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A MACHINE DEMOCRAT?

SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK

Louisiana isn't fooling. Louis Bourgeois, youthful president of the Square Deal Association, out to restore the constitutional liberty usurped from the state by Huey Long, says the membership of the Association runs into thousands. In half a score of parishes civilian soldiers are drilling, without weapons it is true, but it is reported that a large number of those enrolled have guns at home and are ready to use them in a good cause. This matter of fooling all the people and part of the people has been gone into before.

And apropos of soldiers, it is gratifying to the public spirit of Kansas City to know that Police Director Higgins has been made a colonel on the governor's staff. We wonder if his awakened sense of military punctillio was responsible for his orders to the police force to straighten up and look snappy, or whether the appointment was the result of that gesture of the stern disciplinarian.

The police came into action in Ridgefield, New Jersey, recently when Miss Adelaide Kenna, age forty-nine, threw a small ax through a window where a birth control exhibit was on display. The display was within the law but not within Miss Kenna's sense of the fitness of things. Having wrecked the window she appealed to a policeman to accompany her on further raids against the menace. Instead she accompanied him. The result has not been made public.

Judge Merrill E. Otis, of the local United States District Court, spoke on the radio here last Monday night, his topic being the court in which he serves. After watching the swift and highly efficient way in which Judge Otis handled the recent trial of the men and women indicted in connection with the station massacre, one would guess that Judge Otis could speak with authority, and should be listened to with respect.

Speaking of trials and of investigations, Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri, member of the Senate Munitions Committee, has brought charges that there was collusion in the bids recently submitted for large naval contracts. It has long been a matter of comment that the boys who enlist in the navy come from the Middle West. Has geography anything to do with Senator Clark's interest?

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It is unlikely that anyone can consider the above caption, in connection with Mr. Roosevelt, without surprise or even resentment; this fact in itself is an editorial. There is probably no

political topic on which all Americans are in such complete agreement as that Mr. Roosevelt, whatever else he may be, is NOT a pork barrel politician. Stubbornly or bravely, foolishly or wisely, with imbecility or with genius, he has instigated a series of experiments whose one common spirit is an effort to save the sheep from the wolves, to crush the spoils system, and in business as well as politics to make sharp practices unhealthy.

Apropos then, it was a bit eyebrow-raising during the election here last year, to observe at Machine Headquarters down on Walnut those great slogans of affiliation with the national democratic party—the exhortation to “Stand by the President,” and the yard-square photographs of Mr. Roosevelt in the windows. What, one wondered, could this Spoils System Number One of American municipalities have to do with an administration whose entire program was in direct opposition to everything such a machine stood for. It was a paradox too ludicrous to waste time on; no one could possibly take it seriously, and the Fusionists had other points to make pub-

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FOREIGN

League of Nations

Although the Saar is to be handed back to Germany March 1, this does not mean that the problems confronting the League of Nations are at an end. Many world questions still press for solution.

While the prestige of the League has undoubtedly suffered by the withdrawal of Japan and Germany from its councils, there are many who feel that the League is far from dead and will eventually wield the influence Woodrow Wilson envisaged as its goal.

Encouraged by its success in easing the tension created by the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia and the French Foreign Minister Louis Barthou, the Council of the League through its Saar committee sponsored the accord reached last December between France and Germany for the return of the Saar to Germany. The success of the plebiscite and the apparent desire of France and Germany to settle amicably the outstanding difficulties pertaining to this issue have given the delegates at Geneva courage, and they are turning with some degree of optimism to other spots dangerous to world peace.

Abyssinia is now asking to have the Council hear her charges of Italian aggression, but, at the moment, the paramount interest of the statesmen assembled in Geneva is the Chaco conflict. This war between Bolivia and Paraguay has long been a thorn in the League's side, and, thus far, efforts made to end it have been unsuccessful. This week the Assembly's Chaco committee recommended that the arms embargo now in effect be applied only against Paraguay for the reason that Paraguay has rejected the League's report advising mediation of the dispute. Unless this report is accepted by February 24, Paraguay will be declared the aggressor as defined in the Covenant which prohibits a member of the League from going to war against another member which has accepted a League report. This is the first time the League has attempted to force a recalcitrant member into line. However, notwithstanding this recommendation, reports emanating from Washington indicate that the policy of this government will probably continue as heretofore. This is due, no doubt, to the fact that the joint resolution of Congress empowering the President to impose an embargo specifically

stated that it must be applied equally to both countries.

Friends of the League are heartened by the recent willingness of Great Britain to take a more active part in Continental affairs. This cooperative spirit was manifested by the sending of British troops to police the Saar plebeiscite, and by not voicing opposition to the application of sanctions in the Chaco war. That Britain has more faith in the League is evidenced by her efforts to have Germany return to Geneva, and the giving of her blessing to the pact of mutual guarantee for Eastern Europe which will be under the watchful eye of the League —and France.

Another factor which may strengthen the League is the change in French foreign policy under Pierre Laval. If M. Laval, who belongs to a group of French politicians favoring a Franco-German rapprochement, can continue his present efforts without interruption from the general staff and chauvinistic politicians, the possibility of

#### LITTLE MERCHANTS

Six boys, ranging in age from 6 to 10 years, were arrested by police recently in the storage room of an apartment house at 2537 Troost Avenue at 9:30 o'clock at night. According to their story, a man had invited them to come in and "get some swell things." This is the significant part of this story: two of the boys said they sold magazines. The other boys were their helpers, they explained.

These groups of boys from 5 and 6 years of age to 11 and 12, canvassing the city late in the evening with magazines for sale has become a familiar sight. Often in the residential districts they are accompanied by a man, driving a car, and distributing six or seven of them at a time over a neighborhood. Doorbells are rung as late as 10:30. When the children, some mere infants, are delivered to their homes is problematical. This situation illustrates a glaring defect in Missouri's child labor law which has long been the concern of those interested in the well-being of underprivileged children.

Although the law is good, even above the average in many respects, its provisions make exception of children selling newspapers and periodicals. Expressed by the courts, that they are not employees, but "little merchants." It is to be hoped that this distinction will not long exist. It is to be hoped that such children as those taken in charge by the police in the case named will be protected just as fully as children working in a factory.

FROM JED ROWE:

"I see Boss Tom's donatin' a lot uv high grade false teeth to the dentists school, to help 'em turn out better tooth carpenters.

Makes me think uv that boy Lem uv mine. His Ma alius knowed when he got a real good spell that it wuz time for her to keep extra close watch on the cookie jar!"

"Papers say the police hev been bustin up a lot uv likker joints that didnt pay their taxes or whatever it is they hev to pay. Seems tho, they did'ent touch nary of the gamblin dens.

Kinda like my boy Lem. Ef there wuz only one ripe mellun in the patch he'd find it sure, but when it come to choppin thistles out uv the cow pasture you'd swear his eyesight wuz almost gone."

HEARTY

While most of us were huddled around the heaters in our automobiles Monday morning, H. M. Beardsley, 76, followed his daily custom of walking to his offices downtown. Fred C. Davis accompanied him, but the blasts were too much for one of his cronies who usually is a member of the party. We reluctantly measured the fifty feet from back door to garage before getting up

enough courage to make the dash.

the return of Germany to the League- and the disarmament conference will be enhanced. The question is, however, what effect will the overwhelming Nazi vote in the Saar have on Hitler's foreign policy — will he become more demanding and intransigent, or will he be more inclined to cooperate in an attempt to solve Europe's problems.

G. L. C.

#### FUTURE SECRET

Do you ever listen to WHB's "Voice of Kansas City" program? The question last Tuesday was, "What, if anything, could be done to make Kansas City a better place in which to live?" About nine out of twelve of the answers were variations on our theme, "Clean out the politicians." Which should be a hopeful sign. But before you get too blithe, remember that, compared to the ballot, this radio broadcast is a secret affair in which anyone can express an honest opinion without fear of reprisal.

#### PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY FUNDS

The Children's Mercy Hospital, the vocational department of the Delano School for crippled children, the Swope Settlement clinic, the Visiting Nurse Association and possibly the children's ward of the Bell Memorial Hospital will be the beneficiaries of seventy per cent of the money taken in at the President's Birthday Ball to be given next Wednesday night at Convention Hall, according to Mr. Goldman, chairman of the committee in charge. The remaining thirty per cent will be given to President Roosevelt, who will turn it over to a committee for research work into the problem of the control and treatment of infantile paralysis.

Kansas City's record in regard to the disease recently has been good. According to the Health Department there has been no case for two or three years. But there are still numerous victims of past epidemics who need the fullest measure of care and treatment. The President's Birthday Party directs funds and attention both ways, toward prevention and toward the treatment of those already victims.

In the Sharp Building there is a counselor's office with the words, "Brain Brokers" in large black letters printed on the doors. Modesty is the best policy, we say.

#### Snapshots

##### Prom page one

And right in line with the sea comes the proposition of Dexter Cooper, an engineer, to spend forty- seven million dollars on a power plant project which would utilize the thirty-five foot tides that ebb and flow at Passamaquoddy, Maine. The President is studying the plans to harness the sea and an interesting experiment may result. The effort to use the power latent in the tides has been made before though never on so large a scale.

Following the example of his predecessor, Isabella, Alfonso, formerly of Spain, has pledged the crown jewels to Czechoslovakia in return for a loan of four million Czech crowns, and is having some difficulty in straightening out the transaction. The Czech crown is worth 4.18 cents at par, making Alfonso's borrowing amount to approximately \$167,000. The loan was listed as personal.

Viscount Lee, president of a large English film company, complains that American slang is becoming current in England because of American films. He approves of the interchange of pictures as a means toward international understanding but deplores some of the results. "Hardly any school boy," he says, "does not know the difference between 'okay' and 'oh yeah'."

It seems to us that England is learning a lot.

## FINGER

### PAINTING

Is it an art or a science? Invented by Miss Ruth Faison Shaw as an aid in scientific education, fingerpainting has been amazing artistically.

It was quite a task to find a paint that was the right consistency. It had to have a pleasant feel, it had to dry quickly but not too rapidly. The paper had to absorb the pigment but not too fast so that if the child wished to wipe paint away and have the background it could be done. And it had to be sufficiently resistant to withstand constant manipulation with moisture for an hour or two. Miss Shaw invented such a paint in 1931.

We all suffer through repressions and inhibitions. Some have more than their share, others apparently have none. Those who are obviously handicapped are taken to the psychiatrist for treatment and possible cure. The others are left to suffer.

Miss Shaw conceived fingerpainting as a means of expression for all. The ideal situation is of course a classroom of from ten to fifteen children and the set-up for painting always at hand so that a child may paint whenever and as long as he wishes.

He is given a piece of paper 16 x 22 inches. In this size it was found that the worker does not consciously try to fill space. He is given water and six different paints from which he mixes his own colors and the work is done on a table. But it really is not fingerpainting; the whole hand, the lower arms, sometimes even the elbows are used.

The child daubs on the paint and there is some formation which recalls to him something he has seen or imagined and he elaborates on that idea. One little girl of six did a scene of the Arizona desert the colorings of which are perfect and the large cactus makes it difficult to believe that anyone but an experienced artist had done the job. Another girl did one of herself dressed up in mother's clothes— there is no face, there are no hands but the whole swing and sweep and movement makes you feel that you are that little girl. And the average time for producing these paintings is half an hour!

But these artistic creations are only the by-product. Miss Shaw tells of a little girl of wealthy parents who could give her every advantage. The child's features were rather nice but she was terribly un-

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### TRIVIA

"For Gasake make it funny," he said. "Funny?" I echoed wanly. "Funny," he said, patiently but firmly. "You know funny, like farce." "Oh!", I said brightly, "you mean funny, like-like a council meeting, for instance." "Precisely," he said.

And so, dear people, because, although I've seen lots of funny things in my time, I've never seen anything funnier than a council meeting— I went down Monday night. And didn't waste my time. It was sweet, pure, and simple a perfect example of City Fathers at work. There were no broad sallies, such as on the night they celebrated A1 Gossett's birthday which, happily for the wits, fell in National Cheese Week, and His Honor the Mayor climaxed a forty-five minute barrage of poetry, wit, and remarks with "We are supremely happy that Councilman Gossett's

birthday comes in National Cheese Week it makes our affection all the tighter and more binding.” Or the night when three school-boys, sent by their Civics teachers to study the solemn deliberations of the council were made council members pro tern, made motions and everything. The fathers were all just boys again that night. It was just too, too, whimsical.

But this Monday night was different. The humor was almost subtle. You know, of course, that this week a financial statement was issued and a block of bonds put on the market. If you don't know it tsk, tsk. If you're that busy, take a few minutes off from Pop-eye and the Gumps, and apply the time to the items on city finance. I promise you won't lose any laughs. They evidence a definite flair of imaginative genius. You know that imaginative art is that

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MR. TRUMAN MAKES AN EFFORT

Within two hours after the 1935 county budget, drawn up by Senator Harry Truman when he was presiding judge of the county court, was adopted by that body, a suit was filed by W. W. Graves, jr., prosecutor, for an order to restrain the county court from enforcing the budget. This suit, nullifying as it does the 1935 budget, illustrates some of the most fundamental troubles with county government as it exists in Missouri today.

The county government forms an exception to the characteristic American principle of executive power placed in the hands of a single individual. There is no chief executive officer in the county, no official corresponding to the President, the governor, or the mayor. An authority on county government says, “The county court has very little administrative authority, even over officials appointed by it. Nor does it have legislative power to enable it to attempt to coordinate and regulate the work of the various county offices. Each elected official, once in office, is practically free to go his own way and administer his office without supervision. He is responsible only to the people, and the people have so many things to watch that they cannot and do not follow any official very closely.”

At the time of Sheriff Bash's similar suit last year, it was pointed out that the county court is responsible under either the old law or the new budget law (the constitutionality of which is being questioned) for preparing and enforcing the budget. It is responsible for all the financial operations of the county. Yet under the existing system of government, any other elected official may challenge its authority in the courts. It is this situation which makes county governments the “web of inefficiency” they are conceded to be.

Senator Truman long has urged a reorganization of county government. Although he often

confessed that his hands were tied by political obligations, he has made a sincere and intelligent attempt to correct many of the evils of Jackson County's archaic government. A bill based on his ideas was introduced in the state senate at the last regular session by Senator Casey. The budget law, which has been made practically inoperative by the suits by Sheriff Bash and Prosecutor Graves, was one part of Senator Truman's plan. The remainder of his bill was ignored by the state senate. It is to be hoped that the present session will consider it again, and more favorably.

Kansas City Public Affairs says: "Until some semblance of orderly organization and control are established, the county government will always be expensive and inefficient."

#### HIS PLAN WOULD END COUNTY INEFFICIENCY

##### Senator Truman's Plan

Except in regard to budget-making, the bill did not affect the prosecutor, sheriff and those other offices provided in the Constitution, as, naturally, it could not, but it went a long way toward providing a more responsible and efficient county administration. It would consolidate the various county offices into three major departments — revenue, public works, and welfare. In addition, a comptroller and a personnel officer were provided for. The heads of each department and all other officers were to be appointed by the county court on nomination of the presiding judge. The presiding judge was to be the administrative officer of the county and have charge of all activities, including the preparation and enforcement of the budget. The elective offices of assessor, collector, treasurer, highway engineer, and recorder of deeds were to be abolished and their activities and all activities of appointive officers were to be consolidated in the new organization under the administrative control of the presiding judge. That last provision of Senator Truman's plan is one of its best features. Do you know who your county highway engineer is? Your recorder of deeds? You don't! Well, neither do 9 out of 10 of the people you meet on the street, and yet they elected those officers. They are responsible almost entirely to the people who elected them. Wouldn't it be better to hold the county court responsible? There are 40 elective county officers. County alone! Remember our little lecture last week on short ballot.

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#### INFORMATION CONCERNING PERMANENT REGISTRATION

In the next issue (here will be a critical analysis of the Permanent Registration Bill for Kansas City which has just been introduced in the House. Everyone interested in public affairs should understand and study this important subject.

#### FUTURE

##### WHITEWASH

H. F. McElroy, city manager, says the new report of the water department, indicating that 839 more places are being furnished water than on January 1, 1934, showed improving business conditions. This is a fairly good mixture of whitewash, and would have got by us in fine shape, except for the size of our ears. On every hand these efficient organs detect the angry muttering of city employees and city favorites, outraged at the indignity of having to pay water bills for the first time in eight or nine years. 839 more water accounts, eh? We even heard of one abused favorite who went out to Mr. Pendergast's house, but all to no avail. This sudden

activity on the part of the water department fills us with a vague anxiety. You see, next July, (just six months off now), there will fall due more than 4 million dollars' worth of bonds, to be paid from the general sinking fund. The general sinking fund isn't nearly large enough to pay them off, however. Now, we just hope that someone isn't planning to build up the water bond sinking fund, and then use it next July. Because that, citizens, would be illegal.

Mr. Pendergast heads a group collecting \$25,000 to give the Cogswell clinic to Kansas City-Western Dental College. A perfect mixture. We can't see a thing through it except a lovely, shining white. Hope it doesn't wear off.

Gil P. Bourk and William Lafferty, representatives from Kansas City, have introduced an anti-lynching bill. The two men sponsored the same measure in the 1931 session. It provides for life imprisonment for persons found guilty of participation in lynchings. The north half of Mr. Bourk's district, from 27th to 9th, extends from Park to Harrison, and Mr. Lafferty's district is bounded by Grand Avenue, State Line, 31st and 14th streets. For their black constituents this snowy white will cover a multitude of sins.

And More Whitewash or  
Forgive Our Bewilderment

Of course, we're young. But we were always good in math. Our eyesight is good, too.

Last week, Tuesday's press said, "CITY'S FUNDS RUN LOW—EXPENSES MUST BE CUT MORE THAN \$200,000 A MONTH." And Wednesday's press said, "A CITY FINANCE REPORT — McELROY SAYS FEW PLACES CAN SHOW AS GOOD A STANDING."

Now, wait just a minute, oldsters. We know that a city can have a good financial standing and yet be a little in arrears with its current expense. But just let us bring up a few matters for your consideration, or explanation, if you'll be so good.

First, there are these two items. We quote Mr. McElroy's report: "All liabilities on existing contracts fully covered by appropriations made by the council, for which funds are in the city treasury." And, "There are no past due current bills against the city."

An admirable condition, that, but we can't help wondering why every obligation of the city is more important to it than that obligation to its employees. With most institutions we believe the reverse is the policy. A 25% reduction in the salaries of all city employees has been put into effect for the last six months of the fiscal year. This is no new order. It happens year after year. Often there is more than one reduction in salary before the year is out. And yet every spring the city manager makes out the new budget with fresh hopes, not taking into consideration any necessity for this cut. When the estimated expenditures and appropriations are compared with the actual expenditures at the end of the fiscal year, it is seen that in nearly every case, expenditures for salaries are less than the amount appropriated, but expenditures for "bills" are more. In some cases up to 400% and 500% more. Oh, yes, we have funds in the treasury to cover all liabilities on existing contracts, and we have all current bills paid, but the city employee pays the bill. Can we really expect service from these people?

By merely listing as assets the amounts in the general sinking fund and in the water sinking fund, can Mr. McElroy hope to have us consider these funds "in good standing" ? Of course, every reader

knows what a sinking fund is, so forgive this superfluity—a sinking fund is a fund into which a part of the yearly revenues is paid to accumulate for the payment of bonds when due. The city manager's report lists bonds and cash in the general sinking fund amounting to \$1,053,801.30,

and ditto in the water sinking fund to the amount of \$1,- 736,214.22. That makes in both sinking funds exactly \$2,790,015.52. Less than 3 millions. But a lot of money, you say. We would think so, too, but from long years of study of the reports of the Civic Research Institute, which is an impartial fact-finding body, we know that almost 12 million should be in those two sinking funds. And we know that July 1, 1935, only six months away, there will fall due \$4,274,000 of term bonds, to be paid, if paid, from the general sinking fund. We have seen Mr. McElroy's opinion that no refunding will be necessary. We know it would be illegal to use the water sinking fund to pay these

HANK

general bonds, and we can also see that even if it were used illegally, the two funds together wouldn't be nearly enough. It just doesn't add up.

Year after year, it is evident that the refunding of bonds will be necessary. The sinking funds continue to fall short. And yet new bonds are issued month after month in such amounts as to require for their retirement the entire amount of the debt retirement levy. A city manager with a better reputation for good city management told of his way of managing this problem in a talk in Kansas City in April, 1933.

"Regardless of bonds having been voted by the people," said City-manager Dykstra, of Cincinnati, "We do not sell them unless the estimated revenue for debt retirement is sufficient to take care of their interest and retirement." He gave as an example of a project for which bonds had been voted, but not sold, a municipal auditorium. Although the bonds for this project had been voted some years before, there had never been a time when the administration felt there was not something more important to the city welfare for which to use the debt retirement revenue.

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TO A

GENTLEMAN PAST FIFTY

You are a successful business man at the height of your career; years of foundation and creative work are behind you and years of production ahead. We want a practical opinion from you on the subject of inheritance. You have given much thought to the estate which will some day belong to your sons and daughters; you know from experience how many barriers and hardships this money will save them, and what a running start into life it will provide. You are going to leave them something else, though, besides this money. Your father left it to you and his father to him. It is the world, nation, state, city, in which you live—the environment and conditions in which your children are to spend not only their money but their lives. Doesn't this inheritance warrant as much of your effort and care as the estate in your strong box? Doesn't it actually offer the greater security? Doesn't it seem a broader intelligence that you, in whose hands it rests today, should do all possible to LEAVE IT RIGHT?

O GENTLE READERS

To FUTURE:

Regarding your first issue: Most subscribers were disappointed because practically all of the fire was eliminated. While they did not want Future to be entirely composed of exposes of the local machine methods and tirades against conditions, they believed that a certain amount of it is essential. I am inclined to agree with them on that score.

Another common complaint was the front page. Too much prominence to a feature of little local interest.

Two readers said it appeared to them Future was trying to go high hat—a distinct Junior League flavor as one described it.

As I see it the Future has much the same function as the local Democratic sheet. It must give the unpublished facts concerning local politics. It must give the other side of the published facts, if any. If we are to do the most good, we must not forget that our aim is to improve government.

Jim.

(Thank you; give us a little time.)

To FUTURE:

I am amused! My car was stolen but I am still amused. I read in the Kansas City Star a

statement by Judge Brown Harris, in which he told the Grand Jury that Kansas City was the most law abiding city in the United States; that there was nothing for the Grand Jury to do. My car was recovered, stripped! The insurance adjuster, acting in behalf of the insurance company, settled it to my satisfaction. He informed me that there is an average of approximately fifty cars a day stolen in Kansas City, which cars are taken out and stripped as mine was. He also informed me that the auto thieves of Kansas City as well as the dealers who sell the stolen parts are known to the police, and still Kansas City continues to pay the bill in high insurance rates. Yes, everything is lovely here.

I live in Lawrence, for which I am duly thankful. We do come to Kansas City occasionally to shop. Such splendid treatment as stealing our car will undoubtedly make us want to come to Kansas City frequently.

Yours for higher insurance rates.

Ray T. Wright.

#### CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTIONS?

The recent student protest, made vocal at various collegiate and inter-collegiate gatherings, against the decision of the Supreme Court that any land grant college or university has the right to include compulsory military training in its curriculum seems at first sight well founded. Are we to become a nation of conscripts? A further examination alters the perspective. There are somewhere near five hundred and seventy-five colleges and universities in this country. Of these forty-four are land grant institutions, or just about one-thirteenth. Of fifteen institutions of higher learning in Missouri, only one belongs to the oppressive class. It would seem that the conscientious objectors have alternatives.

#### WHITE FANG

I see where big things are going to be done for the dental college. What's the matter— weren't they voting right? I understand only members of his political flock are to be allowed to contribute. Looks like there ought to be at least a few big-shot Republicans around with bad teeth.

#### To FUTURE:

I have been handed a copy of your paper which appears to be an organ published by, and in the interest of the Youth of Kansas City. It is high time that the Youth of this country awakens to the dangers confronting them, but, if I read the signs correctly the danger lies in exactly the opposite direction from the point to which, toward which, their attention is being directed.

Take this statement from your paper as an example: "These young people are liberal in their views, but are not the fodder from which Communists, Socialists, or Fascists are made ..."

It may take you several years to find it out, but my guess is that the man who wrote that sentence is being made "fodder" of for something ten times worse than Socialism. Masically, there are but two economic systems: Capitalism or Socialism. If you are against Socialism you must be in favor of Capitalism. If you are, then you are in favor of a system which has had a fair trial and the results are to be seen in every direction.

The conservatives have no constructive program to offer. All they ask is to return to the very conditions which brought on the present depression and their understanding of economic laws is so meager that they fail to see that, given unbridled reign, they would land the country in absolute chaos in less than six months.

Respectfully yours,

J. W. Parker.

(80 below zero in the Red Square.)

#### PHYSIVICS

There is pronounced similarity between the human body and the body politic. It is necessary for the human body to be properly fed, to observe fundamental laws of sanitation, habits of exercise, thinking, sleeping, etc.; the body politic must observe similar fundamentals. The individual citizens must perform the functions of citizenship, or the body politic will suffer and decay as surely as will the physical body if physical organs cease to function normally. The answer in either instance is to preserve intelligent physical fitness. That can be done only when there is intelligent understanding.

The body politic (more especially in a form of government like ours) needs the intelligent co-operation of the individual citizen. We must give more attention to preparation of the individual to meet his responsibility of citizenship or the body politic will not develop normally. It is not sufficient to train our people to become great doctors, lawyers, preachers, engineers, etc., and ignore or neglect training for citizenship. Great leaders in the professions cannot and will not preserve the body politic unless they understand the subject and have a well developed sense of responsibility. That can come only from training and study of the subject.

#### HEIRS PROTECTION

Missouri law provides an office known as "Public Administrator." His function is to take charge of the estates of deceased persons who have died without designating an executor or without leaving relatives in the county to administer the estate. Frequently the Public Administrator will claim administration immediately after death, even though there are interested persons in the county entitled to the administration.

It is advisable to have a will naming an executor and advisable to notify the executor in advance. To avoid conflicts with the Public Administrator and unnecessary expenses (frequently taken out of small estates to the serious injury of needy heirs), it is wise to consult a lawyer who can frequently suggest means to prevent the decimation of estates, both large and small.

#### CLEANUP

I understand some of the local Democratic clubs are talking Joe Shannon for Guy Park's place. Now there's just the man we need to appoint those honest election commissioners we've been hearing about!

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Have you ever visited the great trading hall of the Kansas City Board of Trade? If not, you have neglected to do something that would prove not only highly interesting but educational as well. It is the largest winter wheat market in the world and probably the largest cash grain market, too. Probably you have visioned it as a meeting place of a bunch of reckless speculators who play hi-de-ho with the farmers' money, making and losing thousands, even millions, with abandon. Maybe you have pictured the rich boys sitting around in plug hats and deciding among themselves whether wheat should be put up a dime or down a dime. Or maybe you just didn't care.

Now we are not press agents for the Board of Trade. Neither do we have any relatives that belong to it or aspire to be members as far as we know. However, since having been made familiar with its functions, we can say with sincerity that it truly is an efficient and highly organized service institution. We do not say that it is the pinnacle of perfection or the best system of marketing the farmers' products that can be devised, but we do say without hesitation that it is the best that ever has been devised. And for more than half a century it has stood the test.

The Board of Trade is an organization of dealers in grain and grain products. The board itself has nothing to do with the handling of grain or the determination of prices. It merely provides the facilities for transacting business; establishes and enforces rules of conduct; adjusts disputes and collects and distributes information on grain.

Let us glance at the functions of the board of trade. It is charged with distributing the products of about 2 million farmers (wheat alone) to 130 million consumers, a tremendous task in itself. Its members must pay the farmer cash for his product at any time he chooses to sell and patiently wait until the consumer is ready to take it off their hands. The wheat crop is harvested largely in June, July and August and the bulk of it is marketed in those months, although it represents a year's supply. Naturally it takes large storage facilities and a tremendous amount of financing to perform these services.

Not the least important to the producer is the matter of price. In the words of W. R. Scott, the farmer expects to be paid cash whenever he is ready to sell and he expects that price to be based not solely on conditions obtaining at the time he sells, but a price that takes into account the demand in the future. Through the medium of the futures market that service is provided. But we are getting ahead of our story.

It is a revaluation to see how easily and efficiently the market handles the tremendous after-harvest movement of grain, preventing congestion and consequently any harmful effect on prices. In a normal year, around 100 million bushels of wheat alone moves into the Kansas City market, more than half of which is handled in a period of about seven weeks. The wheat arrives in cars. Samplers are in the railroad yards to secure specimens of each car which are hurried to sting laboratories where they are traded and brought to the trading

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Rossiter Howard, Director of the Art Institute, spent his boyhood in Mt. Clair, New Jersey. He married Alice Woodbury, of Rockford, Illinois, and has two children, a son and a daughter. He lives on East Forty-Seventh Street. His travels include Constantinople and Greece, and a ten-

year residence in Paris.

Finger Painting

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attractive. She was slovenly, she was unpleasant, and fingerpainting told why and cured her. She painted pictures of horrible creatures that looked like African tribesmen but she called them Egyptian priests. She painted them all in a glorious shade of purple brown which she invented herself and for which she achieved fame in the room because the others admired it and wanted to know how she mixed it. So that alone, the fact that she excelled in something, would have helped. Eventually the story of the Egyptian priest was told—somewhere, somehow, she had heard or read a story that Egyptian priests sacrificed beautiful maidens so she was trying to be as unattractive as possible, “something like a schoolteacher,” she told Miss Shaw. When her fears were abated, she strangely enough continued to paint scenes along the Nile but thenceforth they were all lovely.

Grownups of course have tried their hand at fingerpainting also but the result is not nearly so good. They consciously set out to do a certain piece of work whereas the child reveals memories and thoughts which no one knows he has. Only one of the pictures done by adults which Miss Shaw showed at the Art Institute the other evening showed the free and easy movement which was present in all of the work done by children. A curious member of the audience asked the reason why and Miss Shaw was ever so slightly embarrassed saying she has not expected to be called upon to tell but this particular artist had been out having a good time before entering her studio and so had cut down his grown-up reticences.

As an artistic medium or training for painters the possibilities of fingerpainting cannot be estimated but as a means of expression it is unquestionably an aid to happiness and as a means of psychoanalysis it has the possibility of preventing a great many emotional handicaps in future generations.

MAY WE PRESENT ROSSITER HOWARD

Rossiter Howard, small of frame and mild mannered, believes in teaching art in the three dimensions. Science and history figure in his lectures to link art with life as the majority of men and women know it. His background is a wide education and extensive travel. After his marriage, (and his wedding trip took him to Constantinople) he spent ten years in Paris, where his children were born, and where he attained such a high reputation in his own field of art that he was permitted to lecture in the Louvre, an honor never, up to that time, accorded to any other American.

In this country he held positions in Cleveland and Minneapolis, and finally went to Philadelphia. There he remained, the head of the museum, until shortage of funds closed the building for all but one day a week. It seems that the University of Pennsylvania spent such huge sums on their Asiatic archeological explorations that, what with depreciations and falling stocks, they were unable to support art at home.

At which time Mr. Howard came to Kansas City to assume the directorship of the Art Institute. Mrs. Howard, who is a writer of children's books, accompanied her husband to this city, and conducts a class at the Art Institute. The daughter lives in Brooklyn, where she works under the Red Cross. The son has already achieved some fame in his own right. Graduating from the Yale School of Fine Arts he attained a very distinguished scholarship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he is now studying.

One of the most interesting of Mr. Howard's activities, as far as the general public is concerned, is his lecture series given every Thursday evening at the Art Institute. Opinion as to their value is varied, some feeling that the subjects he attempts to discuss are too large to be handled in single lectures, while others hold that his method is not only adequate but illuminating. And everyone agrees that his choice of slides is faultless.

Trivia

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which aims at deleting all except the one definite impression you're trying to get across.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 o'clock. It's supposed to be at 7:30 but it always takes till 8:00 for the Democrats to transact the business of the evening over at the Kansas Citian. The routine reading of ordinances and their O. K. by Clark-Shoemaker-Gossett-Garrett-Alford-Eviston-Adams-Backstrom-Smith was concluded—delayed only by passed motions to dispense with the third readings on various ordinances providing for \$450,000 worth of bonds. No. 3717, "Refunding \$100 to Theo. Madouros acct. bond error" was held over. Mr. Madouros will have to wait two more weeks at least for this startling sum.

It was the last ordinance on the docket, first reading, (second and third waived) "Fixing rate of interest on \$450,000 various K. C. public improvement bonds" that fired the mutual admiration orgy. Mr. Gossett rose to compliment Mr. McElroy on the fine credit of the city. Mr. Garrett rose to second Mr. Gossett and to gloat over some figures. It seems that of 18 bids submitted Monday, the highest was 3J per cent, five were for 2 per cent, which, minus premium, is 1.8 percent. So! The city's credit is good enough to justify a "less than 2 per cent interest rate."

Mr. McElroy rose to thank Mr. Gossett and Mr. Garrett, and to congratulate everybody. Was everybody happy? Mr. McElroy's piece de resistance was, "The reason for this phenomenal credit is the praiseworthy fact that there are no past due current Mills in Kansas City!

Mebbe so, Mr. McElroy, mebbe so but how them sinking funds do sink F. R.

TRIPPED HIM

There's an amusing story back of this budget injunction business. Last year Mr. Casey, one of the boys, introduced for Mr. Truman the county reorganization bill, which flopped. Naturally, Mr. Casey, having sponsored its contents, couldn't object to those same contents when they were incorporated into Mr. Joffe's budget bill even when the boys back home wailed "No, no, a thousand times no!"

But the boys can take care of themselves. Mr. Graves' injunction takes care of the situation beautifully. Says Mr. Graves, "What, the legislature giving the county court authority to say that I can have only \$39,000 when I specifically ask for \$50,000? Utterly preposterous- I was elected by the pee-pul, and to the pee-pul only am I responsible. Why you can see that the bill is unconstitutional. The title doesn't cover the subject!"

KANSAS CITY JOURNEY

Do you know Kansas City? I don't mean Petticoat Lane and the Country Club district. I mean Kansas City, from State Line to the edge of Independence, from the northern boundry of North Kansas City to south of seventy-fifth. Do you know how many foreign contingents there are, each with its own settlement and social life. Have you been through Guadelupe, up those steep unpaved streets? Have you attended mass at the Church of the Holy Rosary in the North End

where peasant women., apparently just come from the field or the vinyards on the slopes of the Appenines, walk softly in, their heads covered with dark shawls, to kiss their hands with loving reverence, to the figures above the altars?

Some time ago a visiting student of sociology demanded that a slum be shown to him. Where would you have taken him? If you wanted to find an object for some especial bit of charity would you look among the crowded rooms of bleak lodging houses, or in some flimsy shack on the edge of town? If you were joining the much sung King of Spain in his quest for a happy man where would you look? And what about Diogenes? Whither would you direct him? Or would you know?

J. B. Priestly recently produced a book called "English Journey." It was just that. He went all over England and looked at it. It is reported that the same once-over is being given the United States. Undoubtedly we will be swamped with journeys and there will be one or two sung over the radio, with "journeying" and "yearning," and "through" and "for you" felicitously rhymed. Why not undertake a Kansas City journey,—I'll furnish the words and you write the music?

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MANNERS MODES

New York, Jan. 17, 1035.

The cold wave has hit New York, but the advance fashion parade was already on, and the shops are full of new mid-season items. Millgrams' are showing high-shade frocks for winter doldrums or better still clear gray tunic frocks with lots of buttons. . . . Best's advise breaking into print with emphasis on star- spangled crepes, tiny Persian motifs, large Paisley designs, polka dots, or flowers, and some of these imprinted on new satin Jersey. . . . Altman's go in for prints too, but Stern's say it's better to mix materials and offer redingotes in black, brown, or navy crepe with printed taffeta panels. . . . And Macy's favor "the quilted dress" in plain materials. . . . All agree, though, that chiffon and lace are the thing for evening. . . . Lord and Taylor's are billowing with them —All with streamline backs in new new shades of Brione blue, Cerestette, and Bittersweet. . . . Hats are flatter in the crown with brims way down or way up. . . . At Lord and Taylor's they're down in stiched taffeta and at Arnold Constable's they're up in straw. . . . Lots of Regency bonnets, too, and some scuttle-shaped at Altman's. . . . Accessories are lively and contrast well with tailored gray or navy suits . . . Lots of new Jewelry, too. . . . A new bracelet from Sak's carries all the charms that made Diamond Jim Brady famous. . . . And of course much exciting southern wear if you're headed south, but then I don't suppose you are. Rita.

So the old question, "If winter comes can spring be far behind?" seems to have been answered quite definitely in the negative this week, what with cold winds and real flurries of snow bothering New York as well as Kansas City. And it's a little disheartening, to be sure, for all of us who had thought Spring and Spring wardrobes well on their way; but fortunately the manufacturers are harder to please than "we-alls" so that there are plenty of dresses and suits

here in town that remain true to Mr. Hamrick but have all the new color and vigor of Paris and New York midseason openings.

Of course, buying appropriately at this time of year is not as easy as it sounds, because the market is rather jumbled now with what can be worn immediately and what should rightly be put away for post April-shower days. But with the secret of mid-winter shopping, the quest is simplified a little—and that secret is—invest now in light weight wools or silks that can be worn effectively under fur or heavy cloth coats. These can be light enough in color if you want, so that when you're indoors in one of our over-heated living-rooms you can almost feel Palm Beach atmosphere closing in on you; but if they are light their accessories must be contrastingly dark so that once outside again you can slip back into winter unnoticed.

Heading the list, or at least my list, of things that can make you forget the monotony of a "long winter's nap" are the new tailored suits in flannel or the like that are not too bunched under top-coats. They come in all kinds of quality,  
APPLE OF CONCORD By KATIE KITCHEN

Don't be misled into believing that the phrase "apple of his eye" has any anatomical significance. It is simply a proof that our forefathers and mothers knew a good thing when they saw it, and once seen who doesn't keep his eye on an apple? Don't let anyone quibble about inversions in sentence structure, or anything else. Point out to him that the apple has been the symbol of the desirable from Eden down, remembering Atalanta and not forgetting the Hesperides. Does some one suggest that the golden apples were probably oranges? Wrong. They were undoubtedly Yellow Delicious apples.

And apples deserve their place. For food, decoration, or just an extra, apples offer a selection that is hard to beat. Try a few of the variations. We'll skip apple sauce. You may make yours with the pieces of apple whole and semitransparent, or you may mash them into a smooth sauce. Either is good, the second particularly so for breakfast as it doesn't need as much sugar. And we'll omit any lengthy discussion of the uses of raw apple, either as a solo piece or as a valuable addition. There are any number of salads that are given an added flavor and crispness by the addition of some finely chopped apple.

The apple I want to discuss is the apple salad, and the apple rings that go so well with cold roast pork, and fried apples. Let's take them in reverse order. Fried apples should be cooked with the peeling on but the cores carefully removed. There are few things more discouraging than a mouthful of hot apple seeds. Cut the apples in medium pieces and fry them slowly in butter and bacon fat. You can use all butter if you shades, and prices, but gray or navy seem to be the most popular colors (if our New York correspondent is to be believed) and even the lowest in price seem to be well-cut. Kline's, for instance, has one that is surprisingly inexpensive and beautifully tailored by a maker of unen's suits and would look stunning with a blue and gray hat and chin-choker from the Avon made of soft hand-woven Rodier material. Of course, if the proverbial cold, or plain winter melancholy has weakened your hitherto conservative resistance, a new checked suit would be better. Taylor's have one that can be worn eight ways, or if you're not that arithmetically minded try the one at Chasnoff's — plain black skirt with white waffle-weave pique blouse and a red and black and white checked coat. But they're all correct and all stunning, so just choose for yourself Just as stunning, too, and not as trying for those who don't have "tailored" figures are the new dress-maker suits that are proverbially feminine in material and cut, but display the new preference for greys and blues.

Of the gray, one at Harzfeld's has a black and white checked pique vest with wide lapels on the coat to match, where-1 as one at Woolf's in similar material has a skirt that buttons all the way down the front and has a grand red printed linen blouse. But before deciding definitely on gray, (that's just a mild reminder that gray goes hand in hand with cleaners' bills), take a look at some of the new navies. The Avon, for instance, has a model designed by don't care to economize to that extent. Cook the apples slowly until they are soft and the skins are tender but not until they are simply mush. Serve hot with any cold meat and watch results. By the way, add a dash of salt if you don't use bacon fat.

Apple rings are fun. Core your apples and cut them crossways in even slices about half an inch wide. Have your pan ready with a thin sugar syrup, of about the proportion of a pint of water to a cup of sugar, depending on how sweet you like your fruit. Put the rings in and let them simmer very slowly until tender. Now for the fun of it, which always comes when you can adapt food to a color scheme. Drop a few red hots, or cinnamon drops into the syrup. These will not only give your apple rings a nice tang but will color them a highly decorative red that is particularly appetizing. There is also a perfectly pure vegetable coloring tablet that will give them a rich golden hue. I've never tried green, but it ought to work, though I don't recommend blue. It wouldn't look healthy.

My pet apple dish, though, is salad. Peel the whole apples and core them carefully. Put them in a syrup similar to that used for apple rings, deep enough to cover them and add a few red hots. Cook them very slowly and when they are tender take them out and put them to chill. When ready to serve them fill the centers with a cream roquefort cheese, or regular roquefort thinned with a little mayonnaise. Serve on a crisp lettuce leaf with mayonnaise and you have one of the most decorative and delicious all year around salads your friends ever ate. Captain Molyneux for Princess Marina and guaranteed, I'm sure, to please your husband or best beau just as well as the Duke of Kent. The dress is corded around the neck and hips and the loose jacket is lined in red silk plaid that matches trimming on the dress. At Chasnoff's the most attractive navy models are in silk alpaca combined with stitched taffeta. And a similar outfit at Taylor's with revers in plaid taffeta has cunning mirrored bows for trimming.

The word "trimming" naturally brings us to silks and satins (or taffetas this season) where shirring, cording, quilting and the like can be done most successfully. And with silks must necessarily come prints. I say "necessarily" advisedly because any fashion hints this season if at all complete must include prints; but it's a matter of necessity rather than choice and necessity cannot prevent my making a few timely comments on the so-called "sophisticated prints." They're popular to be sure and they're well advertised but I wonder if they're really stylish in the true sense of the word. For style should include I think distinguishing marks in treatment of color and design that seem totally lacking in most of the ones seen today. Good-looking prints are rare and usually high-priced; so unless you can afford a Hattie Carnegie "lily of the valley" or "man on the flying trapeze" print from Swanson's—stick to plain colored dresses and confine your print or stripe desires to trimming.

I.E.

WINTER

GARDEN

Low temperature and winter wind are not only hard on gardens but on garden lovers as well, for even such menial tasks as selecting seeds don't figure in the gardener's January

calendar. Of course, some consolation can be derived from Beverley Nichols' charming books about delightful experiences in gardening—but perhaps even better is the more constructive actual gardening around the house.

There are all kinds of green plants, and even a few flowering ones, that can be used for this purpose. English ivy is known to be hardy and can liven corners beautifully, and Sansovera grows well even in rather dark rooms, (for especially dark corners there is a device on the market that resembles a small reading lamp with a container for plants on the base that guarantees necessarily light for the life of the plant);, and Philodendenron, too, in either the rather short stubby variety or the long, trailing kind is green and nice. Softer in texture and color than ivy and less gangling than Philodendron is a new vine on the market this year, Vitis, that grows easily in soil in the house. Or if your modernistic room calls for something a little stiffer and more glistening there is Perperonia, a plant with shiny thick begonia-like leaves that vines slowly. All of these grow best in soil—with not too much water—but others such as Arrowhead or the Chinese Lily flourish equally well simply in water.

Of the flowering plants the most popular, probably, are bulbs of the Hyacinth or Narcissus family, but to these should be added the new Kalanchoe (not a bulb) and the hybrid Amaryllis. The first is an orange flower with a small clustered head that is very colorful; the second comes from the Burbank collection and ranges in color from deep red to shades of light pink. (There are some, too, very rare, in pure white.)

The oxygen on our planet is being consumed. In' another billion years we will all die of suffocation.

LEAVING 4?

We are wondering what would be the outcome if our esteemed congressional sorcerers were required to take the so-called common sense I. Q. test which was fostered on the civil service boys? If their jobs de- I pended on passing it there probably S would not be enough left in the house and senate to make a bridge game. By the way, wouldn't that j be a pretty good idea to have candidates for important state and federal electoral positions first qualify as to their common sense? Some Huey Long undoubtedly would run a filibuster against such a bill, j: though.

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## MUSIC

Wagner, a stout believer in the power of contrast, would have been pleased with the use of contrast in Monday night's Philharmonic concert. It was bold and vivid; against the quick-blooded folk-airs of Bohemia, tricked out in the gayest of orchestral finery, were first the sentimental dignity of lieder, then the grandeur of "Tristan and Isolde," rising like the misty height of Valhalla itself.

The overture to Smetana's "The Bartered Bride" has been a prime favorite of American audiences for several years. I can recall at least five performances of it on Sunday radio in two years, representing a much larger number of playings, of course, and indicating a sound popularity. It is a good sign. In the past it has been a constant plaint that American audiences were self-conscious, grimly demanding "the best" in music, or nothing. Since "the best" meant the most serious and hence the duller to a great part of the hearers, symphony seasons were by way of being short but formidable parades of the standard greats, with an occasional triviality to let off steam and give people a chance to move in their seats. A relaxation of the stern canons has brought about a healthy movement towards a more catholic taste, and recent concert seasons in almost every city supporting an orchestra include composers unthought of less than a generation ago. The trivialities, in the form of old favorites and that class of compositions known by the offensive term "Novelties" crops up now and again. (But "A Day in the Barnyard" is gone the way of all such, and it will some day offend the ears of everyone to hear "The Flight of the Bumblebee.")

What was just said about "The Bartered Bride" holds true for the divinely gay Polka from Weinberger's "Schwanda." It might be said to extend to the Dohnanyi Suite, with reservations. That suite has not honest breath about it; its airs are too pretty, the whole composition too lush with easy poetry. It has the warm tints of a Titian, and, like such a figure, lacks structural integrity.

Lotte Lehmann's singing of the Richard Strauss lieder knocks in the head that ready pronouncement that young women cannot sing lieder. She brings to the simple, tender songs a simplicity of her own. She has the qualities of the songs themselves—qualities which lieder demand of her who sings them. In the Love Death from "Tristan und Isolde" the heights and reaches of Convention Hall defeated, at moments, the magnificent power of the voice against the orchestra. Even at that, it was unforgettable; it teases the opera. Mme. Lehmann has resources of strength and spirit to complement her voice, as she showed in the contrasting requirements of Strauss and Wagner. Her tone is flawlessly clear, pure, and her tone-color and feeling are controlled with consummate taste.

N. L. S.

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CURRENT RECORD RELEASES

"Adventures in a Perambulator" (Suite); John Alden Carpenter. Victor Nos. 8455-58. Eugene Ormandy and Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. The children's suite of the man John Alden Carpenter, who has done many new things with music, is both more and less than tonepainting

or pictorial representation of childish doings. It is a capture, or an attempt to capture, the childish spirit in going out-of-doors and seeing new things. The suite takes the following form: (1) En Voiture, (2<sup>1</sup>) The Policeman, (3) The Hurdy Gurdy, (4) Dogs, (5) Dreams.

As a matter of perhaps arbitrary preference, "Dogs" is disappointing, and "Dreams" and "The Policeman" enchanting. There is a spirit of reverie in "Dreams" which is both well conceived and adequately interpreted. "The Policeman," opening with a brave passage which sounds a good deal like shiny buttons and a broad back, catches something of the mingled awe, fear, respect and affection every child feels for a policeman, half-friend yet not quite a certain quantity.

Lotte Lehmann Recordings

Madame Lehmann has recorded a large number of songs (Schumann, Schubert, Brahms, and others) for Columbia, also "The Rosenkavalier" for Victor.

PHILATELY

"While no official announcement as to the design to be used on the Connecticut Tercentenary Stamp has been made, it is understood that the Art Commission appointed for the purpose has submitted designs having as the subject the portrait of Jonathan Trumbull, Revolutionary Governor.

Jonathan Trumbull was, without a doubt, one of the great men of his day and a close friend of Washington, but Carroll Alton Means, Stamp Editor of the New Haven Evening Register, has advanced another plan for the stamp which he thinks would be much more appropriate.

His suggestion is a map stamp of the Special Delivery size, similar to the 10c Louisiana Purchase Commemorative of 1904. The map would show the state of Connecticut with its present boundaries, the principal rivers and their tributaries, the location of the early settlements and perhaps the routes taken by the settlers.

Mr. Means is very anxious to get the views of collectors on this subject and any letters sent to him at 280 Elm St., New Haven, Conn., will be forwarded to the Postmaster General."

The proposed presidential series, first forecast two years ago, seemingly has been abandoned.

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BOOKS

"The Breathless Moment" . . . The World's Most Sensational News Photos . . . assembled by Philip Van Doren Stern. Alfred A. Knopf, New York, \$3.00.

As indicated by the title, the standard for admittance of a photograph to this collection is sensation, in the newsman's sense. This book draws aside a curtain before a world of such drama as to seem, to comfortable beings, unreal beyond words to describe it. Its pages are an affront to civilized comfort—if, indeed, we can call the world civilized at all after an hour with these pages.

Many of these news photographs have never before been publicly printed. Many are "aces"—the triumphant designation of a picture got at the perfect instant, when Time

stopped to let the Reaper through to choose. Such is the one of an otherwise forgotten Mayor of the City of New York at the moment when an assassin's bullet struck in his face, and the one, most famous of news shots, of Ruth Snyder in the electric chair at Sing Sing, her body leaping against the straps as the current blasts it.

Not all the plates, to be sure, show sudden death. There are many shots of big news of less violent import, but, as is natural and morbid, the highlights of spectacular danger and death pull the greatest response. The ordinary man, unused to such scenes, must be so impressed as almost to realize participation. There is almost personal pain at seeing human faces, human forms in eloquent, unconscious attitudes of hurt and horror.

There are, I presume, 500 photographs in this collection; the total of human experience would make a thousand times as many pages of printed words. The whole story of a shipwreck can be realized in a moment upon seeing a battered liner at a dock, awkward figures descending from it, other limp ones being carried. ("The woman in the foreground is dead.") The whole account of a speedway smash is told in a camera's split-second capture of a racer on its side in a smother j of dust, a crazy little figure that is a man tossed in the air above it.

"The Breathless Moment" is a whole new visual world, a stage whereon the actors are caught in the silent wheels of circumstance and disposed of. One's senses are battered by seeing what occurs in a place of living which we believe is becoming more remarkable for decency, humanity and intelligence every day. The toll of accident, fire, storm and murder, so matter-of-factly reported in newspapers and equally casually forgotten by their readers, gains a new, vivid presence in the scheme of things. Some of these plates can never be forgotten. N. L. S.

Bookman's Club

The second evening meeting of the Bookmen on January 15 was held at the home of Bennett Schneider. Earl Bernheimer, a Galsworthy collector, made the only formal contribution of the evening, a brief outline of the development in Galsworthy's writing and an appreciation of his work, followed by quoted passages from his early published volumes. The club would be happy to hear from anyone with a genuine interest in book-collecting; Willard Hougland, 700 Dierks Building, is the secretary.

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SPORTS

The Braves remain the Boston Braves. Judge Emil Fuchs remains president and Bill McKechnie is the 1935 manager. All these things had Boston baseball fans and most of the National League in quite an uproar the last two months.

Most of the difficulty was caused by the emptiness of Judge Fuchs' money box and the sports writers of the east trying to land a manager's job for the mighty "Babe" Ruth. Everything is OK now except a job for the Babe. It looks as if he will have to play or bench warm for the Yankees for another year. Of course he could stay over in Paris and write that book he or someone else mentioned.

E. Lee Keyser, VP and general manager of the Blues, has resigned and is returning to his "first love" of baseball, Des Moines. In his two year sojourn here, Lee tried to put the Blues on top but, handicapped by lack of legal tender and injuries to what squad he could muster, his efforts fell short.

Mr. Keyser still retained his interest in the Des Moines Club and to protect this interest he will give all his time in the future.

John Kling's president and owner of the Blues, announcement of "Dutch" Zwilling's appointment as general manager of the baseball club shows the confidence he has in his new manager.

This dual role of Zwilling's makes him complete master, according to Mr. Kling. Dutch can now hire, fire, buy any player he sees fit, besides absolute say of the team afield.

The Blues now have adequate finances to purchase some additional talent which they are sadly in need of. This they are going to do, according to President Kling and Manager Zwilling.

With some new players, a new manager and money to carry on with, 1935 is looking brighter for the Blues. Zwilling has been very successful here and elsewhere in the past and as Johnnie Kling says, j "There's no reason why the Blues should not be a winning team this year."

Big six basket ball is taking funny twists and turns in the wins and losses. By K. State defeating Nebraska just about all the dope has been upset. All teams have tasted defeat and victory.

While O. U. leads in wins, Kansas U. is right upon their heels. The Jayhawkers, who have been crowned champions the last four years, are going to be hard pressed, to repeat this year. One thing certain no team is having a walk-away and to date it is still a hoss-race.

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Finance

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floor. The commission merchant to which the car was consigned displays it, receives bids from the numerous buyers, selects the best price, sells the grain and mails a check for it to the producer. This is all done at a cost of less than 1 cent a bushel to the owner of the grain. Finding a consumer costs him not one cent and the farmer does not have to wait until such a time to be

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“Keep telling 'em, keep telling 'em”—and don't think they haven't. A few days ago a news item appeared in the Star which we shall  
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label, tritely, the straw that broke the proverbial camel's back. No longer is this paradox too ludicrous to waste time on. It says that Kansas City's congressmen are about- to attempt a little coup which will assure the local democratic machine a more friendly attitude at the White House. Harry Truman, Jasper Bell, and Joe Shannon are preparing to make a call on the attorney-general of the United States, to extend the machine's greetings and to express the hope that in future a more cordial relationship may be enjoyed.

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