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The Public's Willingness To Fly To Arms From THE ECCENTRIC Columns of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO More than 1,500 loads of live have been harvested from the mill pond this winter.

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Large Cities Breaking Down

Without any desire to be pessimistic, but on the contrary with only a hope to suggest the possibility of a truth, we are going to make the following statement: The large cities of the world are breaking down.

Business economists today have compiled charts and statistics which show that nine out of every ten businesses started, from a peanut stand to a great corporation, fail, are dissolved, or are absorbed by other companies during the first ten years of their existence.

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All of Us

EVERYTHING is topsy-turvy. Didn't you know that? Yes, you did—but you haven't put it into words. And we often know truths without discovering them.

A Remarkable Meeting

Birmingham's fundamental gentility asserted itself Tuesday night of last week when 160 local men and women, about evenly opposed as to their conviction upon the subject under discussion, met in the Baldwin high school to await the decision of the Board of Education with regard to a renewal of the contract of Superintendent Vliet.

Five Years Ago

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Most authorities on modern warfare and military defense agree that it is hardly possible because of the unwillingness of the people to fly to arms. They argue that, when conditions become strained between two nations, they instinctively look around for a club—the club in this case being an army and a navy.

You may use the modern fire station as an analogy in the matter, if you wish. Stations, manned by good firemen, equipped with the most efficient tools for fighting fires, are scattered throughout every populous center.

With an army and a navy, when it is called out only is used as a weapon to put down offensive invasion, or to begin an offense of its own, but it is too of itself, especially in these highly organized days of profitable war manufacture by "the interests," like throwing gasoline on a small blaze—it adds to the conflagration.

Monkey Business

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Will Some Ardent Disciple of the League of Nations tell us the answer to this question: of what value is a League of Nations agreement to maintain peace among its signatories, when a country like Japan ignores every treaty and entreaty and wages war?

NUMEROUS OAKLAND COUNTY BANKS that have closed during the past year are being investigated by Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty, of Pontiac. Judge Doty, who for several years served as Birmingham's village attorney, is known here for his honesty and integrity.

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DISCOVERY OF POLITICAL ELECTRICITY—1932



The Other Chap Says Something

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF Charles Darwin, old, tired in the sunset of his life, sits writing in his diary.

More than a year ago this column made practically the same statement as above, only we called it a mental condition, which is fear and overcautiousness.

Light Can't Break In

With all the common people scraping and worrying about the daily expenses and their taxes, and many not knowing how to meet them, yet the political power of our politicians is so great.

Explained

The reason the old West got results was because it suspended the bad man instead of the good.

Just For the Fun of It

Changeable Colors They were stopping at a big hotel. A fortune teller has just told me that I was going to marry a blonde in a month.

Consolation (or Something)

You are living somewhere, dear. Far away from me. Living, with no tender thought, Of days that used to be.

Fear Kills Prosperity

Two of New York's great bankers are so afraid of the possibility that is that delays the economic recovery of the United States.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events of local interest, and is especially interested in news connected with the editorial staff of the paper.

To the Editor: I have a resident of said township in this village who for five years, has three children and always been interested in school affairs.

I indeed I probably speak for many a sincere and thoughtful citizen of our village when I say to suggest that it is about time to revise a system that permits such spectacles which took place at the School Board meeting last week.

When a public servant has been elected, he should be held to his job and perform his duties with unbiased and intelligent administration, who succeeds in giving to our village a present rating of scholastic standing.

This is no time or sufficient reason for dealing with our school system and even more so that of that Board knows it. Do they presume to think they have settled the matter and for all they have lost of the politics and taken action according to their own private views, sending no contrary evidence that was worthy of the name.

What about the other group who are cognizant of the present and achievements of the present administration? Is anything of their kind to be done? If so, let them come, when it will require the help and experience in school administration according to the time that something is done about it.

Our Scrap Book

As I write this comment I am looking over the first ten years of my life, looking over the first ten years of my life, looking over the first ten years of my life.

"Cory," a white collared man, owned by Mrs. Victor Edwardson, of Goshen, Ind., is dead from a stroke of the heart.

In the meantime, Mrs. Edwardson wrote her sister-in-law, asking that the dog be sent back to her. She said she would like to have the dog at the hotel at the lake. The trip had been too strenuous.

German money is being used to help itself into an impregnable position. When the collector comes by the door, the money is taken by the wolf—the "New Yorker."

As a general thing, when young men are in love he thinks nothing is good enough for her except his own money.

As to the price deficit, there is to be some way of stamping it out—Weston Leader. They are looking as though a lot of summer money is being made through the winter—Dunbar's Weekly, Phoenix, Ariz.