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HAVE NO MERCY ON DRUNKEN DRIVERS

Here is an excellent thought from the Port Umpqua, Oregon, Courier: "If the Courier man were a judge in courts dispensing sentence upon drunken auto drivers, there would only be first offenders. Regardless of race, color, creed or alleviating circumstances, the person who has so little consideration for the lives of innocent people as to drink intoxicants before or after placing himself behind the steering wheel of an automobile should never be allowed to repeat the performance. Revocation of licenses would be fatal and final. Driving a car is a privilege not a right."

It is impossible to prove exactly what percentage of automobile accidents are caused by drunken driving for the reason that in many cases where liquor plays a part, arresting officers and prosecutors are unable afterwards to produce sufficient evidence for a conviction. But all the best estimates say that alcohol is the definite factor in a much higher proportion of mishaps than is generally realized. Furthermore, an accident in which a drunk is involved is more likely to be serious than one iinvolving sober drivers.

Drunken drivers are often released after paying relatively small fines. Some juries are notoriously derelict in bringing in convictions.

The drunken driver should never be allowed to pay a fine and he should be denied the right to use the public streets and highway. If such a program were carried out through out the country, one of the gravest menaces to life would be greatly minimized.

ARE PLATFORM PLANKS MEANINGLESS!

According to present official estimates, it will be at least two years before it will be possible to systematically start to reduce the gigantic national debt.

Without criticising these estimates which are necessarily predicated on personal judgments as to future demands on the Treasury - especially in the matter of relief spending -it is certainly reasonable to suggest that Congress do its utmost to hold HERE and THERE By Haywood E. Lynch

When I was a boy in school it seemed like the weeks would never roll around to Saturday and Sunday so I would not have to go to School. Now that I am older it seems like the weeks fly by, and I have to write this weekly (also weakly) column almost every other day. You remember when you was a child it seemed like ages from one Christmas until the next, now they come around almost monthly.

'No?'

Preacher Hamm, made the suggestion to the Men's Club the other night, that they buy a page ad in the Herald and see if my lost moustache could be located. I told him after the meeting I would donate one half the page in trying to find him some hair for his head. One thing about it I can grow another moustache, but I have a very serious doubt as to whether the jolly preacher can grow some more hair on the place his hair is missing. How about it Preacher?.

You know, laying all jokin aside, dev. Hamm is one of the finest citizens in The Best Town In the State.

A certain young lady is certainly seeing a lot of a certain young man about town.

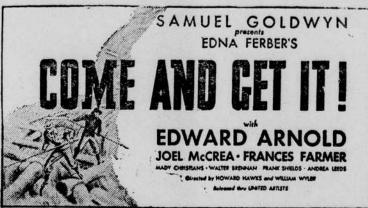
Mrs. P. D Herndon almost embarrased me yesterday. She had charge of her Study Club, and decided to ask a series of questions on Kings Mountain. She stumped me right off the bat with a question about the number of different denominations in our fair city. By the way she is going to let me publish her questions and answers next week.

Pretty Sight: The new Town Hall now under construction.

And talking about that new Town Hall, way back yonder when it looked like Kings Mountain was going to be completely slighted as to some Government money, I bet Charlie Dilling a crate of drinks we would not get that Town Hall. So, I lose, but this is one bet I have made in my life that I am glad I lost. It is a case of winning even though you lose. Charlie, I will send you your drinks in a few days. Maybe I can float some kind of a bond issue to pay for them.

The Merit System **Versus Spoils** By RAYMOND PITCAIRN National Chairman Sentinels of the Republic . Increased efficiency in all govern-Economy for the taxpayer. Elimination of the Spoils System.

rence with the mage as clear as carth plane observance of 20 miles LET'S LOOK BACK Hobbs said that the extremely high visibility of the polar regions, From The Kings Mountain Herald where the air is relatively free from dust and moisture, accounted for the NINETEEN YEARS AGO great distances that the mirages FEB. 7, 1918 were visible. The R. E. Lee Literary Society of "There goes the band leader that the Kings Mountain Graded school omposed music while in bed.' "Goodness, what kind of music met Friday and elected the following an that be?" officers: 'Sheet music." James Swaringen, president. - Irlil Helen Smith, treasurer. Susie Beach, first critic . "I never clash with my boss." Lawrence Lovell, second critic. "No, he goes his way and I go his.' Garrison Ware, monitor. Miriam Goforth, news reporter. Capt. F. Dilling returned last week from his hunting preserve at Hilton Judge-'Do you challenge any ot he jury? Head. Defendant-"Well, I think I can ick that little guy on the end." -THE HERALD \$1.50 A YEAR-Warranty Deeds At Herald Office CROP LIENS - HERALD OFFICE SAMUEL GOLDWYN EDNA FERBER'S



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didn't have anything to do with $my \leftarrow uh - bringing$ Lotta down





'Can't Caddy for Yeh Today. I Sold Yeh to This Kid!"

Engineer Sails 1,500,996 **Miles With One Line**

New York, Jan. 18 .- When the liner Santa Clara docked at New York ing that period, which includes two the submarine infested Mediterranean, he has never met with a disaster at sea. The worst that ever befell him was the loss of a couple of propeller blades when they tangled with submerged wreckage.

Born in Philadelphia, Elliott started his career at sea at the age of 24. He is 53 now, His roster of travel reads like a page from a geography book. One of the first men to go through the Panama Canal he since has traversed the 'big ditch" more than 200 times. He has been around "the bottom of the earth" through the Straits of Magellan the Atlantic a dozen times to take troops and supplies to France and then to bring them home after the

Asked recently what he thought of youths making a career for themselves at sea, Elliott said:

"My advice is that if a boy has a yearning to go to set, by all means January 12 from Valparaiso, Chili, go. There is more chance today than Chief Engineer Charles H. Elliott ever before for a youth to make a completed exactly \$1,500,996 miles in real career for himself. The pay is 23 years with the Grace Lines. Dur- good and the work isn't what it was when I first started. I wouldn't years transporting troops through trade my job for the best of those on land."

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mental activities.

Purposeful careers for public employes.

These are a few of the goals sought by increasing numbers of taxpaying cit-izens who demand that the Civil Serv-

down appropriations so that the program of debt reduction may start much sooner.

The debt is now approaching the \$35,000,000,000 point, and it will be at its all time high in less than six months, when the fiscal year ends. One of the largest Federal expenses is the servicing and amortizing of that almost unimaginable sum. Every dollar outstanding bears interest. And while it is true that the government has found it possible to reduce the interest rate paid, to unprecedentedly low levels, hundreds of millions annually are required to pay the interest bill. Over a long period of time, the interest cost of a bond issue may rival in amount the size of the issue itself.

The cost of Federal activities regular as well as emergency -can be pared without reducing the quality of governmental service. Many departments have fattened far beyond their proper size. Others could be dispensed with entirely, the need that created them having passed. Others overlap in their functions at the expense of the taxpayer.

Such programs as that proposed to the President, whereby departments and bureaus would be consolidated to increase efficiency and reduce costs, should be encouraged. It is a reality, not just a meaningles plank | ties high above the earth's surface. in political platforms.

Explorers Led On Merry Chases By Polar Mirages

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan 13 .- Prof. Wil- objects only about a mile away and liam H. Hobbs, of the University of Michigan, explained how "polar mir. off the sand. ages" led early explorers on a merry chase to locate land hey had "discov put in the water look broken, makes ered," confused their map making the polar mirages. and caused coileagues to cast suspicious eyes on their reports.

ing of the Association of American Hobbs said. Georgraphers, Prof. Hobbs declared these "polar mirages' accounted for Mt. Evans, with a tested horizon vis wide differences fo opinion among ibility of only 12 miles," Hobbs said, early explorers and sent them off on We saw wholly new panoramas with map making expeditions that brought lands and landscapes visible in the condicting results.

And it took nearly a half century to locate the trouble, Hobbs said,

ice or Merit System, now in partial effect, replace the Spoils System in all but the topmost federal jobs.

America can achieve these benefits -if Congress does its part. The way is open.

A White House message has urged expansion of Civil Service to include all employes except Secretaries. Under-Secretaries and those in similar policymaking offices. Several members of Congress have introduced measures to hasten extension of the Merit System idea

But will they be put into effect? That's a different question.

Heavy political barricades must first be overcome. For a complete application of the Merit System would strip politicians of their greatest asset-the control and doling out of jobs. Naturally many politicians will oppose it. Naturally they will fight any step which extends the policy of selecting public servants on the basis of how well they can do their work instead of the basis of how many votes they can deliver for the politicians on Election Day.

There stands the basic issue-whether the Federal payroll, which costs the tax-payers more than a billion dollars annually, shall be for the benefit of politicians who control appointments, or of the public who foot the bill.

It's up to Congress to decide. The choice should not be a difficult one.

caused by the reflection of an object the plain duty of Congress to make off a "mirror made by the contact of reduction in the cost of government huge air masses of different densi-

> They differ from desert mirages he said, in that polar mirages reflect objects 100 to200 miles away and pre sent an image at an altitude of about three quarters of a mile.

> The desert mirages, he said reflect make an image only five or six feet

The same thing that makes a stick

"The light rays bend on a concave line from the point of reflection, In a speech before the annual meet are high and very, very distant,'

> "On our Greenland expedition, at sky over the horizon.

Hobbs said explorers in late years using airplanes, reported visibility of Polar mirages, he explained, were 200 miles a "fairly common" occur-



From her father, her confidant, she could no longer conceal the truth.

the pompous dignity he could sum-mon. Lotta's face was white with fury. Before Richard could say another word her hand shot ouid against his cheek with resounding impact. As he staggered back in pain and surprise, ehe rushed after him, striking and kicking like a mad woman. Richard lost his foot-ing and collapsed awkwardly on the Trass.

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"Why you ... you ... Fil kill you it you don't take that for the first park." Lotta almost sobbed. "Peal Aunt Karle! Come quick."
Richard picked himself up and totat a control of Richard's information on the sould off his clothes, staring at totat auroiously as he did so. Her outdut the was beginning to word of the had perhaps misjudged for why, she didn't look capabe of other was a something had to be done, and done quickly, to keep Evvise as stunned by her extraordinary fratiend looked at her speeches, staring at some the speeches, and for a done the speeches, and for the speeches, and for the speeches, and for a done to the speeches, and the rape transmitter the speeches, and the speeches,

tack a moment before. Humbly he offered her his abject apologies. In an hour he had completely in-gratiated himself, and together they pulled Lotta's hot molasses candy. Richard delivered an oration on the ancient art of paper-making. Be-neath her rapt attention he grew expansive and fell deeper and deeper under the spell of her beauty. Lotta was impressed by his knowledge and his charming man-ners. Soon they were calling each other by their first names and Lotta had forgiven him. Meanwhile Swan and Karle were taking serious counsel. As they walked home along a country road Swan made his decision. "Don't sav nothing to Lotta. I just tell Barney next time he comes I'm kind of lonesome to get back to Iron Ridge." Karle and Swan were not the only ones in Buttes des Morts who were troubled about Barney and Lotta. Emmy Louise had been watching Barney the past few months, grow-ing more and more suspicious. Especially was she convinced that something was amiss when Evvie ran breathlessly into the house one afternoon and announced that she had broken her engagement to Or-ville. She would give her mother no explanation. But from Barney, her confidant, she could conceal the truth no longer. "Breaking your engagement "Breaking

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