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A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger. **** The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright; but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. **** The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good.—Proverbs 15:1-3.

Americanism is an unflinching love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

CENSUS OF AGED FOR PENSIONS

The announcement that the Federal Government will employ three thousand white collar jobless to compile a national census of persons eligible for pensions under the old-age pension section of the Social Security Act brings to light certain aspects of the enormous amount of new work which the pension system imposes on the Federal Government.

The Social Security Law stipulates that the Government shall assist the States in providing pensions for persons sixty-five years of age or older. The courts accept Census Bureau records as proof of age. The Federal Government has therefore decided to use the census records in determining the age of persons who claim pensions.

Although the Federal census is taken every ten years, it is now revealed that the 1900 census is the only one which carried both the year and the month of birth of all persons. It consequently includes a large percentage of those approaching the sixty-five year age limit upon which payments will be determined and will be used as the basis for a national age file which the Social Security Board will require in its check list.

Going through the census records and making the age file necessitates the names of all persons in alphabetical order on cards with the age stated. When this is done it will require but a moment's time to ascertain the age of any person in the United States.

The age record file will be prepared in St. Louis and will require a year to complete. The wages of the three thousand white collar workers who will thumb over the records and write the cards will be paid from the \$4,800,000,000 Work Relief Appropriation Law.

THE EDITOR IS AWAY!

Hide away back up in Avery County, about 10 miles off the railroad, and miles from a concrete strip, where peace and contentment prevails, ye editor is this week taking his first vacation in five years. What work could be done before leaving was handled; but we are leaving it in competent hands, Brother Harry Boate pinch-hitting for "us," and he is some pinch-hitter. The editorial matter he is not to be held responsible for, neither for any mistakes that may be found, as "we" made them all before we left, so as to make our "batting average" for blunders stay at 100 per cent! And while in the wilds the editor is going to forget The Journal, his debts and his enemies, but never his friends, as we treasure them for the faith they have had in us, and their faithfulness to us. A fish story may be brought back, as the water flows where we are going; who knows, probably a bear story—but, nobody would believe it, for still in the mountains they are bottling "dew," which makes poor men rich and rich men poor; makes old age see power and wealth—all being a chimera or a will o' the wisp' so to speak. At any rate the writer of this is hoping for peace of mind, a relaxation of body, and a rest that will fit him for the battles to come.

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By Green**

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"The assassination of Senator Huey P. Long was a dastardly act which calls for the severe condemnation of all classes of people.

"Labor shares with all classes of people the common sorrow which they experience over his tragic death. He was regarded as a champion of the rights of the common people and as a fearless advocate of economic and social measures which he believed would promote social justice.

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"Labor extends to the family of Senator Long its most sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement."

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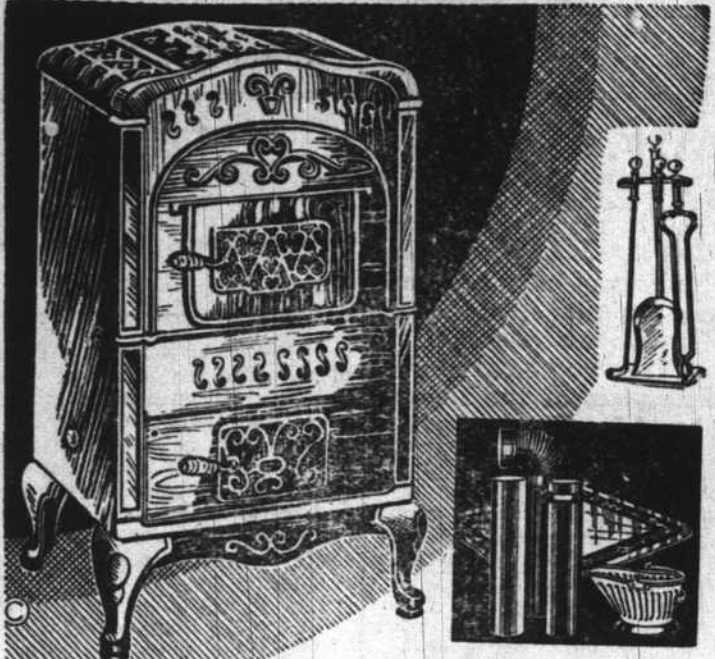
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