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POLITICAL SEESAW

Children early learn a fundamental law of physics: to balance a seesaw, persons of the same wieght must sit equidistant from the center, or fulcrum. If weights are unqual, the heavy person must sit nearer the fulcrum and the light person farther away.

Since February 5, the president's Court bill has served as the fulcrum of a political seesaw, balanced by conservatives at one end, liberals at the other. When his Court bill was defeated a fortnight ago, the president found the balance upset. Sentors, previously sympathetic with New Deal policies, had gone to the conservative end, leaving Rooseveit and a minority group of liberals high in the air.

Last week, President Roosevelt was seeking a return to equilibrium. By enticing conservatives nearer the center and by inviting progressives and independents to the liberal end, he hoped to restore political balance.

In an effort to win over the first group, the president let it be known last week that he would not pick an "extremist" to fill the vacancy left by Justice Van Devanter's retirement, but would choose a "middle-of-the-road-man," approved by conservatives as well as liberals. To attract the second group, he invited the two Wisconsin progressives, Sentor Robert La Follette and Governor Philip La Follette, together with majority leader Barkley, for a week-end cruise on the Potomac. The Wisconsin Sentor stands with Barkley and the New Deal element against an adjournment without accomplishing at least some of the New Deal objectives.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

In July, 1935, the National Labor Relations Board was established as the Federal government's chief instrument for protection of labor's rights. By last week, the board had held 191 elections to determine collective bargaining agencies, heard thousands of cases involving union charges of unfair practices by employers. Because most of the elections and hearings have resulted in gains for John L. Lewis's C. I. O. the NLRB has become highly unpopular in many quarters. Last week this unpopularity erupted in a series of sharp attacks.

In the U. S. Senate, Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, generally counted a strong liberal, blasted the board's tactics as partisan. He asserted that most people regard the NLRB as a "C. I. O. adjunct" and added that he thought the board had disqualified itself as an impartial umpire in labor disputes.

A few days later, Nye was echoed in the House by another New Deal supporter, Representative John E. Rankin of Mississippi, who asked that the present members of the board be removed because they were conspiring with Communistic influences o destroy Southern industry." The U. S. Chamber of Commerce added a charge that many of the board's findings had been "inconsistent."

CIVIL SERVICE

The present breakdown in the Government civil service is apt to be complete by the time the C. I. O. and the A. F. of L. finish organizing Government workers. It is all very brave for President Roosevelt and others to tell these official-unionites that they will never be allowed to strike or demand collective bargaining. It is perfectly clear, right now, that labor leaders like Mr. Lewis will eventually make demands upon the Government for just those sort of concessions for organized Government employes.

Frederick County ranks first among the counties of the State in the number of farms and the amount of acreage in these farms. Frederick has a total of 3,474 farms comprising 346,043 acres.

THE C. I. O.

Last week the militant but temporarily chastened Committee for Incustrial Organization, led by John L. Lewis, celebrated its first year of separation from the American Federation of Labor. And Nov. 18, 1936, the C. I. O. startled America by calling a sit-down strike in the Fisher Body plant at Atlanta, first sit-down in the motor industry.

By the middle of last winter, plants of the General Motor Corporation were tried up from coast to coast. The C. I. O. demaned recognition as exclusive bargaining agent for all General Motors workers.

As losses in wages ran into millions, and as production schedules had to be canceled, efforts at mediation increased. By Feb. 11 this year Governor Murphy of Michigan announced an agreement. The C. I. O. received recognition as bargaining agent only for its members. Negotiations for wages and hour accords began. Plants reopened. Mutual compromise ended the deadlock.

Later C. I. O. invaded the steel industry. "Big Steel" took the way of agreement. The United States Steel Corporation signed a contract. But "Little Steel," or the independents, resisted. Violence raged, federal mediation failed, and then the public took a hand.

Rights of non-union workers, and of the strike-torn communities, asserted themselves. C. I. O. lost its strike, and learned the limits of public patience.

Recent weeks have therefore been marked by less violence and more agreements. The steel fight has turned to the courts. Pacific coast settlements have come in hotel strikes, waterfront strikes, canneries, and department stores.

The Labor Department conciliation service at Washington reports adjusting 118 disputes in the past four weeks.

RELIEF TAXES

The new State relief-tax program brought in $304,021 during June, the first month it was in full operation, it was learned at the office of William S. Gordy, Jr., State Comptroller.

The funds are raised from the 1 per cent. automobile titling tax; 2 7-16 cents a gallon beer tax; 2½ cents a gallon whisky tax; 1 per cent. admission tax; 10 per cent. cosmetics tax; 1-10 of 1 per cent. documentary and recordation tax; $10 to $35 pin-ball machine tax; $15 music-box tax, and $1 fee for reregistration of motor-vehicle drivers.

The returns from these taxes for June, collected during July, were:

Admissions tax, $15,883; Beer, $89,048; Cosmetics, $14,354; Whisky, $34,864; Recordation, $24,031; Auto Titles, $59,731; Registration, $10,277; Pin-Ball Machine, $34,914; Music Boxes, $20,934.

The Legislature contemplated the program would bring in $3,510,000 annually, which would be increased to $5,010,000 by the State income tax which will begin flowing into the Treasury next year on this year's incomes.

The taxes collected on admissions, cosmetics, whisky, documents and recordation and reregistration of automobile drivers are slightly under the monthly quotas. The Legislature, for example, estimated the whisky tax would bring in $35,416 monthly, while the June receipts were $34,864. Taxes paid on beer and for automobile titles are over the monthly quotas.

There is a possibility that the pin ball and music box payments may fall below the $350,000 they are expected to raise.

Of 4,700 poultrymen from all sections of the United States registered at the recent International Baby Chick Association Convention in Baltimore, more than 1,000 were from the state of Maryland.

A bachelor says that it is far better to be alone in this world of sorrow than to live next door to an amateur saxophone player.

Questions And Answers

WHAT'S WHAT ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

Q. 26 I am a railroad employee and am paying 3½ per cent of my pay toward a pension. My employer is paying the same. Do I also pay one per cent to the Federal Government for old-age benefits?

A. 26 You are excluded from the taxing provisions as set forth in Title VIII of the Social Security Act since you are already covered under the Railroad Retirement Act.

Q. 27 How can I get a job in the Old-Age Benefits Office?

A. 27 The Bureau of Federal Old-Age Benefits is a department of the Federal Government. All employees, with exception of a few experts in the Bureau, are taken directly from the Civil Service registers.

Q. 28 I only work one day a week. Am I included under the provisions of old-age benefits?

A. 28 Yes. One day's work in a year is enough to bring you into the benefits plan.

Q. 29 I am 65 years old now. Do I have to pay taxes for unemployment compensation?

A. 29 The Social Security Act does not tax employees for unemployment compensation. A few of the State acts do. Your employer is not excempt in paying a tax on you because you are over 65.

Q. 30 I am a one-man corporation and own all the stock in the corporation. Why am I not classed as self-employed?

A. 30 Every corporation is considered a legal person. Since that is the case, you work for that legal person and not yourself.

Q. 31 I am in business with another partner. Will we be entitled to benefits under the Social Security Act at 65?

A. 31 No. Partners are self-employed, and such are not eligible for old-age benefits. You can get a specific ruling on your particular case from the Collector of Internal Revenue.

Q. 32 What must a person do in order to qualify for old-age benefits?

A. 32 There are three requirements in the Act. (1) You must be at least 65 years old; (2) you must have earned not less than $2,000 total wages from covered employment after December 31, 1936, and before the age of 65.

SEEING THE BUYER'S VIEWPOINT

Many farm women who are selling garden, poultry, and other products at a market stand, have found it to advantage to check their wares occasionally from the customer's viewpoint, Margaret McPheeters, nutrition specialist for the University of Maryland Extension Service, says.

It is not only a question of making the stand or display attractive and clean, she says. There are other points one would notice if one were a buyer. One is the quality of the products. Another point is the price. Another may be whether or not the product can be bought elsewhere.

It requires a little extra effort, Miss McPheeters points out, for a customer to make her purchases from roadside or curb market stands so there must be advantags from her point of view. Absolute freshness, unusual quality, and perfect condition are some of the advantages which many market women have found to their customers value.

POITICAL PAINS

Loopholes in the income tax law are still troubling Congressional committees.

Regional power development, wages and hours, social security, child labor, Federal financing and cooperation in the problems of the cotton growing States are on the trouble lists.

Just how Congress is going to satisfy itself, and the white house, and get out of Washington before snow flies is puzzling the capital. Federal housing projects, ostensibly for the purpose of proving help for underprivileged groups are opposed by powerful men in Congress. Principal objector is Senator Byrd of Virginia, who seeks to prove that the Government plan is wasteful, extravagant and impractical.

The National Labor Relations Board is under fire charged with being unfair in its methods towards industry.

Sugar may be sweetening to the human taste but it crops up again as a sour problem in politics.

In character, in manners, in style, in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity.—Longfellow.

Wait for others to advance your interests and you will wait until they are not worth advancing.

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SAFETY TEST TRAILER

Blazing new trails in the war on highway accidents, the Keystone Automobile Club has placed in service a Safety Test Trailer, a veritable "laboratory on wheels" designed to promote safety by helping motorist to improve their driving.

A "continuous safety campaign" will be waged through the use of this new and effective safety weapon, it is announced. According to Club officials the trailer is equipped with the most complete up-to-minute driver testing apparatus ever assembled in one unit. The Safety Test Trailer, 23 feet in length, is specially constructed for the housing of driver testing apparatus. Power for lighting and loud speaker apparatus is supplied by a huge generator installed in the rear of the automobile to which the laboratory is attached.

"We sincerely believe," said J. Borton Weeks, President of the Club, "that through the constant use of this safety-inspiring unit definite progress can be made in solution of the highway accident problem. It is obvious that all accidents cannot be blamed on recklessness. The fault in countless crashes is some unsuspected weakness in the driver.

"The tests we have provided, and which will be given without cost or obligation to all drivers who wish to take them, are valuable not only in pointing out to the individual underlying factors of his mental and physical equipment which may be handicapping him, but also in establishing scientific data upon which to develop programs to improve the skill of all drivers.

"We wish particularly to empasize that use of the Safety Test Trailer is not a 'stunt'. After the introductory tour in which public officials and civic leaders will be given oppertunity to inspect the trailer equipment, the trailer will be kept in continuous service in the territory served by the Club. In other words, it will remain in the different communities long enough to serve a definite safety purpose.

"By making the motorist concious of what he must do to improve his driving judgment in the light of the test results, we believe the tour of the Safety Test Trailer will prove a most practical contribution to the nation-wide crusade for highway safety."

The trailer will be in Baltimore on Friday, August 13, and will be on display in other cities and towns on dates to be announced later.

The acreage of corn reported in Maryland this year is 516,000 as compared with 511,000 in 1936 and a five year average (1928-32) of 507,000 acres.

If a man makes cynical remarks about women, it's doughnuts to fudge that one of them has been using him for a doormat.

Lots of people seem to go to church for the purpose of picking flaws in the sermon.

If a man runs into debt he must either crawl out or stay in.

MARYLAND POULTRY SURVEY PRINTED

Result of an economic study of 99 Maryland poultry farms has been published in bulletin form by the University of Maryland Experiment Station. The purpose of this study, it is stated, is threefold: (1) To discover and establish facts concerning poultry farm organization and management in Maryland; (2) to ascertain the degree of profitableness of poultry farming in this state and determine the causes of variation in profitableness; and (3) to secure definite data on which to make recommendations to Maryland farmers for better planning of the poultry enterprise.

Records were secured from farms in six Maryland counties, selected on the basis of the importance of poultry in the county. The counties included in the survey were Carroll, Baltimore, Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset and Caroline.

The title of the bulletin is "An Economic Study of 99 Poultry Farms in Maryland." It was written by W. E. Hauver, Dr. S. H. DeVault and A. B. Hamilton. The number is 397 and copies may be obtained free of charge by writing the Experiment Station at College Park.

Rattler's Fangs

Instead of being fixed tightly to the jaw-bone, the fangs of a rattlesnake are fastened at the base of a movable bone in the upper jaw. Sometimes when the rattler makes a strike and its victim does not succumb at once, the latter may wrench out these loosely attached fangs in an attempt to escape. It is not long, however, before the rattler thus incapacitated will be equipped with a new set of weapons, for it is provided with clusters of undeveloped fangs on either side of its mouth and a new pair of these soon grow out to effective size.

Piston Temperature

The bureau of standards say that at full load and speed the temperature at the center of the crown of an automobile engine piston may exceed 250 degrees C. for aluminum pistons and 400 degrees C. for cast iron pistons. Skirt temperatures at the same time may be about 100 degrees, with temperatures in the neighborhood of the rings at about 150 degrees to 200 degrees or more. Under idling conditions, temperatures are more nearly uniform and probably do not exceed about 150 degrees at any point.

Sea Rescue With Lasso

It was his knowledge of how men of the wide-open spaces rope steers that enabled the mate on an English ship to save the life of a skipper in a collision off Tenby, England. Skipper Mynheer of a sinking fishing boat which had collided with the steamer Skerries was on the bridge just as it dipped into the waves. A rope whirred from the side of the Skerries, ringed about the skipper just under his armpit and he was whisked into the air. A few minutes later he was safe aboard the steamer.

No real hustler would give two cents for the things that come to those who wait.

Island Still Has Lure for Treasure Seekers

Cocos island's secret, reported discovered by a divining rod, has not been given up, after all, and we armchair sailors feel better now.

That speck in the Pacific is legendary as piracy itself. Even before treasure seekers began to dig and tunnel there it was the capital of pirate lore. For generations job-bound stay-at-homes, in contemplative moments, have felt a proprietary interest in it.

The wealth of the sacked Nicaraguan city at Leon lies there, left by the crew of the Bachelor's Delight in 1685; the loot of the Lima cathedral, buried by the Mary Dwyer's crew in 1821, is hidden there; the booty of "Bonito of the Bloody Sword" has been there a century. So the legends tell.

For all of us adventurers who weigh anchor only in fancy the lure of the rugged little tropic island is happily enduring. There, thus far defying all comers, even those with an electric divining rod, is the last outpost of pirates.

Happily their secret still is safe, and happily we armchair voyagers still hold our lien upon their loot.—Boston Herald.

Dreaded Copperhead Is Not Aggressive Snake

The copperhead, one of the snakes the very name of which strikes terror into the heart of the city man out in the hills, is highly poisonous, but nowhere near the aggressive enemy that story has pictured it to be. The snake, as a matter of fact, is sluggish and is unlikely to be of menace to humans unless it is encountered in brush or by rocks where the contact is made by the human.

The copperhead is a member of the rattlesnake family, but has no rattles. Its head is of a burnish copper color, while its body is of a dark-brown color with dark blotches, more or less Y-shaped, on the sides and round on the stomach. It will attain a length of four feet at maturity.

It is usually found in damp places and in rocky country from early spring until autumn. It has a number of other names, such as pilot, copperbelly, red adder and redeye.

United States' Seal

The reverse of the Great Seal of the United States shows an unfinished pyramid, above which is an eye in a blue triangle, all proper. The lowest course of the pyramid bears the Roman numerals MDCCLXXVI. Beneath the pyramid, on a golden scroll, is the motto "Novus Ordo Seclorum" (a new era in the ages), and above is the motto "Annuit Coeptis" (He prospers our beginning). The pyramid signifies strength and duration; the eye over it and the motto allude to the many interpositions of Providence in favor of the American cause. The date underneath is the date of the Declaration of Independence and the words under it signify the beginning of the new American era, which commences from that date.

Thirty-six individuals and six corporations from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania were recently indicted for particicipation in the largest bootleg ring since repeal.

There may be a time for all things, but the wise man prefers to tackle one thing at a time.