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### Kill A Dog and Get A Pig

Mr. C. A. Miles informs us that arrangements have been made whereby any person on the relief fund list who will kill one of his dogs may get a pig in return.

All claimants are eligible for this exchange, but Mr. Miles must see the dog killed or have a reliable informant so that there can be no mistake about it.

If a claimant has two dogs to kill then he can get two pigs or if he has three then he gets three pigs, or in other words, he gets a pig for every dog of his own that he will destroy.

This should be interesting information to those who are relying on the relief fund, for a dog will eat about as much as a pig and when winter comes, those who take advantage of the exchange will have pork sausage instead of hot dogs.

It has been rigidly discussed that any claimant of the relief fund should dispose of his dogs already and this is a good time to make the exchange before the names of dog owners are dropped from the relief list, if it comes to that point.

At any rate, there are hundreds of worthless dogs in the county and if you have them on May 1st you will have to list them for taxation anyway, and it would be far better to have a pig than a worthless dog.

The county and people are always ready to help those in distress provided they try to help themselves, so it would be an ideal thing to think seriously about swapping that old dog for a winter's supply of meat.

### The Farmers' Unnecessary Burden

Hundreds of thousands of overburdened taxpayers on farms and in villages are paying millions of dollars per year in taxes that, by all rules of fairness, should be paid by the residents of certain cities and towns.

How has this happened? Simple enough. It is because of the entry of these cities and towns into business ventures, principally gas, electric and water utilities.

The situation can be well illustrated by Ohio, for which complete statistics are available. In that state is about \$225,000,000 worth of property, owned by cities and towns, which is used entirely for business purposes and is free from taxes. The average tax rate for the state is 22.44 mills. A little problem in arithmetic shows that these towns are thus escaping a tax payment of \$5,000,000 a year. The farmers and village dwellers receive no benefit whatsoever from the operation of these businesses.

There is an average of \$300,000 worth of this tax-exempt business property in every Ohio county. If this were privately owned. It would pay state and local taxes of \$6,700 a year. Municipally owned, it pays nothing. The 6,700 lost tax dollars must be passed on to other taxpayers, and levied against other kinds of property. Residents of each county, principally farmers, are thus paying the users of municipal business properties a dole amounting to \$67,000 in a ten year period.

Former Governor McElvie of Nebraska, went to the crux of the matter when he said, "I have no complaint if municipalities want to own their own utilities, but I want the municipally owned utilities to pay their share of taxes. The farm-receives next to no benefit from this property, why should he have his taxes increased on account of it?"

The situation in Ohio is present, to a greater or lesser degree, in every state. The courts have upheld the right to tax municipal property when it is used for business, as distinct from governmental purposes. And no amount of talk can escape the fact that this should be done, out of justice to private business, the individual taxpayer and the state at large. If municipal business can meet private competition only by what amounts to a public subsidy, it's time the public found it out.—Industrial News Review.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Meridy Hill, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned within twelve months from this date or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are notified to make immediate settlement.

This February 4, 1933.

J. K. TAYLOR,



#### NATIONALISM . . . a kick-back

A lot of the world's present troubles are due to an excess of Nationalistic pride. Every nation is trying to be self-contained, and then grousing because other nations won't trade with it!

Every dollar we spend for foreign goods helps some other nation to buy our goods. I believe in America first, but I do not believe in the stupid doctrine which would prohibit me from buying something I wanted because it was made abroad.

Nearly a hundred years ago there was an agitation in this country similar to the "Buy American" movement of today. The party which advocated non-intercourse with foreign countries got the nickname of "Know-Nothings." Presently we will wake up again to the truth that every obstacle to international trade hurts everybody concerned.

#### JEWS . . . in Germany

Jewish people all over the world are greatly disturbed over the policy of the new "Nazi" government of Germany, under the practical dictatorship of Chancellor Hitler, in boycotting Jewish merchants, doctors, teachers and others.

I talked the other day with an intelligent young German Jew who had been getting letters from home about the situation in Germany. He was not at all worried. His people had written him that they were not being annoyed and that the whole anti-Jewish agitation was directed at a Communist element, mainly composed of Jews.

Another German, a non-Jew, said to me: "Here in America the Jews work like other people. In Germany a lot of them don't do anything but try to make trouble for the Government."

But, of course, the German government has handled the situation stupidly, as it always handles any situation. More than a hundred years ago the great French historian Guizot, wrote: "There is something in the German temperament which makes them utterly unable to understand the point of view of other peoples."

#### MACHINES . . . can't work

When these hard times are over—and that won't be long now—we shall not go backward but forward. And one thing we may look for is more and more perfection of machines to do our work for us.

When I was a boy I used to admire the muscular development of the men who worked in my uncle's machine shop. Not long ago I visited the same plant, now tremendously changed, and found one of those old-timers still working. He was sitting in a rocking-chair watching an automatic machine do almost exactly the same sort of work he used to do by hand, only many times as rapidly and accurately. Every once in a while he would take a finished piece off the machine and put a new block of metal in its place.

"They say the machines will throw everybody out of work," he said, "but I notice it still takes a human brain to tell the machine when to stop and start." That is something people overlook. Nobody has yet made a machine that can think, and nobody ever will.

#### TELEPHONE . . . another step

Everybody who has a telephone must have wished for some sort of an attachment which would answer automatically when the subscriber is away.

Word comes from Vienna that just such a device has been invented and is in use there. When one is going to be out of telephone reach he sets the instrument to the hour when he expects to be back. Then, if a call comes through in his absence the caller hears a gong ring to indicate the hour when the person called will return. When he returns he finds a record of all calls.

It will be easy to develop that idea into a phonograph record which would say "Mr. Smith has gone to Florida but will be back on the fifteenth," or whatever other message it is desired to convey.

Something of that sort will come some day.

#### TYPEWRITER . . . has birthday

I have a vivid memory of the day when my mother received a letter from her younger brother in Buffalo with the words printed instead of written with a pen. He said: "This letter is written on a new kind of machine we have got in the office, called a typewriter."

That was almost sixty years ago; about 1876, I should say. The typewriter was only three or four years old then, for the sixtieth anniversary of its invention by Christopher Sholes has just been celebrated.

There was quite a celebration organized by the Young Women's Christian Association. The typewriter, they held, had emancipated women by making it possible for them to do work in offices. I don't

think that is sound reasoning. Hardly anybody but men used typewriters for at least twenty years after the machine was invented.

The rush of women into business began in the early 1890's, after the telephone people had broken down the barriers that kept women out of offices.

#### MONEY . . . a definition

I think we are going to come out of our economic troubles with a much more general understanding of the unimportance of money, than most of us had before.

Millions of people have learned how to get along with substitutes for money. A lot of them have learned that money is not wealth but is merely a symbol of wealth. Real wealth is commodities that can be used, and nothing else.

The best definition of money have ever seen was written by German economist, Paul Helfferich. He said:

"Money is a medium for storing commodity values and conveying them through time and space."

#### SCRIP . . . just as good

Any money is good money while everybody is willing to accept such. Practically the whole nation has gone on a scrip basis, and unless we try to spend some of it outside of the United States it is just as good as gold.

The only thing that makes gold the best money is that it is the substance which everybody in the world accepts at the same value. But when everybody in Hopfrog Corner accepts the local scrip at its face value, the scrip is just as good money as gold money.

Neither scrip nor gold is wealth; both are merely yardsticks with which to measure wealth.

#### FLAGS . . . in Germany

The German flag has been changed again. Instead of the red, white and gold stripes of the Republic, the new Nazi government has gone back to the old flag of the empire, red, white and black, with the swastika or hooked cross, imposed upon it.

Since the Great War there is hardly a national flag which has not been changed. The Stars and Stripes stands out today as one of the oldest flags in the world. Only the banners of Denmark and Switzerland are older than Old Glory.

We still think of the United States as a young nation. As a matter of fact, our country is about the only one in the world which has not undergone revolutionary changes in its form of government in the past 150 years. It seems to me that Americans ought to shake off the idea that other nations are older and therefore wiser than we, and assert our rights to tell the rest of the world where to get off, since we are not only the richest but the oldest member of the family of nations.

#### NEGRO . . . faithful public servant

Eddie Savoy has retired. Eddie is the colored man who has been door-keeper in the State Department in Washington for sixty-four years. He was a little boy of thirteen when he first went to work under Secretary of State Hamilton Fish in 1869. Eddie is 77 years old now. He has served faithfully under 21 different Cabinet officers but his legs are getting rheumatic, so he told Secretary Hull the other day that he thought he would retire on his civil service pension.

Every foreign diplomat who has been in Washington since General Grant was president, knows Eddie Savoy, and he got to know them all. His unfailing courtesy and natural dignity never failed to impress all who came in contact with him.

"A faithful public servant," said Secretary Stimson, as he said goodbye to Eddie Savoy. That cannot be said of every white man who has held office in Washington.

#### STROTHER . . . his death a loss

No finer gentleman, no abler journalist, no more faithful friend ever lived than French Strother, whose sudden death in Washington at the age of 49 put an end to a career of high promise.

A native of Missouri, a newspaper man in California, for many years an editor of World's Work, author of half a dozen books, French Strother attracted the attention of Herbert Hoover by writing some articles about the work of the Department of Commerce. One of Mr. Hoover's first appointments as President was that of French Strother as his Administrative Assistant.

It was Strother's task, hidden away in an obscure office in the White House basement, to gather the data the President needed to prepare his messages and public addresses, then to polish their language after Mr. Hoover had roughed them out.

Like everybody else who knew him, Mr. Hoover formed a warm personal attachment for his able assistant. French Strother was my friend of years; his passing is a real loss to the world of journalism.

#### Canada . . . good banking

There are a good many things we could learn from Canada, and one of them is banking.

Canada has been going through just as difficult an economic crisis as the United States, but there has not been a bank failure there in ten years. Only two Canadian

### The Modern Miracle

By Albert T. Reid



Courthouse door in Sparta, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon, on the 28th day of April, 1933, the following described property:

Bounded by the lands of Charlie Edwards, Bud Edwards, Mack Jones and others, containing 45 acres more or less. This land is known as the R. A. Doughton land and a part of the Alex McMillan land in Prathers Creek Township. Reference is hereby made to a deed recorded in Book 38, page 315 in the Register of Deeds office, Alleghany county, North Carolina, for a full and complete description of this tract of land.

This March 27, 1933.  
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