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Personal Liberty

No one will attempt to dispute the statement that "the life of every citizen belongs to the government under which one may reside." If it were not true then no one could be drafted to defend the government against an attack by an enemy, or to invade an enemy country to avenge a wrong.

It is the duty of every one to at all times keep one's mind and body in a healthy condition, so that, when called to arms by the government, to be able to render the best possible service to that government.

If, as claimed by the medical profession, the use of liquors, wines, or beers containing a certain per centage of alcohol is injurious to the humane system and unfits one for military service, why is it a violation of one's "personal liberty" to ordain that such liquors, wines, and beers shall not be manufactured or sold within the domain of the government?

There is no such thing as an "absolute right" of a citizen. Under all governments one has a "relative right" only, which allows one to do as one choses, so long as one does not interfere with, or violate the rights of others, including the rights of the government under which one lives and to which one owes absolute obedience.

If the foregoing be true, and it is true, what becomes of all the high-sounding phrases about "personal liberty?"

There are other good and sufficient reasons for the passage of the Volstead law, but it is not necessary to state them here. The fact that the government had a perfect right to protect the health of its citizens from the ravages of alcohol is sufficient to refute the arguments in favor of so called "personal liberty," of which there is no such thing.

An attempt by one to destroy one's own life is punishable under the criminal code of every government. Why? Because one's life, belonging to the government, one has no right to deprive that government of its property, except by due process of law; neither has one a right, under the color of "personal liberty," to use any drug, narcotic, or strong drink the use of which will work a gradual lowering of the efficiency of one to perform the duties imposed by one's government, even unto bearing arms, or the performance of any military or civil duty.

Whether or not the facts, as alleged, justified the passage of the Volstead law is not a debatable question. It is the law and every law abiding citizen should obey it. No one has a right to say which one of the laws one will obey, nor which one will not be obeyed. Criminals choose certain laws to disobey, but "they" do not claim to be "respectable citizens."

One of the great hinderances to government is the unwillingness to obey constitutional authority. It begins in the homes where parents do not compel obedience by their children; and when these same children enter school the teachers find it very hard to compel obedience without incurring the displeasure of the parents. Later in life these same disobedient children become disobedient citizens and set up an outcry against any law, which, in their judgment, invades their "personal liberty."

If, as claimed by some citizens, the Volstead law is a bad one, then they should welcome a rigid enforcement of the same, instead of conspiring to violate it, because one of the best ways to insure the repeal of a bad law is a rigid enforcement of it.

Get rid of the "personal liberty" idea and be satisfied with your "relative rights," under which one may be happy and contented—and so may one's friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens.

A LETTER FROM DR. WARD PRES. W. M. COLLEGE

To the Citizens of Carroll county:

In connection with the dedication of the new Athletic Field at Western Maryland College, there will be presented the greatest pageant ever given in this section of Maryland. The title of the pageant is "The Sheathing of the Sword," and one thousand persons will take part. Every section of the county will be represented in the cast and it is expected that at least ten thousand persons coming from all parts of the state will witness this performance.

The new Atheletic Field is without doubt the finest Bowl in the eastern part of the United States. Competent critics have declared that it is the most beautiful Bowl they have ever seen. It will be the pride of Carroll County; for it will be used not only by the College but by the citizens of the county.

The field is costing $35,000. $25,000 of this amount has been provided, leaving $10,000 yet to be raised. The proceeds from the pageant will go toward this fund.

I wish to invite the citizens of the county to do everything in their power to make this event a great success. A popular response to this appeal will mean that the field will be dedicated free of debt. This great achievement will attract the attention of the entire state and will command the respect of all people everywhere.

A. N. WARD,
President of Western Maryland College.

MEMORIAL DAY IN WESTMINSTER

Memorial Day, as usual, was observed fittingly in this city, by the surviving members of Burns Post Grand Army of the Republic, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and members of the American Legion. Beginning at 2:30 P. M., a service was held in the Armory when the following program was carried out, with Mr. H. P. Gorsuch presiding: Singing, "Maryland, My Maryland," community choir; invocation, Rev. M. J. Shroyer, chaplain American Legion; solo, "Flanders Field," Miss Johnson; address, Rev. J. L. Nichols a former overseas Y. M. C. A. man, and singing, "America," community choir led by band.

At the conclusion of the services at the Armory a parade by G. A. R., Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, the Westminster band, and a large number of school children carrying flags and flowers, was formed and marched to the Westminster and other cemeteries where soldier graves were strewn with flowers and the services concluded.

The committee in charge of the services consisted of Messrs. Joseph Scott Fears, chairman, Carroll L. Crawford, C. C. Beach, D. Eugene Walsh, and J. Carbery Boyle, and Rev. M. J. Shroyer.

The Mayor and Common Council are improving the bed of the alley adjoining the post office building by macadamizing it with lime stone and tar.

Maryland State Dairymen's Association's By-Products Plant.

This thoroughly modern establishment, located at 1421-3-5 Aisquith street, Baltimore, Md., is now ready for operation. Its principal feature is the variety of byproduct possibilities it is designed to handle—whole milk, skimmed milk, cottage cheese, cream and butter. The building is further provided to install equipment for manufacturing condensed milk. The plant was designed and built under a guaranteed cost, by Huldreich Egli, consulting engineer, 425 Courtland street. The principal contractor was H. Calvin Barnes, Inc., 113 East Franklin street.

The building is on an irregular shaped lot, having a frontage of 63 feet on Aisquith street and an average depth of 120 feet. A buff colored tapestry brick was used on the front, and other walls being of red brick The elevator shaft and all interior partitions are of hollow tile. In order to secure a sanitary washable surface all interior walls and partitions were plastered and then treated with cement paint of a light cream color. The floors are of concrete, treated to prevent dusting and the roof is of standard slag construction. There are practically no dark corners, as the idea of having a maximum amount of sunlight and fresh air was constantly kept in mind.

On the first floor are located the office, two cold storage rooms, can washing, receiving, scale and toilet rooms. The can washing room is entirely shut off from the rest of the building and all escaping steam is carried off by a ventilator through the roof. The entire second floor is used for manufacturing purposes.

The boiler room and refrigerating machinery are located on the first floor of an existing building 40 feet by 50 feet, situated on the rear end of the lot. The second floor of this building will be utilized for storage purposes.

The plant is equipped with a 50 H. P. boiler and a 15-ton York refrigerating machine, 20-ton brine cooler and two cold storage rooms. The cold storage rooms are refrigerated by means of direct expansion. The milk and cream are cooled by means of brine. All machinery is electrically driven and is directly connected to the motors.

The plant is constructed and installed in accordance with the best known engineering practice, both from a sanitary and operating point of view.

The present capacity is approximately 8,000 gallons per day. Large holding vats are installed to take care of any inrush of milk that may occur.

The plant is designed large enough so that the present capacity can be increased at least 100% without necessitating any addition to the building or power equipment.

We would be glad for all our members to call at their convenience and look over the plant. We feel it is one of the most up to date plants in town, yet we have built and equipped the plant in the most economical way possible. When building the plant it was not our intention to go into the milk distributing business, but at certain seasons of the year when the production is greater than the dealers can handle it is necessary to keep the milk moving.

I. W. HEAPS, Sec'y.-Treas.

WOODBINE BANK ROBBED BY YEGGMEN

Breaking into the Woodbine National Bank Sunday, robbers cut their way through three doors to the vault and forcing open all of the safe deposit boxes, took all of the personal valuables of more than 1,000 depositors. A safe not connected with the vault, but containing all the bank's negotiable papers and private securities deposited with Harry S. Owings, the cashier, was overlooked. The contents of this safe was sent to Baltimore shortly after the robbery was discovered Monday morning by Mr. Owings.

J. M. Delashmutt, president of the bank, said that it would be impossible to place a value on the articles stolen until the bank had communicated with every depositor and ascertained the contents of each of the safe deposit boxes. This, he said, would probably take several days.

Ask Aid From Baltimore.

Baltimore police were asked early Monday morning to assist in running down the robbers by sending a fingerprint expert here. The request was made by Automobile Commissioner E. Austin Baughman, who was notified of the robbery with a request that State police be hurried to the bank. Colonel Baughman communicated with Police Commissioner Gaither in Baltimore and sent an automobile to headquarters to bring an officer to Woodbine. Shortly before noon Monday Sergeant Burns of the Bertillion Bureau arrived with a photographic outfit and began the work of photographing fingerprints found about the bank.

All indications point to the robbery being the work of a band of yeggmen from out of the State. The police Monday afternoon found a copy of the Pittsburgh Post of Sunday's issue lying on the floor of the bank.

Among the loot taken was a large quantity of War Savings Stamps and a few Liberty Bonds. The bank carries $25,000 in burglary insurance, and Mr. Delashmutt said that the loss will be entirely covered.

The bank does not employ a watchman. At the close of business each day funds and negotiable papers are sent for safe keeping to the Drovers and Mechanics' Bank and the Federal Reserve Bank in Baltimore, and this had been done Saturday.

Enter Through Window.

Entrance to the bank was gained by breaking a lock on the grating in a rear window and then forcing the window. With these obstacles removed the burglars entered the bank, carrying with them an acetylene outfit with which the doors to the vault were cut. After passing this outer barrier, the burglars encountered two other doors, each of which were attacked with the gas burner and opened. Those safe deposit boxes that resisted the efforts of the jimmies, were burned open.

When Mr. Owings opened the bank Monday morning and discovered the robbery. He immediately communicated with Mr. Delashmutt who called the State police at Frederick for assistance. Captain Roger H. Williams, who was in Cumberland, was notified and hurried to Woodbine and took charge.

WOOL-TO-BLANKETS AND ROBES

Due to the successful results of last year's pooling of wool to be made into blankets and robes and the demand among the farmers for a fine high grade blanket, the sheep growers are going to pool their wool this year.

Thursday, June 8th has been set for the day for all farmers interested to take their wool to the County Agent's office, Westminster.

Eleven pounds of wool are required to make a pair of blankets and eight and half pounds to make an automobile robe. It will cost $5.00 to have the blankets made and $4.00 for the robe. Freight is 75c and 35c. If a large order can be sent in at one time these prices will be reduced.

Progress Of The Pageant.

The Mecca of Maryland, Westminster, will be visited during Commencement days by a multitude of the friends of Western Maryland College for the event that will add a glory to that honorable and serviceable institution, of a kind different from anything that has added to its credit in the past. These are days of pageants. Western Maryland College will be found in the very front line of this highly skilled form of presenting historical and picturesque subjects.

Basket parties are being formed in all parts of the county and it looks as though there would be almost a cessation of all other business and enterprises in order to fill up Westminster with an appreciative audience for the stimulating pageant "The Sheathing of the Sword." The Order of Red Men have sent word that there will be five tribes, including the Montezumas and Aziecs, and others, to come by truck-loads from Baltimore and Pikesville. Can some organization match that? Hampstead has promised to turn out in full. Don't let Hampstead beat some other town. Some of the preachers from Baltimore are planning to bring their congregations on an old-fashined strawride, having pleasures while coming and going as well as at the pageant.

Preparations for this event long since passed the stage of experiment. Like that man in the gospel parable who said, "Come for all things are now ready," Western Maryland College sends out its invitation to all Maryland and nearby states, to its Alumni of all the United States and to the friends of its students to come to the city of the Blue Ridge foothills for the afternoon of June 10. The pageant will take place at 3:15 P. M. on that date.

Together with multitude of men who will illustrate the costumes of the ages past, as well as the beautiful costumes, pastimes and ideals of the lands of other days, the beautifully garbed women of the pageant will set forth one great theme, great in its interest, in its beauty, in its history and in its ideals—the theme of Peace.

Multitudes of persons now know of this pageant one of the most ambitious ever undertaken by any institution or community; so that on June the tenth automobiles and buses will converge toward Westminster, meeting there and assuring those who have so loyally and with such enthusiasm worked for the pageant, an audience vast in numbers and enthusiasm.

There has been a rising tide of interest in this Western Maryland affair and echoes of this interest have come in from every part of Maryland and entire territory reached by the College. It is now only a matter of gathering together this mounting tide of interest in the event that will present in a series of episodes, living and moving, the subject closest to the hearts of all.

All Western Maryland, particularly, is alive with expectation and the counties of the Western shore may be counted upon to do their full part. The Eastern shore is a little more remote but it is close in ties of interest and will be strongly represented at the pageant. It is a fact that some of the leading professional pageantry promoters of the country are looking toward "The Sheathing of the Sword" for new ideas.

Tickets for sale at the Rexall and Shaw Drug stores.

The politicians anyway observe Arbor Day by planting plum trees.

School strikes are nothing new, but the only difference is that the shingle with which they used to be dealt with has been mislaid.

In these times there are many soft headed people looking for soft snaps.

Russia won't disarm because France and Poland maintain armies, and France and Poland maintain armies because Russia won't disarm.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF UNION BRIDGE CLOSED

PENDING EXAMINATION BY GOVERNMENT.

Friday, May 26, 1922, the directors of The First National Bank, of Union Bridge, closed its doors pending an examination of its affairs by a U. S. bank examiner, who was sent for by Mr. E. O. Cash, the new president of the bank. The First National of Union Bridge is the second bank in Carroll county to close its doors within the history of the county, the first one being The Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Westminster which about 45 years ago was forced to close its doors because of bad loans made to a certain manufacturing concern then operating in this city.

The First National of Union Bridge is one of a number of small banks which came into existence following the passage by Congress of a law allowing national banks with a capital of $25,000. The last statement of the bank showed a capital of $25,000 with a surplus of $25,000, and its patrons had an abiding faith in its soundness.

Until the recent election of officers, Mr. Jacob S. Gladhill, of Union Bridge, had been the president of the First National Bank, but at the last election Mr. E. O. Cash, former clerk of the Circuit Court for this county was elected president, with the understanding on his part that he should be allowed to run the bank himself, without any help from the cashier, Mr. E. F. Olinstead, for at least two days each week, in order to familiarize himself with the condition of the same.

Shortly after taking charge Mr. Cash discovered discrepancies in the bank's affairs and he called a meeting of the directors who, upon information furnished by Mr. Cash, Friday last closed the doors of the bank, and immediately notified the U. S. Treasury Department which sent Bank Examiner Snyder to Union Bridge, who is now in charge and making a thorough examination. The U. S. Department of Justice was notified also and this week one of its officers went to Union Bridge, and, after interviewing cashier Olmstead, who is at his residence in Union Bridge, and the bank examiner, decided to take no action against Olmstead until the true condition was known and Mr. Olmstead's liability, was ascertained definitely. Mr. Olmstead, however, was told not to leave Union Bridge and he is following instructions.

Yesterday bank examiner Snyder informed the Sentinel that, at present, there was very little information to give to the public, because the bank has a large number of pass books outstanding and, although the owners have been asked to send or bring them to the bank to have them balanced, only a small number have complied with the request, and until the whole number of books are balance nothing definite can be published. Mr. Snyder also stated that the $60,000 of securities found in Baltimore had been sent there by the bank for safekeeping and were now in the possession of the bank examiner.

The deposits in the bank were $525,000, loans and discounts, bonds and securities $542,000, and, cash and exchange due from banks $32,000.

It is hoped that the true condition of the bank will be known within a few days, and that the stockholders will be able to pay depositors 100 cents on the dollar, and thus preserve the fair name of Carroll county banking circles.

K. OF P. COUNTY MEETING

Tuesday evening a rally of the lodges of Knights of Pythias of Carroll county was held at the armory attended by the Grand Lodge officers of the order. Harry Starr, of Chrity Lodge, this city, presided.

Addresses were made by Dr. Herbert C. Blake, grand chancellor; Jas. M. Hendricks, grand keeper of records and seal; J. Edward Richardson, grand representative; Elwood Martax, grand prelate; J. Murray Dronenberg, Reno Harp, of Frederick, and others. Plans were formulated for a drive to double the membership of the order in the county by December 31.

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