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Rural Churches and Preachers

Two writers who have made a study of the rural church from the standpoint of the mental equipment of the pastor who serves it, have concluded that members of the laity in the farming communities excel the ministers in intellectual equipment. Their finding, originally printed in The Outlook and reviewed in The Literary Digest, is "the culture of the pew has risen out of all proportion to the training of the pulpit."

Conclusions of this kind sometimes rest on superficial data that will not stand close scrutiny, but in the main the facts serve to focus attention to a situation which has given church leaders cause for worry. Some of the surveys disclose the following, says The Literary Digest:

"In three Indiana counties, 72 per cent of the ministers do not have a college and seminary training, 57 per cent do not have a college education, 37 per cent have not been to high school. In southeastern Ohio, in counties where only 25 per cent of the churches are growing, one-third of the ministers have nothing more than an elementary education, over one-half have not gone beyond the high school, while only 16 per cent have both a college and seminary training. Of three counties in Missouri having 180 churches, only two ministers reside in the county, and one of these is a superannuated preacher almost illiterate. In the same section the investigators found a rural school of the modern type, prize stock farms, a crowded normal school, and, in general, an intelligent and extremely alert citizen-

ship."

Out of the mass of data adduced by the two pay is about \$800 in the United States.

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A. The main difference between cold water paint and others is that cold water paint contains no oil.

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Q. How does the sun compare in brilliancy with electricity?—R. A. U.

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investigators to support their thesis, the underlying thought was that the rural church is suffering from lack of trained leadership and that its decadence cannot be ascribed entirely to a loss of spirituality among the people living on farms and in small rural communities.

And, on the other hand, the authors of the thesis emphatically say that the rural districts cannot get along without spiritual leaders. "There is no escaping the fact that, whatever the country may be able to do in the future, they are at present neither able to walk securely without spiritual leaders nor to develop such leaders among themselves," they declare. Elsewhere they say, "We found, not only churches in all parts of the country, but prosperous communities, suffering from every degree of ministerial neglect."

The alleged ministerial neglect of many communities may be ascribed to two general causes: First, the paucity of trained ministers, and, secondly, the unwillingness of congregations to pay their ministers adequate and living wages.

A minister must receive adequate remuneration in his calling if results are to be obtained. Wideawake young men are not going to enter the ministry if they know that they will hardly be able to eke out a living on the small salaries that are paid to them. The calling is not an easy one. The demands made on a modern minister are as exacting as those made on the members of other professions. The fact that few sons of ministers adopt the professional career of their fathers shows that the calling is neither a snap nor a highly paid one.

The calibre of ministers in the rural districts will rise no higher than the salaries which the congregations are willing to pay, and only a few candidates will prepare for the ministry so long as clergymen are paid exceedingly small salaries for their training and experience.

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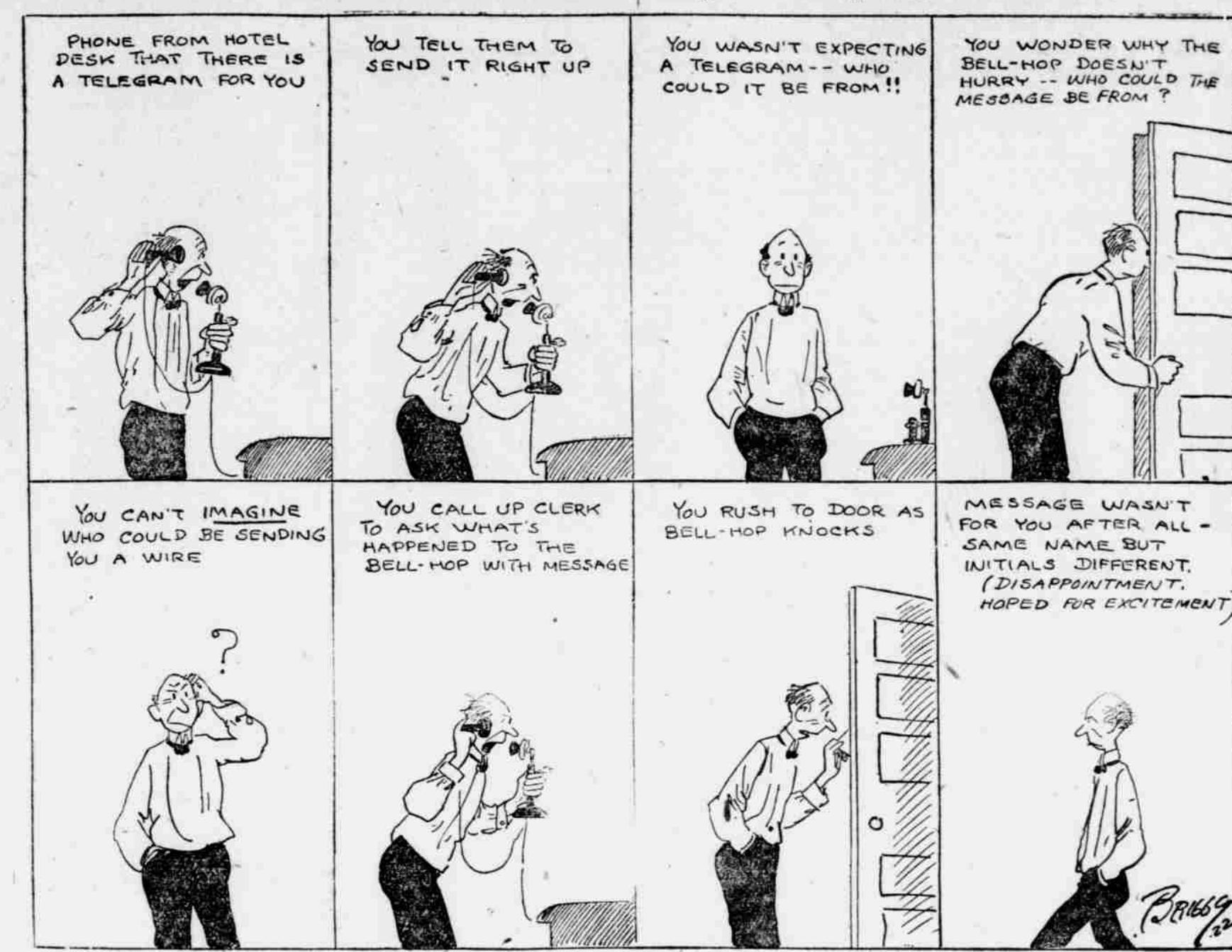
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Tedious Pastime—Waiting for a Telegram



After Dinner Tricks

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

TAX MONEY

I've written miles of deathless song,
to earn the coin in yonder sacks, and
I must hand it out ere long to pay my
yearly income tax. I greatly wonder
where they'll go, when Uncle Sam collects
those bucks; I greatly fear that
he will throw my hard-earned roubles to
the ducks. Uncle Sam could only
see the poet in his garret barge, com-
posing epics wild and free, that he
may have a bill of fare! I buy harps
from Henry Ford in quantities, to get
them cheap; yet when I've paid for
them and board the roll that's left
would make you weep. I walk the
floor by night and day, to find new
rhymes for rhymeless words; and
Uncle Sam will take my pay, and he'll
throw it at the birds. He'll buy him-
self a sword and gun, and build him-
self a submarine, well knowing how I
need the man to pay John D. for gas-
oline. He'll hand out money left and
right to pay for past and future wars;
I have to pay for every fight, yet war's
a thing my soul abhors. He'll run his
government in grooves that make
same voters stand agast; he never
alters or improves the cumbrous
methods of the past. Nine men will do
what one might do, red tape will
govern every step, and high priced
statesmen still chew their rags of
cotton and of rep. I earn my dough
in bitter toil, I twang my lyre the
long day, and coin I need for gas and
oil must go to Sam, to throw away.

Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

The Whitewater house, owned by Webb Pyte, was badly smashed in a runaway which occurred on North Second street. The team had been hitched and in the absence of the driver, became scared. It ran south with the wagon and weight to the corner of Main and Second streets where the wagon collided with a pole, breaking off a wheel. The team ran east on Main street to the drinking fountain at the corner of Third and Main streets, where it stopped, and was caught. Produce was scattered over the street but the loss was small.

Lessons in Correct English

Don't Say:
WHOM do you think will call?
WHOM did you say was appointed?
WHOM do you think will be ap-
pointed?

You, an experienced man, is the one
who should be named.

Say:
WHO do you think will call?
WHO did you say was appointed?
WHO do you think will be ap-
pointed?

You, an experienced man, ARE the
one who should be named.

So you made peace with the can-
nibal chief?" asked the good listener.
"Yes," said the explorer, who was
relating his adventures. "I gave him
a string of beads and a pocket knife."

"Ah! A simple child of nature."

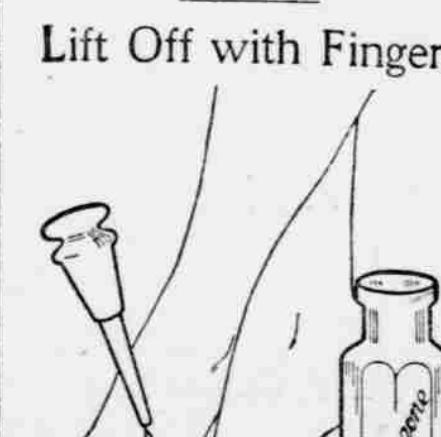
"Not so simple as I thought. He
next wanted to know what I had in
the way of phonograph records."

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