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When you can't remove an obstacle plot around it.—LINCOLN

BY LAW, OR OTHERWISE

ATTORNEY GENERAL PALMER makes the amazing statement that the Department of Justice has no means of stopping the flood of I. W. W. propaganda with which he hears the northwest is to be inundated, and adds that some "overt act" must be committed before he can act.

In the name of all that is patriotic, if the circulation of seditious literature designed to stir men to such acts of lawlessness as that at Centralia, where defenseless men were shot down in cold blood by I. W. W. revolutionaries, is not an "overt act" what is?

But if it be true that our Federal laws are so weak, then it behooves Congress to put into the hands of the Attorney General, and that quickly, such an instrument as will enable him to stop these missionaries of frightfulness in their warfare against the United States government and society in general.

We do not want a renewal in the northwest of the old Ku Klux of the South following the Civil War, where men, goaded to the point of desperation by outrages of carpetbaggers and other lawless elements which the government would not or could not reach, took the law into their own hands and meted out justice according to their own convictions and prejudices.

Even now a secret society is forming among members of the American Legion in the northwest to deal violently with the I. W. W. and it may be depended upon to take the law into its own hands if those who should be active in suppressing the plotters and assassins do not respond vigorously and promptly to the challenge.

TAKE YOUR PICK "UNCLE JIMMIE" LATHAM, of Chestnut Ridge, Lancaster county, who has been recognized as the official weather forecaster of that district since he returned from General Sherman's march to the sea, now predicts an open winter, giving his reasons as follows:

snow is deep, in order that their seed pods may stand clear of the drifts. And the muskrats have built their homes very high this year.

All of which is respectfully submitted in rebuttal, but, view of our diminishing coal pile, we sincerely hope "Uncle Jimmie" has the right end of the argument.

THE SHIP OF DEATH

ON SUNDAY, November 9, a committee composed of six senators and six representatives arrived in New York City to meet the steamer Lake Daraga, a ship which might better have been christened the Ship of Death.

Secretary Baker has never given a satisfactory explanation of the authority which prompted him to dispatch these troops. More than a year ago he promised they would all be returned to this country by June, 1919.

These 111 men, protectors of the American flag, can never be restored to their places in the ranks of the American Army. Their death has marked a crimson page in the history of this country.

Need the advocates of internationalism, those who would throw this country into the everlasting cauldron of European controversy, any greater lesson than this? What representative of the people could look upon the bodies of these soldiers and then turn about and vote for the similar sacrifice of thousands more?

WRONG, GOVERNOR BLACK GOVERNOR BLACK, of Kentucky, blames President Wilson's coal strike letter for his defeat. "The miners voted for a Republican," he says.

A COMMANDMENT NOT long ago a noted economist, asked to give his remedy for the condition of unrest throughout the world, wrote out on a sheet of paper as his solution simply the Ten Commandments.

WHY 18 CENTS? THE present crop of Louisiana sugar will be offered to the retail trade at about eighteen and one-half cents a pound, officials of the Department of Justice inform the people through the newspapers.

WHY 18 CENTS? If cane sugar was worth only ten cents a pound several weeks ago, why is it now eighteen and one-half cents worth?

the public that the great increase in price is justified.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Attorney General William I. Schaffer's declaration that prohibition enforcement is a federal matter and that it is not a subject for State enactment coming so counter to the assertions of Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell that the States must prepare for such legislation establishes the situation as regards liquor for the next general assembly, in opinion of many people.

The attitude of the Sproul administration during the 1919 legislation was that prohibitory legislation was a federal matter and this was the reason why the Governor vetoed the Ramseyer bill which agitated the session for months before it was put over.

The active gossip that Governor William C. Sproul is likely to recognize Mayor-elect J. Hampton Moore as the Republican leader of the party in the matter of appointments caused no surprise.

Free Speech at University [From Philadelphia Public Ledger.] The action of the Provost of the University of Pennsylvania in canceling a meeting of the students which was to have been addressed by a certain labor agitator publicly and from a platform on the grounds of the United States as an advocate of revolution and "a dangerous radical" will doubtless be hailed by many of his ilk as another unjust curtailment of free speech.

Mother Goose Rhymes (A la Mother Jones) Little Miss Muffet Stood on a tuffet

Communism a Menace [John Sparge, in the World's Work.] Revolutionary Communism is a menace to civilization. In country after country we find large masses of people ready to revolt against the existing social order, and to establish by the relentless and unscrupulous use of brute force a despotism more formidable than anything ever attempted by Hapsburg, Hohenzollern or Romanoff.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



THE HALL OF COLUMNS A SUBLIME MEMORIAL

Architects, Sculptors and Painters, Facing New Tasks Today, Turn to the Wonderful Ruins at Old Karnak in Egypt for Inspiration. MEMORIAL monument, if of a completely representative order, is the product of at least three factors: 1. Form, including scale and proportion. 2. Light and shade. 3. Color.

Roosevelt News [From New York Sun.] On the same day came the two pleasing reports that Colonel Roosevelt—"young Mar's the dore"—was elected to the Assembly from Nassau county and that a new constituency had arrived, not only in the district where he first learned to fight out public questions.

My Own Work This is my work; my blessing, not my doom: Let me do my work from day to day: In field or forest, at the desk or loom; In roaring market-place or tranquil room; Let me but find it in my heart to say, When vagrant wishes beckon me astray, "This is my work; my blessing, not my doom; Of all who live, I am the only one by whom The work can best be done in the right way."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —Senator William C. McConnell, of Shamokin, was here yesterday to visit friends in the Capitol. —Joseph R. Grundy was the speaker at the meeting of the manufacturers at Williamsport. —Senator William D. Braig, of Beaver, leaves his county going to show something in the way of roads this year.

DO YOU KNOW —That Harrisburg's park system has been the model for similar enterprises in a dozen States? —North and South streets formed the boundaries of what was known as Maclaysburg. —Near Beer Near Here [From Cartoons Magazine.] "Few married women are really happy. Even if she married a man after her own heart she is in mortal dread that he may, some day, be after another woman's heart."

THE HALL OF COLUMNS (Continued) The great hall of the temple was one of the largest in Egypt. It was 340 feet long by 176 feet wide and eighty feet high and covered fifty thousand square feet. The whole of Notre Dame could stand on the ground floor. Its roof was made of stone slabs and those were placed upon 134 columns. Garrett Chatfield Pier says that "the hall was originally roofed with gigantic flat sandstone blocks painted blue and dotted with gold stars on solar disks with outspread vultures' wings. It was lighted by the subdued light that filtered through a sort of

Evening Chat

Roberts Valley, to which pretty spots the Harrisburg Natural History Society will make the mid-November pilgrimage on Saturday afternoon, is one of the interesting places near the city. It is not much of a valley, but it is a location whose settlement goes back almost 150 years and which was laid out as a town before the Declaration of Independence and when Harrisburg was a ferry and trading station.

State Geologist George H. Ashley, in a summary of the oil producing situation in the State, has said that drilling for oil in eastern counties will never pay. "It looks to me as though the man who drills for oil in eastern Pennsylvania has passed forty miles beyond the station where the gambler gets off," said he in pointing out that while many oil wells have been made in Dauphin, Berks, Schuylkill and other eastern counties they had never produced oil in paying quantities.

Hundreds of dollars are being paid to the State Treasurer by treasurers of counties for hunters' licenses, with the remark that the counties have been issued permits without the licenses. To meet the situation caused by a demand for licenses away beyond anything expected, the State auditor has said that men could hunt with treasurers' receipts. The treasurers in some counties have had to order extra receipts.

The Capitol Hill policemen's new overcoats make them look like field marshals. They are of a handsome cut and attract much attention from the populace. The other day Superintendent T. W. Templeton was conspicuous in a word of congratulation to the living Colonel, whose new honors and responsibilities he has earned in his own right.

Herman L. Collins, who writes under the name of Girard in the Philadelphia Press, has this to say about roads and railroads: "I shall allow Commissioner Lewis S. Sadler, told me recently that it costs \$60,000 a mile to build our best State roads. But Mr. Plumb has all figured out that American railroads are worth only \$22,000 a mile. That is all they could be worth if the railroads have as much water in their capital as he says they have. I shall allow United States Government engineers to answer Mr. Plumb. In the case of eight minor railroads—not big trunk lines, mind you—these engineers working for Uncle Sam have found the average value per mile of road to be \$76,000, or 245 per cent above Mr. Plumb's guess. Moral: Hot air shrinks wonderfully when measured by a foot rule."

But I have Lived Love is in my heart tonight as a bird is in its nest; I will build me a wall of song from the fragrance of thy breast. For some are wise, and some are not, and some will go their way; But I have rifled the rose of life, and I have had my day. It's many will lay their golden heads in the track of Plunderday, And many are quick and warm tonight who will be cold in May; But I have lived and I have loved, and a little song is best— Love is in my heart tonight as a bird is in its nest. —Willard Wattles in Poetry.

Too Bad! [From Cartoons Magazine.] The grinder at a picture show is first too fast and then too slow! On the Go! [From Cartoons Magazine.] "Few married women are really happy. Even if she married a man after her own heart she is in mortal dread that he may, some day, be after another woman's heart."