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LIPPMANN IS OPTIMISTIC

Amidst all the gloom and doubts regarding the future of our businesses, our homes and even our government, it is good to get an encouraging word from such an authority as Walter Lippmann. There is no better authority than he. Well, here is what he says:

"For 100 years we never doubted the promise of American Life. We need not doubt it now."

Thank you, Walter. Now we feel better.

AN ANGLE ON THE STATE BOND ISSUE

What do you say about the \$28,000,000 bond issue? Are you for it or against it?

Frankly, many people are still "on the fence" regarding it. They do not know how to vote. And here is one reason why they are afraid to vote "Yes" for it: They are afraid of the politicians who will handle the millions. They are afraid of the waste of public money at the hands of men whose ideals of public service are none too high. The way the politicians have spent the money of the people of Michigan has not inspired much trust in recent months. Shall we trust these men, who have made such a mess at Lansing, to handle these millions?

Will the good that the passing of the issue will do, be offset by the evil that will come from the supervision of vast funds by a non-too-scrupulous political machine?

That is the question that you taxpayers will have to settle for yourself before April 30.

NO BRIDGE ACROSS THE STRAITS

The federal government isn't going to let Michigan build a thirty-million dollar bridge across the Straits of Mackinac. That is, officials have ruled that the federal government would help only under condition that Michigan would guarantee the bonds—and the state can't do that.

Most thoughtful students of state affairs have called the bridge idea a fantastic one, to say the least. It is not needed. The ferries that now take people across cost the state an annual operating expense of \$750,000. The interest on thirty millions of dollars for that proposed bridge would be much higher than that.

Most people who go to the upper peninsula enjoy the ride across the Straits. For those making long automobile trips, it affords a very enjoyable break in the journey. Even if the bridge were built, a lot of folks would still want to go by boat. A thirty million dollar bridge (or maybe a hundred-million dollar bridge by the time you get through paying for it) would surely be a "Jonah"—or to use a land metaphor, a white "elephant."

PECULIAR PEOPLE

"Well, I guess I must be 'peculiar' or 'goofy' or something like that," said a good friend to us, after taking some rebuffs along the pathway of life.

After knowing hundreds of people in all walks of life, we are ready to say that most of us are a little strange or peculiar or even "goofy." Make a list of ten people and see how many of them are anywhere near ideal. You will find, first, that nearly all of them have a selfish bent to them—they are looking out for Number One. In some of the ten this trait will be very slight but in some of the others it will be so strong as to make you feel sorry for the persons. In the second place, you will find that of the ten, nearly all of them have peculiar traits—at least at times. You will like them, however, in spite of this, because they have so many good traits.

Some of these so-called odd people are our very best citizens. They do not seek office and are not given office. They "saw wood" day in and day out; do the job at hand to the best of their ability, take the jibes of the world for being a little strange. As we have seen them, they're good to their families and are among the builders of the community. True, they do not move in "society"—whatever that is—but they have their loyal friends who are probably more loyal to them than are the fair-weather friends of some of the people who seem to be "big shots."

Well, it is still a good world for all of us—even if all of us are a little "peculiar."

WILL GROESBECK RUN?

Former governor, Alex J. Groesbeck, still has the politicians guessing as to whether or not he will be a candidate for governor at the fall primaries.

Petitions for Groesbeck are said to be circulating around the state and some think that this surely means that his hat will be in the ring soon. In the meantime, friends of Frank D. Fitzgerald, with the naming of Rep. Phil C. Pack of Ann Arbor as the general chairman, are lining up the ranks and tightening their belts for the campaign. Fitzgerald has a great host of friends throughout the state and will be a very hard man to beat, no matter who runs against him. Some of the knowing ones are maintaining that Groesbeck and Fitzgerald are sure to be the front-runners in the former will be sure to run in the latter.

The best leaders of the republicans are making great pleas that there be no battle for the governorship at the primaries but that, instead, a united front be formed to battle the democrats next November. In addition to the possibility that Groesbeck may run in the threat of Congressman Clarence J. McLeod of Detroit seeking the place. His banking bill to repay all depositors has brought him out of comparative obscurity into considerable prominence and the fact that he is from Wayne county might make him a strong candidate.

Another three or four weeks will do much to clarify the situation.

A BLOW TO PROSPERITY

(C. S. Seed in Rochester Clarion) Why shouldn't the people feel discouraged and up in arms against industry and capital if these two are controlling factors in price regulation. We were greatly interested in the opinion expressed by Henry Ford, motor magnate, recently, about

rising prices. We agree with Mr. Ford this is no time to boost prices and such action has been the great blow to prosperity since Roose

velt started us on the road to recovery and the purely temporary and emergency nature of the NRA; the AAA and all the other extraordinary alphabetical activities in Washington be made clear is very real; and if he is as wise as we think he is, President Roosevelt will provide a definite assurance of the approaching end of the present condition of quasi-dictatorship.

If he does this, and leads the Nation back to a condition normal for a free republic and a self-governing people who consider officials their servants not their

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On Grange, Ind. Stan-
Spring's the time for:
1. Tidying up the premises
2. Removing all the ashes
and rubbish
3. Making preparations
as pleasant, green lawn.
4. Planting flowers and trees
5. Planting up
6. Putting out a good
garden
7. Cleaning the wife to ac-
cess in housecleaning.
8. Throwing off the grouch
the winter and substituting
good cheer.

LOVE AND SPRINGS

Editor M. H. DePree, of the
Toledo Republican-Tribune,
happens to be village post
master in his past life
that due to rigid economy
postal department the office
close at noon on Saturday.

"But," adds the postma-
ster, "the lobby will remain open
which would not prevent a
married lady in the office
from holding that little
as usual with her husband
friends."

And mind you, this is
Eaton county where they
try to have the high sher-
iff put out on his neck for
legally infringing on the ex-
officer's duties.

TIGHTWADS' HURT 3

(Detroit Independent)
There are families in
that never spend one mid-
year's end to year's end on
but themselves. It never en-
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