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## Learning and Booze

YOUNG college men are condemned when they drink intoxicating liquor, but Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, was allowed to go scot free of criticism for several days when he made the extraordinary statement—extraordinary for a university president—that the liquor business should be licensed and permitted again legally to take up its trade of producing human derelicts.

It is little wonder that the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act are flaunted by supposedly self-respecting people when men of the standing of Dr. Butler publicly proclaim that they are in favor of the open saloon.

Dr. Charles W. Elliott of Harvard took up the gauntlet against Dr. Butler, but it remained for the virile, rugged educational leaders of the middlewest to leap into the controversy and take a militant stand in favor of prohibition.

"The prohibition law can be enforced," said one. "The more rigidly it is enforced, the fewer infactions there will be."

To say that it can not be enforced is equivalent to admitting that the American people are mentally incapable of enacting laws for their own government and lack the moral stamina necessary for enforcement of the laws which they have enacted.

It would be a great disappointment to millions of drys throughout the United States if college and university presidents had permitted Dr. Butler's aspersions cast at the eighteenth amendment, to have gone unchallenged.

They deserve challenging and Dr. Butler deserves a rebuke. No man who believes that a law, enacted in accordance with the restrictions laid down by the constitution of the United States, should not be obeyed and enforced, should be in a position which gives weight to his opinions and which may influence college men and women.

People who meet themselves going north for the summer while on the way from spending the winter in the south, really haven't any right to call it home where they stop off for a change of clothes.

## Saving Our Institutions

MAKING America safe for democratic institutions can be accomplished by a more thorough understanding of the basic principles of our form of government, such as are contained in the constitution.

The place to conduct such a campaign, of course, is in the public schools where the plastic minds of children may be indelibly impressed with the need of orderly and safeguarding government.

The American Defense society, in order to test public opinion, recently sent out an offer to distribute copies of the constitution free, using a small, selected and typical list.

The response indicated a real awakening of the latent interest in the constitution because requests came to the society from school officials for thirty thousand copies.

The great interest which these requests reveal indicate that many intelligent people are alive to the dangers which threaten our constitution. For decades there has been little interest in it, because the average person has taken it as a matter of fact and has never gone to the trouble to read or study it.

But now that the constitution has been attacked from the pulpit, the lecture platforms, and by writers and various organizations, people have awakened to the menace that lies in such attacks.

It is the goal of the American Defense society to see a copy of the constitution made available for every school child in America who desires it, and the organization is conducting a campaign to that end. This is undoubtedly a laudable undertaking for American institutions are safe when a widespread study of the constitution is assured.

## An Old Bugbear

THE United States Senate has passed a bill designed to prevent monopoly of radio communication and declares the air to be the "inalienable possession of the people" and prohibits licenses extending more than two years.

Just what does this mean? Some inventor, individual or company must pioneer in field or radio before any benefit from its use can be derived by the people. It is one thing to prevent monopoly—quite another to prevent progress and development.

Air legislation is just in the making. What it will eventually be no one can tell, but the constant scare about monopoly of the air will prevent people from getting development in wireless communication which should eventually become as much a household necessity as the electric light and the telephone.

Declaring the air to be the "inalienable possession of the people" sounds fine. But what does it mean if agencies for using it are denied?

## Keeping Young Folks at Home

HOW to keep the young folks at home in the evening is a problem that has confronted many parents, because of the counter attractions that take them away.

Some parents think they have solved it by installing a radio. There are few young people, especially boys who are not attracted by a radio receiving set.

It brings to their ears concerts, news, results of athletic events, lectures and sermons. They can travel from coast to coast in one evening, picking up the strains of a famous piece of classical music one minute and casting it aside in a few minutes for one of their favorite jazz numbers by an orchestra in a city perhaps one thousand miles away.

The boy who last year was standing on the curb stone smoking, or wasting his hours away in a pool room, may now be spending his time at home, roaming over the universe with his mind, tuning in here and there, constantly striving to find something new that the air is willing to give up.

It is a new and thrilling pleasure for a boy and has a peculiar fascination that attracts father and mother too, but the wise parents will sit back and allow the youngsters to manipulate the dial, realizing full well what it means to have them at home.

The radio provides a peculiarly useful interest for boys, stimulating their ingenuity and encouraging them to do things themselves instead of watching someone else do them. The boy who acquires skill in handling the instruments is the one who has patiently figured it all out, and he is the boy who will apply himself with the same care to the big job out in the world when he gets to it.

A flash of lightning, lasting less than one-thousandth of a second, is worth a dollar, in the electrical energy it produces, but where will we find any buyers.

## It Was Ever Thus

IT'S very much the habit of men, as a rule to be critical of women's dress. No doubt Adam criticized Eve's first costume as immodest, for ever since that time the dress of women has come under masculine displeasure.

It seems strange to the male mind, with the incessant change in feminine dress, that it does not by accident sometime strike a mode which should meet with the approval of those for whom women are generally believed to aim to please in their dress.

But if fashion decrees that skirts shall be longer, the woman who does not promptly lengthen her skirts has little of the eternal feminine about her.

But it was ever thus. The some men may think that the present generation of women has gone to greater extremes than ever before they should reflect that the feminine sex has not changed one whit since the days of the first woman.

In the early eighties, the enterprise and progressiveness of a New York department store, in installing the newly invented electric light, nearly caused a strike and aroused much public discussion, all because some young woman—probably the forerunner of the modern flapper—inquired, "Does electric light cause freckles?"

The young sales women threatened to leave in a body and this was prevented only by the pleading of the manager to give the light a month's trial to convince them that it was harmless.

But times have changed and their grand daughters use electricity to beautify themselves.

The man who has a watch that keeps good time often imagines that it is due to his own shrewdness.

## Farmers and Immigration

THE complaint has been made that restricted immigration makes farm labor scarce and thus tends to increase the cost of labor on the farm.

Authorities on the subject assert that the contrary is true—that restrictions placed on immigration has helped to maintain at a higher level the economic condition of farm labor and to give the farmers a better home market.

While the farm labor has not been as plentiful during the past two or three years as it was previously, and while the farmer has been compelled to pay more for labor than formerly, it requires a wide stretch of the imagination to see how immigration has had any effect.

Farm labor costs naturally went up after the war on account of higher living expenses and the high wages which were paid in industrial centers.

Manufacturing interests increased wages as the demand for labor increased and in the due course of time drew men from the farm. Consequently, farmers had to meet the offers of other business or lose their help.

The view that immigration has affected the farmer is far-fetched. Restricted immigration has been in effect two years, but farm wages were mounting before that time.

It is largely propaganda of a few selfish manufacturers who clamor for a protected market in which to sell, but want the barriers let down so that they may employ the cheap labor of Europe and thus accumulate larger profits.

## Plant a Tree

THERE are eighty-one million idle acres in the United States that are not fit for anything except the growing of trees.

And they go right on being idle for the want of anyone with enough foresight and interest in future generations to plant trees on them.

There is very little, if any, land in Andover that will not produce something, but if there is, it is the patriotic duty of the owner of the land to put it to work growing trees.

Convincing statistics have been gathered to show that reforestation is the only hope of the United States, if its supply of timber is not entirely exhausted.

Tree planting is a stepping stone to forestry. If you have a spot that will grow a tree, plant one. If you have an idle acre or two that is not busy, as all land should be, plant trees.

And if you do plant a tree, the American Tree Association of Washington wants to know about it.

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## Sunday Night

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Special music in keeping with the occasion was rendered by the choir. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mac Gowan of the Presbyterian Church and a fine sermon given by the pastor, Rev. A. D. Shepard.

## Sidney Caple Burns Out

Fire destroyed the bakery of Sidney Caple, at Knoxville, Monday morning. Mr. Caple was working in the bakery—but a few minutes before, and knows that everything was all right when he left. They were baking an average of 500 loaves of bread daily and this loss will inconvenience Knoxville people. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Mr. Caple is a former Andover man and his loss is deeply regretted by his many friends here. The property was only partly covered by insurance.

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## Mr. and Mrs. Meade

### Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Meade celebrated their first wedding anniversary Monday evening, May 26th, at their home on Rochambeau Ave. Covers were laid for eight and a bounteous dinner was served. Those present were Miss Marie Fuchs and Herb Cooper, of Wells-ville, Miss Edith Mann, Roy Courtney and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Childs of Andover.

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