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What Shall Beer Be?

Knows individually the members of Birmingham's City Commission, we do not question their sincerity in trying to protect the morals of our people, when they passed their discriminatory "beer bill" last Monday.

As the Eccentric is concerned, we have long held that as long as the 18th Amendment is on the books, it ought to be enforced, and we believe that the publisher of this newspaper, for many years practiced what he has preached: That, at least, regard that we are not stockholders in any brewery or concerned with the profits from the sale of beer.

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We Must Save Ourselves

The farmers of America have been promised relief for many years, but their lands have been plowed hundreds of millions of federal dollars, yet today they are worse off than they ever were. The city workers of the United States too, for as many years have been promised all sorts of help and aid by the Washington politicians, but they have received nothing.

What is really wrong? Well, just remember that government reflects the people who constitute it, who support it; then no wonder why there has come a national collapse of nearly everything—except the politicians, who are loved and desired for power, that has caused this collapse.

The day is ahead when man must turn his efforts to the conquest of himself, if he would survive; for man's greatest dangers no longer are the wild beasts, the forests, famine or pestilence; man's greatest danger is the enemy of SELFISHNESS, GREED, and DESIRE FOR POWER that must be eliminated from his thoughts. The nation partially accomplished, and the world will be a veritable Utopia.

"One Of God's Great Men"

J. E. McMullen is the name of a 77-year-young chap who owns and edits the Linden Leader, a fine weekly newspaper up near Flint. Last week on May 4 he celebrated his birthday, commemorating at the same time 23 years of his own business life. McMullen, you may recall, is the editor we took through Jackson and Anonia prisons several years ago to disprove his contention that "modern prisons are like seaside resorts, and prisoners are treated like hotel guests." Or words to that effect. Mr. McMullen himself is a great man, in our estimation—though he would be the last to admit it. He has been married to a very wonderful lady, whose first name is Dorothea, he has been made by a much better man than he otherwise would be, and he dare not deny this, either. Congratulations, Mac! And you, too, Mrs. Mac—and may both of you live to the day when Gabriel himself will go into active partnership in recording the doings of the good-folks in and around pretty Linden.

Guaranty Deposit Delay?

Washington dispatches point to a delay in enacting guaranty deposit legislation. It seems that Secretary of the Treasury Woodin and Senator Carter Glass, with opposing views on the question, are at last agreed that certain instances for guaranty deposit legislation in the banking statutes, but not for at least a year. During that year the public will either forget his bank scare, or it will continue to buy sugar bowls and other desiderata for its hard-earned savings.

John Barleycorn's "Partners"

It is interesting to observe that "racketeers and gangsters" are reaching out for control of the beer business in Detroit. Says the Detroit News last week. The same words fitted the illicit sale of liquor under the prohibition law. In other words, whether you like it or not, the personal companion of John Barleycorn always has been, and always will be, an evil influence for mankind to contend with.

WEST BRANCH is the name of a fine little community in Ogemaw County where trout fishermen from far and wide gather each May 1 to celebrate the opening of the season. This year the affair again was a huge success. We looked at West Branchers for their cooperative activities to bring to the attention of the sportsmen one of the finest recreations available to human beings.

GOVERNOR COMSTOCK has proclaimed national music week from May 7 to 14. Now, having done that, if only he will not place the greatest wisdom of his mind to tune up for a harmonious rendition of that famous tune: "Save Your State, Vote for Democrats and Watch Michigan Flourish 'Neath the Sunshine of Returned Proseperity."

IN SEVERAL UP-STATE Michigan towns there is activity in the restoration of the old hitchhiker posts, which had been abandoned in the early days of the automobile. Well, that's one way of providing extra labor with more street cleaners, isn't it?

THE DETROIT NEWS now gives its readers as much "dope" about horse racing as any of the other dailies in Michigan. About horse racing as any of the other dailies in Michigan.

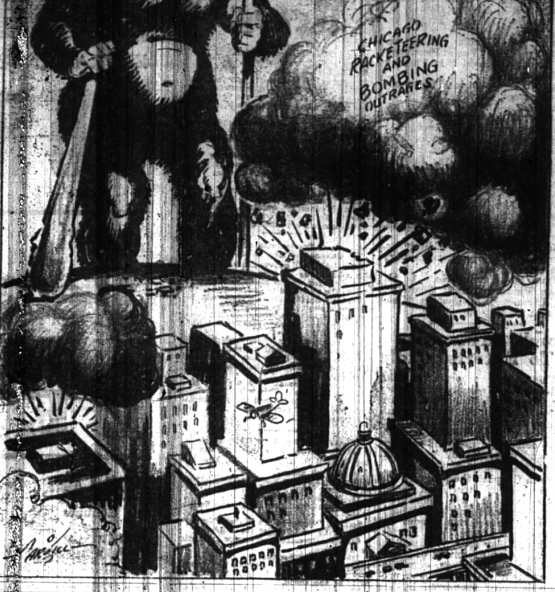
All of Us

By Marshall Maslin TAKE a list of words. Read any word you wish. Here are 85 words. See what you can do with them. Have somebody read to you, slowly, the words on the list. As he reads each word, you try to think of a second word that is immediately suggested by the word he reads. For example, the word "make" suggests the word "think." Your friend checks how many seconds you have taken to think of a word. Sometimes it will be slow. The word you think of first may be a word you want to use. It has an unpleasant reminder or it is top revealing; so that you think of another word which will reveal your hesitation. Your average reading time will be less than two seconds to a word.

- Income, Communism, Repeat, Henryway, Germany, Manchuism, Communist, Russia, Beer, Children, Shaw, Beer, Vaccination, Manchuism, Farming, Manchuism, Cavalade, Future, Moratorium, Ganah, Roosevelt, Drama, Teleam, Mexico, Books, Politics, Jigsaw, Mexico, Books, Rasputin, Death, Diet, Vitamins, Stalin, Work, Flying, Freud, Grime, Old age, Doctors, Darnest, Fun, Laughter, Taxes, Work, Sleep, Job, Travelling, Gancellation, Gasoline, Brives, Women, Divorce, Happiness

THE MARCH OF CIVILIZATION

WHAT DO THEY MEAN CENTURY OF PROGRESS? CHICAGO ROCKEERING AND BOMBING OUTRAGES



FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Robert A. Millikan, American physicist, says his dogma just as much as has religion. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, says: "It has long been notorious that Washington is the one place in the United States which disinterested public opinion does not reach."

FIVE YEARS AGO With approximately 200 workers in the field, the drive for \$125,000 to construct and maintain for a year the new Birmingham Community House will get under way officially Monday. It ends May 28.

Building in Birmingham for the month of April doubled that for the month of March. The total construction costs were trebled, according to the building report announced by Myrtle E. Carson, village clerk. Work on 41 buildings was started in the past month and their cost totaled \$628,025.

Edward Brace and 35 other residents of Troy Township today are again seeking to prevent the completion of plans for another cemetery in the township. They have filed an injunction suit against the Troy Board of Health and the Arlington Memorial Park Association.

Announcement is made today of the candidacy of Walter Y. Stanley, 818 Chester street, for the Republican nomination for state representative from the first district of Oakland County.

Jest For Fun

The Brewery Horse Though the taps are pushing back his eyes, and an intricate suit, though the foam is on the tank and the sawdust on the floor, though the hearty cries of "First sit" are sounding as of yore, from the swing of little dogs, in the midst of genuflections to His Royal Highness Beer, let us pause to see a gentle and a sentimental tear.

There was thunder in his hoof beats; there was lightning in the comb of his legs. There was grandeur in his gait as his wagon rumbled by. There was a grandeur in his legs; there were gallons of contentment in the comb of his legs. There was iron in his muscles. There was pride within his soul as he hauled his load of beer, who were hauling ice and coal.

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PEOPLE'S CO

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential unless requested otherwise. Communications should be 500 words, and must be in the office by Thursday noon for publication the following Thursday.

COMMISSION RECORDS To the Editor: With reference to your last issue, I was glad to read your editorial dealing with newspaper publication of minutes of the City Commission meeting.

While it is pointed out that citizens who want this information can obtain it either by attending the meetings or examining the records, the thought has no more practicality than if you suspend publication of newspaper news informed those who want news to drop in your office.

PROHIBITION To the Editor: I read with a good deal of interest your editorial on the prohibition of beer. It is a very interesting article, and I am sure that it will be read by many of our citizens.

First, it is vastly unwise to try to prohibit a beverage which has over 6000 sincere and enthusiastic members in Oakland and Wayne Counties alone, representing all creeds and parties.

Secondly, I refuse with thanks to the crusaders to attend any more wet propaganda by leading information published by the "Crusaders" and by any other "Salvation by Beer" organization. We most emphatically refuse to have our consciences on propaganda, and as our names imply, we demand facts to aid us in our educational work.

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