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### In Memoriam

Birmingham is planning appropriate Memorial Day ceremonies in honor of the men who laid down their Geremones in nour of the men who late down their lives for their country in times of war. These prepara-tions are, of course, highly proper. The least we can do is to set aside one day each year out of respect to the memory of our dead heroes.

One thing more we can do: With our thoughts for One thing more we can do: With our thoughts for the dead we can join prayers for the living. We can beseech God for universal peace and a deliverance from the horror and futility of more killings for bloody causes. We can pray that men and nation verywhere will some day come to know that war is profitless; that they will some day hear and feel the utter tragedy, useless to repeat, of those other men who said

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields."

### Kinnison Deserves Election

Without meaning to belitle the qualifications of the other candidates. The Eccentric takes this opportunity of calling the attention of electors of the Birmingham school district to the high character and recognized ability of one of the three men who are Contesting for season on the Board of Education in the annual election

We refer to Charles S. Kinnison, of 348 Hawthorner road. During his 17 years of residence in Birmingham, Mr. Kinnison has established an enviable reputation for sincerity, honesty and courageous intelligence. He has demonstrated his interest in and his willingness to strive for the welfare of the community on numerous occasions in the past. Not the least notable of his many services was performed in the recent tax collection campaign, which he headed gratuitously on his own part but with profitable results to both school district, and city, and in which he was able to acquire a knowledge of facts which will be of untold value to a member of the Baard of Education.

We feel that Mr. Kinnison is eminently qualified for he job he seeks, and that he will give his full measure of devotion to it if he is elected. We refer to Charles S. Kinnison of 348 Hawthorn

## Civil Service In Michigan

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Agitation for a State-wide application of the civil
service system for nearly all employees of Michigan
is being suggested at Laning, Governor Fitzgerald,
it is reported, favors this move. From a purely theoretical standpoint, (and capable of considerable attainment when properly and honestly directed), the
civil service idea is a good one; it tends to climinate
much of politics from government, since employees
protected thus need not engage in frequent campaigns
to hold their jobs.

Without, however, desiring to throw cold water
on the idea, we wonder if the application of civil
service, like the direct primary, will disappoint its
advocates when its results are tallied some years after
adoption. As we have so often re-iterated in these
columns, man spends so much time inventing "politcial and governmental gadgest," without much endeavor to change human nature, that he is generally
doomed to disillusionment as he sees first one reform
and then another fail to bring about Utopia.

Yes, ket's have civil service for Michigan's payroll
—it will at least provide something to conjecture
about, and then something to criticise later on.

Our Idle Youth

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"There are eight million idle young men and women in the United States, graduates of colleges in the last eight years, who have been unable to find jobs; they constitute a menace to our democratic institutions—unless we do something for them I am convinced that unless we do something for them I am convinced that America will go the same way that Europe has." That is what Dr. Walter B. Pitkin, professor of journalism and at Columbia University, told Detroit Rotarians last week. Dr. Pitkin, famous throughout the nation for false wide. The professor of the professor of the swide howeledge of human affairs, raises a question for that our leaders will do well to grapple with. Seem to us that so long as Roosevelt tries to put over "all be stifled, and millions will be unemployed. The banks are over-flowing with money with which they want to "prime the pump"; but the banks are reluctant to loan out other people's money until they know who is operating the pump.

## Why Does The Church Fail?

A learned American cleric, speaking to a great gathering of his particular denomination, cries out this question: "Why do we see the church hesitant while millions of unsaved men and women are all around us, ions: Why do we see the cauten usual ions of unaved men and women are all around us, and unbelled, immordility, and intemperance are honey-combing society and undermining the stability and the progress of the church? (It is possible that the answer to this age-old question lies in the fact that to most church-goers religion is some manner of mystery about what, in their heart of hearts, seems to them a myth? In short, Christianity to most of them is objective—not consciously personal at all.)

An Inexcusable Appointment It, was with the greatest of surprise and keenest of disappointment that 17th congressional district admirers of Governor Fitzgerald read of the appointment of the Governor the other day of Clyde Fenner as a member of the Wayne county jury commission. Not only did Lanning news dispatches carry a report of his appointment to this responsible place, but news reports also told of the awarding to Fenner of the exclusive sale to the liquor commission of a new label for all liquor bottles sold by the state that will be pasted over the corks from now on. This business for which Fenner is the agent will reap him a fair sized fortune each year he has the contract.

But it is the recognition of Fenner by an important

tortune each year he has the contract. But it is the recognition of Fenner by an important appointment that galls Republicans in this part of the state. Fenner has been a Democrat until Common the state. Fenner has been a Democrat until Common been of that party. He was a candidate in the recent Democratic primary for congress in this district and during that campaign he splied forth more venum against Republicanism and Republican leaders than all the rest of the Democrats of the state put together. After his defeat by the Democrats in their primary, he correctly all the contractions of the state put together.

Possibly all of the favoration to Fenner is explained by the revelation that Fenner be a nephew of Dave Crossley, the Governor's Wards, county representative, Being an attorney, Crossley would naturally be interested in the membership; if the Warne county jury commission. The unfortunite part of the whole after it is that appointment only adds something more for the Republicans to try and explain during the next state election which is approaching all too fast—Elton R. Eaton in Phymouth Mail.

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## The Alaskan Frontier!

The modern trek of American families to Alaska, under federal government supervision and help, is a under federal government supervision and help, is a valant endeavision on the part of these people to pioneer for a living. There is something of an old and, also decaying herosom in this trik northwestward that ought to awaken those of us who are afraid to face life's realities in populous areas. May the dreams of these new pioneers be sweet in they new homes, and their waking hours fraitful of high.

### Gold And Tin

GOID AND TIM

The United States still controls one third of the world's monerary gold. Great Britain controls 80°, of the world's tim, Gold will buy bullets and hire soldiers, if need be, in time of war, but fin is absolutely necessary in making certain high explosive. So we can picture Mr. U. S. Gold making a deep salam to Mr. J. B. Tim and saying, "You're a better man than I am, hankso'. Tim." The two gentlemen better stick together and control this war business.

1311. UNITED STATIS STANT IS President Roosevelt's bulwark against passage of the Pattama homus bill. The President's defense of his veto was a masterful weapon of logic, it must be admitted, his courtage in saying what he did men'ts praise. We agree with everything Whr. Roosevelt said—but would like to have him be more consistent in other directions. Eventually, under brain trust domination, this country is going either to inflation, or socialism.

# DR. PRICE'S Practical Paragraphs DR. PRICE'S

## DO YOU FEEL INSIGNIFICANT?

### PEOPLE'S COLUMN

### THE NEW DEAL

## BY-ROADS



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## Decoration Day

Gently and reverently we tread

### Iust Between You and Me By T. H. M.

SLIDE DOWN IN YOUR

SEAT

year, as he states, there would nothing to add to the principal, which would remain \$1. Interest on this each year would be six cents per year for 100 years, or \$6. Plus the \$1. Pinterpal would be \$7. But as the interest had been paid each year, only \$1, the principal, would be due.

flect the best phases of the com-munity it serves. But when it is necessary to publish unpleasant facts that others bring upon them-selves it does so in as construc-tive and helpful a manner as pos-sible. We seek to present truth-ful, helpful journalism. adv.-tf\*

## From THE ECCENTRIC Columns of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Frank Roche is deeply, tolemnly and impressively happy. You see there was a little stranger came to his house on Monday night, who this house on Monday night, who the control of the con

Bets are being freely offered we to one that Pontiac will have new waiting room before we ave one. It looks so now.

bave once. It looks so now. I, and his wife, all the way from Harbor Beach, have been spending a few days here with their parents, Dr. C. M. Raynale and wife. George C. M. Raynale and wife. George Lust nine hours to do the trick of the control of

\$3,200 more might be forthcoming population to reduce the village
fire insurance expense on the
Monniepas Building, the Baldwin
Public Library and other buildings controlled by the village, was
submitted in a report made to the
Village Commission Monday night
by James W. Parry, village manseger. According to Mr. Parry's
resport, \$215,000
for the public population of the control
text, which are valued at \$326.

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