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This Should Be Passed Along

A Lawyer's Oath

(St. Johns Republican-News)
Methods of collecting taxes and the frequency of the payments are fully as important as the amount itself. Some months ago we first mentioned this phrase of tax collection, and we are so impressed by its feasibility that we have harped away on it several times since. This week there came to our desk a circular which advertised an issue of bonds for the city of Knoxville, Tennessee. Excerpts from the circular show some interesting facts. We recommend that every taxpayer and every city, village and township official read them and think them over:

"In the last four years Knoxville has levied \$12,781,907 in taxes;

"Better than 94 per cent of their taxes have actually been paid, and this in a city which is not in the rich industrial area and has its large percentage of colored population.

"The circular says, 'Knoxville now collects taxes quarterly, allowing taxpayers benefit of 8 per cent on unmatured portion of their payment.'

"The circular which was issued by a large Chicago investment bank, says that this plan creates a decided saving to taxpayers for early payment and encourages tax collections and that the new plan is working admirably.

"Not only should this state, and every state in our opinion, collect taxes from every person who has reached the age of twenty-one and who enjoys the benefits of government, but it should be so arranged that the entire amount of the tax does not fall due at one time. The partial payment plan is not an experiment in other lines of business. In fact most of the great industries and businesses of the country are today founded upon partial-payment and credit basis. With a little thought and can pay in advance, much of the pain of tax-burden could be alleviated.

"We are not advancing this as a simple and easily administered panacea. Much of the machinery of tax-collection would have to be revamped. Yet it is no more impossible or impractical than dozens of radical changes of policy which big business meets successfully.

Another Development

(Delta Reporter)

Another development concerns the growth of the deer herd, not less than sixty in number at Oak Grove, just north of Howell, in one of the state's best developed agricultural sections. Back in 1914 the College possessed a good sized herd quartered in a grove where many of the college buildings now stand. The deer became too numerous and a young man graduate of the school secured permission to move four of the animals. It is these four deer which have now grown into the herd above mentioned.

Here within twenty miles of Flint and forty of either the state capital or Detroit, these deer have multiplied. No hunting is permitted, dogs being the only menace. The farmers in the section are said to take some degree of pride in the development, overlooking some inroads on their crops from time to time.

The Mexican minister of foreign affairs says that the world needs a new moral code. In the meantime, a slight attempt to use the old one might help a little. —Lynchburg News.

Lowell (Mich) Ledger—
The American Bar Association has formulated an oath which it suggests should be required of all applicants for the practice of law. It is comparatively short, clear and concise. Every lawyer should seek to live up to its requirements. It reads as follows:

"I do solemnly swear that—
'I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Michigan.

"I will maintain the respect due to courts of justice and judicial officers.

"I will not counsel or maintain any suit or proceedings which shall appear to me to be unjust, nor any defense such as I believe to be honestly debatable under the law of the land.

"I will employ for the purpose of maintaining the causes confided to me such means only as are consistent with truth and honor and will never seek to mislead the judge or jury by any artifice or false statement of fact or law.

"I will maintain the confidence and preserve inviolate the secrets of my client, and will accept no compensation in connection with his business except from him or with his knowledge and approval. 'I will abstain from all offensive personality, and advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a witness, unless required by the justice of the cause with which I am charged. 'I will never reject, from any consideration personal to myself, the cause of the defenseless or oppressed, or delay any man's cause for lucre or malice, so help me, God."

A Referendum

(Charlotte Republican)

The whole question finally resolves itself into a personal matter. We have always claimed that public opinion is the law. No law can long survive against a well defined public opinion. Has prohibition reached a point in our national thinking with a majority opposed to its enforcement? To forever settle the problem why not hold a national referendum to correctly determine the attitude of our people? And then enact laws based upon that decision. Every decent citizen regardless of how he feels on prohibition must sense the seriousness of our present situation. Hypocrisy is, in some ways, just as dangerous to popular government as treason. Today hypocrisy is in the saddle. We have too many drinking dyes.

Heroes And Depressions

(Rochester Clarion)

The few great depressions that have come to business are a test net of our business but of individuals. We who have seemed big, during times of depression or panic show themselves in their frantic and irrational reactions to be fundamental cowards. On the other hand business men who have seemed insignificant become towers of strength because of the way they take defeat. When the ship is sinking the men of sterling character stand out. After every financial crash most of the cowards have absconded or blown their brains out. Yet the small business man sees everything he owns swept away and before the echo of the crash dies away he is planning to build again. The route of life has represented him falsely; the crisis has proven him a hero.

Enterprise liners bring results.

CHURCHES

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clareville
(At Witter Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:30
Divine Services, 10:30.
The first and third Sunday of the month the services are conducted in the German language. All other services are English.

No Sunday-School and no service next Sunday. Pastor Graupner will preach at the Mission Festival in Freedom.

St. Paul's Lutheran School started the new school year Sept 1 with M. F. Gutzler as teacher. The enrollment showed an increase of 47% over last year. We have room for some more. Remember: The soul of education is the education of the soul.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callanan, Pastor
Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily Mass at 8:00.

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Salmosa, Pastor

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.
Sunday school 9:30.
German service 10:30.
Subject: "Going our way Rejoicing."

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Pastor

The seventy-sixth conference session of the Detroit Methodist conference will be held from September 15-21 in the Central M. E. church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Next Sunday Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson will preach on the theme "The Shining Stars of Expectation," and in the evening "Lost Happiness."

Monday evening the Young Peoples Club will give a Going Away to College party at 6 o'clock. All young people of the club are cordially invited. Next Sunday evening the first meeting of the fall season will be held. All young people turn out for the first meeting.

Clareville M. E. Church
Rev. Robert Richards

Sunday Morning
11 a. m. Baptismal service.
11:30. Children's Program.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 The Pastor will again present both a Junior and Senior sermon. The junior message will be, "God's Warning Sign." The adult message will be the first of a series on "The Sins of the Saints."

11:45 Bible School. The slogan for our school for the next few weeks is "Watch us Grow." Come and visit us.

6:30 Young People's Hour. This service is entirely in charge of the young people.

7:30 Evangelistic service. Every Sunday night, we are happy to conduct an old fashioned praise and testimony service. The sermon is always a presentation of God's claims on the soul and people are always invited to take a stand for the Christian life. Come and worship with us.

Schulte & Parr, Attorneys for Mortgagees, Peoples State Bank Building, Farmington, Michigan, Phone 104.

CHANCERY CASE
In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, in Chancery, made and entered on the 25th day of May, A. D. 1931 in a certain cause, therein pending, wherein Arthur L. Geisler and Nellie E. Geisler, his wife, were complainants and John Wilcox was defendant, Notice is hereby given, that I shall at public sale to the highest bidder, at the Saginaw Street entrance to the Court House on the City of Pontiac (that be the place of holding the Circuit Court for said county), Oakland County, Michigan, on the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, A. D. 1931 at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: all those certain pieces or parcels of land situated in the Townships of Farmington and Free, Blountland, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, described as follows:

All that certain parcel of land situated in the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, and described as: Lot No. 25 of the Oakland Hills Orchard Subdivision of the west half of northwestern quarter of Section 11, all in said Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for said county of Oakland, Michigan, December 13, 1925, in Book 25 of Plat, Page 2 of said county of Oakland, Michigan, and also Township of Free, Blountland, Oakland County, Michigan, described as: Five acres of land of uniform width on the west side of section 20 of southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 20 in town 2 North Range 2 East, Michigan, lying North of center of Walnut Avenue.

Dated August 5th, 1931.
Circuit Court Commissioner,
Oakland County, Michigan.

Schulte & Parr,
Attorneys for Plaintiffs,
Farmington, Michigan.

Aug. 13-Sept. 24.
Enterprise liners bring results.

Bill Eason's Treasure

By CHARLES SLOAN REID

(By Michigan Newspaper Syndicate.)

"THEY say as Bill Eason's a dyin'." Cale Hardy had stopped in front of Tom Moore's cabin, and shook the news through the open doorway to Nancy Moore who was engaged at churning with an old-fashioned pot churn.

"Yuh don't say?" Nancy arose from her work, and came to the doorway where she stood with her arms akimbo to hear what might follow concerning Bill's illness.

"He was tuk sudden, I reckon. He was down to Fairfield a Saturday."

"My land, I wonder how anybody found it out, an' Bill a livin' there all by his lonesome?"

"They say as Jim Joiner went to Bill's to borrow his chop ax, an' found 'im in the bed a' sudden!"

"Do tell! Did he git a doctor?"

"Yes; Doc Malcolm's over thar now."

"I wonder ef Bill'll loosen up 'bout the treasure afore he dies?"

"Hit 'ud be a downright shame ef he didn't, I reckon, s'ides 'n' hit could do him no good to keep it; an' hit mought do a world o' good to some'un here."

"I reckon."

Bill Eason was peculiar. For years he had gone about the mountain range with apparently no object in life. He was in his seventieth year. He was called a miser—he often spoke of a treasure mysteriously concealed somewhere; and his neighbors had wise spread about that Bill somehow had accumulated much gold, and had it hid away in the mountains in some cave or cavern. Bill had loved a girl in his youth with all the intensity of his sturdy nature. It was thought, too, at that time, that Sue Polfrey loved Bill in the same way; but, her dad, Lige Polfrey, had moved away to Milwaukee and had taken Sue with him. Sue had dragged her arms from about Bill's neck at parting, with tears streaming down her cheeks, and had promised faithfully that she would write to him, and sometime would come back. Some said she never wrote; and all knew that she never came back; for news had come less than a year later that Sue had died. Bill grieved, and few ever had seen a smile on his face throughout all the years thereafter.

"T'opten," declared Cale Hardy, "the doctor'll quit Bill about the treasure, ef the treasure 'ain't found."

"Maybe so." Nancy sighed. "Hit's a pity a morn' he's live 't'is way."

"Teah. Well, I'll see 'bout it. I's thought I'd stop 'n' let yuh know."

"I thank-ee. I reckon I'll be goin' over to Bill's agin I git this churnin' done."

By the middle of the afternoon a large company of neighbors had gathered at Bill's cabin. The doctor had said there was no hope; that Bill could last only a few hours. Numerous suggestions had been made about getting the story of Bill's treasure from him before he was too far gone. Doctor Malcolm had set about it with all the tact of which he was capable; but Bill for a time had resisted his efforts. At last, however, he seemed to realize that he was slipping, and slipping fast.

"I reckon yuh're right, Doc," he said in a faint voice, rolling his eyes toward Malcolm's face. "I-I won't erret; git back thar no more. I-I want' stuf treasure."

The effort had cost Bill some strength. Malcolm looked over him. "All right, Bill," he said; "tell us how to find it, and we will have it here for you in a short time."

Bill was silent for some moments. Then a sharp pain caused a convulsion of his muscles. "Too o'-sheepness—blue-veined rock agin—burst chest—nut. Dig under."

"Tenny oak box," Bill's eyes closed, and a light of relief passed over his features.

Cale Hardy and two other mountaineers set out for the hiding place. It was a half mile away, and the men lost no time. Returning they brought up a little square, home-made oak box, bound about by half a dozen coils of old w.e.

"We thought to let old Bill see the openin' hisself," declared Hardy, placing the box in the hands of Doctor Malcolm.

There was much subdued comment, as the mountain folk gathered about the box. Malcolm held the box over Bill's face. "This it, Bill?" he asked.

There was a slight nod of acknowledgment from Bill, and something like a smile found expression about the old man's lips. Slowly his hand came up from beneath the covering of the box. Quickly Doc Malcolm dragged the wire from about the box, and turned back the lid. A dozen pairs of eyes were staring from all sides.

Doctor Malcolm himself stared into the box a full minute. Then, reverently he thrust in his fingers, and lifted out the contents with gentle care—a crumpled bit of paper, yellow from age.

Bill Eason's eyes suddenly showed new light, as his fingers closed upon the paper which Doc had pressed into them. After this there was a single gasp, and the old mountaineer was dead.

At the lower side of the sheet of paper, which protruded from between Bill's fingers were six words: "Yore darlin' Sue."

"Pike County, Mizoo."

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