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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have been written by persons not connected with the editorial staff of the paper.

Paying Our Prosecutors

Michigan's county prosecutors held their annual convention in Lansing one day last week. Among subjects under discussion was that of obtaining more pay for the defenders of the law, on the belief that more salary would attract better men to the job.

Wine In Airplanes

Gatty and Post, the two American fliers, were being feted by an aviation society in Moscow, Russia, one day last week. They tried to do their bit with a nine-course dinner, but refused wine. "While in Russia it is considered almost a crime when guests refuse wine," said the chairman of the banquet committee.

Brucker "Changes His Mind"

State Representative Philemon J. Miller, of Walled Lake, rose from the humble position of page in the Michigan Legislature to a seat in its Lower House. Right now he occupies a strong position in that elective body, and more than once has put through bills designed for the welfare of his district and his state.

School Funds Decrease

Delinquency in taxes, caused by inability of people to contribute to the support of the governmental privileges they enjoy, is decreasing but little so far this summer, says Albert W. Wilson, county treasurer. This means that the public school system is threatened with serious lack of funds.

Wet And Dry Officials

A former police commissioner of Philadelphia believes that the 18th Amendment can be enforced, if honest and sympathetic officials are put on the job. He says that the chief stumbling block to success in prohibition is the great number of aliens in this country—people who were used to liquor and license in their own native lands.

Most Men Getting Ineffective

Most men are about as ineffective in hiding their intentions as are windows paneled about the noon-day sun. And most women are about as effective in appearing surprised at a proposal as a restaurant waitress in being asked for a menu card.

We Learn That Scientists

We learn that scientists have perfected a means of transforming a hen into a rooster through the use of certain glands. Would the new bird cackle or crow?

The Tahquamenon River

Herbert S. Case, enthusiastic publisher of the Munising News and booster of things for the good of the Upper Peninsula, suggests that the cleaning up of the Tahquamenon River will attract thousands of new tourists, and otherwise assist in bringing business up that way.

"Have Courage; Take Heart"

President Hoover advises the citizens of this great country to "have courage, take heart" and better days are ahead. President Hoover's own life reveals how a poor boy overcame greater difficulties than today's depression; what an individual has done may be partially attained by a collection of individuals.

Two Depression Theories

Two theories are being held by today's economists as to the method of bringing back prosperity. One group says "loosen up a bit and start buying—that will cause manufacturers to start factories working, employ people, produce raw materials, and everybody will have a full dinner pail."

"The Outcast's Prayer"

Some chap with a genuine sense of humor, mixed liberally with satire, cynicism, and caustic comment, wrote a piece which he called "An Outcast's Prayer." We submit it to you as follows:

"SAYS UNIVERSE IS SLOWLY SHRINKING"

Free Press headline "Universe is slowly shrinking" we still don't know exactly what it means, but just the same it is certainly something worth mulling over.

No Soap, Sailors

The British Admiralty has issued an order to the sailors of the fleet instructing them in the proper way to launder woollen to prevent shrinking.

Attention, Lascivious

Young Girl (in Savannah): Geef! I'm all wickersed upped. I ought to do so—Savannah News.

And Echo Answers

Black: "What do they mean by 'Don't you know?'"

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Sally's Sallies

There are laws against all "smoke signals" except the man with a well-laid pipe.

From the Eccentric Columns of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M. SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1881. President Garfield shot by the assassin Charles Giteau, at Washington, D. C., on Friday, July 2, 1881.

The assasin was promptly arrested and safely imprisoned, and no doubt met his just reward.

Monday, July 4, a special excursion train will run to Detroit. Owen Swan, veterinary surgeon and dentist, is doing a good lucra.

Richard W. Richards, cigar not tell the Eccentric.

Twenty-five years ago the folly of our tax law had been seen from the fact that many of our citizens were paying taxes in merely advertising tax lands.

How much money do you suppose Americans spent in advertising during 1930? In spite of the so-called business depression...

Point for the Moon Scientist finds that the radio voice is weaker when the moon is full—hitherto unsuspected beauty of moonlight—Arkansas Gazette.

Paralaffs

"Federation is prone to carelessness," says a magistrate. And after they have been careless they are prone to—The Huronist, London.

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The "Big Shots" Say—

High Bureaucratic, publisher Wall Street Journal: "The true cost of living has fallen 20 percent in two years."

Douglas MacArthur, Army Chief of Staff: "Modern firearms have eliminated the horse as a weapon and as a means of transportation he has generally become, next to the dismounted man, the slowest means of transportation."

Nicolas Murray Butler, president Columbia University: "Nature knows no such thing as equality; it is a human invention thrown up as an artificial barrier against selfishness and tyranny."

Mahatma Gandhi, Indian nationalist: "I have tried my utmost for permanent peace but I find nature against me."

Alfred Williams, American naval officer: "The United States talks fast and flies slowly. England and France are slow."

Ernest Hemingway, actor: "The reason young people do mad and terrible things is that they are bored."

Charles Spencer Chaplin, film comedian: "No one wanted or cared for me in England 17 years ago. I had to go to America for my bread and I got it there."

George W. Wickersham, chairman, law commission: "Two years is all too short a time in which to make thorough and searching investigation into the effect of law, or lack of law."

J. C. Carville, British editor: "If people are housed like pigs, you cannot expect them to become saints."

Olive Lhodge, British scientist: "When we search for the real cause of things which cannot be directly observed, but which can only be inferred by the action of the mind."

Franklin C. Hoyt, judge: "I've not once seen so much as a fleeting glimpse of a yellow beetle."

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