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Powers Given The President

Changes in our national life may come upon us as rapidly as the staff of Aeneas, who grew up under a rugged system of individualism, as they were to the American Indian when the Pilgrims descended upon the Red Man and sought to make him over. These changes are possible by virtue of the great powers bestowed upon President Roosevelt by the Congress.

Although the Congress did not set up the actual machinery with which to operate the power they granted the President, they did give him dominion and jurisdiction over affairs that concern every life in our nation. Some of these powers the President will never use, of course; some he will use only in part, and the rest he will use only in seeking to effect, especially as they relate to industry and unemployment.

There are most of those powers placed in the hands of Mr. Roosevelt, to be utilized if and when necessary: To make heavy deductions in the acreage devoted to farming; To levy a tax on the processors of agricultural products; To approve codes of fair competition in industry; To fix maximum hours and minimum wages for industrial employees; with the licensing of business enterprises.

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REGULATING THE AIR TRAFFIC



FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS. of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

FIFTY YEARS AGO. Pulices took well this afternoon. On Saturday, July 22, between John Crawford and the corners, a striped sawdust saw, and take away the most drilling ever written. George Shain's new residence on Willis street is getting on its feet and will be one of the most dwellings in town.

A cow tied head and feet belonging to James McBride, called to him fast enough to keep up with her companions last week and broke her neck in the attempt. Mrs. Eddy and little daughter Marion, of Michigan City, were the guests of Mrs. C. Utter, the fore part of this week. Miss Marjorie is a bright, pretty girl and captures all by her loving disposition.

Mr. Reese, the man who keeps first class trees arbor and nursery stick in general, has started a little nursery of his own at his residence on Ferris street. He has presented him with a bounding baby hog on Saturday last and Reese is ready.

Mrs. Madison Spear returned home from a visit to relatives in Cleveland one day last week. Referred to her trip to the city and that the worthy lady has been in 40 years, she pitched in and made her first trip to the city and saw all the sights worth seeing. She visited the tomb of Garfield, the monument to the Civil War, and saw all the sights worth seeing. She visited the tomb of Garfield, the monument to the Civil War, and saw all the sights worth seeing.

Twenty-five years ago. Wednesday last being the birthday anniversary. Mrs. Cass Blumberg was happily surprised by a visit from Mrs. H. S. Blumberg, Mrs. John Benjamin, Mrs. J. V. Young, Miss Anna Blumberg, and Mrs. LaVern Blumberg. Rev. C. A. Salyer will give his sermon on the subject of "The Mealy of the State," under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. at the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, July 28. At the Mercantile State Bank is a story written by the State. Bernice Babcock and in one of the most thrilling ever written. Mr. Salyer had it specially illustrated for this entertainment. The price of this brochure is placed low that all may attend, 10 and 15 cents.

The Other Chap Says Something

Michigan needs a leader. One of the favorite topics of conversation these days, at least among the more discussing states of affairs, is the matter of Michigan's next governor. At the present time Gov. Comstock's supporters are limited to appointive officeholders, and even they have their fingers crossed, and personal opinions in the matter of the governor has been given Mr. Comstock. The polls stopped because of his attitude, however, becomes more and more hopeless. It surely looks like he is going to follow in the footsteps of the late Governor, and be a one-termer. No brief is being held in any quarters for Mr. Bruckner's failure and Gov. Comstock appears to be in the same position. Quite unfortunately, too, politics seem to be coming to their end. Michigan is looking for a leader, and the right man will yet be produced. Harry L. Isaac in Durand Express.

Idiosyncrasies of Law. In Detroit the other day, a police cruiser saw two men in a taxicab, one handling a revolver. The police stopped because of the revolver. They were arrested and taken to the station. The men were armed with weapons. These men have an attorney who insists that the arrest was illegal because of the way the search warrant was offered. And there's some discussion whether these fellows are to be held in jail or not. It appears that because of these idiosyncrasies of the law, the men may be released to perpetrate their crime again upon an innocent citizen. The idiosyncrasies of the law, the men may be released to perpetrate their crime again upon an innocent citizen.

OBRIEN SPITTERS. We listened to Attorney General Tamm's speech in the Michigan City and at Mackinac Island in his recent visit to those places but we were not so much interested in anything that he had to offer. There's a man in our mind that's a good average, according to Mr. Plumstead, village treasurer. The collection in Birmingham commenced July 1 and 18 per cent, of the floor, no more. I'll hear that now the critter's lost his house. "Pete Rabid in Grand Rapids Chronicle."

IT LOOKS QUEER. Is the present administration at Lansing interested in law enforcement? Among the 1,200 prisoners in the Michigan State Penitentiary, commission of paroles and Democratic state chairman, since Jan. 1, are many characters with long criminal records. Recently appropriations for the state police force were cut to such an extent that the fine service of this department will have to be sharply curtailed. The spectacle of high state officials trying to persuade the warden of Marquette prison to break all rules and permit a New York

By a vote of four to three, Birmingham's village commission Monday night approved a plan to build a new city hall on Woodward avenue, into something of a rival in grandeur to Detroit's City Hall. The poles will be put on Woodward avenue from Oak street to Lincoln avenue.

Thoughts from Thoreau. "The shallow still water is unpathable. Wherever the trees and skirts are reflected, there is more than Atlantic depth, and danger of fancy running aground." "All that are printed and bound are printed and bound."

One Minute Pulpit. "Between whom there is hearty truth there is love; and in proportion to our truthfulness and sincerity in one another, our lives are divine and miraculous, and answer to our ideal."

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THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1934. The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have news value and which are written by persons not connected with the paper. The right to use such material may be presented before noon on Wednesday. The right to use such material is not guaranteed. Material should be submitted as early as possible to the editor of the paper. Material should be submitted as early as possible to the editor of the paper.

Shall Birmingham Borrow?

Shall the City of Birmingham go into debt to the extent of two or three hundred thousand dollars by building a sewage disposal plant? That is a question before this community as members of the City Commission debate the matter of borrowing such a sum of money.

Other projects have been suggested by manager James W. Parry to be included in a local public works program, such as a water softening plant, a large drain for the eastern section of the community, a grade-cutting elimination at East Maple and the old Grand Trunk roadbed, and possible paving of certain streets. The money to come from the R. F. C. loan.

As we view the situation, perhaps the sewage disposal plant is one that merits immediate consideration; certainly it is a necessary project for the sanitary well-being of the area. Even then, if the Commission seeks to go through with it, will the public who pay the taxes be given an opportunity to express themselves on it, or will they be forced to assume an increased debt charge without a direct voice in the matter?

Is Anything Really Yours?

Attempts by the United States government to compel gold holders to give up their yellow metal possessions in possession of the case of the 22 Detroit citizen who refused to have \$727 of it hidden. The court says that what is of universal interest. It will decide whether you must give it up for a species of currency that is not even an acknowledged receipt for the gold that you own.

Are Educators Greedy?

People are too greedy, and because of this such disturbances as wars come about. Dr. Alexander G. Ruthven, president of the University of Michigan, told the graduating class one fine day last month. The learned doctor is quite correct, we all admit. Now if only he will include in the University's curriculum a practical course that will pluck the weeds of greed, cupidity, lust, and general mindlessness from the thinking abilities of its youth, he will in a generation or two this our race will be felt in the world. It is not consistent, however, to hear Dr. Ruthven make his great pleas for anti-greed, and then observe how he and his wide influence seek to get additional tax revenues from an already over-burdened State of Michigan.

Are Non-Comstock, despite the Legislature's enactment of Lashley law, any of the best of the New York lawyer who has defended many of our worst characters. That's real Danton & Pythias loyal.

But does Michigan want to pay for such devotion? Do the Democrats want such a duet to head their misery? Surely, politics does make strange bed fellows. The Hon. G. H. HOLMES has been outwitted, and women have been given equality with the men. Many many women cannot find husbands and are turning to other more women than men. Well, let the women take over the government, legalize polygamy for women—it is at about time that the world recognize that it is the man who pays, and pays, and pays.

RAYMOND MOORE is reported to have spent \$100 of Uncle Sam's money in shipping news of the World Economic Conference at London to President Roosevelt. Well, for years "handi" across the sea has been an expense to the United States, so why quibble about a few words on the telephone?

One thing is quite certain about a frog: it is seasonal. For every spring it has a commission fall.