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Maybe those Russian fliers, lost on the Pole flight, just dropped over to give China

and hour law so that it would require our law-makers to put in a forty-hour week. The fellow who is continually changing

Now if they'd only doctor up that wage

his opinions probably didn't have any to brag about in the first place. If what they are having over in China

isn't war, then it must be that Santa Claus is paying a mid-year call. We reckon Joe Louis will agree that fif-

teen rounds on a hot night is much too Farr to go. Many of us would feel all out of place in

a better world, considering the bum care we are taking of this one. If we understand what its all about, Ja-

pan doesn't like the idea of so many Chinamen in China.

"The happiest people and the best are those too poor to be corrupted by wealth and too rich to be degraded by want and suffering."-Robert Quillen.

Husbands whose wives are reluctant to take a trip to the country will be envying Governor Graves whose privilege it is to send his to the Senate.

Down in Brazil they are using surplus coffee instead of coal to run locomotives. That's nothing! Here we put a liquor-head under the auto steering wheel to make it go.

Largess or Service

"The man for the job and not the job for the man;" is the slogan which the International City Managers' Association would have all governmental units adopt. A special committee of this organization draws the conclusion that there should be a routing of that deep-seated charity concept of the public payroll in which both the public and municipal officials sometimes believe that government should hand out jobs, rather than that government should employ competent and qualified persons to serve in their allotted niche.

In its report the committee said: "If the taxpayer's money is to be wisely spent the public job must go to the best available man, regardless of his residence. Thus the correction of this one fallacy will be instrumental in undermining both the spoils philosophy and the local boy prejudice."

In the main we select our officials either on the theory that they "must be taken care of" or that they are of sufficient political influence and service, fancied or real, that they can either have the job themselves or name the man for the place. In other words, government, whether it be national, state or local, operates on the theory that it is distributing largess, rather than buying service.

Under this system, if and when we do draw efficiency and capability, it is through

accident pure and simple.

But the road to a change in this respect is a long and torturous one. Even those who admit that selection should be measured by merit alone, first-off would protest the selection of a school teacher or dog-catcher if their daughter or third cousin wanted it and was turned down.

Voters raise a thunderous howl about taxes, but when it comes to selection of officials who levy, collect and disburse tax money, they don't measure the man by his special fitness and qualification for the job. but rather they let the way he parts his hair or pats one on the back determine their support. Efficiency doesn't count in the selection of public servants, only seldom, but inefficiency has added many a dollar to the tax load—as the price of our indifference.

Our Investment in America

There is much viewing-with-alarm concerning the national debt which has reached the impressive total of a little the rise of thirty-seven billion dollars. Most of us read those figures with no realization of what they mean: change them to thirty-seven million and we wouldn't get excited about the difference or even grateful for the saving.

But divide the amount of the debt by the approximate number of Americans and thus establish each person's share in the national debt at approximately \$284, and Mr. Average Citizen begins to take notice, espe-

cially if lungy orators and careless newspa-pers, interested mainly in picturing a black picture blacker, begins to inject the oil of discontent into his system, and smart his sore spot with antagonistic insinuations against those who allowed the federal treasury to get that way.

But big as it is, wrapped up in that national debt, are a lot of assets that if and when liquidated would shave that \$284 right considerable. As one editor points out these assets consist of "the Treasury's working capital, the government's interest in its various corporations, the collateral it has on RFC and PWA and other loans, the silver about to be buried at West Point, and the gold under ground at Fort Knox."

The Raleigh News and Observer looks at the national debt this way: "Undoubtedly it is a lot of money, but it also is the sum of the investment of Americans in America. It represents all that this country has grown to be, what this country has spent for war, what this country has spent for relief and recovery . . . But disregard the deductions. The \$284.62 is a big figure for the average American even for his America. Indeed it

is the price of a fairly good used car."

Some of us will be called on to pay a great deal more than \$284, and some of us a great deal less, but we'll betcha that not a single one of us in either bracket would swap our interest in America for what it has or will cost us, and skedaddle to some other place—only to find that we have jumped from the pot into the fire, so far as national debt is concerned.

Down Roosevelt's Alley

Senator Holt, of West Virginia, announces that he will seek to place the Senate on record opposing a third term for President Roosevelt. He proposes to offer the same resolution against a third term which the Senate approved in 1928, and which the House adopted in 1875.

Those who think Mr. Roosevelt has any notion to seek a third term are few and far between. But it serves the purpose of certain individuals and groups to keep talking about it and leaving the people under the impression that he would perpetuate himself in office. As a matter of fact they are serving their purpose no better than they are serving the President's. To come out any more definitely than he has done, against running again, would put candidates on their toes pronto, and so engage the minds of political leaders among our representatives in Washington, that they would forget any legislative program that did not carry the possibility of forwarding the interests of their choice, and such legislation as did have their attention would reflect a build-up for whatever slate that could dominate the show.

An so by keeping the issue alive Senator Holt really is doing the President a favor. By keeping his bulky shadow close up to the starting line in the 1940 race, the President will be keeping ambitious candidates on pins and needles, but he will be saving the masses a lot of tiresome argument and propa-

Senator Holf was one of those who contended that reorganization of the federal courts, particularly the high tribunal, if authorized by constitutional amendment approved by the people, would be all right. Third terms for Presidents is not exactly a constitutional issue, but it is so near it, that if Holt would be consistent, he'd want the people to pass on this question, too. But that would take too much time, for the immediate purpose is to head off just one man

Tasting of the Can

The coninuity of escapes of prisoners rors corrected. All birds showing in singers will also be a feature consigned to the State prison authorities for the carrying out of the sentences imposed on them after trial and conviction in our Superior courts, is beginning to taste of the can. High-jacking guards and driving off to freedom, tunnelling under prison walls, and, as in the case last week, calmly getting under the wheel of a highway truck and taking to the roads, spells nothing so plainly as that somebody is asleep at the switch.

It would be bad enough if these were just ordinary offenders, but in the main they are not. Most of them are desperate and dangerous and some of them since their escape have killed just for the fun of it. Three sets of them are at large, and as many killings are credited to the escapees. Surely that is enough to stir somebody to action.

Could it be that in the confusion of shuffling the various heads of the prison department to conform to political usefulness, has so demoralized these executives that they have forgotten they have a job to do? Have they been so busy pulling political strings that the word "supervision" has become meaningless to them,

It must be discouraging to the courts and to law enforcement officials, many of whom have risked their lives in tracking down desperate men, to see them abide for a spell in the Raleigh higher institution, and then calmly walk out to liberty and crime again. We are as mindful as the next one that it is next to impossible to prevent occasional escapes, but in North Carolina they come more than occasionally, and can be excused on no other grounds save-inefficien-

cy of somebody. About the only encouraging thing about it is the weather. It will soon be winter and prisoners have shown a reluctance to seek the wide open spaces when bitter cold is liable to pinch. Maybe the guests of of (let's see, who is in charge now?) will not call a holiday until the smell of spring comes again. Let us hope so.

(By C. M. Dickson)

When a person gets in too deep it is better to back out than not to get out at all.

As a rule, proteins are more conducive to lasting "impressions" than exterior decorations.

To be great does not necessar ily mean to be good.

The harder the battle the greater victory.



Most any one will "tender' service his when he knows that they are not needed and will not be accepted.

Some men are old at twenty, while others are young at eighty

A soldier is not needed when the battle is over.

In the generally accepted sense the future punishment of the wicked will be in the lake that 'burns with fire and brimstone.' The unorthodox claim that they will either be annihilated or (figuratively speaking) occupy a sort of a "summer resort."

It's within the province of man to dwell either in the quagmire of wickedness or on the mountaintop of righteousness.

The punishment for a bad deed should be commensurate with the reward for a good one. A smart boy-one who knows

more than both his daddy and his All people should agree to dis-

A right is inherent; a privilege

A desire may be caressed until highway Sunday.

it becomes a passion. It is said that one of the last things a person does after death

It's easier to stay in the road scenery. than to get back after one gets

TIMELY FARM ANSWERED AT

STATE COLLEGE Question: How can I cure my

pullets of colds and a croupy con-Answer: As colds are usually

caused by poor ventilation, overbe carefully checked and the ersal discharge or foamy eyes should be isolated at once. The flock should be given Epsom salts at the rate of one-half pound of salts to three gallons of drinking water. Then the house and utensils should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Where the disease is well established it is not economical to treat individuals and these should be destroyed. Keep a good germicide in the drinking water as long as there is evidence of the trouble.

Question: What is the best rate of seeding for vetch, crimson clover, and Austrian winter peas? Answer: Twenty pounds of seed to the acre should be used for vetch and from 20 to 30 pounds for Austrian winter peas. Both of these crops should be covered about two inches deep for best germination. Either unhulled or cleaned crimson clover seed may be used, but where the unhulled eed are used the seeding should be 30 pounds to the acre as compared with 20 to 25 pounds of the cleaned seed. This crop should be covered lightly with about half an inch of soil. All the crops may be seeded in the piedmont and coastal plain areas anytime before Oc-

Question: How much time should elapse after a cow freshens before she can be put on full feed? Answer: This depends upon the physical condidtion of the cow Lut as a usual thing it requires about three weeks after freshening efore the animal is on full feed. The first day's feed should consist of bran mash. For the next four days the grain ration should conist of wheat bran and ground

favorable.

"One Longing, Lingering Look Behind" —by A. B. CHAPIN



oats in equal parts. On the fifth day the cow may be started on the regular milking ration and gradually brought to full feed in about three weeks.

TRAPHILL

As a courtesy to members the Austin Sunday school, the superintendent, Wilmer Brown, and Herman Holbrook, Bible class teacher, and Herbert Durham. took a group of the school on an interesting outing over the scenic

Leaving the church early in the morning the party drove fifty miles over the highway, via Roaring Gap, across the Blue Ridge, stopping at several places enroute to view the beautiful

Dinner was served picnic style at one o'clock at Air Bellows Gap. The return trip was made via Whitehead, Sparta and Roaring

CALLOWAY REUNION TO BE HELD SEPT. 25

The annual Calloway reunion will be held the fourth Sunday in September, at Mountain Park. The public is invited to attend and bring a well filled basket.

The program will consist of a sermon at 11 o'clock, dinner on the grounds and in the afternoon the history of the Calloway famcrowding, and a poor feeding ily will be read. The program schedule, these conditions should will be in charge of Prof. A. H. Wolfe. Special music by outstandthe program

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