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As a rule, remorse is not the result of doing evil but the result of being caught.

California land law, she studies up his reward. a new excuse to cuff China's ears.

says it is dressed. The experts hold a similar opinion.

owes his country three - obedience, service and And the greatest of these is taxes.

historians devote too much space to the glories of war and too little to a discussion of tax receipts.

That chuckle you hear from the other side of Jordan is Mark Twain's comment on his admission to the Hall of Fame.

It seems strange, but we don't recall ever having known a doctor who conducted an undertaking establishment as a side line.

cause he was a pretty baby is just as logical as the man who feels important because his father was a great

The U.F.O.-Labor government can not last, says Premier Drury. must be prepared to include other elements and thereby become People's Progressive party. It has little to fear at present from either of the old line parties.

The local street railway is now giving a ten minute service. It is to be hoped that the public patronage will be such as to induce the company to start a five minute service. It might adopt some such slogan as "Use the street cars and save sole leather as well as time."

way robbery occurred in Kingston | ment was to the effect that he wanton Friday night. A few days before ed no publicity, his utterances are the Retail Merchants' Association hardly consistent with that statemade a request on the police com- ment. He says he is out to clean up missioners for additional patrolmen the border situation, and that he for night service. The evidence is will use a thousand, or five thouall on the side of the retailers.

these days is just as much a traitor shown by the experience of Inspecas the man who lost heart during tor Spracklin. The rum-running the war," Prof. Wrong told the gangs which infest the border Canadian Club on Friday. That counties will stick at nothing in the statement admits of no qualifica- pursuit of their illegal calling, and tion. We must "carry on" to-day, the man who undertakes the task as we carried on then. Let optimism of suppressing their activities needs be the watchword.

United States wants a stricter Sunday, sans ball games, auto rides. seaside picasures and all other reasonable amusements. Sunday fish- vince, and, as such, it must be ening, golf, etc. must be discarded. Many of the best people of the republic will look upon the movement as a curtailment of their individual statute, especially as they can have liberties, which are already suffici-f no plea of ignorance of the law to ently restricted.

CHEAPER BOOKS PROMISED.

The announcement of the National Association of Book Publishers that |end. A large part of the activities the cost of books is now at the zenith, of the license inspectors and their expected in the future, will be wel- voted to stopping liquor from being come news to the public. In any shipped into the United States. The civilized society books are as much Michigan authorities have even apa necessity as food or clothing or pealed to the Ontario officials to put etelter. Without them, not only a stop to this whiskey-running. Is would all intellectual life stagnate, not this entirely the duty of the but business itself would come to an Uhited States officials? Were the

WHIG end., A further enhancement of the liquor being shipped across the bor- one-third millions on account of this high, would entail serious hardship tainly be the duty of the Canadian the nation's progress.

nadequate to the demands made the traffic. apon them. Many have been comcases, it is true, generous benefactions or provincial aid have brought United States must be enforced a measure of relief, but the situation as a whole (s still deplorable.

is the same. The average book lover too often he is compelled to sacrifice for books which formerly cost \$3 or \$6" has meant for him much actual hardship and privation. He will hail with joy the day when he can afford Those who love to read good books welcome the reversion to pre-war

as registrar for Kent County shows REPRESENTATIVES that, in spite of the assertions that F. Calder, 22 St. John St., Montreal, the Drury Government had abolished party patronage as a means of Letters to the Editor are published rewarding faithful political servants, only over the actual name of the the old system of handing out gifts is still in force. J. B. Clark, the appointee, has undoubtedly received this position as a reward for loyalty to the Drury Government and for faithful devotion to the Farmers party. In the election of 1919, J. B. Clark was elected U.F.O. member for East Kent. Later Manning Doherty, not a member of the legislature, was appointed Minister Agriculture for Ontario. A seat had to be found for him, so Mr. Clark, as a devoted adherent to his party, resigned his seat to make room for Mr. Doherty, who was elected in his stead. Little more than a year has Every time Japan thinks of that passed, and Mr. Clark has received

Of course, Mr. Clark may be eminently qualified for his new posi-When a chicken is denuded, the tion. But there can be no real reason, other than that suggested above, for passing over the deputy registrar, who has for many years held that position, and who has, when necessity arose, fufilled capably the full duties of this office. The fact that the deputy is a woman cannot now be given as a reason or even an excuse for appointing Mr Clark over her head. On the face of it, the appointment was simply an other case of giving a party back something worth while as a reward for giving up his seat.

In the old days this appointment would not have caused any comment. Indeed, it would have been looked upon as a natural sequel to the resignation. It is a matter of record and common knowledge that many such appointments have been made in the past as a salve to faith-The man who feels important be- ful party followers. On occasions, commissions have been created for no other reason than to open up lucrative secretarial positions for such politicians. But this kind thing was hardly to be expected from the Drury Government, which on entering into power made a show of abolishing party patronage. More will probably be heard of the appointment in question, as it came like a bolt from the blue to those who imagined that the days of such incidents had passed.

> THE NEW LICENSE SUPERIN TENDENT.

If promises and advance notices count for anything, W. J. Lannin. the newly-appointed superintendent of license inspectors for Western Ontario, should be a success on the Another case of assault and high- job. Although his very first statesand men, if need be, to accomplish his task. His position is by no "The man who loses his heart in means an enviable one, as was to have a full supply of courage.

Thinking men and women will The prohibition element in the, wish him every success in his work. in spite of his unpopularity in some quarters, the Ontario Temperance Act is one of the laws of the proforced just as any other law would be. There should be no maudlin sympathy for those who violate this

> What is hard to understand, however, is where the duties of the Ontario provincial officials should assistants at the border has been de-

prices, which are already exceedingly | der into Canada, then it would ceron many and re-act unfavorably upon officers to use every means at their disposal to prevent its entry. Then the mayor and aldermen and school Already hundreds of librarians are there would be every justification board, who, by spending the money, finding the funds at their disposal for employing extra officers to stop

But the boot is on the other foot. pelled to curtail purchases, thus re- United States officials are protesting stricting their usefulness, and leav- against the entry of Canadian liquor ing uncompleted important collec- ino Michigan, and are asking that tions or departments. In certain it be stopped. Is it not their own duty to prevent it? The law of the their own officials, and it is no part of the duty of Canadian officers to The case of the private purchaser help in its enforcement. These officers have plenty to do in cleaning and book reader is not wealthy. Only up conditions on this side of the border, and we do not feel that the physical comforts in order to feed people of this province should pay the inner man and to pay \$10 or \$15 for their upkeep in order that they ters generally expected and which might help to enforce the laws of another county. Superintendent Lannin and his assistants will have their hands full in Ontario without going outside its boundaries, and it is sincerely hoped that he will be able to remove the stigma which rests upon the border district.

Walt Mason

THE POET PHILOSOPHER

TO TACKS AGAIN. The well known smoke of battle over. has fully cleared away, and now let's feed the cattle their predigested hay. Let's quit the weary spieling of high affairs of state, and fix the kitchen ceiling, and paint the garden gate. We hoped to see elected the statesman we adored, and mose of us neglected sane labors while we roared. And now the smoke of battle is gone, to my delight, from Bangor to Seattle there is no smoke in sight. Let's can the Vital Issues, for now they seem absurd, and all the woozy tissues of falsehoods that we heard; and let's forget the ranting and all the old turmoil, while we get busy planting fall nutmegs in the soil. Now argument is useless, it's futile and it's wrong; and facts are stale and juiceless when they've been chewed too long; and when we're done campaigning, and all our votes are cast, oh, let us quit complaining about a misfit past. Look forward, oh, my neighbor, and tighten up your belt, and tackle useful labor, doggone your measly pelt. We all were fuming, And still my toe did ache, did ache, fretting, before election day; now we should be forgetting the dead things laid away; now let us show the splendors of effort safe and sane, until our best suspenders are broken by the strain.

-WALT MASON.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Mote In His Own Eye. (Detroit Free Press) The more one hears regarding Haii, the harder it is to see how Washington can possibly say anything about Ireland.

Burden on Few Shoulders. (Edmonton Bulletin) Edmonton has an estimated population of 65,000. The voters' list just published indicates that it has approximately 27,000 voters of whom less than 6,000 are property owning taxpayers, or burgesses. This year the 6,000 will pay over three million a quarter millions on account of tax of Science, Paris, reporting the rearrears. They will still owe one and sults of experiments.

year's taxes. While the taxpayers carry the whole of the financial burden of the city, they have less than one-fourth say in the election of

Keep Off The Track, Jumbo.

(Buffalo Express) A fellow named Jumbo was found prowling in the Central railroad yard the other day and fined \$25. Somebody ought to tell this lad what happened to his elephantine namesake in the railway yard at St. Thomas, Ont.,

What They Expected.

(Buffalo Express) The president has commuted the sentence of Frantz von Rintelen, a German convicted of war-time conspiracy, on condition that he leave the country before January 1st. That is the kind of treatment which plotmade them particularly bold in the United States.

A Sigh of Relief.

(New York Times) The presidential campaign of 1920 stands apart from its four or five predecessors. They called out great enthusiasm. This one has not. They aroused fears. This year no one has been frightened-except artificially, and that for stage effect. The historian of our presidential elections will probably rank the contest of this year low in interest, though high in importance. The campaign began with whispered insinuations against one candidate. It ends with despicable assertions about the other. Everybody seems relieved that it is

MUSINGS OF THE KHAN

Padlock Your Mouth. The doctors say it is no joke That on this earth beneath The day is coming when the folk They won't have any teeth! And you will note from sea to sea The dad distressing spreads.

And soon, alas! there will not be

A tooth left in our heads! stubbed my toe against a rock Upon the stony heath: Then at my bedside quoth the Doc. "I'll have to pull your teeth." "It ain't my teeth, it is my toe, Oh, doctor, that's the truth!"

And, though I yelled, "Leggo! Leggo!" He yanked out every tooth!

Ye doctor seemed in doubt, 'By gum," he says, "I'll have to take Your pretty tonsils out." I heard and, oh, my soul was sad'ned. Of hope I was bereft,

A single tonsil left: You dassn't have lumbagy. Or in your side a stitch. No, nor fever'n aguey, You dassn't have the itch You dassn't shake or quake. You dassn't have the gout. For if you do the Doc will take

And ere he quit the job I hadn't

Your teeth and tonsils out. Along the road of life I drag, My joys are very scant, You note I do not chew the rag, I have no teeth-I can't! I try to make my message plain,

Oh, brothers, save your face,

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