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FAIRHOPE'S CRITICAL TIME

AS SEEN BY MOBILE REGISTER

Editorial of January 1st.

It is observed that the land-speculation fever has reached some members of the Fairhope Single-Tax Colony, in Baldwin county; and that Secretary E. B. Gaston strongly protests that indulgence in such speculation is wholly opposite to the single-tax theory and, as he believes, to the welfare of the colony. It is said that some of the holders of the colony land want to appropriate land values for their personal benefit by selling their leases and obtaining a bonus from persons who do not enter the colony lands with the purpose of carrying out the policy of the colony. This, it is contended by Mr. Gaston, introduces an element of speculation, in expectation of reaping individual profit from the further appreciation of the value of the colony lands. Mr. Gaston says that "it must not be expected that the people who came here and bought land for the purpose of administering it without profit to them . . . will permit themselves to be defeated in their purpose."

Mr. Gaston, however, speaks of the persons favoring the bonus as "the majority," and it may be inferred that the movement is serious in its menace to the carrying out of the fundamental policy of the colony.

There can be assigned several reasons for the success and prosperity of Fairhope, the only self-contained and operating single-tax community in the country, but there is no question that its origin and in large degree its growth are due to the adoption and observance of the single-tax theory, which theory is that there shall be but one tax, that upon land, and collectable in form of land rent, the appreciation of land value accruing not to the renter but to the colony.

The application of this theory requires from the participants an understanding and acceptance of its obligations and faith in it as a beneficial proposition. The participant must be content with the knowledge that what benefits the community benefits himself. Many, no doubt, see the situation in this light. There are others, however, who, through fondness for adventure or the fascination of the "get-rich-quick" method now so fashionable in parts of the neighboring state of Florida, seek to realize individually upon the increased value of their holdings. It is these who wish to change the established order. Their course appears to justify Mr. Gaston in saying that "the only safety for the continuance of a single-tax colony in the midst of a world gone mad over land speculation is to keep the control in the hands of those who understand the principle and are willing to sacrifice for it."

Bids were received by the Bay Bridge Company on Monday for a portion of the proposed Mobile-Baldwin bridge and contracts for same are perhaps let by this time.

Jason Malbis has been granted a permit to furnish electric current for Daphne, from his plant on the Daphne-Bay Minette road.

Let's Make Fairhope Blaze With Azaleas

Now is the time to put out Azaleas. We have a dream of Fairhope Avenue springing with azaleas in the early spring, by putting a bush, say every 100 feet, and Brother C. L. Coleman is ready to furnish rooted plants for the purpose if they will be taken care of.

We are asking the arbor committee of the Chamber of Commerce to take charge of the matter.

Mr. Coleman may have a few more for people to set in their yards.

Fairhope Forum

Mrs. Burt who was to address the Forum last Sunday on "The Near East Problem" asked to be excused on account of her voice and Capt. Chas. H. Brown, of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., was called upon and gave a very interesting talk on the history of Martha's Vineyard with special reference to the development of the land and industrial policy. Mr. Brown showed that early in its history Martha's Vineyard was administered much on a colonial basis with a common interest in the land recognized and a large degree of cooperation. Later monopoly of the land crept in, with all the evil results which everywhere follow.

The usual interesting discussion followed.

Next Sunday Baldwin County will be the subject and Hon. S. C. Jenkins, of Bay Minette has consented to address the Forum on Baldwin County history.

This will make a program of extraordinary interest and will, no doubt, bring out a large attendance.

Dr. O. F. E. Winberg, of Silverhill, has been engaged to talk at an early date on Baldwin County's horticultural and agricultural resources and advantages.

Forum begins promptly at 2:30.

Everybody cordially invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

Registration Notice

Appointments of the Baldwin County Registrars in South Baldwin, are announced as follows; all in February:

Foley	1st and 2nd
Bon Secour	3rd
Lillian	4th
Elberta	5th
Summerdale	9th
Robertsdale 10th & 11th	
Loxley	12th
Point Clear	16th
Fairhope	17 and 18th
Daphne	19th

March 1st to 17th inclusive, at Court House.

Remember Poll Taxes must be paid before February 1st.

Lawyer: — "Cross examinations didn't seem to bother him a bit."
Other Lawyer:—"Why should they, he's been married four times."

FAIRHOPE COLONY CELEBRATES ITS THIRTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

With Dinner and Program of Interesting Addresses and Music in Comings Hall on New Year's Evening.

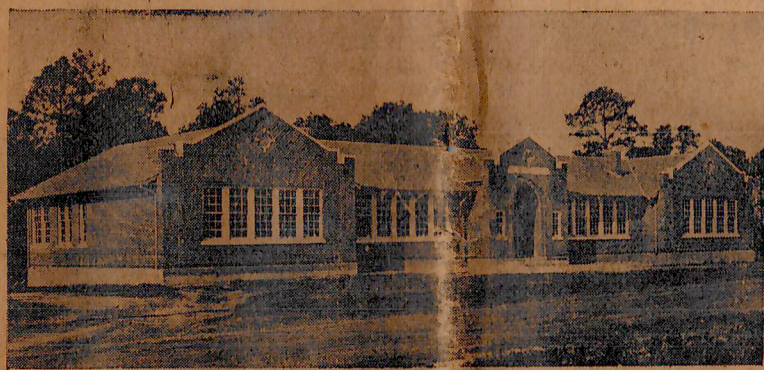
Nature smiled upon the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, for its 31st anniversary celebration, and New Year celebrants generally, giving one beautiful day and evening, amidst a number of dark and lowering character preceding and following.

There was nothing by way of celebration during the day and business institutions were more generally closed than ever before, several taking advantage of the holiday to take inventories of stock.

Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star and the committees on tables and decorations were busy during the day in Comings Hall, getting ready for the six o'clock dinner featuring the colony's celebration. Thanks to their preparations the dinner was ready practically on time.

Members of the Corporation welcomed the guests at the door, practically all arriving within a few minutes of the appointed time, and at the ends of each of the long tables stretching to the rear of the room from the speaker's table near the stage, were stationed one or more members to assist the diners in finding their seats. A system has been devised of lettered tables and numbered place cards, which works admirably.

When the company had been seated Secretary Gaston, on account of his stronger voice, called the gathering to order and asked Rev. A. J. Kemp-



FAIRHOPE CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
—Photo by Courtesy of Stewart, The Picture Man.

ton to invoke the Divine blessing which he did in eloquent words. Without further ceremony attention was given to the excellent dinner provided and excellent it was and well served. When justice had been done to the dinner President Troyer took charge.

We were fortunate this time in having available an excellent stenographer reporter in the person of Miss Mary K. Chapin, who kindly reported for the Courier the remainder of the program in the following excellent manner:

WELCOMING ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT TROYER:

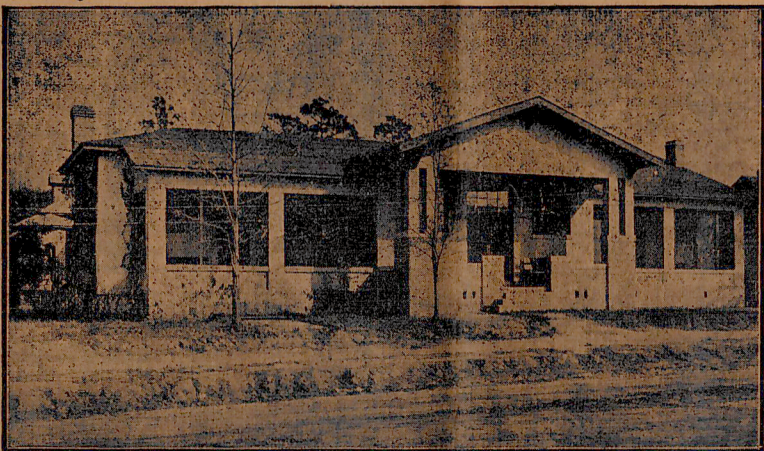
"It is my pleasant duty to welcome you here, according to the program. I feel very sure that you do not need to be told that you are welcome. I am going to welcome you in the words of an old farmer when a few of his very dear friends and neighbors came to see him. I am very glad I am at home, and I wish you all to feel as much at home here, and I take it you are so too."

"It certainly is very well worth while to meet here to commemorate the founding of the Fairhope Single Tax Colony. Why, the Fairhope experiment really is the most important movement in the State of Alabama. I will extend that statement to cover the entire South; the eyes of distant regions ought to be following the outcome of this movement."

"Another reason for our meeting here is to gather a little inspiration from each other. I hope that the little story I am going to tell will be an inspiration to you as it has been to me. Just across the road from me once lived a Dr. Rockwell. Most men of genius have some peculiarities. Dr. Rockwell's special peculiarity was a firm belief in the virtues of goat's milk. He maintained, first, that there were more vitamins in goat's milk than in cow's milk; second, that there were more proteins in goat's milk than in cow's milk; and, third—well, you have all heard about the value of buttermilk. Now, the doctor had reasoned it out that when he got fresh milk from his goat he also got buttermilk."

"Dr. Rockwell loved his nanny goat, and Nanny loved him. The doctor thought there was no one like Nanny—and he was right there wasn't—and Nanny thought there was no one like the doctor—and she was right; there wasn't. They used to hold a little mutual admiration society. When it was milking time, Nanny would hop up on the edge of her stall and bleat—"baa-aaa-aa-aa!"—and the doctor would come with his little pail and milk, and when he got through Nanny would hop down."

"One summer the doctor had an unusual crop of watermelons. One hot day in July he made several trips to the melon patch, coming back each time with a melon under each arm until he had six melons. He sliced them up and called, 'Come, Nanny, these are for you.' Nanny looked pleased and bleated 'baa-aa-aa-aa,' and ate right into the hearts of those melons. But after she had finished her second melon she went to the corner of the house and leaned up against it and bleated faintly—"baaa-aa-aa!" The doctor said firmly, Nanny, come back and finish your work.' So she came back and ate out the hearts of the third and fourth melons; then she went again to the corner of the house and leaned up against it; and again the doctor said firm-



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ly, 'Nanny, come back and finish your work'; and again she went back and ate out the hearts of the fifth and sixth melons, and bleated 'baa-aa-aa-aa!' in satisfaction as she finished Number 6.

"Now this is just a little bit of inspiration. It has helped me more than once. It gives us an awful stomach-ache sometimes to hold out on the job, but, like the goat, let's stick to it and do our best."

"Now, according to the program, we are to hear next from Mr. Gaston." Mr. Gaston said: "I have one advantage over Mr. Troyer: he had to pull his speech out of his head, while I have written mine out and (suing the action to the word) only have to pull it out of my pocket."

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL HISTORY

Mr. Chairman, members and friends of Fairhope Single Tax Colony: I would be glad to have some one else take up the task of writing the annual chapter of Colony history which it has become a habit to require of me, but I do not want to shirk any duty.

The year 1925 has been on the whole good to us. Substantial improvements have been made, public and private.

Among the most notable of the public improvements have been the large amount of curb and gutter and sidewalk laid on important streets.

The erection of the magnificent new High School Building, for Fairhope Consolidated School District, No. 51, dedicated only a few days ago. The people of the school district voted by 117 to 9 the continuance of the 3

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Fairhope Wallops Loxley 27-15, for Fifth Straight Victory

The Fairhope Basket Ball team rode rough shod over the team representing Loxley, last Saturday night when they gained a 27-15 decision.

In the first half the first team players hammered their Loxley opponents defense to pieces and scored twenty points, to the visitors none, the first time in the history of local cage battles such has ever happened.

But in the second half Fairhope used all their substitutes much to the delight of the Loxleyans who seizing the opportunity began piling in baskets from all angles getting 13 points to Fairhope's 4. The subs were yanked and the good ship righted once again.

Schleich for the visitors outshone any of his team mates in all departments of the game while Dougherty looked well for the local aggregation with good floor work and guarding.

Saturday night the locals face a tough foe in the G. M. & N. R. R. team from Mobile. This team is rated high in Mobile being considered dangerous at all stages of the game having upon its roster of players, Hahn, White, Doyle and other prep school stars. The local team has won five straight and the outcome of this game will have a strong bearing upon Fairhope's chances of defeating the Pensacola Tigers on the 16th of January, in Pensacola.

The same good dance music will be furnished by the Sunset Orchestra before and after the game Saturday night.

Chamber of Commerce Dinner Next Friday

The entertainment committee of the Chamber of Commerce, announces that the next monthly dinner will be held at Cooperative Hall, on next Friday evening, the 15th. The committee wishes it understood that these dinners are not at all confined to members of the Chamber. One purpose of the dinners is to bring citizens and visitors together in a social way, and everybody is invited whether members of the Chamber or not. Nor is there anything in a financial way to the Chamber out of the dinners. The persons serving the dinners get all there is in it for serving them.

The committee hopes to have an interesting program and since they hope there will be a large attendance. Remember the date Friday the 15th, at 7:00 P. M. Cooperative Hall. Tickets 60 cents.

P. T. A. Program for Tuesday, Jan. 12

Program for P. T. A. meeting, Tuesday afternoon, January 12, 1926:

Leader: Mrs. Dougherty.

Subject: More and Better Music in our Homes and Schools.

Round Table Discussions:

1. Has your child musical talent, if so, what are you doing to develop it.
2. Are we doing all we can to have music in our Public School.
3. Do we have the best records for our victrolas or do we allow our children to cultivate a taste for jazz and suggestive songs.

Essay: Effect of Patriotic Songs—Ann Dougherty.

Song: America, The Beautiful—Elizabeth McKenzie and Bonnie Fonten.

Extra Copies This Issue of Courier

On account of the report of Colony anniversary, we have printed some extra copies of this issue, which may be had at the office, 5 cents a copy, wrapper if desired.

COMMENT ON THE National Show

I disagree with what you say, but I will fight to the death for your right to say it. —Voltaire.

BY JAMES P. EGAN
Written Exclusively for the
Fairhope Courier.

WASHINGTON—Senate world court advocates lack the nerve to enforce a senate rule that would limit debate on that question.

Despite Mussolini Dawes, who has been raging up and down the country about "a senate that is powerless to stop debate," the contrary is true. A three-fourths vote is necessary. Recently Senate Dougherty announced that the gag would be applied, but the administration finds that the required vote is not forthcoming, although the administration insists it has more than a three-fourths vote to pass the world court resolution.

Some senators favor the world court, but they will not gag opponents. They insist that senate traditions be maintained. Dawes and his noisome crew to the contrary notwithstanding.

The president made a political blunder in Chicago when he told delegates to the American Farm Bureau Federation that the administration is against government aid to market farmers' surplus wheat.

The farmers pointed to beneficiaries of the tariff system, and arranged to jam their bill through congress. Now we are told "the White House is inclined to consider some exporting system." And the farmers and congressmen from the middle west chuckle.

The flop of the Great Silence was caused by his lack of vision. He only saw the eastern viewpoint. But when the tariff was attacked, when a farm bloc in congress loomed, when the loss of several farm states were threatened in next year's elections, and when former Governor Frank Lowden of Illinois appeared as presidential timber and leader of the farmers the flop happened.

Great men are not nearly so great when you get a front seat in the side-row.

Brigadier General Butler of the marines got mixed up in the rotten politics of Philadelphia as director of public safety. He was badly singled and he is back on his job. He believed a lot of people who talked about "law enforcement," but he finds he was just window dressing.

It was all right to enforce the prohibition law in the poorer sections, but when he tackled the respectable clubs he got the air.

He threatens to publish his diary, and expose the "law enforcers," but if he makes this move he'll be tossed as high as Sam Thompson, old-time slugger on the Detroit Base Ball team drove a ball in 1886.

A sports writer said that when the ball came down it was covered with snow.

The world is just waking up to Russia's silent advance in the Far East. Ever since Peter the Great, "the bear that walks like a man" has made tracks eastward. Regardless of governments—Czarist, Kerensky or soviet—it is Russia's historic policy to fight for a port that is free from ice all the year.

That's why the Russo-Jap war of Roosevelt's time was fought. Russia wanted an outlet across Siberia to the China sea. That's the reason for the Crimean war in the 50's, when England and Turkey blocked the bear's passage through the Dardanelles.

Japan will check Russia in the present move—and England will line up

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THE PLAYHOUSE

PROGRAM

FRI.-SAT., JAN. 8-9
CORINNE GRIFFITH in
"LILIES OF THE FIELD"
ALSO PATHE NEWS

"TARZAN" on SATURDAY

SUNDAY, JAN. 10
MARY PHILBIN in
"THE GAIETY GIRL"
ALSO "FLYING FISTS"

MON.-TUES., JAN. 11-12
EDMUND LOWE in
"CHAMPION OF LOST CAUSES"

Also Sunshine Comedy
"MOVIE MAD MAID"

WED.-THURS., JAN. 13-14
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NEWS OF OTHER COMMUNITIES

Daphne News Notes

Daphne, Alabama, Jan. 5.—President D. R. Murphey and Prof. A. R. Meadows attended the Educational Conference held in Birmingham Monday and Tuesday, January 4th and 5th, 1926.

Mr. W. Percy Hall and son Walter came home from Coral Gables, Florida, for the Christmas holidays and returned to Florida Wednesday, Jan. 6th. William Hall who had been at home for several weeks accompanied them on their return trip.

Johnnie Davis who is pursuing a course in engineering at the University of Alabama spent the holidays with his parents and returned to Tuscaloosa the latter part of last week. He made the return trip in his Chevrolet.

Miss Belle Sibley of Bay Minette spent Christmas week in Daphne visiting relatives.

Misses Mary Ann Bradley, Hazel Lynch, Josephine Stanton, Altie and Hester Riles, also Pete McDonald, of Century, Florida, were guests of the W. P. Hall family last Saturday.

News of the marriage of Miss Elodia Van Iderstine to Noah Waldrop of Oakman has just reached Daphne.

Miss Irene Adams of Loxley spent Christmas with Christine Hall.

Former President of the Normal School, Mr. H. H. Holmes, was a Daphne visitor Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. J. C. Tharp, principal of the Rosinton Consolidated School, was a week end visitor in Daphne.

Miss Wilda Poos entertained the Girls' Athletic Club at her home Friday night, January 1st, 1926.

Miss Camille Hall spent several days last week visiting Miss Irene Adams of Loxley.

J. R. Law and family have moved to Mobile.

Miss Mary Owen, one of the training school teachers, whose home has been in Fort Deposit, Alabama, purchased one of the Hall cottages and, with her parents, moved into it on Saturday, January second.

Mrs. Kate Stimpson, of Daytona Beach, Florida, passed through Daphne and spent the night at the home of Mrs. W. P. Hall last Friday.

David Murphey, Jr. returned to the University last Saturday.

Mr. C. W. Harrison and family have moved into the Law property.

Miss Ninette Huffman has been appointed to teach in the Lillian School to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Miss Elodia Van Iderstine.

Silverhill News Notes

A large crowd was present at the community Christmas Tree program which was given at the hall on Dec. 30. The tree was decorated and electric-lighted. After the program Santa appeared and presented each with a box of candy. Both young and old joined and danced around the tree. Each one helped to make the evening a success.

Mrs. B. A. Forsman entertained the Larkin Club at her home on last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Marion Kane is spending a two week's vacation at her home here.

Mrs. H. Clawson arrived from Austin, Ill., on last Thursday night, she is staying with the Landers, and intends to stay here at least two months. Her many friends are glad to see her here again.

Mr. and Mrs. Swanson are the parents of twins, which were born to them on January first.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Linder entertained a number of friends at supper on December 31st.

The Athletic Clubs gave a party at the hall on New Year's night. Several indoor games were played which added to the enjoyment. About sixty were present.

Delicious refreshments were served and all left at a late hour, having had a jolly time.

Messrs. N. P. Wicklund, Lister Linden, Ernest Swan and H. Anderson left last Saturday morning for Miami, Fla. They spent the holidays here visiting with relatives and friends. We all hope to see them back again next Christmas (if not before).

A large crowd attended the opening dance at the new hall in Roberts-dale, Jan. 1st.

Messrs. Axel Rundquist, Ed. Kane and Ted Eckman left last Monday morning for Miami, Fla. by car. Their many friends here wish them success in their work, and hope that they will not take it too well, but that they will soon return to us; nevertheless they have our best wishes.

Mr. W. F. Forsyth is employed in the Silverhill Creamery.

Mr. Pete Surovek has returned from New York to his home here.

Mr. Elmer Erickson is employed at the Peoples Supply Company.

Mr. Joe Dvorak left last Thursday for Tampa, Fla., to attend to some business.

Miss Pearl Norden returned to Auburn, Ala., last Sunday.

The Emmons and Essie Garrett returned last Sunday after having spent the holidays at their homes.

Mr. Will Hobels had the misfortune of losing their home by fire on last Thursday night, Dec. 31st. They had just returned from the dance at the Bohemian Hall, and started a fire in the stove, and most likely a defective flue was the cause.

River Park Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Class of Chicago who have been in the Enos cottage for several weeks, left last week in their car for points in Florida. They may stop here on their way home in the spring.

Mr. K. Jorgensen and cousin Eric Silver, of Chicago, who drove down in Mr. Jorgensen's car a few weeks ago, are stopping with Eric's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Silver, a number of parties have been held in their honor in the past few weeks.

The two school trucks began running again Monday. The heavy rains making it bad driving for them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Annable of Buchanan, Mich., who have been at the home of Mrs. Annable's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rich, have rented the Enos cottage down near the water, and will probably stay here the rest of the winter.

Mrs. Smith, who with her son, has charge of the Marlow ferry has been very sick, and was taken to the home of her daughter Mrs. Julius Hand.

The many friends of Mr. D. Z. Grove, who has been so very sick at the Mobile Infirmary, will be pleased to know, that if he continues to improve, he is to be brought home Thursday of this week.

The Ladies Aid of the Marlow church were to have the regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 5th, at the home of Mrs. Ed. Mannich.

Beauty doctors are arguing over which is the more beautiful, the feminine elbow or knee. Must be a joint discussion.

Heard First Words



Dr. Thomas A. Watson, who worked with Alexander Graham Bell inventing the telephone, heard the first sound or word ever transmitted by wire. In the test, Mr. Bell spoke over the phone saying, "Come here, Watson, I want you." A tablet was recently unveiled commemorating the 50th anniversary of this great scientific marvel, the telephone.

GOOD-ADVICE.

"In your opinion what great thing could a congressman do which would insure his re-election?"
"That's easy, Senator—just push that tax-cut bill through—then make a motion to adjourn."

Chevrolet President Predicts Continued Prosperity in 1926

W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager of the Chevrolet Motor company, predicts continued prosperity for the automotive industry during 1926.

"My opinion is that 1926 will be a good year in the automobile industry," he said.

"That there will be as many passenger cars sold at retail as in 1925."

"That there will be more trucks sold at retail than in 1925."

"That dealers will improve their merchandising methods and the dealers who do will increase their turnover."

"That used cars will have to be treated as merchandise and dealt in as such at fair prices and in running order."

"That dealers' improvements in shops and tools will help to reduce the maintenance cost of automobiles."

Customer:—"Have you any eggs without chickens in them?"
Grocer:—"Sure, duck eggs."

UNNATURAL HISTORY

Men make monkeys of themselves when they try to ape another.
The best way to stop a fellow from driving with his arm around a girl is to make them get married.

Hostess:—"Do you believe in capital punishment?"

Host (A walking delegate):—"Sure I do—why lady, the workingman never will get no justice 'til all them capitalists are in prison."

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ESTATE OF,

Letters of administration upon the state of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of October, 1925 by the Honorable W. D. Stapleton, Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law, or that same will be forever barred.

MRS. EDNA V. WILSON, Admx.
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CHARLES HALL, Bay Minette, Ala., Attorney for Admx. 21-3t.

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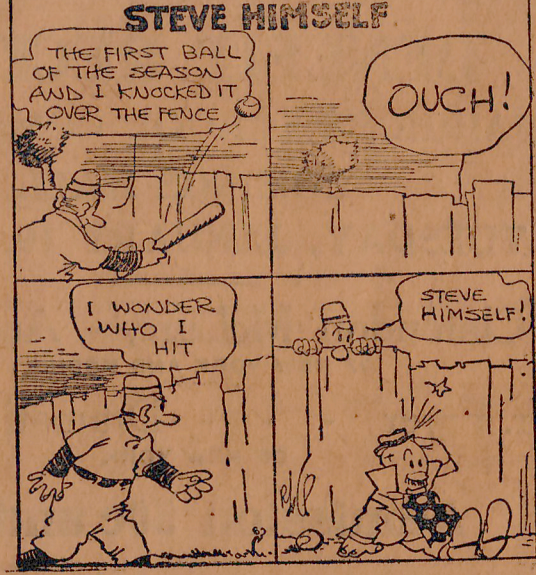
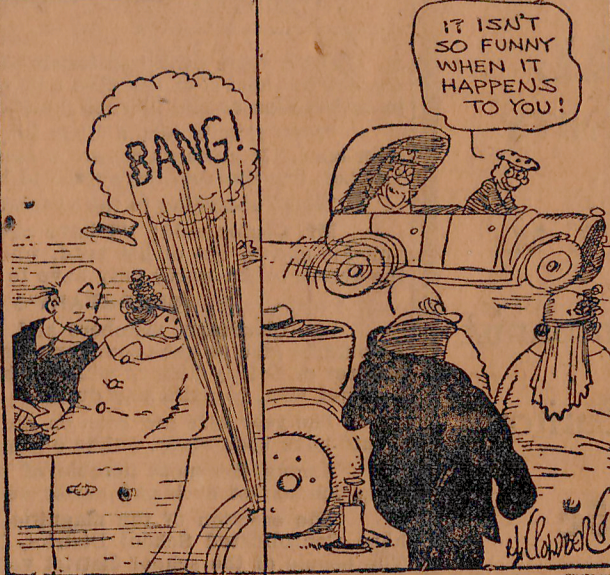
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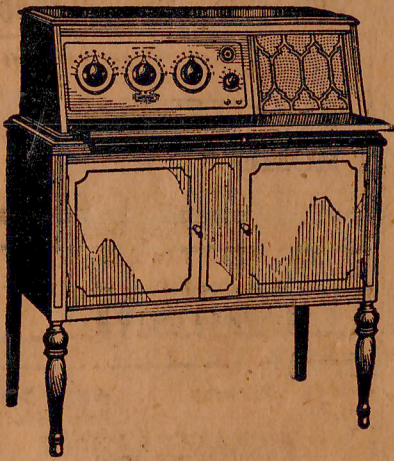


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FARM LOANS SHOW BIG BOOST IN 1925

IMPROVED METHODS IN FARMING ARE ATTRIBUTED AS CAUSE FOR INCREASE IN AGRICULTURE

STATE NEWS PARAGRAPHER

A Resume of the More Important Events of Interest Condensed To An Epitomized Form

Birmingham. — More money was loaned on farm lands in Alabama in 1925 than in any former year, according to Robert Jamison, Jr., president of Jamison & Co., which conducts an extensive farm loan business here. The large increase in this kind of business is attributed by Mr. Jamison to improved methods of farming and to the stocking up of the farms with better types of cattle.

Until a few years ago Alabama, with few exceptions, was stocked with scrub cattle, and modern methods of cultivating the fields were hardly known. But with the introduction of pedigreed stock and improved agricultural machinery different methods were employed and more money was needed by the owners to carry on their operations. Scattered over the State were many farms with Jersey and other high grade animals, and the superiority of these over the scrub soon demonstrated to the farmers the futility of trying to get ahead with their old methods and the live stock they had.

Mr. Jamison was one of the pioneers in this part of the State in developing a first-class stock farm. He acquired a large acreage a few miles from Birmingham, bought a large number of best breeds of cattle, some of them coming from the Isle of Jersey, and it was not long until others fell in line, until now Jefferson County has some of the best dairy cattle in the country, and some of the best farms to be found anywhere.

ALABAMA BRIEFS

Many cities and towns in all parts of Alabama staged demonstrations in celebration of the University of Alabama's victory over the football team of the University of Washington at Pasadena, Cal., new year's day. The Alabama team won by the narrow margin of one point after it had been seemingly outclassed during the first half of the game.

Elementary school supervisors from Tuscaloosa, Coffee, Covington, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Marion, Marshall and Walker Counties held a meeting at Tuscaloosa to map out work for the coming school year. Miss Cassa Spencer of the State Educational Department, presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hoffman, of Gainesville, Fla., miraculously escaped death at Marion Junction recently when an auto in which they were riding was struck by a locomotive and hurled 35 feet. Both were seriously hurt.

Captain John Quill, 87, of Mobile, died recently in Boston. Captain Quill for many years owned a number of river boats running out of Mobile. The two best-known are the John Quill and the Nettie Quill.

Announcement that the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., is to make improvements in Fairfield, costing \$15,000,000 has caused property values to double in several Birmingham suburbs.

F. A. Bloodworth, of Albany-Decatur, has been named a member of the executive committee of the board of trustees of the Masonic Home, at Montgomery.

Dela Mae Steel, 15-year-old girl, of Eoline, was burned to death recently when her clothing caught fire from an open grate. A sister was badly burned in a vain effort to save her life.

State Forester Page S. Bunker went to Washington recently to confer with federal authorities about co-operation in the matter of forest fire control in Alabama.

Almost 100 additional lock boxes have been installed at the Tuscaloosa post office, made necessary by the increased business being done.

The Alabama Power Co. has begun the operation of one-man street cars in Gadsden in an effort to make the street car revenue meet the expense.

Report has it that a merger is pending between the Southeastern Power & Light Company and the Georgia Railway and Power Co.

The City of Florence spent more than \$250,000 in paving 37 blocks of her city streets during 1925, city records show.

Mrs. Henry McLain, of Jasper, was badly injured recently when a heater exploded. She was struck by flying fragments.

Extreme cold weather has retarded work on the new plant at Anniston, which is to house the M. & H. Valve Company.

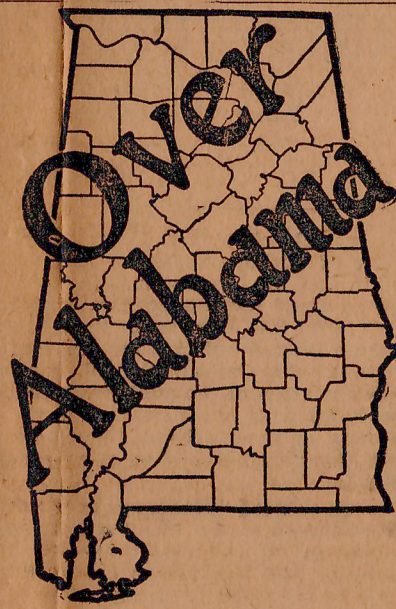
A 900-gallon still was found near Tuscaloosa recently.

A dancing pavilion on Lookout Mountain in Etowah County, was recently destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$14,000.

Calhoun County is considering establishment of a sinking fund for her bonded indebtedness which totals \$175,000.

The public service commission has given the Southern Bell Telephone Co. permission to install more modern telephones in Moulton.

J. L. Davis has just been named by Gov. Brandon as chairman of the Walker County Board of Registrars.



As a compromise in a controversy about the sale to the city of the Anniston water system, which is now owned by the Alabama Water Co., the company has offered to pay the city \$100,000 for a franchise to run 30 years longer, and to make a number of improvements in the system. The offer has been taken under advisement by the City Council.

Reports continue that the Southeastern Light & Power Co., which owns the Alabama Power Co. and several others, will shortly take over the Georgia Railway & Power Co. The Atlanta Journal states that only the formal announcement remains to be made.

Angeline Bishop, 15-year-old Black Creek girl, was instantly killed at a railroad crossing near Birmingham recently when she stepped from behind a freight train, going in one direction, into the path of an engine moving in the other.

A. J. Jackson, State Superintendent of Banks, arrested some time ago for refusing to allow a newspaper reporter and a lawyer see certain papers on file in the State Capitol, has been upheld by the court of common pleas of Montgomery County.

Edward O'Neal, president of the Alabama Farm Bureau, was a speaker at a recent meeting of farmers, bankers and cotton men in Atlanta. The object of the meeting was discussion of plans to cut the 1926 cotton acreage. State License Inspect Powers was in Tuscaloosa recently arranging with county officers to arrest all auto drivers who have no 1926 tag. This will be done throughout the State, he said.

Birmingham broke a number of business records during 1925, figures compiled in that city show. Bank clearings increased \$125,000,000; building permits, \$250,000, and postal receipts \$545.

A new Talladega County courthouse, which has been under construction for the past eight months, has just been completed at a cost of about \$100,000. It replaces the structure burned last spring.

The Alabama Public Service commission spent only \$76,540.14 of the \$100,000 appropriated for its maintenance in 1925. The body also collected \$41,567, which it turned in to the state treasury.

The C. W. Grayson Lumber Co., of Arkansas, has bought the timber on 22,500 acres of land in Lamar, Marion and Fayette counties. It is estimated that there are 22,000,000 feet of pine, poplar and oak.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Knicks and several boarders barely escaped with their lives recently when their home in Birmingham burned. The roof fell in as they rushed from the building.

Sheffield has raised a goodly part of the \$100,000 necessary to secure the location in that city of the Key Company's plant for the manufacture of white way standards, it is reported.

Last year saw all building records shattered in Gadsden, reports from that city set out. Improvements to cost more than \$4,000,000 were begun between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Campbell, the former a professional golf instructor at the Mobile Country Club, were burned to death recently when the club building was destroyed by fire.

A campaign recently put on in Sheffield to raise \$100,000 to secure a plant of the King Co., manufacturers of white way posts, obtained the entire amount.

Mrs. J. W. Wyatt, of Oxford, was instantly killed near Anniston recently, when she jumped from a moving auto which had caught fire. Her neck was broken.

The State Highway Department will open bids on Feb. 10 for four State road projects, one each in Cherokee and Tuscaloosa Counties, and two in Lawrence.

Statistics gathered at Washington show that thousands of negroes who have gone North and East in the past two years are returning to Dixie.

The sale of Jamaica ginger or its possession is now held to be a violation of the federal prohibition laws. This rule became effective on Jan. 1.

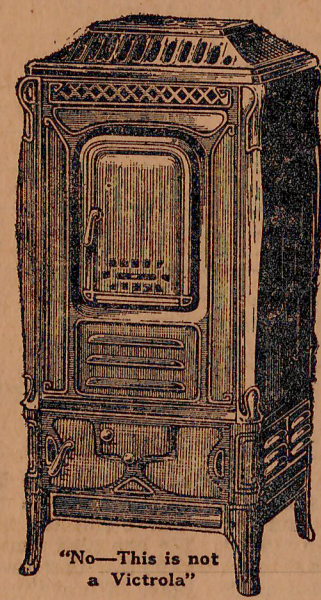
The Southern Manganese Corporation of Anniston, has increased its capital stock from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

Margaret Davis, three-year-old tot, was burned to death at her home near Wilson Dam recently when her clothing ignited from an open grate.

Scores of farmers around Brewton are preparing to materially increase their acreage in strawberries, reports from Brewton show.

Three autos took part in one smash on the Florence-Sheffield Highway. All three cars were wrecked but no one seriously hurt.

Several deaths were reported in Alabama, due to the recent bitter cold weather.



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Mrs. Call on Public Service Deficiencies

 Fairhope, Ala., Jan. 5, 1926
Editor Courier:

As a member of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, and of its Board of Trustees, I am much disturbed by the criticisms I have heard directed at the Single Tax Corporation because of the deplorable condition of the public utilities in this town.

I wish to make it clear to our visitors that the responsibility rests entirely with the Town Council. This community is incorporated in the same manner as other towns and the fact that the town administration has not measured up to its responsibility is in no wise to be blamed on the Single Tax Corporation.

We are ashamed of the condition of our public utilities. Every citizen has suffered very great inconvenience and many of us have suffered grave financial loss through the lack of water and light. Personally, I feel much chagrined that such conditions have been permitted to again arise and become acute just at the time my article on Fairhope was published in the POINT OF VIEW.

The most discouraging feature of the matter is that some, at least, of the members of the Town Council do not seem to realize, in the least, the gravity of the situation. I spoke to one of them of the fact that some of our visitors were feeling that they could not stand present conditions and were considering leaving. He replied, "Well, if they leave, others will come!" Such a man should not have public responsibilities.

Last summer, while we were having the same experience we have now, two doctors came here to look over our town as a place to send their convalescents. Their decision was that the danger of infection from unflushed toilets, and the lack of water for cleaning purposes made it inadvisable to recommend this place to their patients.

Several business houses have declared that they would be forced to put in their own lighting systems, and, in some cases, their own wells. This, of course, will reduce the revenues of the public plant materially, making it more difficult to maintain and run the plant and retire its bonds. The gasoline engines needed to run the private plants will also add to the noises already too numerous here, making it a less desirable place to live. The small business and the householder, not being able to maintain a private plant, will not be helped in the least and, becoming more disgusted, it will be but a step into the arms of the Alabama Power Company or some other private monopoly.

The Single Tax Corporation shares the embarrassment of the citizens of Fairhope at the lack of management and foresight displayed by our town officials and hopes that they have finally awakened to the gravity of the situation and that our visitors may at last find the trouble remedied and leave us with kindly thoughts. A mass meeting was held last August at which the citizens made it plain that steps must be taken to avoid a recurrence of the situation and most of us were confident that such steps as were necessary were being taken but we seem now to be in as bad plight as before.

 Sincerely,
Anne B. Call.

Public Libraries and Adult Education

The public libraries of the country are taking hold of the adult education movement, as they have not with anything else. The pamphlets issued by the American Library Association under the title "Reading with a Purpose Series" are distributed by the hundreds and the thousands. The libraries sell them at cost (fifty cents for bound copies, thirty-five cents for unbound) and the books recommended are available for the patrons of the libraries. The idea seems also to have taken hold of the reading public, as has no other service that libraries during the past half-century have rendered to their patrons.

The pamphlets in the "Reading with a purpose series" are of unusual interest. They are much more than mere guides to recommended reading. They are such guides, but they are also real essays on the subjects dealt with and can be read with pleasure and profit even by persons who do not intend to take up the study of the recommended books.

Vernon Kellogg discusses the problems of modern Biology; W. N. C. Carlton gives a compact survey of English literature; William Allen White and Walter E. Myer show the way through the "Conflicts in American Public Opinion"; Howard W. Odum, editor of the Journal of Social Forces published in Chapel Hill, N. C.,

Kiwanis Committee on Weevil Control

Editor Courier:

In last week's issue of the Baldwin County papers, Mr. E. G. Caldwell, had an article about the sweet potato weevil. We are glad that Mr. Caldwell gave us the law that touches us most at this time. We are moving along towards bedding time, and it is of interest to know just what the law is about bedding potatoes on weevil infested farms.

It is unlawful to bed potatoes on farms that have weevil on them. There must be some good reason for this, or it would not have been a law. Theodore Roosevelt once said "the surest way to get a law repealed is to enforce it." Therefore if this law is not a good one we will get it repealed by enforcing it. For this reason the Kiwanis Club of Baldwin County hopes to see this law, as well as every other one in this connection enforced. Thus, we assure Mr. Caldwell of our cooperation to the fullest extent, and warn him that he must do his best to enforce these laws.

However we hope there will be no necessity for harsh measures in doing this. It is true that human nature is pretty much the same the world over, and it is also true that very often there is somebody that wants to go contrary to what the majority thinks is right (this is all that law is). But South Baldwin is another exception to the general rule. We feel sure that the people of this section are not going to object to this law, but are going still further than this. Not only will they not bed potatoes on their farms, if they have the weevil, but will help in every way they can to stamp it out.

The Kiwanis Club knows that the law about cleaning up farms will be more complied with. Let us urge that all this be done thoroughly, and as early as possible. If there is anyone that has not done so already, let them get busy at once and let everyone else insist that he do it. Public opinion makes law far more effective than any Government on earth can. Therefore we have agreed to exert every influence we possess to make it as effective as possible. So everybody get this work done and do not let the State's authorities have to push you. Remember, we, the hard working people everywhere, are pushing them. We pay taxes to hire them and we have a right to insist that they give us fair returns for our money. If you are being pushed, do not blame the inspector, but remember that he is a hired man with these duties to perform.

We do not believe that this will be the attitude of the people. We all believe in Cooperation, when it comes to fighting for the benefit of the country as a whole. We believe that Baldwin County is the finest County in the world, and those that do not think so are at liberty to move on. Those that stay are going to leave the County a little better than they found it. This is why we want to stop the sweet potato weevil where it is. Then let everyone appoint himself a committee of one to do all in his power to stop it. If we get at the thing in this way Mr. Caldwell will soon be moving on, for we will have no more use for him here. Don't forget that the law was made for the man who will not do the right thing without it.

Baldwin County Publicity Com.

which is regarded as the foremost sociological journal of the present time, guides his readers through the important field of "Sociology and Social Problems"; Daniel Gregory Mason calls his guide to the appreciation of music, "Ears to Hear"; Ambrose W. Vernon tells about "Ten pivotal figures of History"; Dallas Lore Sharp presents "Some Great American Books"; and, lastly, Jesse Lee Bennett, in "Frontiers of Knowledge", places before his readers the most important matter of all, namely a survey of the fundamentals of modern knowledge. One purpose of the course of reading outlined in this pamphlet is "to sketch—in the broadest possible way—the general divisions of the field of knowledge most important to the individual and to list a few books which can most easily and quickly give a broad view of the essentials of these divisions and indicate the basic range of facts and ideas which all men and women should possess." Among the books recommended are H. G. Wells' "Outline of History", Sidney Morse's "Map of the World of Knowledge", W. T. Sedgwick and H. W. Tyler's "Short History of Science" and "The Significance of the Fine Arts", edited by the American Institute of Architects.

The importance of the movement for adult education, particularly the phase of it taken hold of by the libraries of the country, to aid the individual who seeks a broader view

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FAIRHOPE COLONY CELEBRATES ITS THIRTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

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mill special school tax, for another period of years for this building. The people of Fairhope voted for another five year period the five mill tax for streets and fire protection, the levying of which enables the Town of Fairhope to avoid levying license taxes, the only Town in the State, I presume, which does not levy such most objectionable taxes. The new, tile-walled, concrete floored building for the arts and crafts and manual training departments of the Organic School, replacing the frame one destroyed by fire. The completion of the addition to the Fairhope Library. The new steel bridge across the gully, on Bay View Ave. The wharf was also improved by the widening of the pierhead, the placing of a short railing full length on the south side and the building of a long shed for shelter of pedestrians from sun and rain.

Of private improvements worthy of mention, are the new Kamper and Jowers building; the fine Fairhope Hotel of our good friends and Colonists, Captain and Mrs. Cross; the handsome drive-in front of the Klumpp Motor Company, and the new drive-in filling station and accessories sales-room of the Sherrill Oil Company. Few Alabama cities have anything better in this line than these. Then the Gaston Motor Company built new buttressed steel walls, doubled its floor space and threw over all a new metal roof on steel trusses, making one of the most modern and fire-proof buildings in the County; the new Fairhope Coal and Supply Company building on Section Street; the several new dwellings put up, the tendency being notable toward better construction.

We have continued to get valuable advertising through the conventions and gatherings of various sorts, which have met here; including the Alabama Library Association, which had a notable session here; the Bankers of the State; the Alabama Press Association, the members of which gave us especially valuable publicity through their articles for their papers; the Buyers Week crowd, of merchants from Alabama, Mississippi and Florida, who were entertained here by the Mobile Wholesalers; the Pine Products Association, the Presbyterian Women's School of Missions and perhaps others which I do not recall.

Fourth of July and Memorial Day were appropriately celebrated. The celebration of the Fourth, with its bathing revue feature, brought to our town no doubt the largest crowd which has ever assembled here.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Mobile, visited us on occasion of a trip through South Baldwin towns and we also entertained for a short time Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Renick W. Dunlap. On another occasion we had with us the Lieutenant governor of the State and the Chairman of the State Highway Commission.

Fairhope was honored by the dedication to her of three poems; one by Alexander Evans, which is a classic; and two Fairhope hymns by Mrs. Hie-stand and Mrs. Call; the former set to music and sung on one or two occasions as it ought to be oftener.

A very agreeable surprise was the outright gift of sixty acres of land in section 35, about 3/4 of a mile from our nearest holding, by E. F. Harms, of Bowbells, N. D., quite unknown to us personally.

Much less pleasant was a verdict against us in the Harwell suit for damages, which, with damages allowed, attorneys and witness fees cost us nearly \$1800.

Our Satsuma industry in common with that of other parts of the country made a remarkable come-back, a total of eleven cars being shipped by the Citrus Growers Association, beside large shipments by independent growers in "broken lots."

The pecan industry also marked a great step forward bringing a lot of money into the vicinity, a number of growers counting their yields in tons.

Our local boat company, deserves special mention for tendering the use of its fine steamer Bay Queen, for a moonlight excursion one night in July, the local Chamber of Commerce and that of Robertsdale joining in selling tickets, the receipts of \$700 being entirely devoted to the maintenance of the road eastward so important to us; the boat company adding another \$300 to bring the total up to \$1,000.

After the failure of others to successfully maintain a bus service between Fairhope and Pensacola and intermediate towns, Mr. Turnbull established and has maintained with great regularity an excellent service, having recently put on a handsome, roomy bus of twelve passenger capacity.

Effort was made during the year to get the L. & N. R. R. to build a loop, which would serve the Eastern Shore, connecting with its Bay Minette and Foley line, but with result of making very definite that nothing of the kind might be expected and that we would have to depend upon our boat service and highways to the Eastward.

The approximate exhaustion of our desirable lots in Town and the approach of a land boom from Florida stimulated an effort to guard against the "Serpent of Land Speculation" entering our Single Tax Eden" as Dave Holt put it, by requiring more definite pledges of lessees in their applications for land and additional remedies to the Corporation for violation of their agreements, which has caused much comment, but will prove both an advantage to the Colony and a benefit to those lessees who in good faith desire to carry out their contracts with it in letter and in spirit.

Fairhope cannot be such a demonstration of the benefits of Single Tax as its founders designed it to be, if land speculation and monopoly is to creep in through charging of "bonuses" for unimproved lots and excessive prices for improved ones.

Death invaded our ranks during the year taking Brother C. L. Rockwell, and the hearts of old-time members were saddened too, by the death of James P. Hunnel, one of the founders of the Colony, who though no longer a member was still deeply interested. And while this is not a necrological record, and he had never become a member, we recognize the community's great loss in the death of our pioneer physician, as well as our earliest school teacher, Dr. C. L. Mershon, beloved of all. We have added to our membership Mr. A. E. Schalkenbach and wife.

Mr. President I close this brief chapter with request for "leave to print" in the Courier any important incident which I have failed to mention.

Mr. Troyer: Not the least of Fairhope's charms is its wonderful bird life. I have the pleasure now of calling on Fairhope's nightingale, Miss Nell Slosson.

(Miss Slosson, accompanied by Mrs. James Gaston, gave two songs, and "His Lullaby," by Carrie Jacobs Bond, which were warmly applauded.)

Mr. Troyer: "We have with us tonight one of Baldwin County's solid citizens—a man who has lived in Baldwin County a thousand years—more or less. I don't know what it is that Dr. Schowalter has prepared for us—whether it's a salve or a pill or a porous plaster—but, whatever it is, it will be pleasant to take and good for us."

REMARKS OF DR. V. McR. SCHOWALTER

"It was with a very peculiar pleasure that I acceded to the request of my friend Mr. Gaston that I speak here tonight, because I was here and witnessed the beginning of this great institution—for it is a great institution—the Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

"It is now indisputable—notwithstanding Mr. Troyer's levity on a serious subject—that both Fairhope and goat's-milk are facts, from both a practical and a scientific point of view.

"As Mr. Troyer has said, I have lived a thousand years—more or less—and by the grace of God and a little ingenuity I hope to live a thousand years more.

"As a boy I have shot quail right on the ground that this building now occupies. This place, from Stacks Gully to Bayou Charbon, was then known as Stapleton's Pasture. I was present when my father refused an opportunity to buy this property for 50 cents an acre. That shows how much land was worth at that time.

"I was down at Battles Wharf one day and witnessed the arrival of a very serious-looking party of strangers. I inquired who they were and was told that they were a party of single-taxers from Iowa. Now, Henry George's "Progress and Poverty" had been one of the reference books in the University of Georgia, from which I graduated, so I had the advantage of knowing what single tax meant; I never was one of those people who called the single tax "singular tax."

"Everything was very simple in the beginning. Probably the most pretentious building in town at that time was the old barber shop now occupied by Brother Kempton. I remember the old pine pole fences and the small "straight-jacket" houses, built of boards placed upright with battens over the cracks.

"I recall from time to time seeing the housewives of the community gathering their skirts about them to go to the well for water. Everybody went to the town well for water—except those who liked to drink tadpoles out of a cistern.

"The approach to the town wound around among the blackjack hills and around Stacks' Gully.

"It has afforded me a great deal of pleasure to witness not only the wonderful progress of the community, but also the forcible demonstration that Henry George's theory is susceptible of practical application. We have had in Fairhope the only successful example on the surface of the earth of the working of single tax over a period of thirty years. I wonder how many of you have thought what Fairhope would be today if thirty years ago the decision of the supreme court had been favorable to the single tax in this community—what an amount you would have available to improve and beautify the town.

"There is a little insect known as the doodle bug that makes an inverted cone in the sand. I think that if any one were to apply the name of "doodle" to the person who would deny the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to this community and the ideals it contains—the person who would set free a mob of speculators to prey on such a community—I think that the doodles—they are really intelligent insects—would institute a suit for libel."

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IN THE PLAYHOUSE ANNEX

LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR DRESSES

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Friendly Enemies



(AUTOCASTER)

When bloodless battles are raging in the House of Representatives, these two fiery southerners from Tennessee, Finis J. Garrett, (left) and John Q. Tilson are always to be found where the argument is hottest. Leaders of their respective Democratic and Republican party factions, they are continually at sword's points.

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TOWN TALK

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stearns and Vernon, have returned to Gainesville, Fla.

Mr. Odell has returned to Mobile, his family remaining here.

Mrs. J. O. Wolff who was confined to her home with illness for several days is able to be out again.

Mr. J. A. Decker is at the Mobile Infirmary undergoing treatment and apparently receiving much benefit.

Mrs. Sherman of Mobile was over yesterday looking after her cottages on Magnolia avenue.

Harry Stradling is taking Arthur Gaston's place in the Courier shop while he is visiting in Montgomery.

Miss Mary Shields was the weekend guest of Miss Viola Ogden at her country home east of Robertsdale.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Steele and two sons had a pleasant trip of a few days last week to visit their son in Atmore.

Mrs. Paul Fredericks and two children spent the holidays in New Orleans visiting Mr. Fredericks' parents.

Mr. Victor Pierce, who spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Paul Fredericks, has returned to his home in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Irvine, of Mobile, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Rickard over to attend the Colony anniversary.

Mrs. Grace B. Hornbeck of Dingman's Ferry, Pa., is with her friend, Miss Craig, at The Columns, for the season.

The Ladies Aid will serve a chicken pie cafeteria dinner at the Christian Church, Tuesday, Jan. 12th. All are urged to come.

Miss Lillian Steele has returned to Mobile where she has accepted a position, which she formerly held, with the Duval Printing Co.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bennett of Ann Arbor, Mich., have rooms with Mrs. Celina Minnich and expect to stay for several months.

Miss Kathryn Pralove, who spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. John O'Dell, has returned to Mobile, where she is attending school.

Laurence Nichols who spent the holidays with his parents, Prof. and Mrs. Paul Nichols on Bay View Ave., has returned to Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Chapin and children are in the McIntosh cottage on Bay View and the children attend the Organic School.

Messrs. Wm. McIntosh, Wieland L. Nicca, Ronald and Arthur Clyde Messon who spent the holidays with their parents have returned to their schools.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fuller came in from Wheaton, Ill., Wednesday of last week. Mr. Fuller remained a few days to get his family established.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McConnel have closed their home on Bay View Ave. for the remainder of the winter and have taken rooms in Mobile at the Battle House.

Dr. J. McBell of Mobile, specialist of children's diseases, spent Tuesday in Fairhope where he made an enlightening talk at the doctors meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Higginson, and their son Ledue, are recent arrivals and have rooms in the Rathje house on Magnolia avenue. They are from Virginia, Ill., near Springfield.

Mrs. Saxe, Mrs. Kidwell of Loxley and Mr. and Mrs. Trabert, of Des Moines Iowa, who are spending some time in Loxley were Fairhope visitors recently.

Mrs. L. M. Bradish and little daughter are back in their home on East Fairhope avenue. Mr. Bradish came down with them but only remained for a day or so.

Mrs. Etta K. LaPierre fell and crippled her right hand, so those who sent her Christmas gifts or cards will know why she has not acknowledged them.

Rev. Mr. Skottowe of Pensacola, will be in Fairhope over Sunday and will conduct services at the Episcopal Church on Sunday at 11 o'clock and again at 7:30 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leavenworth and Miss Josephine, came over from Ocean Springs, Miss., to attend the Colony anniversary and remained several days following.

Mr. Gwynn of Dakota, who with his wife and daughter has been here two or three winters has rented the Winberg cottage on Bancroft street and is expected soon.

Lawrence Winberg would be glad to let some one have either of four lots he has on Bancroft st., rent paid to date, who will build a good cottage on it.

Miss Maxine Bartmess of Mobile was a guest of Miss Lillian Steele this past week. In her honor was a watch party on New Year's eve. Many friends enjoyed the evening with her and after watching the old year in every one departed, declaring they had spent an enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Anna Mould, of Sioux City, Ia., sister of Mr. J. A. Decker, who visited him here two years ago, with her daughter, Miss Mary, is here again, but not accompanied this time by her daughter.

Ray Lorenzen left Monday noon for Chicago, where he was to enter Coyne Electrical School, for a course in electrical engineering. He is one of the bright serious-minded boys who will be heard from.

P. B. McCabe, of Aurora, Ill., is now with J. O. Wolff in his barber shop. Mr. McCabe was here four years ago with his wife, who will join him here soon and he thinks of permanently locating here.

The Bridge Club met with Mrs. Ralph Brown Tuesday evening, the additional guests being Mrs. W. H. Mask, Misses Gladys Lowell, Chita and Louise Hammet and Lois Wienand. Mrs. Ralph Young won the prize and Chita Hammet the guest prize. Mrs. Brown served a delicious salad and cake course.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gaston and their two children and Mrs. Price, Mrs. Gaston's mother left for Montgomery Wednesday, motoring through, to be gone over the week-end. While there they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Perry and will bring Mrs. Perry back with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray McConnel who spent the holidays with Mr. McConnel's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McConnel, have returned to their home in New York City. Some charming parties were given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. McConnel while they were here and they made many friends who are hoping they will return soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Max McGill and two children who spent the holidays with Mrs. McGill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gaston, have returned to their home in Mobile's pleasant suburb, Spring Hill. Mr. McGill's mother, Mrs. Mate McGill came over from Mobile for the Colony's anniversary dinner, New Year's Day.

Mr. Lyman Hedden, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. A. O. Hedden, has returned to Detroit, driving through with Mr. E. W. McFarland who came down in his car to spend the holidays with his wife and two children, who are in the Organic School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hougessen entertained as their dinner guests New Year's day: Mr. and Mrs. Magehan, Jane Thornton, Miss Lillian Armor, Elizabeth and Priscilla Meade, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Anacker, Ellen and Walter Anacker, and Mr. J. F. Westin, all of Fairhope; also Mrs. Anna Hook, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hook and baby, Beverly June of Foley.

Child Welfare Meeting

Because the first Friday in January was a holiday the Child Welfare meeting was postponed until January 8th—tomorrow. All members are urged to be present and visitors are invited. Mrs. Possien will lead the study, the topic will be "The effect of Institutions Life on Childhood."

COUNTRY CLUB NOTES

The Christmas tournament was a very successful one. Messrs. F. B. Patterson and R. H. Young winning prizes. The first twelve entries were given a year's subscription to the Golfers Magazine.

We notice several players from the Foley club entering these tournaments who seem well pleased with the course and their reception from the members here.

Public School Notes

From Wednesday noon until Friday noon, the 17th of Dec., the High School had their regular Semester examinations.

The New High School Building was dedicated Thursday afternoon the sixteenth of December. The second year junior high pupils presented the school with a new American Flag and a new Alabama Flag. After the presentation the exercises of the afternoon were held in the Christian Church. After several numbers by the grade children an address was given by E. G. Rickaby, of Mobile.

Friday afternoon, December 18th, the first year Senior pupils were in charge of a Christmas program. The program was followed by a Christmas tree. The Domestic Science class gave everyone present a bag of candy which the class had made.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw from Stapleton, are the new teachers in the Grammar School. Mr. Shaw takes Mrs. Colston's place with the Seventh grade and Mrs. Shaw will assist the teachers of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

Miss Metcalf helped J. I. Pitman & Co., in their store during the holiday season.

Mrs. Grace Chapman and Mr. Corzatte were married in Bay Minette, December 26th. Mrs. Corzatte is our very competent 2nd and 3rd grade teacher, and we are very glad that her marriage will not take her out of our school.

The Second Program of the Lyceum Course was given at the Civic Hall Wednesday December 23rd. The next program will be the Chemical Program given by the Chemistry class, on January 15th at the Civic Hall. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Admission 25c.

The Pleasure Club entertained their husbands at a New Year's wake at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Getty Jr., two new members were initiated.

NATURAL HISTORY TEST.
Brinkin: "What has four legs and leaves?"
The Boob: "A mouse—when the cat appears."

Organic School Notes

The Manual Training Department is moving into its new room. The Arts and Crafts Department is spreading into the two rooms.

Bobby and Ruth MacFarland from Detroit, George Fuller, Betty Ann Bradish and Elizabeth Ewing have entered the Second Life.

Some of the children in the Second Life have organized a Reading Club.

Betty Klingensmith has entered the Third Life.

Charles Klingensmith has entered Sophomore Class.

Charles Klingensmith has entered Sophomore Class.

Ann Chapin entered the Freshman class.

Constance Chapin has entered the Training Class.

Friday night, January 8 at 7:30 P. M. the Seniors will give two one-act plays with the following casts:

Finders Keepers
Eugene Aldrid, Tom Klingensmith
Mrs. Aldrid, Ethel Davis
Mrs. Hampton, Margaret Biggar

The Ghost Story
George, Sam Dyson
Ann, Helen Porter
Mary, Mary Beiser
Grace, Grace Curtis
Lennie, Ray Jernberg
Tom, Tom Klingensmith
Floyd, Robert Tuttle
Lynn, Lyle Houser
Fred, James Tucker

The admission will be 25 cents.
The regular monthly Folk Dancing party will be Friday, January 15. The admission will be 10 cents.

L. A. Funk Loses Father
Joseph Henry Funk, father to Mr. L. A. Funk, of Fairhope, died at the home of his son on the 31st of December. He was 83 years old.

The remains were taken to Kansas City, Mo., for burial, Mrs. L. A. Funk accompanying.

The Ideal Homeless

Men go out into the world with stronger homelies than women, and struggle back to them with fumbling hands that do not know how to build for themselves. It is women who must make a home. If the wife will not do it, the man is homeless.—From "The Second Establishment" by Doll Wyllarde.

Genius



Billie Hill, only seven years of age, lives in Los Angeles and is predicted to be the "coming genius of the violin," by Efreim Zimbalist. Such words coming from so great a master is praise indeed.

Public Libraries and Adult Education

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has been done hitherto. This new movement is reaching out to the mature men and women in all walks of life, and to the young people beyond school age; the teachers and parents of the growing children, and the parents of the next generation.

The purpose of the study of sociology and social problems, are, says Dr. Odum in his pamphlet, among others "that the student will learn something about the facts of sociology and social problems", that he will "acquire a knowledge of how to apply to practical problems the information obtained in reading and study" and, finally, "that the student should begin to think in terms of leading the way in the field of social study and interpretation". "A community", Dr. Odum says "which is ignorant, which does little thinking, which does little writing, which does not know how to apply truth to life, and which is not continuously interested in the co-operative problems of social concern, would not score high in the social order."

Axel G. S. Josephson.

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ROADSTER.....	510.00
COUPE.....	645.00
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SEDAN.....	735.00
½ Ton Truck.....	395.00
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COMMENT ON THE National Show

I disagree with what you say but I will fight to the death for your right to say it. —Voltaire.

BY JAMES P. EGAN
Written Exclusively for the
Fairhope Courier.

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against the latter, as on former occasions.

Another "great liberal" is blown skyward.

This time it is Newton D. Baker, secretary of war under Wilson. Since his retirement to private life, Baker has been practicing law in Cleveland, making "liberal" speeches and defending the anti-union shop. He locked horns with the late Sam Gompers on the latter question and was torn to pieces.

Letters just published show that as secretary of war he criticized William Howard Taft, when governor general of the Philippines, for assuring the Filipinos that eventually they would secure freedom.

Baker said that "successful government of remote dependencies requires a governmental treatment distinct and separate from that of the home country."

In other words, the United States imperialist must use the same methods as imperialists of other nations.

It's pretty raw when Baker, the "liberal," censures "God Knows" Taft, the darling of plutocracy.

The League of Nations has invited the United States to join another disarmament conference, but there is much secret parleying before the diplomats assemble. These gatherings are framed up before hand. When the stage is set, the conference is called, mock quarrels for home consumption are indulged in and then an agreement is reached—or rather, a public endorsement of the secret understandings is announced.

Mussolini is throwing monkey wrenches in the proposed conference. He wants Italy to be considered a first-class power, and asks how come that the United States demands such an army?

France wants assurance against Germany and Russia and asks if she will be privileged to "maintain order" in Syria and North Africa.

England points to the 250,000 men in her armies in India to check sedition; also in Egypt and Mesopotamia where natives have that "self determination" bug.

Japan will insist on an army to uphold her Monroe doctrine in the Far East.

While this back-stairs jockeying for power and place continues, well-meaning souls, all unconscious of deals behind the scenes, cry for peace and denounce war.

Newspapers tell us that an original judge has been discovered in Kansas. He holds court by telephone.

These newspapers are in error, which is not unusual.

The original judge was an Irishman. About 2 o'clock one morning he was aroused by a thump at his door.

"Whozzit?" he cried, from the top floor.

"Fogarty, the constable, yer honor," was the reply. "I've arrested two min—a tall wan and a short wan."

"Well," yawned the jurist. "Give the little fellow \$10 and the other wan 30 days."

Rep friends of the world court squirm when their Demmy friends boast that this is the first step toward the League of Nations.

Senator Glass of Virginia made the claim in his speech for the court, and opponents taunt the Reps.: "What did we tell you?"

The Reps. look upon the League of

Nations as so much poison, and they suggest to their allies that it would be well to put the soft pedal on boasting until the world court resolution is passed.

With the political dynamite at hand, the Demmys could cause all sorts of trouble if they were united behind some of their able men in the senate. The two Arkansas senators—Caraway and Robinson—and Walsh and Wheeler of Montana are the outstanding men among the divided Demmys.

There is no outstanding figure among the house Demmys. There the members have surrendered all control of themselves and they can only speak with the consent of the house leader.

By a vote of 139 to 17 the house rejected an amendment which would prohibit "fraud, deceit or falsehood" in the use of \$250,000 that was appropriated to buy evidence of violations of the Volstead act.

Here is fanaticism rampant. The vote is a notification to prohibition enforcement officers to "frame up" their victims, if necessary to secure evidence.

COLONY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 4, 1926.

Regular meeting of Executive Council with all members present and president Troyer presiding.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's report for December 1925 presented as follows:

	Received	Paid
Rent	\$3,023.55	
Penalty	30.91	
Wharf	908.31	
Telephone	105.61	
Cemetery	10.00	
Leases	9.00	

Taxes for lessees \$2,564.58

Taxes for Corp. 3,287.27

Wharf 301.52

Telephone, switching 93.05

Library maint. 50.00

Steps front library and heater for library 141.75

Fairhope Ave. fill 223.20

Land and Highways (supt.) 11.75

Salaries 85.00

Council room rent and light 15.19

Courier, regular ad. 12.50

Printing 13.32

Bills receivable 364.51

Parks 13.35

Council room heater 3.95

Refund taxes 210.47

Postage (treas.) 1.50

Sundries 1.19

Cash, Dec. 1: \$4,087.36 \$7,394.10

Certificates, Dec. 1: 7,386.50

Cash Dec. 31: 154.80

Certificates, Dec. 31: 4,079.76

\$11,628.66 \$11,628.66

Bills allowed as follows:

Bill of J. A. Patterson, wht. mnt. 26.17; tel. mnt. 32.50. 63.47

Mrs. A. B. Call, allowed half of express charges on 1,000 copies of "Point of View," from Kansas City, Mo., containing her article on Fairhope. 8.50

Fairhope Courier was allowed for sending Courier one year from date to New York Public Library. 1.00

Following transfers of land approved:

W. H. Weston to Dorothy and Isaac L. Pound, so. 47 ft. of north 133 ft. of w. 96 ft. of lot 1, blk. 10, div. 1.

Dolly J. Harrison to Ezra A. Cross, Sarah J. Cross and Hildreth M. Cross, lot 7, blk. 4, div. 2.

Elizabeth D. F. Mizell to A. L. McCue, lots 7, 8, 9 and west 13 ft of lot 10, blk. 45, div. 4.

Thos. E. Mendenhall to Zale G. Miles and Lydia G. Miles, land described as follows: beg. on west side of leasehold of T. E. Mendenhall in sec. 14 of SW. 14 of sec. 16, 485.7 ft. no. of so. boundary, thence east 270 ft. no. 176 1/2 ft., west 30 ft. no. 166.5 ft., west 240 ft., so. 343.15 ft. to place of beginning.

Surrender by Frank A. Tuttle of lots 3, 4, 17 and 18, blk. 47, Magnolia Beach Addition, was accepted.

Superintendent lands and highways reported value of \$25 on partial clear-

Her New "Daddy"



Little 9 year old Evelyn Castle of Harrisburg, Ore., is shown here with her new daddy, Harvey Carpenter. Carpenter, a railroad engineer, struck the auto in which Evelyn's real mother and father were riding, killing both. Mr. Carpenter has adopted the child to provide for her.

ing and timber on W 1-2 se. 1-4 of NE. 1-4 of Sec. 14.

Also reported two bids for turpentine privilege on Colony lands for three years: Mr. Nortrop of 7 1-2 c on back copping, 10c for round timber; Mr. Mills 8c for back cups, 10c on swamp timber or 19c straight on all. In Secs. 2-11-22-27; 12 1-2 c for round timber in Sec. 35, or a lump sum for all of \$1300.

Moved and carried that action of previous meeting regarding no turpentine unboxed timber be reconsidered and that last offer of Mr. Mills be accepted.

Supt. lands and highways reported conference with Mrs. Louisa M. Lawrence and sons, regarding opening of Brown street through her land and that they wanted \$75, which included a bearing pean tree lying east of street. It was moved and carried to accept proposition.

Secretary reported Mr. Houghton negotiating for part of Gregory holding (in process of purchase by Mr. McKenzie) and desirability of decision on what, if anything, should be done toward opening Bellangee st. from School to Brown st. Referred to Supt. lands and highways.

Supt. lands and highways reported recommending letting Mr. Steele lease pasture land south of Fairhope ave., west of Dr. Moore building, at 1-3 regular rental, with privilege of a permanent lease if it was later decided to give same.

Moved and carried that this be done.

Treasurer instructed to secure assistance in calculating rents.

All action by unanimous vote. Adjourned.

"Kid Mayor"



Washburn, Wis., has the youngest Mayor of any municipality in America. Paul Ungrodt was elected to reform the town when hardly more than a boy. Now, at the age of 23, he has made a great success of his administration, handling the city's affairs with rare judgment for one of so limited experience.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE WEATHER BUREAU

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 5, 1926. Temperature and Rainfall for 24 hours, ending 7 P. M.

	Temperature	Rainfall
	Highest	Lowest
	(Inches)	
Wednesday	44	35
Thursday	52	39
Friday	60	36
Saturday	61	43
Sunday	68	51
Monday	70	54
Tuesday	63	59

ALBERT ASHENBERGER, Meteorologist.



The Wife-Ship Woman

By Hugh Pendexter

AUTHOR OF
KINGS OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
RAY GRAVEL,
A VIRGINIA SCOUT, ETC.

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Traveling by canoe on the Mississippi, on his way to Biloxi, in the early days of the settlement of Louisiana, William Brampton, English spy, known to Indians and settlers as the "White Indian," sees a Natchez Indian post a declaration of war against the French. For his own purposes, he hastens to Biloxi to carry the news to Bienville, French governor.

Bienville had vision. He knew the importance of a river port. He had fretted much because the government had ignored his preference for New Orleans. It was the one spot on the river in close proximity to the gulf that would answer for a permanent settlement. I think he would have won his point if not for a rise in the river inundating the little settlement; and Biloxi was again chosen. Like a shuttlecock the seat of government had shifted back and forth between Biloxi and Mobile.

If any one could seal the Mississippi valley for France it would be Bienville with his bulldog determination and his commonsense. Even though working under the tremendous burden of trash for colonists and the company's frantic orders for the discovery of mines, or anything else which could be immediately realized upon as an asset, he believed he could win out if permitted to develop New Orleans and other river ports. To control the destiny of the valley from the gulf was impractical. One might as well try to govern it from Pensacola as from Mobile or Biloxi. And I was determined to complete my journey and meet this cool-headed, sagacious executive with but one card to play against his belief that I was something more than a renegade Englishman.

For the rest of the trip across the lake I saw no one except a Choctaw hunter after birds, and was opposite the mouth of the River of Pearls, when two Frenchmen in a clumsy sailing packet came along and went into the wind, and gaped at me in amazement. "The White Indian!" one of them exclaimed, while the sail flapped impatiently against the stub of a mast.

"I was beginning to think you had lost your tongues," I replied. "I am bound for Biloxi. Can you give me a tow?"

They exchanged quick glances, and the elder of the two bowed most graciously and insisted:

"Better than that, monsieur. The pirogue will annoy you. Make it fast for a tow, then come aboard and take your pleasure decently."

The byplay of their eyes had not escaped me; nor did I doubt they had been ordered to watch for my coming. It mattered nothing, however, so long as I wished to make Biloxi. The boat would be more comfortable, and if they were secretly delighted to serve their master, I too, could rejoice at being relieved from the exertion of paddling the heavy pirogue the full distance.

So we set off, contented and gay, the two of them singing snatches of chansons which invariably reflected some amorous sentiment. Between these bits of sentiment they asked me polite questions about the upper river. It was plain that word had been passed along the river to watch for and report my presence. Joe Labrador had said the very huts at New Orleans were ready to "gobble" me up. The nearer I drew to Biloxi the more sharp set would I find this disposition to be.

"What is the latest news, my friends?" I finally managed to ask as their chattering queries slowed down.

"A wife-ship comes to Biloxi. We hurry home," said the younger man with a snicker.

"Silence, Basile," sternly rebuked the other. "Monsieur, the White Indian, we are Jules and Basile Mattor, father and son. What the boy says is true; a wife-ship comes. It is bad for man to live alone." And he fetched a deep sigh.

"The Company of the Indies has listened to his excellency's advice and will send no more wantons across the ocean," babbled the young man.

"Silence, child!" commanded the father. "Yes, monsieur, the White—"

"Monsieur Mattor, I am William Brampton," I broke in.

"Monsieur Brampton, I am more glad to meet you than you can know. As the boy says, this wife-ship will be filled with honest women. Women one can love and cherish, and take pride to show to one's friends. Good cooks, good—"

"But what of the news?" I interrupted. Mattor pere drew a long face and mournfully replied:

"The last trade law goes bad with us. As for that all our trade laws are bad. To get supplies we must go to Mobile, Pensacola or Massacre Island (the old name for Dauphin Island, so called from the mounds of human

bones found there). For delivery at la Nouvelle Orleans we must pay five per cent extra, twice that if delivered at Natchez, and 13 per cent—ah, mon Dieu! How that extra premium does climb up—at the Yazoo."

I suppressed a smile to hear how foolishly the Company of the Indies was playing into English hands. It would be hard enough for them to hold their trade without penalizing their customers. The directors of the company could never comprehend that to succeed it must encourage the colonists to work for themselves. "Work for us," was their motto. Mattor ran on:

"But that is not the worst, Monsieur Brampton. If we would trade we must send our products to la Nouvelle Orleans, Biloxi, Ship Island, or Mobile. And first-grade tobacco can bring only 25 livres the hundred, rice 20 livres the hundred, the best wheat flour 15 livres, and a livre for a deerskin—think of it!"

"It is hard to be a planter here," I agreed. "Now in Carolina—but I cannot return there."

"We understand monsieur's very sensible emotion. Monsieur cannot return there," said Jules.

His expression and bearing were simplicity itself; his words contained a veiled threat.

"Bah! Who cares?" I cried. "Not I. I have lived in the woods so long I am known as the White Indian. I will never be cooped up in a settlement again, even if free to come and go as I pleased. All I wish now is to find Sieur de Bienville."

"Then you will go to Ship Island, for his excellency went there this morning to await the coming of the wife-ship," said Jules.

I rolled my robes in a pillow and stretched out in the bow and fell asleep almost at once. When I awoke it was to see the stars overhead. I slept again, and on my second awakening found we were behind Ship Island and making for the anchorage on the north side, where the masts of a ship were silhouetted against the morning sky. As I surveyed the Bay of Biloxi, the islands, and the main, I could not blame Bienville for his impatience with the government for insisting on a gulf port. Shoaling of the port on Dauphin had driven the seat of government from Mobile to Biloxi, but those who dwell in Biloxi learned that the reflection from the sand was evil to endure, and that boats left unused were soon destroyed by the worms.

However, it was the unloading of the cargo-ships that supplied the last word in waste and inefficiency. Vessels from France must stop at Ship Island, nearly 15 miles from the settlement. The cargoes were transferred to packet boats which were met by small boats when two or three miles from shore. Nor was this the end of landing the goods, for the small boats in turn took the sand a musket-shot from shore, and their loads were brought in by men, or by carts on high wheels. All this fuss and bother was enough to drive a practical mind to frenzy. When immigrants are substituted for barrels and bales one can easily imagine the confusion and dismay of the newcomers.

I had seen them huddled together without shelter, without food, homesick, starving and dying, while Bienville worked most desperately to distribute them up and down the river.

At that time I stood in high feather with the governor, having accompanied him and his axmen the previous winter to New Orleans. But I had never been on Ship Island when immigrants were arriving. As it was part of my business to learn the kind of men and women, as well as the number, the company was sending over, I was glad the governor was at the island, as otherwise I might not have been allowed to go there.

A priest at Kaskaskia had told me on the down-trip that the reckless shipping of convicts and fallen women had been ordered stopped, and that a more desirable class of home-makers were coming to the valley. The more desirable they were the more aroused the Atlantic provinces would become.

"I have some hard Saphish money for you, Monsieur Mattor," I remarked as I sat upright.

"God hear me! But hard money is a fairy tale to catch, now that Monsieur L'as has covered the world with his paper money!" exclaimed the father.

The very packet seemed to sniff the prospect at silver and leaped more buoyantly through the shallow waters.

At Ship Island, where the boats anchored—the Mattors called it Isle Francoise—there was twenty feet of water. As we drew nearer we saw the ship was discharging merchandise, while men and women were roaming about in all directions, receiving their first impressions of the new world.

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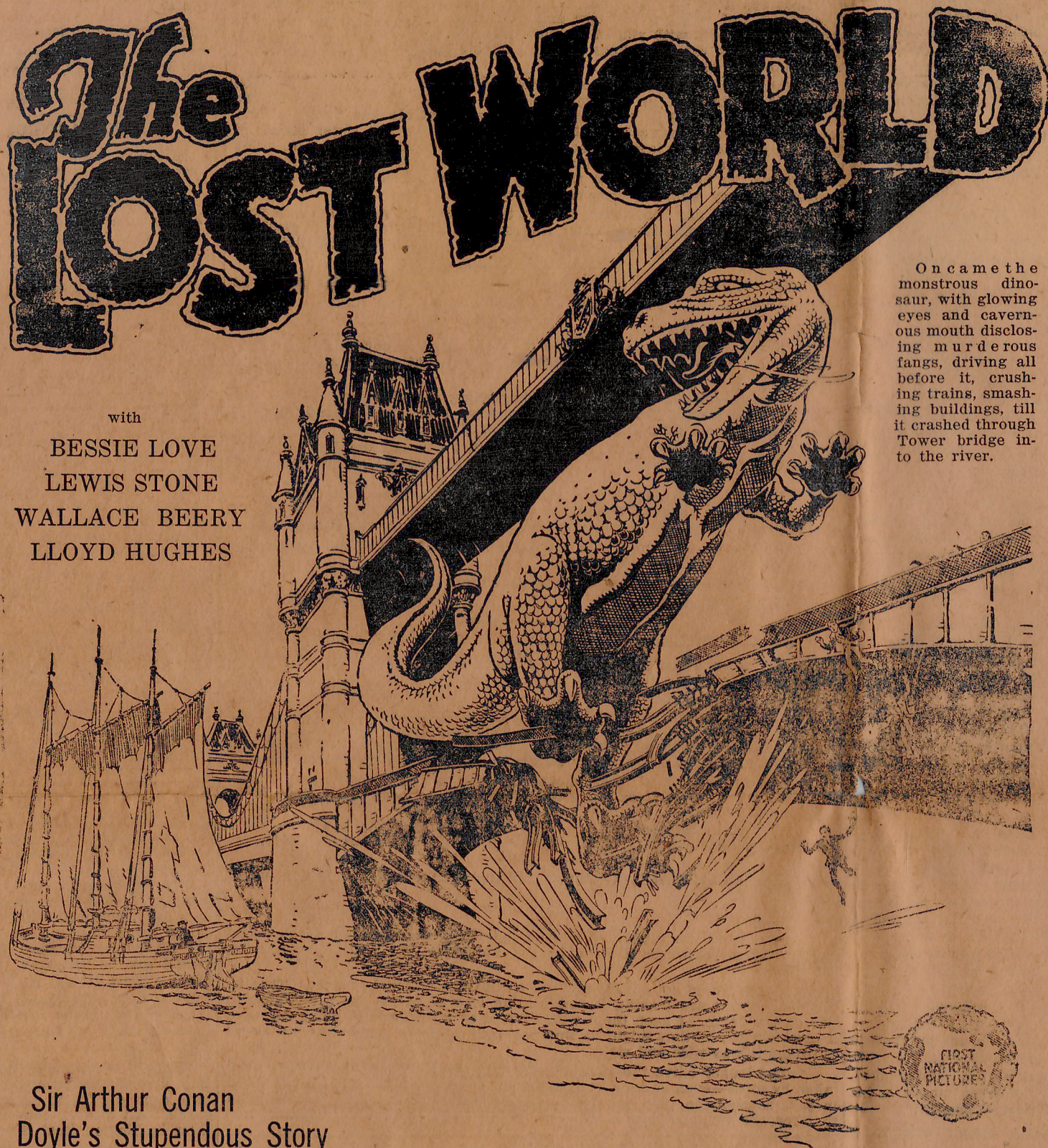
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Mr. Troyer: I shall now call upon Mr. Rice Gaither.
REMARKS OF MR. GAITHER

"Some of you may perhaps remember that I made a speech six years ago. Mr. Gaston told me it was a good speech; and Elliott Rickarby told me it was a good speech; and I thought it was a pretty good speech myself. And five years rolled around before anyone asked me to make another speech.

"The other day Mr. Gaston called me in and said, 'I want you to make a speech at the anniversary dinner.' I said, 'Mr. Gaston, that's perfectly lovely of you,' and I started away. He called me back and said, 'By the way, what are you going to talk about?' I said, 'Why, I was just going to hunt up that speech I made six years ago.' A peculiar expression came over his face; and I didn't know whether it was because he remembered the speech—or because he didn't remember it. I said, 'Mr. Gaston, what did you want me to talk about?' He said, 'I wanted you just to tell us that you have been all over the world, and that you have never seen anything so beautiful as Fairhope.'

"Well, I haven't been all over the earth. I have seen a little bit of Europe. The coast lines of England and of Brittany were very lovely. Paris, London, Brussels, Rome, the French and Italian Riviera—there were lovely sights in all of these.

"We arrived in Paris in September, and the sunset was very beautiful, but I have seen just as beautiful a sunset in Fairhope. We stayed in Paris through October and November; and by the middle of December we hadn't seen the sun for weeks. On December 15 we got on the train, and my wife asked me, 'Where are we going?' and I answered, 'We are going until we can see the sun!'

"We found the sun at Avignon, and that was very lovely. We went up

a little hill where there was a stairway bordered with oleanders that smelled just like home.

"At Marseilles we found not only the sun but the water. We went to the island where the Count of Monte Cristo was held prisoner. —Now, I'm not going to give you a travelogue, but you know what Mr. Gaston said!

"Genoa, Florence, with the view across the Arno, Fiesole, the Bay of Naples with the island of Capri, Venice—a city without noise, with the sound of breaking waves in place of motor horns and tramways—Milan, Luzerne, and Brittany—all these were beautiful, but there was a sort of shadow sometimes over all that loveliness. When I think of Brittany I don't always think of those beautiful little hills; I sometimes think of how those people have struggled to buy up the little fields that they own. I think of the old man who made sabots. The sound of his hammer would wake us up in the morning; he was still working at ten o'clock at night.

"When I think of Paris, I don't always think of Notre Dame and the Seine and the Louvre; I think of the little maid in the house where we stayed. At five o'clock she had to be up to polish the boots of those who were fortunate enough to be able to stay in bed; by seven o'clock it was time for her to serve them breakfast; and when we went to bed at night we could hear the clatter of the pots and pans she was cleaning.

"At Plage d'Hyeres there was a middle-aged maid named Marie who was a cripple, married, and had three children. We were there three months, and Marie never had a day off. One day she failed to come in to turn down our beds for us—you know, over there we couldn't turn down our beds for ourselves. When she came in at ten o'clock, her face was very happy. When we asked where she had been, she said, 'To Toulon, to see my two children.'

"We didn't know French very well in the first place. Once we went into a typewriter shop to have our little typewriter repaired. My wife began playing with a beautiful cat in the shop. She said in our bad French, 'What a beautiful creature! Is it a Maltese?' Now, I don't know if 'Maltese' is not applied to cats in French; but the proprietor looked surprised and said, 'Mais non, madame! It is a cat!'

"Well, to come back to the question of beauty: beauty, some one says, is largely in the eye of the beholder. I know that elsewhere there are waters and pine trees and sunsets that are very lovely. Still, I do think that perhaps Fairhope is loveliest because of its belief that all men are entitled to the enjoyment of the earth and that whether a man has money or not he is

entitled to the ground he lives and works on. Fairhope has made it possible for this to come about. And, anyway, if Fairhope is not the most beautiful spot on earth, I'd like to know why we all come back to it."

Mr. Troyer: It is dangerous to be between two live wires. I felt a little uncomfortable when I was between Mr. Gaston and Mr. Rickarby; I feel better now (Mr. Gaston having gone to the other side of the room). I am going to call on a man who lives out in the suburbs of Fairhope—Live-Wire-Rickarby.

REMARKS OF MR. E. G. RICKARBY

"This is the second compliment that I have had paid me from your town recently. At the dedication of your new high school building I was called upon to give an address; this pleased me very much indeed. I got perhaps a little better view of the town and what it stands for.

"My working time is spent in the city of Mobile. I am very glad to be called over here on such occasions as these. I am very deeply indebted to the town of Fairhope for a number of things. I take pride in telling friends about its progressiveness and idealism—that it is the most progressive town of its size and population that I know. I am indebted to the people of Fairhope for the friendships I have made over here and for a greater confidence in the altruism of my brother man and for a demonstration that we can get the greatest good for ourselves by doing something for others.

"(At this point the reporter's fountain pen, which had been giving trouble and necessitating an increasing amount of condensation in previous speeches, flooded the pages of the notebook, engulfing practically the entire remainder of Mr. Rickarby's eloquent tribute to the ideals of the little band of pioneers who made the wilderness of Stapleton's cow pasture blossom into the infant metropolis of Fairhope. The reporter salvages from the wreck a quotation applied by Mr. Rickarby to the people of Fairhope: 'It isn't so much what a man stands for as it is the direction in which he is going.' Also the peroration: 'In the prosperous maturity and manhood of the colony, may God in his wisdom grant that this may be but one of many such anniversaries.'")

Mr. Troyer: Mrs. James E. Gaston will now give us a "Tarantelle" and MacDowell's "Scotch Chord." (These numbers were given and warmly applauded.)

Mr. Troyer: I shall now call upon the daughter of one of our early pioneers, who is herself active in Colony affairs. We have no more solid single taxer than Mrs. Anne B. Call.

REMARKS OF MRS. ANNE B. CALL

Friends, I am glad to testify to the faith that is in me. We meet to celebrate the landing of the pilgrim fathers and mothers, and to encourage ourselves to carry on their work.

I am going to pass on a little fancy that for some years has followed me. Returning from a little trip, I saw a light high over the town, the light over the water tower. I thought how "a light that is set on a hill cannot be hid"; and I remembered, too, "How far that little candle throws its beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world." And the fancy came to me that this was the symbol of the practical idealism that has created Fairhope; and the fancy followed me up and sought expression in these words:

"The little town of Fairhope is a village with a soul.
Here the people work for mankind, and justice is their goal.
And, in spite of fads and fancies, which assail our little town,
The rock on which it's builded is firm and will not down
"Land rent is for the people. It is the will of God,
For everything we live for is wrested from the sod.
Then on this rock eternal we firmly take our stand,
And take for all the people the rental of the land."

Mr. Troyer: "So far as I am concerned, Mr. Voris is a 'dark horse.' He is a newcomer among us, and I am going to let him speak for himself."

REMARKS OF D. E. VORIS

Mr. Voris said that he had been in every place in Europe mentioned by Mr. Gaither, and on this continent, from the Arctic regions to Honduras, including Florida, where the rent of his third-floor room at Daytona Beach almost paid for the building and the land it stood on; and the most beautiful sunsets he had ever seen were those he had viewed since coming to Fairhope. He compared the shore line of Mobile Bay at Fairhope with that of the Bay of Naples viewed from the ancient palace of Tiberius on the island of Capri.

"When we came to Fairhope," he said, "we had no more idea of staying permanently than we have today of going away. One day we strolled northward from the old Gables Hotel, and were astonished to find that Fairhope was maintaining a library that would grace any city of five or ten times its size. Nor, in any town of five times its size, have we found more kindly people and warmer hearts.

"It is not necessary for me to express my opinion of the single tax. I am now a Fairhope, with an interest in the development of Fairhope in every way. We expect to stay with you good people, and to carry out our portion of all the duties of citizenship among you."

Mr. Troyer: Mr. A. E. Shalkenbach is a single-taxer who comes from a single-tax family. One of his brothers located within the present confines of Fairhope before the Fairhope pioneers came; another left the greater part of his fortune to spreading the gospel of single tax.

REMARKS OF MR. SHALKENBACH

Mr. Albert E. Shalkenbach said that he came from a family which had known what it was to suffer for the cause of single tax in the great city of New York, where the evils of land tenancy are so great and so glaring. He sketched the careers of his four brothers as single taxers and expressed his pride in this distinguished heritage. "I am proud," he said, "to be with you—proud to be a member of your colony. Mr. Voris once said to me, 'I don't know a place where there are so many nice people.'"

"I come from a city where there are more tenants, more land values created by the public falling into the private pockets of a few private individuals than anywhere else in the United States. We need no better illustration than this to show us the wisdom of the men who came here thirty-one years ago with the idea of crushing this monopoly and of founding a community where each may have the benefit of the financial values he has helped to create and where all may share in the free opportunity that comes with free land."

Mr. Troyer: "We shall now listen again to Fairhope's favorite singer." (Miss Nell Slosson then gave another much appreciated selection.)

Mr. Troyer: "Captain Charles H. Brown is a single taxer from Martha's Vineyard and from away back. I rather think he must have been a single taxer in a previous incarnation."

REMARKS OF CAPT. CHAS. H. BROWN

Captain Brown said that this was his third winter in our beautiful town. He had been rather reluctant to accede to the request of Mr. Gaston, "The patriarch of Fairhope," that he speak at this anniversary dinner, but Mr. Gaston had urged that he tell us "why you love Fairhope."

"There was in my home town in my youth," said Captain Brown, "an old maid school ma'am who was a kind of precursor of your own Mrs. Johnson—an educational John the Baptist, so to speak, preparing the way for one greater than herself. Aunt Nabby Daggett believed that children should be given freedom and play and open air. She believed, too, in the use of songs in school. There were not many songs written especially for children in those days, so she made up her own songs. One that we sang at the opening of school began:

"I love Miss Daggett—yes, I do,
And I hope Miss Daggett loves me, too."

"It is difficult to analyze the reasons for affection, but I believe that one reason why I love Fairhope is that I hope Fairhope will love me, too. Then, too, one great reason why I love Fairhope is that I have been permitted to share the beauties of this region with kind friends. It seems to me, finally, that one great reason why I love Fairhope is that we share not only the physical beauties of nature, but we share the more intense beauty of a desire to do good for our fellow men—to give them access to the land. It brings love into the heart to cooperate with others in doing a good work.

"This is a crucial moment in the history of our country. The minds of men are going to be turned as never before to the problems of the land, of taxation, and finance. When I observed the frenzy of speculation and gambling in Florida land, I confess that I have looked with some apprehension on the future of the Fairhope experiment and the Fairhope principles; but since I have talked with the leaders of the colony, I have gathered confidence that they will not let the good work of the pioneers be lost. The eyes of the entire country ought to be on Fairhope; the eyes of the entire world ought to be on Fairhope.

"Let me say one word more. The pilgrims of Fairhope who came here thirty-one years ago found not only natural beauty and natural resources, but a warm-hearted hospitable and charming people. These characteristics are fostered by the region, and that is what the traveler finds today."

Mr. Troyer: "Sometimes we hear the question asked, 'What is to become of the principles of the colony when the direction of affairs has passed out of the hands of the elder statesmen into those of younger successors?' I am going to call upon some of the younger members of the colony to answer that question."

Mr. James E. Gaston: "I think there are a great many of us younger members that are just rubbing along making a living, who are good sound single taxers and who will be glad to take our share of the burdens of the colony when the time comes."

Mr. Reuben Rockwell: "There are a lot of us young fellows who are as enthusiastic as anyone about the principles of single tax, though we may not be as competent yet to administer them as our elders. But when the time comes we shall be just as enthusiastic about carrying them out."

Miss Helen Call: "I say 'amen' to what Mr. Gaston and Mr. Rockwell have said."

Mr. Troyer: "We have still some time left, and I see Dr. Winberg in the audience. I am going to call upon him to talk to us."

Dr. O. F. E. Winberg gave a very interesting account of operations of the so-called "binder boys" in Florida. These are speculators who, applying methods of high finance to land, manage to swing deals involving immense values without themselves risking more than nominal sums. This they do by securing options (called in local parlance "binders") on property which they have neither the means nor the intention to purchase, the "binder" being secured merely for the purpose of reselling at a speculative profit.

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The Wife-Ship Woman

By HUGH PENDEXTER

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"Land me near the ship. I'll hunt the governor afoot," I said.

We ran into a cove near the ship

and I tossed Jules some silver pieces,

which he kissed enthusiastically and

then hid in his clothes.

"It's the Maire," cried Basile, his

eyes lighting with boyish interest. "I

saw her last season when she came in

to Dauphine with the warship Africaine.

They were bringing blacks from the

Guinea coast. Faugh! A sweet-smelling

ship for the ladies!"

"And they are ladies!" cried Jules.

"I see one in black who walks like a

queen. Wives for some of us. First

come, first served!"

And with that he leaped ahead of

me and raced up the beach in his

haste to present Basile with a step-

mother.

It was not until clear of the Maire,

which the immigrants seemed to shun,

that I sensed the confusion of the

scene and observed the amazement and

despair of the newcomers. A sergeant,

tanned as dark as a Guinea black, was

unusually active in pulling and pushing

the immigrants about. In disgust I

watched this fellow, his dirty paws

making too free with the women, and

then had my ire aroused by beholding

him seize a woman in black by the

arm—the one Maire said walked like

a queen—and give her a spin that sent

her reeling across the sand to fall at

my feet.

"Tonnerre de Dieu! I found myself

shouting as I sprang between the