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The influence of weekly newspapers on public opinion exceeds that of all other publications in the country.—Arthur Brisbane.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1936.

A DOLLAR GOES A LONG WAY

Well, Walter Johnson did it. There probably was more interest in this year's Washington's birthday celebration than in any previous February 22 in recent years.

Mr. Bloom had expressed doubt that George Washington ever performed that feat, which was related by his first biographer, Parson Weems.

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THE TVA DECISION

Everybody seems to be satisfied with the ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Tennessee Valley Authority case. It reaffirmed that the Federal Government has full control over navigable streams and that this control involves the right to build dams and otherwise improve the channels of such streams to make navigation safer or easier.

owner of the water power, it can sell the water power to whomever wants to buy it, either as water power or by converting it into electric energy.

The Supreme Court decision stopped there. It did not go into the question of the Government's right to set up a model community in the Tennessee Valley and go into the business of distributing electric energy at retail or doing other things for the betterment of the lives of the residents which have been announced as parts of the TVA program.

The Government's case as presented to the Court omitted all reference to the latter items. They likely will be brought before the Court in another action. What the decision will be remains for the future to disclose.

It seems clear from the language of the Court's decision that the Federal Government cannot go into the power business as a primary objective and so compete with privately owned utilities. It can only sell power whose production is incidental to the carrying out of another purpose, so far as the Court ruling goes.

It is difficult to see how the utilities can be seriously harmed, especially as they are probably in the best position of anyone to buy and distribute the power generated at Federal dams, without going to the capital expense of building the dams themselves.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

—BY— FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

Every once in a while I feel like waving the American flag and giving three cheers for Uncle Sam. What set me off this time is the last two or three decisions of the Supreme Court, especially the one in which the Court reasserted the right of the press to free expression without restraint by any governmental authority.

Of course, the press is responsible if it prints libels or scurrilous matter of any kind; but the Court pointed out again that no power exists, either in Congress or the states, to say in advance to any newspaper "You may not print that."

It seems to me that the very roots of all our liberties are bound up in this liberty of the press. The first thing a dictator does is to suppress or regulate the newspapers. We will never lose our liberties as Americans so long as anybody can set up a printing press and tell the people the truth about what is going on.

RADIO . . . . rights

I agree with my friend David Lawrence that radio broadcasting should be as free as the newspaper is. As things stand now, there is a Federal commission in Washington which has power to say what may and may not be broadcast. I don't know that that power has ever been abused, but it ought not to exist.

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JOE GI



THERE ARE A LOT OF WORKING FOLKS THAT AIN'T WHAT YOU'D CALL CLOCK WATCHERS... BUT THEY'RE MIGHTY FINE WHISTLE LISTENERS.

THE SCRAP BOOK

WE TURN today to the colored RACE FOR our little story, and AND BEGIN by saying that it HAPPENED RIGHT here in the CITY. It may also be pointed OUT THAT the same plan is often DISCERNED in the white race, THAT IS, the same basic plan.

"WHAT ATTRACTED you to YOUR BRIDE?" asked the minister AFTER THE ceremony. "Well, SAH," REPLIED the ebony GROOM, "de fust time Ah seed MARY ANN Ah tuk er fancy TO HER, 'cause she was so good LOOKIN.' DEN when Ah LEARNED DAT she was doin' STEADY WASHIN' for seben FAMILIES, RIGHT den and DAR, AH surrendered."

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OPPORTUNITY . . . . today One thing that makes me feel patriotic is the frequent instances I encounter of young folk who have found opportunities to get ahead in the world and make something of themselves when all around them folk were waiting that there were no opportunities left for the young.

There are greater opportunities than ever for young people of character, who are willing to work. Six young friends of my daughter, all of them under thirty, were at the house the other night. All of them have had to make their own way in the world, and all have made good in spite of these years of depression.

Two of the girls started a laundry three years ago, specializing in washing baby clothes. They run three delivery wagons now. Another boy and his brother have turned their taste for amateur photography to account, and do a good business in photographing business men in their own offices.

Opportunity gone? Not a bit of it. HISTORY . . . . and us At a dinner party in New York the other evening one of the guests, a Frenchman, asked me a question about American history, which I was, fortunately, able to answer.

"I've been in your country two years now," he said. "and the longer I stay, the more I am impressed with the durability of your American institutions. You've been running now for 150 years or so under a system of government which has enabled you to become the greatest people in the world. Over in Europe we have changed every principle of government many times. I'm still a Frenchman, but I like your system better than my own country's."

"Since Washington became President of the United States, France has had five different kinds of government. Our present Republic is only sixty years old. We throw out our Cabinet and President every little while. We think we know a lot, but one thing which we haven't learned and Americans have is how to govern ourselves."

Somebody—I don't know who—once said that "self-government is better than good government." I think he was right.

FREEDOM . . . . ours I met a man the other day who has just moved from Nebraska to New York. The same day I called on a friend who was moving his office from New York to California. Next morning came a letter

from a friend I had last heard of in Chicago, telling me about his new job in Texas.

There isn't any other country in the world where people have so much freedom to move around as they please. There are no barriers to travel or employment from one end of the country to the other. Nobody has to have a passport or a police permit to go 3,000 miles, if he wants to; nobody cares where he comes from if he knows his job.

Those conditions exist nowhere else in the world. In Europe a man may live for years in one house and work at one job; but when he moves into the house next door or changes his employment, he has to report to the police, or be fined if he doesn't.

PICAYUNES

PRACTICE BEFORE PREACHING "That new minister of yours has made a great hit, I understand. Does he practice what he preaches?" "Yes, I can testify to that, as I live next door to him. Every Saturday night he practices till midnight what he's going to preach next morning."

CONSTITUTIONAL Because he had been naughty Willie's mother had decreed that he should not go to the movies to see the usual Saturday afternoon western thriller. Willie, however, had been studying current events at school and did not intend to give up without a struggle. "You have no constitutional right to do this, mother," he said.

"Why not?" asked his parent. "Because you are exercising rule without consent of the governed."

VERY MUCH ALIKE Naomi: "You know, the more I think about it the more certain I am that I married a fool." Harry: "Perhaps you did, my dear. You know that when you married me you said few people were so much alike as you and I."

SHOPPING FORECAST Min (at breakfast): "I want to do some shopping today, George, if the weather is favorable. What does the paper forecast say?" George (consulting his paper): "Rain, hail, sleet, thunder, lightning, snow and fierce winds."

NICE RETRACTION Angry Caller: "Mister Editor, I want you to take back what you said about me in your old rag. You said I was a reformed drunkard. You've got to apologize or I'll sue for slander." Editor: "Very well. I'll retract the statement cheerfully. I'll say you haven't reformed."

WOULDN'T BELIEVE HIM Judge: "Didn't I tell you the last time you were here that I didn't want to see you here again?" Prisoner: "Yes, Your Honor; that's what I told these policemen but they wouldn't believe it."

DIFFERENCE "That means fight where I come from." "Well, why don't you fight then?" "Cause I ain't where I come from."

FACTS ARE FACTS The reporter was sent to write up a charity ball. Next day the editor called him to his desk. "Look here, what do you mean by this? 'Among the most beautiful girls was Horatio Lucian Dingley.' Why, you crazy idiot! Old Dingley isn't a girl—and besides he's one of our principal stockholders."

"I can't help that," returned the realistic reporter. "That's where he was." "Buy In 'Greater Salisbury'."

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COMES THE DAWN — by A. B. Chapin



THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

(Continued from page One) was. He was a powerful influence before the extent of his following was known. Now Congressmen generally pooch-pooch the notion that he is actually able to influence any important body of voters, sufficiently concentrated in particular states or districts to influence the election of particular Congressmen or Senators.

The Townsend old-age pension bloc is a case in point. Outside of a few spots on the map its strength is not yet sufficiently concentrated, or at least so the leaders in Congress believe. The impending Congressional investigation into the Townsend movement is expected to disclose its real strength. But it will have the effect of postponing any possible action along Townsend Plan lines until next session, if ever.

One of the shrewdest political observers here remarked the other day that the one pressure group which seems to be missing is the "economic bloc." Congress wants to keep on spending money, but shies like a frightened colt from the shadow of tax projects necessary to provide the money to spend. The boys on Capitol Hill all know that have got to enact some new tax measures this session, and how they dread it.

Congress has to appropriate a lot more cash, for direct relief on top of WPA. The strongest pressure group of all is perhaps the one composed of governors of states and mayors of cities who insist that they cannot take care of the destitute without Federal aid after April 1, when direct Federal relief theoretically comes to an end. Distribution of Federal funds through relief agencies, public works, the bonus and farm relief

checks is expected to keep retail business humming until after election. And shrewd observers are pointing out that, whichever way the election goes, general business will improve rapidly.

PRESIDENTIAL TALK Discussion of Republican Presidential candidates is on every tongue in Washington. Governor Landon's apparent popular lead steadily increases. Whether he is bated by his friends and his opponents far out in front is being debated. It is pointed out that four years ago, in February, Franklin D. Roosevelt was away out in front of all the contenders for the Democratic nomination, and he was the party's nominee. It is doubtful, however whether Governor Landon has at his command the well-organized machinery for gathering delegates which Mr. Roosevelt had at that time.

Four out of five of the professional political observers here are now saying that the Republican nominee will be "either Landon or a dark horse." Talk about a "dark horse" usually brings up the suggestion of Justice Roberts of the Supreme Court. Senator Vandenberg seems to be emerging from the dark-horse class into that of a regular contender.

TO SELL NAVAL STORES Washington — Representative Frank Boykin of Mobile, Alabama, announced that he received a letter from G. E. Rathell, Commodity corporation treasurer, stating that he was authorized to say "the corporation's present policy with respect to pledged stocks of gum naval stores contemplates the sale of as much thereof, up to May 1, as the market will absorb at current prices."

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