

AMERICANA

CALIFORNIA

NOTE on the decay of public morals in Santa Ana, from the *Register* thereof:

Ignoring the resolution presented by fourteen Santa Ana ministers urging selection of a school superintendent who does not smoke, the board of education last night elected Dr. Percy Davis, present assistant, for a term of four years. It was freely admitted that Davis uses tobacco.

LETTERHEAD of a Pasadena jurisconsult:

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A National Organization
Answering the California Bar Association

I said:

I was the son of Silas Byram Conduct,
Who was the son of Silas Conduct,
a banker,

Who was a son of Ebenezer Conduct,
Who was a colonel in the Revolutionary
Army,

Who was the son of Ebenezer Byram,
a judge,

Whose mother was Abigail Alden,
The great grand-daughter of John Alden
and Priscilla Alden,

Who signed the *Mayflower* compact
November 20, 1620

ECCLESIASTICAL notice in the Los Angeles
Times:

NOTRE DAME ATTENDED MASS—WAS THAT
WHY U.S.C. MET DEFEAT?

1. What if U.S.C.'s Team had also Gone to Church and Prayed?
2. Did the Virgin Mary Smile in Special Favor on the Notre Dame Team?
3. Did the U.S.C. Team Go on a Spree before the Game with Notre Dame?
4. Is Notre Dame just a Football School or a Real University?
5. Should our Supervisors vote \$10,000 for The Mission Play deficit?

Hear Dr. G. A. BRIEGLEB on the foregoing
Sunday 7:30 P.M. in sermon on
"Expecting the Lord to Pull Us Through"
11:00 A.M.—"Ye Shall Receive Power"

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Jefferson Blvd. at Third Ave. "J" cars

COLORADO

THE worship of Yahweh in the rising town of Calhan, as reported by a staff correspondent of the eminent *Denver Post*:

A Bible marathon will be held at the Calhan Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday, during which an effort will be made to read through the New Testament. Starting at 5 A.M. the Rev. Maurice T. Habgood, pastor of the church, will inaugurate the marathon. He will be relieved by Mayor James Lair and forty-eight others. It is hoped to complete the reading by midnight. An invitation has been extended the public to attend at whatever time they can. There will be light refreshments at the conclusion of the reading.

GEORGIA

News item in the *Dahlonega Nugget* and the shrewd comment thereon of Editor W. B. Townsend:

A few days ago it was reported in the papers that three convicts had escaped from the Forsyth county gang. We were informed this week that the supposed three were seen by some one after dark in Daw-

sonville about the middle of last week. Anyway, the ones seen wore striped suits. The next morning, when Carl Vandiviere and C. Gilleland went to dress, their pants and pocket change were missing. So was Raimy Taylor's car, and the ones who wore chain gang suits were not to be found. They had likely watched through the window and saw where the two men put their clothes upon retiring. Having lost a couple of pair of pants a short time ago we know how to sympathise with the parties residing in our neighbor town. And we are really glad the 'victs didn't come higher up the road and make such a raid in Dahlonga. Although it is rather warm we are going to sleep in our breeches hereafter. Because if we were to lose our only pair of pants it would render us unable to meet and entertain our visitors without much embarrassment.

ILLINOIS

THE Associated Press makes a contribution to the Chicago saga:

A revelation of how a rookie policeman completed his work in the police training school, became a full-fledged patrolman and paid a fine of \$200 as a liquor law violator, all on the same day, was made today by Federal Judge Walter C. Lindley. The policeman is Benjamin Bernacchi. United States attorneys said that he was a bartender in a saloon raided by dry agents last May. His case was set for last Wednesday morning, but he failed to appear on time. Later that day he came into court, explaining that his absence in the morning was due to the fact he had been attending the graduating exercises at the police school.

IOWA

FROM the weekly *Herald* of the Central Church of Christ, Des Moines:

BIBLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	Attendance	Offering
Cradle Roll	18	\$.56
Beginners	28	.54
Primary	56	1.34
Junior	48	1.26
High School Dept.....	40	1.50
Nightingale	30	1.25
Mrs. Riley	7	.21

Philo Christo	20	1.15
Maurice Mell	26	1.01
Happy Home Builders..	61	2.90
Business Men	18	.95
Finis Idleman	30	1.65
Berean	12	.50
Young Married People ..	30	1.15
Officers and Teachers ...	51	.60

Total	475	\$16.57
Average0348842

KENTUCKY

THE reporter's art as practiced on the Maysville *Daily Bulletin*:

Mrs. Kabler, who resided on the Taylor Mill road, spent her Winters in Florida, had been in declining health since the death of her husband three years ago, when he died from injuries sustained when a cow, struck by an auto, fell on him, with fatal results.

MARYLAND

THE Noble Experiment collides with the ancient Maryland *Kultur* in the grand old town of Cumberland:

Judge W. Calvin Chesnut, recently appointed to the bench, presided at the opening of the Spring term of the Federal court here yesterday, and among his first acts was to sentence Bryan Johnson of Johnson's, Garrett county, to four months in jail for bootlegging. Distinguished lineage was invoked in a plea for clemency by former State Senator William A. Gunter, who said Johnson was a great-grandson of Thomas Johnson, famous Revolutionary War Governor of Maryland, one-time member of the United States Supreme Court and choice of President Washington for the Chief Justiceship, which he declined to accept.

MICHIGAN

ASSOCIATED PRESS dispatch from Detroit:

Edward Argot, 17-year-old orphan, lost in the Wayne county jail for nearly nine months, has been found and released, and given a home. Born in Poland, Edward was taken to Canada by his parents as a baby. His father was killed in action with

the Canadian forces in 1917. His mother died in 1925. Edward made his own living selling newspapers in Montreal for five years. One dark night about a year ago, he crossed a railroad trestle near Buffalo, N. Y., and entered the United States. He was arrested by immigration officers here for entering the United States illegally. Efforts to deport him failed when it was discovered there was no record of his birth in Poland. Then immigration officers forgot about him, and he remained in the jail. Two nights ago his sobs as he sat in his cell attracted the attention of Albert M. Bacon, a turnkey. Through his efforts, aided by Calvin Blair, the jail barber, immigration officials resurrected the case and agreed to release the boy on probation.

MISSOURI

MORAL progress in St. Louis, as reported by the local press:

After viewing "Lysistrata," at the Orpheum Theater here last night, Prosecuting Attorney Harry P. Rosecan declared it to be, in rather large portions, "indecent and salacious." Rosecan said he would recommend to the management the striking out of the parts he considered objectionable. "It probably will not be necessary to close down the production," Rosecan said, "but I feel that such parts of the play as are harmful to the ideals of our citizens should be eliminated. I am really surprised at those Greeks."

NEW YORK

THE Uplift hits the State National Guard:

HEADQUARTERS 71st INFANTRY

NEW YORK NATIONAL GUARD

Park Avenue and 34th Street
New York City

General Order

No. 5.

It is a recognized fact that behind any accomplishment or worthwhile effort, there must be an incentive; some driving force or power to give us the necessary momentum to accomplish our object. We must have the will and desire to lead our life in such a manner as will develop our char-

acter and make us morally clean, honest and real men. Thus are brought to the front the finer instincts of life and we can set an example to others. If we do not do this it is because we have drifted away from the influence of Divine love and mother love.

This regiment can lay no greater nor stronger foundation than that on which to accomplish our duties as soldiers and citizens. What finer tribute can we pay to the highest in life than to demonstrate to the world at large that as an organization as well as individually we respect, acknowledge and look with reverence upon our God and our mother. After all, we owe everything in life to them. In the hurried everyday life we are liable to neglect them both. We can always find time to devote to pleasure and many things that do us more harm than good. Let us from now on give more thought and service to God and mother.

The annual church parade of this regiment on Mother's Day offers us an opportunity to show the public that we can be not only an efficient military organization but one that stands for the finest and greatest things in life. It should make us march with just pride.

The Commanding Officer respects every man's religion and desires to encourage each to be true and steadfast in the faith of his acceptance, be it what it may, but he does insist upon every man in the regiment respecting his God and his mother and, frankly, does not want any man in it who does not.

By Order of COLONEL DeLAMATER,

E. FRANCIS HERTZOG,

Adjutant.

OHIO

FROM the music columns of the Columbus *Citizen*:

The recent death of Eugene Ysaye, whose tall and impressive figure is remembered from many a Memorial Hall recital or symphony concert, has reminded many concert-goers of the occasion when Mrs. Amor Sharp shared a programme with him for the Women's Music Club. He carried two valuable Stradivarius violins, and she was

allowed to hold one in the dressing room while he was playing the other on the stage.

OREGON

SCIENTIFIC note from the eminent *Catholic Sentinel* of Portland:

State of Oregon, County of Multnomah,
SS:

I, Henrietta Marshall, of Portland, Oregon, being first duly sworn, dispose and say: That I have suffered with a fibroid tumor since 1924; that I had been informed by Drs. Ben L. Norden, C. O. Boyer and Bond of this city, and Dr. Lewis of Salem, Oregon, that the only remedy was to have an operation; I did not wish to have an operation, so prayed and prayed all the time for relief. I finally started to attend the Tuesday evening Novenas at the Holy Redeemer Church, Portland, Ore., starting the Novenas on June 17, 1930; I had to walk with a cane to attend the devotions and on the seventh Tuesday of the first Novena, I became very ill and thought I would die; I suffered intense pain and the next morning passed a fibroid tumor weighing ten pounds; the doctors named above were astounded, and told me that the ligaments still remained and that the tumor would return; in November, 1930, however, the last of the fibers passed, and I have kept them in a glass to show; I now feel better and am regaining my strength; I further say that I was x-rayed both before and after I passed this tumor, and the plates show that I had the tumor as stated above and the last plate shows that the tumor is now gone.

(Signed) HENRIETTA C. MARSHALL,
Subscribed and sworn to before me

(Signed) AARON B. TOUHEY,
Notary public for Oregon.

My commission expires September 12 1931.

In obedience to the decree of Urban VIII, we declare that whatever is extraordinary in this case is to be accepted only the sense understood by Holy Mother Church.

REDEMPTORIST FATHERS,
Portland, Oregon.

TENNESSEE

CULTURAL note from the Union City *Commercial*:

George Smith, twenty-year-old Negro, was hanged by a crowd of several hundred citizens at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon from a tree in the Courthouse yard because of an attempted criminal assault upon Miss Ada Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Howard, at 1:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

The Negro was taken from the officers at the county jail and dragged to the Courthouse yard, where he was hanged. Entrance to the jail was effected by breaking the doors with sledge hammers. . . .

The hanging was one of the quietest affairs of this sort ever witnessed in this section, with no disorders of any sort taking place.

GENERAL

HISTORICAL discovery by the alert United Press, printed in the Chicago *Tribune*:

Rhodes is of age old antiquity and Homer makes frequent mention of the island and of Cæsar and Cicero's lives there.

LEAFLET issued by the National Women's Christian Temperance Union:

APPLES ARE GOD'S BOTTLES

The sweet juice of the apple God has placed in His own bottle. What a beautiful rosy-red bottle it is! These red bottles hang on the limbs of a tree until they are all ready for us to use. Do you want to open God's bottle? Bite the apple with your teeth and you will taste the sweet juice God has put in His bottle for you.

GRAPES ARE GOD'S BOTTLES

These purple and green bottles you will find hanging on a pretty vine. See! So many little bottles are on a single stem! Put a grape in your mouth and open God's bottle. How nice the juice tastes! Some men take the juice of apples and grapes and make drinks that will harm our bodies. They put the drinks in glass bottles, but we will not drink from such bottles. We will *DRINK FROM GOD'S BOTTLES*.

National W.C.T.U. Publishing House
Evanston, Illinois

THE FINANCE COMPANY RACKET

BY ULRIC WHITAKER

WHEN John Jones buys an automobile, radio, or refrigerator on the dollar down plan, he seldom pays much attention to the papers he signs, and in the event that he does look at them, it is quite unlikely that he will understand their full meaning and purport. They usually consist of a personal statement to obtain credit, a conditional sales contract or chattel mortgage, and a note with power of attorney to confess judgment. To them may be added an assignment of wages.

These papers may be made out to the dealer who actually sells the goods or to the finance company which discounts the notes for him. In the event of a contest on the ground that the agreement is tainted with usury—and the rates of such contracts are usually from 35 to 50% *per annum*—the finance company is very quick to set up the wail that it is an innocent party, a *bona fide* purchaser for value, and that in any event the merchant merely charged a credit price higher than his cash sale price. The courts have commonly sustained such pleas, even though the ability required to figure out the true meaning of such contracts is far too much to expect from Jones, especially when there is no mention of interest as such, and the payments are divided into equal instalments. The joker lies in the fact that interest is usually calculated on the sum due at the beginning of the transaction, and not, as it should be, on the unpaid balance.

Another peculiar thing is the first clause in the personal statement that must be furnished by the purchaser in order to establish his credit. This clause recites that credit is extended by reason of reliance on such facts as are furnished by the purchaser in answer to the questions propounded in the statement, and that he warrants the same to be true. This makes it possible for the finance company, if there are any inaccuracies in the statement, to throw the purchaser in jail on charges of fraud. But as a practical matter, such a thing is hard to prove and is seldom attempted. The main purpose of the statement is simply to obtain a moral hold over the buyer, sufficient information to enable the finance company to trace him in the event that he is suddenly filled with a desire to leave the country without paying his debts, and a line on his financial responsibility. The questions asked are almost identical with those contained in the questionnaires that are shot at prospective employes by the large industrial corporations.

Another tricky instrument is the note with power of attorney to confess judgment. This means that at any time during the life of the note, upon default, the holder may go to any court of record, and without notice to Jones, or trial, or doing anything more than filing some papers, obtain a judgment for the amount due on the note. The holder can then garnish Jones's bank account or wages, levy on