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THIS DAY IS THRIFT DAY.

All over the conutry, today, February 3, will be celebrated as "Thrift Day."

The movement, started a year ago, has made a hit wherever it has been observed, for it means the settlement of old debts and the starting of life on a new and sounder financial basis.

Says a business man who knows:

"There is something unique and refreshingly new in the idea of a celebration that leaves one in a better state of mind and body and, moreover, a fatter purse! But that is the case with Thrift Day—the more one celebrates the more one saves!

"Thrift Day should be a real enthusiastic celebration. And those who celebrate can go the limit of radical thrift without even so much as a headache the next day. All the enthusiasm of the Spirit of '76 can be applied to the Thrift of '17, and the harder one celebrates the better will he feel next morning—and the rest of his whole life!"

SAYS LEAP YEAR YET LINGERS.

Another general supposition has been knocked into a cocked hat.

Leap year, it develops, does not run concurrently with the calendar year.

Arthur B. Benton, president of the Southern California Academy of Sciences, at Los Angeles, deposes and says:

"So far as the calendar is concerned the present leap year did not begin on January 1, 1916, and it did not end on December 31, 1916. It began with February 29, 1916, and it will close with February 28, 1917.

"Custom and tradition have from old times determined the 29th of February of bissextile (having the bissextus, or intercalary day, as the leap year in the Julian calendar) years as the beginning of the special or leap year privileges accorded to the fair sex, as it is that particular day, added to the calendar, that differentiates leap year from the ordinary."

Girls, don't overlook these unexpected days of grace. Do your late proposing early.

CITY BOY WITH A WISE HEAD.

For decades, since the booming of big industries, the trend of youthful longing has been toward the hurly burly, the pell-mell rush and roar of the cities, with their myriad attractions of bright lights, crystal palaces, glittering joy dens and other will-o-the-wisps that attract juvenile fancy.

But in these days of $2 wheat, $1 corn and other high prices for farm products, the signs of wealth are beckoning to the fields and streams. As witness to this, we offer the case of Benjamin Mogoloski, 16-year-old son of Mrs. Esther Mogoloski, who disappeared from the parental home in Baltimore on January 2nd. "Benny" aspired to make his fortune, but unlike the boys who go from the country to seek riches in the large cities, this lad realized that the great bulwark of wealth in America is its agricultural resources.

Hence, his dreams and visions led him forth into the highways and byways of Nature, where all is sweet and green and fresh. So he wrote a letter to his mother and left it on a table. In it, he said:

"I have gone to the country. And don't worry, for I won't return until I've made my fortune."

The police were asked to search for "Benny", but the lad's dreams had put him beyond their ken, and, at last advices, the stray from the city's moil and turmoil was still faring forth into the land of wonders and crops to achieve his vision of financial independence.

DIXIE BEST FOR THE NEGRO.

At a meeting held on January 18 at Tuskegee, Ala., negroes from every section of the South attended the twenty-sixth annual Tuskegee Negro Conference. "Declarations" were adopted that admonished the negroes to remain in the South and cooperate with the white people in the improvement of labor conditions. The "declarations" deal principally with the movement of negroes northward, the boll-weevil and distress among the black population because of the disastrous floods in the Gulf States last summer.

After stating that the enticement of high wages in the North is appreciated at its true value, the "declarations" says:

"Right here in the South are great and permanent opportunities for the masses of our people. This section, we feel, is just entering upon its greatest era of development. Here your labor in the future is going to be in still greater demand."

Major Moton, the new head of Tuskegee Institute, the foremost negro school in America, is recognized as a worthy successor to the late Booker T. Washington. In the face of every inducement from the North, which has contributed liberally to the maintenance of his school, Moton continues to advise his race to remain in Dixie and cooperate with the whites, who are here and there their best friends. Negroes also are urged to remain on the farms.

Any negro who fancies he will be accorded better treatment in the North; that he will win greater economic recognition there, has only to make the test. The South is the natural haunt of the black man.

FAIR PLAY AS ITS BASIS.

Through the formation Wednesday of the Queen Annes Tomato Growers' Association, the farmers of this county are offered an opportunity to place their business above the cupidity of the dollar and on a basis of mutual benefit wherein fair play will be the essence of cooperative dealing.

It is needless to commend or recommend such a vital change in the policy of marketing farm products. The prospective benefits speak for themselves where material gain is in sight. But there are greater, nobler themes expressed in this organization.

First, it is not destined to be a club or a gouge. It will offer quality goods for quality prices. It will subsist, not on coercion, but by the unfailing rule of what is the best policy for one is the best policy for all—honesty.

Second, it will broaden the points of view of all who are brought into contact with its dealings. It will establish the farm business of this county on the code of honor and will ostracize from its midst the man who proves himself unworthy of human trust.

Third, it will give our farmers a fair market at fair prices. It will "live and let live;" it will "bear and forbear," for its aim is to bring the producer, packer and consumer into intimate relations that will redound to the material and spiritual benefit of all.

For these reasons, The Observer would be derelict in its public duty if it failed to urge that all who can shall enter this organization and seek always to live up, in spirit and in letter, to its by-laws and contracts. By doing this, they will take the first steps on the royal road to agricultural success.

STILL SHOOTS AT RANDOM.

The learned Easton Gazette, in an editorial of more than two columns, empties itself of tariff arguments in a random effort to answer our editorial of last week.

As usual, The Gazette entirely failed to comprehend the point of our editorial and presumed that we were making a tariff argument, with protection as our theme and Democracy as our subject, with a text picked out from some other somnolent issues.

The Gazette is no more interested in what are the best interests of America than is The Observer. It is, however, simply playing a partisan political game, no more, no less. It doesn't care a rap whether the people are benefitted by a protective tariff unless the Republican party administers that tariff.

We criticized the spirit, not the letter of the Gazette's stand. We were after the substance, not the form. And until The Gazette's own editorial sanctum is illumined by some permeating rays from the beacon of statesmanship, instead of dimly glowing with the shadowed ghammerings of partisan politics, it will continue as backward in its editorial views as it is in its news columns, where it records this week that The Centreville Fire Company are the proud owners of a new automobile chemical and fire truck."

This fire truck was purchased early last Fall and since has been on the job.

Or again, possibly The Gazette is as well informed on the tariff as it was on the visit of ex-Sheriff Caulk to New York City.

Fie, fie, our brother of Easton, turn the virility of your editorial pen on the doings of your Mayor, whom you so well love, and his crusade against gambling. It better befits you than the tariff question.

WILSON AGAINST LITERACY TEST.

For the second time, President Wilson, following the principles that governed Presidents Cleveland and Taft, has vetoed an immigration bill because it carried the literacy test. In his message to Congress, the President hits the nail on the head when he says:

"It (the literacy test) is not a test of character, of quality or of personal fitness, but would operate, in most cases, merely as a penalty for lack of opportunity in the country from which the alien came seeking admission. * * * * * our experience in the past has not been that the illiterate immigrant is, as such, an undesirable immigrant."

Study of history in America and of economic questions would show any seeking person that the literacy test is un-American in principle and based on no sound reason for the halting of immigration. Most of the supporters of the literacy test, in and out of Congress, have jumped at their conclusions in the matter without any preliminary study of American history. In fact, most of them are woefully ignorant of the said history. Many of them couldn't pass a decent literacy test themselves.

There is but one remedy for unrestricted immigration and that should be applied abroad. If prospective emigrants were required to go before an American consular officer and produce a clean bill of physical health and moral character from the local authorities before they could get permission to enter the United States there would be no need of a restrictive test on this side. Cases in which religious persecution lead to emigration nowadays are so few as to be negligible.

Nor is this feature of the Burnett bill aimed so much at heathen religions as it is at other sects of the Christian religion. In the few cases where immigrants fled their homes because of religious or political persecution, it would be easy to provide a legal remedy for their admission in any American immigration bill.

Since the formation of this nation, we have invited immigrants to our shores. We have thrown open the door and we have grown great in consequence. It would be manifestly unfair to close these doors simply because a man of native intelligence and good character could not pass a literacy test that might balk a large percentage of Americans themselves. As long as the states of the Union permit so many native illiterates to grow up with us, we should not be chary about admitting foreigners who are unable to translate the Iliad or give a resume of the American Constitution, about which so many of our own folks are hazy.

Apply the immigration remedy at its source. Make our consular officers pick and sort those who would come to our shores. They are easily accessible n any foreign country and it is not likely they would ship us many undesirables. Intellectual America already has given its verdict on the literacy test. It would appear, therefore, that those who insist upon it are gluing their eyes to the wrong end of the economic telescope.

SAVE YOUR WASTE PAPER

Paper is so expensive these days it will pay you to save and sell it. The February Woman's Home Companion says:

"Nowadays the economical housewife should save all her waste paper, for which she may obtain a fair price. Many hesitate because buyers demand that it be baled, but here are directions for making a simple bailing press: Procure a large box, and length wise at the bottom cut a slot a few inches wide. Next, lay three or four stout strings lengthwise across the bottom inside. Have them a few inches apart, parallel to each other, and long enough to tie over the bale after the box has been packed full of paper. Having done this, provide a lining of old cloth, carpet or heavy paper, allowing the ends to extend over the box, as was done with the strings. Each day deposit your waste paper in the box, pounding it down occasionally to make it compact. When the box is stuffed full, draw the ends of the lining over the top and fasten the strings securely. The slot in the bottom will enable you to force the bale out of the box."

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Assignee's Sale
OF VALUABLE
REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage from James Queen and Mary Queen, his wife, to Harvey L. Cooper, dated the 18th day of January, 1910, which said mortgage has several assignments on same, the last being to Harvey L. Cooper, mortgage and assignments of record in Liber S. S. No. 7, Folio 368, one of the Land Record Books for Queen Annes county, the undersigned, as assignee, will offer and expose at public sale, to the highest bidder, in front of the store house of Knotts and Davis, in the town of Templeville, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, on

SATURDAY, FEB 24, 1917

between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock, the following described real estate.

All That Piece or Parcel of Land

situate, lying and being in the First Election District of Queen Anne's County, Maryland, on the public road leading from White Oak Station to the public road leading from Ingleside to Roberts Post Office, described by courses and distances as follows: Beginning at a marked gum tree upon Nelson Stewart's land and running South 71½ degrees West 30 rods to the public road, thence South 32 degrees West 2 rods with the road, thence South 71½ degrees East 119 2-10 rods to the Johnson or Graham line and a stone, thence North 57 degrees East 13 8-10 rods to a stone, thence North 66½ degrees West 103¼ rods to the place of beginning, containing

11¼ ACRES OF LAND

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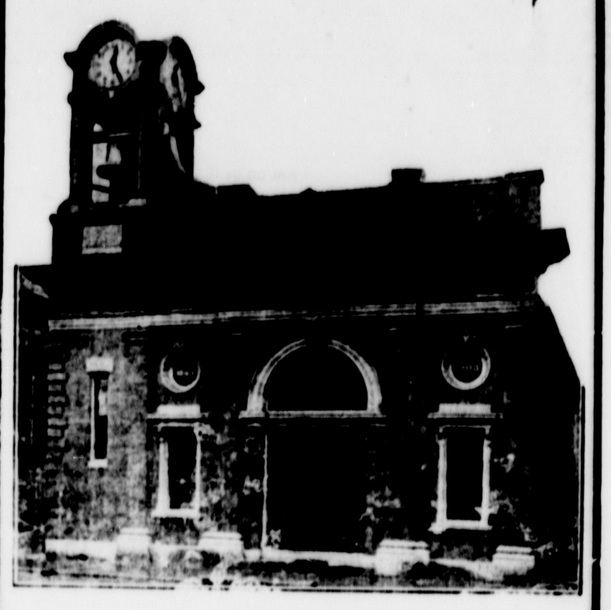

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