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The Gas Tax Goes Up

THE motorists of the United States are paying heavier taxes now than ever before—and there isn't any reason for believing that their taxes will not go still higher in the near future.

In 1928, according to figures compiled by the Central National bank of Cleveland, the gasoline tax cost American motorists \$805,234,000—18 per cent more than it had cost the year before, and something like 700 per cent more than was collected as recently as 1923.

It is only fair, of course, that the man who drives a car should contribute to the maintenance of the roads he uses. Yet in some states the legislators have shown a tendency to look to the gasoline tax as an always available means of increasing the state's revenues. Right now, it would seem, the motorist is paying just about enough.

Goldenrod Is Absolved

THE goldenrod is one of the most attractive features of the summer landscape in the American middle-west. Yet, to many people, it is not a beauty at all, but a blight and a curse—because of hay fever.

Recently a number of physicians have suggested that the goldenrod may not be as culpable as we have supposed; and now comes O. C. Durham, botanist, with an article in the current issue of *The American Druggist*, to say that goldenrod is almost entirely blameless.

Extended tests, he says, have proved to him that 90 per cent of all hay fever is caused by the ripened pollen of common ragweed—which, incidentally, is grown on practically every square mile of land east of the Mississippi.

Goldenrod's pollen, says Mr. Durham, is too heavy and resinous to be carried on the wind. Consequently, it cannot be blamed by the hay fever sufferer for his troubles.

The Senate Gets Wise

THE United States Senate did at least one praiseworthy thing before beginning its summer recess. It voted to pass on the president's nominations hereafter in open session, with both its speeches and its vote free for public inspection.

There never was any very good excuse for doing it any other way. The courageous newspaper correspondent, Paul R. Mallon of the United Press, who compelled the Senate to realize that such things are the nation's business and not the private concern of a few senators, deserves the thanks of the country.

For it is rather doubtful if the Senate would have ended the executive session business if he had not done what he did.

A monkey likes to sit in a tree and throw sticks at those on the ground. What a young intellectual he is.

EDITORIALS

From Over the Nation

The Source of Prosperity

Wall Street Journal: It is said the present prosperity, and that which has prevailed since 1921, is due to prohibition. But the whole of such development can be accounted for, almost mathematically, by the adoption of mass production, making high wages possible. The savings bank figures in the past three years have not increased in the same ratio as in the previous five years. They represent about what might be expected from normal population increase with high wages.

In other words, prohibition has made no difference which can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of anybody but a fanatic. It is greatly doubtful if it has reduced the per capita consumption of intoxicants. It is a favorite charge that only great cities like New York defy the Volstead act. But the whole country is moist from the center to its coasts and borders. Indeed, the farmer was bribed by the exception of fruit juices, which means fermented grape juice and hard cider, and so long as he gets what he wants for his own consumption he votes virtuously dry like the veriest congressional hypocrite with a pint of Bourbon on his hip.

Is enforcement the way to repeal the Eighteenth amendment? Our fathers thought that the way to repeal a bad law was to throw the tea into Boston harbor. The founders of our faith, the early Christians, defied the laws compelling sacrifices to heathen deities and suffered violent death in consequence in ways which would no doubt have been uproariously applauded in the house of representatives. Would "enforcement" of the Roman laws have revealed anything except Christianity?

It was pointed out by the late Alexander Dal Mar that whatever form it took, the per capita consumption of alcohol was curiously constant throughout all the years for which figures were available. There is no material reason for believing that it is changed.

Made-to-Order Men

New York Sun: Is brains a more valuable possession than brain, even at this era in the development of the human race? When Andre Maginot, French minister of colonies, visited the west coast of Africa, he was a great success with the natives because he is six feet four inches tall and built in proportion. He reported that according to the ideas of the blacks the premier and president should be still larger, say eight feet and ten feet, respectively.

An American librarian recently expressed his opinion, based on the earnings of manual workers as compared with those of librarians, that brains are at a discount. The population notion that men of science possess frail bodies was set as a subject for discussion at the annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington. Dr. Hrdlicka, the eminent anthropologist, has for five years assembled measurements of members of the academy in an effort to arrive at the facts. His conclusions are that scientists are not a physically inferior race; he found them, in fact, a little above the normal in stature and physique.

Addressing the American Philosophical society at its two hundred and third annual meeting, Dr. Oscar Riddle forecast the possibility of producing at will men of gigantic physique and towering intellect. A country possessing colonies will then be able to display a few gargantuan public servants to impress the natives while keeping the medium-sized intellectuals at home to run things. Research workers will be bred small to economize laboratory space. Librarians will be long and lean to fit in between the book stacks. Elevator runners will be fitted physically to their jobs. Men will be adjusted as to bulk in accordance with the requirements of their callings. Then what will happen if a blacksmith decides to turn statesman?

TIMELY QUOTATIONS FROM PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE

"Any workable business must be based upon utility, unity and confidence, and this means ability, loyalty and willingness to accept responsibility shall be rewarded."—W. J. McCaskey, president Hudson Motor Car company.

"A man who does not know what to do with his leisure may be a serious menace to society."—Dr. Booth C. Davis, president Alfred University.

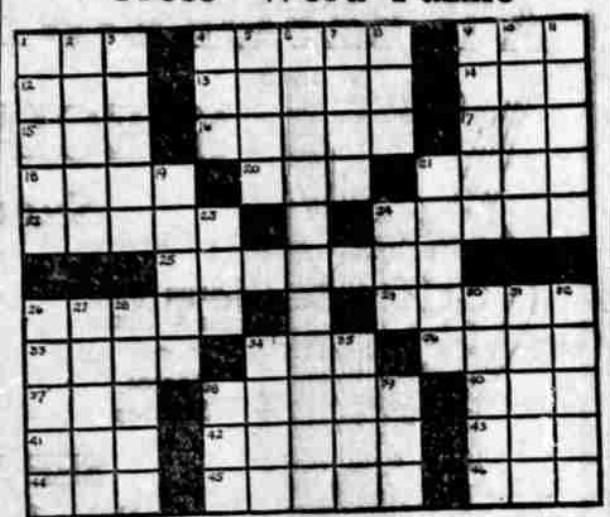
"The baldheaded man is so desirous of being handsome, of looking like a poet or a patent medicine faker, that he cannot resist an advertisement that promises to give him hair."—W. E. Humphrey, member Federal Trade Commission.

"I can think of no industry that demands more, on the technical side, from its leaders than the show business."—Henry Tetlow (The North American Review).

"I am so much concerned for the quiet development of industry, the peaceful mind, and confidence both at home and abroad, that I will use every ounce of influence I have to prevent an election for two years. But I wish to make it clear that I am going to stand no 'monkeying'."—Ramsay MacDonald, premier of Great Britain.

"The jingos of America are not the logical people in the land, for with one breath they proudly proclaim that the United States can lick all the world with its left hand, and next we find these same gentlemen urging the necessity of vast expenditures for our protection."—Haywood Brown (The Nation).

Cross-Word Puzzle



- HORIZONTAL**
1. Cavity.
 2. Contests of speed.
 3. In the middle of.
 12. Black bird of the cuckoo family.
 13. Destroy by slow disintegration.
 14. Unit.
 15. Convent worker.
 16. Paint color.
 17. Rodent.
 18. Elm.
 20. Devoured.
 21. Long hair on a horse's neck.
 22. Stamped with wax.
 24. King.
 25. To release.
 26. Student at West Point.
 29. Reckoned chronologically.
 33. Smell.
 34. Slash.
 36. A high form of affection.
 37. To decay.
 38. To add.
 40. To slumber lightly.
 41. Part of verb to be.
 42. Musical drama.
 43. Stir.
 44. Guided.
- VERTICAL**
1. Breathe heavily or laboriously.
 2. To habituate to hardship.
 3. Ringworm.
 4. To rot flax by exposure.
 5. Melody.
 6. Gives something to a common cause.
 7. Rim.
 8. To observe.
 9. Ethical.
 10. Empty.
 11. To restrain through fear.
 19. Senior.
 21. Pertaining to a wall.
 23. To harden.
 24. Carmine.
 26. Pink sea skeleton.
 27. To love exceedingly.
 28. Half-rotten (said of wood).
 30. Pertaining to sound.
 31. To elude.
 32. Station.
 34. To contend.
 35. Sour.
 36. Child.
 39. Unprofessional.

THOUGHTS ON U. S. AFFAIRS

(Continued from Page One)

affairs we find very excellent officials who are women.

MAN may continue to be the Lord of Creation, but he also will continue to bump into women in his business life, whether he likes it or not.

WHEN President Hoover selects his farm board he should name Roy Rittner of Oregon as one of its members. Mr. Rittner is a public man by nature, and he is honest and true. He is a farmer, and a good one. He has raised wheat in Umatilla county for many years, and he knows the farm problem as well as any man in America. Rittner is sane. He is not a whippersnapper with some lam or crank idea. He is a patriot first of all, and his work on the farm board would be done in the spirit of fairness to all—his government included. Senator McNary has recommended Rittner for the position, and in doing so he has voiced the wish of many people of the Northwest. With a board composed of Roy Rittner and men of his type this new experiment will go forth along sane lines and will be free from waste.

HOLD OFFICER ON CHARGE OF FAST DRIVING

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., June 28. (UP)—Police Sergeant Martin Coons of Seattle, was held here today under \$5000 bond on a charge of reckless driving following an automobile crash in which he was injured seriously.

Coons suffered three broken ribs and internal injuries when his automobile struck a car driven by G. F. Barkhurst, a farmer, near here. Albert Carlyle of Balonne, N. J., who was riding with Coons, was held as a witness. He also was injured.

Barkhurst, who escaped injury, claimed Coons was driving at an excessive rate of speed.

The sun occupies far more space than the whole of the space swept by the earth and the moon moving steadily around her.

Here's Answer For Yesterday

BANANA VIENNA
RIA LEO EON
ALP STATE EGG
I CORER L
NOOSE S EVADE
DROPS SCONE
BEAST P TWANG
R ENATE R
YAM RIGID ERA
ALA TEE RUN
NERVES STREET

LETTER GOLF

HEAR

TALK

AUDIBLE GOLF

It's possible to HEAR TALK clear across the letter golf course. Par is five and one solution is on page 14.

THE RULES

- 1.—The idea of Letter Golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
- 2.—You change only one letter at a time.
- 3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
- 4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

SEARCH IS CONTINUED FOR LOST AVIATORS

MADRID, June 28. (UP)—Search for the missing Spanish flyers under Commander Ramon France continued yesterday, but with dwindling hope of rescue.

The minister of marine said that the British airplane carrier Eagle had searched the southern shores of the Azores Islands, where it was hoped to find the four fliers, without results.

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

Everybody Wins on the Farm Bill, Except Possibly the Farmer—the House's Victory Isn't Very Exciting, Though, as the Senate Made the House Leaders Eat a Bit of Crow.

By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, June 28.

Final passage of the administration's farm relief bill may be said to hold an element of victory for everyone, with the possible exception of the farmers.

President Hoover wins because he adopted the measure and said it must stand as was, without any debenture plan or other fixturs.

The house of representatives wins because it sees the bill enacted as it passed it, without the debenture provision demanded by the senate.

The senate wins because it held firm and forced the house to take a vote on the debenture. The republicans win along with Mr. Hoover, for the farm bill was a party measure.

The democrats come out of the farm bill fight in excellent shape because they presented a virtually solid front for the debenture in congress—which, for the democrats, is a moral victory any day in the week.

Jardine's Triumph, Too

And undoubtedly the greatest personal triumph is that of former Secretary of Agriculture William Marion Jardine, who is undisputed father of the "Hoover farm relief program." The administration farm bill is identical what was known in the last previous congress or two as the "Jardine plan." Everybody laughed at it then and it was kicked around most disrespectfully, for both houses were intent on passing the McNary-Haugen bill.

Farm state members of congress then regarded the Jardine scheme as totally inadequate and the complaint was made that it only offered the farmers a chance to get further into debt. When one considers that Jardine was not retained in the cabinet by President Hoover and will be no more than an interested spectator when the child of his brain is put to work to serve the farmer, it does almost seem that there ain't no justice.

The most significant, and to many the most gratifying, thing that has happened in Washington lately is the complete success of the senate in pulling the hard-boiled, high-hatting Longworth-Tilson-Snell triumvirate of the house off the high horse this trio had mounted when the senate voted for the debenture scheme.

The effect is to demonstrate that while the house is more than ever a legislative body gagged and bound, the senate remains free and independent. As long as the senate continues to refuse to be bossed either by the president or the house, the efforts of Speaker Longworth and his lieutenants to establish the supremacy of the house over the senate will continue to fail as miserably as this latest attempt.

Few persons are going to shed any tears over that. Regardless of the merits of the debenture plan or of any other specific measure and despite the fact that some of the world's most distinguished nitwits occupy senate seats, the intellectual superiority of the senate over the house is never seriously challenged.

The facts concerning the senate's defeat of the house are these: The house passed the farm bill without debentures and the senate voted by a narrow margin to put debentures in. The two bills then went into conference and the house conferees arrogantly refused even to discuss the bill until the debentures provision was thrown out. Longworth, Tilson and Snell had decided that the house wouldn't be allowed to vote on debentures—an exhibition of steam roller tactics only matched by the way they railroaded the tariff bill through, forcing more than 400 members of the house into the position of so many robots.

Calling a Big Bluff

House leaders were serenely confident that the senate wouldn't dare hold up passage of the farm bill. President Hoover himself shared this confidence. The general assumption was that when the ten conferees, among whom only two senators had voted for the debentures, knocked the debentures out of the bill the senate would meekly surrender.

The arrogance of the house, however, defeated its own purpose. The senate promptly smashed its bluff by refusing to accept the conference report. The alacrity with which the house leaders—under guidance of President Hoover—gave their large platter of crow and promised a house vote on debentures was nothing short of funny.

They had to, of course. Otherwise they would have been in the position of obstructing passage of the farm bill—a position in which they thought they had the senate.

TOKIO, June 28. (UP)—The Emperor today signed the Kellogg treaty for renunciation of war. The Japanese adherence will make the pact effective between the 15 signatory nations when it is filed at Washington.

QUIPS AND QUIRKS OF AMERICANS

Robert Quillen's Pointed Satire and Broad Humor Gives Refreshing View of Human Traits.

Of course Uncle Sam favors disarmament, isn't he preparing 15 more ships to scrap?

A he-man is one who dies early because a little germ or a little exposure can't scare a guy like him.

The first cuss word was invented when the first bald man missed a fly the third time.

A partisan is a man who thinks you are against him if you talk sense.

The greater the enthusiasm, the quicker it burns itself out. Note last year's passion for farm relief.

THE BOSS OF THE FAMILY IS THE ONE WHO DOES THE MOST TALKING ABOUT A TRIVIAL HURT.

We now offer \$25,000 for the best plan to stop this everlasting chatter about prohibition.

The most frequent double play is that from pay window to work or to installment house.

The conservative opinion, in England, is that the hand that rocks the cradle rocked the boat.

AMERICANISM: Feeling superior to the common thief; "buying" goods in the full knowledge that you never can pay for them.

Another good place for a no-tipping sign is on a canoe.

Reporters, Lindy, must swallow their pride and chase you to hold their jobs. If you hate them, think how much more justly they abominate you.

Among the yellow races we must include the one that won't enforce a sane law if it endangers business.

The hard part of governing a republic is to do what is sensible.

without offending the fanatics who compose the current majority.

THE ECONOMIST WHO SAYS OUR GREAT PROBLEM IS DISTRIBUTION MUST HAVE NOTICED HOW MUCH PARKING SPACE THERE IS WHERE YOU DON'T WANT IT.

Nature knows best. All wild creatures mate for life—except the dogs and cattle that can get along without a home.

The disadvantage in being a home rug hitter is that the world thinks you are slipping if you fail to get one every day.

Fermentation is an act of Nature, of course. But Nature does not squeeze the juice out and add sugar.

An editor is a chef who pres-

pares a daily dish and dies still wondering which ingredients kept the customers coming back for more.

CORRECT THIS SENTENCE: "MY LAST FIFTY CASES HAVE DONE WELL," SAID THE SURGEON, "BECAUSE NOT ONE OF THEM WENT BACK TO WORK TOO SOON."

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EXECUTORS CONTINUE FIGHT OVER POSITION

LONDON, June 28. (UP)—Executors of the estate of the late Gen. W. Bramwell Booth moved today to accelerate the suit he started for the purpose of deciding whether the Salvation Army high council had the right to remove him from office. Booth's choice for his successor is still a secret, the name being in a sealed envelope.



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