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Editorial

REDUCING THE COST OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Mark Twain is credited with the remark that there is a great deal said about the weather but very little done about it. Is not this applicable to the cost of local and state government? Economy in federal administration will not alone bring the maximum of satisfaction to a tax-ridden people. After all, the greatest cost of government is local, and it is straining pennies and swallowing dollars to sit idly by and think that the mere reduction of national expenditures by congressional and parliamentary action will turn the trick for prosperity.

Local and state governments are awakening to find inequalities and extravagance, and no one doubts that they exist. The State Tax Commission in Indiana has made a decided decrease in state expenses. The members of that commission study the tax problem in its relation to the cost of government, and then the necessary machinery is set in motion to correct the evils and repair the leaks.

THE GREAT OPEN SPACES

People who live on the farms and in the towns and villages hear as strange language the appeals for better housing facilities and living conditions for those in the tenement-crowded cities. Human emotions are set afire by the stories of children who seldom, if ever, see a blade of grass or hear the song of a bird.

One-third of life finds its sustenance in the three substantial of food, clothing and shelter. Another third is found in the social and spiritual contacts that mean kindness, worship, sympathy and love. The third is traceable to the beauties of nature, to brooks and lakes and sunshine, to forest, mountain and plain, to tides and sunsets; while labor and industry mingle in all.

It is unfortunate that many men, women and children do not receive even sufficient of the substantial and are scarcely one-third living. Yet the world has such, and it is the business of society to provide opportunities for more abundant lives for its kindred whose souls are hungry no less than their bodies.

SCRIPPS WAS CONSISTENT

Nearly three years before his death, Edward W. Scripps, one of the great figures in American journalism, gave orders that in the event of his passing body be buried in the sea without communicating with his relatives. Why not? Scripps loved the sea, and spent a greater portion of his retired life in cruising its waters. Many people dislike the idea of a watery grave because it can not afterward be identified. Yet whatever this or any other man may have accomplished will be marked by the records of achievement left, not by a shallow tomb of engraving on stone.

NECESSITY THE MOTHER OF GOOD ROADS

Illinois now leads all other states in its 5,000 miles of permanent type paved roads; and anyone who ever tried to drive through the soft soil or sticky clay of that state in the old days knows how badly the paved highways were needed. Truly, no section of the country can boast of absolute immunity from rescue by chains or mule teams at times when the weather man does his stuff. But all hail to Illinois! There is system to its system.

HOOVERIZING MOTOR TRAFFIC

If Herbert Hoover succeeds in establishing uniformity in state vehicle laws and local ordinances affecting motor traffic he will have done the country a vast amount of good. Let's make the nation safe for tourists and all the rest. People shy at traveling in strange jurisdictions where traffic regulations are probably directly opposite from those they have been accustomed to at home.

FEEL YOUR OWN PULL

A boy was flying a kite. Another boy was watching him. Both saw the kite, but only one was enjoying its flying. The boy that held the string got the real thrill. It's no fun fishing unless you can hold the pole. It's no lasting satisfaction seeing the other fellow's shoulder galled against the wheel. You may chuckle in the end, but the real benefit is not in inherited wealth; it's in the dollar that you helped to earn and the town you helped to build.

UP JUMPS DEMPSEY

In the eyes of sportsmen and lovers of the manly art of thump and be thumped, Jack Dempsey may yet redeem himself. His lack of performance in several ways in the recent past caused the public to believe that he was a sport slacker. But now he has broken all precedent by putting up a cool quarter of a million to promote his own fight with Harry Wills on Labor Day. According to his promoter, the champion will fight solely on a percentage basis and without guarantee. Though he expects to clear a million, even those who would not care to see the match must admit that Jack has some sporting blood left, which will tell, even among prize fighters.

BOOST TRYON

Ill fares the town that does not advertise.

Co-operation is born of understanding one another's problems.

Some fellows think of community work as the ardent union man who refused to blow the quitting whistle because the blast ran a few seconds over the hour.

THE POLK COUNTY NEWS WEEKLY CARTOON

The New Occupant



Men and the Girls Were the Only Real Victors in the World War

By WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, in Designer Magazine.

LET US consider the home, particularly the American home, of this new decade. Wherein does it differ from the same home twenty, thirty, forty years ago?

The answer is obviously in machinery, convenience, labor-saving comforts, emancipating luxuries. The thing which this decade is doing for women in America at least, is physical in its outward expression. Machinery is liberating the physical body of women from the toil that their mothers and grandmothers had to know. The hours of service not merely for women in industry, which have been steadily decreasing for two decades, but for women in the home, are growing shorter all the time. Wires and tubes are bringing service which once was back-breaking and knuckle-racking and eye-straining upon the mother and wife and sister. The modern home is designed with wisdom and love. Women are being physically emancipated today. But emancipated for what?

No one who looks at the world can doubt seriously that the new liberty is in many cases transgressed by considerable abuse of license. Smoking among women is a gesture with which they indicate their freedom. The cigarette, the occasional more or less surreptitious drink, the latchkey to sister's bachelor-girl apartments are the overflowing froth upon the brimming cup of women's freedom. It is thus that woman scoffs cynically at her past. Soon the froth will dissolve and the cup will brim without it.

For woman is coming into a new relationship in western life. With physical emancipation she is getting wider spiritual latitude than she ever had before. She is seeing, examining, questioning, challenging the good and evil of the world. And if she blinks and giggles and is a bit frivolous, it is passing hysteria which will soon leave her calm and unafraid, unabashed and free.

The war, so far as boundaries are concerned, so far as indemnities and reparations go, has left victor and vanquished unscathed. The armies of men on both sides were the losers. Mother and the girls were the only real victors in this war. They came out freer than they went in.

"As the Result of the Commercial Application of Scientific Inventions"

By ALDOUS HUXLEY, in Vanity Fair (New York).

The really great simplifications of our mental life, it is asserted, have been brought about "as the result of the commercial application of scientific inventions." The results of this excessive facilitation are, first, an atrophy of the artistic, musical and dramatic faculties of those who accept their amusements ready-made; and, second, an increase of boredom. There is nothing nowadays corresponding to the peasant art, the folk-songs, the traditional plays and mumblings of the past. The talent which produced these things lies latent; ready-made standardized entertainment has effectively prevented it from expressing itself. But ready-made art can never be as completely satisfying to a man as the art he makes himself. The cinema, the gramophone, the wireless are distractions; but they do nothing to satisfy man's desire for self-assertion.

Any merchant who does a credit business will tell you that along toward the last is when the debtors put most stall in instalments.

Farm relief will come as soon as the farms releaf.

People who can't read are not much worse off than those who don't.

The door that is hardest to keep the wolf from is the one to the sedan.

A California man fainted when he saw a \$100 bill. But the bill was for groceries.

The four corners of the earth are those on rubber, coffee, aluminum and the grain market.

If judges' salaries were raised they would at least look pleasanter while sitting on the bench.

Music is the universal language, which probably accounts for the rattles and squeaks of the flivver car.

"Wonder what the man who names Pullman cars calls his children?" Columbia Record. Probably just plain diners.

General Pershing traveled all the way from South America

The straw that broke the camel's back may be in your mattress. It may tickle you to lie on it, but may also be the means of losing your chance for success by sleeping overtime.

A great automobile factory in Detroit has abolished "conferences." Here is a lesson for everyone. What the whole country needs is less conferences, investigations and propaganda, and more facts, convictions and action.

G. L. OETILE



G. L. Oetile, publicity agent for South Africa in the United States, photographed in Washington just after he had called at the White House with Sir Esmé Howard, British ambassador, and told the President a lot about the advantages and merits of South Africa.

The 1926 automobile is reported remarkable for changed lines. An owner who got into the 1926 license-tag line says it was about the same as last year's.

When the first organized government was founded is not known. All that can be said with certainty is that the following day a cry went up for tax relief.

Poultry experts are trying to get the egg production of hens up to an egg a day. It would seem to be no more than fair to give a hen at least one day off a week.

When a man complains that he does not get enough exercise in the winter it is not safe to conclude that he is longing for another heavy snowfall so that he may clean off his sidewalk.

Experiments conducted in the laboratory of the University of Illinois have produced a one-eyed fish. This certainly represents progress if some other use has been found for the fish's other eye.

Trotsky is one of the few people who have found advantage in going from America to Russia. He can print what he likes. This was not the case when he was a contributing editor in the Bronx.

SIR G. BUCHANAN



Sir George Buchanan, minister of health in England, who has been in Washington as the guest of the United States surgeon general, Hugh S. Cummings.

READ POLK COUNTY NEWS

About Your Health

Things You Should Know



By John Joseph Quinn, M.D.

SLEEP

It has been said that sleep cures more nerve-disorders than all the drugs prescribed by science, to which statement most educated physicians willingly subscribe. Normal sleep is both preventive and curative for distressing states of the nervous system. Drug sleep is never natural—nor is the stupor caused by over-feeding. For best effects, sleep should be indulged at night.

Observe the new-born babe who sleeps most of his time, except when aroused to take nourishment; he is building a nervous system for many years of active service. His food contains the necessary ingredients, ready-prepared for his appropriation; being too feeble to take exercise, his sole business and occupation are the building of the rudimental nerves along with the "temple" in which they are comfortably housed. Sleep is the ideal condition wherein Nature may accomplish her wonderful ends. Your wakeful, peevish, restless babe is going wrong—and will develop into a nervous, irritable, unhappy and defective youth, unless his course is corrected by the capable nurse or physician in charge. The adult is, in great measure, subject to the same physiologic law.

Sleep is the faithful chaperon of the nervous system, exerting her vigilance as long during life as her requirements are respected. Her approach is gentle—her touch sublime. And, what more delightful than her panorama of bewitching dreams? She is the guardian angel of the voyager on the sea of strenuous effort. To ignore her willfully and repeatedly is to be forsaker by her—in which event, the penalty is sure, for only the bended knee and the tear of penitence can induce her faltering return.

Next Week:

"THE SIMPLE LIFE"

"Judge's Joke"



MYSTERIOUS

Nurse—"Did the doctor take your temperature?"

Patient—"Yes, and I can't find my watch, either!"

ALL THAT MATTERED

Mother—"Tommy! Don't eat so fast! I knew a little boy who died before he had eaten half of his ice cream!"

"What happened to the other half?"

AN OBSERVING PASTOR

A clergyman says that women are allowed too much latitude in the matter of dress. How about longitude, reverend?"

EASIEST WAY OUT

One Laborer—"Giminy Cripes, I'm sick of work!"
"Well, ain't I been tellin' you, all this time ta join de union?"

ASK DAD HE KNOWS!

Woman would make good in congress, judging from the way they introduce bills into the house.

NOT SO DUMB

Boss—"You've got a big nerve saying I've got to take you into partnership."
Go-better-youth—"Not at all! I'm going to marry your daughter!"

NOT SO CURIOUS AFTER ALL

Women are supposed to have more curiosity than men, but so far none of them have tried to see the North Pole

MEANS THE SAME

Man dashing up—"Your wife has broke her leg!"
Professor of English—"My dear man, you should say, 'has broken.'"

SUSPICIOUS

Professor's Wife—"Say, Ichabod, who is this Violet Ray I hear you talking so much about in your sleep?"

This Week



By Arthur...

IT'S A BIG UNIVERSE ADVERTISING PAYS NO 100 PER CENT NON STOUC OCEAN TO

Lately scientific... ing this... than... a grain... a million... only a speck... "the universe... millions of... bigger than... think of such a universe...

Examine an atom... central body... other bodies... around our sun... These... volve around... times in a second...

Atoms, of which... millions in one... without noticing... systems.

Our sun and its... one atom in our... verse in turn is one... universe. Where in... space are the heav... forward and the other... dread?

Leaving this earth... traveling at the speed... miles a second, it would... hundred million years... the telescopic... No wonder it says in... Father's house are many...

With common sense... says to the Countess... on it."

Strong-minded... were indignant because... was admitted here... whereas the Countess... shut out. These were... elopement shocked or... ties. The doubter... too much for our... minded woman.

Observe the power... even when it isn't... ing. The Countess... Island with a contract... the stage at a high... wouldn't have got the... assistance of Uncle Sam.

Professor Raber... Association for... Science that "View... angle there are no... men or women"... the human race is... mined by the chrom... the egg cell."

With complete resp... sor Raber, after inspe... sian and American... you think those egg... well enough, from... Potiphar to these modern...

An Englishman... London to Cape Town... nearly 9,000 miles... At the same rate, the... San Francisco, or... take about thirty... York to Chicago, less... That speed will be... stop flights from... be made within twenty...

Washington... Coolidge's order... closed the Mexican... San Diego and the... Tia Juana at 6 p. m... hours are not the best... the dive inhabitants... houses and similar... of them United States... way, petition Preside... cancel his 6 p. m... President Coolidge... cold Vermont ear.

Famous Bank... The origin of... Threadneedle street... the Bank of England... definitely established... Kansas City Star... Economist traces the... as far as May 22, 179... Pitt induced parliament... cash payments at... moved Gilray to draw... on a chest labeled... being savagely attacked... But, it is argued... made use of an old... 1685, a meditation... appears, on the bank... sists of a seated, dr... the head uncovered... one hand and a spear... throughout more... years it has remained... the same.