# THE GOLDTHWAITE EAGLE 




| SPEAKING OF MONEY <br> In his speech in the senate in favor of the soldier bonus, Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma recounted the history of money. He said: <br> In former times coon skins were used as money; in former times beads were used as money; in former times conchshells were used as money ; in former times tobacco was used as money. Whatever serves as a medium of exchange among the people is money. Then, in later times, we came to think that only gold and silver were money, and for a long time that was the only kind of money we had, actual gold, actual silver, alloy, such as nickel, and copper, such as pennies. But gold was not casy to carry and people preferred to have a receipt for gold, so the government iscates. <br> Then later silver was coined. Silver dollars were not conSaient to handle. So the government proceeded to issue silver certificates, and a silver certificate is nothing more nor less than a receipt for a gold dollar. <br> Later on, after the war between the states, the government ran out of gold and ran out of silver, and it had to issue greenbacks. Then came into existence a series of what was termed paper money, and since that time we have gold certificates serving as money, silver ent-tifieates, treasury notes, United States notes, Federal reserve notes, Federal | U. S. SENATORS <br> LIVE IN LUXURY <br> Through ruthless economy is about to be decreed for the government departments, congress has not yet undertaken to set an example itself. <br> Not only are senators and congressmen keeping wives daughters, sons and other velatives on the payroll, says the United Press, but they are also managing to continue to live in the style to, which they have been accustomed. <br> They have completely escaped the ravages of depression, which has even stripped millionaires of their yachts and caused such men as Charles Schwab and Percy Rockefeller to hint as publicly as possible they may spend their declining days in the poorhouse. <br> In the senate batber shop,for instance, senators can still get free service, haircuts, shampoos, shaves and massages. A squad of barbers, maintained on the senate payroll as "skilled laborers," attend to the tonsorial requirements of the senators. <br> Every senator has a shaving mug - fu:nished at government expense, of course. <br> Particular About Water <br> Washington city water is as pure as any in the country. It is used constantly in automobile batteries, but the senatorial stomach prefers more expensive bottled waters. So the government pays between $\$ 700$ and $\$ 1000$ a month to supply the senators with fancy drink- | PROTECTION <br> BEFORE DISASTER <br> From 1915 to 1926 the annual fire loss in the United States elimbed steadily from less than $\$ 200,000,000$ to ove $\$ 561,100,000$, except in 1919, when there was a slight drop immediately offset by a sharp rise in 1920. But in 1927 reductions of nearly $\$ 100,000,000$ were shown with continuing reductions in 1928 and 1929 to a total of $\$ 459,445,778$, the lowest mark after 1920.Then there was a slight increase. <br> With this mavked reduction in fire losses over a period of years, it looks as if fire prevention work and fire protective measures which result largely from fire prevention education, ase winning a real battle in behalf of public safety. In this connection improved fire departments manned by better trained men and equipped with high grade standardized apparatus units have played a leading part. <br> Smaller towns and cities are daily learning the advantages that acerue to them by prerenting the destruction of tax paying poperty and employing industries. <br> In these days when economy in public and private expenditures is essential, fire waste cannot be tolerated. Fire departments should be kept in first-class condition and makeshift apparatus should be replaced. It is poor economy to leave the lives and property of a community to the mercy of inferics protection. | TALKING CLOCK <br> TELLS THE TIME <br> A talking clock which automatically answers telephone inquiries for the exact time is being installed at the observatory of the bureau of longitudes, in Paris, France, which organization sets the official time fod France just as the Cnited States naval observatory in Washington does for the United States. A Parisian desiring to know the time will need no longet to ask a living operatot, who looks at the clock and a time call will be connected automatically to the talking clock. That instrument then will repeat into the telephone the hour and minute of the day and the proper fraction of a minute by 10 -second intervals. The de- vice is based, it is announced, on three strips of talking mo- tion pieture film like that used <br> NORSE MYTHOLOGY <br> In Norse mythology Balder is the god of justice and the personification of the brightHe was the son of Odin and his wife Frigga. According to the legend in the Edda, Frigga undertook to get every living creature and inanimate thing to swear that they would harm her son Balder, but by mistake she omitted the mistletoe, which took no such oath. had pledged, Balde the othe gods playfully threw stones and even shot least. Finally | LIVE OAK <br> (Too late for last week) <br> The lovely month of May: often called the 'happy month' is fast appwoaching and we are ready to welcome it. Although the people of Live Oak do not adhere to the ancient Greek custom of going out in the fields and meadows on May Day and dancing and singing songs to Flora, the goddess of flowers and fruits, we love this beantiful month. <br> An elderly Baptist minister from San Saba preached at Bethel last Saturday night, Sunday morning and night <br> Mr and Mss. C. II. Ford of Goldthwaite visited in the C. G. Featherston home Sunday afternoon. <br> Judge and Mrs. Roy Simpson and children combined business and pleasure and went to Aust in last Friday. <br> Irk Black, Norman and Miss Oma Black and Misses Ollie Mae, Ila Fay and Izetta Featherston attended the District Interscholastic League Meet at Brownwood last Friday. Norman Black and Izetta Feathe ston represented Mills county in the junior rural declamation contest and Izetta won third place in the girl's division. <br> CLOAKS NOW PRICELESS <br> Oddly enough, or characteristically enough, the British museum in London is said to have the finest collection of Hawaiian feather cloaks in existence. A good many examples are preserved in steel cases at lu, where they are shown to |
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