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HOW MUCH WAS THE BUDGET CUT?

Just how much the county budget was cut by the committee has been the subject of disputed statements. Disregarding all that has been said let us confine ourselves to

The 1932 budget as certified to the assessor by the levying board after the taxpayers meeting was \$1,050,394.90. The 1933 budget estimate as advertised calls for \$947,-661.16, which on the face of things looks like a cut of \$102,-733.74. But before we say a saving to the taxpayers let us deduct the amount difference between the high school fund and the amount last year raised under the Wheeler law, because this is not a tax saving but a tax shifting, which really amounts to two county budgets-one for high school districts and one for non-high school districts.

From the \$102,733.74 subtract \$31,820 and then there is a saving of \$70,913.74, as far as the taxpayers pockets are concerned. This is the amount we are to be thankful for.

Carrying the arithmetic one step farther, lowering valuation automatically lowered the elementary school fund some \$55,000. Subtract this from the budget estimate difference and we have \$15,913.74. This is the amount we have to thank the budget committee for.

Of course we are very thankful that we will have to dig up some \$71,000 less next year. And for whatever saving the budget committee made they are to be congratulated. It is a time that if things are allowed to run their natural course the budget might have been greatly increased, and most of the items that actually were increased it might be said was forced upon the committee by law or by actual

We hope there will be a good attendance at the taxpayers meeting December 28. Last year the taxpayers meeting cut \$50,000 from the budget. We think that with all the trimming so far there is some excess fat on the old budget

#### WHAT OF THE SOCIALISTS?

Straw votes which were exceedingly accurate in forecasting a democratic victory fell short of estimating the Socialist strength. Before the election the Literary Digest poll showed nearly 5 per cent socialist or a two million popular vote for Thomas. He received less than 700,000.

While many people talk socialistic they don't vote that way it is evident. Largely we think because the Republican and Democratic parties are becoming more and more liberal- History if it records anything can not but regard Hoover and Roosevelt the most liberal leaders their respective parties ever had.

Certainly the farm relief program and all this reconstruction legislation to aid the depression is the most socialistic action the government has ever taken. And one might add that it is all working about as well as socialistic principles ever work. We can't legislate ourselves prosperous any more than we can wish ourselves rich. We predict that socialism will never reach the million popular vote mark. After an area of liberalism the world has heretofore wung back to conservativeism. We think proof is lacking that it will not do it again.

#### THE FARMERS' CONFERENCE

We don't know, because nobody knows, just how much will be accomplished by the Farmers' National Relief Conference which is to meet in Washington in December, but we don't see how any harm can come from it, and there is a possibility that a great deal of good may come.

We will feel a lot more confident about the possible good, however, when we find out just who is going to represent the farmers. If the plan is carried out of having only real 'dirt farmers,' really representative of the farming communities of all parts of the country, we think a great deal of good can be done. We will be very distrustful if there are politicians and office seekers pretending to represent the farmers at this conference. We have no confidence at all in a great many of the persons who have in the past been spokesman for agriculture in Washington.

We think it will be the greatest value to have the actual farmers who know precisely what they are talking about right there in the national capital to tell their own story directly to members of congress and administrative officials-

One caravan of farmers is already enroute from the Pacific Coast for Washington. We understand that there will be farmer delegations from about thirty states arriving in Washington in six marching delegations. So far as their program has been formulated, we understand that they want to get assurance against evictions from their farms, a moratorium on debts which they cannot pay and cash relief to relieve hunger. Those are reasonable proposals, although we are not at all sure that it is necessary for the farmers to march in a body to Washington to get them.

We are glad to learn that the police officials of the District of Columbia are preparing to cooperate in every way with the farmer delegates and we hope, and confidently believe, that there will be no repetition of the disorder of

If out of this demonstration comes a sound, intelligent, practical plan of helping the farmers who need help without wasting money on impractical schemes or throwing it away for the benefit of those who do not need it, this farmers' convention ought to be a success.

We're waiting to hear someone blame the veterans for shooting away too much expensive ammunition at the Germans. One might almost think it was the veterans' private war the way some folks talk. However we have yet to see a veteran who was consulted before declaring the war.

Amelia Earhart has started a fight for sex equality, news dispatches say. But Amelia is a little late, that fight has been waged for years in almost every household. Now that Amelia's name is Putman, she seems to be out to put man in his place.

Well the South Americans have not asked our government formally to forgive any of their war debts. But we have been told that they have called pretty heavily upon some of our private citizens who loaned them money for lithographed paper.

We may have a "new deal" but most of us are out of



KATHARSIS . . . . G. O. P. got it

The ancient Greeks had a word, "Katharsis," meaning a thorough cleaning out which might apply to the human system or to the hog pen or to a political party.

There is nothing that every human organization needs so badly, every once in a while, as a complete "katharsis." It is the inevitable tendency of all organized groups, once they achieve power, to become arrogant and to lose sight of the primary purpose for which they were organized. That is true of religious, political, financial and all other classes of human organizations.

All human effort to be effective must be organized. But all organizations must be reorganized every must be deposed and fresh blood taken in to the councils, and any organization which does not do this voluntarily is sooner or later forced to do it by pressure from without. That, it seems to me, is what has just happened to the Republican party organization in America. The time has come for re-organization.

Under our two party system the public welfare is best served by the both organized party, which ever it to complete the carry which ever it to be come and the republican party organization in America. The time has come for re-organization.

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public welfare is best served by the best organized party, which ever it may be. The remedy for the ills of the Republican party is the old Greek one, "katharsis."

TRAVEL ... .. and metal mike I am writing this just an hour or so before sailing on the litalian Liner Rex for my first visit to Europe. Sixty-two is still young enough for a man to go adventuring, if he has the spirit of adventure in him, and I never got over

tinent and up and down the coasts in ships a great deal but never before had both the time and the opfore had both the time and the opportunity to cross the ocean. What particularly interests me is

the ship on which I am coming to support your claim."
back, the Conte De Savoia, This is "Claim?" John considered a while. back, the Conte De Savoia. This is the first big ship to be equipped with gyroscopic stabilizers, invented by my old friend, the late Elmer Sperry. A gyroscope is a hard thing to explain in words. It is hard enough to understand it when you see it working. It is, in effect, a fly wheel se suspended that the axel can tip in any direction. Sperry discovered that a gyroscope always tries to put itself in a position where the axel is pointing to the center of the earth. Out of that discovery came the gyroscoptic compass, which always points to the North Pole instead to the mag- lone netic pole as the ordinary compass points. Then came the automatic steering device in which the gyroscope keeps the ship's rudder true to the course. Every really important ship in the world is now steered by "metal mike" as the sailors

This same power of the gyroscope is now being used to keep the ship from rolling in rough water. It works well on small craft, and I will tell you later how it works on the first big ship to which it has been applied

CHICAGO .. .. My Chicago friends are begin- disaster. ning to get excited about the "Cen tury of Progress Exposition" which is to be held in the city by Lake Michigan next year. The municipality of Chicago is in serious financial stress, but there is still an awful lot of money in Chicago, and probably the most intense public spirit that exists in any large city

life who set out to build the world's greatest fair for 1933 have succeed- point so that any layman can comed in raising the necessary millions, prehend the subject. Briefly, Mr. and from what I am beginning to hear about it I get the impression it alarmingly low price levels of will be the most wonderful showing wheat and cotton, and all other of the resources, the peoples, the farm products, are now being art and the scientific and technical caused by the high value of the development of the whole world that has ever been brought the low values of other countries. together.

At least, that is what my Chicago friends say that it will be, and I consultation with many of the leadhave never known Chicago to fail ing experts on finance in both Ocwhen it really set out to do some cidental and Oriental countries, among them being Mr. Rene Leon,

MONEY ..... and prices widely regarded as the leading for-Thirty years ago W. J. Bryan eign exchange and metallic money nearly captured the presidency with expert in this country. his economic theory that farmers would get more for their products JUNIOR HIGH STARTS if there was more money in circulation. In a new book published by the Century company of New York, F. M. Huntington-Wilson, who was Under Secretary of State in the "Jokes on the Toys" to be given by Wilson Administration, handles the students in the eighth grade at the same theme, although along different lines. The book is called, week. The production will be given

shortly before the Christmas re "Money and the Price Level." The author points out exactly cess. what President Hoover meant when he suggested that the Euro-Send your Greetings with an inpean debts to this country might dividual printed and engraved be settled in the currencies of the Christmas card. Fine selection at debtor nations, clearing up that The News Office.



#### Fifteenth Instalment

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

"I kept after Gilbert for years to tell you he was your father. He kept putting it off, kept stalling, torturing himself. At heart, John, he was sound, but impractical. I don't seem to startle you with this news."

fact that he will never be here again is all the trouble I can stand. What blurred before his eyes.

"The estate's left to Josephine." "Well, I'll marry it then." John scheming, planning, and soon they looked at Judge Kelly, a smile flick-would build.

ering on his face.
"She's difficult, been better pleased if the thing had been divided."
"Forget that, Judge. I appreciate

your feeling. Who else knows about this—this—relationship?" "Not a soul, so far as I know. Malone has a theory—only Harton might know. Gilbert confided in m as his father did. God, what a city. The old name, the old tradition

"Come, Judge, you take things too seriously. I'll change my name, some day, perhaps.'

"Then you won't do anything?"
"What can I do?" "Marry Josephine, John, and we'll tell her afterward." As Judge Marvin Kelly rode down town he shook his head, his head frosted with wisdom and filled with

WORK ON OPERETTA

First work on the operetta.

Lincoln school was started this

Josephine. He was awkward, he tore the thing open, a heavy nub fell out, wrapped in tissue paper. He opened the little packet—it was the engagement ring—Josephine's ring!

John gasped. In his hand was a sheet of her blue note paper.

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Dram John,

I am marrying Gerrit Rantoul. I owe my life to him. Don't blame me, John. It is best for us both now that poor dear, brave Gilbert is gone. Forgive me.

JOSEPHINE.

Years of slavish toil followed for John. He sunk himself in his work.

Walked to the window looking out over dark roof tops. A strange feeling of prediction filled the small, white painted office. John had stepped to the window beside his chief and also looked out, as if seeking an answer.

"I have become convinced that my work is done," Colfax continued without looking at John. "It is no use continuing, at least for me. I have written



"He opened the little packet — it was the engagement ring Josephine's ring."

"Judge, I've been aware of it for Occasionally he heard of Josephine, Almon Strauss, a great man, Mr, me time." John turned. He was and Rantoul, married and in the vor- Breen, not afraid to remain in Paris.

dad. But—well. I said something once I would have given my right hand to recall. I knew the thing was working out. Now it's too late."

before the war.

Finally the acqueduct was finyou can go on, or not, as you see fit.

"But—" John stammered. It seemed and Pug Malone one night Judge Kelly went to a littered desk. He searched "It is better so—" "Of course you have rights, in the for a moment, then found a card. "My

estate."

I have not thought of rights, something interesting. The Bureau of north of Fourteenth Street, in shabby I am very curious to see whether the foreign cities and peoples that I have read about and studied about all my life look anything like the way I have pictured them. I have knocked about the American construction of the trustees. There's not a scrap, not an atom of legal knocked about the American construction. The best men, leads me to the belief that the correction of rourteenth Street, in sharp fashion, turned on his heel at the corner. "Good-night, Breen—John." He half hesitated and then did an unusual thing. "Here, shake." He wrung the hand of the younger man with a strong cold grip—"Good-night—" cold grip—"Good-night.

The ride unlown in the subway had the foreign cities and peoples that Judge."

Something interesting. The Bureau of City Plan. An engineer named Colfax is in charge. I think there's a place for an enthusiast endowed with a modificant cum of brains. My sad past, gentle-levidence, to support you. The best men, leads me to the belief that the corner. "Good-night, Breen—John." He half hesitated and then did an unusual thing. "Here, shake." He wrung the hand of the younger man with a strong cold grip—"Good-night—" cold grip—" cold grip—

young man. The portrait in the library, the one on the cast wall, is you. But you have nothing tangible to support your claim."

"Claim?" John considered a while.

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"Then he was only half asleep. A claiming anything. Great God, sir, dom, and perhaps some happiness, I'm down far enough as it is. The within its walls."

For a year he had been at work with a hero—" John stood and looked Colfax, as assistant engineer of the through the window; the park was Bureau of City Plan. The city enfolded him, enthralled him. He seemed to be playing with a set of magic blocks,

> One day, John had checked over reports of a field survey accounting for many acres of land safely under water nd purchased by a commission spending other people's money. Colfax moded interminably, cigar after cigar, his teeth champing at the rolls of weed, ssing the butts when burned to the

waving his hand in a general sweep "I mean the thing that has us all his lighting of a brand?" John hesitated in his reply. Colfax seemed un-nerved, the night was insufferably hot, and he, too, came to the office with the coming to a surge within him. Colfax, thin but of fiery energy, seemed to

"What I have said about the city bears out the rottenness abroad. Every-thing is wrong. It will drag us back frosted with wisdom and filled with doubt. What a mixture life is!

John slept fitfully that night. The next day he would insist on seeing Josephine, he was eager for her. Three days had passed since her return. The papers were still full of the disaster. Perhaps she was foolish enough to want to look her best when meeting him. Women are queer. He slept dreaming of his father, a poignant clutching at his heart. He dreamed of the sinking ship, of Van Horn, a hero, a hero, and of Josephine. They would often talk about his dad in after years.

John stepped out of his shower. Breakfast had been sent up. Then the mail came. He would be at the shaft at nine, the privilege of easier times and of his step.

"A letter, Mr. Breen. Special, reg-" shalt at nine, the privilege of easier times and of his step.

Many years ago Chicago adopted the motto "I will." That is still the Chicago spirit. Regardless of hard times the leaders in Chicago's civic shalt at nine, the privilege of easier times and of his step.

"A letter, Mr. Breen, to the time when the terrible waste will be overcome and men may live for something istered." He signed the receipt. It was a heavy envelope. John laughed, he times the leaders in Chicago's civic was feeling better, something from poor will only be the poor in spirit,

some time." John turned. He was and Rantoul, married and in the vorcrying. He dashed away the tears. The soft young and gay America just to rights, turn over the records, and dad. But—well. I said something the acqueduct was fin-

It was dark when the two men left

The ride uptown in the subway had been sticky, tiresome. Bits of paper and dust and dirt cluttered the trains. He

Then he was only half asleep. A deep rumble tumble and heavy crash of sound roared up the river. What had happened? After a while it was silent. An arently some colossal explosion. He waited and went to sleep. Black Tom, freighted with T.N.T., ad cone off and the lower sections of the city were in disorder, glass littering the streets. The crimson aurora of the fiery detonation had, for a few inutes, lit up the quaking town Blackness decended on Wall Street and Broadway. Offices were deserted. Only n Park Row was there action; men currying for news and the clang of patrol wagons and ambulances rushing special officers and doctors to the streets. But the larger part of the

A smaller detonation took place north of Fourteenth Street. Still treming with the shock of the explosion, a beaten man placed a pistol at his temple and pulled the trigger. Colfax, Director of the Bureau of City Plan, crashed over on the crest of noise. He hought the city had been blown up

The morning papers quite forgot the

"Colfax is dead." John Breen phoned Judge Kelly.
"Too bad, John. Too bad. Better go
up and look over his papers. He has

no relatives."

That day John gathered the few belongings of the strange man. He lived alone. His name had been changed, by due process of law. Thumbing his nose at fact, he, who was Vladimir Kahlfuss, became Victor Colfax. It explained much to John. own sincerity, a victim of the times; of all time.

As John rode home in the subway that night, in the crush, he saw every-thing on end. Car after car, crowded to suffocation, slipped by him, the uplifted hands of passengers seemed a symbol of the complete surrender of the masses, white impotent hands held up, thousands of hands, white hands.

Continued Next Week

### HAVE MEETING FRIDAY

Mrs. C. E. Stuart will be hostess

KENSINGTON CLUB WILL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY

Regular monthly meeting of the at her home Friday afternoon for Springfield City Council will be sington club. Miss Edna Swarta held at the city hall Monday evenwill be assisting hostess. The meet: ing, December 12, it has been announced by I. M. Peter on, recorder.

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