

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, December 7.—(Auto-caster) Official Washington is displaying great interest in Presidential polls these days. The one that has attracted the most attention is poll recently completed by newspapers served by Publishers Autocaster Service, which, reflecting as it does rural and small-town opinion exclusively, is regarded as highly significant. If there were a wide variation between the results shown by the different efforts to get at a cross-section of national political views at this time, Washington might not be so interested. But when the Autocaster poll, the Literary Digest poll, so far as its preliminary results have been disclosed, the Gallup poll, and the poll taken a short time ago by Robert J. Lucas, all agree within a fraction of one percent, and every one of them shows a marked decline in the strength of President Roosevelt's support, the total effect is impressive.

All the polls agree in giving Mr. Roosevelt still the best of it, by approximately 53 per cent to 47 per cent. Even the most optimistic of the Administration's political soothsayers are now conceding more or less openly that it looks as if it would be a close election in 1936. However, a lot of things can happen in a year.

From Here On

Some of the things which the President's friends are hoping will happen are a strong up-swing in business conditions, the failure of the Opposition to develop real leadership and a subsidence of the third party agitation. The latter contingency as things look now, can probably be dismissed as unlikely to be strongly enough concentrated anywhere to affect the electoral vote.

As to leadership in the Republican Party, something may develop at the annual meeting of the Republican National Committee to be held here this month, which will clarify the issues upon which the Opposition will make its stand. The man who succeeds in putting forward a program on which all Republicans can unite will certainly show evidence of leadership. How to overcome the political effect of the AAA without losing great blocks of farm votes is a puzzle to which no Republican political leader has so far given the answer.

The strongest element in Mr. Roosevelt's favor, as matters now stand, is that business is definitely improving and that all the signs point to further improvement. The stock market boom is not regarded here as dangerous. Governor Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board pointed out the other day that it would not become dangerous until stock market speculation reached the point where it was being done on borrowed money. At present, he pointed out, transactions on the stock exchange are on a cash basis, and the Federal Reserve has ample power to check any inflation of credit such as caused the market collapse in 1929.

Retrenchment Forecast

The Administration is very clearly determined to begin a policy of retrenchment of governmental expenditures. The statement by Representative James P. Buchanan, of Texas, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, after his conferences last week with the President at Warm Springs, that he was preparing to make the strongest fight of his life for economy, and that there was reason to believe that the deficit could be reduced to not more than \$500,000,000 for the next fiscal year, is accepted here as a genuine expression of intention, on the part of a man who wields great power in Congress.

Yet there is never any telling what any Congress may do. The reasonable certainty that a veterans' bonus will be enacted is a matter of some concern. If a plan for settling the veterans' claims with reasonably long-term bonds can be put through, it will not materially affect the annual budget, but many returning members are bringing back reports of demands for cash instead of bonds, and that may be one of the big issues to be fought out on the floor of Congress.

The tongue of gossip is as active as ever on the matter of Cabinet changes. The latest rumors would shift Secretary Roper to the Post Office Department and George Peek from his rather anomalous position in the State Department to Secretary of Commerce. The President wants to keep Peek in the Administration.

It is more than whispered that he would like to have Secretary Ickes out of the Administration. Also, very strong pressure is being put upon the President to get rid of Dr. Tugwell, who no longer functions as Under Secretary of Agriculture, although he retains the title.



THE FAMILY DOCTOR

By JOHN JOSEPH GAINES, M.D.

SEASONABLE TALK

Well, the "summer colds" have had their day for 1935. We all agree that a cold at any time is hard to get along with—winter or summer.

The family doctor gets all fussed up at times. He must decide whether it is "flu", or "intestinal flu", or just a common cold. He hazards many guesses from his exhaustive study of such things. Just what kind of germ it is and which is the best way to slaughter that particular germ. It does not matter, so that the patient recovers nicely.

I do not believe anybody can tell the difference between an ordinary attack of influenza, and the common cold. It makes no difference anyhow—the treatment is the same.

There is no danger in either case, provided the conditions are not complicated with other, more dangerous things. Either one may be followed by pneumonia, an exceedingly dangerous disease.

The proper treatment at the very beginning of a cold—or "flu"—is to ward off complications. Just going to bed is the most important step to be taken at the onset of a cold or influenza.

Go to bed and stay there. Call your physician. He may be able to advise you over the telephone—but get in touch with him. Don't wait until the thing has run into something serious! Be safe. Use common sense. Better lie in bed two or three days than as many weeks or months!

Your physician may tell you vaccines are of no use in either the cure or the prevention of colds. I grant him that right. But I certainly use them, both for immunization and treatment. Ample try-outs confirm my belief and practice.

Sunday School

by HENRY-LESSON RADCLIFFE

TEACHING THE LAW

International Sunday School Lesson for December 15, 1935

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thy word have I laid up in my heart." Psalm 119:11.

(Lesson Text: Ezra 7:10; Neh. 8:1-3, 5, 6, 8-12.)

In our last lesson we saw how Nehemiah successfully completed the building of the wall around Jerusalem. For the first time in years the Jews who had returned from the exile enjoyed a condition of security. It was natural therefore that during this improved period that the minds turned to a consideration of religious study.

The first day of the seventh month has been observed by Jerusalem since the time of Alexander the Great as the New Year. Originally, it was celebrated by the Feast of Trumpets. On this notable day in the year 445 B. C. the people gathered before what was known as the Water Gate and we find them asking Ezra to bring to them the book of the law of Moses, probably referring to the Pentateuch. In this passage we have Ezra mentioned again twelve years after he had last been referred to. Whether he had been absent or not we don't know. In response to the request of the people Ezra began his religious proceeding with a prayer of blessing for Jehovah. The people responded in this worship, which was told them by reading from the book of the law during a period which must have been at least six or seven years. During this time we are told that the people were attentive to the word.

Ezra was reading from a record written in the ancient Hebrew time, which was not familiar to the Jews of his own day. Most of these were familiar with the Aramaic, which they had acquired while in the captivity. Consequently, it was necessary for interpreters to be stationed among the people so that they could translate to them the sense of the reading. Likewise, today, when we read the Bible we should always keep in mind the difficulty in translation and the differences between our own experiences and the customs of an ancient people in a different land and at a different time.

Previous to the reading of the law by Ezra, the knowledge of the Jewish Scriptures had been confined very largely to priests and a limited number of scholars. The book was not open to the common people. Yet when it was read to them by Ezra the effect was remarkable and the people wept as they heard the warnings and exhortations of Jehovah read to them. However, Nehemiah and Ezra urged them not to mourn for the day was a holy day, and advised them to enjoy the occasion.

As is usually the case, the knowledge of God's word produced a desire upon the part of the people to be more religious. Shortly afterward we find Ezra instructing a group of leaders and the people observed the Feast of Tabernacles for the first time since the days of Joshua.

The connection with this lesson is that we should realize that the Bible has not always been open and accessible to the public. Hundreds of conscientious and courageous men have given their lives in the course of the struggle to bring the Bible within the reach of every man. We should appreciate the priceless heritage which

has come down to us. The best test of the value of the Bible is its own contents. No person can read it deliberately and thoughtfully without being improved and having higher ideals for life and conduct. The literature of the world and experience of mankind is a sufficient test to the miracle-working power of the Holy Scripture in the lives of mankind. Everyone should adopt some method of studying this great religious record.

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Louisa's Letter

CHILDREN WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PARENTS

Dear Louisa:

You are always writing about rights of children, now what about a few rights for parents? We raised our family and now our children seem to think we are anxious to raise theirs. If Alma feels like she wants to rest she just bundles the children over to our house and goes to bed. If Jane wants to take a trip, without so much as by your leave, she packs her young hopefuls off on us. Last year our youngest daughter and her husband had a disagreement and just to make him feel badly she came home with her two babies and stayed a month. Now, if he hadn't done anything awful and if she hadn't had somewhere to go they would have patched up their row in about two days.

Please don't get the idea that I am a heartless old woman who cares nothing for her grandchildren. As a matter of fact, I am very fond of all of them and enjoy taking care of them occasionally, but it is this thing of using my home as a perpetual nursery and me as an all-the-time nursemaid that is getting on my nerves.

TIRED GRANDMOTHER

Answer: I am not surprised that you or your husband are developing nerves for there is nothing quite as trying as taking care of small children, particularly after one has become accustomed to a quiet, peaceful home. I think your children are very thoughtless to burden you so much of the time with the actual care of their children. I feel sure that if any of them were really sick and could not afford competent care for their children you would be the first to offer to take them or if one of your girls had few pleasures and was given the opportunity of having a nice trip you would want her to have it even if you sacrificed some peace and quiet for it. But—this thing of being made the goat whenever one of them wishes to lie abed and read a book, or go on a junket, is carrying things too far.

People are constituted differently, and while there are some grandmothers who can never see enough of their grandchildren, there are others who get tired of having them underfoot all of the time. I think that the least a daughter can do is to

ask her mother if it is convenient for her to leave Sonny and Sister with her when she goes away. It is just possible that grandmother may be entertaining the missionary circle or planning a trip to the movies herself.

Times have changed and grandmothers have a great variety of interests in these days and times and do not spend half of their lives knitting or dozing in the sunshine.

LOUISA

FIND PRE-HISTORIC FOSSILS "SOMEWHERE IN WEST"

A "gold mine" of prehistoric fossils of sea serpents and other giant marine animals that roamed an inland sea extending from the Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic Ocean about a hundred million years ago has been discovered by Dr. Barnum Brown, curator of fossil reptiles of the Ameri-

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can Museum of Natural History, "somewhere in the West." The site of the fossil remains, which is some thirty miles long and about 20 miles wide, was apparently uncovered by recent weathering of the soil due to erosion and sand storms, according to Dr. Brown, who chanced to see them while on an air and motor expedition through Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas.

The discovery contains fossils of gigantic fishes, huge sea animals, including the mosasaur and the plesiosaur, believed to be the last surviving species of sea-serpents or giant lizards. A complete skeleton of one, having a head like a horse, a barrel-shaped body and a huge tail, was discovered.

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Fists will fly here on Friday night, December 13th, when a boxing card will be presented in the old Export tobacco factory on Depot street. "Wild Bill" Howard and Clyde "Jack" Oakley will both appear on the program. Several newcomers will also fight on this occasion, men who have gained good reputations as fighters.

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