

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, May 15.—As forecast in this correspondence a short time ago, the President is choosing the "right" fork of the road to social and economic recovery, rather than the "left." Not by any positive declaration of policy, but by putting the emphasis on matters which appear of more importance to the conservative element of the citizenry than do a good many of the things about which there has been so much talk.

More and more it is being borne in upon those members of the Administration who are keen for reforming everything—and there are a few who are "bugs" on that subject—that until and unless business responds to what has already been put into effect it would be folly to try to press any more far-reaching reforms upon the nation. The President sees this clearly, and so do a great many members of both houses of Congress. Some of the latter, with the primaries now starting and the election of next November staring them in the face, are wondering whether anything that they can do between now and adjournment will help to restore business confidence in time to do them any good.

Heed Constructive Criticism
The Administration and its supporters are receptive to criticism when it comes from sources which they do not regard as self-seeking. They pay little attention to what Wall Street thinks, but they do listen when representatives of constructive and productive business speak their minds, as did the members of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States recently in their annual convention. One result of that criticism is a revision of the Securities Act, with the President's full support, to enable legitimate business to obtain capital in a legitimate way from legitimate sources, without being classed with crooks and highbinders.

It is probably a fair statement that Republican opposition is not worrying the Administration any. In the nation as a whole there is nothing that can be called a Republican party today. The Old Guard is reluctant to let go its leadership, yet is calling for young blood to rejuvenate the party.

So far about the only effort to shape up policies on which to go to the electorate next election time seems to be an effort to see how close the Republicans can come to paralleling Democratic ideas. That creates much the same sort of a situation that existed in 1896 when both the Republicans and the Democrats vied with each other to see how much they could grab off for themselves of the platform of the vigorous young third party, the Populists. Between them they killed the Populist party, but its doctrines survived and every one of them is now the law of the land, save only the free coinage of silver; and that seems closer now than at any time in nearly forty years.

The Republican Outlook
There are wise old observers here in Washington who believe that the Republican party has a chance in 1936 only if it comes out frankly and squarely on the conservative side. The radicals have done all the talking for the last couple of years, until one would be tempted to think that there are no conservatives left. Some of the members of Congress who are coming up for reelection know better; there are still a few conservatives left in their home districts who are likely to vote the Republican ticket next November.

Locally, conservative thought is beginning to express itself. Washington has heard hardly more than echoes from the back country, so far; but some smart politicians believe that if the national Republican party would go on record, not as promising the same sort of thing that the Democrats are dishing out now, but almost precisely the opposite so far as Government control of business, and expenditures for social reforms are concerned, it would gather recruits to itself like a snowball rolling down hill. It might not win the Presidential election of 1936, but it would have a good chance in 1940. These same observers give President Roosevelt the odds on a second term.

Brains From the Ranks
There are many indications that the so-called "brain trust" is not such a dominating influence as it was. The term, of course, is a loose one, but is used here as meaning the intellectuals who had little practical experience in administering public affairs but were installed here because of their supposed better understanding of public questions than the men who make such matters their life work.

The Administration has learned that there are many men of high scholastic attainments, thorough scholars, and with detailed, practical knowledge of how Governmental things are done, already in the permanent Government service. These men are not party men, but

efficient public servants who, for one reason or another, have made public service their life work. Some of them are men of means, who serve because they feel there is more satisfaction in using their talents for the public welfare than in piling up wealth for themselves. Some are men whose tastes are simple and needs few, who get along very comfortably on their Government salaries and who wholeheartedly devote their leisure to the study of social and economic problems in their national and international aspects.

Getting a Hearing Now
These men are now being called into conference, and some of the brain-trusters are discovering that what they have been putting forth as new and original ideas, are old stories to some of these chaps. Some ideas have been tried and didn't work; some of them are just what these permanent Government servants have been trying to get a hearing on for years.

That is one of the indications that the running of the great business of governing the United States is now shaking down into order and system; but a lot remains to be done before anyone can say positively just what the policies in effect are and in what direction we are ultimately heading.

Mrs. H. T. Brown Wins Local Recognition

Mrs. H. T. Brown, resident on Gwyn Avenue, who has won local recognition for her work in genealogical and historical research, has been honored by being included in the list of the leading active genealogical researchers in the United States, in The Handbook of American Genealogy recently issued by The Institute of American Genealogy of Chicago.

Recognition in this field affords

access to the extensive lineage files of The National Clearing House for Genealogical Information, as well as professional contact with genealogists in 1,984 cities, in 1,285 counties throughout the United States and in 29 foreign countries, which will enable her to expand the scope of her work very materially.

It will be of interest to the members and prospective members, and especially to the registrars of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames, and other hereditary-patriotic societies to learn that a local resident has formed these international contacts, because they will make possible the necessary genealogical research to qualify for membership without outside aid.

Anybody can tell you who put the "heat" in theatre.

Cycle News

Farmers are very much delayed in their work in this section, due to the continued drouth.

Rev. W. V. Brown left Monday for King, where he is conducting a two weeks' singing school.

Lee Johnson, a substantial farmer of this community, is quite sick with a head trouble. His brother, Charlie Johnson, of Winston-Salem, is spending some time with him.

Pearson Pardue, who has been ill for some time is much improved, we are glad to note.

R. L. Lovelace of Elkin, spent some time here Thursday, surveying tracts of land.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson Pardue suffered a broken arm in a fall last week.

The school closed at Oak Grove

Wednesday. The children of the first, second, third and fourth grades were entertained by their teachers, Mrs. Todd and Miss Lucy Parks, with a picnic at Bald Knob. Mr. Gabard, the high school teacher, took his classes on a trip to

Stulford battleground in Guilford county.

What puzzles us is why so many churchmen seem anxious to attend to everything except the business of the church.

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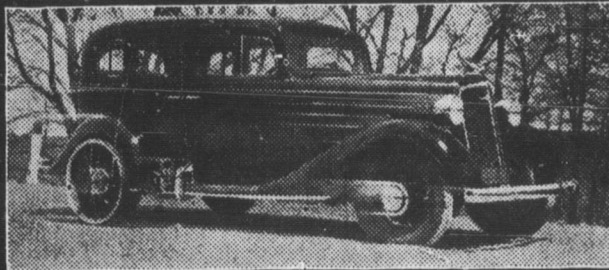


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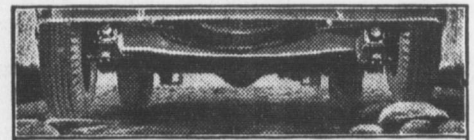
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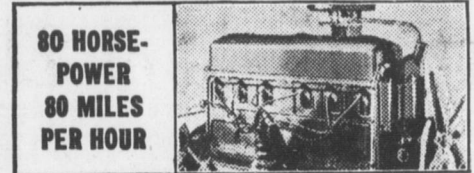
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