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The Dissenting Trio

If the present village commission completes its term in office without accomplishing very much outside of the routine business, the reason is easy to see. There are three men in the commission, and they are Commissioners Laurence Hulbert, W. W. Henry, and J. H. McBride.

The crowning point in the careers of these commissioners came with the papers for an injunction restraining the commission from proceeding with the construction of the municipal building.

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Some day the United States will join a League of Nations. From present appearance, the longer such a move is delayed the more costly it will be in human lives and American gold.

Raymond A. Latting, one of the owners of the very good Grand Lodge Independent, hailed us last week with the statement: "I took the hide off The Eccentric's editor on capital punishment which you referred to as New Year's Holiday."

Canadian lawyers just grin when they are asked if the Dominion Government will do anything to prevent the smuggling of liquor into the United States.

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Capital Punishment Scored!

Over in Shelby, Michigan, on the shore of Lake Michigan, Harry Royal has for many years published the Ocean Herald. Mr. Royal, who, by the way, is an ardent Democrat, always writes something intelligent about live issues of the day.

All of this clamor about an extra session of the legislature to pass a hanging, shooting or electrocution bill, or making it a part or portion of such a call, because of the Hotelting murder, unpeasable as that was, is hysterical rather than logical.

William Edward Hickman: Murderer, assaulter, burglar, thief; defending himself with an indefinite plea for a better trial in California, will probably make defense similar to Leopold and Loeb; capital punishment state.

The fear of capital punishment was not a deterrent to them like to suffer its full penalty. Capital punishment is not a deterrent to a murderer who is a bridge over at Pineville, O., who smashed her husband in head with a hammer and went blithely off to a bridge party in a nearby city some months ago.

It is a queer notion that suggests the substitution of the states of Ohio, Illinois or California for the existing laws of Michigan, prompted by the Hotelting case, as compared with these other cases.

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War—the thing which calls for annihilation and bloodshed—is but the turbulent upsurge of the normal conditions of ordinary modern business rivalry. Recorded history shows that each new war was mankind worships at the shrine of materialism, a materialism which creates human greed, avarice, dishonesty, self-diplomacy, and a host of other vicious characteristics, wars must be expected.

Society uplifts itself slowly. Most people are so self-centered that they hardly know their next door neighbor. Most like to sit and get together, but refuse to pay the price of friendship. Rather, it seems, he would pay the unfriendly price of war.

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Monday evening, as we sat at home, the voice of Calvin Coolidge, President of these United States, flooded our living room with its nasal twang, and we overheard the President discussing the national budget system.

Law violations in Birmingham, despite the increase in population during 1927, were lower than the previous year, according to Chief of Police Anderson's annual report.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications from its readers. All communications must be kept confidential upon request.

POLITICAL AIMS

I believe that political parties in 1928 should nominate and elect only such men as believe in and will enforce national and state laws. Then and only then can we have a peace and prosperity such as we have never known.

John McCarroll 213 Park street

WANTS STREET LIGHTS

If there is anything Birmingham needs it is more street lights. Many of the side streets in the village are so dark at night that even persons familiar with them can not find their way about and let alone strangers. We have all kinds of illumination on Woodward avenue, yet a few blocks from that street there are sections so dark that one does not know where he is going.

Because this letter does not attack any person but merely offers a constructive suggestion, I prefer to sign myself, A Reader.

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Village Commission Monday evening, January 30, 1928 at 8 o'clock.

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Purpose, and the Commission duly met on this 23rd day of January 1928, at 8 o'clock P. M. for the purpose aforesaid, and due notice has been given to all persons owning property liable for special assessments established for the improvement described in the ordinance passed on this 23rd day of January 1928, and said hearing was postponed until January 30, 1928, and

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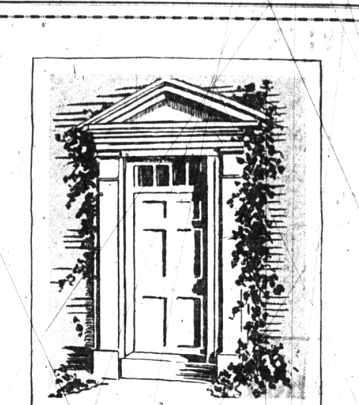
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