The Curbstone Diplomat

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A lady saw the Truslow Poultry Farm's advertisment of Toxite (a germ killer' in one of the poultry magazines. She wrote to them stating that she had some sick chickens and described their symptoms. They wrote to her telling her that her flock had cocidiosis. She wrote back teling them that it was impossible for her flock to have coccidiosis as they had never had a case with them.

The Saturday Evening Post of February [illegible], has a long article in it about subsidizing American Ships. The article deplores the fact that Americans travel on foreign ships and states how the foreign governments back up their shipping interests. If the truth were told, the tourists travel on foreign ships because they have bar-rooms and they travel abroad instead of seeing America first for the same reason. Some go to use the bar and the rest to watch them use it.

According to the Easton papers the exhibiting of the log canoe "Magic" at the New York Boat Show was a good thing for Talbot County waterman. It is reported that many other sections intend to develope the log canoes and orders have been placed with the Talbot County boat-builder for boats this coming year. When the boats are built they will have to employ Chesapeake waterman to teach them to sail the log canoes, as it will be a new type of boat for other sections.

Reports are that yachtsmen down the river are preparing to purchase a log canoe for racing. Although just a report it will very likely happen, as the ones mentioned are very interested in boating. Those mentioned are the Wilmers, Griebs, Bakers and others.

It is to be hoped that the dance at the new Armory will go over big on February 17th. The new building is a fine place to hold a dance and one held there every month or so wil be an added attraction to the town.

The country club has finished another successful year despite the depression. Every department was run within its budget and the officials are to be congratulated.

Chestertown has the best club on the Eastern Shore.

None of the large towns have clubs that surpass it. This is quite an asset for Kent County as the club offers an inducement for people to make their homes here. Many of the people that come here to live immediately join the club.

One of Kent County legislators tells me that the wrangles at the tax meetings here, were just like the ones at the legislature in Annapolis. So, what is the use of going all the way to Annapolis to see the legislature in session, when you can have just as much fun at a tax meeting here in Kent.

Voting to do away with extension service here in Kent County was done by the farmers themselves. However it will take some time for this to take affect. By the time it can be done, let us hope times will be so good, that no one will want the service done away with.

Kent has made a good record in this work, even winning national honors. The people employed in this work, work hard and have done a lot of studying for the positions. Better times and we can continue to forward instead of taking a step backward.

The women do not want the demonstration dept, done away with and just as an observer at the meeting I do not believe it will be done away with. The women are really going to fight for it.

Jake Flowers, who has been playing with the St. Louis Cardinals, will play with Brooklyn this coming season. This looks good for Flowers as he has played with Brooklyn before.

Smilin' Charlie Says



"Many a man's pride has kept him from bein' able t' afford a little pride!"

Mistakes

When you make a mistake, don't look back at it long. Take the reason of the things into your own mind, and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. . . . The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.

ATTENTION, FARMERS!

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This Week's Cartoon



Odd - But True





FURROWS



BY JOSIAH ALLEN WEATHERBY

It will be a long time before people will git so they can meet a common problem without lettin their selfish interests bias their mind away from the real issue. Take these tax discussions that goes on every Saturday at the courthouse. Some people can see only the effect cuttin down county expenses will have on their own pocketbooks. Of course, the office holders don't want salaries cut fer that would hurt them. And the tax payers want salaries cut so as to reduce taxes. The farmers feel like they ought to have some relief from over-assessments (and they should, accordin to my way of thinkin), but that would shift the burden over on other classes of people that maybe don't pay much taxes under the present assessment scheme. And them that don't pay no taxes at all want things to stay just as they are now.

Well, folks, it's just like this. We are all facin a critical situation, and it ain't likely to git much better fer quite a spell. So, I reckon we had better quit squabblin over the matter and git down to the business of cuttin down expenses all around and let each class take the right amount of cut and make the best of it. And if they ain't willin to do that next year will be a right good time to make a change in the county's officialdom.

Then, take this here Bay Bridge proposition. The people that is opposin the loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is moved by their own selfish ends. They figger that they can keep the people of this Shore bottled up here so as to force them to use the existin ferry service and keep on puttin money in their pockets. Or, if they ain't interested in the ferries they want to try to force people to buy all their stuff from local merchants at higher prices. Well, it ain't goin to work that way. The more the local merchants fight the bridge the more orders will go out through the mails to the cities. There ain't no use tryin to bottle people up by puttin them to a lot of inconvenience hopin to force them to do what you want so as to make profits fer yourselves.

If the State would cut off that $25,600 a year that is now bein paid to each one of these here ferries they would have to git down to business and put on a class of service and a set of charges that would attract customers, or go out of business. That would be one way of helpin the tax payers. Why don't somebody go over to Annapolis and lobby against that graft fer awhile?

Then take this post office site question. It looks like there is a lot of selfish interests workin on that. It would seem that the place to put that buildin is where it will serve the most people in the best way, but it ain't to be that way. There is just so much money to spend on that buildin and lot. The more is put into the lot, the less will be left to put into the buildin. Why not let all the lot offerers come down to the same price and then let the feller from Washington decide which location will serve the people best? But, I recon folks ain't constructed that way. It's hard to git away from personal interests in public matters.

It's the same way with the tariff. Them that has stuff to sell wants a high tariff. Them that has to buy wants a lower tariff. And it's just the same with currency matters. Them that owes money wants cheaper money and them that is owed wants dearer money. And so the battles rage on in local, in state, and in National politics. Most everybody is tryin to git the best of the deal.

But you can't git something fer nothin without payin fer it later on in one way or other. In times like these patriotism demands that we all work fer the common good of all of us, and sacrifice whatever personal ends that will best serve the general welfare.

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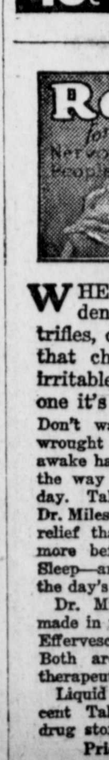
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