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Superfluous Federal Employees

The reduction in the number of federal em-
ployees 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 Col-
umbia 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 govern-
ment employees are divided into 1,700 classes, and
that their 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 em-
ployees.One-fourth of all the employees in the district
could be dropped without crippling or even im-
pairing the efficiency of the service, according to
Chairman Good of the appropriations commit-
tee of the house. A committee of the New YorkChamber 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 character-
istic of a private enterprise.Bitter complaints have been registered with
the war risk insurance bureau and with the vo-
cational 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 ex-
pect the country to take seriously their preach-
ments 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 de-
partment 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.Miami U. to Start
Financial Campaign

PLEASE DON'T PASS THE BUCK!

Some day there are going to be en-
ough 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
character 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:
"Aha! 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 every
body—if it's done."Please, my friend, do not pass the
buck!If blame belongs to you, take it.
Face your consequences and learn to
face most things.Two types there are that no one
loves—the buck-pass 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 TodayGlen Miller was informally opened
for the first time in 1910, by Superin-
tendent Hollern.Robert Truss, of Edmonton, Al-
berta, 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 Rich-
mond churches.There are 2000 military cemeteries
in Europe as a result of the world
war.PAINS SO BAD
STAYED IN BEDYoung 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 Com-
pound and recommended it to me. It
cured my pain and I am now able to do
all my work. You can publish my testi-
monial 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 Vege-
table 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.The RICHMOND PALLADIUM
AND SUN-TELEGRAM, SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1920.

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 com-
merce of the United States in 1807?
—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.F. 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
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 prog-
ress 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 hither and yon on automo-
biles, but until we began getting into
society I never gave them serious
consideration.Some months ago we started look-
ing up a coat of arms so that our sta-
tionery 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 disappoint-
ment when dealing among ancestors.
Ancestors don't give you much con-
sideration. 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 locat-
ed 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
Poodledash. In about a week we found
back in history an accommodating old
party by the name of Poodledash, 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
feelings of posterity.Old Man Poodledash 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,

PALACE

—Sunday—

Everybody enjoys a good western story and for Sunday we have

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, conceiv-
ed 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 stifling 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 won-
derful 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.WEDNESDAY
NORMA TALMADGE
—in—

"DE LUX ANNE"

TUESDAY
ALICE BRADY
—in—
"Her Silent Sacrifice"THURSDAY
MARY PICKFORD
—in—

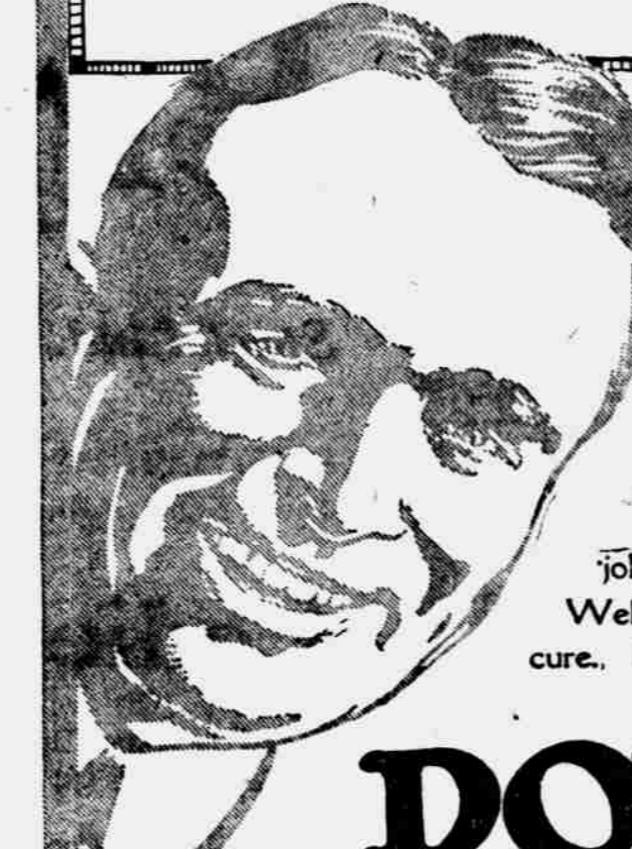
"The Pride of the Clan"

He has not the cushion to get in with
the push
And he owes seven weeks on his
board.
He whispers quotations, with gestic-
ulations,
But he owes seven weeks on his
board.Statistics are wonderful. If all the
telephone wires in the United States
were melted up into one lump the
service wouldn't be much worse.Light and power are supplied to 166
surrounding villages from a single central
station in Germany.

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 elab-
orate 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 royal-
ties?""Oh, I think so—I think so. But
why do you want two dollars?""I want to begin filling that long-
felt what 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 seems 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.DOUGLAS
FAIRBANKS
in his big new picture of laughter
and love, thrills and surprises!"HIS MAJESTY
THE AMERICAN"

COMING EASTER FOR 3 DAYS

"The Beloved Cheater"

"Kissing is an Art"—Lew Cody Proves It

ALSO HAROLD LLOYD in CAPT. KIDD'S KIDS

HEAR
Our Pipe Organ
Our Concert Orchestra

MURRAY

"BETTER COME EARLY"

Supreme Vaudeville

MONDAY—TUESDAY ONLY

Harry Morey

—in—

"The Darkest
Hour"From Millionaire to a Fighting Lumber
Jack. Five-reel Vitagraph feature

ROBINSON AND PENNY

"Two Boys from Jazzland" comedy singing

DALE AND BOYLE

"THE BELLE AND THE BEAU"

THURSDAY AND LAST HALF

(7) WINIFRED GILRAIN AND GIRLS (7)

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 vaude-
ville.

(4) LURA BENNETT AND COMPANY (4)

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

HUGO LUTGENS

"The Swede Billy Sunday." A real Swede comedian,
presenting 100 laughs

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