

## VOTE!

The greatest possession of a free peo
Te is the ballot-the right to vote. I is a defender of our liberties and a weapon against injustice.
Yet that invaluable heritage is not citizens. Proof of this statement can be found in undeniable statistics. In most elections, less than half of the persons
who are entitled to vote do so. It is exceptional wi.en an election brings to the
voting booths more than fifty per cent of enfranchised citizens.
One result is that public officials are
elected by minorities-the vote of the majority is silent. Another, and worse
result, is a lagging of interest by the people in a thing which vitally affects
us all-our government. No matter where we may stand, it is
our duty as well as our privilege to mark an $X$ opposite names of our choice on
the ballot. Only by doing that, can we have popular government. In Germany the right to vote has been
virtually abrogated-at the last election citizens had a choice of endorsing Hitler ing no opponent. That is true of Italy, powers. And here in America, where our freedom, half of us don't trouble to So-vote on November 3. Vote for Roosevelt, Landon, Lemke, Thomas -
whoever you believe is the best man for President. Do the same for other of or whomever you please. And only by an that right be preserved.
Absentee Voting
We concur in the belief that the re-
peal of the absentee voting la on coun-
ty tickets in Wilkes is a fortunate hap-
pening for all concerned. Both parties,
we understand, favored the law which
eliminated the absentee ballot on the
county ticket except for state and feder-
al employes away from home.
There is a public clamor for repeal of
the absentee voting law as a state-wide
measure and this clamor is not without
cause. On the face of it the law is all
right and if carried out according to
purpose would be a convenience to thpse
who are sick, disabled or away and un-
able to reach the polis.
But the law has never been strictly
adhered to and in many localities thete
have been violations bordering on cor-
ruption of the worst kind. The law is
strict in its provis.ons but the over en-
thusiastic party worker often passes up
minor provisions to get the vote and the
little things lead on to wholesale misap-
plication of the law. Applications
sometimes are made out in blank with
some one's signature at the bottom cer-
tifying that the above named person has
sworn to the facts stated therein. It is
reslly disgusting to any fair minded per-
son not blinded by partia an politics in
either direction to know that a person
had been voted absentee when he was
st home plowing or away from home
drunk on election day. There are hun-
dreds of ways in which the law is violat-
ed and persons considered honest and
upright in every other sense occasional-
ly do things with an absentee ballot
that he would not do with anything else.
It appears that the best corrective step
is abolishing the law and vote only those
who present themselves at the polls.
Surely there would be no discrimination
and a sufficient namber would not.be
IIl on either side to alter the election fe-
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## How Much For Tazes A groying realization on the part on average man spends daily for taxes will help to get ernment. <br> The truth about the matter is that some kinds of taxes are due every da and that you pay them. Statisticians, who are handy at getting up figures, say the total taxes on a five-dollar pair of shoes is about one dollar. Taxes on meat, they said, aggregates about one sixth the purchase price. Total gasoline sixth the purchase price. Total gasoline taxes tax on cigarettes is six cents per package. <br> Not all indirect taxes are federal, in fact What the public needs is a maliza tion of the tax burden they are carrying Only in this way will the average man show the proper interest in goveinment. <br> BRUCE BARTON Scapi:

## TOMORROW THE TEST OF US

 It is sometimes my sad fortune to have
## are more depressing. One sits up at a high the zoo One waits wit while the toastmaster line, and tries to look speakers unfold their lems with a sprinkling Onty now and then sation The other nig myself beside another ly, and when I remark ways have to feel wel today so that you will you don't get into mu That made me think

 with increase a specimen at Bruce Barton half a life-time in a new
## Artists and writers have been known to dis- regard entirely the near tomorrows, pinning their faith on the fairer and more enduring ver

## The prophet, of course, looks farthest of al Stephen, on his way to death, cried: "Behold

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$\qquad$SAVING FACES NOT SO BADA friemd was telling me about Big Business
in China. No man ever is discharged there, he
said. If it becomes necessary to remove an em-ployee the boss arranges to have a friend t
him off. The next morning the doomedpears in the boss' office
Chung River is very ill," he explains. "It
necessary that I should go to attend him." Theboss assumes an expression of distress." "to reach the Shung River and minister
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"Noble fellow," says the boss, embracing him. you away, for years, have no fear. Your place will
be kept open for you." The next morning and every morning thereafter the two meet on the of inferiority on the

## has been caved.

I remember one of the first men for whom
have ever known. He called me in one diay
said: "I want you to think up some way "by
which $X$ can be promoted to resign." I was as-

## tonished.

"After he reaigns," my boss continued, "I think I can help him to find a more congenial place.
But he's no good where he is. I always try to But he's no good where he is. I always try to
be very careful in these cases," he erppained be very careful in these cases," he er:plained.
"I don't want it written on my tombstone that I ever dealt a blow to a man's self-confidence." This employer was almost as wise as the Chi-
nese. As our civilization and our business grow older we all shall learn some of the mature wiodom of these older people

In Portland, so-called "sweatshop" eral office, where employgs toil fro morn to midnight. This proves quite definitely that truth is stranger than fi
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