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WHY DO YOU WORRY?

AT the ripe age of 80, Sergt. Fred Binder, a Civil War veteran living on the outskirts of Washington, has learned life's greatest lesson—that it doesn't pay to worry over anything or anybody.

Awakened the other night by fire, the graybeard calmly dragged his easy chair to the front porch of a neighbor, lighted his cornob pipe and, between easy puffs, sat and watched the firemen while his little cottage went up in smoke.

"These things will happen in the best regulated families," drawled the old soldier-philosopher to a newspaper reporter. "But it don't matter much, as I was figuring on moving down to Old Point Comfort soon, anyhow. No, sonny, there ain't any loss, the house is covered by insurance."

"I'm kinda sorry to lose my clothes and things. There was a lot o' pictures and papers about the Civil War, when I was a member of the Pennsylvania 'Riding Seventh,' that I wanted to keep. But that's all right."

"My pension check just came yesterday and that's being burned up, too. But I guess I won't have much trouble in getting another from the Government. The fire certainly lights up the sky pretty, don't it? No, I won't be homeless, and I've got money in two different banks. I'm thankful that I didn't burn up in my bed."

With eighty full years of life behind him, Sergeant Binder has apparently found that worry is not only futile of results but a cruel, slave-driving master of its victim. By constantly keeping the bright side of things before him, he has reversed the tendency of a lot of folks who go out and hunt for the dark side just to have something to fret about.

HE DOESN'T TOOT HIS HORN

THERE is a modest little man who has an office in a corner of the Statehouse who could, if he were inclined that way, make an appeal for popular favor such as could be made by few men in Indiana. There is nothing that appeals to the mind of the average citizen so much as "trust busting," the breaking up of "special privilege." That is the job with which this man is occupied to a large extent. He is U. S. Lesh, Attorney General.

Lesh, either does not seek particular prominence or is a poor publicity getter, for he has conducted more "trust busting" conquests in Indiana during the past two or three years than have been conducted in any previous decade. Some of his fights have been successful and in others he has failed, but he seems to keep everlastingly at it.

What a spurge he could make if he had the faculty of conducting a "ballyhoo!" But Lesh doesn't seem to have the faculty of "pointing with pride" and as a consequence his efforts are going, to an extent, unsung. A better politician would toot his own horn oftener.

HOW ABOUT THE PRICE?

THIS year bids fair to be a record-breaker for the production of coal. The cumulative production of bituminous to May 31, according to the United States Geological Survey, was 227,780,000 tons, a greater production than any year since 1914, with the single exception of the war year, 1918.

More important still to the Indiana householder who is concerned with heating his home next winter, is the fact that the total production of anthracite in these first five months of 1923 was 42,504,000 net tons—the maximum production ever recorded for a like period, and 15 per cent more than the average for eight years preceding 1922. Not even during the World War was any such amount of anthracite ever lifted to the surface.

There is every reason, therefore, to expect a record-breaking production of both kinds of coal before next winter. According to the good old motheaten law of supply and demand, therefore, coal should be plenty and cheap. Is it? There is plenty, all right, but as to cheapness—that, as Kipling says, is another story. But why not? Maybe some one can answer.

PASSING OF WOODEN INDIANS

THE cigar store Indian is almost an extinct species. He is seen in Indianapolis now almost as seldom as his living prototype.

Which reminds us other signs of trade are passing. What has become of the mortar and pestle that used to stand in front of nearly every Indianapolis drug store? And what has become of the big bottles of colored liquid that druggists used to have in their windows when drug stores were drug stores and not merely incidental attachments to restaurants and general merchandise establishments.

The jewelry store clock on the sidewalk still stands, but it is frequently wrong. Nobody seems to have put up a new one recently. Perhaps they will be the next to go.

How many of the things we see every day will be curiosities ten or twenty years from now?

TO YOUR SENSES, GIRLS!

JUST why we have had five missing girls in one week is inexplicable. And why girls who are of an age to know and realize better, should want to thrust upon their parents the anxiety and worry of their absence is unreasonable.

The daughters of today are going to be the mothers of tomorrow, and we do not want the coming generation to depreciate in standards.

Out from the protecting care of the experienced father and mother, these girls are subject to temptations that do not arise in the home. Associations are dangerous.

Daughters should realize that it is very thoughtless and inconsiderate for them to place themselves and their parents in such an undesirable predicament. Daughters, come to your senses!

"POPULARITY"—Rockefeller, Volstead and Bryan have been nominated for the title of "most unpopular man in America." Well, there's Dempsey, and then there must be communities where Doc Cook doesn't rate so high.

A SLAP!—Secretary Hughes believes the newspapers are to blame for the difficulties encountered by his twelve-mile rum line treaty proposals. Not very flattering to foreign diplomats—this assumption they would not have seen the absurdities without assistance from American editors.

Lew Shank is showing symptoms of leading another "army" on the Statehouse.

TARIFF IS DOOMED—RALSTON

Hoosier Says No Party Can Win in 1924 With Present Duties.

WILL BE BIGGEST ISSUE

Senator Declares People Beginning to Realize Evils of Bill.

By JOHN CARSON, Times Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Senator Samuel M. Ralston was seated in his room at the Willard Hotel gossiping about things in general and politics in particular.

"I'll tell you the big issue will be the tariff," he insisted and he pounded his knee to emphasize the point. "No party can win in the next presidential race with this tariff. The people are going to learn something about it."

We shook our head rather dubiously. Memories of Senator "Jim" Watson orating on the tariff came back. It was one subject that made "Jim" a star. He could dress up a volume or two of meaningless figures about which he knew little and his audience knew less and get away with it. All he had to do was to shout figures in the millions and then wave the flag and cry over the full dinner pail and the tariff speech was a success.

Hard to Realize

So, with these memories, the suggestion the tariff would be an issue, understood by the people, and that they would vote against the insane Fordney-McCumber bill, seemed hardly possible of realization.

But word comes into Washington from Republicans and Democrats the tariff will be a big issue, perhaps one of the biggest, and that Ralston is right. The farmer's plight and his story of being handed a tariff grid-brick, the story of sugar, the story of aluminum, the story of housing costs jumping faster and faster have made the tariff an understandable issue.

And worse than that—Every authority, Republican and Democratic, in the Government service says we are on tariff shifts and are threatening now to topple over. The inevitable result is going to be less prosperous times and some unemployment.

Steel Is Example

Take the steel industry. It's running full speed ahead now satisfying a demand in this country. The speed probably will continue throughout this year. But the future does not look so good. The steel manufacturers have to import a considerable quantity of raw materials. The tariff wall has boosted the price and the inevitable result is steel production costs are high. That means higher building costs. That means higher construction costs throughout and the fact is being pointed home here that foreign producers are capturing business our steel men used to get. When the domestic demand is somewhat satisfied there will be less market for our steel manufacturers, less production, less employment and more idle hands. And that's coming. Wall St. knows it.

Indiana Sunshine

Show girl with the Dodson carnival at Columbus saw a bootlegger bury several bottles of whisky. She set her bulldog on the man. Man fled. Dog dug up the whisky. The girl called other members of her troupe. Result—troupe has good supply.

The Marshall County Hospital, Plymouth, will receive about \$500 from performance of a pageant, "The Pilgrim and the Book."

A committee of Rushville citizens will go to Franklin to try to make arrangements to bring to Rushville the cabin in which Gen. Pleasant A. Hackleman, civil war hero, once lived. It is planned to erect the cabin in Memorial Park.

William Hamilton and Doris Goldsberry, Frankfort boys, set out on a hike which will lead them across the Canadian border.

A note for \$1,200 which has been held against the First Baptist parsonage, Columbus, was burned at the church. J. R. Dunlap, supporter of the church, paid \$600 after the church had raised an equal amount.

Bluffton Rotarians have pledged \$1,500 to the Riley hospital.

Lebanon high school students won't have to worry about their clothing and books next year. New steel lockers have been provided.

Heard in Smoking Room

The Pullman smoker was stationary at a little station, not far from Cincinnati, upon the platform of which a little country brass band was doing its loudest on "Hot Time," when one of the smokers said:

"I never see a trombonist work his piston rod, but I'm reminded of my career as bandmaster up in Ashtabula County."

"There was one time when we headed the Knights of Pythias uniformed at a prize drill over in Buffalo's ball park. They'd filled out the Ashtabula quota of drillers by picking barbers, horseshoers, printers and such, and when the Maltese cross, I think it was, was ordered, the mothers of those Ashtabulans couldn't have picked out their own sons from the scramble of the ranks. Your bandmaster, meaning me, simply marches his band through a hole in the fence and we stood outside swapping profanity and blowing our fellow townsmen for the fiasco."

"Finally, it was up to me to go to Master of Ceremonies Bill Morrison for further instructions. The temperature was at 104 degrees and Bill sure

Unprecedented

By BERTON BRALEY

Whatever the spot you may visit, A mountain or seaside resort, If you should remark, "Oh, why is it That rain interferes with our sport?"

The natives will give you this reason, As though they were chanting together, "It's normally dry at this season. But this is unusual weather!"

And when from the city you're flying To some "breezy country retreat," And find everybody is crying In almost unbearable heat, When all of the countryside blazes With fires of a world that is neither, You hear this most frequent of phrases, "It's really unusual weather!"

"It never was this way before," They say of the heat or the wet, "We've lived here a lifetime or more And this is the worst we've had yet."

The boosters are always inclined The same sort of bull to untether, Wherever you go you will find It's always "unusual weather." (Copyright, 1923, NEA Service, Inc.)

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What is the most popular occupation in the world? About half the world is engaged in agriculture.

How many bottles of soft drinks are consumed annually in the United States, not including near beer and other drinks made from cereals? 40,000,000 bottles annually.

What are the leading kinds of roads built by Federal aid? Gravel, 38. per cent; graded and drained, 20.6 per cent; cement concrete, 18.3 per cent; sand clay, 10.8 per cent; bituminous macadam, 4 per cent; bituminous concrete, 3.1 per cent; waterbound macadam, 2.7 per cent; brick, 1.4 per cent.

How much money is there in circulation in the United States, and how much per capita? According to the treasury report of June 1, 1923, there is \$4,705,923,399 in circulation or \$42.34 per capita.

What is the largest office building in the world? The General Motors Building in Detroit, which has thirty acres of floor space, four miles of corridors, and some 1,600 offices.

What are the leading States in the production of electricity? In 1922 they ranked as follows: New York, 15.57 per cent of United States total; Pennsylvania, 9.50 per cent of United States total; California, 9.19 per cent of United States total; Illinois, 7.31 per cent of United States total; Ohio, 6.38 per cent of United States total; Michigan, 4.57 per cent of United States total; Massachusetts, 3.88 per cent of United States total; West Virginia, 2.84 per cent of United States total.

In what language were Christ's words on the cross: "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani, talitha cumi, ephphatha?" They appear to be a mixture of Hebrew and Aramaic.

Observations

On second thought, the San Francisco Argonaut has decided that "if people do not wish other people to have contempt for law, they should not pass laws that are contemptible." It's a truth.

Ireland catches step very quickly. It will have a deficit of \$100,000,000 this year, and that's just like a real nation.

Just to know what a good time is like, England bought 33,190 of our American watches, the first three months of this year.

If posterity is to pay for the war, we must be paying for posterity.

That Balkan war seems to hesitate, and a war that hesitates is lost.

Jake Allineri, in Denver, saw a crystal stream flowing from a spout. He took a drink. He's in the hospital. It was embalming fluid from an undertaking room. "Do you drink anything?" asked one man of another. "Yes—anything," was the reply. Perhaps Jake was that kind of a man.

Plump women may have less sickness than their slim sisters, as the doctors say, but my, what a time they have with their clothing.

Heard in Smoking Room

had observed that Ashtabula rendition of Maltese Cross.

"Mr. Morrison," I said, with gentleness and greatest reverence, "what is it now desired my band shall do?"

"Your band," replied Mr. Morrison, with a 104 degree display of enthusiasm, "can now go straight to h—l, snare drummer, head tooter, bandmaster and all."

"And that night, in the sleeper parked down by the ill smelling river, as the various members struggled in, it was easy to know that some had drowned their sorrows in the flowing bowl. Had I dared I would have accumulated a souce myself. And then we came home and awaited the newspapers to see what they had to say about us, and found that they were kindly disposed, for the item in the Courier read:

"No. 11 Company, Ashtabula, Ohio, with band, looked very neat in their grey uniforms." "If that wasn't tempering the wind to the shorn lamb, I don't know how it could be done."

FORD AN ISSUE IN POLITICS

Auto King Leads Collier Poll With 37,110 Plurality Over Harding.

STRENGTH IS RECOGNIZED

Pre-Convention Questions Worry Party Heads—Vote Distribution Significant.

HENRY FORD has become an issue in American politics; an issue whether he becomes a presidential candidate or not.

This factor on the political horizon is brought about as a result of the Collier's national poll in a face-to-face straw vote.

As a result of this poll, final tabulations show Ford is first with a total of 37,110, a plurality over President Harding of 37,110. This fact looms big in the eyes of political leaders in both major parties and unless Ford eliminates himself, political thought from now on will revolve around him.

Will Ford Accept

Will Ford accept a major party nomination? Will he run on a third party ticket, or even a fourth? Above all, what is he likely to do in case he should be nominated and elected?

These are the pre-convention questions worrying political leaders. Ford's vote showed a plurality of 63,464 over McAdoo, the highest Democratic aspirant in the national poll.

The distribution of votes is more significant politically than the vote itself. Ford has a clear plurality in all States except New York, Connecticut, Wyoming, Rhode Island, North Carolina and Arizona. In Arizona he is tied with Harding.

Vote Not Sectional

Close study of the tabulation shows the vote anything but sectional. In Republican Pennsylvania he beat Harding by almost 2,000. In Ohio the result is nearly the same. In New York, Harding led by practically the same figures.

The vote of Indiana was as follows: Borah, 44; Cox, 486; Davis, 46; Ford, 1,731; Harding, 918; Hoover, 137; Hughes, 354; Johnson, 358; La Follette, 104; McAdoo, 341; Smith, 172; Underwood, 26; Wood, 104.

Ralston received 1,073 votes; Wilson, 623; Gowden, 2,036; Debs, 455; Bryan, 138; Beveridge, 10, and Marshall, 8.

What Editors Are Saying

Now

(Marion Leader-Tribune) Now is the time to pass an ordinance against fireworks before the Fourth, and not the fifth of July next year.

Watchdog

(Tipton Daily Times) A considerable number of people seem to have reached the conclusion in these days if they can obtain possession of an automobile they can thereby avoid the necessity of having to cultivate or buy vegetables. With roomy bags and the favor of a dark night, they hide themselves to some distant rural neighborhood and descend upon a well tended vegetable garden or orchard while the owner is sleeping, and stock up their homes for a few days to come.

The meanness of fellows who thus prey on the results of other people's industry is too despicable for words. If this kind of thing goes on many farmers will equip themselves with shotguns, which, in well aimed use, are an excellent deterrent. A watchdog with sharp teeth is a good protection for the country folks.

Dream

(St. Wayne News-Sentinel) William J. Bryan, in an address at Winona Lake, gave his recipe for bringing peace to the nations of the world. He said that the American philosophy of international friendship is in good luck, coupled with a law-abiding people, religious convictions based on a love of God and Christ, a wholesome respect for the Bible and establishment of Christian education will bring lasting peace throughout the world. That sounds easy enough, but unfortunately it will be many years, long after the most of us are gone and forgotten, before Mr. Bryan's dream is realized.

Laughs

Police Annoyed In the small town of Wayback there were so many holdups the police were being seriously annoyed. Try as they might, they failed to arrest the persons responsible. Late one night an excited voice came over the telephone.

"Burglars have broken into No. 64 Lyons St. Send help quick!" The sergeant looked at the solitary policeman in the station.

"Mike," he said simply, "the house at 64 Lyons St. is being robbed. Go up and surround it."—American Legion Weekly.

Mother's Money's Worth Reproved the other day for disobedience little Ray was silent for a moment and then said: "Mother, how much did you pay the doctor for bringing me?"

"Quite enough," his mother replied. "Oh, well," said Ray, "I guess you didn't get stung."—Boston Transcript.

Why Son Was Fired "Mother, our son has lost his job as society reporter on the Bon Ton, first thing."

"Fired already?" "Yep. Plenty and quick. In reviewing 'Hamlet' as presented by our fourth hundred circle, he wrote that the large number of deaths at the end of the play partly reconciled the audience to the performance."

The Tie That Binds



GOSSIP FROM WASHINGTON

By JOHN CARSON, Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Senator "Jim" Watson has another story to tell President Harding and Republican leaders in Congress. It is about the recent special election in Michigan where "Jim" campaigned for the Republican nominee for Congress. The Republican nominee won by a majority of 402 as compared with a majority of more than 30,000 in 1920.

Before Watson went to Michigan, the talk in the Republican national committee was the party dared not permit that election to go without special attention. The Republicans won again but "Jim" is not yet breathing easy over what happened. Whether he helped or hurt the Republican candidate is a question.

If a majority reduced from 30,000 to 402 is a great victory, then to Watson belongs the credit.

Burt New Busy Burt New, executive secretary of the Democratic national committee and former legal counsel to Governor Ralston is showing some evidence of wear and tear.

When Burt took this job, warnings were broadcasted he would tie himself to his desk and work unceasingly and he would get results if he killed himself. Well he did just that. He hasn't had a vacation now in five years. And he plainly shows need of rest.

Little World After All

THIS is such a little world after all. The other night a charming young woman came to seek an apartment in the house where we exist. The wife offered assistance and eventually the young woman mentioned she was from Indiana. The wife was from Indiana also.

"Where did you live there?" the wife asked. "Bloomington and Seymour," replied the young woman.

"I lived in Bloomington at one time also," said the wife. And there it started. In ten minutes she had rehearsed a dozen names of persons each knew.

"Do you know Tom Honan, former attorney general?" the wife asked. "He's my godfather," replied the young woman.

"Do you know Judge Shea?" "He's my uncle," replied the young woman.

And then there were about five dozen persons in Indianapolis they both knew.

"What's your oldest daughter's name?" asked the young woman, finally. "Mary Katherine," replied the wife. "That's my name also," said the young woman. "Mary Katherine Wells."

It's a little world after all and Indianapolis did not seem far away.

Remember Herb Berg? That recalls—went up to New York a few years ago to do some work at the New York Times. The first day I was there stood on Broadway wondering how any individual could become an identity in that turbulent mob. Two minutes later was struck on the back and Herb Berg was shaking hands. Herb used to be a reporter in Indianapolis on the old Sun.

Science

Recent investigations have raised decided doubts as to the length of the day upon the planet Venus. It was supposed to be equal to the planet's revolution around the sun, or 225 of our days. The discovery that this probably is not so disposes of nearly all the accepted beliefs about Venus.

Venus has a dense atmosphere and its favorable position with respect to the sun raised a strong belief in certain scientific quarters that it was inhabited. It was recently learned that the clouds surrounding Venus were dust clouds and that there exists no trace of water vapor or oxygen in the radiations that come to us from this planet. These elements are essential to life and their absence indicated there was no chance for the theory that Venus is inhabited.

A new theory is now advanced. It is to the effect that these dust clouds may be far above the surface of Venus and low-lying clouds containing moisture may be masked by these upper layers and may be furnishing the elements necessary to maintain life. The big question, therefore, is unanswered.

TOM SIMS SAYS:

Considering who they are, we think the human race does much better than could be expected.

It isn't cool enough to wear a coat or anything else now.

Don't worry too much. Heat waves seem to be permanent waves, but soon give farewell waves.

Upon a boy being born to Mrs. Orlowski in a Detroit taxi, she may have exclaimed "Orlowski!"

Never pay a bootlegger in the dark. Counterfeit thousand dollar bills are in circulation.

Isn't it strange how you buy a phonograph record and in a few days the other side is the best?

They claim doctors filled war veterans' teeth with brass. The doctors had enough brass.

Man proposes building an island beyond the three-mile limit, but may get into hot water.

These are the days the flies are following men home to open the screen door for them.

A June groom tells us she is worth her weight in sugar, even at present sugar prices.

THE GROWTH OF THE FURNITURE INDUSTRY DURING THE LAST FIFTY FLETCHER-AMERICAN YEARS

50 YEARS AGO



TO-DAY

The production of furniture manufactured in Indianapolis has increased more than thirty times during the past fifty years. In 1870, 326 men were employed to make furniture valued at \$475,000. In 1922, more than 2,000 men and women were employed to manufacture more than \$15,000,000 worth of furniture.

Fifty years ago the Fletcher American National Bank employed but ten men. Today the personnel of this institution includes 250 people.

The furniture industry has repeatedly sought this bank for sound counsel, financial assistance and support in making plans for expansion, and has always found it responsive.

Industry has banked at the Fletcher American National for more than half a century.

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