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## **EDITORIALS**

COUGHING UP WITH THE SMITH BROTHERS

"The Smith Brothers Cough Up," better than the politicians, through thus did the Wall Street Journal their investigations, have tried to made; headline an editorial concerning the represent it. taxes paid by the Smith Brothers of that the concern must cough long spasmodically for a number of years, terprise; and hard indeed.

ed a sign in a restaurant they own, part, they have been used to manu- with citizens' listing their various taxes. There facture political ammunition. The are 24 of them, and each is dis- investigators-and members of both line tax; stock and franchise taxes; than in seeking to enhance their of these two endeavors; proceeding and gross receipts tax own reputations as enemies of cor-

ferent position from thousands of indicated that some individual conother businesses, large and small corn was dishonest or unethical, the to individual farms and factories These businesses are reaching the idea has been subtly disseminated point where taxation is becoming that it was representative of all inthe largest single item of expense- dustry. By this process, public con- ment of industries. . . ; many examples are recorded where fidence in the character and integrimore is paid to government than ty of our business leaders has been fix maximum hours and conditions of ism. to workers, with little or nothing, unwarrantedly shaken. or deficits left to the owners. Many of these businesses are reaching the one banker failed his trust all bankpoint where it will be impossible for ers are crooked, as it would be to titrust laws." them to meet the tax collector's de- point to a public official who accepts mands - where they will find ft a bribe and say that all public ofsalvage what they can now, than to both business and government there keep on operating

men out of work, frighten investors, men, in business and politics, are equally bad citizens. and paralyze industry. All of us are coughing up with the Smith Brothers.

woldable. They cannot be blamed relief efforts, no matter how sincere- Powers once delegated are bound to ment must support private financial leads only to Fascism. Socialism or on the automobile, but on the driver. Iy or wisely they are carried on, are be used, for one step drives to an- institutions, but it is unnecessary for Communism, Mr. Hoover gives as his they are due to some failure, some doomed to a least partial failure other.

in of omission or commission on the because political considerations in part of the man or woman behind evitably appear, and often outweigh the wheel. In spite of intensive work practical considerations. Again, al by the authorities and safety associ- political parties hold power for com-Ations, we go on just the same paratively short times, and they cansmashing and crashing, killing and not plan for the "long pull", but saiming, flaunting the laws and re- must seek to speed up the action of economic law-something no one gulations.

And we are paying plenty for it. has yet done successfully.

\$ .75 According to estimates compiled by It is possible that our farmers are he National Bureau of Casualty and coming to see that their best chance Surety Underwriters 35,000 or more for relief lies in their own efforts. persons will be killed this year, and They have the instrument of pronore than a million injured. Sta- gress ready at hand-the Farm Cotisticians estimate the total economic operative. It is permanent. It is cost of all this to be between one and non-political. It does not have to

a half billion and two and a half seek temporary benefits at the exbillion dollars when all the items are pense of permanent good. Farm added. Assuming that two billion legislation is passed and is replacdollars approaches the correct figure, ed, administrations come and go, but t means a cost of about \$16.66 for soundly established Co-ops remain every one of the 120,000,000 per- Out of the farmer's own work. sons in the United States. That is reflected in cooperative actions and indeed a tragic tax to pay for our policies, will come real and permanown recklessness. ent farm progress.

PUBLIC

in a recent editorial, the Satur-

day Evening Post observed that Am-

erican business is much cleaner and

### THE REAL ENEMIES OF THE "Challenge" Warns Of Danger from Centralized Power

(Continued from page one)

"To create corporations for a wide

Recently the Smith Brothers post. increased in number. For the most facture commodities in competition sale of electricity."

and so on. At the bottom of their ruption and friends of the people. dustries or dealers; to fix handling strong regulation of rates and prolist was printed "We Do Our Part." The result is that, when evidence charges and therefore profits; to fits of power companies to protect The Smith Brothers are in no dif- was brought forth that in any way eliminate 'unfair' trade practices;

; to destroy commodities;

"To establish minimum wages; to tion with the citizen, that is Social-

labor

Republican President says: "All of "There are natinal stresses," he cheaper to go out of business and ficials are of the same stamp. In these authorities have been used, continues, " in which the Govern-

it to enter ino competitive business last word: to accomplish this.

crop contracts with the Government

Currency and Credit

"Executive power over the coin is

"This brief survey of examples of

"Its a vast shift from the Ameri-

can concept of human rights which

even the Government may not in-

where men are wholly subjective to

After stating that such a course

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cooperation, have not often been pre- "The original Reconstruction Fi- succumb to that lure.

be found in the bludgeoning proceed- banks, the Home Loan banks, the sue of human liberty." ings of many important code confer- Federal Land banks of the latter. nces, in the changes forced in some There are, however, some of the new rodes, from which there was no ap- financial agencies and some uses bepeal or refuge; in the incitement to ing made of the old agencies which forecast occupation beyond these public boycott. . "All this," he writes, "is the most fields and threaten dictation as to

stupendous invasion of the whole who may and who may not have spirit of liberty that the nation has credit. The threat to farmers of withwitnessed since the days of colonial holding credit to force them to sign America. Then, of "regimented agriculture," is a current example of posibilities."

the former President says 'the whole To sum up his views on "managed thesis behind this program is the very theory that man is but the pawn currency and credit," Mr. Hoover

of the state. It is a usurpation of the states: primary liberties of men by govern-

ment. The Government, he says, enters potism." the field of Socialism in its "deliber-

ate entry into business in competi- experience up to this time is sufficient to make clear the definition of tion with the citizen." national regimentation and its pro-"As an instance," he adds, "we

The investigations of which the variety of business activity hereto- may cite the Tennessee Valley Au- gress in the United States,' Mr. Hoovcough-drop fame. And the facts show Post speaks have been carried on fore the exclusive field of private en- thority, where the major purpose of er says. "These insances are certainly suf-

the Government is the purchase, con-"To install services and to manu-" struction, operation transmission and ficient to show that its very spirit is government direction, management

If the Government leases this pow- and dictation of social and economic er under proper protections to the life.

fringe, to those social philosophies lam," the former President writes. the state. It is a vast casualty to liberty if it shall be continued."

him from oppression by the operator

Banking Needs Explored

"But where the Government de "To estop expansion or develop- liberately enters into the power business as a major purpose in competi-

It is not yet clear, Mr. Hoover says "To impose collective bargaining; "how far the regimentation of bank-"To arbogate the effect of the an- ing and the government dictation of

credit through various agencies may

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"And lest the Government step ov- subjection of liberty in one nation and commerce," Mr. Hoover says "in er the line into Socialism, this sup- after another. It has been defeated this mobilization there has been con- port must be limited to activities by the untruth that some form of stant use of the term 'cooperation' . . where there is no competition, or so dictation by government can over-"At best," he continues, "it is 'co- organized as ultimately to be absorb- come immediate difficulties and can reive cooperation.' Free will and ed into the hands of private owner- assure entry into economic perfection "America must not and will not

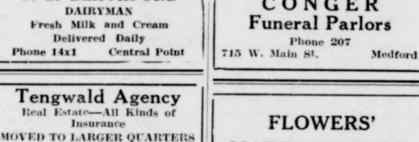
nance Corporation is an example of "That is the issue of our genera-"Ample evidence of coercion is to the former and the Federal Reserve tion, not a partisan issue but the is-

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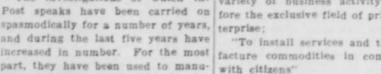




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Assumption of Powers

Here, without once referring to public, competition with the citizen tinotly different. They include a major parties have been involved- the NRA and the AAA, Mr. Hoover is avoided, Mr. Hoover says. federal, a state and a city tax; an have been less interested in giving enumerates further assumptions of "Here is one of the definite boun oil, telephone and check tax; gaso- the people a true picture of affairs power by the Executive in the field daries between liberty and social-

" . . . to fix minimum prices for in- "Under liberty the citizen must have

"To allot the amount of production of a natural monoply.

At some time or place, the former exend."

It is unfair to say that because

are corrupt men who should be pun-The entire cause of economic re- lished, but fortunately they are rare. covery is bound up with the tax No one opposes the prosecution of problem. We want employment, in- those who have failed their trustvestment, industrial development - but the ends of justice and decenes but we cannot have them by esta- are certainly not served by making blishing taxation policies that throw it appear that honorable and honest

farm relief.

Unprejudiced reports from many

That is not entirely the fault of

PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR FIRE dence to advance their own ends, are

Personal liability for fire, as the the real enemies of the common National Board of Fire Underwrit- welfare. ers points out, is a principle long THE ROOTS OF FARM PROGRESS for example, if it is proven that a person's carelessness was responsible agricultural areas indicate that an for a fire, he is held financially re- increasing number of farmers are besponsible for all the damage done coming dissatisfied with political to the property of others.

That principle has never been greatly accepted in America, but relief measures, the promises held there are one or two scattered in- out were too rosy. Thousands of farmers, with or without reason, exstances where it has been applied. pected the immediate creation of In 1926, in Cincinnati, a citizen was Utopia, and when that didn't happen ordered to comply with certain firepreventative ordinances. He failed they were bitterly disappointed. Such to do so, and fire broke out on his property. It was put out by the fire 12department, which sent a bill for \$650 to cover the expenses involved. The case went finally to court, and the city was awarded damages of \$500. A similar instance occurred in New York. A company was ordered to install fire sprinklers, did not do so, and sustained a major fire. Under a 50-year old law, the city sued and received \$1,500 for extingulshing it.

Law or no law, fire is a matter of personal responsibility. Every individual owes his community a definite duty so far as eliminating hazards from his property is concerned. In most cases, it costs little in either time or money to make hazardous property safe.

Fire Prevention Week was recently observed-and all of us should resolve to retain and use the information that was disseminated then Fire is the great destroyer-most of its destruction is unnecessary. Every citizen must become his own fire marshal, cooperating with the constituted authorities to see that his neighborhood and own are made safe

### THE TRAGIC TAX

We all kick over the taxes saddled on us by the politicians-but how many protest about taxes we impose upon ourselves? There are any number of these, and one of the heaviest is due to the economic cost of the nation's automobile accidents. It is the ragic Tax.

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