

## This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

**Florida—Great Empire to Be.**  
**Two Political Questions.**  
**Deep Plowing Pays.**  
**Dress Up, Girls, Dress Up.**

The stock of the Atlantic Coast Line in Florida reaches a "new high." Big profits are made, and the stockholders exult. If Florida interests you, or railroad profits, find out what S. Davies Wardfield, president of the Seaboard Air Line, is doing with his new railroad in Florida. When he finishes the short cut from the West Coast of Florida across to Palm Beach and other points, establishing direct connection between New York and Southeast Florida, over his own rails, there will be an active fight for business and profits.

There will be plenty of business for both roads, however. No imagination can foresee what the prosperity of Florida is to be. That State, which, as the Jacksonville Journal tells you, Jefferson would once have bought for five cents an acre, and ultimately did buy for fifteen cents an acre, is apt one day to be in several different ways the greatest State in the Union.

Two questions that interest politicians are these:  
Can the Democrats be persuaded to give up the rule that compels man to get two-thirds of all the delegates before he can be nominated?  
And will the Democrats put in their national platform a plank denouncing the Ku Klux Klan, and thus outlawing many Southern States on whom the Democrats must depend to win?  
It is a delicate question and may be solved by some vague generalization concerning all secret societies.

In the second part of Faust, Goethe tells of the farmer plowing deep because under the Emperor's law he was allowed to keep all buried treasure, "turned over by the plow." That was probably an ingenious scheme to make the farmer plow deeper, make his soil richer, and thus be able to pay heavier taxes.

The State of Kentucky killed three men by electricity, two white, one colored, one white man seventy years old. Forty-six minutes after they began walking to the death chair, one after the other, all were dead. Only one spoke, as he was strapped into the chair. It was Frank Thomas, white man, who said, as the light was shut out from his eyes forever by the electrocution mask, "Good night, I'm going home."

Wouldn't it be interesting to know where, how, in what home those three men will awake—if at all. Will the black man still be black, when he comes to and dimly remembers how he died? Will the gray-haired murderer still be seventy years old, or begin again as a new baby? Interesting questions.

College young ladies, of the Young Women's Christian Association, tell working girls to dress "plainly and demurely" for their souls' sake and to impress possible husbands with their good qualities. Sensible Helen Gwynne, retiring president of the Y. W. C. A., who is a factory worker, and has presided over an assembly of 30,000 factory girls, tells these girls to dress as conspicuously as they can, "even flashily." The rich girl, says Miss Gwynne, can afford to dress plainly. That sets her off in her luxurious surroundings. But the working girl, in her plain home, must dress as well as she can, by way of contrast with her surroundings, if she wants to marry. Sensible Miss Gwynne.

An automobile smash-up with Jesse James hurt reveals the fact that the son of the great highwayman now works as a patrol to prevent highwaymen holding up automobiles. Everywhere you see verified Fourier's saying "Contrast in character between father and son."

## Nearly Every One Will Be Benefitted by New Law.

Washington, May 26.—The conference tax bill, already passed by the senate, was approved today by the house.

Providing reductions of taxes for almost every federal tax-payer, the measure now goes to President Coolidge.

It carries a 25 per cent. reduction on income taxes payable this year, permanent revision downward of lowering of most of the miscellaneous and excise taxes and a 25 per cent. reduction on unearned income of \$10,000 and under.

Altho some doubt exists as to President Coolidge's attitude in view of treasury opposition to the provision for limited publicity of tax returns and an increase in estate taxes, Republican leaders in both the senate and house joined the solid Democratic line-up in support of the measure.

The income schedule now in the bill calls for reductions in the present normal taxes of 4 per cent. on incomes below \$4,000 and 8 per cent. above to 2 per cent. on incomes under \$4,000; 4 per cent. on incomes between \$4,000 and \$8,000 and 6 per cent. above. It provides for a scaling down in the present surtax rates with a maximum of 40 per cent. applicable on incomes of \$500,000 and over. The present maximum surtax rate is 50 per cent. on incomes of \$200,000 and over.

The bill provides further for a 25 per cent. reduction on income taxes payable this year, permitting a cut on the next installment, due June 15, if approved by President Coolidge. Administration spokesmen declare that if President Coolidge vetoes the bill and it fails of incorporation, this provision will be incorporated in a separate resolution and pressed for immediate action.

Representative Mills, Republican, New York, a Mellon plan advocate, scuttled the conference when house debate began for accepting modification of the section creating a card of tax appeals.

"Instead of improving the administrative machinery," he said, "you have wrecked it."

By Representative Frear, Wisconsin, in charge of the Republican in-charge of the tax fight, the bill was described as the "most scientific revenue measure ever approved by congress."

Representative Treadway, Massachusetts, one of the Republican conferees, denounced the measure, for not going far enough in the reduction of surtaxes and declared if President Coolidge vetoed it he would support the veto.

The vote on the bill was 376 to 9.



Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi will deliver the keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention in New York June 20th. He was favorite in selection as champion for the temporary chairmanship.



In the first demonstration this week of sending pictures over long-distance telephone wires, the picture of President Harrison was transmitted from Cleveland to New York. The telephone company promises regular service of sending pictures in the near future. Also that soon you can step into the nearest long-distance booth and have "Your only one" smile at you as you talk.

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