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Will Modern Methods Work Out In Practice

John D. Rockefeller may justly be regarded as typifying an era. The 94 years he has lived virtually compass the rise and development of American big business. There were millionaires for him to study and emulate in his youth—men who had become dominant in certain lines of trade and had won great fortunes—but the corporation, holding company and organized raid to gain control in some particular field remained to be perfected.

Inventors, lawyers and promoters combined to create a new philosophy while Mr. Rockefeller was growing up, and he elected to join them. They were a strong, imaginative, acquisitive set of men, and the very liberty by which this government sought to protect the weak gave them a great advantage. They schemed, combined and built without much interference. Borrowing corporate privileges from individual rights, they developed such a system of financial and industrial hegemonies as the world never knew.

The people were still too interested in preventing centralized political power to appreciate the threat of centralized economic power.

As a matter of fact, America was proud of her big enterprises and the big men at their head; proud of their boldness and daredevil spirit. She applauded as they drove the railroad westward, opened up new territory, bet their money on innovations, and gambled gloriously with the fate of whole communities.

Besides, there was philanthropy to console the doubter. Endowed colleges, hospitals and museums sprang up on every hand. It became the fashion to give back part of the profit, though not too big a part, and generally not until death or old age made it convenient.

It was a grand display of human capacity, and we shall miss it if those who think it has come to an end are right.

Quite possibly it has not come to an end, though it is obviously due for a stricter sort of supervision. Quite possibly the blues of depression have led us to assume too much.

We are adopting some rather drastic measures, but whether to meet an emergency or for basic changes in our system of government, remain to be seen.

It is to be admitted that industrialism a la Rockefeller, Ford, Morgan, has its drawbacks, but what theory has not?

When you get right down to brass tacks, have the Stalins, Mussolinis or Hitlers shown any greater ability to meet or avoid depression than the rest of us?—M. E. Tracy in Houston Press.

"HE HAD COMPASSION ON THE MULTITUDE"

The Ferguson Forum, August 3, on page two, carries these words: "Of the 1,250,000 hungry people in Texas at least 200,000 are old men not able to work, another 200,000 are old mothers not able to work, another 250,000 are men able to work but who can't get work, and the other 600,000 are children of tender years who are least able to bear the brunt of this threatened hunger and starvation." This is gruesome news which should melt the hearts of all noble hearted Texans. We are boasting of our skyscrapers, but allow many who live in the slums to go naked and starve. (The Parson should not that much of this suffering is not limited to slums.—Editor). Shame on us who live in luxury and overeating. A country is judged by the care it gives to those in distress. When will we have a spark of the spirit of Christ who said, "I have compassion on the multitude." Must it not grieve this tender heart to see so many children going to school with empty stomachs? Can children study when their stomachs growl?

RAYMOND VERNIMONT.
Denton, Texas.

CONG JOE EAGLE IN THE FIGHT FOR REPEAL 18

Houston, Texas,
August 8, 1933.

Hon Jas. E. Ferguson,
Editor, The Forum,
Austin, Texas.
Dear Jim:

I arrived here today from Washington. I came home to Texas to take part in the campaign for the repeal of the 18th Amendment and for legalizing beer in Texas.

As you may remember, I was in Congress from the Houston district in 1914 when the Hobson Amendment came up, and I voted against submitting that. It was about the same as the later 18th Amendment. Then, again, in 1918, I opposed this 18th Amendment. I knew that it was not sound constitutional principle embraced within it. The Federal Congress and government should not and could not and would not enforce any code of morals. That is for the home, the school, the church to do, by teaching and persuasion. At the very most, it would be a purely State function, not a Federal function. But it passed the Congress and was ratified by the States, nevertheless. That started the Federal government upon a new and untried constitutional experiment—dabbling into the personal and private moral concerns of the citizen and into the purely police affairs of the States. Of course, not founded upon sound constitutional and historical principles, it was destined to failure. Many millions of our good citizens hoped and believed it ushered in the era of the millennium. There are no better-meaning people than the prohibitionists. But, not only was the 18th Amendment and its supporting enforcement statute, called the Volstead Act, destined to fail, but already three persons in Texas out of each four knows that it has pitifully failed. It has been in effect (Continued on page 3)

HISTORY CAN REPEAT ITSELF

In 1860 the federal government cost the average citizen \$2.08 per year.

In 1931 the cost of government for all units, was \$107.37 per capita.

In 1913 the total cost of government was \$2,900,000,000, and in 1919 \$7,500,000,000, and in 1931 it was \$14,000,000,000.

In 1929—a year of inflated prosperity—the total tax of the American people amounted to 16 per cent of their incomes.

In 1931—a year of bleak depression—it amounted to 28 per cent. The current year may be the most expensive in our history, with the exception of the war period.

How much of the increase in the cost of government, federal, state and local, can be laid to waste, is problematical. But there is no question but that it runs into the hundreds of millions, for there are scores of bureaus, commissions and inflated governmental payrolls, which simply duplicate the work of others.

We have permitted the government to go into various tax-exempt business ventures in competition with the livelihoods of private citizens who are forced to pay the taxes to maintain the competition.

More and more money is going into tax-exempt government bonds instead of taxable, labor employing investments. The result is increased unemployment and distress.

History shows many examples of taxing a people until they repudiate tax obligations. Unless all units of government retrench, it is not impossible to force such a tax crisis in our own country.—The Palmer Rustler.

TALKING DOUBLE

By JIM, the Editor

In this eventful election to take place on August 26th there are the most important issues that ever came before the people of Texas. Many good people, unmindful of the matters involved, haven't paid much attention to the issues in the election. If the election involved the selection of a sheriff or a constable or a county judge the State would have been afire already over who was to get the job. But I am sorry to say that although this election involves whether a million people in Texas shall starve, and involves the question of whether the State shall get a million dollars taxes from an industry, over half the people yet don't know how they are going to vote. Right here let me call attention to the fact that neglect of the people has been the cause of more misfortune than any other one vice. I think everybody ought to inform themselves on these amendments and take one side or the other. The voter ought to be fish or fowl, pig or puppy, something or nothing. While I would like to see everybody vote for all the amendments—yes, the whole five of them—yet I would rather see the people vote against any of them than to not vote at all. If this country ever falls, Mr. Voter, it will not be by the hand of the Socialist or the Anarchist, but it will be because you, Mr. Voter, go to sleep at the switch and don't go to the polls, and let the crook and the grafter ruin your government. The most humble citizen who takes part in elections and tries to inform himself about the issues is a better citizen than the educated highbrow who doesn't put his brains, if he has any, to any good purpose.

But be that as it may, I want to make a little double talking with a double proposition to the people. On the Twenty Million Dollar Bond Issue proposition and the Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment proposition I am playing double, I am for both of them, and I think they should both go over. It is a double proposition: they are linked together, and I don't see how they can be consistently divided, but if you, Mr. Voter, won't go double with me and vote for both of them, may be you will meet me half way. If you will just vote for the Bond Issue, I won't get mad with you if you vote against Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. On the other hand, if you won't vote for the Bond Issue, I will just call it square if you will just vote for the Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. Frankly, I am at a loss sometimes to tell which is the most important question in this election—the Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment or the Bond Issue, and the only way to intelligently settle the doubt is to vote for both of them. I can't see how any fair-minded man could think of voting against them both.

In the first place I want to explain these two propositions again for the benefit of a great many people who haven't had opportunity or haven't taken the time or trouble to learn just what is involved in both propositions.

The bond issue is a proposition to give the people an opportunity to vote for the issuance of Twenty Million Dollars of bonds to be payable in ten years with 4½% interest and to be paid by levy on corporations and without any lien or tax on ad valorem or real estate values. The amendment specially provides that there shall be no lien on real estate, that is, no farm or home or business house shall be taxed to pay these bonds. The money will be spent under the direction of the Legislature and committees of five in each county known as a Committee of Welfare and Employment. This money shall be spent for destitute families and people, who, as a result of unemployment growing out of the depression, cannot take care of themselves. There is in Texas today over a million people being fed by the Federal Government. During the last ten months over Twelve Million Dollars has been sent from Washington to the people of Texas for this humane purpose. However, the Washington authorities tell us now, respectfully but firmly, that if Texas does not show some disposition to feed its own destitute population that then they will presume that Texas can take care of itself and after October no further remittances will be made to Texas.

I want to again emphasize that this Twenty Million Dollar Bond issue divided into Six Million people only represents a payment of \$3.33 principal for the whole ten years, 33 1-3 cents a year, and the interest amounts to 16 2-3 cents more, making only a total of 50 cents that every citizen of Texas will be called upon to pay, if able, in order to insure against hunger, want, misery and privation of the unfortunate part of our people in Texas. This money will not only go to the destitute families, but being spent in the usual channels of trade, will do much to revive business under the present stressful conditions.

This relief is one of Mr. Roosevelt's early acts and ambitions and he wants to continue to help us if we will show some evidence that we need it and want to help ourselves.

There is no other source of revenue from which we can hope to get this money. Every county is broke every city and town is broke, the people are broke, and what little money they get from the cotton crop won't pay half the debts of the average man.

I have always been against bonds and I am against them yet, but I am not a-goin' to act a darn fool and not use every resource at my command to prevent my fellowman from going hungry and cold to bed for lack of food and raiment. I had rather agree to tax myself to my dying day for Ten Dollars a year, let alone Fifty cents, than to hear the distressful cry of one hungry child or to know that one aged mother or father had suffered for the want of coffee, bread and clothes because I wasn't liberal enough to tax myself for the measly sum of Fifty cents a year. Look a-here, you old skin-flint cuss! Stop this talk about you being opposed to bonds and get to shouting and help me put this thing over. You know I'm right and if you vote against these hunger bonds, it will be just because you don't like me politically, or you haven't got sense enough to run around loose, and if you keep up your foolishness you are liable to be on the hungry roll yourself. Half of these million people who are on the hungry roll voted against me and my wife every time we ran for office, and I suppose they will continue to vote that way if we ever announce for office again, but I don't care anything about that. All I want to know is that if they are hungry and in need of help, I want to be taxed to feed them just the same as I would my political friends. Now that's that about the Bond Issue.

The Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment is also another hope of the President. It is also a Democratic Platform. While President Roosevelt has already paid off with Twelve Million Dollars for Relief Funds and will pay off more if we help ourselves, he is preparing to pay off a Hundred Million Dollars by the Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. I am frank to say that a lot of people don't understand this amendment. It merely takes away from the Federal Government the rights of the States to control the liquor traffic without the intervention of the National Government. It merely restores to the States the sacred principles of States' Rights for which our people died on a southern battlefield. If the people of the State don't want liquor under State regulation they already have a Constitution that so provides, and the people of any county can keep that county as dry as a bone as well as the State if they want to so state by their ballots at the polls. The proposition is simple and plain. The question is: Do you want an unregulated, unnamed, unlocated and unbonded bootlegger operating under Federal laws, or do you want a named, located, bonded, regulated and licensed dealer in intoxicants under State and County laws. In other words, do you want the unknown and unnamed bootlegger to ruin your boys and girls, or do you want a regulated and licensed dealer under bond not to sell them a drop. The tables are turned and the deceptive argument of saving the boys can now be thrown back in the laps of those who through ignorance or hypocrisy caused Prohibition to be foisted upon our people, by calling on them to change their vote and to change their tune and call for the Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to save not only the boys but the girls as well.

Our wonderful President and his Administration want to do for the people of Texas everything that they can do. He wants to help feed our hungry and provide the comforts to the unfortunate. He wants to give employment to thousands of our citizenship and he is employing already many thousands of people in the Public Works Program and the Re-employment Service. He is proposing and preparing to do more for Texas than all the Presidents put together that ever sat in the White House. It is as little as we can do for us to hold up his hand and let him know that we appreciate him and love him and honor him by going to the polls and casting an overwhelming vote for the Bond Issue and for the Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. It would look little if we don't do that much. It would look short if we were guilty of that ingratitude. I call upon every red-blooded citizen of Texas, regardless of your political affiliation or alignment, to go to the polls and vote it double. Don't split your ticket. Don't forget to run them two black lines down the right side of the ticket and thereby you vote for all the amendments. Yes, let me impress upon the people to not forget to scratch the right-hand column which is headed by "against." Let us not be obstructive but constructive. Let us not be negative but affirmative.

Crawl Into a Rat Hole And 'Bide Your Time

GENERAL RALLY FOR REPEAL OF 18 AMENDMENT

The Eighteenth Amendment is out of harmony with every other clause, sentence, paragraph, section and article of, and amendment to, the Constitution of the United States. It deprives American citizens of guaranteed rights, under other provisions of the Constitution and usurps police functions properly belonging to the separate states. In theory and practice it changes the basis of our form of government.

Under the 18th Amendment the underworld has grown to such huge proportions that whole cities are brought under its control, their citizens terrorized by racketeers. The speakeasy, the racketeer with his brutal leer and his armored car manned with sub-machine guns—these are the fruits of Federal Prohibition. So powerful have these underworld groups become under the protection of Federal Prohibition that in many of our cities they have levied and collected tribute from every branch of industry as the price of protection from their ruthless operations.

If Prohibition could be enforced anywhere, that place certainly ought to be the capital of the nation, the territory under the shadow of the dome of the capitol building. The District of Columbia covers less than 100 square miles; within that area there is located the center of all national governmental power—legislative, executive and judicial.

What a great many of our professional reformers are apparently unable to understand—perhaps it is to their profit NOT to understand—is that the seed of temperance must be sown in the mind and heart if it is to bear fruit. It is in the field of education and spiritual guidance that our really sincere religious leaders and temperance organizations should labor if they are interested in gaining lasting results.

What does Prohibition prohibit? It prohibits the farmer from selling his surplus grain; it prohibits national and local governments from receiving revenues properly due them and places these immense revenues in the hands of bootleggers and gangsters.

It will be said that no man ought to sacrifice a moral principle in order to help business. No sacrifice of a moral principle is required for or to favor the cause of Repeal. Therefore, the almost certain improvement in business and increased employment to follow in the wake of Repeal is a matter which concerns and should concern every practical thinking man and woman.

Friends, the President has laid down a broad platform and a plan, and he is helping the farmer, he is helping the laboring man, he is sending millions to feed Texas people, and we submit in all fairness and in all candor, he has a right to expect the people of Texas to go to the polls and hold up his hands and vote as one man to carry out his promise to the people as President of the United States.

Whose leadership shall we choose to follow? Whose counsel shall we (Continued on page 4)

A TEXAS PULLET THAT CAN CROW

B. Jones, living at Hamilton Dam has a pullet that has perhaps broken the record. The pullet started laying when only 3 months and 19 days old. It is half Buff Leghorn and half White Rock. If anyone has a record that will beat this, we would like to hear of it.—The Burnet Bulletin.

"Go West young man. Go West." "What? You have just come back? Then have faith young man. Have faith, or God help us!"

How downright discouraging and devastating is the plight of the young unemployed man, lacking power and influence to control his own life in some measure? What must he do? May he not have some pride and self-confidence left even after failing for so long to secure re-employment and having been slowly depleted of his tangible savings? May it not challenge his courage to keep up and going, when employer after employer, wittingly or unwittingly, question his intelligence for presuming that they could hire him at present? May he not have longed for the old days when, as his grandfather says, a man recognized another man as a man; when a neighbor from just a few miles over the way would help him to start on a little plot of virgin soil, with some corn, beans, and potatoes? Yes, he may have had and may be having these experiences. He may find, at a time such as this, that all specialized service niches in our modern artificial civilization, open to an ordinary man, are filled satisfactorily and copiously. Not so for all of course, but undoubtedly true for a great many for some time to come.

He may have come to regard himself as not only unnecessary, but even superfluous to a degree that he could very well justify himself in crawling into a rat hole. If he has not a new service that he can render better than another, or if he can not finance any inventiveness he may have, he perhaps could find his greatest utility, hiding out in a rat hole. With one man now fighting for the jobs performed by every two men, with more painstaking effort than such jobs were ever performed before, what more fitting service could he render than crawling into a hole? I do not wish to be taken too literally. It may take the form of throwing oneself into oblivion as far as present development of the individual ego is concerned, and preparing as best one may for the future. It is hard, however, for a man who thinks he has been well preparing himself for the future, needs living funds now, and fears (Continued on page 4)

GOV. FERGUSON CALLS MEETING CO. OFFICIALS

Whereas, there is now in Texas more than one million people in destitute circumstances and having to be fed at the expense of the Government.

I hereby call upon the entire membership of all the Commissioners' Courts in Texas and the Mayors of all towns and cities in Texas to meet me in Austin at Ten O'clock on Friday, August 11th, 1933 at the Austin Hotel for the purpose of arousing the interest of the people in this problem of taking care of the destitute part of our people, and to discuss ways and means of raising money therefor, especially including the question of voting the Twenty Million Dollar Bond Issue for said purpose, or any other action that may be suggested to take care of the situation. I urge that one or more members of said Courts be sent in order that we may have a full representation and a full discussion of one of the most serious questions that has ever confronted the people of Texas—even war and epidemic not excluded.

MIRIAM A. FERGUSON,
Governor.

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THE FORUM IS NOT JUST ANOTHER
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AN APPEAL

This appeal is addressed to all regular subscribers of the Forum and all who appreciate the fight the Forum has made and is making in behalf of the toiling masses.

We are now beginning the "New Deal" under the leadership of the most sympathetic and courageous president of modern times. The Forum, as all know, has backed our president from the beginning. And it will continue to do so. But the new program calls for increased wages and increased prices which means increased expenses. The Forum's only means of meeting these increases is through the patronage of its reading public.

We realize as well as any one that times are yet hard but somewhat improved along certain lines. Because of improvements already realized and those that will follow soon we are urging all subscribers to renew promptly when your subscription expires, and we appeal to all who are not subscribers but who have an interest in the principles for which the Forum stands to send in your subscription without delay. Thousands of subscriptions will expire this summer and prompt renewals are earnestly urged.

The Forum has for years given battle, almost single handed, to the subsidized press of the state in its often united efforts to elect the representatives of special interests to important state offices. Beginning this year the Forum has carried on a special fight for the economic interests of the common herd which has received the voluntary approval of many citizens of our state. But it costs money to put out an able, independent paper. The more independent and courageous a paper is the more need it has for the support of the general citizenship whose cause it represents.

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THE LOVE OF MONEY THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

Robert Heard was fourteen years old when he became a miner and then a prospector, hunting for gold in mountains and valleys of the West. For 47 years he knew the hard lot of the miner and dreamed the dreams of the man who goes from mountain to mountain and from state to state, seeking the ever elusive gold that he knows awaits him somewhere, if only he can find it.

Recently his years of labor and privation were rewarded when he found a rich vein of the precious metal, in Copper Gulch, Colorado. The fortune, for which he had hoped by day and of which he had dreamed by night, was his own. But strange to say, it did not satisfy. He went on digging, just as he did in the days of his poverty. Not wealth, but the quest for wealth, had become the passion of his life. Should he find more wealth, he will desire yet more, and will go on seeking it. He has long ago lost the happy faculty of being content with small gain. Acquisition only whets his appetite for more.

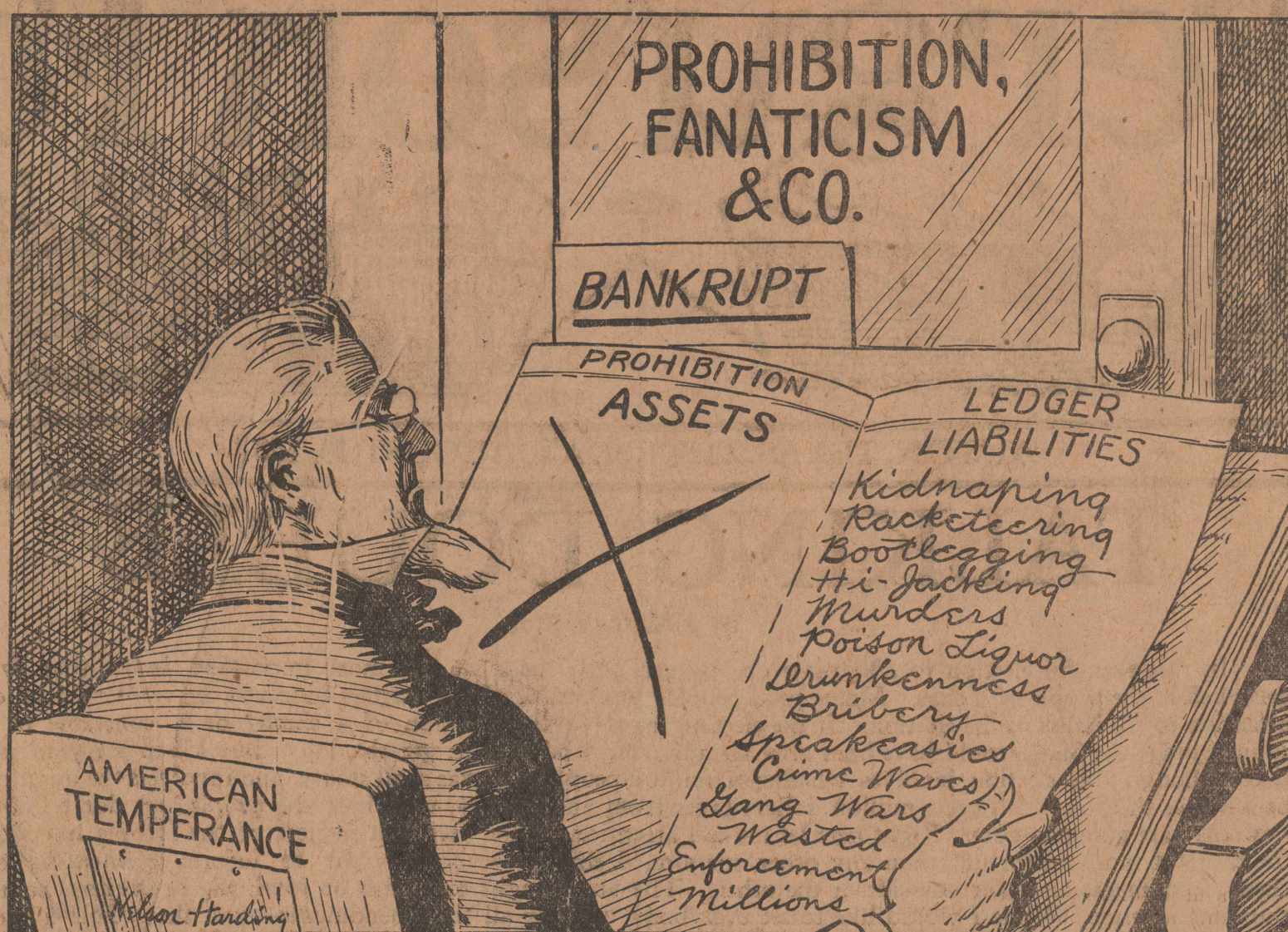
Many of the wealthy of the world have had this same unsatisfying experience with wealth. Having acquired, they desire yet more, ardently to acquire. Like the foolish planter, they say: "I shall tear down my barns and build bigger ones." Thus they go from wealth to wealth, never satisfied, but always sighing for more until misfortune or death makes an end of their folly.

Few of them have the good sense of the California vineyardist who boasted that he had more money than John D. Rockefeller. When asked how that could be, he explained that he had all that he wanted, while John D. didn't have nearly as much as he wanted.

When wealth is paramount above all things else, it becomes the fabled pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and can never be found in satisfying quantities. The lure of it, like the mirage in the desert, draws its devotees along, always beckoning to them, but never quenching their thirst for more and greater fortunes.

Pity the man who has sold himself, soul and body, to the desire for wealth. Even the land of great financial success becomes a desert in which his thirst for gain can never be quenched.—The San Angelo News.

The House of Morg
Oh, great is the house of one J. P. Morg.
An; built on his greed and his gold—
But, alas, it is but a gruesome morgue
Where Liberty is laid out cold!



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

No good citizen wants to burden his State with a bonded indebtedness unless the gravest emergency exists.

In the use of the relief bond issue to be voted on at the August 26 election, hunger is the exigency which must be met and unless it is handled through orderly and established channels, it will be taken care of as primitive human needs have been relieved since the beginning of time—by force and revolt.

Over a million destitute people of Texas, or one out of every five, are being aided in their distress by funds of the Federal government but, unless the people of Texas show enough concern in the welfare of their own unfortunate citizens to aid in carrying on this relief work, these funds will be discontinued.

It is hard for those of us who have never had to face the terrifying spectre of actual starvation to realize the despair and desperation which will grip the hearts of those who will be cut off from all aid for themselves and loved ones, if this relief bond issue fails to pass.

There is an element of human necessity involved in the desire to pass this amendment which far outweighs any material consideration or economic argument which could be advanced against its passage.

The instinct to secure food and shelter for his family is the most fundamental and primitive impulse implanted in the human heart, and regardless of whether the relief bond issue fails or passes on the twenty-sixth of August, the hungry and destitute people of Texas are going to eat.

Boiled down to the cold, stark truth, the situation which confronts us is—shall we feed them or fight them? That is something to think about.

Life is like a game of cards, you must play it with the hand that is dealt you—the greatest disgrace is losing with a good hand and the greatest honor is winning with a poor one.—Selected.

"I see the jury acquitted the girl who killed her employer, on the ground of insanity."
"Yes, and right, too. Anybody who kills an employer these days is certainly crazy."

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HOW TO SCRATCH YOUR BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

The Congress has proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which reads as follows:

Section 1: The Eighteenth Article of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2: The transportation or importation into any state, territory or possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited.

Sec. 3: This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several states, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

In the columns below are printed the names of persons duly nominated as delegates and alternates to the convention to be held in accordance with law for the purpose of ratifying or rejecting the above amendment. In the column headed "For Ratification of the Above Amendment" are printed the names of nominees for delegates and alternates nominated as in favor of ratification; in the column headed "Against Ratification of the Above Amendment" are printed the names of nominees for delegates and alternates nominated as opposed to ratification of the above amendment. Each voter is entitled to vote for any number of candidates whose names appear upon this ballot, not to exceed thirty-one (31) delegates and thirty-one (31) alternates. Each voter shall indicate his choice by drawing a line through or striking out all the names of such candidates other than the ones for whom he desires to cast his vote.

FOR the Ratification of the Above Amendment. AGAINST the Ratification of the Above Amendment.

DELEGATES

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ADAM CONE
E. B. COOPWOOD
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W. D. DAVIS
F. L. DENISON
ALVIN C. FLYNT
TOM E. FOSTER
D. C. GIDDINGS
R. H. HANCOCK
HARVEY HARRIS
A. C. HARTMAN
MAURY HUGHES
JOHN HENRY KIRBY
E. T. LIPSCOMB
MRS. JAS. M. LOVING
MILBURN MCCARTY
A. V. McDONNELL
B. M. McMAHON
ROY MILLER
E. M. MOSLEY
PAUL NUNN
E. B. PICKETT
GUS PICKETT
E. H. ROBERTSON
E. A. SIMPSON
JOHN L. SULAK
E. T. UNDERWOOD
J. A. WARD

ALTERNATES

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TOM BARTLETT
A. G. BRAY
A. S. BURLISON
L. W. BURELL
O. O. CHRISMAN
JOHN CURINGTON
HENRY DEW
W. T. DUNNING
LEWIS FISHER
NAT GENTRY, SR.
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DELEGATES

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WILL H. BARBER
GEORGE R. BEN
JOHN E. BOX
GALLAWAY CALHOUN
W. H. CHERRY
M. A. HILDER
THOMAS S. CLICE
SAM I. COCHRAN
J. W. COOK
W. L. DEAN
HARR FALK
A. D. FOREMAN
F. S. FRONER
DR. J. E. HART
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MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS LINES

Cong. Eagle—

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fect for the past twelve years, at a cost of over \$50,000,000 a year to try to enforce—thus costing the U. S. a total of over \$500,000,000 dead loss. At the same time it has taken away from the U. S. Treasury over \$500,000,000 per year in revenues it would have collected each year during the past twelve years, or a total of over \$6,000,000,000 of revenues denied; while

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Why, the U. S. revenues for the last year before Prohibition was \$517,000,000 from beer, wine, and liquors of all sorts. It was predestined to failure because it violated the principles of personal liberty, local self-government and State sovereignty, upon which our State and Federal constitutions and our very civilization itself are founded. It was, indeed, a well-meant "noble experiment," but it failed. All over this mighty nation, and all over this mighty State the people now know this to be true. Twenty states have voted overwhelmingly to repeal it. Texas should and will vote likewise on August 26th.

The Democrats of the U. S. in their last national platform promised repeal. The Democrats in Congress, the Drys as well as the Wets, except a few followed the platform pledge and voted for submission.

Our National Chairman, Mr. Farley, sent his message to Texas through me, stating that, while he would not try to assume to "butt in," he hoped Texas would follow the platform and the President and vote for repeal.

I visited President Roosevelt last week before leaving for Texas, and when I told him I was coming home to work for repeal, he extended his hand of thanks and congratulations to me and expressed how necessary as well as desirable that Texas ratify the repeal of the 18th Amendment. Why? Let us remain Democrats and keep the faith and pledge.

2nd. Because he must finance this great recovery \$3,300,000,000 bond issue. The annual interest and sinking fund for that issue now being floated amounts to \$220,000,000 per year. To meet that sum Congress levied 1/2 cent per gallon on gasoline, to raise \$70,000,000, and increased income taxes and levied taxes on corporate dividends to raise the balance. That is a great added burden on national and state business and indirectly affects every man, woman and child in America; but the Act itself made those taxes temporary, to cease when this prohibition farce is repealed and wines,

beer, etc. are again taxed. This great U. S. Recovery Bond issue must go over and the President's great program must go through—or we are lost. I would hesitate to predict the awful future if his great program should fail. Why not our people join the unbroken repeal procession, and thus use the revenues from beer and wine for this correct and necessary purpose, instead of letting it be used, as now and heretofore, to finance the criminal underworld?

And I assured our great Democratic President that the splendid Democratic men and women of Texas would keep the greatest Democratic State in the union true to party principles and party pledges.

So, Jim, not only the right of the matter, not only the morals of the matter, not only the expediency and common sense of the matter, not only the party pledge of the matter, are involved; but also our cooperation with the President—as he so earnestly asks—is involved. Texas does not need the permission and direction of other States, and she does not need the dictation of the Congress and Federal government, to regulate her purely domestic and police matters. She can and she will, as she formerly did, regulate her own affairs to suit her own people, and thus do away with the worst era of fanaticism, intolerance, faking and corruption she has ever known, including Carpet-bag days in Texas. I pray to God that Texas men and women on August 26th will vote overwhelmingly for repeal and so set this noble State free again.

Sincerely yours,
JOE H. EAGLE,

Congressman, Houston District.

RABBIT BOARDS CAR AND ESCAPES HOUND

GREELEY, Neb.—Somewhere in Wheeler county there is a jack rabbit that's alive today because of the help of an automobile.

T. H. Murphy of Greely was driving along a highway and came upon a hound in hot pursuit of the jack. As he drove alongside the rabbit he slowed down momentarily and the rabbit hopped upon the runningboard of the car.

The rabbit rode there about a quarter of a mile, until the hound had given up the chase, and then jumped off and went its way leisurely.

WHERE TO GO WHAT TO SEE

Those of us who can afford it ought to visit the world's Fair. We could screw our radiator caps on so tight that the gangsters couldn't get them, and in 10 days of intelligently directed sightseeing learn more than from a year of study at home, with Ely Culbertson's bridge lessons thrown in.

However, if your gasoline courtesy card isn't good outside of the state, and you are behind several installments on your radio, there are a lot of things to see without crossing the border. We have some masterpieces of nature's beauty hanging under the curved blue in good old Texas; we have inspirational back ground that every native should stand upon. There are the Davis mountains lifting their brows to the light of the moon; the Seven Hundred springs gurgling out of the earth with a half translated story of Di-vine secrets; the Gulf with its roaring shells and water washed sands, and the pines that fringe our Eastern border waving their friendly plumes in the sunlight.

You should see the canyon of the Rio Grande; the valley of the San Saba spanned by an evening rainbow; the Alamo with its history of martyrdom; and the old missions where the gentle shepherd of the hills met the royalty of Spain.

You can find streams that abound with fish; and swimming holes like the one that called to you in the yester years when the boys wore bathing suits of tan spun in the sungalow of a summer's afternoon.

Texas is a humdinger, and has survived the political savors of six different flags. It is easy on the eyes whether dressed in the red and russet and gold of autumn or wearing the pink and purple slips of springtime.

See it!
—Austin Callan.

CORN YIELDS 125 BUSHELS TO ACRE

Will Skeeler, proprietor of the Blue Bonnet dairy farm, has grown corn this year that will net him at the rate of 125 bushels to the acre.

On a measured one-fifth of an acre, Skeeler has gathered 25 bushels. It is estimated that on

the 30 acres of corn he will gather at least 2000 bushels. The corn is of comparative yields. At the present time Skeeler is preparing to put up 4000 bales of hay from his crops to sustain his stock through the fall, winter and spring months.—Orange Leader.

The Sleeping Giant Returns to Changing Scenes

When President Roosevelt signed the Beer Bill, March 22nd, he awakened a long dormant industrial giant, which had slept for fourteen years.

On awakening, this industrial giant finds that great strides of progress have been made during its long sleep. Returning to its native haunts, it finds strange faces, new styles and modern ways. Rule of thumb and traditions have slipped from glory; relinquishing their places to research and an endless striving for improvement.

The modern beer dispensing units must reflect the progress of fourteen years since the old era of saloon bars, which ended in 1919, never to return.

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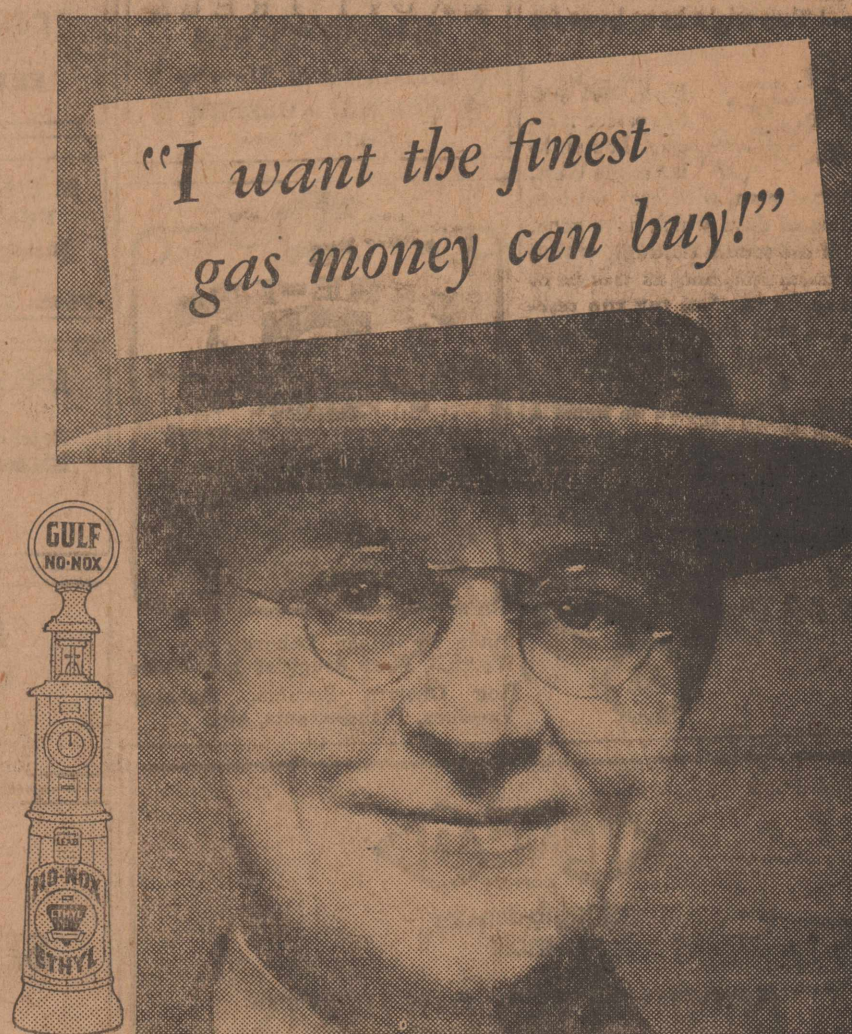
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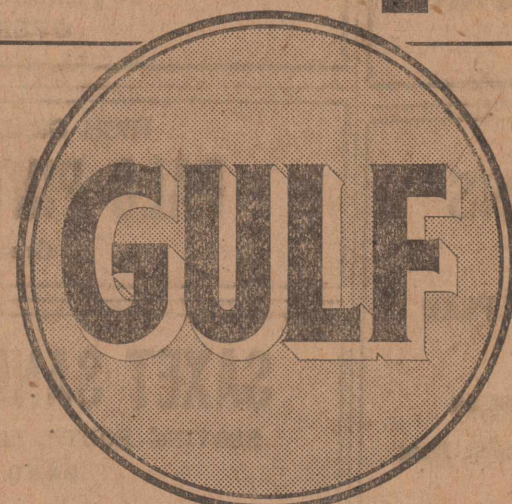
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DANGERS TO BE AVOIDED

Writing in his magazine, The New Outlook, on certain phases of the new Industrial Control Bill, Alfred E. Smith states that he has always advocated governmental supervision of business when public interest demanded it, but that he would be unfavorable to a permanent policy which would tend to make us all civil servants of government.

The Industrial Control Bill was passed as an emergency measure, and has much to recommend it. It is an aggressive attempt to give legitimate business a chance to get on its feet. But, even in a crisis, we should not forget that the principle it represents, if extended and continued after the present period of stress has passed has dangerous possibilities to personal freedom of action. Under it, individualism can be squeezed

"We forget how much it means"

LITTLE TOMMY, in the center of a sea of toys, has a tiny telephone. He's busy calling: "Da! Da!" Pride lights the face of a young mother. She's wishing he might always be just Little Tommy with his toys.

"Hey, Skinny! Can you come over?" shouts an 8-year-old into the telephone. "Want you to help me fix my bike!"

From the living room, a thirty-five year old mother tenderly darts the knee of a torn stocking. She's wishing he might always be just Tommy with his bicycle.

"Is that you, Nell? Are you glad you're not a walk with me up the graduation aisle?" Mist forms in the eyes of a middle aged mother as she lays out the suit which Tom will wear. Her boy... soon he'll be leaving for college.

"Long Distance? This is Tom Rankin. I want to talk to my mother...Hello, mother. I've made my grades! And, I'll graduate! And say, I've been offered the finest job! Yes, I knew you'd be happy! Of course you'll be here for graduation"... and 200 miles away, a lump rises in a mother's throat. She had hoped Tom might be at home for awhile.

Now, when he has passed mid-day, it's sinking in the West. A gray-haired man, with easy slippers on, dreams of days which have gone. He relives the scenes through which fate has taken him. And, as so often in other days, he reaches for the telephone... this time he's calling a grandchild, named... Tommy.

The telephone has grown so much a part of American civilization, so much a part of the family, so great a need in the lives of all of us, that sometimes we forget just how much it means. You can buy few things which cost so little and are worth so much. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

out of business. The executive can be made simply the reflection of a Washington Bureau's voice. The field of opportunity for advancement of workers could be narrowed, and awards for initiative and enterprise greatly reduced.

If a nation comes to depend on government to direct all action, its future is in danger. The eras of progress have always been periods in which individualism and freedom of thought and action were encouraged. It is true that as civilization grows more complicated, a broader social control is necessary—but the line must be drawn between a policy which supervises business in the role of umpire, and one which makes government the main player in the game. Undoubtedly the administrators of the new bill have these pit-falls in mind.—Industrial News Review.

ASPHALT ROAD AND TAX ECONOMY

The State has spent and will continue to spend many millions of dollars on the building of paved highways. While these expenditures are essential and must by all means continue, it occurs to us that there is a great deal of over-spending; that it should be possible to secure, for the amount of money spent a greater mileage of equally good, or possibly better, roads than we are now getting.

It has been the custom of the State to build concrete roads, at a great cost. In times like these, when there is an urgent demand for economy in the expenditure of all tax money, why can not the State turn to less costly but equally as good materials, such as asphalt and asphaltic concrete? Both are Texas produced and manufactured product; they can be laid for many thousands of dollars less per mile than concrete and are in some respects superior.

Why not give the taxpayer a break by giving him more and better roads for his money?—Oil Conservation News.

A NEW GAME OF THRIFT

Following the outcome of the Mitchell case in New York, it would appear perfectly safe for you to turn over a few million dollars worth of stocks and bonds to your wife to avoid income tax payments. This act will enable you to save enough on taxes to buy a yacht or a seat in the United States Senate.—Pittsburgh Gazette.

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"NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN"

Industrial overproduction is not—as the Technocrats apparently have assumed and as many laymen have supposed—a new problem in economics. Thomas Carlyle devoted a chapter of his "Past and Present" (1843) to that subject. With little revision his description of industrial England in the mid-Nineteenth Century might be applied to the present situation. The Governing Class addresses its Workers: "We accuse you of making above 200 million shirts for the backs of mankind!" And Carlyle comments: "The Community with all its voices commanded them, 'Make shirts'—and there the shirts are! Too many shirts? Well, that is a novelty, in this temperate Earth, with its 900 millions of bare backs. . . . Two million shirtless or ill-shirted workers sit enchained in workhouse Bastilles, five million more in Ugolino hunger-cells; and for remedy, you say—what say you?—'Raise our rents.'"

By contrast, the Governing Class can plead utter innocence of this offense: "We take the Heavens and Earth to witness that we have produced nothing at all. Not from us proceeds this frightful overplus of shirts." The Scottish philosopher utters an eloquent social protest. He states a problem which persists—if under somewhat different conditions—to this day.—Exchange.

SELF EVIDENT

George Bernard Shaw, according to the Denison Herald, says that Americans are 99 per cent idiots and yet, he says, "they just adore me." Probably that's the reason.—Minneapolis Monitor.

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PLANS COMPLETED FOR RALLY TO BE HELD AT YOAKUM AUGUST 15

Final plans have been completed for the South Texas Rally which will be held at Oaks Court, two miles west of Yoakum, on August 15, beginning at ten o'clock in the morning and lasting until that night.

This South Texas rally, being sponsored by the state committee for repeal and by the counties in the surrounding senatorial districts, will be the only official one held in this section of the state. Sponsors expect it to be one of the greatest rallies ever held in all Texas. Many current subjects of general interest will be discussed by the speakers. Of especial importance will be the explanation and discussion of the current ballot.

Speakers for the day will be Congressmen Joseph W. Bailey Jr., of Dallas, Richard M. Kleberg of Corpus Christi; and J. J. Mansfield of Columbus; State Senators W. K. Hopkins, of Gonzales, Gus Russek of Schulenberg and A. J. Ditz of Seguin; Congressmen Joe Eagle of Houston, Roy Miller of Corpus Christi, John Boyle of San Antonio, District Chairman L. J. Sulak and John Sulak of LaGrange, District Chairman August Hartman and Newton M. Crain of Cuero, and Judge C. L. Stavinoha, of Hallettsville.

Music will be furnished by bands from several neighboring towns. Meals will be served at the rally throughout the day.

All interested persons are cordially invited to be present and participate in the activities of the day.—Yoakum Daily Herald.

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EARLY HISTORY OF GAS

One hundred and twenty-five years ago London became the first city in the world to use gas street lights, installing a system along Pall Mall.

The response was universally unfavorable. Cartoonists showed innocent citizens being choked to death by the new illuminant. Sir Walter Scott, greatest of the novelists of adventure, spoke of "the madman's scheme for lighting the city with smoke." Another well known personage observed that it would be as easy to light London with a piece of the moon as with gas.

Electricity, when first employed met much the same reception. Pioneers of great industries are often the victims of jibes and abuse.—Industrial Record.

General Rally—

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accept? Shall we follow Bishop Cannon and his ilk, names destined to be buried in oblivion with the names of all like "pretenders" to the truth? Or shall we follow the leadership of men like Woodrow Wilson, and Franklin D. Roosevelt names that will go down to posterity with honor and with renown? We say, let us give to President Roosevelt and to the Democratic party our loyal and intelligent support; more let us give to the nation an expression of our ability to face facts in the light of their national significance. Let us demonstrate for all time that we are sensitive to the needs and to the continued welfare of our neighbor states as well as to our own.

President Wilson vetoed the Volstead Act as he did not think it a good policy to attempt to prevent the use of wine and beer by the people but his veto was overridden by

the prohibition lobby persuading the Congress to pass the Volstead Act by a two-thirds vote.

We want to pay tribute to the many thousands of sincere Drys who have realized that they were deceived and who have frankly acknowledged their error.

National Prohibition has been judged at the bar of American womanhood and American manhood and found guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors. Remove it from the Constitution as you would a cancer—cut it out with the knife of a popular vote.

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lest his visualized future is just passing or has past.

Am I wrong? I pray to God I am. Let me ask you what a young man hears when he applies for a job. No, let me, rather tell you, for I am he. Since the God given N.I.R.A. movement he gets at least surface consideration. (I would not contest the point that the employers problem is greater,

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but I cannot implant myself on both sides of the fence at the same time with any degree of firmness.) He is told that the firm (with blue eagle display) is not taking any one on at present, that there are a great number of part time employees with them, and a further great number furlowed. Of course these men must, in justice, be used first. The management will be glad to take his application and call him in a few months, in case it does develop that business picks up and that they can use him. Can he be blamed for suspecting that he is a little unnecessary? Would you be surprised if he longed for a handy rat hole to crawl into? Now let me assure you that, if the young man has any individuality at all, even though it be not rugged, the last thing he will want to do is to crawl into a rat hole. But it is exactly that a great number of us are faced with the last resort, that I am insinuating.

Be not misled that great numbers of men will irradiate unfair measures of competition before compelled. Be not misled that great numbers of employers will hire more men and pay greater wages before seeing quite vividly that it is to their own personal

benefit. But the proper spirit prevails among a few great leaders. Thank God. Their following is ample and the time is ripe for the movement toward universal decency to reap a worthy harvest.

Good reader, if you are small like the writer do not push too hard while the brakes are still fast set. Let your hundred or so applications for a job suffice for a while, and crawl into a rat hole. Sit down and wait. Get a bite to eat and a place to sleep, in the meantime, through charity, if your constitution can stand it, and live in hope and faith.

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