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 When Your Time Expires, the Paper Stops

YES, every man has a will of his own—provided he is not a politician or his wife is not around.

THE government seems determined to make those Michigan-ders drink wood-alcohol.

WHEN a newspaper man pays \$25 for a pair of shoes and \$100 for a suit of clothes, advertising at 50c an inch looks like a bargain.

PARTING OF POLITICAL WAYS?

TEXAS newspapers have had little to say about Mr. Bailey's Gainesville speech. The Dallas News took him to task on some of his financial theories, and The Dallas Dispatch, under the head: "The Bailey Menace," prints a front page editorial in its Monday edition. But, aside from these comments, but little has developed that indicates the attitude of the press of the state on Mr. Bailey's candidacy.

Of course, the Neff speech, in which he attacks Bailey, was printed liberally throughout the state. Mr. Neff is certainly frank in his discussion of Mr. Bailey, and has a lot to say about the Bailey platform. Just what popular accord this opposite platform from Mr. Neff will do to the political situation is difficult to forecast.

Mr. Bailey is popular. He's personally popular with many Texas citizens and voters, but we doubt very much if he can take with him those who like him personally and also like prohibition, suffrage, Wilson and the excessive profit tax. Of course, he'll have all the reactionary and anti-everything crowd with him. That goes without saying.

Many of Mr. Bailey's friends are disappointed in his Gainesville platform. It is not what the people of Texas endorse. That's an absolute and positive situation.

But we doubt if there are any dozen men in the state who can defeat him for the democratic nomination for governor. Upon this, the politicians of the state are all agreed. So they are looking for a man—one man—who is strong enough to carry the opposition to Mr. Bailey. But by dividing up the vote between half a dozen men, Bailey will easily be the nominee. This gives hope to the republicans. If they will select a man who can swing the Bailey opposition into line, should Mr. Bailey be nominated, they hope to elect a republican governor.

Senator Harding of Ohio this week made the statement that Texas is one of the doubtful states, and might go republican. It is upon the assumption that Mr. Bailey's nomination would develop a split in the democratic party that he made the prediction. Just how true this is, no one—not even this newspaper—can say. But we do know that not all democrats will support Mr. Bailey; and, further, that he will get some republican votes in the state. It looks like the parting of the political ways for many Texans, who have lived in the solid south so long that to them, leaving the democratic party, is like breaking up home ties. Will they do it?

THE presidential mill keeps right on grinding out one impossibility after another.

THE census may show New York the biggest city in the world, but it will show that for its size, Cisco is the biggest.

THERE are many of us who have long since decided the government made a mistake when it took over the railroads, and we know now that it is going to cost the taxpayer millions of dollars. Let's settle the thing, pay the bill—and forget it. We're weary—all of us—in the prolonged discussion of such a trivial thing as a few hundred million dollars or so. The public must foot the bill in the long run, no matter how they decide it down in Washington.

MAKING A NEWSPAPER.

NEWSPAPERS at one time were personal organs and reflected the opinion of some individual or individuals. But the newspaper of today attempts to publish the news without bias and wholly as a matter of information. Too many think a newspaper should devote its energies to punishing the things they don't happen to like, or fighting the things they happen to oppose. If they expect The News to follow this policy, they are mistaken. The News finds too many really worth-while big things in its territory upon which to spend its time, to be mixed in any petty or trivial affair.

The News is not a personal or factional organ. It is not the spokesman for any alliance,ism, creed or party. Its mission is outside the various units in which a people divide. It cannot and will not follow a faction.

A number of well-meaning citizens have misunderstood the idea upon which The Morning News was founded, and have attempted to read into its pages things that are not really there. There is no hidden policy or mysterious thing in the background that operates The News' pages. It is just a newspaper, with no fancy facades or foolish fads.

TO BUILD a city, adopt the Rotary motto: "He profits most who serves best—Service above self."

SPIRITS.

WHEN a man dies, what about it? Does his spirit return and hold commune with the living? To be absolutely frank, this journal doesn't have the least idea about it. We've been much interested in the findings of some really smart people along the line of spirits, but for the life of us, we couldn't guarantee their statements as being correct or no. We wish we could. You know, newspapers are supposed to search out all these things and give 'em instanter to their readers, so they may be guided. But so far as this paper is concerned, it says right now and honestly that any one consulting a medium or seer does it on his own hook, and we assume no responsibility if the spirits fail to function.

But it's a mighty interesting subject. We've often wondered what comes after death. We have some little light on the subject from very eminent men. And from reading of the advertising of mediums, we might say "some women," as the "gift" seems to largely repose in the fair sex. But to be honest about it, we have never seen a ghost, never communed with a spirit and never heard a truthful thing from a mind-reader or palmist. Until we get more information on it, it is our judgment that this spirit stuff is about all bunk.

For that reason, we cannot subscribe to the theory that some insane persons are "suffering from an invasion of their consciousness by the spirits of the persons who have died," except we know some persons otherwise seemingly normal, who seem to have been invaded by a dead person from their neck upwards in many of the things they do and say. But it seems to be a lack of spirit, rather than an invasion.

NEW PACKER PROBE OPENED UP BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE

TRADE COMMISSIONER COLVER AND REPRESENTATIVE ANDERSON, AUTHOR OF BILL FOR REGULATION OF INDUSTRY, HEARD UNDER PROTEST.

TO CONTINUE HEARINGS

"Conditions Necessitate Divorcing Packers from Ownership of Refrigerator Cars;" Independent Concerns Die Off at Rate of One Each Three Months.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Opening another congressional inquiry into the packing industry and the activities of the "big five" Chicago packers, the house agricultural committee today heard Federal Trade Commissioner W. B. Colver and Representative Anderson of Minnesota, author of a bill for regulation of the industry.

Some members of the committee demurred at the proposal to hold the hearings, Representative Rainey, democrat, Illinois, pointing out that five congressional inquiries had been held since 1915, while other members suggested that the exceedingly extensive records of previous inquiries, which cost the government \$2000 a volume, should be considered sufficient basis for action.

The vote, however, was ten to three in favor of holding hearings. Adjournment was taken for the day with Mr. Colver's testimony uncompleted.

Representative Anderson, arguing support of his bill, said that present conditions necessitated divorcing the packers from ownership of refrigerator cars and stock yards, confining their business to the handling of meat products and establishing a commission to regulate them otherwise.

Mr. Colver touched on the recent agreement between Attorney General Palmer and the packers with the remark that "of itself it is an argument for legislative regulation."

Representative Haugen of Iowa, chairman of the agriculture committee, criticized the argument, saying: "That consent decree the packers will take admits all the evil practices which they have been in, forgives them for it, specifies that they are to be given two years more to continue all of them, but after that time they are to confine their robberies to the farmers, who produce butter, eggs, cheese, poultry; doesn't it?"

Commissioner Colver smiled without direct answer. Remarking that he was not disposed to "mention minor scandals," Commissioner Colver said that the commission had found that the Armour, Swift, Cudahy, Wilson and Morris concerns had an "agreement with respect to the purchase of live stock in all the principal markets."

This agreement, he added, "had all the effect of a restraint of trade." Independent packing concerns, he said, were dying off at the rate of one every three months, and this was the result of the "packer practice."

AMERICAN RELEASED BY MEXICAN BANDITS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Released of Joseph E. Askew, an American citizen captured by Mexican bandits, was reported to the state department today by the Tahuallio company of New York, which employed him. The information was based on a letter from Askew saying he was on his way back to Lerdo, where he was taken prisoner by Villa and his troops.

Officials of the state department expressed belief that if the news was true arrangements had been made for payment of \$20,000 ransom demanded by Villa from the Alvarado Mining company, claiming it to be due him for conveying a large shipment of bullion to the border.

A letter has been received in Mexico City from Askew, according to the official dispatches, saying that he was well treated by the bandits.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Feb. 24.—J. E. Askew, an American citizen, seized by bandits near Lerdo, Mexico, early this month and recently released, telegraphed a friend here today that he would arrive in Torreon, Mexico, tonight. Askew is manager of the San Fernando ranch near Lerdo.

Start for Camp.
 ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24.—Sixteen members of the St. Louis Americans, headed by Manager Jimmy Burke, tonight departed for Taylor, Texas, where they will begin training Thursday.

LENINE NOW RECEIVES HIGHEST RUSSIAN PAY

Red Army Well Disciplined, Says Correspondent on Tour—All Males Up to 35 Years Must Fight.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23.—A tour of soviet Russia has been made by a staff correspondent of the Handelsblad who is writing a series of articles describing conditions throughout the country and in the army as coming under his personal observation. He deals with the morale of the soviet armies, the compulsory military system, the discipline of troops reported in the foreign press, divisions in the red army over bolshevism and the well-to-do as well as the poor in the soviet regime.

"Russia has been completely mobilized," he says, "with all the able-bodied men of the country from the minimum fighting age up to 35 years and with alternative and they are obliged to fight under the general administration of the commissaries who are bolshevist to the backbone. This operates very effectively. A soldier who deserts, betrays the cause or otherwise falls in his duty, is shot; or, if he succeeds in escaping, his family is held accountable."

The correspondent, who apparently tried to view things from a fair and neutral standpoint, dined with several bolshevik officers and had opportunity to study the red army in detail.

"The soldiers," he says, "are polite and there seems to be quiet and agreeable discipline. The pay is 800 rubles a month for a soldier, 3200 for a company leader and 1200 for a regimental leader. The former generals of the czar's army, six of whom are serving on Trotsky's staff, get 6000 rubles a month. Nobody in Russia receives a larger salary with the exception of Lenin, who now gets 8000 rubles a month."

Prominent Woodman Dead.

The members of the Woodmen of the World and Woman's Circle of Cisco regret the demise of J. D. Alexander, of Garland, Texas. Sovereign was the head adviser of the Woodmen of the World of Texas, and supreme delegate to the supreme convention. He was the father of Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley, supreme clerk of the Woodmen Circle. Messages of regret were sent from the order in Cisco.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS MORE SALARY

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Greatest emphasis was placed on physical education by speakers addressing the branches of the National Education association convention today. Education of the mind without training of the body and strengthening of health is not true education, it was contended.

A committee of the superintendence department tonight was preparing recommendations for a national education program to be presented to the convention Friday. It is understood the platform will recommend readjustment of tax systems to provide better salaries and maintain better schools. A national salary of \$1500 for city schools and \$1200 for teachers in rural districts will be urged.

The flower of the Christian religion is the lily; that of Mohammedans the violet.

More than 500 varieties of trees grow in the United States.

OKLAHOMA RATIFIES SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 25.—Passage of the joint resolution ratifying the federal woman suffrage constitutional amendment with emergency clause attached came at 5 o'clock this afternoon in the house of representatives after nearly six hours of debate on the question. The vote on the ratification measure was 74 to 14, with 12 not voting.

Action on the suffrage resolution is expected to occupy the senate most of tomorrow afternoon while in the house the appropriation bill will be up for consideration.

A member of the British parliament is unable to resign unless his application is agreed to by a majority of the members.

Every week or that favorite the presidency. W. dency comes out for will be time to take not. lo Commercial.

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