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Editorials

The Right Time And Price

Citizens who attended the City Commission meeting Monday night, at which the proposed new sewer system was discussed, must have taken away with them the impression that our governing body is determined to get sewers for the town at as low a price as could possibly be obtained.

The Commission is fully aware of the price advantage which exists at present in the slowness of contracting work. The estimates have been pared down to the very limit, the \$55,000 set for the bond issue being at least 25 per cent below the average of bids reported for work of this kind in normal times. Farmington needs the sewers proposed, and with the promise of State participation on Grand River and prices being quoted only a little above the cost of materials, now is the time to get the sewers that are essential, as outlined in the plan approved by the Commission.

A Fair Tax

"Automobile owners are probably the most docile taxpayers in the world," says the Detroit News, in an editorial which expresses the opinion that automobiles are taxed too much in Michigan.

The News says: "Automobile owners probably are among the most docile taxpayers in the world. Frequent laments are heard from real estate owners that taxes are too high; that discrimination is shown against the owners of real estate in favor of those having other forms of property. Promises to lighten taxation of real estate are good, old, well-seasoned campaign capital."

"But the automobile owners put up their money with cheerfulness. Tax delinquency increases among real estate owning taxpayers, but there are no delinquent automobile taxes. And the automobile owner pays a double tax. He pays according to weight and horse-power for the mere privilege of owning a car, and he pays the tax upon gasoline according to the miles he drives. And the value of his car is not taken into consideration. Year by year it becomes less and less valuable until it may rate as little better than junk, but in the eyes of the tax collector it has the same tax-yielding possibilities as the newest models of its capacity and weight."

"And here is the most interesting feature of the comparison: The State will take in 1930 about \$16,000,000 more from automobile owners than from owners of real estate."

There is one element which the editorial has failed to put into the picture. Automobiles may pay \$16,000,000 more in a year than real estate. But it should not be forgotten that a very large proportion of all our State income is used for the building of highways. It is the motor vehicle which makes these highways necessary, and makes it necessary, also, to appropriate large sums of money to maintain the roads.

The gasoline tax is a just and fair tax, because it tends to place the burden of road costs where

it most rightfully belongs. If a criticism may be made as to the taxes levied upon motor vehicles, it is that some of those vehicles are not taxed enough to offset the road expense they cause. The heavy trucks that use our best State highways to carry on a transportation business, as common carriers, do more damage in passing over a stretch of road than a dozen passenger cars. The State provides them nice, broad, smooth highways over which to transport their goods for hire. They should be made to pay in proportion to the wear they cause upon the roads.

Barring "Bad" Books

Of all the silly and senseless things with which our United States Senators and Representatives have frittered away their time, probably none is more nonsensical than that section of the Tariff Bill by which it was hoped to continue and broaden the powers of customs inspectors to bar from the United States any foreign literature, literature which, the inspectors, in their infinite wisdom, might consider unfit for their fellow-Americans to see.

It is a significant comment upon the proposed censorship that more than 500 educators, scientists, editors, ministers and authors signed petitions to the Senate against the censorship. Among them were 44 professors of the University of Michigan and 19 of Michigan State College. The petition asked that the proposed extension of censorship be defeated, and also that the present ban be abolished. It pointed out that the works of some of the greatest authors in the history of the modern world might be excluded from the United States by the act of a customs clerk. Shakespeare was among the authors listed, to mention but one.

It is something of a victory for freedom of thought and expression that the bill, as finally passed by the Senate, was altered so that the final authority on any book brought into question would be, not officials of the treasury department but a federal district court. Not many books need be banned without a fight.

One of the most silly aspects of the situation is the fact that if anyone wants to read obscene literature, he need not go out of the United States. There is plenty of it obtainable right here in this country. And not all of it is passed around surreptitiously in the underworld dives, either.

Those who have read Mark Twain's delightful story of "The Man Who Corrupted Hadleyburg" will remember, of course, that Hadleyburg learned that virtue exists, not in running away, from temptation, but in facing it and overcoming it. As Mark Twain slyly pointed out, Hadleyburg with its motto of "Lead us not into temptation," thought it was incorruptible—but it wasn't. It became incorruptible only after its citizens had been tried in the ordeal and had changed the motto to "Lead us into temptation," knowing that they were above temptation.

Which was only Mark Twain's

genial but effective way of saying that you never conquer anything by running away from it.

A Leader

Statistics recently compiled show what one of Oakland County's newspapers ranked, first among the weekly newspapers of the United States in local display advertising last year. This is the Birmingham Eccentric, which has ranked second or third in such advertising for the past three years.

It is a record of which the publisher, George Averill, and the advertising manager, Paul Neal Averill, may well be proud.

FREE SPEECH AND SUPPRESSION

(From the Bemidji (Minn.) Sentinel)

Aside from the fact that free speech is guaranteed in our Constitution, there are the best of practical reasons for upholding it. Indeed, the more you hate radicalism, the more reason you have for insisting that the radicals be allowed to speak their minds unhindered.

Don't you believe it? Here's a case in point.

A group of Communists demonstrated in front of the White House in Washington the other day, protesting against our occupation of Haiti. The police promptly arrested them and lugged them off to jail. This, inevitably, put the Communists and their message on the front page of every newspaper in the country. President Hoover took them off again by having them released. His cool judgment instantly told him that putting them in jail only advertised them. But the damage, to a certain extent, had already been done.

Now on the same day another group of Communists held a demonstration in the public square at Cleveland. They carried banners and made speeches and acted in as incendiary a fashion as could be imagined. But the police let them severely alone.

The result? Most of the people in Cleveland never even knew there had been a meeting at all. The news did not reach a single outside newspaper. By letting the Communists meet freely and talk their heads off the Cleveland police muzzled them very effectively.

That is the way it always works. If someone with whose policies you do not agree wants to make a speech by all means let him. If you try to suppress him you simply give him a lot of very valuable advertising.

First State Hearing On Taxation March 20

The first of a series of public hearings by the State Commission of Inquiry Into Taxation will be held in the Senate Chamber in the Capitol Building, Lansing, Tuesday, March 20, 1930, at 10 a. m., Eastern Standard Time. This meeting has been called for the purpose of affording an opportunity for a discussion upon one phase of state taxation, that of taxes on real and personal property.

Any persons or organizations interested in this phase of taxation are invited to attend said hearing and appear before the Commission and impart any knowledge, information or suggestions they care to make with reference to taxes on real and personal property.

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