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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way"

The Final Evidence

If any additional evidence were needed of the desirability of supplanting the present form of city government with the city manager plan, it is furnished by the demands of party workers for city jobs from Mayor-Elect Sullivan.

The one reason advanced by the 2,000 or more who are asking for work for the city is that they are loyal Democrats and deserve well for their loyalty to the party ticket.

That was the same reason given by the men and women who got jobs from Duvall under the rule of Coffinism.

There is no reason, of course, why a man who calls himself a Democrat should be a better or a worse bookkeeper, inspector or policeman than one who calls himself a Republican.

This is the very foundation of the city manager theory of city government. It depends for its success upon the denunciation of city government. It demands only efficiency and service and not expertness in elections nor servility to partisan leaders.

Only where there is a political government would there be any thought of wholesale turnover in purely technical or administrative jobs when a change of mayors is made. And such changes emphasize the fact that the government is political and to a degree, gives warning to those who get the jobs that they must play the right kind of politics if they expect to keep them.

If there is to be a special session of the legislature to save the country schools from the starvation forced upon them by a legislature that was much more intent on spending vast sums of money for material things to care much about the child in the back woods, it might be well to take steps to get a start toward the city manager rule of cities and a strict civil service standard for all city and state employees.

The spoils system of government has always been costly and especially costly in other things than money. It means, inevitably, favoritism of all kinds and sorts.

The elimination of party politics from city government will be a long step toward better government in the state and in the nation.

Now that the people of most of the cities have turned to Democratic mayors as an escape from misrule under the regime that began with Jackson and Stephenson, the legislature may be in a mood to give laws that will really permit an honest trial of the city manager system.

Even the supreme court, after the last election, might discover that such a system would not violate the constitutional guarantees of citizens to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Sooner or later the cities, if they wish to grow and prosper, must get rid of the partisan viewpoint of government. Perhaps the time is here.

A Job for Congress

Pressing as are the many problems which confront congress at the regular session, it should find time to consider and dispose of Muscle Shoals by repassage of the Norris bill providing for continued government ownership and operation.

Ten years after construction of this great power plant, delegates to recent conference of the Public Ownership League of America found its great potentialities almost completely going to waste, with one turbine out of eight operating, with one-eighth of its potential power being developed, and that one-eighth going to the Alabama Power Company for 2 mills a kilowatt hour—the power company promptly reselling it for fifty times that. Nearby cities begging for power are denied it.

This situation often is blamed on congress. But it should not be forgotten that two years ago President Coolidge pocket-vetoed the Norris bill, which would have set the turbines to humming and put the nitrate plant in operation.

Nor should it be forgotten that all the great resources of the power trust have been thrown against any solution by congress, except turning the plant over to private hands.

Congress Reassembles

The regular session of congress meeting today has much work to do. Among the more important things to which it must give attention are the tariff bill, tax reduction, appropriations, the Vore case, extension of the radio commission, prohibition, the world court, inland waterways, naval building and disarmament, railroad consolidation, Muscle Shoals and the anti-labor injunction bill.

Several investigations are contemplated, of which that dealing with communications and electrical power perhaps is the most important.

The session probably will last for six months, since members will want to devote the summer to preparations for the November elections, in which a third of the senate and the entire house must be chosen. There will be much sparring for political advantage.

It is unlikely that congress will be able to dispose of all its work. The tariff bill has been only half completed by the senate, and there remains afterward the task of adjusting differences between the two houses.

The progressive Republicans and the Democrats have demonstrated that they control the senate and the old guard has realized the futility of attempting to get away with a tariff grab of the kind originally contemplated. This fact should expedite the measure.

Tax reduction will be simple. There will be no general legislation overhauling the tax laws, but a brief

resolution lowering corporation and individual income taxes 1 per cent for the coming year.

President Hoover's message is awaited with interest, since this is the first time in his administration that congress has been fully functioning. The President was criticized during the special session for lack of leadership. He now will have full opportunity to demonstrate whether the criticism was warranted. The house at least will be docile. The test of his ability to gain support for his policies will come in the senate.

The country will be grateful if congress completes the tariff bill quickly. Public outcry has shown that the people will not tolerate a measure of the kind passed by the house. Congress should realize this and enact a bill such as the Republican leaders promised last November, bringing an end to uncertainty and bickering. Important matters will suffer if this is not done.

An Object Lesson

Advocates of waterways development will rejoice in the excellent showing during the last fiscal year of the government-owned inland waterways corporation, revealed in the report of the secretary of war to congress.

The corporation was created as a war-time transportation aid, and since has been expended.

During the fiscal year the corporation's barges handled 1,881,000 tons of freight, and collected revenues of \$7,163,000. Net income was \$441,651, compared with a net income deficit of \$10,750 the year before. Congress wisely is extending the service of the corporation to the Missouri, St. Croix and Chicago-Illinois rivers. Terminal facilities have been provided at many Mississippi and Warrior river ports, and others are being projected.

Eventually, barges will operate on the intracoastal route between Mobile and New Orleans. Forty additional standard type barges are to be acquired at a cost of \$2,500,000.

The report stated that the corporation "has been of incalculable benefit to the people at large," and continually is increasing in effectiveness. It will, through co-ordination of railways and highways, bring cheaper freight rates, with reasonable returns to all participants.

Bigger and Bigger Riots

Michigan, it is reported, is planning to send her habitual drunks to prison for terms of seven to fifteen years. If this be true, it would seem that she is aching for bigger and better riots in her penal institutions.

If there is anything of which we may be certain relative to the startling prison outbreaks of the last year, it is that they grew out of the overcrowding of the institutions and the growing hopelessness of the inmates. Both of these factors were chiefly due to the long sentences imposed under "habitual criminal laws."

In other words, our prisons evidently are breaking down because their housing facilities and their administration can not bear up under the increasing strain of jailing the convict class. Handling bona fide criminals brings them to the breaking point.

Whereupon Michigan proposes to solve the situation by asking the state penitentiary to assume also the burden of acting as a jail, almshouse, dyspomania ward, down-and-out-club and other institutions in which confirmed inebriates might be confined with propriety.

REASON By FREDERICK LANDIS

PROFESSOR ROBERT EMMONS of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology reminds one of the old-time evangelist when he declares that bridge playing is "the lowest depth to which a human can fall." Card playing becomes a liability only when it develops into a habit which murders time which should be given to better things, such as the reading of good books.

When it leads to gambling, it is an unqualified curse, of course, for gambling, rather than tuberculosis, is the Great White Plague.

It is bad enough to gamble at night, but the man who does it after lunch is absolutely hopeless; he is headed for the poor house and his business for the junk heap.

The man who mixes either jackpots or booze with business hours has a reserved seat on the toboggan.

Which reminds one that the insufferable folly of our clandestine drinking is that so much of it is done during the day. The possessors of the embalming fluid may absorb it after the day's cares are over, just as before the eighteenth amendment, but for some reason, known only to the insanity expert, they keep it in their desks, so they may wave farewell to consciousness whenever such sublime aspiration arrives.

The United States supreme court upholds a law which denies a hitch-hiker, who gets hurt in an automobile accident, the right to sue the fellow who gave him a ride, which decision meets with our august approval.

When you pick up a stranger along the highway, it's enough to have to run the risk of being robbed.

Edward N. Hurley wisely announces that the United States is as rich as before the market crash, given to numerous gentlemen inside of it are not.

The only difference is that a lot of air which had been diverted from ventilation to high finance has returned to its original purpose.

The stock market is not the country any more than a faro bank at a county fair is the country.

WE are glad to see Frank E. Hering of South Bend, editor of the *Eagles* magazine, and all-around public asset, honored by the War Mothers as the founder of Mother's day.

Hering is one of the brightest men in America, and one of the most likable.

He is a humanitarian whose eyes are on the stars, but whose feet are on the ground.

It is hard to see how ex-Secretary Kellogg can get the Nobel prize for outstanding service for the promotion of peace, so long as Russia and China, both of whom signed the Kellogg treaty, outlawing war, are blowing the daylight out of each other.

The whole course of history may be changed by a trifle. How different things might have been had Clemenceau's father not ordered him back to France when he wanted to become an American citizen.

France would have collapsed and Germany would have won the war.

M. E. Tracy

SAYS:

Byrd's Feat Was Wonderful,
But No More Wonderful
Than the Fact You Could
Read About It 24 Hours
Afterward.

COMMANDER BYRD flies to the south pole; Jack Elder makes a ninety-six-yard run in the Army-Notre Dame game; representatives of four great powers discuss the Russian-Chinese situation at Washington; the French flag is hauled down from Ehrenbreitstein; four labor leaders are convicted at Marion, N. C.; the Governor of New Jersey names Dwight W. Morrow as United States senator; twenty-five or thirty people dies from cold throughout the United States, and an old clipper ship is up for sale as an art treasure.

One could moralize over any of these incidents to the extent of a thousand words, since each has a more or less definite bearing on that complex thing we call progress.

If Byrd's performance shows how science has made it possible for men to find romance and adventure, young Elder's feat shows what a part sport has come to play in modern life.

French evacuation of the second Rhineland zone suggests that, in spite of all arguments, Europe gradually is healing its war sores, while the fatalities due to cold put the weather in competition with the dry agent.

The acceptance of an old clipper ship as an art treasure proves how far we have left one great era behind, and how irrevocably we have entered another.

Polar Feat Wonderful

YOU read about Commander Byrd's flight to the south pole, of course, with all the details—how they zigzagged the great plane through wind-swept canyons, throwing away food to save gasoline; how they skittered over the great plateau at an altitude of 10,000 or 12,000 feet; how they came to the bottom of the world at last and never would have known it without their scientific instruments; how they circled around to be sure those instruments were right, and how they came back at a smashing pace just ahead of a storm.

A wonderful performance, truly, but no more wonderful than the fact that you could read about it twenty-four hours afterward.

When Peary sledged his way to the north pole twenty years ago, it was months before he could let the world know of his triumph. The time was so long, indeed, that the United States, which had been civilized, he found Dr. Cook being acclaimed as the real discoverer.

What a scandal that was, and how we enjoyed it!

Mystery No Longer

THE radio makes such scandals impossible and the airplane makes them unnecessary.

Our grandfathers grew up with the idea that the poles were beyond reach, but we have seen enough to believe that they may become regular way stations on airplane routes within fifteen or twenty years.

What we have gained by way of knowledge regarding the poles is offset by what we have lost in the realm of speculation and argument. The aurora borealis ceases to shroud a mystery.

What men liked to fancy a weird region turns out a blank.

The opportunity has gone for some future Edward Everett Hale to write a "John Whopper."

There simply is not any valley of diamonds, hell-mouth or hub-cap at either end of the earth.

Still, there may be something of value beneath the ice sheets, and if the United States can get four million square miles of land, or any considerable portion of it, by no greater exertion than lodging a claim, why not do so?

Even if the giant mountains are barren of silver and gold, the control of transatlantic air routes might hold some advantage.

Besides, they may contain oil, which should be even more attractive.

The question is not one of imperialism or conquest.

There are no people to be robbed, or exploited.

Just as uninhabited continent, which no one else seems to want.

Alaska 'Comes Through'

TODAY that continent looks worthless, but so did Alaska seventy-five years ago.

"Seward's Folly," they called it. When we bought Alaska from Russia to cover up what we paid for the services of her fleet and foreign policy during the Civil war.

Now we wouldn't sell it for ten times the price.

Science and commerce play strange tricks with value. What seemed worthless yesterday becomes the source of riches today, while what meant wealth a generation ago means little now.

When the Spaniards journeyed down the west coast of South America they paid little attention to the great nitrate beds.

Who knows what human ingenuity may discover in the frozen polar regions, and who has the hardihood to say that they ought to be ignored, because we don't know?

Daily Thought

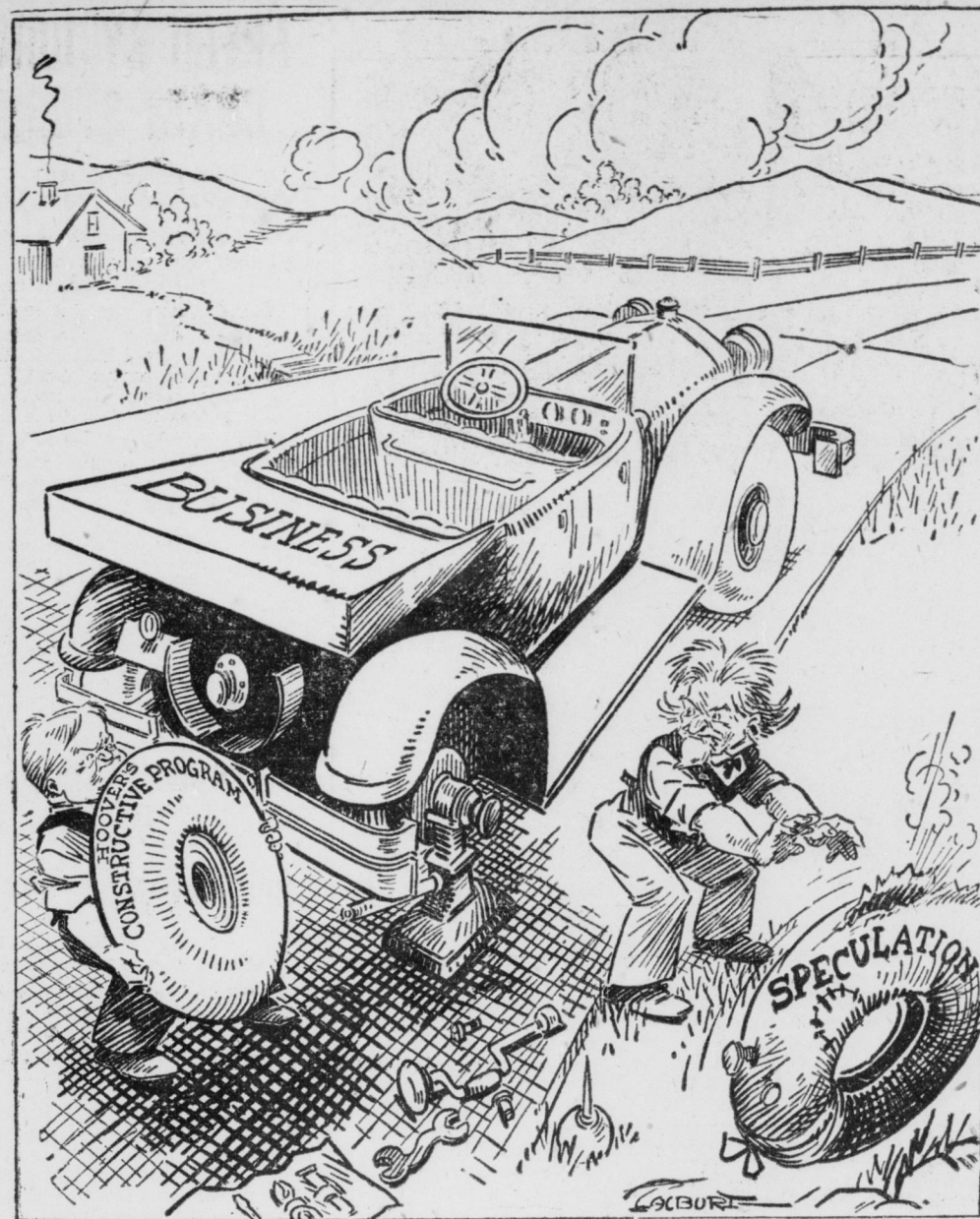
I sought the Lord and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears.—Psalms 34:4.

It is a great truth, "God reigns," and therefore grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord; and, therefore, no sinner on earth need ever despair.—I Chabod Spencer.

What is the meaning of the name Pombau?

It is a French name meaning "famous beauty."

That's Better!



DAILY HEALTH SERVICE

'External Feeding' of Skin Discounted

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEN

Editor Journal of the American Medical Association and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine.

MANY women believe that it is possible to feed the skin or cause it to all out by the use of pastes, ointments, lotions or similar preparations rubbed on, stuck on, or dopped on in some manner.

There is, however, no way to feed the skin by something put on the surface. The skin is kept alive and clear by the blood that comes to it in the lower layers.

There are no blood vessels in the outer layers of the skin, and these layers get the material on which they are kept alive by an oozing of the fluid from the blood through the lower layers up to them.

The layer that is on the outside

is a horny material which serves primarily as a protective covering and which has not within it any stimulating elements for taking up or assimilating nutritive material.

The blood vessels that come to the skin, like those in other portion of the body, are controlled by nerves which can dilate them or contract them.

When the nerves dilate the blood vessels, more blood comes into the skin, and conversely when the blood vessels contract, less blood comes in.

The nerves in the skin react to many influences. If a person blushes, his blood vessels dilate; if he faints, the blood vessels contract. If a person takes alcohol his face flushes, and if he eats too much he is likely to have a flushed complexion.

The undamaged skin will not al-

low water to pass through it or any substances that may be in solution in water. A person can be put in a bathtub full of water and kept there for many days he will not be any more thirsty due to water passing out of his body, nor will he swell out due to water passing into the body.

If the water is very hot, he will perspire and due to the loss of water from his body by perspiration, he will become thirsty.

Fatty substances and ointments placed on the skin will not be absorbed by the skin, but if they are rubbed hard enough they may be forced to penetrate the skin and get into the glands, from which they may be taken up.

When fat is rubbed in, it does not remain in the skin, but is taken up by the blood and carried to other parts of the body.

IT SEEMS TO ME By HEYWOOD BROWN

Ideals and opinions expressed in this column are those of one of America's most interesting writers and are presented without reference to their agreement or disagreement with the editor's or publisher's of this paper.—The Editor.

ALMOST I was persuaded on Tuesday night that "Sweet Adeline" might not be the best musical show in town. I was watching Jack Donahue in "Sons of Guns." But I went back to my old allegiance because the new piece had a scene in which a band played and troops marched off to war.

My objection is a great deal less than fair. A musical comedy about the war is right to introduce a band. There were such things. Moreover, bands stir me a great deal. That's why I'm against them.

In fact, I would feel much more sure of the abolition of war if only the people at disarmament conferences would suggest scrapping bands rather than battleships. Many of the individuals who were once held personally responsible for starting the last great conflict have since been found not guilty. But I would acquit no drum major or anybody who played the fife. It's only a short step from a march to mass murder.

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they formed a female minstrel troupe and trapped the passing mariners by playing "Over There."

Dogs can be brought to anguish with certain strains and man is not immune from going berserk if you feed him on the proper sounds.

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