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Teaching Patriotism. In general he was eulogistic, though constructively critical of some of journalism's faults. One fact he stated has impressed us: it is that "the press is missing the boat on this matter of patriotism. We don't get enough teaching of the right kind of Americanism. We've got plenty to be proud of and we ought to build up our traditions."

Emotions Cause Disease. Note of the declaration that comes from Cleveland, Ohio, that Dr. Edward Weiss has revealed that studies of patients over a period of years at some of the country's leading medical institutions have revealed the influence of emotion in causing a number of purely physical diseases, such as heart ailments, diabetes and allergy.

It's A Wise Father. "If it cannot be stopped in any other way, Congress should enact a law imposing very severe penalties upon any government official who undertakes to influence either crop production or crop prices. There are too many people in public office who seem to think they ought to exercise some sort of guidance or guarantee over the farmer."

OUR PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS to Alfred and Clara LaBelle for opening an addition to their home and gift shop at the West Maple square. This popular couple has been in Birmingham for 15 years, during which time they have established themselves as a reliable institution in this community. So let the bells of appreciation ring out for the LaBelles of West Maple avenue!

WHILE BIRMINGHAM CANNOT BOAST of being a "convention city," from time to time groups of people do convene here, and this week witnessed the presence of representatives of the 10th Synod of Michigan for the Presbyterian Church. Under the leadership of Rev. W. Glen Harris, local Presbyterian pastor, the group started its three-day meeting Tuesday. Birmingham welcomes these church folks and trusts that their collective efforts will do much to restore and re-terrestrial Christianity to a semi-pagan world.

MANY LOCAL MEN HAVE, over a score of years, given of their time and money to make the Y. M. C. a going concern in Birmingham. So to John D. Ford, president of the Y, is a great honor to our side this week for accepting the post of president of the Y's summer camp project; Mr. Maynard knows something of the value of struggle in the life of youth; he knows, too, the value of a fine summer camp for boys.

The theatre was crowded back to the last row. A famous vaudeville headliner was doing his turn. Suddenly there was a puff of smoke. At first, people seemed to think it was part of the act. Then, as the smoke increased they knew something was wrong. Suddenly they began moving forward exits. Some began to run. A panic was within an instant of starting.

When People Turn Panicky. Then, out of the tense atmosphere came a clear, ringing voice, "Delicious (Chocolates) Famous Allevitt's Chocolates." Everybody turned to look at the young man selling candy, and when they stopped to look for the candy man, they realized that the smoke had disappeared. The orchestra struck up a tune, the show continued. (One man, by quick thinking, had prevented what threatened to become a horrible stampede.)

Home Town Paper. Above all, don't wail and cry and pretend that something dreadful is bound to happen. The world has been at war before; the United States has had tough times in previous years; and this was the old axiom: "This, too, shall pass," has proved itself true.

Man you rise to any height he conceives; but only when he is an optimist—for honest optimism lifts every human burden and turns what might be millstones around his neck into worthy millstones that grind for him food upon which to live a fuller life.

Head of Merit System Association Tells How Spoils System Robs the Taxpayer. By JAMES A. KENNEDY, President, Michigan Merit System Association.

Why should Michigan have civil service? That should be the intelligent voter's first question, when considering the proposed constitutional amendment to provide genuine and permanent civil service.

Big Yearly Turnover. Between 1926 and 1936 an average of 26 per cent—more than one out of four—of the state's employees were changed each year.

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Knocking on Wood! with JOHN H. HARWOOD

TOWARD THE JUNGLE. CALEB SMITH (that's not his real name but it will do for this column) lives in a village not far from Birmingham. In fact, the village is the town of Calhoun in the United States, mostly in small cities and old fashioned villages—you'll recognize them after we get a little further along. We visited Caleb Smith last Sunday afternoon, saw his home, chatted with his wife and wondered what they were getting out of life that you and I and millions more like us are not.

On Way Out. And that's the sad part, is that none of Caleb Smith, and of millions like him throughout the nation, although they're not so plentiful now as they once were, for that way of life seems on the way out.

So what? you say. "Who wants to be a local yokel?" True—Caleb's life is rather uneventful, but he enjoys it, and comfortably, too, on \$25 a week. No rent to pay; no back bills; no worry; money in the bank; no debts of the neighbors. Peace and contentment, something like that.

Humiliating Indeed. One of the weakest objections to the proposal to write civil service into the state constitution has come from Myles F. Gray, clerk of the house of representatives in Lansing the last year or more.

Drinks Well Water. "Never did quite get used to that hard city water," Caleb said, "I used to get it when I was a boy, but I never got used to it."

A Brain Trust Spider? Spiders, according to a science note, are near the bottom of the intelligence list. It must have been a vertiginous, then, who said, "Come into my parlor..."

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