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THE HOME STORE AS A TIME-SAVER

The people who travel off to some distant city on a shooting trip don't figure much on the value of their time. Neither do they count leg weariness as anything. They will tramp all over a city, shopping from one widely separted store to another. Then they finally turn up at home with just the same article they could have bought of the home merchant. If the goods happen to be defective, or if any error was made, it will take a lot more time to get it rectified, often as much as the goods are worth.

The men who sometimes are inveigled by their wives into a jaunt of department store shopping understand this point perfectly. Any department store in the big cities sees specimens of this type. They look wearied and bedraggled as they cary bundles for their wives. Meekly they follow from counter to counter and department to department. You don't catch men at this sort of thing any oftener than they are compelled by family discipline.

If people counted the time it takes to shop in a big metropolitan department store, they's never do it. To get three or four purchases in such an emporium is a perfect time killer. You tramp all over the place, than are told that the clerk who directed you made a mistake as to the location of a certain counter, so you must return back where you came from. Many a trip that might have been pleasant is spoiled by the time and effort spent in this weariesome shopping.

The home store wastes no time and costs no car fare. Your errands in connection with other errands, are promptly attanded to, and the purchase is made in a tenth part of the time it takes to get it out of the distant department stort. Time is money. And bother saved takes the friction out of life

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND LIVING COSTS

The former attitude of women toward housework was much like the former attitude of the farmers toward agriculture. The farmers said that they learned all there was in farming from their fathers, and consequently did not need any further training. They laughed when the agricultural college expert came around and tried to tell them new ways of doing things. Now the farmers are learning that by attending scientific farming schools, taking short courses, reading bulletins of experiment stations, attending demonstrations ,etc., they can beat their fathers in corn raising.

Similarly women said they learned all there was in housework from their mothers. Frequently however their mothers gave them no instruction in housework, preferring to give their daughters a free life in society. They thought the girls would pick up housework after they were married. Today many girls come home from Domestic science schools and can show their mothers how a losing home can be run at a profit on the husband's income.

It seems wrong that girls are turned out from so many high schools and academies with their heads full of French, algebra, and literature, yet knowing nothing about the basic tasks of the household, on the efficient performance of which their marital happiness will depend. Happily classes in home economics are now being formed in many high schools and even the lower grades, to instruct girls in house hold tasks.

Also there is reported from the Domestic Science schools a great interest among factory and store girls in learning housework. Very frequently now classes are formed of girls who are engaged to be married, who will take a course of study in cooking and home economics A prospective husband could well afford to pay high tuition costs to have his bride elect take this study.

THE FARM LOAN BONDS.

A new form of investment will soon be offered in the form of the mortgages on the property handled by the new farm loan banks. Whether these bonds bring good prices or not depends wholly on the way these loans are handled, and whether they are supervised in a way to give general confidence.

It would be a very easy thing for these new bonds to get a black eye. A few repudiated debts, a few poorly superviced loan associations, and word would spread all over the country that the new form of investment is not safe. As a consequence borrowers might have to pay quite as high for their money as they do under the present plan.

The reason why farm loans at present bring high rates of interest is that in the past there have been so losses. Investors may not discriminate carefully, but when they are in no position to do so. The fact that a man's father, in the depression of 20 years ago, may have lost a thousand dollars on a loan on an arid tract in one state, should not discourage his son from making a loan to some fertile farm in a wholly different section.

But the son, living perhaps a thousand miles from the spot where the loan is located, is in no position to discriminate. His father's experience has made him cautious. Many experiences like that have served to raise the rate of farm loan interest all over the country.

The directors of the new farm loan associations have a very serious responsibility. Unless these directors really direct, the whole thing will be a failure. They should give some personal attention to the work, else money will surelly be loaned out on poor security, or to men who will let the value of their farms run down. No director can assure the prosperity and the solidity of his institution merely by going to the annual meeting once a year, sitting in a stuffed chair, and listening to the report of the manager.

FUNERAL ORATIONS

The old time funeral oration was a classic of its own unique type. You could hear some very big eloquence over some very little men. Parsons who had the gift of gab on such occasions were in demand for miles around. In the main these addresses were not insincere. The instinct of saying nothing but good about the dead has its valid reasons.

Still one would occasionally hear the most fulsome eulogies pronounced about men whose lives were notoriously evil. They might have lived lives of dishonesty and vice, yet they were pictured as already arrayed in shining garments, consorting with angels and enjoying heavenly company in which they would have been most unhappy when on earth.

The old time funeral oration was overdone. It was well meant but even the mourners have been heard to protest under their breath at exaggerations. There is a tendency today among many common sense people to omit custom altogether.

The funeral of Admiral Dewey illustrates this. Here was a great character, illustrious in our history, and if warm eloquent eulogy would ever have been more appropriate it was here. Yet no doubt by the Admiral's own wish, there was no funeral oration. The occasion seemed perhaps more impressive by its absence.

In the presence of the mystery of death, human eloquence is futile. The average funeral would seem far more dignified if the customary remarks were omitted. The words of Scripture, and the burial services of the various churches express the sentiment of the hour in words that have stood the test of time and which touch the heart strings. After these classic lithurgies the ordinary funeral sermon is an anti climax. It is a matter for individual taste but the simplicity which marked the burial of George Dewey might be copied to advantage in many humber circles.

BILLY SUNDAY AS A MODEL

Scoffers and skeptics at Billy Sunday's evangelistic work must be affected by the figures of his results. Even on the basis of the crown, it is an amazing spectacle, without parallel in history. An attendance of a million and a half in eleven weeks preaching at Boston, has nothing like it in Christian tradition.

The ordinary Christian preacher has a lot to learn from Billy. That does not mean that he must pound the table, mount up on the desk, swing chairs, or sling slang like Mr. Sunday. Sunday has a certain natural physical grace that makes his antics a natural expression of his nervous and passionate utterance. Anyone who tries to imitate him simply makes himself grotesque.

Wherever Billy goes clergymen flock to hear him. They do well to study his methods. They can distinguish many methods used by Billy that the most dignified preacher can usefully employ in his pulpit.

For one thing Billy is tremendously lucid. His language is clear cut, direct, straight to the point. He draws his illustrations and ideas from every day life, from much contract with men and things. Different types of character, different courses of conduct, are graphically described and separated from each other with absolute clarity . The hearer leaves one of Billy's tabernacles with certain positive impressions that stick in his mind.

No man makes a great popular appeal unless he does acquire this habit of clear, lucid, graphic utterance. Many clergymen surround their subjects with a hazy fog of speculation and philosophy. The best intentions and the most spiritual desires often fail to "get over" as they say in the theatres.

Having paid $25,000,000 for the Danish West Indies to protect the Panama Canal it will now become necessary to pay $25,000,000 more for something else to protect the Danish West Indies.

The cruel Indians used to finish their victims right up with the tomahawk, while our modern civilized fighters merely chew them all up with explosive shells after which they live and suffer for weeks.

GREAT BRITAIN AN ACTIVE COMPETITOR

Secretaries McAdoo and Redfield, and Doctor Pratt of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, have for months been trying to convince us that industrially the Allies are dead ones, and we need nevermore fear competition from them. The British Board of Trade reports that during the calendar year 1916, Great Britain increased her exports over 1915 by over $590,000,000, or from $1,867, 000,000 in 1915 to $2,457,000,000 in 1916. The Board reports that the principal export increases were in manufactured articles, including a gain of over $155,000,000 in cotton textiles. Exports of cotton goods to Central and South America increased over 8,000,000 yards, and to the United States 2,600,000 yards. The chief import increases were in foodstuffs and raw materials, including cotton to the value of $140,000,000. And yet Great Britain has 6,000,000 men under arms, and is pungling $28,000,000 daily to keep the European cauldron boiling. What John Bull will do to us after the war, if the Wilson-Underwood tariff fetters are not struck off, is a plenty. Our imports from the United Kingdom during the first 11 months of 1916 increased $59,000,000 and Great Britian sends us manufactured goods.

NO DICTATION FROM OUTSIDERS

"It is a waste of lather to shave an ass." This homely proverb is of Spanish origin, we believe. It is finding application in the scant attention which Republicans are paying to the lamentations of George W. Perkins because the Republican National Committee has shown a purpase to attend to its own business without first securing an approved programme from him. It is hard to tell whether Perkins is more surprised or pained at this. To be sure, he chose an inopportune moment for boiling over; inasmuch as that other shining light of high finance, Tom Lawson, was then monopolizing the front page. In addition, he had little intrinsic merit in his contention. His complaint was that the Republican party, of which he is not a member, would not do as he wished; that he would not deal with a sub-committee which had shown no inclination to listen to him. The people just now have other things to think of which are of more consequence.

WANTS SALARIES ON BUSINESS BASIS

The meager salaries that the Government pays its employees in comparison with the compensation received for similar work in private life has been forcibly called to the attention of the Senate by Hon. Jas. H. Brady of Idaho in advocating adequate salaries for the members of the Federal Farm Loan Board. "Every Senator knows," declares Mr. Brady, "that there is no man in the United States managing the affairs of a bank that conducts the amount of business that the Federal Farm Loan Board will conduct, who does not receive from $15,000 to $50,000 a year." Senator Brady points out that those officials are entering upon a field of activity never before undertaken by the Government, and contends that, while discussing the question of economy, we should not lose sight of good business methods, which would certainly be the case if salaries are to be reduced below the standard set in the business world.

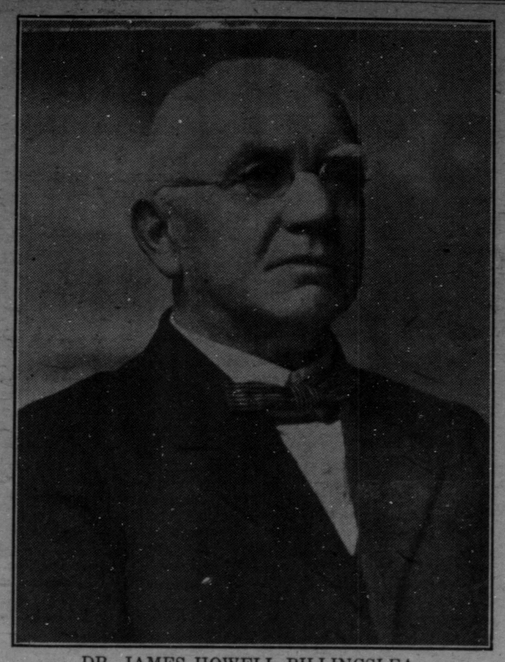
EQUALITY DESIRABLE

Apologists for the present electoral college method of electing a president say that it has worked no injury to either party. But it has worked an injury to the country. Under the present system a plurality of the vote cast in a state carries the entire electoral vote of the state. No one oustide the state, therefore, pays much attention to the means taken to prevent a fair election. But if the vote were direct for presidential candidates, a vote from Louisiana would count for as much as a vote from Indiana and no more, and every Republican in Indiana would insist that every Republican in Louisiana should have a chance to vote and have his vote honestly counted. A full vote and a fair count would have left Woodrow Wilson several hundred thousand votes behind in the recent election. And the country would have been far better off.

NOT A PARTISAN MOVE

Hon. Henry Allen Cooper of Wisconsin indignantly denies the insinuation of many Democrats that the investigation of the "leak" in connection with the President's peace note is being urged by the Republicans for political purposes. Mr. Cooper characterizes such a motive as "thoroughly despicable." "And yet," he says, "it has been stated that we were prompted by that motive in urging an investigation of charges which put a stain upon the reputation of the American House of Representatives." That the position of the Republicans in the matter needs no apology is ampip borne out by the testimony submitted in the hearings, which every day is weaving a web tighter about the President's friends and his friends' friends who profited so handsomely by the advance information which was passed around to the inner circle.

The popular feeling seems to be that the families of the militia boys on the border can eat, pay rent, and buy clothes out of the glory accorded them for their service



DR. JAMES HOWELL BILLINGSLEA

A MAN WELL KNOWN FOR HIS SPLENDID IMPULSES AND BUSINESS QUALIFICATIONS

Dr. James H. Billingslea, one of the leading and most prominent citizens of Maryland, and a life-long resident of this city, died at his home on East Main street, at 2.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, after an illness of three days.

Dr. Billingslea had been in failing health for about a year. On Thursday, the day he received the fatal stroke, he was around attending to business in his usual way. His last visit was to the Union National Bank about 11 A. M., returning from there to his home. At noon it was seen by the family that he was not in his usual health, and it was thought that the stroke was coming. At 2.15 P. M., as he was ascending the stairs to his room he received the fatal stroke and fell.

Hopes were entertained that the stroke was only a light one and that he would soon improve, but instead of improving his condition grew worse until he died without regaining consciousness.

He was the son of the late Dr. L L. Billingslea, who died many years ago. He studied medicine with the late Dr. Joshua W. Hering and graduated from the Maryland University succeeding to his father's practice.

For 52 years he was an active practitioner, and was also identified with many important business interests in the community.

Offices

He had been a director of the Union National Bank this city, since January 11, 1881. On January 16, 1892, he was made vice-president, and on January 13, 1900, he was elected president, succeeding the late Charles B. Roberts, and has held the position ever since. He was president of the Consolidated Public Utilities Company, president of the Democratic Advocate Company, vice-president of the Smith-Yingling Canning Company, and director of the Carroll County Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

In 1897 he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County on the Democratic ticket, and served the public well until 1903, the expiration of his term.

He was for many years president of the Baltimore & Reisterstown Turnpike Company.

Dr. Billingslea was also one of the original organizers of the Westminster Deposit & Trust Company, which started in 1898.

He was for many years, a member of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Family Physician

Dr. Billingslea was, like his father, a typical "family doctor." His services were ready at all times, in all kinds of weather, be it night or day. He practiced his profession for the very love of it and in obedience to his desire to render assistance to those in distress. There was no distinction between those who could pay and those who could not or would not pay. He need only be told that some one was in need of a physcian and be responded promptly.

Dr. Billingslea departed this life on a day filled with the beautiful sunshine of God and was laid to rest on one equally as beautiful. How much in keeping with his life here on earth? Gathered at his bier were representatives of families for whose welfare he had devoted over fifty years of his life. His name is enshrined in the homes of many of them. Like the minister of the Gospel so well described by Oliver Goldsmith in his poem entitled "Pictures from the Deserted Village," Dr. Billingslea's life was devoted to his fellow man.

"But in his duty, prompt at every call,
He watched and wept, he prayed and felt for all."

Dr. Billingslea belonged to what we are wont to call "physicians of the old school," which was composed of men who, disregarding all promises or expectations of reward for their services, devoted their lives to the alleviation of the sufferings of their fellow man. What a beautiful life? If there is no reward here there must be in the life beyond. The old Scotch doctor described by Ian McLaren in his book entitled "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" was such an one as Dr. Billingslea. No night too dark or too cold or stormy, no sun too hot or day too long for him when a fellow being was in distress, be he rich or poor.

Dr. Billingslea was a man of character and descision. His friends and associates in business and social life recognized this and placed him at the head of a number of financial and industrial institutions, all of which are, today, in a flourishing condition. His amiable and charitable disposition endeared him to all his friends and associates. His death is a great loss to the business circles of this city and county and will bring about a new alignment in all of the institutions with which he was connected.

The large number of beautiful floral designs placed upon his bier were well deserved by him. Generations yet unborn will learn of Dr. James Howell Billingslea, the faithful and loving physician and Christian gentleman.

Family

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Lottie Spalding, and six children, four sons and two daughters: J. Howell Billingslea, of Arizona; Robert, Levine and Leeds Billingslea, at home; Misses Lottie Lee and Mary Billingslea, at home. Also by two brothers: Dr. Charles Billingslea, East Main street, and Louis L. Billingslea, of Philadelphia, Pa., and one sister, Mrs. Ada Fraser, of Baltimore.

Funeral

A simple funeral service, which was the request of the deceased, took place at the house Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Edgar T. Read, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, read from the scripture and Rev. Charles Shaw, rector of Ascension P. E. Church, this city, and Rev. Frank M. Gibson, of Baltimore, a former rector, offered prayer.

The remains were interred in the Westminster Cemetery.

The active pallbearers were: Joseph B. Boyle, C. Eugene Tubman, Lewis E. Shriver, Thomas A. Murray, E. P. Brundige, James Pearre Wantz, Dr. Charles R. Foutz and Dr. H. M. Fitzhugh.

Honorary—Judge Wm. H. Thomas, E. O. Grimes, Sr., Charles V. Wantz, George W. Albaugh, Dr. Frank T. Shaw, B. F. Shriver, James W. Reese, George R. Gehr, Frank K. Herr, Charles E. Fink, Judge James A. C. Bond, Dr. William R. McDaniel, Dr. J. J. Weaver, Dr. Joseph Watt, Union Bridge; Dr. George H. Brown, New Windsor; Austin H. Yingling, T. W. Mather, Harry F. Cover, F. Neal Parke, C. Gloyd Lynch and Dr. M. L. Bott.

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UNCOVERING PORK BARREL

A scathing denunciation of the public buildings bill now under consideration in the House has been dedivered by Hon. Frederick H. Gillett of Massachusetts. Mr. Gillett handles the matter without gloves, and does not hesitate to say that the bill was prepared simply and solely to assist Democratic Congresmen in maintaining themselves in the good graces of their constituents. "We all know this bill is not brought in here," declares Mr. Gillett, "to improve the past office efficiency. It is brought in largely to improve Congressional fences. It was prepared for the private interest of Congreemen." Representative Gillett claims that if the House should cut from the bill all items for small towns and villages it would be sure to lose a vote for every item dropped, until at last there would not be enough support for the meritorious features which it contains to pass the bill.

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