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The year 1928 has been one of outstanding telephone development and progress. During the past year expansion of telephone facilities of Michigan commanded the expenditure of more than \$25,000,000. During 1929 it is planned to expend upwards of \$26,500,000.

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Edison Plans Expansion in Village Area

Investment of \$171,000 To Be Made By Company In 1929
MORE CUSTOMERS SEEN

The Detroit Edison company has planned a program of expansion for 1929 which will mean the investment of about \$171,000 according to Ralph Bricker, manager of the Birmingham office. This cost figure includes line extensions, service connections, meters and other equipment.

During 1929 the company expects to add about 4000 new electrical customers in its Bloomfield district, which comprises the territory along Woodward and U. S. Trunk Line 10 from the north to the limits of Detroit, northwest to the vicinity of Davisburg and Springfield.

Additional equipment will be installed at the Bloomfield substation, at Pontiac, at a cost of about \$115,000. This is to provide additional capacity to meet increased demands at that point.

At Royal Oak a new high tension substation will be built at a cost of nearly \$400,000. An additional \$25,000 will be spent to remove some of the overhead lines and put them underground. Also additional ornamental street lights are to be installed at a cost of approximately \$15,000.

Highway lighting is to be installed at various locations in the district at a total cost of about \$122,000. In Southfield township and at Sylvan Lake betterments to the present street lighting will cost about \$15,000.

About \$175,000 will be spent to erect a new warehouse somewhere in the vicinity of Pontiac to provide storage facilities for electrical equipment and lines materials for use in the rapidly growing territory in that vicinity.

Watson May Lead Senate

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Jim Watson of Indiana is the Republican "regular" choice for the G. O. P. senate leadership when Charles Curtis steps out of it next March, or sooner, presumably stepping into the vice-presidency. Only one thing may keep the regulars from ratifying his choice. They may not ratify it if Mr. Hoover kicks too hard.

Or they may ratify it, no matter how hard Mr. Hoover kicks. But probably not. The members of the majority on Capitol Hill are a caddy crew. They hardly fancy antagonizing the new White House tenant at the very beginning of his term. Let— if he rubs it in—who knows?

Some people think it derogatory to speak of a political personage as an integral part of "the machine." There are politicians who glory in it.

Senator James E. Watson, for instance, prides himself on being an "organization man."

During the pre-convention campaign when he was fighting for the G. O. P. presidential nomination on his own account, Jim dwelt much on the fact that there could be no doubt concerning the genuineness of his Republicanism. The way he said it more than implied that there was considerable doubt concerning the genuineness of Mr. Hoover's.

The Hoover-ites violently resented this sort of talk, by Jim and his friends, denouncing it as grossly unfair. They really were angry, and whether it has worn off yet, or not, remains to be seen.

Perhaps Mr. Hoover will elect to be forgiving. Perhaps he holds a grudge.

This personal equation must be taken into account in calculating the prospect of Jim's graduation into the G. O. P. senate leadership during President-elect Hoover's regime—at all events, with Mr. Hoover's O. K.

As previously remarked, Jim Watson is a strict organization man.

This presents another problem. The "organization" is very conservative, not to say darned reactionary. Jim, being an organization man, naturally thinks the organization's thoughts, and is an ultra-conservative, too.

In other words, no honest-to-goodness "liberal" can possibly consider Senator Watson's leadership satisfactory at all.

The question arises—How liberal is Mr. Hoover?

Answers to this query vary widely. Nobody exactly knows. Possibly he will turn out to be a pretty good liberal. A lot of liberals voted for him last November. They evidently expect him to.

If so, on that political ground, assuredly he cannot approve of Jim as his party's leader in the senate.

Jim Watson, as G. O. P. senate leader, would be a creditable one, in his way.

He looks the part. He is a whole of a big man physically—mighty impressive. The style in which he wears his hair is rather suggestive of a giant cockatoo, but he puts on none of a cockatoo's airs—is as affable a senator as there is in Washington.

He has ability out of the ordinary, also—and courage—and understands politics inside out.

Even the progressives who complain of him as a machine politician, complain of it largely because, as they express it, he is "dangerous"—a compliment of a certain sort.

True Pleasure—A negro was seen driving a flivver round and round a tree out in the woods recently. Asked what he was doing, he replied: "I'm makin' as many left-hand turns as I please without gettin' called down by a cop."

Not To His Taste—A certain high-tempered and none-too-cultured man had a fight with a neighbor and was placed in an Indiana county jail, charged with assault and battery. Lacking money, he sent the following note, after several days, to his son-in-law:

"I want you to see Henry and some of my other friends around there and try to arrange a bond to get me out of jail. I am not a bit satisfied here."

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

As a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, the second day of January, A. D. 1929.

Present, Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

Matter of the Estate of Harriet J. Johnson, Deceased.

First National Bank of Birmingham, executor of said estate, having filed in said Court its final account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, determination of the heirs of said deceased, assignment of the residue of said estate, and the discharge of said executor.

It is Ordered, that the 11th day of February, A. D. 1929, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, he and she be and they be present at said session of said Court for hearing said petition.

He is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

DAN A. MCGAFFEY, Judge of Probate.

(A true copy.) FLORENCE DOTY, Deputy Probate Register.

NEW MANAGER APPOINTED BY AUTO FIRM

P. R. Cotton To Head Stone Agency in Birmingham

BUILDING IS PLANNED

Announcement is made today of the appointment of P. R. Cotton, formerly of the firm Tracy & Cotton, auto dealers, as manager of the Birmingham branch of Arthur T. Stone & company, Willys-Knight and Whippet dealers here.

The sales room is now located at 505 Woodward avenue but will occupy a building, soon to be under construction on south Woodward avenue, when it is completed in April.

Mr. Cotton was in business here two and one half years and prior to that time he was in the automobile business in Detroit three years.

He predicts a banner year for both the Whippet and Willys-Knight in Birmingham after re-

turning from the New York auto show. "The reception given the cars there convinced me that both will have record years and the people of Birmingham will be far more familiar with the cars at the end of 1929 than ever before."

M. Howard Cox of Birmingham is the owner of both the land and building where the sales room will be located. It was leased to Arthur T. Stone & company recently with Joseph Pope, realtor, representing both parties.

Construction work is expected to be started as soon as the weather permits. The building will contain offices and a service station besides the show rooms. It will be located on Woodward avenue near Green street.

Workmen at Martin's Ferry, O., called off work for the day on Friday night and commanded "hands up." The intended victim marched him to a police station.

George Jennings of Chicago pointed a banana at a pedestrian at night and commanded "hands up." The intended victim marched him to a police station.

Earon Durden, 13, of Birmingham, Ala., was kicked from the store of Tom Komms when he sought to purchase five cents worth of candy. Damages for \$3,000 were awarded.

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Little Chats About Your Health

No. 2


Traveling in a Circle

In his book "Roughing It," Mark Twain tells of being lost in a storm and—without knowing it—of traveling for hours in a circle and finally learning that all the while he had been but a very short distance from camp and friends.

People who rely on self diagnosis and self medication also very often travel in circles in that they make no headway until their course is properly directed by a physician.

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