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NO. 1 The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have news value and which are written by persons not connected with the editorial staff of the paper.

Times And Taxes

It is hardly common to hear one say "Oakland County is so saddled with public indebtedness, as are many other sections of Michigan, that there must be a very drastic paring down of government costs or we will all be bankrupt."

Pulver Is Loyal

Sen. R. Pulver, able Owassee attorney, has been selected by Governor Brucker to direct his campaign this year.

Warm Up The Cold Facts

Cold fact company produces 1,000,000 a month; must be shipped somewhere to make room for next month's production. But that cold fact won't sell a single one.

For Some Politicians

Ripley refers an old man in Trinidad who walks six miles twice each day to spit in the sea, and who is known as "Old Man Spit-in-the-Sea."

Warm Up The Cold Facts

When you warm up, you get a cold. When you get a cold, you get warm. When you get warm, you get a cold.

Do You Know Those Three-cent Stamps Lacking?

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All of Us

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Women Should Act From the Eccentric Column of Long Ago

The veteran suffragist leader, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, urges the women of America to give their support to all movements looking toward disarmament.

"The time has come," she said, "when the women of the world must make some sort of demonstration that they are not willing to put up with war in any form."

"We women are tired of the timid type of commission on disarmament," said Mrs. Catt. "We hope something will really be done at the next Geneva Commission. War is a foolish kind of thing."

Counterfeit Money

Uncle Sam may be short of money with which to balance his budget—but that is not the fault of the counterfeiters of today, for the Chief of the United States Secret Service says that there is more bogus money in circulation now than ever before in our country.

During 1931 a total of 1,524 persons were arrested for making or passing counterfeit bills; \$191,917 in illegal notes were destroyed by the Secret Service.

Considering the fact that the total paper currency in circulation amounts to \$4,612,786,677, the one-half million in counterfeit offers some proof that the public respects some federal laws, at least.

Eaton Devours Brucker

Ron R. Eaton, editor of the Plymouth Mail, quotes a recent speech of Governor Brucker's in which the latter is recorded as saying: "The taxpayers of Michigan are going to be disappointed. They are not going to get the tax reduction they expected."

Editor Eaton goes on to say that the taxpayers will get the desired reduction, because they will get it by the election of some other Republican, or Democrat, for Governor. Some day the taxpayers may be induced to do this.

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THE "JUNKERS" TAKE CHARGE AGAIN!

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The "Big Shots" Say:

Edward, Prince of Wales: "I am a very busy man. I have a lot of things to do. I am a very busy man. I have a lot of things to do."

Arthur Brisbane, editor: "The issues are these: depression, protection, unemployment, and the bonus for soldiers if jobs are not provided."

James G. Harbord, Major-General, U. S. Army: "I am a very busy man. I have a lot of things to do. I am a very busy man. I have a lot of things to do."

Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University: "I would to God we could reach a point where politicians for even one statement."

Albert, King of the Belgians: "Only united action in international solidarity can bring remedies for the profound ills of the world."

Robert Howe, former Chancellor of the British Exchequer: "The deflation from which we are suffering was deliberately adopted by our monetary authorities in 1921 and has been carried on to the extent of impoverishing the country."

Edward Arlington Robinson, poet: "Be sure that you know what you want to do. If you are sure of it, success will probably take care of itself—so long as you do not want to write poetry."

Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University: "The issue is abroad in our national democracy an infectious disease, which may best be described as candidianitis. It attacks both the mind and the body of the seat of courage."

Cardozo, Chief Justice: "The women of today are beautiful and horrible, captivating and repulsive, as well as serpents and diamonds."

Wm. G. McAdoo, after chatting with Al Smith: "If a man can't have a sense of humor after eight years and a half of office, he is probably not a man. There is something wrong with him."

ParaLaf's: "Congress appropriates millions from an empty treasury, and then spends the money for nothing. They do not own—Jacksonville Journal."

Estirely: "A teacher says the matter of preaching is of little importance to the preaching minister. Others more radical, are for dispensing with this entirely.—Richmond Times-Dispatch."

Much: "Much to their credit, all of the Seaboard investigation reporters manfully resisted the temptation to say that Jimmie was wise-cracked under the strain.—Springfield Union."

No Danger: "The exploits of Mr. Means suggest that there is no danger of America going off the gold brick standard. Norfolk, Virginia: Pilot."

We Imagine: "We imagine Mr. Pitman gets rather tired answering the question, 'Who drives the car at your house?'—Ohio State Journal."

And If—: "And if the country is in as bad shape as the Democratic orators pretend, it is a good thing that so many of them want to be president of it.—Judge."

NEARBY and YONDER... By T. T. Macey. Spawning the St. Lawrence: "This was when the wonders of the world numbered seven, but today, wonders are numerous. One of them is the giant boulevard of steel which engineers have hung across the high waters of the majestic St. Lawrence river and in turn to the world as the greatest engineering feat of all time."



The Other Chap Says Something—

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS: We don't know who this unhappy man on earth is but we know who the unhappy people are. They are the people who thought they could buy happiness with money.

SHOWERS ARE AGAIN: WORTH A MILLION DOLLARS: History does repeat. Years ago, in the period preceding the World War the crop prospects and the stock market's ups and downs supplied the index to riches.

TODAY: With the setting sun, your hopes yesterday died out. All right, that was yesterday. Things didn't materialize the way you dreamed they would.

FIVE YEARS AGO: An increase of \$324 per year and inflation on the school budget for the year 1932-33 was announced today following the completion of figures by the State Board of Education.

What are you doing with it? Answer that. Moping? Growing? Despairing? For shame!

THE FAULTY LOGIC: Perhaps state officials should be given courses to develop logic. At least there is one official hold-up in the state government.

Where's Father? "Where's Father?" "Where's Mother?" "Dinwastars."

Famous Firsts: "I thought it seemed quiet."

Patric: "Patric children are ousting Foreign Communists. They propose to do so by contacting—Washington Post."

Jest For the Fun of It: "I thought it seemed quiet."

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Our Scrap Book

HAWTHORNE'S PROSE: Hawthorne knew the secret of producing magical effects by quiet means. He had perfect command of the materials by which are rendered the half-toned delicate shadings, the mysterious opalescent hues of beautiful prose.

There is no trace of effort in his writing. The reader feels as if he had a breath of inspiration. Such directness and precision of touch must always be a source of wonder and delight, not alone to writers who fumble their sentences, but to skilled literary craftsmen as well.

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