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A straw vote is accurate when its results are for your side.

Seeing America is a good way for Americans to spend their time and money.

Seven hundred persons, now living, will be dead in seven days as a result of highway accidents.

Teachers in 21 States are required to take loyalty oaths; are we to presume that those in 27 States are disloyal?

Wages may be important to the manager of corporations but they are more important to the worker and his family.

Hard work is probably a good thing for mankind but there are many people who want very little of the good thing.

#### PROBLEM FOR CIVILIZATION

Mrs. Edith How Martyn, British advocate of birth control, has travelled over the world in behalf of the movement in which she is inter-

Whatever individuals may think of her enthusiasm, it is not open to question that civilization is something of a farce so long as a million women die in childbirth each year and ten million babies die before they reach their first birthday. Compared to this loss of life, war is an amateur in the art of killing human beings.

#### INAUGURAL IN JANUARY

Plans for the inaugural ceremonies are already being made at Washington where extensive preparations are necessary to prepare the east front of the capitol building for the occasion.

The Norris amendment to the Constitution changed the date of the inauguration ceremonies from March to January 20th. Thus the winner of the election in November will begin his term in just a few days more than two months from the time of the voting.

The Congress elected in November will also meet in January, on the 5th, instead of waiting, as was the case before the Norris amendment, until the following December, or more than a year after its selection. The amendment corrected an apparent defect in our system of government and the amazing thought is that it was not passed sooner

#### TWO FACTS MAKE A PROBLEM

Two facts stand out in the present stage of American industrial affairs. The first is that a remarkable recovery is holding up and going strong; the second is that employment is not keeping up with productive activity.

These facts, undisputed as they are, present the American people with a real problem that will last them for some years.

Take for example the report of the Federal Reserve Board for July on production and unemployment. Taking 1924 to 1926 as normal, or 100, the figures show that industrial production in July stood at 108 but factory employment was 87.7 and factory payrolls only 77.8 percent.

The outstanding fact is that fewer men are doing more work for less pay than in the years 1924-26 .- Obviously, this means less purchasing power for laborers and less sales of manufactured products, which is the cycle that leads to more unemployment.

#### SIX BOMBS MISS A SHIP

The bombing of the U.S.S. Kane, a destroyin Spanish waters, by an airplane has caussome commotion in the press and the exge of a few notes between this government nish factions now engaged in their

bloody struggle.

What intrigues us, however, is the fact that the airplane dropped six bombs at a destroyer that was making no effort at defense and lay unsuspecting beneath it. Probably one bomb, if it had landed, would have seriously crippled the destroyer but none hit the target, each of them falling some distance away and exploding harmlessly.

Maybe the Spanish aviators are poor marksmen from the air, or, maybe it's more trouble on?" to hit a ship with a bomb than many of us have been told.

#### A SENSIBLE DECISION

The decision of Governor Martin L. Davey, of Ohio, to deny the request of Oklahoma for this, why isn't the farm getting demonstrations emphasize the the extradition of Carlton B. Chilton, commends itself to the vast majority of Ameri-

Chilton lived in Ohio for twenty-three years as a responsible, law-abiding citzien and no blot mars his record. Although he escaped from prison in Oklahoma and failed to completely serve a two-year sentence for robbery, the manner of his living abundantly proved that he is no menace to society and that nothing is to be gained by throwing him into a

Mr. Chilton has undoubtedly repented of his youthful error and the fact that he has lived fer twenty-three years as a good citizen proves that he has adequately reformed himself.

### Washington News For U.S. Farmers

FIGHTING FUTURE DROUGHT MUST HAVE COOPERATION JULY FARM INCOME FOOD SUPPLY AMPLE

Morris L. Cooke, chairman of the drought committee, says thatt the President has in mind a survey of possible Federal Laws to assist "agricultural re-adjustment and the conservation of water and soil". Asked how long it would take to complete the rehabilitation program he remarked that t had taken fifty years for the drought area to "get that way" and it should not be too much to ask as many as twenty-fice years to reclaim it.

This statement ought to emphasize the magnitude of the problem and the necessity, so far as possible, of keeping farm relief and drought clude Illinois, Indiana and Misrehabilitation out of politics. Of course, this souri. In addition, his headis asking entirely too much in an election year quarters indicate that a second and about the best that we can expect is that eastern swing will be made after the voting is over the officials, whoever during the latter half of Octhey are, will be given the proper cooperation tober, with speaking engagements at the principal cities in carrying out whatever scheme they adopt. | and a wind-up rally in New

Already the Soil Erosion Service and the Resettlement Administration has mapped about 1,000,000 acres of the terrain, starting from the southern edge of the Plains States. Altogether the area to be surveyed extends 1,400 miles long by 700 miles wide, embracing about 400,000,000 acres, or one-fifth of the land surface of the nation This is not as much as one would expect in view of the fact that more evelt Administration, charging Lake City. than one-third of the counties of the country are in official drought areas but the difference is explained by the fact that the problem is not as acute in some sections as in others.

able to even attempt any complete summary dollar spent, avoid the habit of of the findings of the committee but it emphasizes the fundamental purpose of any program must be to make the area permanently habitable and that, over a long period of years, the Plains will support more people than if on undistributed corporation present tendencies are unchecked. Initiative earnings, Mr. Landon termed it by the Federal government is imperative in securing cooperation of local, State and National agencies, and the Federal government's himself to its repeal. The legstake is apparent when one realizes that since January 1, 1933, it has spent \$140,000,000 on works related to conservation of physical assets and \$335,000,000 on oans, grants and relief disbursements.

In a special report based on an analysis of weather conditions, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics declares that despite the current drought the country's food supply for the twelve months ending June 1937, will be only 3 per cent below that of 1935-36 and only 1 per cent below that of 1934-35. The drought was unusually severe on feed crops, Spring wheat, potatoes and vegetables for canning. The short feed supply is expected to result in liquidation of livestock during the first half of the marketing year so that, with the larger Spring pig crop, meat production is expected to be slightly above the level of last year. Dairy products will be smaller than last year but above the year before and increased supplies of poultry and eggs are expected The supply of canned fruits will be about norm

### IS YOUR FARM IMPROV-**ING WITH AGE?**

By Guy A. Cardwell

who had one of his characters on?

Is your farm improving with latter, what are you going to do soil.

of the chief fundamentals in fertilizers. vantage, in returns, compared building crops. with those sections where soil building and crop rotation are little expense, and makes posregularly practiced.

building is woefully neglected pensive fertilizer element. It and oftentimes wholly ignored also makes possible the mainunder the methods followed by tenance of the supply of organland-owners in the cotton and ic material that is impractical tobacco sections.

concede that the general wel- part in such a program, but it fare of the Nation is largely is hopeless to depend on them dependent upon the fertility of alone. The maximum returns her farms, and that one of the can be had from manufactured most important problems con- fertilizers only on those soils fronting Southern farmers is that are adequately supplied that of increasing the fertility with organic matter.

of the soils, we will have arriv-I think it was Shakespeare ed at a workable hypothesis.

To increase the fertility of ask "How be the farm gittin' the soil the first and most im-It might not be a bad portant thing to be done is to idea for farmers generally to provide a sufficient and constop for a while, at this season, stant supply of nitrogen and and ask themselves the same organic matter. This can be question. I am confident that accomplished if agricultural many an answer, if truthful, leaders in each community will would be, "The farm ain't git-adopt and push a definite soil-tin' on." If I am correct in building program, and through following points:

1. The fullest possible use of age, under a well regulated both summer and winter leprogram of soil improvement, gume crops for the purpose of or is it getting poorer and less increasing the organic matter ism." productive each year? If the and nitrogen content of the made no mention of Mr. Hearst, the Institute indicated that

2. Maintenance of a plentiful Until it is actively recogniz-supply of phosphorus in the ed that soil mprovement is one soil by additions of phosphatic

good farming, this country of 3. Applications of lime to cotton, tobacco, peanuts and those soils that are found to be corn (splendid as these crops so acid as to need lime for a are) will continue at a disad- satisfactory growth of soil

This program is simple, of sible the maintenance of soil It has been said that soil nitrogen which is the most exto purchase. Commercial fer-If this is true, and, if we will tilizers must play an important

probably interested in the outcomes of the various polls of Salve, Nose Drops public sentiment now being Try "Rub-My-Tism"-World's Best conducted. It is our intention,

portunity".

speeches may give the Demo-

Readers of this colomn are

crats their eagerly wanted op-

the Hearst control.

One of the Hearst papers

Governor's statement as "a re-

Landon decrying laws which from week to week, to call atrequire teachers to take loyalty tention to as many as are availoaths made at Chautaugua, N. able. Recently the Institute of Y., attracted additional signifi- Public Opinion attempted to gance when Secretary Ickes, in guage the shifting of 1932 vota radio speech, read court do-cuments which, he said, showed that the New Deal has lost abthat Mr. Hearst was the "bose" out 4,500,000 of its 1932 voters of the Republican Party and but has gained about 2,000,000 that Mr. Landon was his candi- of those who favored the Hoodate. The point was made that ver-Curtis ticket four years the passage of laws requiring ago. In other words, 29 per-teachers to take loyalty oaths cent of 1932 Roosevelt voters has been a pet project of the have deserted the thirteen per-Hearst newspapers and the cent of 1982 Republican voters Landon statement was held up are now supporting the New to prove his independence of Deal. According to the answers given on the ballots in the poll "extravagance" is cited as

subsequently referred to the New Deal supporters. The same Institute noted a grettable departure from the high plane of true American-slight shift of votes to Roose-While Governor Landon velt in mid August. Previously, Secretary Ickes read from the Governor Landon, on August 9, record of a lawsuit now pend- would have had an Electral ing in Chicago, showing that College majority of 21, allwhen George F. Harding, Re-though running nearly five perpublican National Chairman cent behind the President in from Illinouis, visited Mr. popular votes. However, the Hearst in California last June, results on August 23rd showed he told the publisher that Gov-, that the President would have ernor Landon should not make a majorty of 19 as well as a many speeches in the campaign majority of the popular vote. and later repeated the advice in The Institute listed New York, a letter to Mr. Hearst, who pro-Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, mised to pass the suggestion on and Michigan as crucial states, to the Republican nominee. In saying that Landon is likely to a memorandum to Harding, Mr. be defeated if he drops any one Hearst pointed out that the of them. Four of them are "for Democrats "have nothing to Landon", according to the poll criticize Governor Landon ab- but Michigan has shifted to the out" but added that "too many New Deal column.

the main reason for the shift of

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## Looking at Washington

Landon Plans Tours Attacks Tax Program Roosevelt In The West Hearst As A Factor

paign tour of the East, Gover- idends. nor Landon is preparing to take the road again this month for a trip tentatively expected to in-York City. It is possible that the Republican nominee will also swing to the Pacific Coast before closing his campaign.

In what many commentators consider the most important speech yet made by Governor Landon, the Kansan attacked the fiscal policies of the Rooswaste and extravagance and laying down certain fundamental principles of government finance. He insisted that the government must guard and preserve its source of income, It is impossible in the short space here avail- get a dollar's worth for every spending more than it receives and prepare for a rainy day.

> Particularly assailing Administration-sponsored the "most cockeyed piece of legislation ever imposed in a modern country" and pledged

islative tax provides, among other things, for surtaxes on the undistributed net income of corporations ranging from seven to twenty-seven percent, depending on the amount not pas-Completing his first cam- sed out to stockholders in div-

> While the Republican nominee was in the East, President Roosevelt continued his tour of the Great Plains States, "to see with my own eyes", what the drought has done. Although the President insisted that it was not a political journey, the trip undoubtedly possessed political value. The highlight, of course, was the meeting with the group of governors, including Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, to discuss the drought problem. The meeting, originally scheduled early last week was postponed when the President altered his plans in order to attend the funeral of Secretary of War George H. Dern, in Salt

The declaration of Governor

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