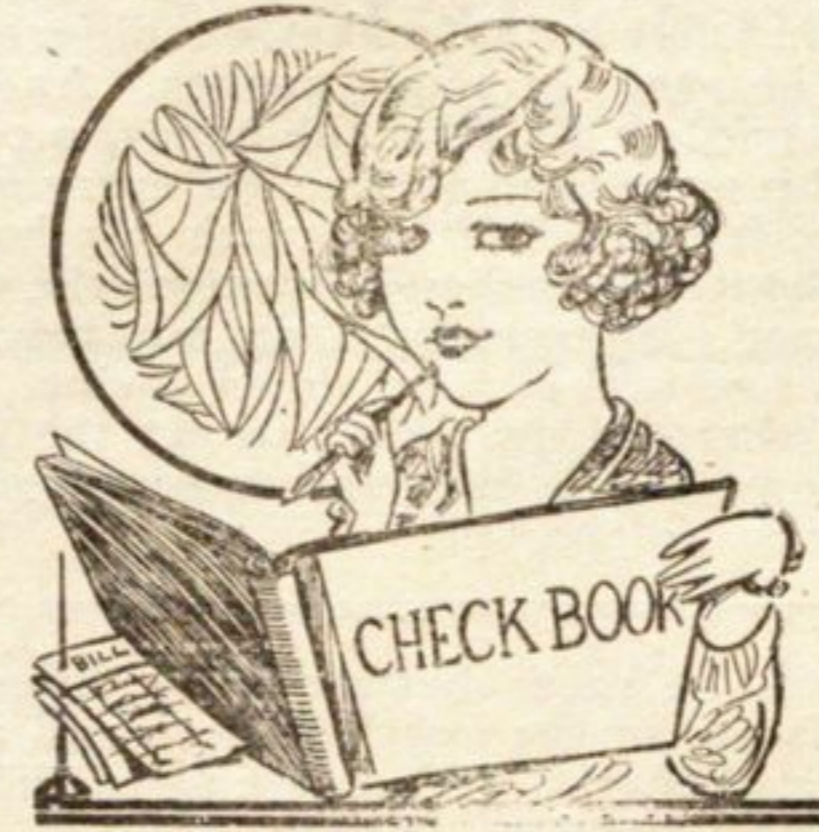
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