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THE DALLAS POST PROGRAM

- The Dallas Post will lend its support and offers the use of its columns to all projects which will help this community and the great rural-suburban territory which it serves to attain the following major improvements:
1. A free library located in the Dallas region.
 2. Better and adequate street lighting in Trucksville, Shavertown, Fernbrook and Dallas.
 3. Sanitary sewage disposal system for Dallas.
 4. Closer cooperation between Dallas borough and surrounding townships.
 5. Consolidated high schools and better cooperation between those that now exist.
 6. The appointment of a shade tree commission to supervise the protection and see to the planting of shade trees along the streets of Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville and Fernbrook.
 7. The formation of a Back Mountain Club made up of business men and homeowners interested in the development of local institutions, the organization of new ones and the development of a community consciousness in Dallas, Trucksville, Shavertown and Fernbrook.
 8. A modern concrete highway leading from Dallas and connecting the Sullivan Trail at Tunkhannock.
 9. The elimination of petty politics from Dallas borough council and all school boards in the region covered by The Dallas Post.
 10. And all other projects which help to make the Back Mountain section a better place to live in.

THE PRESIDENT'S TERM

One-half of the term for which President Hoover was elected has been completed. Only a little more than a year from now his party will decide whether to renominate him or to select somebody else to carry the Republican banner. Between now and June of 1932 both parties will concentrate their attention upon the administration of the Government of the United States, but upon how best to hold or to seize the reins of Government for themselves.

There is something radically wrong with a system which gives the President, whether he be Democrat or Republican, barely time to get settled in his job before the whole country is thrown into a turmoil over the question of his successor. Everybody with good sense recognizes that that is true, but the problem is how to change it.

One proposal which has been seriously put forth many times, and which might work better than the present system is to amend the Constitution so as to make the President's term seven years, with no re-election. That would relieve the President of all necessity for "playing politics" in office with an eye to renomination, and it would give him time to master the job and prove his constructive ability.

Probably it will be a long time before that plan will be put into effect, if at all. Another suggested system is to shorten the time between the election of the President and his assumption of office, as well as to cut down the length of political campaigns. That has good sense in it too. After a new President and Congress have been elected in November, the old ones continue to function until the fourth of the next March. Once the people have decided upon a change, why not make the change effective at once?

The Congress whose sessions ended

THE INDIVIDUAL AND HIS BANK

By ROME C. STEPHENSON
 President American Bankers Association

BANKERS recognize that their business carries especially heavy public responsibilities and welcome all sound measures to aid them meet the duties this imposes. Unceasing efforts to bring about continually improving methods to safeguard depositors in banks of all kinds have long been uppermost in the plans of bankers' organizations throughout the nation. They are not the outgrowth merely of the past year of business adversity, but have been carried on actively for many years and have resulted in great progress along lines of better, safer banking methods. Although banking along with all business has suffered reverses, conditions in this field have been far less severe than they would have been had not bankers been widely successful in their endeavors to develop the high standards of banking that now generally prevail.

The American Bankers Association and bankers' organizations in every state actively support the principle of government supervision of banking. The national banks, which receive their charters to do business from the federal government, are under the supervision of the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington. Through his efficient staffs of expert bank examiners in every section he has the duty and powers to keep watch of the way every national bank is being conducted, to suggest desirable changes in its policies or methods and even to step in and take control for the protection of the depositors if such action is warranted. The state banks, also, which are chartered by the various state governments, are subject to similar supervision and control by state bank officials. In addition banks in many places have long maintained voluntary clearing house associations which enforce even closer supervision over their members.

Bankers Favor Public Supervision

Present laws adequately enforced contain ample provisions for government supervision. Bankers universally believe in strong, capable banking departments manned by officials with the discretion and courage to enforce these laws and act under them as the common welfare demands. They believe that these public officials should be paid sufficient salaries to command the services of men of character, ability and a resolute spirit of public service. They believe also that the banking departments should be kept free from all political or other special influence in order to be able to act at all times with single-minded independence solely for the benefit of the public interest.

Although banks in the United States operating under state or national charters are thus subject to supervision of public authority, they are strictly private business enterprises. They are owned by their stockholders and administered by officials chosen through the boards of directors which their stockholders elect. No bank is owned or operated by the United States Government, nor, with one small exception in a western state, by any state government. The function of government in banking is to promote and enforce careful banking administration through the system of examination and supervision which I have described. This, however, does not relieve the individual depositor from the necessity of judging and choosing carefully as to his banking relations, just as in his other business or professional rela-

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An Illusory Law

The bank deposit guaranty law in any form is a snare and a delusion, declares a banker in a state where it has been tried, adding: "It is a license and encouragement to irresponsible banks and banking and penalizes capital solvency and prudent banking. It creates a sense of security in the minds of the unthinking and uninformed that is false and impossible to be realized on ultimately. To compare it to legitimate insurance is without reason and absurd. It jeopardizes the solvency of all banks and the safety of all depositors for the theoretical safety of a few. Guaranty schemes always have been, are and always will be impotent, futile and disastrous. It is not new. Has been tried, failed and discarded at intervals for more than 100 years in this country. No well-informed, honest, and intelligent mind can accept it in principle or practice. Competent bank supervision and restriction of banks to territory that will warrant sufficient capital investment and accounts is the only sane and honest course and will afford all the guaranty the depositing public is entitled to as compared with all other human affairs."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are indebted to Mr. M. C. Mosier, of Dallas R. D. 1, for the following clipping taken from the April 20, 1909, issue of the Wilkes-Barre Record. We are always pleased to receive such contributions and are glad to publish them whenever merit warrants.—Editor.

PROMINENT PHYSICIAN DEAD

The Elder Dr. Laing of Dallas Dead After An All Winter's Illness From a Complication of Diseases
 (Daily Record, April 10, 1909)
 After riding the hills of Dallas for a period of thirty-seven years, ministering to the sick, Dr. James G. Laing passed to his final reward yesterday after an illness which covered the entire past winter. A long life of usefulness came to an end and there is mourning in the region of which Dallas is the centre. His age was 78 years.

Dr. James Gardner Laing was born March 14, 1831, at Argyle, Washington County, N. Y. He was the oldest son of Rev. James Laing and Mary Gardner Laing. His parents came from Scotland. His father was a Presbyterian clergyman at Andes, N. Y. Dr. Laing received his medical education at Albany Medical College.
 Dr. Laing is survived by his wife and one son, Dr. H. M. Laing of Dallas; a sister, Miss Anna Laing of Paterson, N. J., and two brothers, Robert and William of Andes, N. Y. Two years ago he lost a son, Robert, and never fully recovered from the shock incident to that bereavement.
 His wife is Charlotte Lee Morris, whom in 1851 he married at Cuddebackville, N. Y. She was a daughter of Rev. Henry Morris.
 The funeral will take place in Dallas at 2 p. m. on Wednesday from the residence.

WHICH COMES FIRST?

Dear Editor:—
 The old hen blinking on her nest out in the chicken house doesn't know a thing about market prices, supply and demand, the depression, or farm relief. But day after day, week after week she just keeps putting the same vitamins...the same proteins...the same healthful food value which nature ordained in those eggs...whether they sell for 12 cents or sixty cents a dozen. And if the world turned upside down tomorrow we'd probably find the hen sitting placidly underneath the mess turning out her daily globelet of health wrapped in the world's most sanitary package.
 So if the same full ration...the same bundle of carbohydrates, minerals, fats, and vitamins is appearing day after day from mother hen we're certainly getting a bargain now when her product is selling at the lowest price in many years. Let's crack a few extra eggs into the frying pan for breakfast. We'll all be better for it.
 A BIG CHICKEN MAN FROM THE WEST.

The following letter clipped from the Tunkhannock Republican will be of interest to all who remember the old covered bridges that once dotted the streams of Wyoming county:
 Montrose Newspaper Man Appeals For Preservation of Wooden Bridges
 Dear Sirs:

Every once in a while I note that one of Wyoming county's old wooden bridges is being condemned and a new bridge erected. I want to speak a word through The Republican for these "relics" of bygone years. The past year or two I have traveled through sections of Wyoming county where the old covered bridges still exist. I have grown to love them and never do I approach one of these worn patriarchs of pioneer times but I feel a quickening of heart beats and memory goes back to the days when Wyoming's hills were covered with primitive forests.
 In this hurrying age it is refreshing to meet up with "one of these old friends," for they do seem like friends to anyone who loves the out of doors. True they are antiquated and quite



-Alderson-

Adda Garinger, Correspondent
 Alderson Epworth League will have two special speakers present on Sunday evening. Henry Mangapella, president of Noxen Epworth League, will be one. All are welcome to these meetings.
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Oakes and family and Messrs. Ferris Richardson and Pete Gorman, of Towanda, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kitchen.
 Adda Garinger is spending the week-

LIKES SPORT NEWS

Mr. Howard Risley, Editor, Dallas Post, Dallas, Pa.
 Friend Howard:—
 Allow me to compliment you on two phases of your paper, the one in which you are giving more and more space to the athletics of this section. The schools and community seem to have an intense interest in basketball. It has been good judgment on your part to anticipate this and report that which they want to read about. The other item is your editorial in the March 6th issue of The Post on "Capital Punishment." I like your stand very much.
 Would you care to give a little thought to the petty gambling in our public schools? It is the practice among school children, boys and girls, from the first grade up, of playing marbles for keeps. I try to analyze my own attitude to determine if I am out of tune with the times, or if gambling is gambling. We have always had it when you and I were in school, but never to the extent it now persists. Is it the changing order of things or is it simply the low ebb of morals which follows all war? It is low morals then sow the seed and the Parent-Teachers' Association probably will cultivate and harvest for you.
 Very truly yours,
 L. A. McHENRY.

WELL, MR. BLANK

37 State St., Bloomfield, N. J., March 6, 1931.
 Dallas Post,
 Dear Editor:—

I have been informed by Mr. Calvin McHose that at the time of your recent crusade he kindly contributed the sum of \$1.00, and requested that the subscription, thusly purchased, be sent to me at the above address. I have yet to receive a single copy, and hope that you will consult your records, and insert my name therein so that I may receive my first copy in the near future.
 Very truly yours,
 Just as soon as we know your name we will send you your paper.—Editor.

end at Rock Glen, Pa., as a guest of Sara Keiper.
 Harry Allen, Jr., who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is doing nicely.
 Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Thompson have taken up their residence in the Sullivan apartment in Dallas.
 Iris Kitchen is nursing the small son of Paul Nulton, who is ill with pneumonia.
 Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Garinger entertained a number of young people from Wilkes-Barre on Sunday evening.

Students Teachers
 DON'T MISS SEEING
SILENT ENEMY
 TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
 This famous picture filmed in the Wilds of Northern Canada, shows some of the most unusual pictures of wild animals in their native haunts ever photographed.
 The characters are not movie stars, but native Canadian Indians filmed in the native villages.
 It took one whole winter for Cameramen and Assistants to make "Silent Enemy"—It is endorsed by Educational Societies and the National Geographic Society.
 YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS IT!
 ADDED FEATURE
 "THE INDIANS ARE COMING"
 NEXT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT
 TONIGHT AND SATURDAY
 GEORGE BANCROFT IN
 "THOSE THREE FRENCH GIRLS"
 Also Comedy and Fox Movietone News
Himmeler Theatre
 Dallas
 THE HOME OF GOOD MOVIES