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Are You Worthy Of The High Calling Of Free Citizenship?

Patronage, Dear Reader, is the name which is attached to certain political emoluments which, when handed out, tend to make the hander-out more entrenched with those to whom he hands out the patronage. In government, it consists largely in diverting money, or illegally, some, or much, or even a hellavoat, of the taxes that you pay to support government. History records that both Republicans and Democrats are quick to learn the simple art of patronage. But right now it is the Democrats who are (please excuse the word, but it seems to fit), laziest in the ability to become consummate artists in the art of patronage in government.

There are many ways to obtain a share of what is known as "this world's goods." One good old-fashioned way is to earn it by the sweat of thy brow. Another is to earn it by the sweat of the brow of others. Still another is to take it at the point of a gun. But if you would be real genteel about it, a fairly respectable way is to pillage it by way of the taxonomic powers of government. Today, due to the great lack of co-operative citizen interest in matters of government, it is quite easy for many politicians to "inherit" large quotas of wealth by purely predatory methods. Not all politicians are incompetent, or even dishonest; but some of them are so.

War Pays By Default

THE NEWSPAPER is one of the great forces of our day. It is pervasive. It reaches almost every home. It is definite. It determines largely the information and the scope of the daily life. Everything that goes into the mind comes from it. The newspaper not only tells the quality of our existing life. It helps to determine the quality of tomorrow's life. The philosophy and ethics of newspaperdom are therefore highly important to everyone interested in the elevation of life; it is the primary function of education.—Joy Elmer Morgan.

Bugs And Nuts Winning

"Will man or bug inherit the earth?" is a current question that seems to puzzle the learned scientists everywhere. If it is the bug which inherits, it is in the number of "nuts" who infer various realms of our government, we'll become convinced that ere long the squirrels will come into their rightful inheritance.

All of Us

RATIONALIZE, you rationalize, nearly everybody you know rationalizes. You rationalize when you are for getting out from under, for excusing yourself from the results of your folly, for taking the course that you would prefer if you were yourself, for bringing in a verdict of not guilty against yourself.

citizen is to give your time and intelligent attention to matters affecting your very life in a so-called democracy; by advising the managers of your local, county, state, and national governments; and then by honestly taking a part in the application of your beliefs and convictions through the machinery of self-government, by conversing with your family and neighbors upon matters of public interest, and then concluding by casting your vote at election time.

The other day a member of our City Commission told us that, since he took office nearly two years ago, he has a single vote in the community that he has not used or commended, suggested or objected to, any phase of our local government to him. Thus, so far as he is concerned, he doesn't know that the voters and the taxpayers of Birmingham exist. Can you blame him if, in the pursuit of his duty, he should become a big-disinterested, a bit apathetic about YOU and your tax-paying problems? His case is typical of a great deal of public officialdom.

What shall we, as individuals, do about it? Well, only what we are called upon, by the badge of good citizenship, to do! No more; no less. All we need to do is to become as good students of public affairs as we may be proficient in our business, our trade, or our profession. If each of us knew as much about good citizenship as we do about baseball, cooking, the vanities of movie stars, the faults of our neighbors, then we would collectively support a very efficient economical local, county, State, and national life as our collective knowledge would allow. We would, inevitably, find this knowledge reflected in our social, political, and economic order; we could, if we only would, almost usher in a sort of Utopia—considered free from the taints of inefficiency, corruption, and similar and demerit of democracy.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

OF Long Ago. Bit 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

A Buffalo on a week-end excursion, it is reported, being greater than any other brothers had met only once before. The driver, being greater than any other brothers had met only once before, the driver, being greater than any other brothers had met only once before.

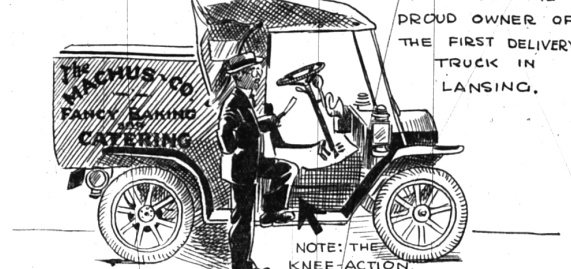
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

On Sunday, June 20, I. H. Wilson was surprised by his wife, Mrs. H. W. Wilson and son Albert, of Franklinville, N. Y., making a short visit, coming from the second time when he was 15 years old, and worked in bakery shops in Chicago and other cities before starting in business for himself in Lansing in 1911 with a bakery and restaurant.

Birmingham Business Leaders



HE WAS ONE OF THE BEST BOOSTERS OF MICH. STATE TEAMS



MAC WAS THE PROUD OWNER OF THE FIRST DELIVERY TRUCK IN LANSING.

NOTE: THE "KNEE ACTION."

The thousands of students M. S. C. teams ever had. He never missed a home contest in any sport, and always followed the football and baseball teams.

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

How Much Are You In Debt? When someone says, "I'm all out of debt—don't owe any man a cent," that person is talking of his personal affairs.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Mrs. Elizabeth Dickinson Thibault, 89, believed to be Birmingham's oldest resident, died in the afternoon of Thursday, June 27, at her home.

Jest For The Fun of It



Because of fifty cents you won, Thank you, I'll take the black abuse. That male practitioners turn

For Men Only (Rules of the Rule) Whether for Nothing or for Yen, I'll play my Contract Bridge with Men!

For though my partner be a lout, Who doesn't know what it's 'bout

It's easier to bear by a female Star, Than playing with a Female Star.

And whether we be wrong or right We need not be too damned polite.

And when the woman comes to collect You feel a woman's life is wrecked

And that her whole career is done

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Table with financial data: Total public net in debt, Michigan \$726,945,206, Net state debt \$4,203,033, Counties, townships, cities, villages and school districts of Michigan owe \$744,107,647, Less cash, securities, sinking funds and credits \$9,193,372, Net municipalities \$684,914,175

MICHIGAN THE IDEAL VACATION LAND

Out-of-state relatives and friends will thank you for suggesting a "Vacation in Michigan." Only a few hours away from any part of the midwest, this lake-bordered state offers a reasonably priced vacation among ideal surroundings. Its lakes, streams and beaches, primeval forests and modern resorts, hospitable towns and cities and great manufacturing plants add to its charm and interest.