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A New Michigan Party

There's a new political storm brewing upon the fair landscape of Michigan. A group of Detroit and out-state male and female persons, calling themselves Michigan Progressives, have issued a call to members of any and all present political parties to meet in Jackson June 18 and there form an entirely new political organization.

Whose name leads all the rest that signed the "call". None other than Edward J. Jeffries, Detroit Judge, and last fall a candidate for Governor of Michigan. Others whose names accompany Jeffries are Dr. Frank D. Adams, Patrick H. O'Brien, Rev. Edgar Dewey Jones, Mrs. Harriet Williamson, Harry W. A. Howland, Ann R. Davidson, Clara Mitchell, and Dr. Murdoch M. Kerr.

Part of the "call" sets forth the following declaration of principles: It must be apparent that the intolerable economic conditions existing in the United States today cannot much longer endure if free institutions and democratic government are to be maintained.

While these conditions are universally admitted to exist all over this land, not a single remedy is offered by the leadership of either the Republican or Democratic parties, or any other respectable large group of voters.

That there are many orthodox, conservative and effective remedies for the immediate relief of this almost hopeless condition is also apparent but without any organized group of citizenry advocating them, large enough to challenge public attention.

That while congressional action is primarily necessary to apply any effective remedy to relieve this situation, it requires state and congressional organization to crystallize public opinion and to promote men to public office who will sympathetically support national and state legislation calculated to bring the prosperity to the nation's financial and industrial life.

Political Fountains

Newspaper comment in many Michigan journals leads one to puzzle among Governor Brucker's veto of the malt tax, and its later passage over his veto by the two houses of the Legislature.

A FEW DAYS AGO THE LOVE-BEATING hearts of Prince A. Midvanti and Miss Louisa Souding were united in one what-you-call loud sousing anthem as they became a couple newlyweds.

SIXTEEN HUNDRED STEEL workers in Ohio went back to work after a strike. Having struck while the iron was hot, they probably decided to cool off before making any more sparks fly.

ONE MICK THING about not owning a horse is the lack of necessity of buying a harness. Anyway, what should a married man add to his own necessity for being on the jump these days.

JOHN J. RASKOB MAY HAVE BEEN the financial genius of General Motors, but he certainly requires a correspondence course in raising money for the Democratic party.

IT NEVER EXPLECTED to have such a cloud hanging over me, lamented the aviatrix as she clung to her parachute after a quick exit from her airplane.

IT'S SOMETHING like the task of a restaurant owner to get too many orders who you won't be able to carry them out.

MARRIAGE MAY BE, TO REFRY, a great and beneficial institution, but to others it is a divorce that really pays.

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Death Toll Mounts

Nearly 100,000 people met accidental death in the United States in 1930. To be exact, 97,900 human beings slipped off this planet earth during the year just past—the greatest number in the history of the country.

There has been a steady increase each year since 1921 when there were 73,993 such fatalities. The 1930 total, incidentally, represents the smallest annual increase since 1921.

The motor vehicle toll was 33,000 lives—another all-time high record. Home fatalities ran a close second with approximately 30,000 deaths.

Industrial accidents and public accidents not involving motor vehicles remained about the same as in 1929.

The United States continues to lead the world in accidents by a wide margin. General increases, however, are noticed in nearly all important countries because of the growth of the motor vehicle problem.

Men continue to have the most accidents. Accidents are second only to heart disease as a cause of death among males. Among women accidents rank fifth as causes of death.

From 1922 to 1929 accidental deaths of persons of all ages increased 28 per cent. During the same period deaths among children under 15 years of age decreased 2.3 per cent. This is clearly the result of intensive safety education among children.

Ten Great Discoveries

You are interested in life—your life, and its relation to the world in which you live. We suggest that you acquaint yourself with the ten greatest human discoveries made by scientists within the past 100 years.

- (1) Formulation of the principle of conservation of energy—the first law of thermodynamics. (2) Formulation of the principle of degradation of energy—second law of thermodynamics. (3) Discovery of the facts of evolution. (4) Discovery of radioactive substances. (5) Discovery of the age of the earth, sun, stars. (6) Development of evidence of the interconvertibility of mass and energy. (7) Discovery that all elements are built up from hydrogen. (8) Evidence of the annihilation of negative and positive electrons in the interior of heavy atoms. (9) Precise measurements on the relative masses of atoms. (10) Discovery of cosmic ("Millikan") rays.

For Your Inspiration—

The other day Marjorie Elaine Porter, The Eccentric's society editor, placed the following poem on our desk. In the hope that it will be of personal value to you who read this column each week, we pass it on.

I am a power, a king! He who will follow me, wins everything; I have found fortune, and brought her to men, I have forced failure back into her den, I made the roadway that leads up to fame, I reach my goal, and you are left to blame.

SOMETHING IS WRONG with the manner in which Michigan farmers are mugged of some profits that dispatches which we read in the Detroit News by James Steinwald, a local and news reporter from Stearns, the treatment accorded the farmer makes one's blood curdle; the farmers ought to do something collectively, else the cows ought to get mad and make their own milk curdle.

THE LITTLE OLD RED SCHOOL is rapidly vanishing from our present civilization, at the rate of 4,000 non-question words which bring the answer to that common question: what has become of the well educated child who, upon graduation, is able to make his way in the world?

FRITZ KREIBEL, noted violinist, says the way to determine good music is to observe your spine when music is being played; if a thrill runs up and down your spine, then the music is good. It is possible that some people never will be able to enjoy good music?

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EX-NTRIX

From the Eccentric Columns of Long Ago

(Headlines in Detroit papers: "Says Fiat Is a Girl Astray" "Short Skirts and Bowlegs" "Grace Girls")

It must be awful to be a girl Astray. She's not a girl Astray. When bow-legs and short skirts will make her brain whirl. Flat-foot lead to sin—or the stage.

If her ankles are weak we doubt she'll show the pique. And unless she's a blonde her hair will be cause for death by vexation.

"Accuracy Always" A large proportion of the men and women connected with the moving picture industry as seen in the columns of this paper, are said to be men and women who got their early training by writing for the papers. But newspaper men, at least those worthy of the name, are brought up under the banner of truth, accuracy and impartiality.

There will be a "tee" to draw your attention to the fact that the Detroit roads on the town line between Troy and Bloomington, Mich., are being commanded by Tom Adams, which will be sufficient guarantee that the work will be well done.

Postmaster Hanna's salary has been raised \$100, making it now \$1500 per year. Pontiac mourneth because they are not in Hanna's pay.

AND THIS BUSINESS DIED The story is told that a certain well-to-do Detroit citizen, who a few years ago was a household name, has almost disappeared from the city.

Some of our boys seem to have the gymnasium grade. That is, they are not in the gymnasium, but they are in the gymnasium.

With the formal acceptance of the new tax roll by the Birmingham Village Council, the high valuation mark for Birmingham real and personal property has been set.

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The "Big Shots" Say—

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

THE SANDY HOOK PILOT The origin of this habit was mysterious, but it was of a piece with the pilot's desire in all ways to have about him nothing of the sort. Not that he was ashamed of his calling. Nay, I think rather because he was too proud of it.

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THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING—

to wake up some day and discover that the product he has placed on the market by a manufacturer with more modern ideas of salesmanship, who believes in advertising.

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Al of Us

WE HAD A Village Smithy, but he wasn't much like the noble fellow that Longfellow has written of.

HE HAD "large and sinewy hands," too, and the "muscles of his brawny arms were [also] strong as iron bands."

THAT shop was a fascinating place for kids, to see that big fellow, for all his stout build, lift a great truck horse's leg to his knee and give it a slight rattle for remedy.

SOMETIMES he permitted us to have a few horse shoe nails. They made fine rings. Or if you stuck a nail through a cork and put three chicken feathers in the other end of it, you have a perfect dart, and boys love to knock them at school-room children.

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