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Paying Taxes In Bonds

Property owners who have been crying for relief from their tax burdens should be able to find plenty of it in the arrangement which makes it possible for delinquent taxes to be paid in bonds.

Best Of Success, Merchants!

Here are wishes for the best of luck for the new Birmingham Retail Merchants Association.

Grand Juries Correct But Little

There seems to be a sort of staid, morbid cynicism surrounding many of the grand jury investigations in this city.

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H. G. Wells Writes Of Life In 2106 A. D.

No skyscrapers will be standing two centuries hence, prophesies H. G. Wells, British historian and novelist. They will have been demolished to make way for larger, finer, more livable cities.

"The twenty-first century," he says, "re-discovered the experience of the nineteenth century and the first centuries of the Christian era, a discovery also made by Alexander the Great, that it is much easier to build great modern cities in new places than to modernize the old centers of activity."

Mr. Wells foresees a new era of homes, quickly erected and even more quickly destroyed. "We no longer will have the writer's habit of writing in his member's abandoned house than to wear the old clothes of the dead."

And speaking of clothes, he recalls the fifty twentieth century, when "men would wear their underclothes for years, having them painfully washed out, dried, ironed, and returned weekly, and all the old dress, the various garments with all the old fastenings, buttons, zips, buckles, and so forth, sometimes for years, they had to be made of dark fabrics with broken patterns to conceal their grime."

And in the world of 2106, level becomes the simplest of matters. Mr. Wells sees the originator of that day arranging himself for a vacation to the ends of the earth. Off he goes in the clothes he wears, armed only with his wallet, his identification papers, and perhaps a memorandum book or some other little device.

Politics And Racketeers

A United States district attorney in New York City has told a grand jury that certain Tammany political leaders, who have long controlled the big metropolis, have an alliance with underworld leaders, with the result that both factions make huge racketeering profits.

If huge centers of population, such as an alliance had a surprise-such collision, exist in various forms in more strata of the public's business than the average citizen can be made to believe.

The only way to do away with such corruption is for the citizens to organize themselves privately into small, but cohesive, groups, so that they may do two things: to catch the racketeer, and to keep him out of the government.

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WE'VE HAD ENOUGH!



FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

—of Long Ago

Bits Of News Cleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Made Up The History Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Gold nights—corn weather. The all absorbing topic yesterday was the burglar.

Tramps and desperados are things up at East and the Bulletin says they want E. C. Rippleton up here again. Can't spare him.

Misses Gertrude Bigelow and Georgia Blakeley and H. Tracy Randall, in this place and Ed Hodder of Detroit, passed their pleasant day at the Star Island House and St. Clair Hotel.

FIVE YEARS AGO

With 3,827 persons registered in Bloomfield Township, interest here is centered in the primary election for the state and county clerkship.

Excavation was started today for Birmingham's new postoffice at 214 North Woodward avenue.

Jest For The Fun Of It

A Different Will. "What's the matter with Brown?" He looks blue. "He's been contesting his wife's will."

Famous Firms Tried & True

Question and Answer. "Get something in your eye?"

CALL OF US

By Marahel Maslin. MANY THINGS my heart yearns to throw a forward pass while the opposition drives directly upon him.

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Charles G. Davis, President, Reconstruction Finance Corporation. "I don't want to answer something that I don't know anything about. It would be a—good thing for some congressmen to take the same attitude."

John Grier Hibben, President, Princeton University. "Many of our industries are obliged to pay systematic permanent tribute under a modern feudal system."

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The Other Chap Says Something—

WHAT TO SELL. To be successful, a salesman must have imagination, energy, resourcefulness, and of course, knowledge.

"Don't sell clothes; sell personal appearance and attractiveness. Don't sell shoes; sell foot comfort and the pleasure of walking in the open air."

"Don't sell furniture; sell a home that has both comfort and refinement."

"Don't sell books; sell the joys and profits of knowledge."

"Don't sell toys; sell gifts that make the kids never associated with the pleasure of walking in the open air."

CHILD LABOR ENDED. One of the darkpages in American history was the exploitation of child labor by industry.

DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY. God does not finance country newspapers, but somehow it seems that He opens the doors of opportunity whereby the industrial leader has access to the storehouse for supplies.

ParaLuffs. The trouble with most open minds is that they are open on both ends.—E. H. B. Messenger.

IT'S A CASH CROP. The beet sugar industry in Michigan should be encouraged.

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