

**Si Spöner Says:**

By heck, them fellers at the Junction are hustlers. \*\*\*  
 Politics is certainly fierce, ask any of the candidates for Township Treasurer. \*\*\*  
 The old settler who used to come to town once a month for his grocery supply, comes to town in his motor car every day, now. \*\*\*  
 The feller who does not advertise is the feller who borrows money from the bank to keep his goods on the shelf. These fellers will go out of business. \*\*\*  
 Some fellers don't see opportunity when she is on their doorstep. \*\*\*  
 Don't mention it to anyone but we know all about it. \*\*\*  
 These old fashioned dances are just my style, by cracky. \*\*\*  
 When I was young we used to dance all night and get home just in time to milk the cows. \*\*\*  
 Farmington is going to be a population center soon. \*\*\*  
**BOOST YOUR OWN HOME TOWN!** \*\*\*  
 Its tough to have your car freeze up while your out calling. \*\*\*  
 No cigars have showed up at the Enterprise office. \*\*\*  
 More candidates are expected to come out with the warm weather. \*\*\*  
 Where are all the politicians who said this used to be a one-man town? \*\*\*  
 The feller who looks all over Podunk to get cheaper advertising done is the feller who always wants free advertising for himself and his friends, and he never pays for the advertising. \*\*\*

**MOON AFFECTS RADIO**

American Fleet Officers Make Interesting Discovery.

Efficiency of Air for Transmitting Radio Communications Affected by Changes of Moon.

Paris.—The changes of the moon have been found by the radio officers of the small American fleet in the Adriatic sea to have a striking effect upon the efficiency of the atmosphere for transmitting radio communications. The officers have succeeded in drawing curves and other diagrams, based upon months of observation, which they assert, reliably serve to indicate what atmospheric and celestial conditions affecting radio service will be met at any particular date in the future.

The discovery apparently has special application to the vicinity of the Adriatic, for there the changes in the atmospheric conditions caused by the change in the world's relation to the moon are much more marked than anywhere else in the world so far as yet discovered.

The Adriatic fleet under Admiral Andrews depends almost entirely for its communications upon radio service, and having only receiving and sending apparatus of moderate efficiency it has specially benefited from the discoveries. The powerful land wireless stations, such as the new La Fayette station near Bordeaux, manage to overcome unfavorable conditions by using great power and so are not concerned about which way the moon turns.

**SMALL BUT IT RUNS**



This isn't a toy auto that Miss Mary E. Sisk of Los Angeles is holding, but a miniature working model of a big car, complete in every detail. It was built by J. A. Seefelder, a Los Angeles auto expert.

**PLANS LAW BY DIVINE RULE**

Washington Judge Will Practice the "Principles of New Thought" and Trust Clients.

Yakima, Wash.—Harcourt M. Taylor, retiring judge of the Yakima superior court, has announced he will resume practice of law "in accordance with the principles of new thought." "I shall apply the teachings of Jesus, the Christ, to legal service," he states. "I shall accept no employment to fight lawsuits, as counsel or collect others to do so, nor attempt to collect debts; though if I can assist people in keeping out of lawsuits or settling litigation in which they are already involved I shall consider I have rendered the highest legal service. I shall trust in God, not those whom I serve, for my compensation, making no fixed charge. My clients will pay me what they think is right and their means justify."

**HAWAII PRODUCING ALCOHOL**

Manufacture of Motor Fuel From Sugar Molasses Insures Emergency Supply.

Honolulu, T. H.—Within two years the territory of Hawaii will produce enough motor fuel for its own needs, including the requirements of the army and navy forces here, should their bases of supply be cut off, according to Col. Howard Hathaway, collector of internal revenue. Commercial manufacture of fuel alcohol from sugar molasses has been made practical on a large scale by amendments to internal revenue regulations governing the manufacture of denatured alcohol. Colonel Hathaway said.

A small plant operated on a sugar plantation on the island of Maui is producing sufficient motor fuel for the plantation's own needs.

Woman stranded. Bloomington, Ind.—When she failed to give food to a tramp who called at her home near Kirksville, Mrs. John Carmichael, forty-five years old, a farmer's wife, was attacked and wounded in many places with a dagger she had been using. Her screams attracted persons passing by and a posse was organized to search for her assailant. Bloodhounds followed the trail of the Dixie Highway, nine miles south of here, where they lost it.

**COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS BACKS HOME RULE PLAN**

LAUNCH MOVE TO ELIMINATE NEEDLESS TAX BURDEN NOW BORNE BY PUBLIC.

**MICHIGAN BEHIND TIMES IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT FORM**

Under Present System Which Has Not Been Changed Since 1850, There is Claimed To Be No Actual Responsible Head.

Who are back of the proposal for reorganization of county government in Michigan, by a home rule plan? Is there "an African in the woodpile," or a "joker" which should rouse the fears of any considerable group of citizens in this commonwealth? Why is the idea advanced, and what is to be gained by its adoption? These questions were submitted to a reporter at Lansing to members of the state citizens' committee who met here, and the following facts were outlined.

As a result of the great war taxes have gone up, expenses have increased, and a just unanticipated burden has fallen on the public. In the interests of economy there have been hundreds of movements launched, including definite plans for modern charters in cities, and now a project in Michigan, led by Gov. Groesbeck, to revamp departments of state government, so as to save millions of dollars to the people.

In the same connection, it is said, there has risen a demand for reorganization of county government, in some counties because the county system is recognized as behind the times, and full of duplication of activities and financial wastes. By closer co-ordination of functions in administration, it is argued, there may be secured more responsibility and less lost motion.

In December, 1919, a score of men, some of them state officials, but all with no selfish interest to serve spent a day at Lansing and discussed the conditions. In the discussion the following facts became evident:

Michigan is behind the times in its county government. A majority of the states have adopted modern forms of county government such as we have represented by commission-manager form in cities.

Michigan county government has changed since the constitution of 1850. There is no responsible "head" in the county.

The "head" of county government is a board of supervisors of 24 to 48 or more members, meeting two to four times a year.

County officers are elected by the people and are not responsible to the supervisors. There is no centralized authority or responsibility.

There is no requirement for capital purchases, or anyone whose duty it is really to audit the bills.

County officials, being created "by the constitution and governed by the legislature, are really a separate jurisdiction from the supervisors. County government, so-called, is not county self-government at all, but simply state government of counties.

As an outcome of that meeting, a committee was appointed to recommend a program to bring about desirable changes in the form of county government. This committee consisted of Robert T. Crao, Professor of Politics of the University of Michigan; Elvin Swarthout, Grand Juror, Michigan, for many years a member of the Committee on County Government of the National Municipal League; State Representative Orestis E. Atwood of Newaygo, and C. E. Joy, Highest of the Grand Rapids Citizens League, secretary of the Committee.

It soon became evident to the committee that the proposal of an organization which were not the same; and that no county which desired "improvement" should not be prevented from taking action because other counties were not awake to the need. The committee therefore, decided to ask the next legislature to submit to vote of the people, a constitutional amendment which would make possible a subsequent legislative enabling act to change their form of government. To adopt this amendment it is necessary to have a majority vote of the people of the state and before any amendment it is necessary to have a majority vote of the people of that county.

The average American citizen knows less about the government of his county than about any other public matter which merits his attention. This is owing to the fact that county government, so-called, is not county self-government at all, but simply state government of counties. No man can be expected easily to become intimate with a government the source of which is far away, even though it prescribe a system local in its application.



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