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**THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE**

The extra session of the legislature called by Governor Groesbeck for the latter part of this month promises interesting developments. Since the close of the regular session of 1925 considerable interest has been aroused among the taxpayers, both large and small, by the expenditures of the state administration with no satisfactory explanation of just what has been done with the large amounts of money raised by direct and indirect tax. Taxes for 1925 have just been paid and there is a growing feeling among the citizens that much of the money is not being wisely expended, especially in the matter of road construction. Hundreds of inspectors have been taken from the prisons and put at work on road construction at \$1.25 a day, yet it is quite conclusively shown that work done under the supervision of the state costs at least 25 per cent more than similar work done by contractors paying laborers \$5.00 a day.

That the highway department now lacks funds to carry out its construction program for 1926 is evidenced by statements of officials. How to raise the necessary funds and from what source will be part of the work of the special session. In setting at a solution the legislators will have the expert (?) advice of those anxious to carry on the price of spending that has marked the present administration.

It is more than likely that any "estimate" made by these experts for the guidance of the legislature will fall far short of what will be expended on the proposed work of the funds are furnished by a gullible legislature.

The legislature that has the backbone to absolutely refuse to furnish funds for carrying on to further highway construction until a full and complete report has been made as to the cost of each piece of highway work already done by the state, will earn the everlasting gratitude of a tax ridden state.

We take it that the members of the present legislature are men of ordinary intelligence and can readily distinguish the difference between a merry-go-round that gets nowhere and a straight-away course, that ends somewhere.

**RADIO DEMONSTRATIONS**

The year 1925 ended with radio-casting of chimps in the London towers on the evening of December 31, that were heard all over the world.

The program was worked out for our Country by General Harbord, President of the Radio Corporation of America, and the words of the poet. "Ring out the old, ring in the new," were made literally true.

The tolling of Big Ben of the Houses of Parliament, London, was heard in all the civilized countries of the world.

An official American spokesman sent return greetings to England and to the listening world, the words being repeated by linguists in foreign languages.

"Ring in the valiant man and free, the larger heart, the kinder hand."

"Ring out the darkness of the land, ring in the Christ that is to be."

Is it any wonder Americans have adopted the radio as household equipment along with the telephone and electric lights?

**FRESHENING BREEZES**

Our idea of regular fellow is the guy who waits three years to tell you that he never subscribed for the paper.

What has become of the old fashioned girl who is willing to walk to the party and home?

The Michigan man who vowed to take a walk every time his wife got angry, bids fair to live to a ripe old age. Continued outdoor exercise is making him as healthy as a bear.

Many a citizen who is in favor of the World Court would resent the intrusion of the neighbors in a family fight.

Radio fans are wondering what

the state will be when all those Ford planes finally take to the air.

Lack of knowledge concerning the Volstead Act, should not be a bar to citizenship, unless a Michigan judge. "Many of our best family," states the court, "don't seem to know that such a law exists!"

Surprising what a lot of mechanical knowledge the wife can exhibit over a new model of the automobile show.

Our idea of a prominent citizen is the man who can convince his wife it's poor policy to buy from a peddler.

What has become of the old-fashioned householder who used to worry over a coal strike?

There are many things we are willing to criticize, the old time lawmakers for, but limiting special sessions of the legislature to twenty days is not one of them.

Besides, they've always have with it the girl who tries to beat the train to the crossing.

Suppressing the modern divorce case is like trying to close the Pandora box once it has been opened.

There is no fool like an old fool except in the case of the young married man who claims he knows all about women.

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

Regular meeting of the Council held February 1, 1926.

Called to order by President Wilbur.

Trustees present, Russell, Johnson, Warner, Lamb, Bickling and Cook.

The following bills were read:

George Grant \$33.40  
Harvey Blough 70.83  
Merriman Kreager 83.33  
William Curtis 2.00  
L. F. Fendt 2.00  
Dr. Aschenbrenner 3.50  
N. S. Dallen & Co. 24.90  
Greenslade Oil Co. 2.68  
J. H. Shultz 3.75  
Kenneth F. Lord 10.44  
Lee Hardware Co. 453.93  
Detroit Edison Co. 50.43  
Farmington Hardware Co. 50.43  
Western Oil & Gas Distributing Agency 22.50  
Farmington Enterprise, printing Council Proceedings and Charter 215.75

Motion made by Johnson, supported by Warner, that bills be allowed as read. Carried all yeas.

Olin Russell was appointed a committee to get a price on a portable forge and purchase same if practicable.

Moved by Russell, supported by Cook that we purchase four additional fire extinguishers of the same kind that is now on the fire engine and also two dozen fillers. Carried.

After considerable discussion in regard to various meters the Council adjourned.

N. H. POWER, Clerk.

**GAS TANKS AS LANDMARKS**

Aviation is beginning to affect the general appearance of gas plants! Officials identified with Henry Ford's flying field and airplane construction factory at Dearborn have started a movement which may result in using the huge gas holders which can be found in every progressive American city as landmarks and guides.

Three miles to the southwest of the Ford landing, is a new gas plant serving the Detroit metropolitan district. A tank or holder, having a capacity of 3,000,000 cubic feet is one of the icons of construction. It is of a new type, known as a "waterless" holder, which means that it is of a uniform height and does not move up or down according to the amount of gas which it contains. Incidentally, it is the third of this type to be erected in the United States.

When the big tank was finished, aviation men asked the builders to paint it a bright color, instead of the natural gray that had been planned. They also requested that an arrow of white be painted across the top to direct flyers to the aviation field and to point out the air routes. Wherefore, Dearborn now has a bright red gas tank, which is seen for many miles by the men who carry mail and commodities. The white arrow across the top is 140 feet long. If the need arises, this arrow may be floodlighted as a guide for night flyers.

**Test For Textures**

The oil test used to determine whether material is linen or cotton consists of immersing a fringed sample with dressing removed, in olive oil or glycerine. After squeezing out excess oil, if linen, the sample becomes transparent, while cotton remains opaque.

A brilliant astronomer and his abject pupil? No, I think not. Merely, a good-looking young man and a pretty girl, for whom the chalk, dust of the classroom was as far away as the signal sun. For it was—spring.

**What Spring Can Do**  
By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD  
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ALICIA HUNTER, gray-eyed and serious, looked out of the window at a campus whose neatly set-out trees were budding with spring.

Impulsed was when her to brave the amazement of Professor Holder as well as that of the class and walk out of the room, shaking the academic atmosphere from her.

But Alicia was not practiced in yielding to so unexpressing a thing as impulse. Furthermore, she was not minded to let go any credits which might win for her the election to Phi Beta Kappa.

Alicia turned her speculative gaze upon Professor Holder. He was a younger man than his scholarly face and list of degrees would indicate. In a cold way, he was rather handsome. In fact, Alicia had more than once confessed to herself that, in case she ever married, a man of his type would be her conjugal choice.

Unfortunately—and she sighed—Professor Holder never allowed a personal note to creep into his relations with students.

Shifting her glance again to the preceding campus, Alicia thought of her childhood. After all, why not marry him? To be sure, Bill carried as little for her beloved baseball as she did for his adored baseball, but he would undoubtedly get on in a business way, and would not be twice already—and it was spring!

Professor Holder, either because his attention had been caught by Alicia's preoccupation or because her averted face offered a pleasing profile to the gaze, found his eyes continually turning her way.

There was something, he thought to himself, even as he gave out the next week's outline, about the gleam of intellect about that lovely creature, devoting herself to the habits of solar system and astronomical calculations. Her interests should be more mundane.

What a wife—that a mother! And here the young man sighed. So earnest, so different were these young things in their pursuit of cold science that one never dared the personal and so never became acquainted.

He wondered what Alicia's thoughts were this morning.

Then he thought of Leslie Prescott. Leslie was the pretty daughter of the family with whom he resided. Phil Beta Kappa and planet were alike unknown to Leslie. But when it came to the latest thing in books or dance steps—ah, you couldn't fool Leslie.

Perhaps he would make no mistake in marrying her. She'd probably forgive his astronomy and marry him, if he asked her. He had never actually considered so doing before but this morning there was something about the tender blue of the sky, the mellow softness of the air—

The bell signaled the closing of the hour, and with a shuffling of books and papers the class filed out. If Professor Holder had hoped Alicia might linger with a question, he was mistaken. Nor could he know that just outside, she hesitated, bit her lip, then shrugged her shoulders and went on.

Ten minutes later, Bill Cortland lifted the telephone receiver in answer to persistent ringing.

"Oh—Alicia?"

"You've changed your mind about going canoeing? Good!"

"You'll meet me at the boathouse?"

"Fine!"

"A great day, Alicia. Spring—and everything!"

It was a few minutes before two that "Bill" strolled and attractive, swung across the campus. At a junction of paths, his way over that of a slim young girl who was sauntering along with hands plunged in her white sweater pockets, her eyes demurely not looking his way.

But Bill's heart—bumped a beat. She was very pretty and he had been having the sinking little doubts that a girl like that would be a more comfortable life companion than the learned Alicia. He knew the girl pretty well. Besides, a chocolate nutmeg-mallow frappe wouldn't take very long out on Antonio's little sun porch. And—it was spring.

Alicia, as it happened, reached the boathouse a trifle early and sat down on an overhauled rowboat to wait. Bill would propose once more and she would accept him. There he was now!

But the arrival was not Bill. It was John Holder, who looked as if he had expected to find somebody, but not Alicia, waiting for him. He lifted his hat, as Alicia arose.

She interchanged a few conventional sentences. Then, "I don't suppose you would care to go canoeing, Miss Hunter?" "I had a sort of half-way engagement to paddle around a little my lady's lake with the daughter, but I have to give it up. I must have seen rightly when I saw her going into Antonio's with young Corland."

If the man wondered a somewhat at the odd smile which Alicia gave him, he said nothing would give her more pleasure, he made no comment. And, presently, around the bend of the shadow-flecked river, slipped a canoe in which sat two contented young people.

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**STATE MAKES BIG SUM ON WOODWARD LAND**  
Sole of surplus property on \$101,256, it was reported to the Woodward avenue between the administrative board today by Ten and Twelve-mile roads, acquired by the state for its widening project, netted a profit of \$101,256. One parcel was sold in November for \$36,000 and the remainder was auctioned last week for \$185,356.

Purchases from which there was no excess were not included in the report.

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