

Replying, they said, "Surely if from
those you've lived among
You'll pick two legal voters, not for-
eigners nor floaters,
Who'll swear that they have known
you for a score of years, OK."
But their next reply, Oh Brother! "Did
your father or your mother
Leave a record of their birth, the place,
the year, the month, the day."

The task is never ending, the certifi-
cate's still pending.
I've sent ancestral records of English,
Irish, Scot.
Nothing in my family history is now
to them a mystery;
I've gone almost back to Solomon's
time but it avails me naught.
I have but a single worry as through
this world I scurry;
But that worry haunts each moment
from the dawn till close of day.
When Old Gabriel blows his trumpet
and says, "Time for you to hump it."
Will they have to have that record
to lay me 'neath the clay?
—C. C. "Tom" Long,
John Day Chapter No. 13.

On the current subject of retirement
benefits, ye staff is indebted to an un-
known author for a timely philosophy
on the benefits of modern civilization,
to-wit:

In savage tribes where skulls are thick
And Primal passions rage,
They have a system sure and quick

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To cure the blight of age.
And when a native's youth has fled
And age has sapped his vim,
They simply knock him on the head
And make an end of him.

But we in this enlightened age
Are made of sterner stuff
And so we look with righteous rage
On ways so crude and rough.
And when a man is old and gray
And weak and short of breath,
We simply take his job away
And let him starve to death.

—Author Unknown.

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