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The Brotherhood Of Taxes

editors in many out-state sections have mmented, during recent weeks, upon the extrava-nce of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Berrien Counup huge Covert road and county drain sys look with disgust and disfavor (some right well warranted, too, we agree) upon the agitation to have the State enter the picture natural to demand that "he who dances pay dler himself." So The Eccentric, in submitting diced notion that the out-state tolks root to the relief of the four counties mentioned.

we do suggest that the out-state editors, and all others interested in the problem, digest this fact: that unless some State relief is afforded to this Covert and and drain problem, the delinquent taxes in these our counties is going to increase by leaps and bounds and right there is where the remainder of Michigan fits into the picture.

Take a piece of property in Wayne, Oakland, Mafollars, and pays a total tax of, let us say, twenty-eight follars. For the sake of illustration, let us divide that total tax as follows: school, \$10.00; county, \$4.00; ip, \$2.00; Covert road, \$6.00; county drain, \$2.00; State, \$4.00. That makes the total of \$28.00 in

proceed.

The piece of property, a vacant lot that used (only after years age) to grow nice alfalfa, was converted by the real estate boys into part of a subdivision during the recent boam prosperity era. Because of the lack of real continued need as a homesite, the lot remains vacant, acquires an increase in total taxes because of the "improvements" installed, including roads, drains, sidewalks, etc., etc. This year that lot is returned for the third time to the country treasurer, with taxes definiquent. Now what happens?

Well, the property is sold for taxes,—if it is situated where its eventual future is assured. But (and auditor-general O. B. Fuller will substantiate this) for several years these delinquent properties have been hard to dispose of at a tax sale; they go back to the state. Then what happens?

at happens? definitely been removed from the tax roll! No in its value be used in figuring the total tax the State, or for any of its various governments. Inability to meet tax demands, in thesities, so often because of road and drain taxes, well thousands of descriptions from the State's property tax roll. Then what happens?

the amount call at thousand parcels of Oakland, Maer

have thought that road and drain exin the four counties should be paid for by
usured them, (and fundamentally you are
boost it), but Old Man Economics doesn't
that way; you cannot hold out your hand
that governmental expense, be stopped,
westigate; the Ship of State, when it is
out upon the high seas, requires that every

as of road and drain taxes have been during the past decade in these four aties. But those same lands that the ulator placed tremendous values upon at a quarter of America's population , also produced some nice taxes for the

These Are War's Days

than that number who were wounded) you may away. The roads were so all-fired imagine what immense profits were piled by in the state of the process of a return to a more bloodless system of human combat, industry and the mechanical era took a no an enlarged sphere of human activity. Crain portions of the world, including our own country, were plunged into an orgy of speculation. Monoprotons of the world, including our own country, were plunged into an orgy of speculation. Monoprotons of the world, including our own country, were plunged into an orgy of speculation. Monoprotons of the world, including our own country, were plunged into an orgy of speculation. Monoprotons of the world, including our own country, were plunged into an orgy of speculation. Monoprotons of the world, including our own country, were plunged into an orgy of speculation. Monoprotons of the world will be specially the special point of the special and right there is where the remainder of Michifits into the picture.

Take a piece of property in Wayne, Oakland, Math, or Berrien County; it is assessed at one thousand
the want, human misery, human death.

was springtime for all of us. Will we be wise cought to refrain from cutting every flower, from trimming the very branch from every tree, from cutting the laws too close? We ought to take a lesson from Nature too close? We ought to take a lesson from Nature too close? We ought to take a lesson from Nature to the cought to remember that we cannot grow continued propertity by cutting its roots with the knife of speculation, of greed and avarice. We ought to remember, too, that was is only a seed which will be the cought to remember, too, that was is only a seed which will be the cought to remember, too, that was is only a seed which will be the cought to remember, too, that was is only a seed which will be the cought to remember, too, that was is only a seed which will be the cought to remember, too, that was is only a seed which will be the cought to remember too. The remember too the militarists and other forms of a particular too. The remember too the militarists and other forms of a provided the cought of the present the event. The Eccentric extends its congratulations to its Oakland County journalistic incognation, and wishes it many more years of success. The Review was started by John A. Neal, late father of the present editor, Googe H. Neal. Fifty years is a long time to get out a newspaper, and reflects comparable to the sure of the present editor, Googe H. Neal. Fifty years is a long time to get out a newspaper, and reflects comparable to the sure of the present editor, Googe H. Neal. Fifty years is a long time to get out a newspaper, and reflects comparable to the sure of the present editor, Googe H. Neal. Fifty years is a long time to get out a newspaper, and reflects comparable to the present editor, Googe H. Neal. Fifty years is a long time to get out a newspaper, and reflects comparable to the present edition, Googe H. Neal. Fifty years is a long time to get out a newspaper, and reflects comparable to the present edition, Googe H. Neal. Fifty years is a great of the present edition, Googe H. Neal.

All of Us -By Marshall Maslin-

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been such sob convulsively and are racked such sob convulsively and are racked and not sure that we ought to mourn for the deal and not sure that we ought to mourn for the deal and not know which is better—life or death. It was at death is the greatest gift that ever came from re's hands. We do not know!

Le sounds so bitter. He seems to be leading us to some abvas of cynickyn. The sounds have the sound so better the seems to be leading us the some abvas of cynickyn.

Le sound so better the seems to be leading us the some abvas of cynickyn.

Le sound so we would care the seems to be leading us to some abvas of cynickyn.

From THE ECCENTRIC Columns of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Eden in the winter time.

FIVE YEARS AGO

An increase of more than 33
percent gain is shown in the business done by the Birmingham post office during 1926 over that of the property of the property of the year of year.

128,690.79 the year previous.

Woodward avenue through Birmingham to 100 feet are being prepared today by the State High-way Commission under the direction.



SPEAKING OF COLD SNAPS

The Other Chap Says Something-

UNCLE SAM

se mothers sucking bases breast, se traffic cops along the street, see rushing crowds on eager feet, see thousands caught in fortune's jam—
Ill these, and you and I, are Uncle Sam.

sham—
All these, and you and I, are
Uncle Sam.
This miner climbing from the mine,
This boot-black calling for your shine,
This lawyer pleading at the bar,
This doctor rushing by in car,
This druggist measuring gill and

gram—
All these, and you and I are
Uncle Sam.

Uncle Sam.
hose prosperous in high estate,
hose beggars waiting at the gate,
hose morns breeding in the slums
hose soldiers stepping to the
drums,
hose topers swigging down their

Not any or all of these are Uncle

Not any or all of these are Uncle Sam. But ploneers on land and Sea, Unnumbered millions yet to be Of noble men who work and plan To build and guard their native all and; Whalaid; do their civic share Unflishingly and unaware of these who praise or those who damn.

THE SMALL CAPITALIST

the big bankers control all the nation's wealth by means of bank consolidations and mergers?

Moral—Stand by our local Moral—Stand by our local stands of the man who comes to you with an investment. If it were a good investment, he would not need to come to you or to be pedding it out! A good investment need to come to you or to be pedding it out! A good investment Bryce in Grand Ledge Independent.

THE PENSION ROLL.
At the end of October, 1931,
there were 449,428 pensioners on
the government rolls, a decrease
of 717 during the month. How
these are distributed by classes is
shown by the following:
Mexican War—Widows, 521.
Civil War—Soldiers, 36,975;
army nurses, 22; widdows, 149,830.

830. Indian Wars—Soldiers, 5,295; widows, 4,375. War with Spain—Soldiers, 1,95,-666; army nurses, 520; widows, 34,620. World War—Soldiers, 40; wid-

orld War-Soldiers, 40; wid-

Our Scrap Book

HOW POTTERY-MAKING WAS BORN

Some of the cliff-dwellings contain ne timbers, and among these are crudely built structures which have every appearance of greater age than the large community dwellings with their expert maage that the large community dwellings with their expert masonry. The inhabitants of some of these crude shelters, such as those in Walhut Canyon, Arizona, did not make pottery as did the body build creedlers, but used the complex of the complex

Lines to a Lost Art I may not be healthy or w I may not have dreamy, myst ious eyes;

My contract is faulty, my dancing is grim, But I never lack for a favorite waffles I make fairly tickle

I may not be pretty or witty or

The "Big Shots" Say:-

lous eyes;
I may not wear clothes from a French fashion book,
But I'm never lonely—for, Boy,
I can cook! I may not be clever my wise cracks are rare
But so are my pies—so I really don't care.

My reparter's seldom the sort Don C. Seitz, "Marconi's

s bewitchin', the proposals I've had kitchen! t E. Sangster in "Life" values."

Jest For the Fun of It

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