

# AMERICANA

## ARKANSAS

TRIUMPH of Law Enforcement in Booneville, as revealed by a political advertisement in the eminent *Progress*:

### WANTED

Everybody's vote who is against the (so called) Bone Dry Law. No Bone Dry votes wanted.

J. M. Sugg,  
*Independent Candidate for  
Logan County Sheriff*  
*Adv.*

## CALIFORNIA

LITERARY activities of the lady Aristotles of the State university, Southern branch:

Bema, the women's forensic society, will hold a debate upon the subject: Resolved, that Red Grange is a better football player than a movie actor.

How a love of beautiful letters is rammed into the sweating high-school students of glorious Los Angeles by the talented pedagogues of the town, as revealed by a form book-report:

- I. Title—date of writing—scene and time portrayed.
- II. Author—chief dates—places connected with his life—other works.
- III. Classification as an expression of America (give many details).
  - A. Geographical.
  - B. Social.
    1. Degree of education.
    2. Amusements.
    3. Classes of society (contrasts and relations and feelings).
    4. Comforts and luxuries.
    5. Use of leisure time.
    6. Chief interests and outlook.
    7. Accomplishments.
    8. Homes and furnishing and surroundings.
    9. Dress.
    10. Family life.
    11. Manners.
    12. Politics.
  - C. Religious and moral.
    1. Place of church in lives of people.
    2. Reliance on a power higher than themselves.

3. Degree of respect for clergy—  
influence of clergy.
4. Guiding mottoes of principles  
or absence of same.
5. Ideas of right and wrong—re-  
straining influences—social or  
individual.
6. What decides the choice of con-  
duct?
7. Degree of certainty—as to right  
and wrong.
8. Attitude toward unfortunate.

D. Industrial.

E. Aesthetic.

1. Appreciation or creation of mu-  
sic.
2. Painting.
3. Sculpture.
4. Architecture.
5. Theatre.
6. Dancing.
7. Literature.

IV. Style: Give quotations to prove your state-  
ments.

- A. Vocabulary—vivid—flat—colloquial  
—elegant—simple—stilted—easy—  
dignified—quaint—provincial—diffi-  
cult—refined—coarse.
- B. Mood: gay—sombre—humorous—  
sad—adventurous—didactic—tender  
—fatalistic—pessimistic—optimistic.
- C. Coherence and proportion.
- D. Interest and suspense.
  1. What creates them?
  2. What questions must be an-  
swered before the reader is sat-  
isfied?

ADVERTISEMENT in the *Modesto News-  
Herald*:

MODESTO COOPERAGE—407 Tenth st. Tanks and  
wine barrels of all description. Repairing  
promptly attended to.

POLITE remonstrance and request of the  
fair editor of the Sawtelle *Enterprise*:

The *Enterprise* editor asks her friends, who find  
her full name—Susie Pierson Miller—too long  
to use, to refer to her as Miss Miller. This name  
is easy to remember, also easy to speak. Under  
ordinary circumstances it would be permissible  
for intimate friends to use the given name Susie,  
but unfortunately there are others who are only  
casual acquaintances who hear the close friends  
refer to the editor in that way, and they also

adopt that style. Therefore all friends are asked to refrain entirely from this habit. Comparative strangers, who fall into this ill-bred style, invariably make the excuse that they heard others say Susie—instead of Miss Miller or Susie Pierson Miller.

BUSINESS card of a scientist of San Francisco, the old home of Dr. Albert Abrams:

DR. JAMES A. M. McLEAN

*Anatomist, Biologist, Chemist, Evolutionist, Geologist, Pathologist, Erosionist, Poet, Theophrastus & Psychologist*

*Physical, Metaphysical & Spiritual  
Healer & Developer*

*Reduces and Builds Up Obesities  
Reduces, Disorders, Diseases & Deformities*

BY APPOINTMENT

Phone Walnut 3540 1605 Broderick st.

THE Hon. Harry Carr, the eminent columnist of the incomparable Los Angeles Times:

President Coolidge is one of the most remarkable men ever to occupy the White House. He has the level, enlightened common sense to see that great international problems are no more complicated than the problem of trading a horse.

ANOTHER apothegm by the same gifted publicist:

When California was made, Providence just spit on her hands and turned to and made a real job of it.

EPIGRAM in the *Rotary Gram*, official organ of the Long Beach Rotary Club:

Gossip is a vicarious sexual pleasure, enjoyed most by those who have been cheated.

FROM the bulletin of courses at Pacific Union College:

13 ab. GOSPEL SALESMANSHIP. The application of the principles used in the development of character, personality, and leadership, fitting one for evangelistic colporteur work and helpful in all other vocations. Science, coupled with actual field experience, makes it a course of real value to all. 2 hours each semester: Tu, 11:05, and field work: 4 hours.

## DELAWARE

SERMON-SUBJECT of the Rev. Dr. Leonard B. Smith, a distinguished divine of Wilmington:

God Broadcasting

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SUPREME effort by the chief editorial writer of the Washington Star:

The people like President Coolidge because he likes them, because he is their kind of a human being. It is as simple as the liking that existed between Mary and her lamb.

CHRISTIAN sporting news sent out by the Associated Press from Washington:

Some Negro girl of Baptist faith could swim the English Channel, in the opinion of the annual convention of the White Cross Bureau here. The delegates adopted a resolution proposed by the Rev. Edward Johnson calling on Negro Baptist business men to finance a search for a likely Negro feminine candidate and a year's special training in preparation for an attempt to eclipse the record of Gertrude Ederle.

SPECIMEN of musical criticism from the *Post*, organ of the Coolidge idealism:

Rubinoff's programme this week includes "Yes, Sir; That's My Baby" in classical form, and "Let's Talk About My Sweetie," both played as only Rubinoff can—with that exquisite finishing touch.

## GEORGIA

FROM Daily Bulletin No. 219, issued at Fort Benning:

Several instances have occurred on the reservation lately of cars overtaking and passing the Commandant in his official car. This discourtesy will be discontinued.

PUBLIC notice in the *Atlanta Constitution*:

I, Frank W. Wright (colored), wish to announce that I am not married to Maudine Hawkins, who lives at 1051 Quara street, city.

SPECIMEN of the homiletic tactics of a divine of Fayetteville:

The Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Elliott, pastor of the Methodist church here, announces he will give away 300 full-size loaves of bread to people attending the Sunday night services at the church here, at which time he will preach on the subject "Jesus Christ the Bread of Life."

## ILLINOIS

THE birth of a new Fellowship in Springfield:

THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

*A Society of Red Bloods*

DEVOTED TO

*Larger Living Truer Thinking Better Business*

STATE ARSENAL

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

WHAT it means to be a student at Broadview College:

All who are coming to school should provide themselves with proper and sufficient clothing to dress in harmony with good taste and divine instruction. . . . There is but one woman in a thousand who clothes her limbs as she should. . . . Women should clothe their limbs as thoroughly as do men. . . . This applies to other parts of the body as well. No one should be without rubbers. These suggestions are of the highest importance for the preservation of good health in order that students may make a success of their school life. . . . The wearing of jewelry, such as eardrops and finger rings, and other unnecessary ornaments, is decidedly in bad taste. Hair should be dressed simply and becomingly. The wearing of extravagant styles of hair dressing is not in harmony with the principles of the institution. . . . Young men and women are allowed to associate in a frank, manly and womanly manner at times and in places that are proper and in harmony with the rules of the school. Sentimentalism, flirting, strolling together about the grounds or elsewhere, and correspondence among students in the school are forbidden.

### IOWA

PORTRAIT of an eminent personage of DeWitt, in the *Observer*:

THAT YOU MAY KNOW THEM BETTER

T. W. LARGE

President Iowa Mutual Insurance Company and retired lumber dealer and builder

*When did you first come to DeWitt and why?*

March 7, 1866, because I was born here.

*What book had the most influence on you as a boy?*

Building plan books.

*What is your favorite form of recreation?*

Fishing and golfing.

*If you were to begin your business life again what would you do?*

Lumber and building business.

*What is your favorite form of reading and why?*

Mechanics.

*What is your favorite song and why?*

Iowa Corn Song.

*What do you think of cigarette smoking by women and why?*

I'm not in favor of it. It is bad enough for men.

*What public improvement should DeWitt strive for next?*

Public swimming pool in the park for children.

*Who do you think will be the next President? Whom would you like to see as President?*

Coolidge—Coolidge.

### MARYLAND FREE STATE

SIEGE operations of the Devil in Christian Baltimore, as reported by the eminent *Evening Sun*:

The art of making up, in order to simulate the tint of a delicate blush on cheeks void of color,

will be taught at the School of Charm to be opened at the Young Women's Christian Association under the direction of Miss Ruth Hudson.

### MICHIGAN

SPRIGHTLY advertisement in the *Kalamazoo Gazette*:

You are cordially invited to attend the opening of our new display of fine funeral furnishings, at our chapel, 431 West Main st., afternoon and evening. Goods and services marked in plain figures—the same price to all.

*Music — Flowers for the Ladies*

EDW. L. GOODALE

431 WEST MAIN ST.

### MINNESOTA

PLATFORM of a candidate for public office in St. James, as reported by the *Plaindealer*:

Any man who is ashamed to acknowledge God and Christ has no right to be entitled to citizenship, where liberty and the pursuit of happiness prevails.

DR. C. E. McNAUGHT,  
Candidate for State Senator,  
9th District

### MISSISSIPPI

CHRISTIAN words from the learned Knox M. Broom, A.B. (Millsaps), assistant superintendent of schools of this great State:

*To the public:*

My attention has been called to a statement in a New Orleans paper in which I am quoted as saying that the anti-evolution law of our State will not be enforced by the State Board of Education.

I want to deny most emphatically that I authorized any such statement and to say that I favor the enforcement of all laws written into the statute books of our State as do the members of the State Board of Education. Those who knew me as a student at Millsaps College or as a teacher in the public and high schools of the State will know that I never made any such statement as is attributed to me in the New Orleans paper.

Thus far in my life I have tried to uphold the law, and as a son of a Methodist minister and a graduate of a denominational college, I have tried to be faithful to the ideals of the church to which I belong.

I want the people of Mississippi to know that, as assistant State superintendent of education, I believe in the enforcement of all laws and that so far as the question of evolution is concerned I believe that man was made in the image of God his Creator, and I favor putting out of the schoolroom any man or woman teaching any other doctrine.

On the other hand I believe that every

teacher and every school should so live and teach as to increase the faith of the children in the God of our fathers.

### MISSOURI

FOOTNOTE on journalistic ethics from the *Ozark Democrat*:

The *Democrat* acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the annual check from the county W. C. T. U., as an expression from that organization of its appreciation for the paper's persistent stand for law observance and law obedience, as well as support given the W. C. T. U. in its fight for a continuance of Prohibition.

### NEW JERSEY

PROGRESS of refinement in the everglades behind Atlantic City, as reported in a press dispatch from that celebrated Gomorrah:

Led by Prohibition Agent Wilmer E. Barous, a dozen operatives entered a house in a thicket near Absecon and found two 500-gallon stills in full operation. The copper and brass of the mechanism shone like a mirror, the floor was spotless, and in one corner was an office in which sat a blonde stenographer.

### NEW YORK

SPORTING and ecclesiastical notice from the celebrated Brooklyn *Eagle*, the principal print of the City of Churches:

Andy Di Vodi, Bay Ridge youngster, again showed the prowess of his punch when he scored a technical knockout over Joe Zink of the U. S. Navy in the fourth frame of a scheduled six-rounder that topped the card at Long Beach last night. Di Vodi waded into Zink from the start and had him on the defensive throughout. He kept pumping both hands into Zink's face and body with machine-like precision and had him on the verge of a knockout when the mill was stopped. The bouts drew the largest crowd of the season, 3,000 customers packing the stadium to capacity. *The show was put on for the benefit of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, of Malverne, L. I.*

THE Rev. Hillyer Hawthorne Straton, M.A., son of the eminent Dr. John Roach Straton:

I know that God has called me to preach.

NOTE on Law Enforcement from a great Manhattan journal:

There are more teetotallers than tipplers at Sing Sing, according to Dr. Amos O. Squire, Medical Examiner of Westchester County and former physician at the prison. He examined 1217 prisoners last year, he said in an address before the Rotary Club of White Plains. Of this number, 777 said they were total abstainers, and only 440 were drinkers. There were fifteen

divorced men, thirty widowers, 502 married men and 670 single men.

JUDICIAL gossip from Brooklyn:

Philip Tohis, of 9742 36th street, was arraigned before Magistrate Conway in Long Island City Court yesterday on a charge of speeding. Asked why he broke the law, he said:

"My corns were hurting."

"What have your corns to do with the charge?" asked the Court.

"Whenever it is going to rain my corns hurt and I wanted to beat the rain home," replied Tohis.

"Did it rain?" asked the Magistrate.

"It did next day."

Tohis paid a fine of \$25.

LAW ENFORCEMENT headline from the eminent *Herald-Tribune*:

RUM-PROOF MATERIAL

DISPLAYED FOR WOMEN'S

HOSE AND FROCKS

### NORTH DAKOTA

SERMON-SUBJECT of the Rev. H. M. Wyrich, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Grand Forks:

How to Love Your Mother-in-Law

A HEART-BROKEN father of Belfield unbosoms himself in the *Review* of that town:

I have decided to sell my 200-acre farm on the Red river, all improved, near Grand Forks, for \$10,000. This land has been in the McCabe family for nearly twenty years.

I expected to hold it for the boys, but Peter says he is going to be a dentist and John wants to be a civil engineer.

They will likely both wind up with a herd of sheep in the Bad Lands.

Description of land in my office.

Three thousand cash, balance easy. This farm is worth \$20,000.

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J. E. McCABR

### OHIO

FROM an inspiring address before the convention of the National Confectioners Association, held at Cincinnati:

The first electric sign that swung across the skylight of the firmament was put there in answer to the Divine injunction, Let there be light! And there was light, and the light was good, and the light will be good for your industry if you turn it on.

STRANGE works of the Almighty in Darke county, as reported by the *Greenville Daily Advocate*:

A report came to Greenville Monday morning of a shower of small toads in the vicinity north-

east of Dawn, Darke county. After the heavy rain Sunday evening, which occurred about 8:30 o'clock, automobilists who traveled on the cement highway and residents in the vicinity reported that hundreds of small live toads were found on the highway and the fields nearby. It is said that these toads came from the heavens with the heavy rainfall. Showers of fishes have been reported in this locality several times, but this is the first time that a shower of small toads has come to our notice.

CONTRIBUTION to medical science by an eminent moralist of Youngstown, as reported in a United Press dispatch from there:

"If you don't want to live long, indulge in petting parties," is the advice handed out to adolescents by Ross Clarke, physical director of the Y. M. C. A. Modern petting and necking, Clarke says, produces a psychological condition resulting in ill health, nervous ailments and premature old age. "Pet and die young," Clarke warns youth.

### PENNSYLVANIA

THE Rev. Dr. Carl Agee, pastor of the First Christian Church, Roosevelt boulevard and Tenth street, Philadelphia, as reported by the *Evening Bulletin*:

St. Paul was the sports writer of the New Testament.

FESTAL day in Pillow Gap:

Saturday evening the comfort station in Pillow Gap will be opened for business by Preston Troutman. The Pillow Band will give a concert.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

THE Hon. Frank P. Gaines in the eminent Greenville *Piedmont*:

To cast aspersion upon Rotary indicates bad taste, poor judgment, and a marked ingratitude.

Rotary has provided broad and sweet comradeship between man and man and has thus fed the hunger of myriad hearts.

### TEXAS

WANT AD in the San Antonio *Express*:

WANT OFFICE WOMAN

Over 25 years of age, one who wants job and not position; hard work, long hours, small pay and no future. Crockett 6632.

THE progress of heresy in this great State, as reported by Science Service:

A man may leave a million dollars to found an astronomical observatory and still be of sound

mind, according to a decision just made by a Texas court. The case involved the will of the late W. J. McDonald, of Paris, Texas.

### UTAH

APPEARANCE of a new civic honor in Salt Lake City:

The Frances Willard W. C. T. U. were invited by Sheriff Ben R. Harries to the county jail, where they assisted in pouring several gallons of confiscated liquor down the sewer.

### VERMONT

THE New Morality along Lake Champlain:

Collector Harry C. Whitehill, of St. Albans, has set another scheme in motion in an effort to decrease bootlegging activities in this section. Anybody who gives information which results in the seizure of liquor will get 25% of the fines imposed on the boat's or vehicle's crew and 25% of the sum recovered by the government from the sale of the means of transportation. Mr. Whitehill said the government was empowered to make this offer to amateur informers by Section 619 of the Tariff Act of 1922.

### VIRGINIA

THE Rev. Dr. John W. Ham, speaking before the Roanoke Real Estate Board, as reported by the *Times* of that fortunate town:

If Noah had had the modern oil-burning engine in his boat and the information concerning the immediate territory around Roanoke, he would have headed straight for Dead Man's Mountain and tied up there instead of Mt. Ararat, with all of its howling waste and wilderness of sand dunes. Abraham started out in quest of the Land of Canaan. He knew nothing about the Shenandoah Valley. If he had known he would have turned West instead of East.

Moses was a developer. They charged him in Egypt with being a labor agitator. He was a real estate man. He saw wonderful possibilities in Canaan. Quicker returns would come by developing Canaan than by fooling around in the deserts of Egypt. He left with a colony of a million and a half to build a city in a more even temperate climate with greater resources. He was permitted from Mt. Nebo to look over into that land. Abraham had started toward that land centuries before. He had the spirit of the realtor. He wanted to develop and expand in all that land of opportunity. Joshua was chosen to carry on. He announced his purpose to complete the job by overturning some of the old backward towns by shaking the life out of them and starting all over again. He marched around Jericho with brass bands. At a given notice there was lots of noise. Some one has said that they put over a vast amount of hot air on that occasion.

# BLACK CHILD

BY WINIFRED SANFORD

## *Mama's Papa*

CALLIE was sitting in the doorway, her bare toes curled over the splintered gray edge of the step, with Beatrice squirming in her arms.

"Callie," Mama had said, "you watch Washington and Leroy and Beatrice while I stir up the corn-bread. And mind you don't wake your Papa."

"Well 'm."

Callie could hear Papa snoring on the bed, and the thud of Mama's spoon against the bowl. In the reddish dirt outside, Washington and Leroy were playing, pulling nails with Papa's hammer from a board they had found in the city dump down the road. Beatrice was crying for the nails.

"You shut up," said Callie, holding her more tightly.

She realized too late that she shouldn't have spoken. Washington had forgotten she was there. Now he said, "Callie, I's goin' to drive this nail in your toe!"

"No you ain't!"

"Sure am!"

Leroy rolled in the dust and grinned at Washington. "Go do it, Washington."

"If you does," warned Callie, "I tells Mama."

Washington was grinning and making faces as he picked up the hammer and the longest, sharpest nail. "Here I goes, Callie!"

Callie held her breath and clutched Beatrice and shut her eyes. And then, suddenly, unexpectedly, she heard Washington say "Huh!" in his throat.

Callie looked where he was looking. Up the road, past the piles of broken

crates and tin cans on the dump, around the gray board wall of the Texas Barbecue, bounced Mis' Carpenter's car. The sun was so bright on its windshield that it almost made Callie blind. Mis' Carpenter's car dipped in the holes and rose on the bumps, and presently it groaned and stopped in front of the house.

Mis' Carpenter leaned over the wheel and honked. Callie could see her long pink arms and the blue embroidery on her white dress and the diamonds on her finger.

Mama came out, scuffing along in her house slippers. "Good morning, Mis' Carpenter."

"Pearl," said Mis' Carpenter, leaning back and lifting one knee over the other so that Callie could see the shimmer of her white silk stocking, "Pearl, you've got to help me out." Mis' Carpenter threw out her hands and let them drop in her lap. "I can't get any decent help. That cousin of yours—what's her name? Bertha?—isn't any good at all. I have to watch her every minute, Pearl."

"Yes'm."

"You've simply got to help me out," Mis' Carpenter went on. "There are ten people coming for lunch tomorrow, Pearl, and I don't see how I can manage."

"Yes'm," said Mama, shoving Leroy away from the running-board. "That means a lot of work, Mis' Carpenter."

"That's why you've got to help me," said Mis' Carpenter.

Mama didn't say anything for a minute. She looked around at Callie, trying to hang on to Beatrice, and at Washington, staring at Mis' Carpenter with his mouth