

CURIOS & Antiques

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SOAP SALESMEN clean up in Roff: Last week a crew of soap salesmen landed in the town, called on a cafe and sold a box of soap with the promise that "our crew of 18 men will be here several days introducing our new product and we will eat with you while we are in town." They visited a shoe repair man and promised to have 18 pairs of shoes half-soled. They told a doctor 18 of them were going to have a physical examination. A seamstress was promised the job of making 45 smocks and she borrowed the money to buy some of the soap. A druggist, a filling station operator, grocer and others were likewise taken in. Investigation disclosed that there were only four men in the crew, that they had left Roff the same day with about \$50 in good money and left a lot of soap that wasn't fit to use.

It's easy to pick out the people who don't amount to anything. They are the ones who try hardest to look the most important.

BILL GLUCKMAN tells this: Two fellows met in jail. "What are you in here for?" asked one. "They got me charged with stealing a car," the other replied. The first prisoner retorted: "You're silly—why didn't you just buy one and not pay for it like respectable people do?"

It is told about some local doctors that an out-of-city physician sent a patient here to be X-rayed to determine whether he was suffering from a certain ailment. The doctors, it seems, were very busy with operations, etc., but when they brought the patient to the X-ray room and the prints were developed, symptoms of the ailment were found. They discovered also that the patients had got mixed up and the disease had been found in the wrong man.

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IT MAKES A LOT of difference which side of the fence you are on when something goes wrong. Some months ago a Pontotoc county resident was involved in a serious automobile wreck in which some ladies from another city were seriously injured, one finally succumbing to the hurts she received. A charge of driving a car while drunk was filed against a local man and, although witnesses testified to his guilt, a certain Ada attorney protested his innocence earnestly. He was a brother-in-law of the attorney's stenographer and we thought the attorney was perfectly justified in defending the accused man. But later on some friends of the attorney were injured in a wreck caused by a drunken driver. Then this same attorney came boldly forth proclaiming that "something ought to be done about these drunken drivers and right now." Another similar case: One Ada business man has made a good proportion of his living during the past several years by financing petty bootleggers and lending money to "sots" to pay fines, etc. Then one night recently his own son came home intoxicated. With all possible haste this business man made his way to the authorities and demanded: "Are you going to allow these bootleggers to go around here openly selling whiskey to youngsters? Why, my boy—" Probably neither of the men mentioned above ever directly disobeyed the particular law involved in their respective cases but by virtue of their lending assistance to known violators of the law, they were each indirectly responsible for "the chickens that came home to roost."

CARL GOLDMAN reports that Woodrow "Tubby" Huddleston, "Biff" Jones' sophomore back-field discovery at O. U., was highly indignant when he was publicized as being from Seminole; Tubby is an Ada boy and attended Horace Mann high school here. . . . We ran into Ross "Hennepin" McNeil, former East Central grid star, down at Davis last week; He is mayor of the town and has a grocery store to boot. . . . Buster Hough, who thinks there ought to be a telephone at the college stadium here so he could get the football results faster, says "I would even be willing to chip in a dollar on it and help out on the work."

Ralph Wasson calls us down because we asked him three times about the "status quo" of a leg injury he received and didn't ask at all when he hurt a finger some time ago. He says he lost no time from work because of the leg but worried for a week lest amputation of the finger become necessary.

IF YOU WONDER what started drinking at football games, you might look over this list of colleges and imagine what a tough time a sober cheer leader would have urging the school grid team on to victory. The following are taken from the weekly list of football scores received at The Ada News office each Saturday via The Associated Press: Upsala, Concordia Teachers, Dana, Stout, Fresno State, Chico State, Spearfish Normal, St. Viator, Morningside, Augustana, Yankton, Valley City Teachers, Wahpeton Science, Ricks College, Rensselaer Polytechnic, Luther, Defiance, Valparaiso University, Elon, Roanoke, Tusculum, Wheaton, Elmhurst, Juniata, Bridgewater, Middlebury, Tufts, Swarthmore, Kiskiminetas Springs School of Saltsburg, St. Olaf, Drexel, Lebanon, Catawba, Otterbein, Hiram, Emory and Henry, and Lebanon. If that's not enough, we might add that Muhlenberg recently conquered Ursinus and that Massanutten Academy defeated Mercersburg Academy. Of course, if you happen to be an alumnus of any of the above we might arrange for you to get the scores on Saturday nights.

Because a man holds a prominent position it does not necessarily follow he is an eloquent speaker.

PLEASANT SCENTS about Ada: The view of the landscape from West 25th street . . . and from the south end of Francis avenue . . . The drilling oil well at Latta as seen from a passenger train at night . . . The turnip patch on the courthouse yard . . . Youngsters gathering walnuts from the tree planted there four years ago by the Pontotoc county Boy Scouts . . . And judging from what has been completed, the new Methodist church will be a magnificent edifice when finished.