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According to the prohibition poll now being staged by the Literary Digest, a vast majority of the people so far heard from are very much "agin" the Volstead Act.

Wonder if the recent cold spell will have any effect on the political pot, which had begun to simmer right much. But aspirants come and go, regardless of weather conditions.

Old Man Winter, was was seemingly "asleep at the switch," has awakened himself with a vengeance, if it is at the last moment. And his reign will be short.

To quote the Greensboro Record: "Al Smith says that he is not a candidate for the nomination for President. O, yeah. Neither has Jawe call saying a whole lot in a few words.

That Alabama senatorial election must have been pretty rotten. The investigation committee has recommended that the seat held by Bankhead be declared vacant. Regardless of the fact that Bankhead had a majority of about 50,000 over Hefflin. If the report of the committee is accepted this mean another election or appointment for that senatorial district.

this body have all agreed, without a dissenting else." voice, that Japan has broken not only one but many of the "planks" in the League "platform." war on China without declaring war. So much does \$17 worth of business. for this peace pact-merely a scrap of paper.

Tom Jimison, an erstwhile alleged minister whose love for whiskey has proved to be his undoing, so far as ministerial work is concerned and who has been practicing law for the past few years, has declared his intention of re-entering the ministry. His law practice must be dwindling, as did his congregations before he deserted the ministry, or rather before the ministry deserted him. He and Tom Pardue would make a strong team.

It is to be hoped that the taste of political power Al Smith, Raskob and Shouse got in New Hampshire Tuesday is but a forerunner of the other States. Smith was beaten in the New Hampshire primary two to one. But he and his cohorts, it seems, are determined to rule or ruin-this has been their attitude for the past eight years. It is to be hoped that the great Democratic party will not allow the Big Three to further wreck its hopes.

raids caused by people terrorized through confidence destroyed; others, of course, because of actual mismanagement, but such were in the minority.

be far different from that of the last two years.

tional Credit Corporation it was estimated that over a billion dollars had been withdrawn from banks and put into stockings, under mattresses,

each dollar in circulation represented 17 billion

work and for his wife and children suffering from want. Yet every man or woman who is

But, the powers that be, or rather the other industry. Let us help dig out this hoarded bil-

more war-dogs growling than at any time since the World War, in what Washington called "a

products as against foreign products made foreign trade by the greater purchasing power created.

In that so many wildcat stories have been the world goes to using wampum for money. then the next day retracted, it would appear as they wish, and take the consequences, since middle of a picture. They'd that it would be a good idea to check up on we cannot do anything about it anyway. appéars that Colonel Lindbergh has a pretty to do it. good case for damages against some of these is more interested in the recovery of his boy created. just at this time than anything else.

bition are properly placed, it is a terrible in- al thinking. dictment against "the cause." But, it must be little fellow that is generally caught. But, er and their money. when a big one is hooked he has influential Get back to common honesty and common friends who generally succeed in getting him sense in private and public affairs. off very light. This should not be so, but it is.

The enforcement of law and order in this

land and uttered by those who have in the past all, pay a part of every bill you owe. shed crockodile tears over the plight of the down-trodden farmer. However, when it comes to voting, the poor down-trodden farmer is, in many instances, forgotten and the vote is cast we "speck" you do.

HOARDED MONEY

Records show that there were 1,345 bank fail- plied to every candidate up for election in roots and herbs in their native ures in 1930, and 2,300 in 1931. A large num- farming areas this year.

poses of which we have nothing to do. Stick to a sound currency, even if the rest of need.

told about the Lindbergh kidnaped boy and Let our foreign debtors pay or repudiate, just

handed out to the credulous public. And it tional debt until we get the money with which down slap in the middle of a who will use their influence in appears that Colonel Lindbargh too and the state of the money with which down slap in the middle of a who will use their influence in the state of the sta

Use the axe on public expenditures until we joyment to the picture. You do sensational writers. But, we take it that he are able to pay the bills past extravagance has not know whether the heroine

Stir up a revival of old-fashioned patriotism whether the elderly gentleman and religion and get away from some of the If all the crimes laid at the door of prohi- fads and follies that have mussed up our nation

remembered that so many of the "higher ups" looking after the United States is a bigger job are in league with the crooked politicians, that than they have been able to handle and that it is almost impossible to get a drag-net to fit hereafter that they will be expected to look one of these buddies. Unfortunately, it is the after the people from whom they got their pow-

PAYING OUR BILLS

erstwhile "fair land of ours" has reached a pret Depression's best friend is the man or woty stage when the underworld has ascended to man who can, with little or no effort pay his or such heights, or strength, when the leaders of her bills promptly-but doesn't. During the the underworld have to be called upon to help war it was a serious offense to utter seditious unearth crime. Take Al Capone, for instance. remarks or to commit unpatriotic acts. To-He was allowed to break every law, both civil day, with the world fighting a great economic and federal, and go unmolested, until he failed war, thousands who should be doing their bit to pay the Governmment his income tax-tax on by paying their bills promptly are actually aidmoney that had been unlawfully obtained. The ing the enemy-depression-by letting the laxity of law enforcement has taken a terrible grocer, the landlord, the coal dealer, the newstoll, and the end is not yet in sight. Crooked paper, the doctor and others wait for the pay- uncultivated land on a farm car ing two Japanese civilians who politicians are responsible, in a great measure, ment of goods that have been delivered or for for the present deplorable condition of affairs. services rendered. Payment of these bills-in

full or part-will help re-open old jobs and stim This early in the campaign already the old ulate business. Slow pay means slower busihokum of "lower taxes" is being heard in the ness and more unemployment. If you cannot pay

FARMERS' TAXES ARE TERRIBLE

Farmers are taxed out of all proportion to in favor of those who are able to help them- their earnings, according to figures gathered in selves. Don't you remember how it was in the Washington by Tom Cathcart, editor of The last Legislature? Certainly one man who lov- Country Home. All over the country, he finds, ed(?) the farmer with an undying love-until agricultural taxes rose steadily from 1924, and the said farmer was fooled into voting for him remained at their high level of 1930, although -sided up with the big interests when it came meanwhile the farmer's income has gone down to framing laws. Know who he was? Well, enormously. It takes two to three times as

> many crops to pay a tax bill this year as it would have taken to pay the same tax bill a few

the second for a second second way to be the

majority of tax payers to be the That's something we really task of the next General Assembly. For this reason, there-

Most people don't like to go fore, it behooves the people of to a theater and get there in the Rockingham county to send to Raleigh next January a delegation who by their records are rather hang around outside, known to be in full sympathy waiting for the beginning.

ime. It adds so much more en- people. For the Senate this writer suggests with enthusiasm and is the hero's sweetheart or his ful ltrust Mrs. Lily C. Mebane, whose support of the people's mother-in-law. You can't tell interest in the last Legislature is the villain or the preacher; entitles her to the promotion; whether the children are hisn and for the House he suggests or hern. Along with following with equal enthusiasm ,and the plot of the film, you also trust H. N. Binford, whose rec-Impress our statesmen and financiers that have to figure out and try to ord in the Assembly was one of unravel what has gone on be- unswerving devotion to the in-

terests of the people. fore. It's twice as much fun as It is the sincere belief of this getting there just as the picwriter that the people of the ture is starting and having evcounty cannot do better than to erything explained to you. promote the nomination and

I shouldn't be a bit surpris- election of Mrs. Mebane and ed if a special session of the Mr. Binford to the offices menlegislature were called before tioned. June 1. When our state officials discover how greatly the in-PEACE PROPOSAL IS come tax returns have shrunk. there's going to be a lot of worrying done in some circles. We think we're in a bad fix now, Japan submitted a new peace but wait until after March 15. proposal at Shanghai today and

And if you want to put that down as unjustified pessimism. you're welcome to do so.

WILL HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM

Editor The Messenger:

Due to a number of inquiries efit of those farmers, who ates burk, Ky., a severe beating last confused as to whether the plan calls for cultivation of fish and In Tokyo police announced calls for cultivation of fish and

game, only, as a means to in- they had discovered the exiscreasing their income, that such | tence of a small group of fanis not my idea. Fish and game can be made to assassinate eminent Japa-

to pay a handsome return for nese leaders. The police blam-the time involved in their cul- ed this group for the recent astivation, but my idea is not sassinations of Baron Takuma confined solely to their pro-pagation. To begin with a farm former finance minister. will have to be sized up as to its general characteristics in Henry Pu-Yi was installed as cleared and wooded land, in ruler of the new Manchurianamount of land intended for cul tivation and acreage not intended to be put under cultivation for some years to come. The plan would then assume the tone of an "Individual 5-year plan." It would embrace farming, stock and poultry, fish and years ago. A practical program for lower and raising of fur bearing animals, more just taxes is the test which will be ap- and propagation of medicinal

forces at Shanghai. d The Messenger ads and The returns that may be had

THIS FACT, WAS VERIFIED HATFIELD WAS PARDONED BY THE KING -

Got Still, Ten Gallons And Two Men; To Court

This morning about 8 o'clock Deputy Moore had pretty a bed room on the second floor good luck down in New Bethel at the home of Howard Penn he other day when he capturwas discovered to be on fire, ed a copper outfit, ten gallons and the alarm was turned in. of whiskey and two men-Joe It seems that a dresser caught Newnam and Howard Case. on fire, which was badly burn-They each gave bonds for their ed, the fire being confined to appearance at court. this piece of furniture. Right

Fire This Morning

LOAN APPROVED

much damage was done by wa-Hog cholera is making heavy ter to the room and contents. inroads in the swine herds of Bertie county. The county FIRST 1932 CROP agent vaccinated 252 animals for nine owners last week.

Caswell county farmers are Washington, March 9.-The asking for government seed first loan under the crop pro- tion blanks and proper papers and fertilizer loans in large duction provision of the Recon- for securing a loan can be senumbers, according to county struction Finance Corporation cured from county agents or the act has been approved and the county loan committees. agent.

machinery in the Department of Agriculture set in order to expedite the handling of all applications as they are received from the farmers.

The first loan was made to a farmer near Heath Springs in Lancaster county, South Carolina.

The fund for crop production loans is \$75,000,000. Regional Director Cobb stated today that over 300 application blanks had been mailed to every county in North Carolina and that more would be ready for distribution as soon as the present supply was exhausted. The applica-



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at the same time pressed ahead with the movement of reinforcements and supplies to the front. The new proposals, details of which were not made public, expressed Japan's eagerness to negotiate a truce because of the "imminent possibility that hostilities will break out fresh." Japanese authorities at about my ideas on making the Shanghai said they were arrestry its share of tax paying, I gave Miss Rose Marlowe, miswould like to state for the ben- sionary teacher from Williams-

tical patrons banded together

In Changchun, Manchuria,

Mongolian state at a ceremony

featured by much Kowotwing

A drafting committee of the League of Nations assembly worked on a resolution to de-

fine the assembly's program in

the Sino-Japanese conflict—a program expected to ask the withdrawal of the Japanese

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and wierd music.

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