

AN INDEPENDENT.

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ports from England, Ireland, Denmark, etc., are ignored by our place-hunting politicians.

Equal Health Opportunity for Rich and Poor.

Nevertheless, there are occasional evidences that public opinion is getting ready to follow some leader in these matters, and such seemingly unimportant events may be more significant as the beginning of real "news" than much of the matter featured on the front page of our daily papers.

"No sick person in Charlotte and Mecklenburg county whose physician orders hospital treatment will be denied admission in future to Charlotte hospitals for lack of money, according to a plan submitted and tentatively approved by the board of county commissioners today."

Furthermore, editors who do some thinking for themselves are beginning to sense the essential humanity of a civilization in which wealthy parents, when they or their children are sick, may summon hospital and medical and surgical attention to save life, while poor folk must often look on helplessly and see their loved ones suffer and die for lack of surgical skill or hospital treatment.

Health work should be placed upon a similar basis to that of school work. We need public physicians, dispensaries, hospitals, as we have public schools, public teachers, public libraries, etc. . . . At present it is a question with a poor man who wishes to maintain his self-respect whether he shall receive the benefit of hospital service and be overwhelmed with debt or simply suffer and die. Such a situation is not right."

Old Age Pensions Coming.

Conditions, too, are steadily shaping themselves for the introduction of "old age pensions" in this coun-

try just as they have long existed in England and other European nations. In one or two Southern legislatures last winter, we believe, measures were introduced looking to old age pensions, and this reform will come more quickly than almost anybody realizes, because the ground has already been well prepared for it. We refer the fact that in every state now, some thousands or tens of thousands of old men, Civil War veterans, are now receiving government pensions, and these pensions in recent years have increased rather than decreased. Yet in a few years these old soldiers will practically all have passed on, and when that time comes, the states will no doubt decide that just as much money as they have been spending for veterans' pensions may be worthily spent on the aged poor, even if the recipients were born too late to serve in a war.

Furthermore, the growing humanity of our people will quickly recognize the fact that an aged woman deserves a pension just as much as any soldier who ever lived. We have before us now a letter from an old woman, 76 years old, who has worked hard all her life, and whose husband died two years ago. She writes:

"He was helpless and sick for over two years and what little money we had, had to be spent in medicines and nurses to keep him comfortable. Now I am in a destitute condition and do not know what is to become of me, as I am not even able to pay up his funeral expenses. I have only a little home and if I sell that I will have to go to the poorhouse—a thought that makes me shudder. I have worked all my life and to be on charity now at 76 years is too hard."

In contrast to this method of treating our aged poor in this country, it is gratifying to recall a picture that still lingers in our memory from a visit to Denmark 15 years ago. Across the street from our hotel widow we noticed the longest line of old people we had ever seen together—all white-haired, some crippled, and many with sticks or crutches, but yet without the abject, cowed, broken-spirited and heart-broken look of

folks who have been forced to beg alms or driven to a poorhouse. They were old men and women receiving their "old age pensions," not as charity, but as a duty owed by the government to the old who had long lived and labored as its citizens. In fact, they had no more reason to think of their old age pensions as charity than a child thinks of its public school as charity.

A Brightening Outlook for the Common Man

We began this article somewhat gloomily because we were considering the outstanding political leadership of this and other great countries. That leadership at present seems singularly dull, timid, and reactionary. Yet we have faith in "the common sense of most" in any nation, and faith that eventually leadership is always found to voice the aspirations and ideals of onward-struggling humanity.

Encouraging is the fact that factions in Christian denominations are fast abandoning the folly of warring over non-essential interpretations of the Bible and beginning to fight together for the real fundamental principles of their faith—as embodied in the Golden Rule, the two Great Commandments, and the Parable of the Last Judgment.

Gratifying, too, is the fact that efforts to promote hatred or intimidation of brother human-beings because of race (which they cannot help) or religion (in which they are just as sincere as we are), are now giving way before a realization that such bitterness and lawlessness constitute greater evils than any they are invoked to cure.

In the case of farmers, it is heartening to recall that all over the world a tide seems to be setting in toward fraternity, comradeship, and organization, and with organization, farmers will develop power to right most of the evils from which they suffer. In France, Japan, Rumania, and Russia, as well as in the United States, recent news reports indicate remarkable developments in farmers' organizations.

Finally and most important of all high schools, colleges, and universities all over our land and other

lands are opening this fall with more representatives of the farming and laboring classes than ever before. Many of these will go into business and the professions, but enough will return to their own people to insure more and more intelligent leadership for organized labor and organized agriculture as they strive toward the ancient ideal of "equality of opportunity."

Some Issues for 1928.

To sum up, we would say that as another year of political activity approaches, here are some issues about which the people of each state may well inform themselves and bestir their all too backward political leadership:

1. International cooperation to save the growing lads of the world today from the organized butchery and man-killing known as war;
2. The provision of expert surgical and hospital attention for the suffering victims of poverty as well as for the independent and wealthy;
3. "Old age pensions" as badges of honor for needy old men and women rather than the humiliation and shame of the poorhouse;
4. Taxation and tariff policies that will insure "Equality for Agriculture" rather than those dictated by special interests to plunder agriculture.

Plenty Teeth In New Co. Taxing System

Charles M. Johnson, county adviser under the County Government Advisory Commission, has called the attention of the boards and other county officers to the strict provisions of the act to provide for the collection of taxes and the provisions governing in particular the meeting of the board of commissioners on the first Monday in October, which are as follows:

"Any county commissioner who shall vote to deliver the tax list and receipt books to any sheriff or tax collector for the succeeding year, when settlement has not been made as herein provided of the taxes for the previous year, shall be individually liable for the amount of taxes due by such sheriff or tax collector.

"Any county commissioner who shall fail to vote on the first Mon-

day in October to make provisions for the collection of the taxes for the then tax year, as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of ten dollars for each day failure to make provisions as herein provided shall have continued.

"Any county commissioner who shall fail to require a report herein required or wilfully fails to perform any duty herein imposed shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court.

"Any sheriff or tax collector who shall fail to perform any duty imposed by this article shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, in the discretion of the court, and in addition thereto shall be liable under his bond for all damages resulting from his negligence.

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THE MODERN CIRCUS TRAVELS ON AUTO TRUCKS

When the circus comes to town, if it happens to be Downie Bros., Wild Animal Circus—it come by Chevrolets. Seventy-five of them—sturdy one ton trucks make up the train that transports this entire show, wild animals and all, from the time in early spring it leaves its winter quarters at Havre de Grace, Md., until it returns there late in Autumn.

Andrew Downie fixed on Chevrolets after trying other methods of transportation during his 42 years in the show business. He experimented with horses and wagons, canal barges, steam tractors hitched to trailers, motor trucks and railway circus trains.

Now the 75 Chevrolets carry the entire show, consisting of 200 clowns, musicians, tight rope walkers and other employees, as well as lions tigers, the "big top", side shows and complete equipment everywhere on the circuit from inaccessible mountain hamlets to seaside towns. One truck used by general manager Harron as a summer home provides him with a residence en route. Another carries a complete electric lighting plant.

Last year the circus caravan traveled 7,000 miles over roads of every sort, up mountain trails and dragging in and out of muddy circus lots.

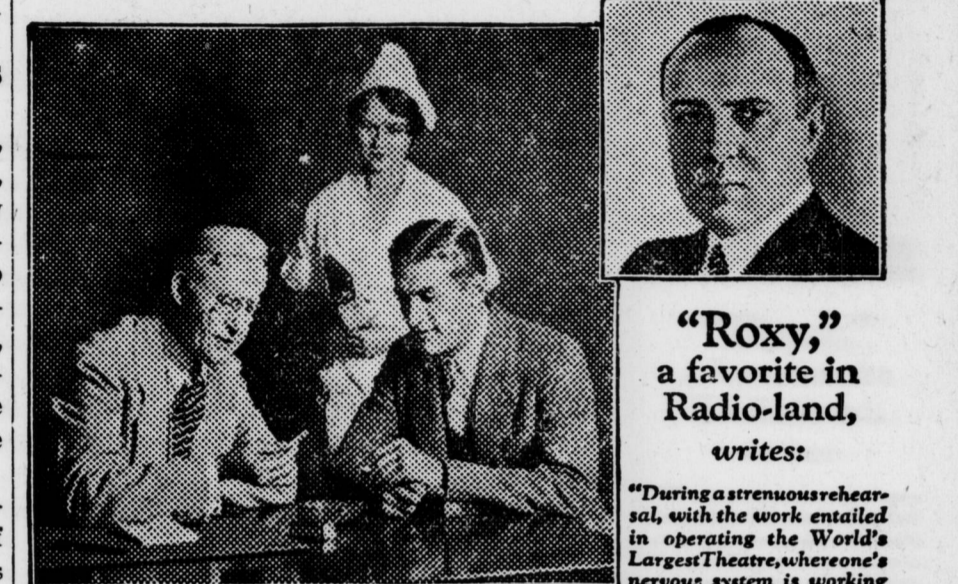
Not one spring was broken and no trouble was experienced with rear ends, or gears, or clutches, according to statement by the chief mechanic, despite the grueling test that each truck underwent and despite the fact that each truck carried an average load of more than 4,000 pounds.

Dependability, Mr. Downie ex-

plained, was the big thing that decided him in favor of Chevrolets. His advance guard draws up a traveling schedule which he must adhere rigidly to. His trucks may not break down en route lest he disappoint the youngsters in the next town keyed up for the big parade. Another factor favoring Chevrolets, he says, is the ease and convenience with which new parts or service may be obtained even in remote country districts.

His is said to be the largest motor circus in the world.

First for Finer Flavor —No Throat Irritation —No Cough 11,105\* doctors give written opinion



"Roxy," a favorite in Radio-land, writes:

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These figures represent the opinion and experience of doctors, those whose business it is to know.



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"It's toasted" No Throat Irritation—No Cough.

Spring-Time in the Hawaiian Islands



OVER in Hawaii, where morning-glories bloom all day long and the night-blooming cereus lives but one glorious moonlight night to die with the first rays of the morning sun, spring-time is a very different affair from our northern spring.

In a land of perpetual summer, naturally the role of spring seems a bit difficult. To the Northerner, who has left the land of tiny buds and pale green grass to get off the steamer at Honolulu, some April morning, it seems that all Hawaii is in bloom. Large trees are dotted with the brilliant red of African tulips; golden-shower trees vie in splendor with red and white ginger blossoms; red and purple bougainvilleas cover the high fences, and the salmon and white of oleander is everywhere.

Yet to the Hawaiian this is spring—a promise of greater fullness to come.

The native guide cautions the tourist not to pick the flaming red hibiscus flower for then the day will be rainy. If the temptation is too great and the tourist plucks the flower, the shower inevitably follows, according to the guide, and it is then necessary to return to the trees and take another blossom to avert more rain.

The rainy season has just ended and the natives have no desire to prolong it, knowing that May, June and July constitute the fairest

season. The mango, the avocado, the pineapple and the guava are already ripening. Making the most of these sunshiny days, Hawaiian boys are weaving the big hats that are to protect them from the summer sun to follow. Girls with baskets of fragrant ginger blossoms and lavender jackaranda string leis which they will take to the beaches to sell.

There they will join the jovial, jostling lei-women vending armful of vari-colored flower wreaths. The beaches are a glorious place in May. Brown-skinned Hawaiian boys ride the surf boards alongside of sugar-kings and coffee-magnates. Women from all parts of the world sport in the surf with Hawaiian maidens, whose lithe bodies are the envy of all. A charging platoon of native girls, standing erect on racing surfboards, propelled shoreward by no other power than the force of a giant wave, is a sight worth watching.

Life everywhere seems to be lived in the open. Even the dancing, with native orchestras is outside on the broad lanais or verandas. Here tables are set at tea-time and one enjoys delicious foods strange to most visitors, such as the papaya, a delicious golden-meat melon that grows plentifully on trees the year around. There are, in season, luscious mangoes, passion fruit and avocado, and pineapple every day in

the year.

Out on the hills of Oahu and Maui, the new crop of pineapples are ripening in the sun. On the distant slopes the plantations resemble magic carpets whose perfect tapestry patterns stretch away to the sunset. Closer inspection reveals these patterns to be symmetrical rows of spike-edged plants—armored to protect a rare treasure within. This treasure, a few weeks before, was a blossom, not unlike our purple thistle. But the magic of April breezes, and tropical sunshine are slowly transforming it into fruit.

By July, the treasure which has been so stoutly protected by the spear-pointed leaves and so carefully tended by brown-skinned workers, will be transformed into a golden pineapple, such as only Hawaii produces. Eighteen long months of ripening, unharmed, nurtured by tropical sun and salt-laden breezes from the sea, have stored away a wealth of health-giving riches. To retain these riches the pineapple will be quickly put into cans and shipped to ports in every part of the world.

It is only at the harvest season when the fields are golden and the verdure densely green that the Northerner can realize, as the Hawaiian does, that spring-time in Hawaii with all its foliage is, after all, only a promise of the fullness of summer.

Mother!

Child Gets Sick, Cross, Feverish if Constipated

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign the little stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, remember, a gentle liver and bowel cleansing should always be the first treatment given.

Nothing equals "California Fig Syrup" for children's ills; give a teaspoonful, and in a few hours all the foul waste, sour bile and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a well and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious, "fruity laxative," and it never fails to effect a good "inside cleaning." Directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are plainly on the bottle.



Keep it handy in your home. A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Fig Syrup," then see that it is made by "The California Fig Syrup Company."

THE BEST INSURANCE—

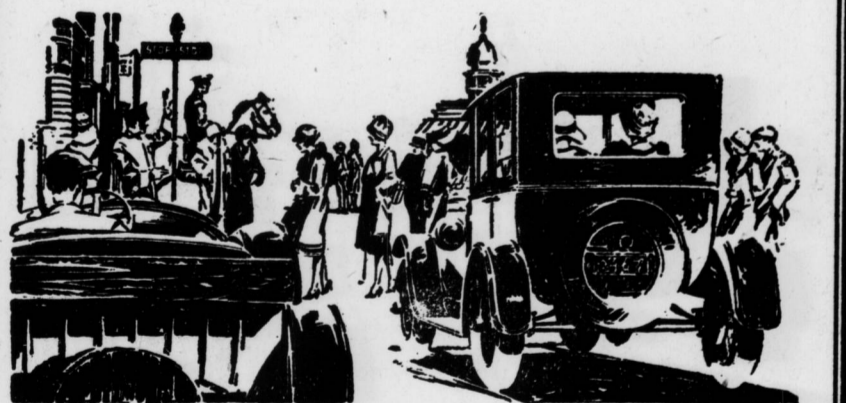
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