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A Frenchman feared he had cancer of the stomach. The fear became an obsession. To cure himself he began rigid dieting. Now he is dead. The autopsy revealed that he had no cancer and that death was due to starvation. Getting back of that, his death was due to fear—to imagination. Fear, a mental illness, is one of the deadliest diseases. Most of our ills are imaginary.

Cracksmen burglarized the London headquarters of Scotland Yard, the world's most famous detective organization, and carried away many fur coats, fancy umbrellas and pieces of jewelry from the lost property office, where missing articles are held for identification by their owners. A London newspaper hints that the "Yard" ought to take out insurance to protect the property of the detectives. This should prove consoling to American police officers, chafing under criticism.

Tannos Karen has just celebrated his 115th birthday at his home, Mt. Lebanon, Syria. Writing to his grandson in Boston, he gives these reasons why he has managed to sidestep the grave since 1808: "I have always been an enemy of strong drink. I did not watch the stars and I did not overstrain my visual organs. The conscience and heart should be kept free from worry. Don't eat too much meat, but use plenty of vegetables." This is a plausible, logical formula for long life, but the average American probably will consider the price too high.

The new Greek government has put to death several officials who had charge of the campaign against the Turks, claiming that these officials were false to their duty to the country and the army and permitted the army to be wiped out when it could have been saved. There has been a great protest from many quarters, but many people will indorse the action that has been taken. If it were the rule to put to death government officials who fail in their duty, there would be better government in every country in the world.

That must have been a tremendous earthquake in the South Pacific, from the evidence still coming in from Chile. It battered with mountainous waves a thousand miles of coast, smashing ships and docks and low-lying towns, in addition to the destruction wrought directly by the earth movements. There were at least 1,500 people killed and the property damage will run into tens of millions of dollars. And when all the reports are in, the loss in life and property will be seen to be less than the damage from any one of a dozen battles fought in the World War. Nature in its worst moods is destructive enough, but man himself is incomparably more destructive. Man is a worse enemy to man than fire, storm or earthquake. Only one thing is more deadly to the human race than its own violence. That is the invisible and unconquered army of disease germs.

Engineers are studying plans for damming the tributaries of the lower Mississippi on a sufficiently large scale to hold flood waters and provide electric power for the surrounding areas. It is believed that a system can be worked out by which the waters of both the tributaries and the main stream can be controlled at all seasons and the annual flood damage reduced to a minimum. People in the regions of the South most affected by the Mississippi floods have a lively interest in these plans. If the force which year after year lays waste to their fields and towns could be harnessed and made to furnish electric power, it would mean all the difference between having a friendly, constructive force for a neighbor and having a hostile, destructive one. Building levees merely for the purpose of holding back streams in their banks is a passive solution of the difficulty in which the people work for the rivers. The new scheme the rivers must work for the people.

It is sound advice that Mr. ...

secretary of the treasury, has given to banks on the subject of small deposits. It is a mistake, he says, for banking institutions to refuse to accept accounts of less than \$100, as many do, particularly in the large cities. The secretary speaks from experience. The problem was threshed out in his own bank in Pittsburgh. It was proved that small accounts were desirable, because they cost little to handle over and above the inevitable overhead expense, and because while they showed no profit in themselves, many of them grew into large and profitable accounts. The matter is worth considering, too, from the other side. Many a potential depositor refrains from opening a checking or savings account because he thinks it isn't worth while with the little money he has available at the time. It is very much worth while to start an account, however small at first, because of what may grow from it when the banking habit is formed.

Indian Story of Creation.

The belief among some of the tribes of North American Indians concerning the creation of the world and man sounds like a combination of the Bible story of the events in the lives of the first couple on earth and the mythical story of Pandora's box and the evil spirits.

These Indians believe that heavenly beings came down and made the world, after which they made a man and a woman of clay. The intention of the Creator was that man should live always. But the Sun, when he passed over, told them that there was not land enough, and that people had better die.

At length, the daughter of the Sun was bitten by a snake and died. The Sun, however, whom they worshipped as God—consented that human beings might live always. He entrusted to their care a box, charging that they should not open it. However, impelled by curiosity, they opened it, contrary to the injunction of the Sun, and the spirit it contained escaped, and then the fate of all men—that they must die—was decided.

Speaking of bachelors, the older they get the harder they fall.

The man who says everybody is honest has never run a grocery store on the credit plan.

Maybe you hadn't thought of it, but it is political quackery that makes lame ducks.

Pancho Villa has again won the respect of the world. He has refused to write his memoirs.

Russia will have to learn that it takes horse sense to run a stable government.

There is no more moonshine. The kind of stuff that is being sold now is made in a damp cellar in the dark of the moon.

"Old Foghorn."

W. R. Bradford, a member of the Legislature from York county and a former chairman of the ways and means committee, is opposed to the establishment of a boll weevil experiment station in Florence county, says the Calhoun Times. He says in his paper, the Fort Mill Times, that it is creating useless offices and fat jobs for some people who are too lazy to work and carve out their own careers; that we now have more than enough of boll weevil experts idling around over the country who don't know half as much about fighting the weevil as the farmer. There is a lot in what the Yorker has to say. We do not believe it will amount to a hill of beans except, as he says, to provide more easy berths and increase the tax burdens.

At the rate we are piling up taxes, debts and agents in this country, it is only a matter of time when bankruptcy and trouble will result. But his is old foghornism in modern progressive circles, so come on, Brother Bradford, and join us for a ride on the front seat in the band wagon till it topples over the precipice.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR 1923.

Notice of Opening of Books of Auditor for Listing Returns for Taxation.

Auditor's Office, December 3, 1922.

PURSUANT to the requirements of the Statute on the subject, Notice is hereby given that my Books will be opened in my Office in York Court House on TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 1923, for the purpose of listing for taxation all PERSONAL and REAL PROPERTY held in York County, on January 2, 1923, and will be kept open until the 20th day of February, 1923, and for the convenience of the Taxpayers of the County I will be at the places enumerated below on the dates named:

Clover—Tuesday and Wednesday, January 2nd and 3rd.

Pandana—(Ferguson's Store) Thursday, January 4th.

Hickory Grove—Friday, January 5th.

Sharon—Tuesday, January 9th.

Bullock's Creek—Wednesday, January 10th.

McConnellsville—Thursday, January 11th.

Newport—Friday, January 12th.

Fort Mill—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 15th, 16th and 17th.

Rock Hill—Monday, January 22d, through Saturday, January 27th.

All males between the ages of 21 and 60 years are liable to a poll tax of \$1.00, and all persons so liable are especially requested to give the numbers of their respective school districts in making returns.

BROADUS M. LOVE,
Auditor of York County.
Dec. 3, 1922.

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Of worth while Christmas souvenirs for your friends and loved ones just remember that this is the store you want to visit—everything we offer in Holiday goods is worth while and will be appreciated by the ones whom you favor with a Christmas souvenir—Let us suggest

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The best in the world. Here in Christmas and Gift packages of all sizes and kinds.

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KODAKS

A Kodak is a royal gift—one that never becomes old or out of date—it is the gift to be enjoyed by the entire family as well as by the individual—we have them in various sizes and variously priced.

CIGARS

Our Cigars always please because ours are the Cigars of quality—for gifts for men we have them in Christmas packages—10s, 25s, 50s and 100s—a quality to suit all tastes—variously priced—fine for gifts to men.

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This Store Extends You Its Good Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and Thanks You for the Patronage You Have Given It.

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We are better prepared than ever to dress you up for Christmas. More new stylish Wearing Apparel at Lower Prices than we have shown this season.

Ladies, Girls, Children

New Coat Suits of Poiret Twill, Tricotine and Velours; colors, navy brown and black,

\$9.00 to \$29.75

A great line of Ladies' and Misses' Long Coats and Sport Coats in all the new materials, priced

\$7.75 and Up

Another shipment of Dresses received this week; navy and brown,

\$6.75 to \$25.00

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Fur Chokers for Ladies, **\$6.75 to \$19.75**

Fur Sets for Children . . . **\$3.75 to \$9.75**

Anything you may want in Hosiery, wool or silk, cotton or lisle, for Ladies or Children.

Gift Handkerchiefs, in boxes or separately,

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SUITS, OVERCOATS, SHOES, HATS, SHIRTS, TIES, ETC.

Another shipment Young Men's Sport Model Suits came in today. Styles are the best. Prices the lowest.

Trunks, Suitcases, Bags. Boys! for sensible Gifts call on us.

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