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INKLINGS---

Bits of this and that gleaned from everywhere.

Everything has its drawbacks. One of the prices of fame is being pursued by reporters, photographers and interviewers who dog one's footsteps and give one the feeling of being constantly spied upon. No one but a petty mind can enjoy such constant publicity.

The war has been going on in Spain for seven months. Thousands of people have been killed, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property has been destroyed and cities that have been years in building have been blasted by artillery. Still nothing has been decided. If the war is continued for a year or two or five years nothing will be decided. Wars never decide anything except which side is the strongest, which after all is often not at all important.

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than 23,000 of the nation's insane and feeble-minded have been sterilized, more than half of whom are women.

Certain groups are agitating an exemption from taxation of \$3000 for a homestead. The move is opposed by farm groups since, unless a similar exemption is extended to the farmer, the extra burden of taxation that the city man would escape would be thrown back upon the farms. In one state in which this is proposed it is estimated that such an exemption would result in a valuation loss of over \$150,000,000 that would have to be absorbed by other property.

The new Hitler code strikes at a vital spot in the building of a superior race when it announces sterilization of unfit persons as a national policy. Mawkish sentiment may shrink from such a procedure but the final facts are that any nation that has the courage to adopt such a policy is going to profit from it. There is as little sense in permitting unfit and inefficient humans to multiply and roll up costs against the public for their support as there would be in the production of worthless live stock.

Why We Need A Balanced Budget

By RAYMOND PITCAIRN
National Chairman
Sentinels of the Republic

The American people have recently heard from Washington a statement which they can greet with a whole-hearted welcome.

It is the assurance that a Balanced Budget is actually in sight.

There are difficulties in the way, of course—but every citizen with the welfare of the nation at heart will hope that these will be surmounted.

Why? Because a Balanced Budget means far more than a matter of bookkeeping routine.

It can offer to government the benefits which every wage-earner and housewife understands—of living within his income.

It can lessen the dangers—which every farmer and business man recognizes of mortgaging the future through reckless accumulation of debts to be paid out of earnings in the years to come.

But it can do still more.

It can bring a revival of that confidence which alone will speed up America's latent capacity for production and consumption a primary requisite for widespread re-employment.

To Congress the job may seem a hard one. But the course has been charted. It demands definite steps toward economy in government—involving the paring-down of swollen political payrolls, reduction of overlapping bureaus, insistence on a dollar's worth of value for every dollar spent from public funds, and emphasis on efficiency rather than extravagance in the administration of relief.

All these policies are of great value in themselves. And if a sincere adherence to them on the part of Congress can bring a Balanced Budget, their value will be multiplied.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born January 30, 1882.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"LIFE" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Jan. 17.

The Golden Text was, "The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot . . . Thou wilt shew me the path of life" (Ps. 16:5, 11).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son" (1 John 5: 11).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The understanding that Life is God, Spirit, lengthens our days by strengthening our trust in the deathless reality of Life, its almightiness and immortality . . . That Life is God, Jesus proved by his reappearance after the crucifixion in strict accordance with his scientific statement: 'Destroy this temple (body) and in three days I (Spirit) will raise it up.' It is as if he had said: 'The I—the Life, substance, and Intelligence of the universe—is not in matter to be destroyed'" (pp. 487, 27).

INTERESTING NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Arthur Brisbane, news writer, who died Christmas morning was reputed to be the highest salaried newspaper writer. His salary is said to have been \$260,000 a year.

Nebraska is experimenting with a unicameral or one house legislature this year. The experiment was put across by Senator George Norris. To get the proposition on the ballot in November it was necessary to secure the names of 60,000 voters on the petition. Instead of the required 60,000 signatures 100,000 were secured in a few days. Senator Norris financed out of his own personal funds the expense of circulating the petition. The Nebraska one house legislature is the first of its kind in the United States. The proposition carried by 50,000 votes. Other states are watching Nebraska's experiment with interest.

There are only four companies in the United States engaged in the manufacture of glass eyes. It is estimated that one out of every 300 persons is a prospective customer for a glass eye. Practically all glass for glass eyes comes from Lauscha, Central Germany, and is made from a formula discovered by Ludwig Muller-Uri over 100 years ago. The formula has been kept secret by the descendants of its discoverer who have a close monopoly on the product. Practically all glass blowers engaged in the manufacture of glass eyes are German, there being only three American born. Custom made eyes or eyes made to order cost from \$15 to \$30. An expert can turn out a finished eye in about an hour.

Basketball, which originated in America forty-five years ago, is now played in sixty foreign coun-

tries. Connecticut is experimenting with a permanent automobile license plate.

Pacific States Lumber Importance Is Shown

Washington, Oregon and California produced nearly 42 per cent of the total lumber cut of the United States in 1935, according to preliminary figures of the Bureau of the Census, the Pacific Northwest forest experiment station announced this week. Of the 48 states, Washington ranked first in lumber production with a cut of 3,452,527,000 board feet, Oregon second with 3,145,237,000 board feet and California third with 1,355,713,000 feet. Production for Oregon and Washington showed an increase of 21 per cent above 1934. The total cut for the United States in 1935 was 19,158,601,000 board feet.

With the exception of 1914, Washington has ranked first in lumber production every year since 1905, the experiment station points out.

Oregon has held its present position since 1923. Of the national cut in 1935, southern pine lumber totaled 5,741,117,000 board feet, Douglas fir 4,772,421,000 and ponderosa pine 2,525,949,000 board feet.

Since 1899, Washington has exceeded all other states in shingle production. Of the total 1935 output of 4,407,898 squares, Washington produced 3,554,639 squares or 80 per cent.

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