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EDITORIAL

Betting on Roosevelt is still ranging around 12 to 5 which is a pretty fair indication that he will be re-elected.

The Tax adjustment can only result in one of two things and both lead to higher taxes. One is increased valuations and the other is higher tax rate.

One of the worse features of the proposed tax exemption amendment is that it is indefinite, leaves much discretionary power with the legislature. Suppose a wild and reckless legislature were elected with such powers.

We believe in relief from exorbitant taxes of the homes of the State, but a more fair way than is suggested in the proposed amendment would be for a fixed home with fixed values, regardless of improvements so long as they are for the home. The suggestion doesn't remove the penalty on progress.

Readers should bear in mind that none of the straw vote-polls include all classes of people. Each one represents largely a single class, and therefore can err to the extent that the other classes can change final results. The News-Week, a national weekly magazine, in its summary gives Roosevelt 311 electoral votes to Landon 220 with 266 as the necessary number for election. This is encouraging.

Judging from the Grand Jury's report conditions in the County are in right bad shape. It is commendable in this body to make such a report when these conditions are found. Immediate action should be taken to correct all of the unsatisfactory conditions and all can be with the possible exception of the school buildings at Justice and Bunn. Buildings at these points are absolutely necessary but it takes money to put up buildings, and the only way we know to get this money is by a vote of a special tax by the people of the county or district.

FEAR AND FAITH

Mankind's greatest enemy is fear. Fear is at the root of a high proportion of the ills of the human body, reports the famous experimental surgeon, Dr. George W. Crile of Cleveland, after years of intensive study into the causes of heart disease, with its accompanying histories of high blood pressure and sudden death and all the other ailments which take such a heavy toll of lives in America every year. It is customary to attribute these and other diseases of civilization to the nervous tension in which a large part of the inhabitants of the modern world continually live and move. But the cause of nervous tension, Dr. Crile believes, is primarily fear.

It has long been known to physiologists that physical fear stimulates the action of the heart and causes tension of the blood vessels. It is Dr. Crile's belief that the same or similar results follow the various forms of fear which we speak of as worry, apprehension, jealousy and by other names all of which simmer down to the fact that we are afraid of something. This conclusion may point the way toward the reduction or elimination of many of the causes of premature old age, and of the infirmities due to nervous disturbances.

Just how fear can be eliminated from the human subconsciousness Dr. Crile does not undertake to point out. There probably is no rule or remedy of universal application, and it is also probable that the habit of fearlessness is one which must be acquired in youth or childhood. The interesting conclusion can be drawn, however, from Dr. Crile's report, that there is sound foundation for the teachings of spiritual leaders that the physical and the spiritual life are inseparable, and that in the long run it is the spiritual nature which controls the physical body.

That this is true is the accepted belief today of the most advanced thinkers in the medical profession as well as of the foremost religious leaders. This conclusion still leaves us facing an unsolved mystery, but brings home the vital importance of faith as an element in human life.

LIBERTY

There is only one fundamental conflict in this world of turmoil which need give anyone any real concern. That is the conflict between human liberties and dictatorship. This is the conflict which is tearing the world apart. It is less acute in America than it is anywhere else.

Throughout the world great masses of people are surrendering their liberties of action, speech and thought to the tyranny of absolutist governments. In return for

what appears to be economic security, they consent to let their governments do their thinking, direct the conduct of their daily lives, even prescribe their religious observances and interfere, in some nations, with their most intimate domestic relations. People who live under governments so controlled from above tend to become less like human beings and more like driven cattle. And the experience in every instance has been that in return for the liberties which they have sacrificed they have never gained anything of value.

The greatest disillusionment in this respect has been that of the Russian people, who submitted to the autocratic control of a handful of Communist leaders and who find themselves today living in a condition of economic misery far more degraded than anything under the old Czarist rule.

There is only one thing worth fighting for. That is the only thing for which a free people have ever fought, individual human rights and liberties. It is to be hoped that the time will not come when the American people are again compelled to take up arms in defense of the right of every individual to live, act and think as he pleases so long as he does not interfere with the right of others to do the same.

We do not think that such a crisis in the affairs of this country is imminent, or that it is even foreshadowed. We base this belief upon our faith in the inherent commonsense of a nation of free men and women, who have thrived under the freest form of government that has ever existed and who are today better off economically, socially and in individual freedom than the people of any other nation in the world.

No government is perfect, since governments are composed of human beings and human beings are not perfect. But, a government which is based upon the freely expressed will of a nation of free people not only comes nearer to being perfect than any other form of government can possibly be, but it contains within itself all of the forces necessary to bring about such changes as may be required to bring it still nearer to perfection.

So we Americans pin our faith upon the American system as we know it.

Farm Boy Mercy



LINCOLN, Neb. — Because members of Shirley Temple's family think Sterling Powell, 16 (above), farm boy of Grant, Neb., is only an impulsive and imaginative youth, they have suggested to Federal authorities that he be not prosecuted for writing a threatening letter demanding \$25,000.

D-I-N-N-A-R-I-I-I



DETROIT — Margaret Duggan of Oakland County, Mich. (above), can call "4-4-n — nar" with such enthusiasm that she made even the judges in the "husband calling" contest hungry, so they awarded her the state championship at the Michigan State Fair.

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