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PARK DEVELOPMENT TO BEGIN NEXT YEAR

It is expected that all lands to be included within the bounds of the Great Smoky National Park will have been acquired within the next few months and announcement has been made that development of the park should begin during the coming year. A. B. Cammerer, assistant director of national parks, has been in Asheville this week in conference with persons in terested in hotels, lodges, roads, trails, concessions and other park development.

The park official was reassuring about the plans to start work in the park during 1933. He explained after all the land had been acquired. the park service will begin general development in all sections. Twenty-year leases will be let to individuals or companies who will be allowed to build hotels or provide other park accommodations or amusements within the regulations of the park service development plans.

"On the North Carolna side," Mr. Crammerer said, "we will construct major camp sites and facilities at Smokemont, Flat Creek and Upper Cataloochee. These will be conducted and maintained by the government, together with roads and trails. On the Tennessee side, bur major camping headquarters will be in Cade's cove."

Probably few people in Western North Carolina have yet to realize what this park is bound to mean not only to this section but to all North Carolina and Tennessee. It will attract thousands of tourists from all parts of the country and their coming will mean that money will be spent for gasoline and supplies. Some will doubtless be attracted to North Carolina

The announcement that development in the park is due to start soon is of more than passing importance.-Morganton News-Herald.

Raleigh observers now believe that a sales tax in this state is almost certain. Most of those who have studied the problem agree that a general sales tax of 2 per cent on all gross sales will be necessary in order to raise \$8,000,-000 a year new revenue. Of this amount \$4,-500,000 will be needed to replace the revenue now obtained from the 15 cents property tax. and the balance needed to make up the amount needed caused by shrinkage from other revenue.

In 1931 it was thought that a one per cent sales tax would be sufficient to produce the needed revenue, but since the present retail sales are so low, it seems that a 2 per cent tax is as little as can be gotten by with.

One reason that the general belief is that the tax will be put on, is that no other source of revenue has yet been available.

The retailer, will in most cases be the one to pay this tax. An article now retailing for a dollar would hardly be market \$1.02, but would be sold for the regular price of a dollar and the merchant absorbing the tax. With the heavy federal taxes, business taxes, property taxes and numerous of licenses already forced on the retailer to the extent that he can hardly move, we wonder if sooner or later our country won't be almost "merchantless" because of taxes.

A bulletin issued in Washington by the government stated that each congressman in Washington cost this country an average of \$30,000 a year. At present prices, we should get a lot for that much money.

It was said that at a certain postoffice during the Christmas eve rush, a man heading a long line of patient customers, threw down a dollar bill at the window and asked for a "special delivery stamp" 13 three's, 6 two's, 5 postal cards and the change in one-and-half cent stamps. There are certain instances where murder would be justified.

MORE AND BETTER MACHINERY

"What civilization needs is MORE and better machinery, more and better labor-saving devices, and shorter working hours, better pay and more leisure," Arthur Brisbane recently said when commenting on the new-old theory of Technocracy.

An expression like the above seems rather absurd when we take into consideration that there are now about twelve million American citizens walking the streets in search of work; while thousands of that number are standing daily in bread lines for their daily bread. Without a doubt, unemployment is the gravest problem before our country today.

A general survey shows that machines are now doing work that was formerly done by men who were bread-winners of the family. For a few examples take for instance, a century ago, one man produced 25 tons of pig iron a year, now one man produces 4000 tons. Machines recently installed make 2,600 cigarettes a minute, as compared with the former maximum production of 600. In the manufacture of incandescent lamps one man today does as much work in an hour as he did in 9000 hours in 1914 all because he has better and faster machinery to work with.

From general observation, we know that other industrial plants have installed machinery that speeds up production in other lines equally as fast as the ones mentioned above. At least we know it is true of the printing office. Where it formerly took five men an hour to set a certain amount of type, now one man can do the work with the aid of a machine in about forty min-

Regardless of what the world thinks about it, bigger and better machines are going to be made daily, as Mr. Brisbane suggested. With that in mind it seems that the only thing for the world to do is to get use to these machines and use them and make the best of it. The world today is demanding quality at a little cost, and this can only be made possible through the use and aid of machinery. regardless of how many men it throws out.

This brings up this suggestion. Regulate the work-week just long enough to absorb the entire working population. That suggestion, however, will not meet with the approval of those now employed full-time, and they, in one sense, are entitled to show their feeling of dissatisfaction.

In recent years the United States has had a taste of this labor regulation in a small way in certain sections. Take for example the cotton mills. They close for several weeks, and sometimes for several months, and then again they reopen for only three days a week. The people depending on that mill to furnish them with full-time work find themselves lacking the necessities of life, because they have not adapted themselves to live under any conditions other than on wage receieved for six-days work,

The industrial world is changing, and we might as well change with it, or else suffer the consequences. We cannot hope to go for ever with ten or twelve million of American citizens unemployed. A change has got to come; it has come, so we might as well get use to it.

It has been pointed out that large companies are growing daily. The large companies can no longer compete with the smaller companies which are constantly seeking the small town and community to establish their plants and factories, and get away from the congested centers of population, high taxes and labor strifes.

In the small community the workers are not necessarily dependent upon the factory for full time, but can raise some vegetables in their garden plots and live on less wages, but live much more comfortably than if they were hemmed in a crowded city and dependant upon workmen's wages for their livlihood.

So after all, with the improved machinery that we have today, America is better off than if we did not have it. How many people would have work if it were not for automobiles, airplanes and the recent machine improvement, the raido? Untold thousands, and maybe millions.

We can't do without machines now, because we have adapted ourselves to their aid. It is not probable, however, that as much progress will be made in the near future as has been made in recent years. We believe our better machines are made, and with some improvements, we will have a foundation for years to come to aid man to do his work with more ease, and less expense.

Since the holidays are over, and Willie's father has gone back to work. we imagine little Willie will get to enjoy his Christmas toys by himself now.

Many houses did not leak during the recent heavy rains because they were covered with so many mortgages.

Jays

just what I read in the papers. what I see here and there. inally all of us about got Xmas out of our hair. Our little troop of childen come ganging in here from the cur corners. Got one boy, Bill Jr., the oldest, at the University of Aricona, a very fine school, well liked and poken of by everybody that knows about it. You know that Arizona is going to really be understood and get omewhere some day. It and New Mexico, they are similar in lots of repects, but they are different from all he other states. They have great limates, almost any kind you like, they have romance in history that out dates anything we have in our hole country, and there is just enough Indians to keep the whole thing respectable.

They are both States that kinder wear well on you. Don't just look out of the train and condemn em. It just looks like nothing couldn't live by lookng out of a sleeper window. They built those railroads through the mangiest parts, so it wouldent spoil the good land. You know you can just look ut of taxicab windows in parts of New York City and wonder what people live Ring in the Christ that is to be." on, the same as you can in Arizona. There is many a canyon in N. Y. where he grass is short, and it looks like people packed their grub a long ways Ah, but darn it, there is some great ountry everywhere.

New England, the most beautiful! place in the summer time, and for those that like their snow its fine al he year round. Up state New York great. All the Middle West with its illing prairies and big grain farms. the Northwest, just anything in the way of scenery you want, any scrops, The whole Pacific Coasand its adjoining mountainous States, aliminia, the Coumber of Commercial will tak, that up with you. But Neada, there is a State that should be given a whole paragraph on its own. Mining and stock raising! There is two the bunches of folls that just "Anybody dont fit in with. They are kinder the aristocracy of Labor. Nevada has a freedom and an independent spirit that is slowly reaching out all over our land. Utah is a great State and those almons are fine substantial citizens olorado is our grand stand seat to cour World from.

Texas? Its too big to be even under m Ferguson, Texas has got every thing that any other State has and then 'Ma" and "Jim" besides, Okla besides. Oklatoma? A lack of vocabulary is all that stops me. I should have stayed in Oxford another year to really have ione justice to Oklahoma, Alfalfa Bill Murray has taken what was once just a prairie dog town and he has popuated it with emigrants from every olitical faith known to mankind. Why here is Republicans who live so high ip in them skyscrapers of Tulsa and Oklahoma City that they aint been down to the ground since November with Wilder than the zulus in Afriand we are either going to house break em or yoke em up to a gentle Republican and bring em in,

Old Missouri? Some mighty arms, but mighty good schools. You can learn something, but you can't raise much. Booneville (Kemper Military Academy) one of the finest military schools anywhere. I was two ears there, one year in the guard ouse, and the other in the Fourth Reader. One was about as bad as the other. Great old Educator there, T. A. Johnson. Famous and deservedly o. Neosho Mo? The school I went to here has blown up, and I did all I ould while there to assist it in doing

Was you ever down in Long Valley? here is a wonderful, beautiful poetial valley along the length of our Great Mississippi River. Cities, beauiful, prosperous ones, hanging moss rom century old trees. Charming and delightful people in this valley. Its not called Long Valley on any of your aps, it labelled Louisana. But "Long is a much more beautiful ame and every time election rolls around, the people signify the fact writing "Long" from the top to he bottom of their ticket. You would "Long Valley". Its a paradise Some famous old poem was laid there among its people. I dont just remember whether it was Ivanhoe or Gunga Din, but it was a good one. Oh I wish had time to go over all those old States. I been in all of em. I love Each as I said has got something omething different. Look at Missisippi, with Pat Harrison and the State Sales Tax. Why both of em should be adopted by every State in the Union. Pat's not a Senator, he is an institution. But I'll get into the others later.

NINE-COUNT 'EM

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A new year will soon be with us . the time to make resolutions for the better . . . may they not be broken as 1933 adds it mite to the world's Each new year I am reminded of history. Tennyson's "In Memoriam" . . a few lines from it: 'Ring out the old, ring in the new Ring, happy bells, across the snow; The year is going. let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out false pride in place and blood The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right. Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old. Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free. The larger heart, the kindlier hand; Ring out the darkness of the land,

It took many years to write this famous poem from which the above is teken . . . it will take thousands of years to accomplish what the author has asked for in these few lines. . .

Sometning for the better must be accomplished by the "rew deal" or . well many are writing on new forms of government . . . others are reminded of the fall of Rome . there is too much "lust for gold" when on, out of four of our day's work for taxes world's supply of gold will not pay full for one year when the tax bill for one year in this country weighs more in gold than two one-third the wal it of our army when it will not the salary of

President for 25 and years. . . There has been too many "thousand years of war" when our great-grand children are paying for it . . . when he greatest depression in history has been caused by it . . . its effects make excellent gifts for our children . . . and I leave as a prayer to God that in ome future year our posterity will

have what Tennyson has asked for and that there will be a civilized world in which to live. . I hope all are well after the Christmas dinner . . . may you not be reading from the "propped up in the bed" position. . . I want you to get out to enjoy the wet Christmas for which I heard so many wishing. Mr. Hoover didn't keep it from being wet as was predicted in the papers. . .

I can't get away from the house even with my first gift-the green umbrella. . . Even in the days of good roads

What this country needs is a cusom whereby gifts could always be in . . or a profesional bayer

many people do not receive what want on Christmas . . then to takes five hours to select a d present . . and how dirty we ge things in the stores before them. . . .

Two stray letters found in my Dear Santa: Please send me a ound of vampus oil that will c my men to study enough to be elig or the basketball team . . Boyd Scarborough, Dear Santa: Pl send one center tall enough to te the goal. . . Weatherby. . . P. S. too tall to get inside tie to pole

The Crawford banquet was a I think North Caroli irst All-American enjoyed the pa at this banquet was one All-American Mr. Camp . second All-American, Crawford . one All-Southern, Mr. Stringfield two All-State. Hyatt and Davis . hope I haven't missed any . . . one who dug ditches with the gr Jim Thorpe, Red Rotha. . . .

I think the Duke boys around to will soon learn that it takes work win in any game regardless of wonderful performance of indiv I wonder why the Asheville pap

failed to give the Crawford banq as much space as they did to so Notre Dame star who was given similar banquet only because he pla ed ball . . . he was not even me tioned on the All-American. . . . Why doesn't Waynesville try

have dances through the winter stead of Canton? . 4 . this is tourist town with four halls bett than Canton's best . . . just a lit money helps in a time like this. . Did you know that Mrs. W. Crawford is an excellent artist? . some of her pictures then y will know it. . . .

They say "Tess of the Storm Cou try" is an excellent picture. . M Massie has it Thursday and Friday. I like a parber who cuts hair th way I want it cut . . not the way it ought to be cut. . Why can't that hole in the street

near M-, Bushnell' and just above

Mr. Weatherby's cur be repaired, . I dread to go by there. . . I alway onep into that small place . . an why do those places have to be above street to make a bump? . . on North Main and another in from Mr. Hayes' on Branner avenue. . I always read McIntyre's article. .

often read Brisbane's the latter is cynical and some wha f a pessimist. . . In Havana near the graveyard on

dways finds large flower snops . . he people often decorate their grave with flowers . . . they are very emo-tional . . . many bought flowers a a shop while I was standing by in Verdado . . . my Cuban friend said it was an every day occurance. . . .

The most pathetic and at the same time the most enjoyable sight of the week: Our people waiting in line for Mr. Ferguson to pay them their dollar per day in trade. . . .

Why did i laugh when Percelle came to Denton's to buy a funnel? Maybe I thought he belonged to the "funnel gang."

discouraged. . . Don't let your courage fade. When you get a lemon . . Just make some lemonade." . .

And may you have a more prospermight serve the purpose . . or maybe ous and happy '33 than you had an exchange store would do . . . so '32.

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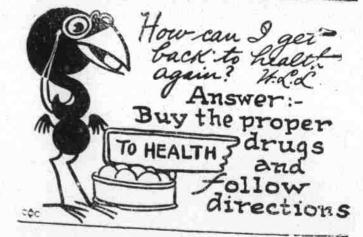
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