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sion.

And when it is indulged in by a Village Commission any other public body it stimulates an interest public affairs through the operation of a dramatic beal for which all mankind feels an attraction. "Less secreey and more open discussion" should the policy of the present Commission if it really that the public to know and take an interest in what policy on in the Village.

Out-State Editor Discusses Our Village Tax Rate

Village Tax Rate

Birmingham's tax situation came in for a bit of commentary the state when editor Murl H. Defon, of Challette, reacred to an editorial in The Eccentric, titled one. Tax Rate Too High?' Editor in Defon, former state on Tax Rate Too High?' Editor in Defon, former state on Tax Rate Too High?' Editor in Defon, former state on Tax Conditions of the control of the state of the control of the contr

ges.) Furthermore, Mr. Parry says, it is reason-to assume that Birmingham's population will ble within 30 years, in which case the per

within 10 years, in which case the per indebtedness per year would be \$6.50. If which emphasizes the danger of too theory in the operation of public affairs, ablic is actually suffering today from these theory in the operation of public is actually suffering today from the competent engineer but when he sets out and any public works program representing capita debt of \$372 he shows that his in education lacks a proper balance.

Does The Township Care?

On December 30 a committee of the Property Owners' Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board handed over to the Blomfield Township Supervisor, Perry A. Vaughan, a report suggesting certain economies in the management of township affairs, including the budget. This report, in reality an expression of the taxpayers toward their elected township officials, has not been recognized as this is written, Saturday evening. The fact that the township officials have not yet had time to pay attention to such a report suggests that, perhaps, the township officials have felt that the public is out of order in becoming interested in the matter.

As you may recall, the township last fall was

Here is Why More Citizens Do Not Attend Village Meetings
In the course of a discussion at a meeting of the Village Commission as few weeks ago, Commissioner-Lawrence Public testem an interest in Village Commission as few weeks ago, Commissioner-Lawrence Public Village Commission as few weeks ago, Commissioner-Lawrence Public Village Commission as few weeks ago, Commissioner-Lawrence Public Village Commission as the village affairs. It would like to see this room packed with citizens every Monday night.

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All of Us -By Marshall Maslin-

I KNOW a small boy who says that "all girls are silly." I know a little girl who thinks "boys aren't nice."

I'll keep an eye on both of them and after a few years I'll laugh— but they'll not know what I'm laughing at.



many people, since, trying desperately to r initials on the turtle we call Life—and no better tham I did with the little river

People have said to me, "Can't you listen to Reason!"
Yes, I can listen to Reason, but I don't like her
voice. It is so harsh, so impatient, so ruthleasly logidata. She gives me no chance to be foolish. She cra
dures none of my nonsense. She looks at me so condures none of my nonsense. She looks at me so contemptuously.
I could listen asore happily to Reason if she spoke
more sweletly to her truant children.

From The **Eccentric Columns** of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO Agron Shepherd, one mile north of Royal Oak, is gaining quite a reputation as a horse doctor with almost an unbroken record of successful treatment to the poor sick equines. We shall soon have to add "M. D." to his name.

outculs have felt that the public is out of order in becoming interested in the matter.

As you may recall, the township last fall was requested to meet with the Property Owners' committee to go over the township budget; they accepted the felt of a new thing while others with offer—and shortly thereafter met in practical secrecy and passed their own budget, without ever advising with the committee.

Observing the apparent lack of interest the township officials are paying to interested taxpayers, onship officials are paying to interested taxpayers, onlight hazard the prophecy that, given a sufficient number of years, the chaps who run Bloomfield Township may some day recognize the voters. But, in that event, it will probably be a new set of chaps.

Human Nature

which have strengthened civic life and done away with the hounds, came the motive which have strengthened civic life and done away with the strength of the strength of

ANOTHER CASE OF ONE-MAN DOG



The Other Chap Says Something-

N INTERVIEWING ONESELF
A writer on business, turning to the other owners, the continuances, focused his attention upon himself, how he per anally regarded modern problems of how far he had gone towns, the form of queries and any the continuances, the form of queries and any the continuances, the form of queries and any the continuances, the form of queries and any the continuance of the con

what is my attitude toward the machine civilization as it after the machine civilizat and social relationships.—Christian Science Monitor.

I THEL LITTLE MOUNTAIN GIRL.
I recall walking one sundown on an old upland road that ran over the edge of a long-deserted of the sundown of the comparison of the comparison of the comparison of the comparison of the manner in which, from the coign of vantage, the watcher can see how the stars march up the great dome for vantage, the watcher can grow the stars march up the great dome procession, carrying tapers, joyousty climbing a mighty hill. I reached the pasture just at the right motwell the comparison of th

Wall street reports that the public is getting in the market again. It's close to the season when the saps begin to rise.—

Some Mitigation in Death Another difference betw Another difference between death and taxes is that death does-n't grow worse every time the Legislature meets.—Los Angeles Times.

Ought To Be
There ought to be a law to
make typewriter manufacturers
place letters in the right place so
that a fellow would make no mistakes.—Flordia Times-Union.

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We judge that it was rather
hard for the President to get the
legion boys to concentrate on the
ship of state when their minds
were on schooners.—Boston Herald.

Jest For the Fun of It



Spanish Screnade, With Gestures Softly, the bright Castilian moon Over the balcony is stealing, Beckoning me to follow soon. (Jiggle some castanets with feel-ing).

Out from the casement wafts a sigh,
Telling of love for which you're
pining:
Take heart, my dove, for I am nigh. ourish a cape to show its lin-ing).

Kisses, light as the ocean's foam, Blow from my lips to you, and with them— Er—did you say your husband's home? (Clatter the feet in Spanish rhythm). rhythm).

E. B. Crosswhite in "Judge"

Don't Look
She: If looks could kill, I'd assasinate you with a glance!
He: If looks could kill, it would be suicide for you to look into the mirror.

opening for me."
"And did you find it?" asked his fr "I certainly did. I'm in a fear-ful hole now."

A Good Backing
Optimist: The best thing in the
orld is a clear conscience.



"Yessuh, it's all hear, but it are jist is."

The "Big Shots' Say:

Francois Coty, publisher of oro, French newspaper: "Never since the war France found herself from e point of view in a better pos to reestablish her situation."

Silas Strawn, president, U. Chamber of Commerce: "Twenty-two per cent of population are farmers. You ke they are not plutocrats."

James Curley, mayor of Boston announcing a five-day week for annouscus; city employees: "The five-day week is here. You nerease the number of employees by sixteen percent and you offset he vanishing job,"

William Green, president, can Federation of Labor The worker must be r secure in the enjoyment right to work as the sto is in the enjoyment of h to own property."

try:
"A genius could find in the lock of an average five and ten ent store materials with which to ssemble entensive trains of appa-

William Ralph Inge, dean o Paul's London: "I have often found my sleeping peacefully with on my own books upside down her knee."

J. W. McCormack, mem Congress from Massael "The five-day week is the means to combat the of the machine which, by will have displaced more timilion workers."

Roger W. Babson, business stat-istician:
"All this talk of destroying crops, restricting production and interfering with other natural laws is both foolish and danger

Simeon D. Fees, U. S. Senator from Ohio: "The country has all the assets it ever has possessed with the sin-gle exception of confidence."

Herbert Hoover, President, in letter to the New York Tin 1 "The most obvious thing Democracy is that it cannot fution except when accompanied a free and constructive press.

Our Scrap Book

aroun. He

"A wise old owl lived in an oakd The more he saw the less h

It was Mr. Cable, astu erception, who first n ealize that there was more collidge than most collidge than July 2 o Northampton to see h

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