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GOVERNOR GREEN: OUR SERVANT

Over in Lansing, the Capitol City of Michigan, the other day, a little bit of a chap went through the official formality of assuming the role of Governor of this great Commonwealth. His name is Fred W. Green; he hails from the little town of Ionia, and he promises much for the good of the citizens of Michigan.

In Governor Green, The Eccentric fondly believes, the people of this state are going to make strides toward the attainment and realization of the worth of this thing we call constitutional government, which so many of us—skimming along on a cloak of superficiality of life's real values—are seemingly unaware of.

This job of leading a people—be it in great or small numbers—is a tremendously sacred one; for, since upon leadership most of us depend, it becomes necessary for him who would lead us to point our footsteps toward green fields (this is not meant for a pun) where the pasturage is abundantly good, not only for the body, but for the soul as well.

"He who would be great among you be ye the servant of the people," truthfully points out Holy Writ. This statement is as true today as it ever was in Galilean times; its application will bring forth fruits as inexorably as will the successful application of a mathematical rule to any problem of computation.

Governor Green, we repeat, is a little chap in stature; likewise, his public utterances are short, yet sincere and fundamental. He stresses the human side of government; he loves people and, of course, cannot help but receive their love in return. He wants to SERVE; he would be our SERVANT!

Read the following paragraph, taken from part of Governor Green's farewell address to his home town people, at which time he relinquished his title of Mayor; doesn't it ring true with simple TRUTH? Here it is:

"You have always taken it for granted that I intended to do right. They (in the state) are not going to take that for granted. If a man's motives and what they should be the people will finally find out and on that I base my hopes for success on the new job. I go to Lansing with one idea—that of service—and a willingness to do what is right. I have every confidence in my own intentions. Whether it will be possible to carry them out or not remains to be seen.

"My ideals as governor are the same ideals we have had in our own fair city. Common honesty will take a man along ways who wants to serve. I am glad the governorship is only a two-term job and the real happy time will be when my term of service is over and I can come back home and live among you and, of course, I'll run for mayor again."

A LARGE VILLAGE COMMISSION

That the majority of Birmingham's citizens are in favor of an increased village commission is evidenced in almost every section of the community, these days. Seven, instead of three, seems to be the desired number of commissioners, thus assuring for a variance of opinion in the discussion and settlement of our municipal problems.

Just why the village commission put through their own pet resolution for a proposed five-man commission, leaving out of their deliberations the consideration of a seven-man commission, remains a mystery to those who believe that the latter number is the better; had they even accepted the plan of seven men, together with their own five-man plan, they would have but conformed to the wishes of the entire community. As it is, they have compelled local citizens to go to the trouble to circulate petitions to place the amendment before the electorate.

The plan of choosing commissioners, outlined in The Eccentric several weeks ago, appears to meet with universal approval. It is this: elect five commissioners, one each from the four quarters of the old village limits, and one from the territory south of Lincoln avenue; one commissioner and a village president at large. Give the six commissioners a vote each at the commission table, and allow the president to vote only in case of a tie.

Beyond any question of doubt, the citizens of Birmingham are welcoming the chance to increase the size of their village commission in the Spring; that they will choose seven men instead of five is believed by many interested in the town's betterment to be the eventual outcome of balloting on such an amendment.

A Berlin chemist has devised a means of transforming ordinary garbage into artificial silk. This affords Birmingham a chance to obtain a silk factory—just think of it, men, you'll be able to buy most any kind of permanent perfumed silk for the ladies some day. (It wouldn't be bad for some socks, either, would it?)

Calvin Coolidge, in a message from Washington Thursday of last week, asks for world peace. He says that the military spirit causes international distrust in the hearts of men. As Will Rogers might say, "I'm with you Cal, we certainly need peace at any price. It begins to look as though we didn't pay enough in the last war, so we'll probably make the next one run into larger figures. What the world needs is more peace and still more peace."

An American doctor, returning from China, landed in San Francisco last week with a huge strawberry, said fruit being capable of performing marvelous powers; such as giving beauty, reducing weight, clearing up the complexion, etc., etc. Some berry. Wonder what the national drink is in China, doctor?

THE THINK SHOP

Thinking is a human process that is much neglected. People do many things in life entirely leaving out the element of thought.

This world would be a much better world, a much better place to live in, if each person would simply put his thinking cap on and wear it at the performance of each deed, significant or seemingly inconsequential.

In the office, in the shop, in the home, in the social arena, in public places, everywhere, thought would play well its part.

The think shop is one of the most important properties of the human makeup. Lack of proper thought promotes misery, worry, discontent, sadness, suffering, ignorance and hundreds of things that should be destroyed rather than promoted.

The man who thinks is the man who does things efficiently and it is likewise with the woman who thinks. The boy and girl brought up in the habit of careful thinking is the boy and girl who will mean most to America.

In every activity of life there is a striking necessity for sound thinking. No person is clearly independent. Therefore it stands each person in hand to have a care, have a thought for the interests of the other fellow. And correspondingly the other fellow being duly cared for will care for those who care for him. In this way a state or condition of common happiness may be maintained.

Wounded feelings, shattered careers, demolished hopes, slouchy work, determinations to revenge and all sorts and kinds of failures may at once be prevented by the simple application of proper thought.

Time and money may be saved if one will but think when about his immediate task. Matrimonial missteps may be prevented by right and proper thinking. Many careers may be brightened and made more useful and larger by merely allowing thought to invade the territory of proper execution.

Since thinking is such an important and necessary element in the business of life, it should be fully resorted to by all the people, all the time. Therefore THINK. Let's go! Everybody THINK!

POWER OF ADVERTISING

Beyond all question the most potent creator of business demands in America is the newspaper advertisement. Millions upon millions of dollars are expended every day in the stores of the country because well written advertisements have directed public attention to convenient, becoming, attractive, useful, ornamental and suitable merchandise. The sale of all necessities, all luxuries, all indulgences, is more powerfully stimulated by the newspaper advertisement than by any other agency. Only hunger, cold and nakedness are comparable to the advertisement as a promoter of sales—and even purchases of food, fuel and clothing are directed more largely by the business columns of the press than by any other influence except immediate necessity.

The greatest stores in our greatest cities have been built up by their advertising, their persistent and clever invitation to the public to the press to share in their bargains. Imagine what would happen to daily sales of merchandise, real estate, theater tickets, insurance, books and other things, if newspaper advertisements were prohibited by law for six months. It is not exaggeration to say that they would drop 50 per cent.

It is not the current news of events alone that makes the press of such incalculable value to the nation, nor the free editorial expression or opinion. The business news of the day, as told by business concerns in their announcements to the public, decisively influences both the volume and the direction of trade which flows to this or that store, office or bank. This is a fundamental fact no business house can afford to overlook.

CIVIC ENLIGHTENMENT HERE

Citizens of Birmingham will be interested in watching the progress of the new local committee on the investigation of the relative merits of village and city government. Whether or not, in the end, Birmingham's form of government is changed, the investigation of the merits of village and city government will go a long way towards the civic enlightenment of this community. It is to be hoped that interest in this new committee investigation will be sustained indefinitely.

Various things are transpiring these days within the city of Detroit to obtain ultimately for that former Indian encampment a series of subways, capable of assisting in the transportation of people away from the sunlight, fresh air, and warbling of birds. Of course, people must be able to get about these days; that is sufficient reason for a subway. Who invented cities, anyway?

Because he thinks that the rigid enforcement of the prohibition law will drive many drinkers to industrial alcohol, Secretary of the Treasury Andy Mellon has decided to remove the poison and the latter, the end being to save human lives. Looks as though Andy is interfering with the personal rights of most of our country in doing this; can't a body even choose the kind of liquid he wants for his private pickling bath these days?

Jean Nash Dubonnet, called "the best dressed woman in the world," is having some domestic troubles. It seems her brother-in-law wants to fight her husband because she is to get some of the Dubonnet money. All we can say is that the brother-in-law should have stopped the wedding, if he wanted to save the family purse. Some Nashes cost more than others.

The most serious mistake on earth is being too serious.

The height of ignorance is thinking you know everything.

Most persons who are in a hurry to get somewhere probably do not know why.

The old toll gate has nearly passed, but the highways still take their toll.

Lots of men think they are tolerant simply because they haven't character enough to form convictions.

The man who depends more on cleverness than old-fashioned honesty is usually headed for an awakening.

Perseverance is merely keeping on doing what you decided to do even after you decide that maybe you shouldn't.

JUST NEIGHBORS

Just common ordinary folks,
Who pass the time of day
And stop to chat a moment
Ere they hasten on their way.

So busy with their own affairs
They haven't time to call
Unless a body should be ill;
Just neighbor folks, that's all.

Not talented or famous, they,
And very plain bespoke,
Though jewels of the rarest sort,
These kindly neighbor folk.

For in dark days when trouble comes
To camp beside our door,
They prove our warmest friends, and not
Just neighbors any more.

Beatrice McDonald.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. L. J. Bell, of Detroit, visited Mrs. W. E. French at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. Blakelee, the past week.

Miss Alice Brown entertained at the home of her sister, Mrs. Will Stephens, a few of her little friends last Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Each little lady had her dolly and all paraphernalia. A dainty lunch was served and all went merrily. They only wished they could stay longer.

We are honored with an invitation to attend a 15th wedding anniversary party and cannot attend because it is way out in Lyndon, Ill. The host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wooster, have our sincere regrets. The invitation is unique and a fine souvenir.

Chas. Reynolds, the efficient foreman at the Wilson Railway Gate Co.'s works, has been a very sick man, but Dr. C. M. Rayhall will soon have the invalid out and all right again, we trust.

The Chrysanthemum Pedro club held its last meeting at the home of Mrs. Austin Parks. Ace prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. William Burtrum. Booby prizes were won by Mr. Louis Maurice Hubert and Mrs. Zina Mills.

Last week Thursday, a bright pleasing young man stepped into Whitehead and Mitchell's and, asking for Mitchell, said his name was Robert C. Fyfe and that he was sent out by Grinnell Bros. of Detroit to tune and put his piano in good condition. "Go on," said Mitchell, "you can't fool me. I've met 'em before. If you are a piano tuner you've got to be bald headed, gray haired, a blossom on your nose, a bottle in your pocket and have a jag on." On the contrary this young man had none of these traits, tuned the instrument, put the action in perfect condition and performed his work in such a fine and artistic manner, making a very satisfactory job, that Mitchell is so well pleased that he can truthfully recommend anyone who has a piano to be tuned to call on R. C. Fyfe at Grinnell Bros., Detroit, and we will guarantee his work to your complete satisfaction.

Willie Ennis is in Ionia. He was called to Dayton, Ohio, by his old friend and neighbor, Chas. N. Leet, who has charge of a large contract of putting in and installing the street car lines there with their air brakes. A position at two dollars a day for two months was offered him and our faith in Will is so great that we will bet he will be urged to make a year's contract with the company.

Married, Tuesday of last week, in Detroit, Jefferson Woods and Mabel Connor. The happy young couple are now cozily settled in Mrs. Hemenway's house on Pierce street.

43 YEARS AGO

Mrs. C. Utter is proud of a large calla lily in bloom, the blossom measuring 28 inches in circumference. We think it is the largest blossom yet.

Randall and Converse have packed their store house crammed jammed full of beautiful toy Dutch G. E. Haines and Chatfield & Cooper.

There are three articles which Mr. K. Taber wants brought home 'round, d'ye hear? They are his wheelbarrow, spring seat to a farm wagon and a book entitled "The Life of John D. Lee."

Last Tuesday evening a grand leap dance was held at the home of Mr. Jos. Graydon, Sr., Franklin. A big crowd was present who enjoyed themselves hugely dancing to music as produced by Prof. Sherman's full quadrille band.

Mr. Charles Mudge, of Southfield, and Miss Flora Herrick were quietly married on Thursday evening last by Rev. J. P. Gibson. We understand that Charlie will run the Terry farm the coming season, and we heartily wish the young couple a long life and happiness.

As Louis McBride was taking a sleigh ride one day last week, a dog belonging to Harrison Benedict caught one of the team by the heels and there was a circus right away. His companion, Miss Coral Brown, took a sudden descent into a convenient snow bank, the pole of the cutter was snapped in twain, and Louis found himself on the too solid earth where his grit and horsemanship told the story and the horses were quieted. Pluck and good judgment will win every time.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Library Society: President, Mrs. R. E. Trowbridge; vice pres., Mrs. L. T. Furman; secy., Miss Verona Post; treas., Miss Celia Post; board of directors, Mrs. R. E. Trowbridge, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. M. Smith, and Miss Mattie Baldwin; book committee, Mrs. L. T. Furman, Mrs. G. M. Reynolds, and Miss Mattie Baldwin.

POEMS I LOVE

BY CHARLES WANSON TOWNE

The Kiss," by Sarah Teasdale

None of our younger poets can approach Sara Teasdale or Mrs. Ernst Filsinger's when it comes to the brief, cameo-like lyric. Her spontaneity is one of her greatest charms; she sings simply for the sake of singing, with never a discordant note. Though one might wish for a greater variety of theme, it is fodder enough with so authentic a lyrist. Her love-songs will undoubtedly live, in any summing up of native lyrics.

Before you kissed me, only wind
And sea were free;
And kissed me, and the tenderness
Of earth is mine.
Now you have come, how can I
Leave you for kisses
Like theirs again?

I sought the sea, she sent her
Invisible to meet me.
They surged about me, singing of
The Single I
I turned my head away to keep
Still Bold
Your kiss upon my mouth.

And so it, secret value of shining
April, another
Bold wind may steal last where desire
Rises are,
I loved my head last that you put on
My cheek,
As rain puts out a star.

I am my lover's, and he is mine
Forever,
Sealed with all seal and paste for
Evermore
Think, gods that I could let a beg
Any enter
Where a king stood before!

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STATE OF MICHIGAN.
County of Oakland, ss.

Suit pending before George B. Hartrick, Circuit Court Commissioner for Oakland County, between Suburban Development Company, a Michigan corporation, plaintiff, and Nellie E. Schafhauser, defendant.

Summons having been issued in this cause and having been returned unserved and it appearing by affidavit on file that the defendant's address is unknown.

It is Ordered, That said defendant appear at the room of the undersigned, at my office in the City of Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan, at nine o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, on the 18th day of January 1927, to defend the complaint filed in this cause, or judgment will be entered by default, and that this order be served or published as required by statute.

This suit is brought to terminate the interest of the defendant in a certain land contract for the sale of premises described as: Lot 1696 Beverly Hills Sub. No. 4, of Part of NE¼ of Sec. 3, T. 1 S., R. 10 E., Southfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

Dated December 14, 1926.

GEORGE B. HARTRICK,
Circuit Court Commissioner,
Oakland County.

BLAIN & MARTZ,
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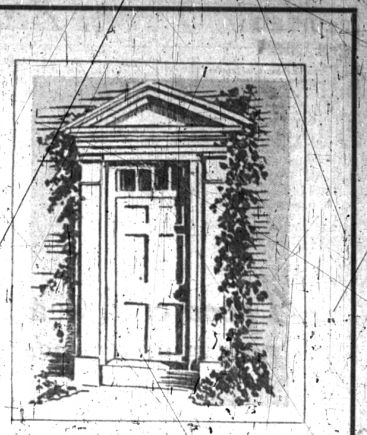
Detroit, Michigan. 36-39



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SPORTS DONE BROWN
By Norman E. Brown

"Viking boats to Sail Seas Against Yankees," says Headline. Something more for Miller Huggins to worry about.

Reggie McNamara and Pietro Linari, winner in six-day bike race in New York, split purse of $12,000. Which answers the question: Why are six day bicycle races?

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