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## Superfluous Federal Employees

The reduction in the number of federal employees since the signing of the armistice has been so absurdly small that one wonders how the thousands on the federal pay roll in Washington are kept busy.

In July, 1917, the number of employees was 37,908. Today the number in the District of Columbia on the federal pay roll is 102,000. In the middle of 1918 the number stood at 111,457. The reduction in the number is ridiculously small.

An independent firm of accountants, after a study of the system, reported that the government employees are divided into 1,700 classes, and that there is neither a maximum nor minimum limit to their pay. It is alleged that political pull accounts for some of the big salaries paid to employees.

One-fourth of all the employees in the district could be dropped without crippling or even impairing the efficiency of the service, according to Chairman Good of the appropriations committee of the house. A committee of the New York

Chamber of Commerce believes that a third of the employees could be dropped.

Voices have been raised all over the country against extravagance in public affairs. It has been asserted that routine matters in Washington are not transacted with the dispatch characteristic of a private enterprise.

Bitter complaints have been registered with the war risk insurance bureau and with the vocational education bureau. Assurances by the heads of these bureaus that correspondence will hereafter be answered promptly proves that the criticism was founded on fact.

If Washington is swamped with clerks, the taxpayers are warranted in expecting a speedy transaction of public business. If incompetents and political appointees are treading on each other's toes and are merely affixing their names to the federal payroll because of political pull, it is high time that congress cleans house.

Thrift and economy, preached from high places, has been dinned into our ears with such persistence that we have almost become tired of the repetition. Our legislative leaders cannot expect the country to take seriously their preachments if they do not practice it themselves in the administration of public affairs. Every million spent uselessly is a drain on the country, and the taxpayer who must pay the bills has the right to demand that the country receive a full return for the money that is spent.

Secretary Meredith of the agricultural department announced shortly after he assumed his duties that he would begin at once to eliminate superfluous clerks and employees. A systematic course of elimination practiced by the heads of departments would soon cut down the 102,000 employees to a number commensurate with the actual requirements.

## Answers to Questions

A. H.—Is there still much coal that has not been mined? — The unmined coal reserves of the United States and Alaska amount to 4,231,000,000,000 tons. The total coal reserves of the world amount to 8,154,000,000,000 tons, of which 584,000,000,000 is anthracite, 4,302,000,000,000 is bituminous, and 3,304,000,000,000 is sub-bituminous and lignite.

K. B.—What was the foreign commerce of the United States in 1919? — The total imports and exports amounted to \$162,224,548.

R. T.—In what year was Harvard University organized? — In 1636.

S. B.—How much life insurance is in force in the United States? — The amount of the policies is about \$30,000,000,000.

P. C.—What penalty is provided in the national motor vehicle theft act? Section 3 says: That whoever shall transport or cause to be transported in interstate or foreign commerce a motor vehicle knowing the same to have been stolen, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment, or not more than five years, or both.

Readers may obtain answers to questions by writing the Palladium Question and Answer Department. Questions should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.

## Good Evening

By Roy K. Moulton

### PILGRIM'S PROGRESS IN SOCIETY

Luella and I discovered that it would be difficult to make much progress in \$5,000 a year society without a good serviceable coat of arms. I had often seen them on the nifty hotel paper and wondered how a hotel could have a coat of arms and I had seen them flying higher and on on automobiles, but until we began getting into society I never gave them serious consideration.

Some months ago we started looking up a coat of arms so that our stationery might be as good as that used by the rest of our set. We made plenty of headway, but not the sort of headway we desired. One is apt to meet with more or less disappointment when delving among ancestors. Ancestors don't give you much consideration. They embark in any sort of business which seems to have money in it, entirely regardless of the feelings of posterity.

Three of Luella's ancestors we located in jail and two in the second-hand business. No material for coats of arms there. Mine were about as thoughtless as hers.

Finally we evolved a brilliant idea. We decided to pick out an uncommon name—a name not borne of anybody in our set or within twelve miles of our set, and to simply reach back into history and grab the coat of arms of this family. We chose the name of Poodledosh. In about a week we found back in history an accommodating old party by the name of Poodledosh, and he had a coat of arms, a very good-looking one. We promptly adopted this old party as a long lost relative and sent his coat of arms to the engravers.

Old Man Poodledosh was a falconer for King Richard the Lion-Hearted, and we are only hoping that nobody gets busy on the ouija board and queers our new coat of arms.

J. RUFUS WALLSTREET  
He speaks nonchalantly of millions. Of deals he has pulled in the street. And how he will run them to billions. And mentions his great country seat. In real life, he's a clerk for a broker. When prices have fallen or soared.

## Dinner Stories

"Do you act toward your wife as you did before you married her?"  
"Exactly. I remember just how I used to act when I first fell in love with her. I used to lean over the fence in front of her house and gaze at her shadow on the curtain, afraid to go in. And I act just the same way now when I get home late."

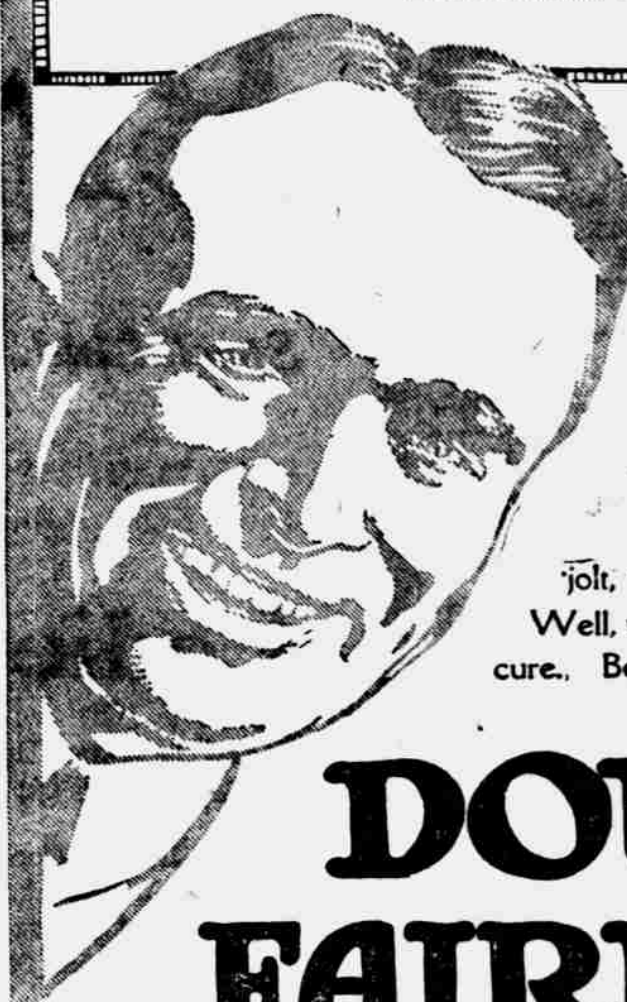
"Sit down, Mr. Stylo," said the eminent publisher to the tattered

genius, who had just entered his elaborate sanctum. "I have read your manuscript, and I think I shall publish it."  
"Ah!" cried the starving genius. "Do you really mean that?"  
"Yes. It seems to me a good book, and I think it will fill a long-felt want."  
"I'm glad to hear you say that. And by the way, could you advance me two dollars on account of my royalties?"  
"Oh, I think so—I think so. But why do you want two dollars?"  
"I want to begin filling that long-felt want you spoke of."

# RICHMOND THEATRE

The Home of High Class Pictures

SUNDAY AND MONDAY



All the joy out of life? Feeling blue and gloomy? Everything seem to be going wrong?

Let's see—guess you'd better visit a doctor; must be your liver or stomach or something. No? You don't need that kind of a doctor?

Oh! That's different. You want a mental jolt, you say—something to give you a fresh start? Well, there's only one chance for you—but it's a sure cure. Better go and see the joy specialist—

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## Today's Talk

By George Matthew Adams

PLEASE DON'T PASS THE BUCK!  
Some day there are going to be enough enterprising folks to take in hand the job of raising a fine statue to "George." I refer to the fellow who goes ahead and does things when he is told—but who mostly does things without being told.

In other words, I would glorify the chap referred to in the phrase, "Let George do it!"

You see, "George" has earned a reputation. He never passed the buck, as is the phrase. He sees that a thing has to be done and so he does it—and passes on.

Most of the failure in business, as well as in character, are expert at buck-passing.  
I have in my mind the picture of a human being that delights my heart. He or she is something like this: "Ah! Here is something that should be done—so I shall do it. I have no idea as to what it will mean to me or anybody else—but I am sure that it will mean something to me and everybody—if it's done."

Please, my friend, do not pass the buck!

If blame belongs to you, take it. Face your consequences and you will learn to face most anything.

Two types there are that no one loves—the buck-passer and the whiner. Both live in the same house and eat from the same table and have the same relatives. And I imagine that they sleep together!

Take nothing which does not belong to you by right of work or thought. But that which does belong to you, whether it is a blunder or a chunk of glory, own it—and say squarely that it's yours.

And do not take too much time in owning up, either! It will earn for you the applause of all who know you—and untold multitudes beside.

## Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

Glen Miller was informally opened for the first time in 1910, by Superintendent Hollern.

Robert Truss, of Edmondton, Alberta, and Miss Blanche Billheimer, of this city, were married by the Rev. R. J. Wade.

Fitting ceremonies in observance of Easter Sunday were held by all Richmond churches.

There are 2000 military cemeteries in Europe as a result of the world war.

## PAINS SO BAD STAYED IN BED

Young Mrs. Johnston Had Miserable Time Until She Took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Chicago, Ill.—"I was very sick for some time with pains in my sides and back and I could not do my work at times the pain in my side was so bad. I would have to stay in bed for days at a time. My mother-in-law had taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and recommended it to me. It cured my pains and I am now able to do all my work. You can publish my testimonial and I hope the Compound will do others the good it has done me."—Mrs. ANNA JOHNSTON, 206 E. 41st Street, Chicago, Ill.



For forty years women have been telling how Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has restored their health when suffering with female ills. This accounts for the enormous demand for it from coast to coast. If you are troubled with any ailment peculiar to women why don't you try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound? It is made from native roots and herbs and contains no narcotics or harmful drugs.

## Miami U. to Start

### Financial Campaign

OXFORD, Ohio, March 27.—It was officially announced today at Miami university that a campaign for a \$1,000,000 extension fund will be inaugurated in a few days. The remarkable growth of the university in the last few years has made necessary improvements which the state of Ohio does not seem able to finance at present. The most urgent needs at this time are a new gymnasium, a hospital and additional dormitory room.

The vacancy on the board of trustees of Oxford College for Women, caused by the recent death of Mrs. Emma Lee Elam, of Indianapolis, Ind., probably will not be filled until the annual meeting of the board in June. While no names have been publicly mentioned in connection with the filling of the vacancy, it is understood that the new trustee will be a woman, one to represent the alumnae association of the institution.

To Coach Coaches.  
Coach George E. Little, of Miami university, has accepted a position to instruct a class in coaching at the Peabody Normal school, Nashville, Tenn., this summer.

To Give Concerts.  
Miami university's glee club last night gave its first concert of the season at Shandon. During the spring vacation, which will start on April 1, the glee club will give a ten-days concert tour in Ohio cities.

Trustees Not Chosen.  
A person often does more good than he realizes when he tells a suffering friend how to get well. J. N. T. Hill, clerk Lott Hotel, Evansville, Ind., writes: "For weeks I suffered constantly with pains in the muscles of my thigh. I was treated by the doctor for rheumatism but found no relief. Upon recommendation of a friend, I tried Foley Kidney Pills and began to get relief almost immediately. Good for backache, rheumatic pains, stiff joints. For sale by A. G. Luken & Co. Advertisement."

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50c and 60c jars at drug stores.  
Composed largely of menthol and camphor.  
**JACK FROST FOR COLDS**

# PALACE

—Sunday—

Everybody enjoys a good western story and for Sunday we have selected the best

## Harry Carey

The screen's greatest western character in a picture full of pep, punch, thrills and laughs

# "Marked Men"

From the Wonderful story by the Wonderful Writer Peter B. Kyne "The 3 Godfathers"

When the great Saturday Eve. Post writer, Peter B. Kyne, conceived the plot of this enthralling story, he was at his best, for no story carries a finer idea, a more perfect plot and so great a lesson as does this story of the three godfathers, pictured in "Marked Men." Lost in the stilling heat of the southwestern desert with a newly born baby, three bandits—But what's the use of spoiling so fine a play for you when you can see what happened and enjoy every wonderful flash of this photodrama on the screen. Don't miss it.

And with this we are showing one of the rip-roaringest Mack Sennett comedies you ever laughed at

# "That Night"

It's a scream

PIPE ORGAN FOR MUSIC

—and for next week, see these stars.

TUESDAY  
ALICE BRADY

—In—  
"Her Silent Sacrifice"

WEDNESDAY  
NORMA TALMADGE

—In—  
"DE LUX ANNE"

THURSDAY  
MARY PICKFORD

—In—  
"The Pride of the Clan"

## SELECT VAUDEVILLE

Monday—Tuesday Only

## Harry Morey

—In—

# "The Darkest Hour"

From Millionaire to a fighting Lumber Jack. Five-reel Vitagraph feature



LAST TIMES SUNDAY  
BESSIE BARISCALE

—In—  
"The Luck of Geraldine Laird"

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Three gentlemen and one lady in an instrumental and vocal offering. Presenting popular and grand opera selections.

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"Two Boys from Jazzland" comedy singing

## DALE AND BOYLE

"THE BELLE AND THE BEAU"

THURSDAY AND LAST HALF

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Assisted by

Herford Hartwell and five Broadway Buds. Special scenery, lavish costumes. See

"The Pony Jazz," "Nature Ballet," "Raggy Tap Taps" and "On To Victory." Most pretentious dancing act in vaudeville.

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In "A Novelty Surprise." Miss Bennett is the acknowledged lady champion wrestler of the world. Three girls and a man in an act of surprises and novelties.

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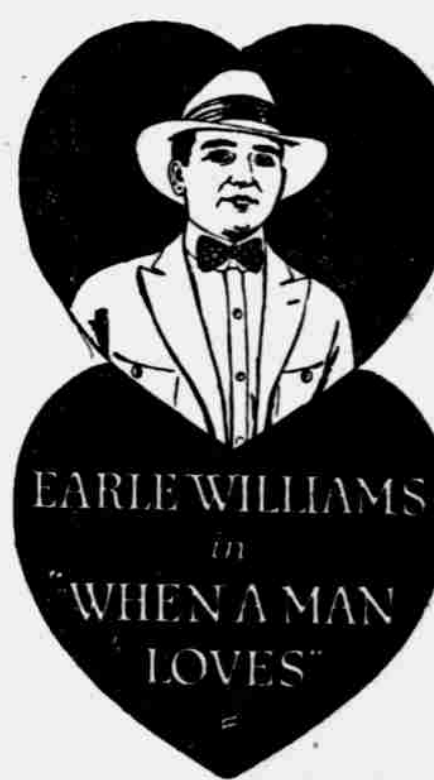
Thursday, Friday, Sat., Sun.

## Earl Williams

—In—

# "When a Man Loves"

Earl Williams makes love better than any man on the screen. See him in this picture. Five-reel Vitagraph feature.



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Seats now selling