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Michigan's money mess (an alliterative triole on the name of Murphy, who contracted the situation), is shown in part in comment published last week in The Plymouth Mail, whose publisher is E. L. Eaton, a member of the House of Representatives. Writes Rep. Eaton: Chairman John Epie of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives came to the desk of the writer Friday just before the adjournment of the house and said that prospective buyers of the state's deficit of \$20,000,000 figure by the end of the present fiscal year.

Bills are still coming in from people who sold something to the state or rendered some "services" of some kind during the last two years. The deficit is made up of expenses contracted and items purchased that have not been paid for. How did the state spend its money during the last couple of years? That is an interesting question. Down at the state fair grounds there are numerous waste paper baskets throughout the offices that are connected with the cattle, sheep and swine show building.

The state bought some waste paper baskets for some of these offices during the "business" administration of the last two years. A waste paper basket costing \$9.75 is a pretty nice waste paper basket. In fact, it is so nice that the richest of the rich people of the land would hesitate to buy a waste basket costing that much money.

But that is just what the taxpayers of Michigan paid for paper baskets to be used around the fair grounds in the state fair grounds. That's a lot of hard earned tax dollars to spend for waste paper baskets that might get used in the swine pens, the poultry coops and the horse stables around the fairgrounds.

Here is the interesting part about it. The paper baskets that the taxpayers paid \$9.75 for are now being sold in the regular market for only \$4.25, according to Lynnwood Snow, the new director of the state fair appointed to take the place of the famous Frank Isbey of the Murphy administration. Dr. Snow says the baskets are so nice that he is going to have them placed in the cases and put them on display for the next state fair.

The bill proposes appropriations of one billion fifty million dollars for the Department of Agriculture and the Federal Reserve Bank for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940. This enormous sum of money represents approximately one-seventh of the entire farm income of the United States. This bill represents a potential tax of eight dollars on every person in the United States. To the 12th Congressional District of Michigan, which has a total population of two and a half million dollars.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Morgenthau, recently testified before a committee of Congress that he did not care to make a statement or a forecast as to our national safety if our national debt went beyond fifty billion dollars. Economy is not present in this Congress now. It has been the guiding star of this administration. While it was announced, it has never been practiced and some day the people of this nation will answer the question which has been asked out to them in the administration of their national government.

This legislation would be of little or no benefit to the farmer of my district. On the other hand it will add another heavy burden on a people already over-burdened. Two hundred and fifty million dollars added to the national debt means that the farmer must pay for it. It would take but ten billion dollars to pay for it. The Secretary of Agriculture, even the President of the United States, in face of declining prices for farm products and some \$10 billion of farm products in the last few years, are again asked to report to the people of the nation the economic condition of the country or the general welfare of the people.

Now that Harry G. Kipke has been elected a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan we suppose that his backers will look to great things for him. In the Governorship in 1940, this, if it happens, will give Michigan Republicans a clear-cut issue: it will enable them to choose between a "machine" and an "anti-machine." The whole State now knows that Mr. Kipke, while personally an estimable gentleman, certainly is the political device of a group who wish to continue in power in State government.

POLITICAL POSTERS are busy these days trying to figure out who will be the Presidential candidate for the Republican and Democratic Parties next year. It is a good pastime during the off-baseball season.

There is no security in this world except what we gain by brain and brawn. Work is the law of life; struggle is the part; victories and defeats play upon the stage; it was all summed up when said: "If it required no work, no brains, no energy, no effort, there would be no glory in achievement."

ANOTHER MAN-WITH-A-SHOVEL



JUST HURD

and the fear that grips and holds initiative and private enterprise from going forward and which has driven private capital into seclusion and hiding. The Wagner labor act was passed to bring about industrial peace and to restore the balance between capital and labor. In that it has failed utterly, it has brought industrial warfare. Strikes have swept the country. Radical and irresponsible labor has ridden in the train, heartily encouraged by acquiescence or at least by silence on the part of those high in the authority of government in some of the states and in the national administration. Business is paralyzed, the general interest and economic conditions existing in this country.

Our people are no longer acting in concert and cooperation with the other for the general welfare. Class has been arrayed against class. Hatred and ill will exists between employer and employee. Legislation imposing new rules, regulations and taxes on the business and industry of the country has added to the burden, and the loss of confidence, and the fear to move forward to expand or employ labor has grown up. Social security taxes alone have cost a billion dollars away from labor and industry and not one dollar of it can ever go back to provide a job or expand an industry. Every one knows, who honestly has the welfare of his country at heart, that the nation will not go forward to a more prosperous time under conditions of this kind.

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WASHINGTON LETTER BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON—Pigeon-holed temporarily, but certain to be consistent headline material when it takes place, is the investigation of the War Relocation Administration, recently approved by an overwhelming 352 to 27 vote in the House of Representatives. The probe got such a large O. K. because New Dealers, eager to see WPA get an official seal of approval, were asking the inquiry with bitter critics of the set-up.

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When Representative Fred Bradley of Michigan mapped out a home state food products dinner in the congressional restaurant, his diatribe was to introduce his guests to smelt—those tasty, silver little fish who provide so much sport for Michigan anglers each spring. But Michigan heard about the stunt and went promotion crazy. Result: it came a host of other products to add to the menu. The diners also might have feasted on beans, potatoes, apples, cherries, turkeys, and whitefish.

Happenings of Long Ago

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

April Years Ago May 11, 1889 It is a pleasure to the people of this city who have assumed at the office of the register of deeds to do business with that accounting geographer, Max D. Sibly. Mel has not the traits that we would naturally suppose he would have, judging from his name. He is not a big fellow. He doesn't want the earth for answering a simple question, and don't answer it with a grumble.

Mitchell's cat, once immortalized by Judge W. C. Hoyt of So. N. Y., is no more. This cat, so highly praised by the worthy judge, passed in her checks last week. Her owner, Mrs. M. J. Sibly, has a first-class blacksmith shop on Baltimore avenue where, with a full corps of competent men, she occupies her time. The business he can attend to. May they never regret their change of address.

Thomas Thurlby and family moved to Detroit last week leaving their home in Birmingham. Mr. Thurlby has a first-class blacksmith shop on Baltimore avenue where, with a full corps of competent men, she occupies her time. The business he can attend to. May they never regret their change of address.

There are eligible for postal job here, according to dispatches from Washington. Henry Parks, Seymour Adams and Joseph Ryrie, acting postmaster, qualify in examination given by Howard O. Edson, chief examiner of the civil service commission. Three others fail to place.

Chall at Manresa will be rebuilt, Birmingham Commission asked for cost of connecting new building in Catholic laymen's retreat society with faculty. Forbes S. Hascall, "one-man grand jury," will probe banks, Birmingham justice of the peace is chosen to investigate Ferndale institutions. School will finish year at usual time. Completion of regular term is interpreted as Board of Education sets commencement date for June 12.

PARAGRAPHS

It is the cemetery is the dumping ground of most automobile accidents.—Los Angeles Times. Judge Lindsay says that 6,000,000 young Americans are too poor to get married. Investigation would probably disclose the still more tragic fact that most of them are married.—San Diego Union.



APRIL 8—Lee surrendered to Appomattox Court House, 1865. 10—The safety pin was patented by Hunt, 1849. 11—Napoleon abdicated the throne of France, 1814. 12—Augustine Washington, father of the president, died, 1793. 13—Federal note took place in April, 1933. 14—First poppy express arrived in San Francisco, 1863. 15—The Prince of Wales reached Japan on tour, 1922.

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