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THE WORLD'S CREOSUS

That is what they now term Henry Ford, whose wealth is estimated at between \$600,000,000 and \$750,000,000. That's a lot of money for one man to have in his possession—but merely proves what one brain can do in garnering in the world's wealth. It has been said that not one penny of it was obtained by anything but fair means; that is a remarkable thing in itself. Ford has proved himself a master of engineering, manufacturing and finance—probably has no equal in all three branches. Such a man ought to take an active interest in governmental affairs. The people of America need such a genius at the helm of the ship of state and the world needs such a man at the head of America. We hope he runs for President.

### WE ARE FUNNY BEINGS

Just before she sailed from New York, religious ceremonies were observed in the pilot house of the steamship Washington. The Archbishop of the Greek Church officiated. The ship's captain knelt across the deck in the cleric's hand. All of which shows that divine blessing is invoked for the ship's safety on the Seven Seas. Man digs from the earth metals and these metals he forms into wonderful things—most majestic of all his genius is a modern steamship. After his labors are finished and the ship is ready to sail, he calls upon the Almighty to watch over it—that is good. We wonder how many of our battleships were so ceremoniously sent on their missions of death and destruction. Life is funny, isn't it?

### WE NEED REAL MEN

It is no secret that the present members of the Michigan State Legislature have done about as much good for the people of Michigan as the natives of the Fiji Islands. They have proved beyond a doubt that no two minds in the world function alike—and almost never quite agree completely on one subject. We have often wondered, since we passed out into the world from scholastic life, if the adults of today really know what the patriots meant. In looking over the pages of recent history, can we find anyone who bears the mental stamp of such men as Washington, Patrick Henry, Lincoln, Jefferson, Franklin and a host of others who created a sound foundation for a rather shaky super-structure that has evolved into these United States of America.

It is, indeed, a difficult, almost impossible, thing to do. It seems that the present representatives of the people almost entirely forgot that they are under a solemn obligation to perpetuate "this government of the people, by the people and for the people" once they have been elected. Flowery campaign promises are forgotten when they see their constituents in parliamentary debate. Mighty few of them are moved with a reverent impulse or a spiritual urge to do the greatest good for the greatest number. They're afraid; they are "scared stiff" in most of the things they do and say—with always an eye or an ear open for "what the folks back home are going to do for me next election day."

With each legislator thinking thus, how can they work together—unselfishly and fearlessly—for the greatest good for the greatest number? But we must not pass pessimistic—for better days are coming. Looking back over the world's history, we must concede that things are getting better; not all at once—not even at the span of an ordinary life do things take on much of a change for the better, perhaps—but the Almighty never meant for us to deteriorate.

### ASSISTING NATURE

Nature deals out her offerings with a lavish hand. Assisted by the artistic labor of man, the flora and fauna of this earth take on beautiful forms and shapes that delight the eye and satisfy the soul. Spring is nature's magic, gentle and shimmering brocade, gentle rain and shimmering sunshine are brushes that carefully paint the canvas of our temperate zone. Citizens of Birmingham are now spending a great deal of their time out-of-doors. Yards that, but a few weeks ago were covered with a snow-carpets of winter, are now resplendent in emerald sheen. Hedges are trimmed, flowers are planted and the birds sing merrily in the budding trees as they build their nests. A home is something besides wood and brick, plumbing and electric light fixtures—

## R'member

WAY BACK HOW HAPPY A SNOWFALL WOULD MAKE YOU—AND NOW!!



OH BILL!! GEE AINT IT GREAT!!  
DURN OL' PESKY STUFF MAKES MORE BOTHER—

violators that are arrested hereabouts. Justice Buck told me the other day that he was going to have a rubber stamp made with the name "Detroit" on it if business kept up good.

### FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

**Forty-Four Years Ago**  
Joe Stockwell and Frank Blackledge are in a squabble over a little board bill which Joe claims is due and Frank has filed cross bills to twice that amount. Ask 'em about it.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago**  
Conductor John Hanson had a very close call last Friday afternoon northward he met the southbound car



**"Mother"**  
No word in our language has a greater meaning than the word—"MOTHER." It brings memories to us of all she has done and, in many cases, still is doing for us.  
The least we can do is to honor her—with flowers on Mother's Day. Cherish her memory, if she has passed on, by wearing a White Flower. If she is living, a Colored Flower is appropriate.  
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at Parker's switch, and as he reached for the block to remove it, in some way or other he failed to grasp it, which necessitated his stepping back between the cars in very close quarters and was again as though in a vise, as the other car was in motion. Had he been a larger man he would have been killed instantly, but fortunately he escaped with a dislocated collar bone. At the best, his injuries are quite serious. He is attended by Dr. Shaw and is recovering as well as can be expected.

The Village Improvement Society obtained permission of the Village Board and the Ladies' Library Association to place the fountain on the corner and have done so.

Those wedding bells—how they do ring out, announcing the marriage of George Ford and Miss Sarah Hanna, who joined hands Wednesday evening of last week and were united in matrimony by Rev. A. Marsh, all of Birmingham. The happy couple are cleverly receiving the sincere congratulations of an army of friends, who are and will wish them a long and happy life.

A. D. Shadbolt, an old and respected citizen, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Will Ford, Sunday morning at 6 o'clock. His disease was organic heart trouble and dropsy from which he had been a sufferer for several years past. Had the old gentleman lived until the 24th of May he would have reached his 80th milestone. He is survived by several children. The services of a Mason and the funeral was conducted by that fraternity from the Methodist church, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Eugene Allen officiating. Interment was made at Mt. Olivet.

The Junior Class claim the proud distinction of furnishing two stalwart members of the team, Glenn Watkins and Frank Campbell.

**ELECTION NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that at a special election to be held on Tuesday, the 15th day of May, A. D. 1923, in the Town Hall on the northwest corner of Merrill and Bates streets in the Village of Birmingham, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock A. M. and 10:00 o'clock P. M. Central Standard Time, the following propositions shall be submitted to the voters of the Village of Birmingham.

**PROPOSITION 1**  
Shall the Village of Birmingham borrow the sum of \$10,000.00 and issue the bonds of the Village therefor for extending the present sewerage system by adding thereto one new main trunk line sewer extending from Reservoir Park Subdivision southwesterly along the bank of the River Rouge to a point in the center line of the Boulevard in Birmingham Park Allotment Subdivision southwesterly to the Village of Birmingham?

**PROPOSITION 2**  
Resolved: That the Commission of the Village of Birmingham shall be authorized and empowered to pay a total amount of Five Thousand Dollars.

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This order, for three separate weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, and is returned in said County of Oakland.

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