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WHAT ARE WE COMING TO

THE new Board of Supervisors of Allegany County last Friday night voted, without discussion or batting an eye, unanimously, to expend \$108,850 for their part of the construction of part one of the Bolivar-Wellsville Federal-Aid road.

It is not our desire to criticize the construction of this road. The people of Bolivar and Allentown are as much deserving improved roads as are the people in any other part of the county. But we do think that a subject involving the expenditure of such a sum of the people's money should bear heavier weight and receive more mature deliberation at the hands of our county law-makers than was given this proposition last Friday night.

In the first place fifteen members of this board are men new to the job. They had no way of knowing what was coming up and the only thing they had to guide their consideration was the way that the former members of the board voted, so they fell into line and voted as the old fellows did.

Such a question should not have been placed before an entirely new board as the very first piece of legislation.

It is no wonder that the tax-payers in Allegany are groaning over their burden, when a question involving \$108,850 can be decided without discussion unanimously in less than fifteen minutes. More than fifty percent of the Board of Supervisors did not know and could not know whether it was for the best interest of the people of Allegany County for them to be for or against the proposition. They had had no opportunity to find out for themselves, as no inkling of what was coming up was given, and they were given no enlightenment by having the matter properly discussed before the vote was taken.

At the present rate of county road construction, when the system as has been approved by the good roads men, and Board of Supervisors has been completed, Allegany County will find herself bonded for over a million dollars, to say nothing of the bonds for the county alms house. This will require the raising of at least \$50,000 for interest every year, and in less than twenty years the roads will all be worn out and we will again be called upon for another million for reconstruction.

Is it not time that men of sound mind and good common sense began to open their eyes to this immense expenditure of our public moneys?

When your tax collector comes round in a few years don't blame him and cuss him out because of your increased taxes, but just remember this warning given you in the best of spirit and in all earnestness.

We do not want anyone to take it, that we are blaming the Allegany County Board of Supervisors for all of this. The people back home are all clamoring for more and more good roads. If they get them, they will have to settle sooner or later. But the Board of Supervisors could well deliberate more thoroly before they vote to raise a sum of \$108,850 for any purpose.

SHOW SIGNS OF INTELLIGENCE

THE Filipinos seem to think that they should have their independence.

The congress seems to think differently, and there's the rub. The drive for independence has been linked up by the shrewd Filipino politicians with the opposition to General Wood, whose removal as governor general they are demanding and have been demanding for some time.

Perhaps the people of the insular possession are better prepared for freedom than anyone imagines. They are beginning to show signs of being "progressive" and "civilized." Witness the diplomacy of the leaders of the independence movement who, by combining the fight for ultimate independence and the recall of General Wood by this government, have visions of bringing about a compromise.

That is truly American and is very strong proof that some of the Filipinos have been taking lessons from congress. At least, they are "catching on," and it is barely possible that in time they will become so adept that they may be rated alongside some of our best known lobbyists.

President Coolidge has frowned on the independence movement and he is still standing back of General Wood. But the Filipinos diplomats are not dismayed. They claim to

have the Republican insurgents lined up and believe that with such Democratic support they can muster they will be able to gain the end desired.

Americans generally will watch the battle with some interest, tho it makes little difference to them whether the Filipino is given his freedom or the status quo is maintained in the islands.

CONQUERING THE AIR

HAS man really conquered the air? That question arises in the minds of most of us after the finding of the wreck of the French super-dirigible, Dixmude, on the coast of Sicily.

Here was the perfected work of man, which was heralded as his triumph in the battle with the air, crushed as if it were a toy balloon. Proud officers had boasted of her prowess. She was the queen of the upper regions, undisputed and unexcelled.

But man-made as it was, the Dixmude did not have the strength to combat successfully the elements which no man has ever controlled.

Man may keep on perfecting the masterpieces of his brain. He may continue to display his genius; and his resourcefulness in many lines of endeavor, but there is a greater power than his—an unseen power—over which he has no control.

JANUARY 1924

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The Titanic, the majestic mistress of the sea in her day, was splintered by an iceberg.

Vast and impressive buildings have been laid low by tornadoes.

The proud empire of Japan was stripped of her glory and her material accumulations by a shaking of the earth.

And innumerable world disasters crowd themselves upon us to remind man that humbleness is still a virtue.

FAVORITE SONS

THE favorite-son scheme, a method used to head off candidates for president who are leading the field, will be used in the forthcoming campaign according to present indications.

Some times it works for good and sometimes for harm, according to the viewpoint of the partisan who may favor the candidate who is out in front.

It begins to look like opponents of William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury and director-general of the railroads during the war, are conspiring to check the early advances he is making towards the nomination. No less than nine different men are being mentioned as favorite-son candidates who could control enough votes, which, together with the votes Senator Underwood might claim, would be enough to prevent McAdoo from obtaining the necessary two-thirds to win the nomination.

There is some talk of favorite sons within the Republican ranks, to lead of Senator Johnson of California, who is preparing to make an aggressive campaign in all primary states.

Senator Watson of Indiana and former Governor Lowden of Illinois are regarded as probable candidates, but they have withheld announcement of their plans for the present.

President Coolidge seems to have the inside track for the Republican nomination and McAdoo is leading in the Democratic field, the political prophets say, but in the case of the Republicans, the favorite-son movement seems to be not so much directed at the leader, as at one who may interfere with the plans of the leader.

However the movement terminates it will be watched with interest to see whether favorite sons are as much favorites as they once were.

Still, a favorite son won the Republican nomination in 1920 and there is always a possibility that one may do it in either party.

THE "MISSING LINK"

A SPEAKER at the meeting of the American Association by the Advancement of Science said that the "missing link" is in a fair way of being discovered, in fact, it may be found any day.

He reported that all of America and western Europe have been explored, which is assurance enough, perhaps, that we have escaped the possibility of that phantom of science being found in our midst.

Americans may now well feel secure and Mr. Bryan may continue to condemn the theory of evolution, for all we care.

The "missing link" is not among us. Let joy be unrestrained. But even scientists may make mistakes.

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SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST

Rev. Walter L. Greene, Pastor.
Sabbath Services at 2:30 P. M.
Sermon by the pastor, followed by the Bible School.
Prayer and devotional service, Friday evening.
Independence will observe the quarterly communion service next Sabbath.

BAPTIST

Rev. A. D. Shepard, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10:30.
Subject: "Apostolic Character."
Bible School, 12 M.
Y. P. S. C. E., at 5 o'clock.
Topic: "Gospel Triumphs in Japan." Acts 10:34-48.
A ten minute talk to the juniors.
Evening worship, 7:30.
Theme: "Joseph, the Exalted Heart-Searcher."

Monday evening is young people's night. You are welcome if you enjoy games.
Thursday evening, prayer and praise.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. C. H. Whelan, Pastor.
Sunday morning services will be great. First, at church services the newly elected officers of the Sunday School will be installed. The collection for the Japan Earthquake Fund will be taken. And the pastor will preach on: "Will the Next Generation be Christian or Pagan?"

Our Sunday evening services are splendid in joy and spirit. The homy atmosphere of the church parlors help make a unity in song and praise which we enjoy. And the spirit of Christ is resting upon the people. The Thursday night and the Sunday evening services are increasingly interesting. Are folk becoming more interested in religion? We believe so. Come around next Sunday evening and think about "The Cost of Character."

PRESBYTERIAN

Royal E. MacGowan, B. D. S. T. B.
Sunday, January 20th.
Morning Service, 10:30 A. M.
Sermon: "Our approach to the Divine."
Evening Service, 7:30 P. M.
Sermon: "The Christian's Thinking." The Power of the Thought-Life. The second of a series of sermons on "The Characteristics of the Christian Life."

Sunday School immediately following the close of the Morning Service; there are classes for all and everyone is invited to attend and join one of our classes.
Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:45 in the evening.
Topic: Gospel Triumphs in Japan. Acts 10:34-48.

Midweek Service every Thursday evening. During the months of January and February, we will have union Thursday evening services

with the Methodist Church. The aim of these services will be to revive and quicken the religious and spiritual life of our community. The practical needs of the community will be presented and discussed alternately by the pastors. Come and bring your friends.

The monthly Christian Endeavor business meeting and social will be held on Tuesday evening, January 22nd, at seven-thirty. After the business meeting, there will be social time and refreshments. All the young folks are invited.

The January meeting of the Men's Brotherhood will be held on Friday evening, January 25th, at 7:30.

HOMEMAKERS' CONFERENCE.
State College February 11-16 Offers Wide Range of Lecture Topics.

The homemaker who has found her ingenuity tested in the preparation of food for the sick will be interested in a discussion on that subject which is scheduled for the program of the homemakers conference to be held at the State College of Agriculture at Ithaca in connection with farmers' week, February 11-16. This discussion will be given by Prof. Helen Monsch at 10 o'clock on Saturday, the last day of the conference.

The Home Economics School of the College is offering a wide range of subjects in its program. On Monday, for example, Prof. Flora Rose will speak on some food habits of other nations, while Prof. Mary VanRensselaer will talk on the subject of the housekeeper and civic life. Tuesday's subjects include the nutrition of the school child, labor equipment, the physical health of the child, the mental ability of the child and color and texture combinations in the dresses of this season.

A special feature of Wednesday will be the story-telling at 4 o'clock conducted by Mrs. Albert D. Durand, better known as Ruth Sawyer, author of many popular stories.

Keeping the Race Fit.
On Wednesday, Dr. Carra Croft will give an address on "Keeping the Race Fit," and Dr. Helen Woolley will take as her topic: "Training the Parent." On Wednesday topics deal with the right start for the baby, labor saving equipment and some helps in home dress making.

On Thursday, Dr. Woolley will follow up her talk of the previous day by speaking on "Training the Child" and from 3 to 5 o'clock "Home Bureau Day" will be observed with a program in charge of the State Federation of Home Bureaus. Other discussions scheduled for Thursday include some household textiles, labor saving equipment and table manners and customs.

Problems of the household will come in for discussion on Friday as well as talks on selecting a dress design, vegetables in the diet and helps in home dress making.

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