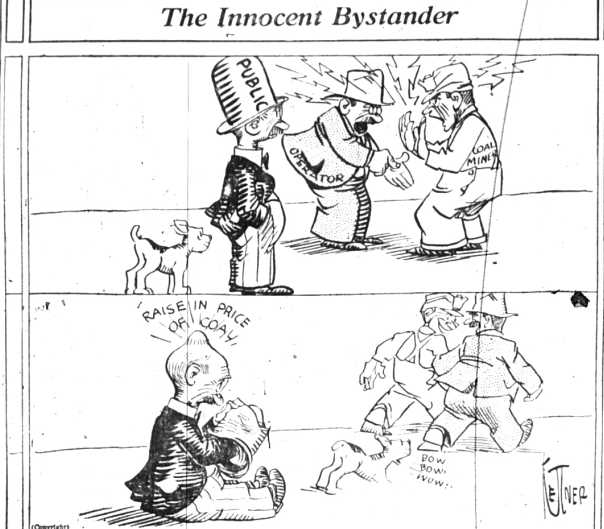


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GENIUS

"Vice and genius," says Balzac, bring about results so similar that ordinary people are often misled by them. When geniuses neglect personal appearance, dress in seclusion and poverty and appear on the streets absent-minded, hollow-eyed, in ill-fitted garments and tattered hair, they are often than not accused of laziness and dissipation. The public is harsh. Not understanding it, it disapproves. Genius, being the exception to the rule, never fits into the established order of things. It refuses to be conventional and mechanical. It has periods of apparent laziness and of intense zeal. The unexplained result of a jump of certain faculties in nature, or perhaps "who knows?" the recipient of a special gift from the Master of Destiny, the brain of genius has the blinding flash, the terrific power and uncertainty of lightning. Its very instability makes it grand, for it can never become commonplace. The charm of genius is that we never know what it will do next. True, we prefer a steady light for ordinary use. But when we wish to see something splendid we turn to Chinese fireworks.



PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



Our Village Looter is getting a Good Filing from the Town. Grouch, who has an armor plate nose and doesn't care what he says. Every Town should have an official Grouch to Bawl Out the Town Fests and Say The Things that Grouch Says.

John Allen and Cy Jarvis have gone to work in Peck's camp, near Coral, Montcalm county. They got a lot of right away and wages ran from 18 to 26 dollars.

Twenty-Five Years Ago Mrs. Anna Barnes and son, Harold of Pontiac, visited Mrs. S. A. Howland over Sunday.

Last Monday evening Austin Parks started to enter his store by the back door which leads into the meat market. It being quite dark he didn't notice that the elevator had been run up and he stepped into the hole, striking the ceiling on his left side, spraining his wrist and hip. He yelled while on the way down and help soon arrived, finding him unconscious. Lucky that the floor was areas of bars, etc.

Little Roy Montgomery has been seriously ill for several weeks and is still in a precarious condition. Any delay and over-exertion during Roy's illness have been too much for Mr. Montgomery who is now confined to his bed and the little girl, Hilly, is prostrated by a severe cold. With it as no wonder Mr. Montgomery is discouraged. A professional nurse arrived from Detroit Wednesday.

Miss Zilla Campbell, of this place, who has been a teacher, and who is listed as Ann Arbor students this fall, Sunday with their parents. The young man, who is now confined to his bed and the little girl, Hilly, is prostrated by a severe cold. With it as no wonder Mr. Montgomery is discouraged. A professional nurse arrived from Detroit Wednesday.

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Mr. C. E. Mudge has been recently entertaining Mrs. P. Fredericks, of Detroit, and Mrs. King and son, Harold, of Fort Ham.

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A little baker arrived at the home of Eugene Clemons last night. Weight seven pounds. Eugene, you will have to bake an extra loaf for the newcomer.

Miss Almada Blum, of Birmingham, has been staying with her mother in the country lately and incidentally gathering hickory nuts.

One hundred and seventy-two water takers are now supplied by our water works system with the best water in the world for drinking and house use. Two hundred and fifty dollars has been made and it keeps Clerk Campbell busy collecting the water tax which is now due.

Manager Starr is working on a survey and preparing estimates for the contemplated main trunk sewer to be laid along the river front, and which, when completed, will drain the northeast part of town, thus making cleaner the now polluted Rouge. This proposition may be placed upon the ballot at the annual election next spring.

Wanted—Five thousand bushels of cider apples in my mill, for which I will pay 15 cents per bushel. Wm. Smith.

Died suddenly at the residence of Athan Jenks on Sunday morning, Nov. 2, Mrs. William Cooper, aged 62 years.

PRESS PICKINGS

Woodbridge N. Ferris, democratic candidate for U. S. Senator, spoke in the Igle-Hour theater, Rochester, Tuesday, October 31, accompanied by A. M. Cummings, of Lansing, candidate for Governor of Michigan.

"The United States of the World" was the subject discussed by A. C. Graham Sunday evening at the union meeting in the Baptist church at Holly, in the interest of world-wide prohibition, on October 29.

The county road tax for 1922 will be one and one-half mills, as determined by the Oakland county board of supervisors two weeks ago. An effort was made to reduce it to one mill, on the grounds that there is sufficient balance on the road maintenance fund, but the effort failed after the members of the road committee and the town commission advocated raising half a mill each year in order that a maintenance fund might be created which would look after the roads in future years without having to assess large sums of money. The rate last year was two mills.

Sheriff James S. Butler was in Holly last Tuesday in the interests of his candidacy for a second term.

The Ward Sand & Gravel Co.'s pits in Oxford suffered a big loss last Monday when the large boat containing all the electrical equipment, including motors, dynamos, and also the sand and gravel sucker, sank in about 60 feet of water. The equipment had just been installed recently and was considered to be the best in the world. Mr. Ward will have a wrecking crew on the job in a short time to raise the craft.

The board of supervisors of Oakland county has made a radical change in the compensation allowed county officers, placing all officials on straight salaries. It is provided that the fees collected by them shall go to the county. As there is no way of knowing what these fees have amounted to in the past, it is impossible to tell what effect the change will have, but the supervisors evidently believe that it will result in favor of the county.

Dedication services for the new \$100,000 home of the First Baptist church of Royal Oak were held Sunday morning, October 29, with a number of leading Michigan Baptists including W. Gear Spencer, president of Hillsdale College, and Dr. H. C. Gleiss, superintendent of the Detroit Baptist Union, assisting.

Charles W. Jones, pastor of the Royal Oak Congregational church for the last three and one-half years, has agreed to become acting secretary of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce, not a permanent full-time secretary can be found.

Plans for a Royal Oak Masonic Temple will be started immediately. The stockholders of the Masonic Temple Association, instructed the trustees to take the necessary steps toward the construction of the new temple at a meeting of the members in the old temple at Fourth and Williams streets last Saturday night.

Movies in South America. Not a single American movie film could be seen in South America before 1914. They were mostly French then.

MICKIE SAYS

WHILE 'T' TIMID MERCHANT IS MOANIN' 'HARD TIMES,' 'T' LAME MERCHANT 'S GRABBIN' HIS CUSTOMERS BY PERRY ADVERTISIN' IN OUR NOTED PURVENOR OF PUBLISIN'!



STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a regular session of said Court held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in and County of Oakland, Michigan, on the 29th day of October, A. D. 1922.

In the Matter of the Estate of A. J. M. Proulx, deceased. James S. Messmore and Jennie S. Messmore, Executors, petitioning for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the real estate and personal property of said estate, and for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the real estate and personal property of said estate, and for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the real estate and personal property of said estate.

W. S. Walker, retired, who lives on the Bay Beaver Road just northeast of Birmingham, is one of the most ardent boosters that the ECCENTRIC can boast.

Starburst afternoon he came into the office and exclaimed, "Here's a dollar and a half for another year's subscription to the 'ECCENTRIC'."

"That's all right, Mr. Editor, but I've heard you say that a paying-advance subscriber never dies—and a want to live at least a few years longer. It's cheap at that—only \$1.50 a year for this guarantee of longevity."

(Editor's Note.—All present or prospective subscribers of the ECCENTRIC may also take advantage of this guarantee of longevity. Thank you.)

AUTO CLUB HEAD FIGHTS GAS TAX

CALLS PROPOSED PLAN TO MULCT CAR OWNERS FOR FUEL USE UNJUST. PAY ENOUGH NOW IN TAXES

If Additional Money is Needed to Run State Affairs Conference Should Be Called to Work Out Plan.

By THE SUNDAY MAIL. President of the Automobile Club. Certain interests in the State of Michigan are advocating a tax on all gasoline used within the borders of the State. They have been busy working for the measure for some months to develop sentiment in favor of additional taxation for the man who owns a motor car. It is their contention that they will be able to pay a tax of one cent or more per gallon on all fuel purchased.

As is usually the case in tax matters the proponents of this plan are proceeding under the assumption that anything used in connection with an automobile is readily taxable. They seem to feel it is the duty of the motorist to contribute to the support of the State. They are not aware that the State is already receiving a large amount of money from the motorist in the form of license fees and other taxes.

There is one State in the Union where unjust taxes should not be saddled on the motor car. It is Michigan. The motorist has been industrially hit not this wonder in the making of the Wolverine State industry of the 20th century developed in Michigan. It should be in a position to pay for its own support.

The motorists of Michigan and the United States are already paying their fair share and perhaps more of the tax. Take, for instance, the main tax levies of which there are five. They may be listed as follows:

- 1. National income tax common on all individuals.
2. Sales tax paid by the manufacturer and passed on by him to the consumer.
3. Taxes on repair parts, a percentage charge on the life of all automobiles, whether passenger or truck, and a tax specific to the auto owner.

Someone is evidently attempting either tragedy or comedy on the domestic occupants of some building to M. Howard Cox of East Maple avenue. Local police were called in on the mystery boy, to date, have found no solution to the matter.

It all happened recently when Wilson, young son of the Cox family, discovered an ugly looking, heavily-loaded "black-jack" in the side yard. Mr. Cox was at a loss to know who placed it there, but soon lost sight of the matter until the next morning when, upon awakening, he found a long ladder standing against the house, leaning a few feet below an upstairs window.

That's all there is to it—but Mr. Cox wonders what it is all about, anyway.

One day while out in the yard playing with his new knife, my little boy broke the blade and came in feeling badly about it. I told him I was sorry.

He thought about it a little while, then he said, "I'll get you a new one if you'll give me a dollar."

DETOIT UNITED LINES BIRMINGHAM TIME TABLE (in Effect June 1, 1922)

Table with columns for destinations (Southland, Northland, Northport) and times.

Change at Royal Oak for Rochester, Oxford, Flint, Romeo and Inkster City. Through limited cars for Flint, Saginaw, Bay City and other points.

GOOD VILLAGE REPORT

The statistical report of the finances of the village, showing exactly how much money remained in various public funds, together with a correlative accounting of the amounts allowed in the budget and the amount already spent, which was prepared by Manager Starr and Treasurer Charles E. Plamstead last week in the opinion of the Commission, the most complete ever turned into any local Commission.

Where there's a will there's a way. Lots of wills. There are a lot of things to get out of the way.

Daily Thought. Sorrow remembered sweetens present joy.—Pollok.

Ill-Matched Pair. "A short temper and a long head rarely go together."—Forbes Magazine.

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