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Pensions For The Old

THE thought of old age pension again brought to public attention by the pension bill introduced in congress by Representative Connery of Massachusetts. The bill would make eligible for government help every person sixty-three years old or more whose income does not exceed twelve dollars a week, says the Duluth Herald. Citizenship in the United States sixteen consecutive years is required, and there are provisions limiting it to those who have not been convicted of felonies and have a reasonably good record of citizenship. The amount of the pension would run from four to eight dollars a week, depending upon the income, under twelve dollars, of the applicant. Representative Connery includes in his measure the statement that the act shall be "liberally administered to effect its purpose, which is to provide, out of the public purse, sufficient income for the old to enable them to enjoy the last remaining years of their lives in such freedom from the fear of want as they have earned by a long service for society as citizens of the republic." For years the idea of pensioning the dependent old has been considered in the United States, but there is an honest difference of opinion as to its wisdom. Many sincere objectors fear that it will break down ideals of thrift that induce people to prepare for old age out of their own earnings during productive years. But proponents of the policy point out that the elderly poor are already being supported by local poor funds, and that pensions would eliminate the almshouse by enabling many to keep their own individual homes. The Minnesota legislature passed a pension law last winter, giving counties the authority to adopt the system if a majority of voters in each county approved, but up to this time none has adopted it. Eventually the question will be an issue throughout the country, for the trend of public thought is in that direction, but it is not likely that the federal government will take the initiative. Representative Connery's bill, though, will stimulate discussion and out of it may come help towards an intelligent and humane solution.

Those Luxurious Bathrooms

ANNOUNCEMENT that Americans use 3,000,000,000 pounds of soap a year seems to indicate that the Saturday night bath is becoming a nightly institution in practically every American home; and we are inclined to agree with the New York World in giving most of the credit to the manufacturers of American bathroom fixtures. A few decades ago bathrooms lacked tiled floors and enameled walls. Tubs were apt to be of shiny tin or zinc. Hot water could be obtained from the faucet only after considerable trouble. The scene of the weekly ablutions, in other words, just naturally wasn't attractive. But now? The bathroom, in most houses, is the most attractive room in the building. It is luxurious, gleaming in its cleanliness, efficient to the utmost degree. It fairly begs the householder to climb into the tub. Small wonder that the bath is more popular!

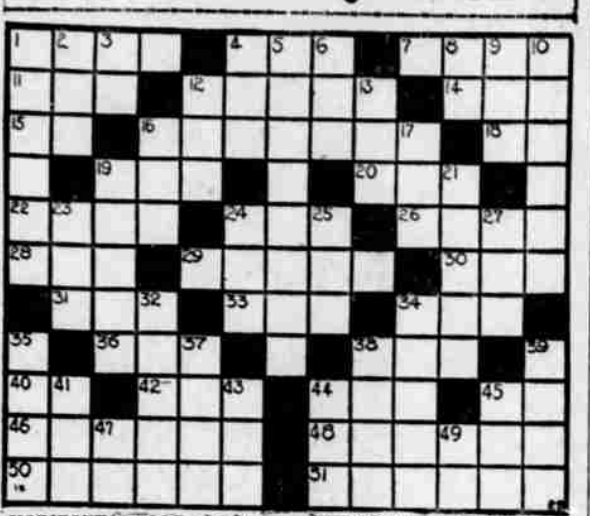
EDITORIALS
From Over the Nation

EVEN LAWS MAY GET OUT OF DATE
Kansas City Star: A situation that long has needed remedying is involved in the finding of Judge Fitzhugh of the United States district court at Peoria, Ill., that, under the Jones law and a federal statute dating back to 1790, every person who buys liquor or knows of its possession and does not report the fact is a felon. The chief counsel of the prohibition bureau thinks no effort will be made to enforce the law according to the judge's interpretation and adds that many statutes enacted in the early history of America have fallen into disuse. Judge Fitzhugh, of course, did not pass upon the wisdom of attempting to enforce the statute uncovered, or upon its constitutionality. He merely cited its existence and the legal inference to be drawn therefrom. Probably few persons except students of the law and history would know of these statutes were not attention directed to them in some such manner as that just noted. Clarence Darrow once said the American and British procedure was to ignore such laws, rather than attempt to repeal them, since the latter often would be difficult or impossible. Yet it would seem the part of wisdom to make a reasonable effort to clear the statute books of laws no longer needed or unenforceable. Not only the nation but per-

TIMELY QUOTATIONS FROM PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE

"When the cloistered life of the senior and the common life of the state fall to meet in fruitful union, schools may become the playground of the decadent, and states the plaything of the demagogue."—President Glenn Frank of Wisconsin University.
"If we must have wars in the future, let them be in defense of the United States and not in defense of war profiteers."—Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr.
"All the virtues are hard up."—Frank Irving Fletcher.
"This traffic safety thing is nothing more nor less than a personal proposition."—O. L. Bodenhamer, national commander, American Legion.
"The greatest virtue in good government is exact and even-handed justice. Whenever any citizen is convinced that his government has given him a raw deal, that citizen becomes either an outlaw or an undesirable citizen."—Governor Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi.
"The time has come when we should remove starvation of women and children from the weapons of warfare."—President Hoover.

A Biblical Question



HORIZONTAL
1 Who murdered Abel?
4 War flyer.
7 Home-run king.
11 Skill.
12 Small woods.
14 Ocean.
15 Northeast.
16 Those who cure.
18 One.
19 White.
20 Participle.
22 Lifeless.
24 Little rogue.
26 Divan.
28 Insect.
29 Absent.
30 Nominal value.
31 Drowsy bee.
33 Almond.
34 Lamb.
VERTICAL
1 Where is Winnipeg?
2 Verb.
3 Noun proper.
4 Concealed.
5 Constellation.
6 Capital of Ohio.
6 First woman.
8 Pronoun.
9 Beverage.
10 Aircraft shed.
12 To arrive at.
13 Eagle.
16 Concealed.
17 Call for help.
19 Leader's wand.
21 Not.
23 Conclusion.
24 Electrified particle.
25 House cat.
27 To drudge.
32 Fanatical.
34 Boundary.
35 Current.
37 To mitigate.
38 Wise.
39 To need.
41 Pine tree.
43 Scarlet.
44 Mongrel.
45 Because.
47 Nay.
49 Therefore.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
SODA CELL
GAVEL OPALS
DILATE DONATE
ARELE DEMUR
YES RINSE ASIA
CUE
SEIN PENAL MAM
ABODE EDUCED
COMATE AMUSED
NITER LOSES
CARE ANTS

Thoughts We've Been Thinking
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plunge this commonwealth into a chaotic condition by capitalizing the clamor for lower license fees on cars, which is the only way the bonds for roads have been paid and the only way they should be paid. In a general way Oregon needs a governor who is big enough in every way to administer the state's affairs provided the voters should decide to put all tax and license money in one pot and have it administered by the governor and other officials elected for that purpose.

SHE MADE HIM
LONDON — Harold Boyd has his wife to thank for his success. When he asked to marry her, she was a waitress and he a laborer making \$5 a week. She spent her earnings as a waitress educating her sweetheart to enable him to obtain a better position. Today he is manager of a big commercial house, making more than \$5000 a year.

ERRORGRAMS



DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

The Senate's Best Fighters Seem to Be Old Men—There's Norris, for Instance, Going Strong at 65—and Grundy, at 67, Is Ready for a Lot of New Hard Battles.
By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—White heads and gray heads of men along in their sixties have figured most conspicuously of late in the tragedies, dramas and comedy. While complaint is often made that workers in industry are being laid off at the age of 40 or 45, some of the most important personalities in the political business are well past three score years.
Triumphs and defeats seem to be visited upon these sexagenarians impartially and some of them experience both.
At the age of 63, the white-haired, stricken, veteran boss of Philadelphia, William S. Vare, has been driven from the Senate without the seat for which he fought for nearly four years. Undismayed he promises to continue fighting—to make another bid for the same seat in the special primary next May. He is still the undisputed boss of Philadelphia and the attempts of his enemies to undermine him—powerful attempts, too—have thus far failed.
Grundy Ready to Fight
Then there's Mr. Joseph R. Grundy, who is 67 and whose hair is also as white as snow. Old Mr. Grundy, snapped at by the lions of the Senate in this and previous investigations, has now walked right into their den with the knowledge that they will try to take large bites out of him as often as they can. And old Mr. Grundy plans to stay, for he will run for re-nomination next May against old Mr. Vare. Although he is older than Vare, his health is better. Compared with Mr. Vare's, his unlined face is almost that of a little child. Although most of the heavy work and the dirty work in the campaign will be done by others, the primary fight between these two hard-boiled old bosses will have all the dramatic elements.
Meanwhile come reports that old Mr. Gifford Pinchot, who is 64, may decide to fight for the senatorship himself. Youth just doesn't stand a chance of being served in that campaign.
Passing out of the picture, however, is William B. Wilson, now nearly 68. In his case defeat appears to have been final insofar as political ambitions are concerned. As the Democratic candidate against Vare in 1924, he polled an enormous vote and beat Vare through the state. He thought that the proof of widespread corruption and cheating on the vote in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh would lead the Senate to throw out those votes and welcome him in.
But only 15 senators saw it that way and his defeat on the floor was worse than Vare's, though no taint attached to Wilson. Without any particular money, he had labored personally for three years in proving his case. Now, as he cleans up the debris, he seems a sad and broken man, older than any of the rest. He resumes his duties as an arbitrator between Illinois coal operators and miners.
Into this same picture fits Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, who at 65 still enjoys concealing parodies and delivering them in the Senate. It was Norris who cast aside technical party allegiance in 1926 and went into Pennsylvania to campaign for Wilson, the Democrat, against Vare, the Republican.
Fighting Keeps Him Young
In the subsequent battle against the seating of Vare he has always been in the forefront and lately he has led the assault on Grundy, although conceding his right to the seat to which the governor of Pennsylvania appointed him. Watching Norris inspires the thought that the joy of fighting must be what keeps so many of these old men young. The Senate has acted on innumerable Norris amendments and Norris resolutions and nearly all of them involved a fight.
One can't help concluding with mention of Andrew Mellon, at 76 secretary of the treasury and still with his finger on Pennsylvania politics. Mellon, allied with Grundy, has fought Vare and been fought by Vare in return. Hatred burns between Mellon and Pinchot. Norris has often gone after Mellon's scalp. Until the issue is concluded by death some of these old men will still be fighting.

Seattle's Growth Told in Program

The dumping of Denny Hill into Puget Sound to make room for Seattle's astounding growth is the incident around which the Empire Builder program for Monday (December 30) night is written. The listener is promised thrills not only by the rapid succession of events in this story but also by a portrayal of the resourcefulness of modern engineering in an unusual undertaking.
The Old Timer swings into real action in this story and Miss Virginia Gardner is cast in the leading feminine role. Incidental music is furnished by Bob MacGimsey, phenomenal three-part harmony whistler, and Andy Sanelia and his orchestra.
The program will be broadcast from 7:30 to 9 o'clock Pacific coast time; 8:30 to 9 mountain standard time, over the following stations: KOA, Denver; KFI, Los Angeles; KGW, Portland, Ore.; KSTP, St. Paul-Minneapolis; KSL, Salt Lake City; KGO, San Francisco (Oakland); KOMO, Seattle; KHQ, Spokane.

Fort Klamath To See Films Tonight

Victor Johnson, assistant county agent, will tonight show several reels of entertaining and educational films at a meeting at the Fort Klamath Community hall which will open at 8 o'clock. The meeting is sponsored by the Fort Klamath Women's club.
The films will be of nature films and educational matters along agricultural and housekeeping lines.
Last night films were shown at a meeting sponsored by the Williamson River grange.

Stoddard Leaves To Attend Meet

Tom Stoddard, Modoc Point, president of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon, left last night for San Francisco where he will attend the annual meeting of the National Student Federation of America.

TO SPEND HUGE SUM.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 28. (AP)—Expenditures aggregating \$280,000,000 in 1930 by the Santa Fe railway were announced today by W. B. Storey, president of the system, acting in cooperation with President Hoover's program for stabilization of business and industry.

SALT LAKE DRY

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 28. (AP)—It is dry hereabouts in more ways than one. Federal prohibition agents found a still near a dried up spring. Running from the still to a pipe line was a garden hose a mile and a half long.

LIGHTNING RINGS BELLS

PARIS—The good people of the Beaumont-Hague parish were astonished when the bells of their church near Cherbourg started to ring at an unusual time. Investigation showed that the steeple, struck by lightning, had fallen and set the bells to ringing.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

Early Closing—Many stores of the city have already adopted the early closing plan of closing at 6 o'clock every evening, except Saturday. The grocers and butchers were the first to make the start, and now these stores close promptly at 6 p. m.
Peculiarly enough the dry goods and clothing stores of the city have held out the longest against this modern method of doing business, and today there is only one store of this nature which closes its doors at 6 o'clock, and permits its employees to live like civilized people and enjoy a few hours of rest and pleasure between working and business hours.
The progressive business man has learned that he can do as much business in eight or ten hours as he can in twenty, and his help is in much better physical condition to give proper attention to customers that the traders of today insist upon. It is the wide-awake, live clerk that sells the goods, and no one is in proper shape to give the courteous treatment to customers necessary, who is worked out with twelve or fourteen hours of work daily. It is only just to the working force of the stores that Klamath Falls merchants should adopt the methods in vogue in other progressive cities.

QUIPS AND QUIRKS OF AMERICANS

Robert Quillen's Pointed Satire and Brevet Humor Gives Refreshing View of Human Traits.
The measure of a man is the number of people who delight in seeing his faults exposed.
Blessed are the poor. Their tires are still good for 5000 miles after they're worn out.
It might be worse. Suppose we were born old and had to dread growing young and foolish.
Dealing in liquor to catch a dealer isn't a new scheme. Police kill to capture a killer and speed to catch a speeder.
College girls ruin girls in the same way that an unlocked cash drawer ruins a boy who stole mere trifles at home.
Another way to keep the waist trim is to stoop down so the broom will reach under the bed.
Doctors are people who can chuckle over your misery if they know it won't kill you.
The modern passenger bus is equipped for almost everything except winning an argument with a locomotive.
"A warm climate makes generous people." Even in a room artificially heated, people will shiver their last shiver.
Americanism: Making one another rich by paying one another a profit on paper that is valuable because we act that way.
But what can you expect in a land where everybody thinks Lindy was first to fly the Atlantic and nobody knows that Section 6 makes it a crime to purchase hooch?
All things are comparative, and the secret of greatness is to find a place where the people grade even lower than you do.
Religion is somewhat like Shakespeare—or the national anthem. If you are for it, you feel

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New Year's Resolutions

Don't make too many New Year's resolutions. Don't make any you think you cannot keep.
But make a few and stick to them! For example, why not resolve to be better off financially next New Year's Day? You can do it by determining to save a definite amount each week or each month.
That's a resolution you owe it to yourself to make—you owe it to yourself to keep.
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