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**CURRENT COMMENT.**

The railroads are spending 66 millions for new terminals in Chicago. It is expenditures of such proportions that are helping the automobiles put the railroads on the hummer.

Taxes are funny. The man who spends a lot of money improving his premises by buildings, etc., finds his taxes doubled. The fellow who lets his property run down until it is an eyesore finds that his taxes grow less. Why not reward the fellow who improves the town instead of penalizing him?

Whether nominated or not, the impressive fact in regard to the political career of Justice Charles E. Hughes is that his honors have been forced upon him and have come unsought. This has been true throughout. He is not a self seeking politician. He does not maneuver and puff strings; he does not make combinations and compromises in order to obtain office. His merit is so great that his country calls him, as countries used to call men in days of old.

The horror of the war abroad has led various clergymen to declare that Christianity has broken down; that the religion of Christ is a failure. Indeed, one reverend gentleman declares that if the churches were honest, they would close their doors. This is more nonsense. When Christianity was much more powerful than it is now it did not prevent wars. If Christianity finally breaks down, it will be the result of gradually changing conditions; the churches will not close their doors because of some great evidence against them. Christianity is cleaner and more respectable now, and responsible for fewer wars, than it was a hundred or two hundred or five hundred years ago.

The amended farm loan bill which seems likely to become a law, and which is, therefore, of a great deal of interest to the farmers generally, proposes to establish a farm loan board composed of three members to be appointed by the president, not more than two of whom shall belong to the same political party. The members of this farm loan board will receive annual salaries of \$7500 each. One member of the board shall be appointed to serve three years, one six years and one nine years. Their successors shall be appointed to serve nine years. No member of the board shall be an officer or director of any bank or farm mortgage company. This board shall appoint a farm loan registrar in each land bank district to receive applications for issues of farm loan bonds. The board will also be authorized to employ such attorneys, experts, assistants, clerks, laborers and other employes as it may deem necessary to conduct the business of the board. The farm loan board will be required to divide the continental United States, including Alaska, into 12 districts, which will be known as federal land bank districts. In each of these districts the board shall establish a federal land bank with a capital stock of not less than three-fourths million dollars. Each federal land bank will have nine directors, six to be selected by the farm loan associations and three to be appointed by the farm loan board. The capital stock of each federal land bank shall be divided into shares of \$5 each, and may be subscribed for by any individual firm or corporation or by the government of any state or of the United States. If at the expiration of 90 days after the organization of any federal land bank the minimum of three-fourths million dollars has not been subscribed, the government of the United States will subscribe for the stock remaining unsubscribed. The bill then provides for the organizing of national farm loan associations composed of 10 or more persons who are the owners or about to become owners of farm land qualified as security for a mortgage loan under the provisions of the act. When one of these farm loan associations shall desire to get for any member a loan on first mortgage from the federal land bank it must first subscribe for capital stock of the land bank to the amount of 5 per cent of the loan and such subscription must be paid in cash upon the granting of the loan. This stock is held as collateral security by the federal land bank. Be-

fore borrowing money from the federal land bank the farm loan association must file an affidavit with a report showing that each of the subscribers to the farm loan association is, or is about to become the owner of farm land qualified as the basis of a farm mortgage loan and that the loan desired by each subscriber is not more than \$10,000 nor less than \$100, and that the aggregate of loans desired by the members of the farm loan association is not less than \$20,000. Any person who desires a loan through a farm loan association shall subscribe for shares of stock in such association to an amount equal to 5 per cent of the face of the desired loan, said subscription to be paid upon the granting of the loan. Loans shall not be made for more than 60 per cent of the appraised value of the land and 20 per cent of the appraised value of the permanent improvements thereon. The rate of interest on the loans will consist of the interest on the federal land bank bonds plus a charge of not to exceed 1 per cent a year to cover the expense of administration; these two not to exceed 6 per cent. In addition an amortization fee will be charged sufficient to pay off the principal of the loans within a period of from five to 36 years. No loan shall be made to any borrower in excess of \$10,000. The bonds issued by the federal land loan banks will be in denominations ranging from \$20 to \$1000.

**Tales of the Town**

The Payette river is going up, probably on account of the war in Europe.

Sometimes one is led to believe that simplified spelling originated with the sign painters' union.

No telephone girl has a voice sweet enough to cheer a man up by telling him the line is busy.

Some women are optimists to the extent of believing they will do better the next time they marry.

The man who prays, "Give us this day our daily bread," should have a hoe in his hand as he prays.

The loyal American takes very little stock in kings, unless he has four of 'em and an ace to nigger with.

Barbers sure work in a rut. They ask us just as regularly if we don't want a hair cut as they did when we wore hair.

About the time a man finds a shoe or a collar that feels comfortable, the dealer quits handling it, and starts some new fad.

Now that the dandelions have been killed by the frost, it is reported they are worth 25 cents a peck in the New England states.

Fashion has decreed that the men shall wear silk this season. And right here is where fashion for once is going to get fooled.

Old Bill Misgivens had no rich ancestors, and says about all he ever inherited was his father's politics and a little of his mother's religion.

With "hazardous" meaning "full of hazard," and "dangerous" meaning "full of danger," a schoolboy has arrived at an altogether erroneous definition of "pious."

Here's a free tip for C. D. Bucknum of the local theater: Secure the movie rights for the picture of W. H. Taft in the voting booth in case Colonel Roosevelt is nominated.

The woman who charms, before marriage, with her bright, vivacious wit, may not be able to keep it up 365 days in every year. A "beau" is a stimulant—but a husband becomes a steady diet.

"Slavs are near Jonah's tomb," says a newspaper headline. And to think that were it not for Jonah's miraculous deliverance, the Slavs might have had to use a submarine to accomplish this feat!

A yell the stockyards people of Kansas City gave at the Billy Sunday meeting one day last week: "Beef stew, lamb stew, ham hock, kraut; T-bone, sirloin, liver, snout; pigs feet, lamb chops, head cheese, slaw; look out satan, rah! rah! rah!"

Since the missus bought one of those old fashioned bath tubs, the boss has to use a shoe horn in order to get half of his anatomy into it at one time. Of course, the missus declares she bought it for a washtub, but what is a fellow going to do when it is the only one on the place.

The only Democratic voter in a Missouri family of eight persons is seeking office at the hands of his par-

ty. "You see," he explains, "there's my wife and the six girls." Lowering his voice to confidential tones, he added: "I was afraid to raise a boy—afraid he'd be a Republican."

One of life's little setbacks is to take a seat in a barber chair, and in a gas-away contest with the barber make a few passing remarks that are not in accordance with Christian living only to find that the lathered party in the next chair was your favorite preacher.

Two old Scotsmen were disputing as to who remembered the windier day. "I mind it bein' sic a win'," said one, "that it took the craws three 'oors to flee hame frae the dominie's field, an' that's no mair than a mile." "Hoot, mon!" the other replied, "I've seen it that windy that the craws had to walk hame."

"Who stole the overdrafts?" may still be a puzzling question to a certain bank president, who after looking over the affairs of his institution sent for a representative from the examiner's office. "When I was elected president of the bank, according to the books the overdrafts were about \$800. Yes, sir! Well, I was in there yesterday looking over the books and they showed the overdrafts only a little more than \$200. What's become of that \$600?"

A young couple entered a preacher's study just as he was ready to begin morning worship in the church and requested him to marry them. In order not to delay the regular services, he asked them to wait until the conclusion of the sermon when he would marry them publicly. When the sermon was finished he announced: "Now will those persons wishing to be married please come forward?" Eleven women and one man promptly answered the call.

A forgetful man went into a drug store and said his wife had sent him for a bottle of medicine. "Funny I can't think of the name of it," he said. "What are some of the great lakes of this country?" "Well," replied the drug clerk, "there is Lake Ontario, Lake Erie—" "That's the one; Erie. Didn't something happen there a long time ago to attract attention?" "Yes, Perry won a great naval victory there—" "Now I have it," the man said triumphantly; "give me a bottle of Perrygoric."

**WAR**

**I**N reading about the war, have you ever wondered just how you would feel if you were there? If you were watching the "artillery preparation" waiting for the order to charge? If you were actually crossing the ground to the enemy's trenches and jumping in?

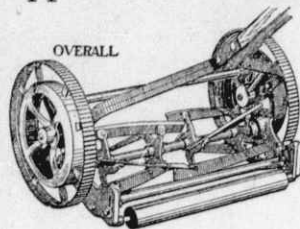
Well, you may get pretty close to that feeling in an article in the World's Work for June. No more graphic writing has come out of the war than the story of "Twenty-four Hours in the Trenches," by William J. Robinson, an American with the British at the front. His regiment arrives at night to take its turn in the trenches, only a short distance from the first line trenches of the Germans. Things quiet. Not much doing. Seventeen of the men are laid out in the night—have "stopped one," as the phrase goes. That is a fair average for a battalion.

After breakfast the company officer calls the men to attention and tells them there will be work to do that night. He suggests that if they have letters to write he will see that they are posted as soon as possible. The men sit about writing and chaffing each other. A good deal of the chaff is bluff. After dinner further information is given. They are to attack at 7 that evening, to take three lines of trenches, hold them three hours and then return to the original position. Five different places are to be attacked simultaneously, but only one is to be held. The rest are bluffs. The artillery is to bombard the German first and second line trenches for an hour and a half. Then it will lift to the third line and the first line trench is to be stormed with the bayonet. That is to be held until the men are ordered forward, when the artillery fire will again lift. In this way a curtain of fire is to be kept between the attacking party and the main body of Germans.

The afternoon drags with nerves strained almost to the breaking point. Tea is served at 5, but few show an appetite. At 5:30 the crash of the bombardment begins. The men are ordered to lie flat in the trench to avoid the German reply, which comes vigorously. Men begin to be hit. In the lull Robinson hears screams and groans. Then the word is passed: "Stand by, ready;" there is a sharp blast from a whistle and the men are over the parapets with the German machine guns playing on them. A moment's struggle with barbed wire and then they tumble into the Ger-

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It is all told simply, but with a terrible vividness; the fierce struggle, the wait for the signal to take the next line, men trembling, praying, cursing, sobbing, hysterical; then the advance into the second and third line, and the final retirement. Of 1,148 who made the attack just 332 come back, and they wonder how long their luck will last.

The country has been surfeited with war writing in the last year and a half. But Mr. Robinson's article has the quality of reality and great experience that gives abiding interest. And men by the hundreds of thousands are going through just such experiences only ten days away from this peaceful land!

**Game in Manchuria.**

The long haired tiger is found throughout Manchuria wherever there is hilly country, but is never found on the plains. It is extremely difficult to bag and is by no means numerous. In addition to tigers the following game may be found in Manchuria: Bear (black and brown), wapiti, Sika deer (two species), roe deer serow, wild pig, leopard and lynx. All, however, are scarce and hard to bag with the exception of roe deer and pig.—London Globe.

**Bowel Complaints in India.**

In a lecture at one of the Des Moines, Iowa, churches a missionary from India told of going into the interior of India, where he was taken sick, that he had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with him and believed that it saved his life. This remedy is used successfully in India both as a preventive and cure for cholera. You may know from this that it can be depended upon for the milder forms of bowel complaint that occur in this country. Obtainable everywhere.

**One Way Out.**

Despite his illiteracy Mose Belt has gathered quite a competency from his whitewashing and kalsomining trade. Recently during the course of some business with a notary the latter produced a document, saying: "Sign your name here, Mose." "Look heah," said Mose, with offended dignity, "I doesn't sign mah name, suh. I's a business man, suh, an' has no time for dem trifling details. I always dictates mah name, suh."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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