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## THE OTHER FELLOW'S MONEY

**T**HE DEATH occurred recently of Frederick Weyerhaeuser, a noted lumberman whose home was St. Paul. According to the statements at the time, Mr. Weyerhaeuser was one of the richest men in the United States. Long newspaper stories were printed telling how he acquired his vast fortune.

Down in the newspaper corners of the past week could be found a little item giving estimates of his estate filed in proving the will. It is now supposed that the famous lumber king left a property valued at only \$875,000.

If this estimate proves correct, it suggests that the list of real millionaires is probably much shorter than people think. The bigger a man's business grows, the higher his expenses rise. The ends in view are so large that it seems foolish to spend time and thought on small savings. Little wasteful leaks of expense keep growing bigger.

The larger a man's estate becomes, the less care he usually takes in his investments. Large properties are bought on slight investigation, often on borrowed money. If the security proves unsatisfactory, the loan has to be paid, no matter how much the principal has shrunk.

Most people overestimate the property of their neighbors. This is partly the result of the conditions suggested above, partly due to the fact that a great many people live beyond their means, and with little provision for the future. It is not the man who has the most automobiles and horses who can draw the biggest check.

## THE REASON WHY.

(From The Evening World.)

**A**SKED WHY Connecticut, as a State, shows so little emotion over the revelations concerning the looting of the New York, New Haven and Hartford, an observing citizen of Nutmeggia replied cogently:

"Because selling things to the railroad is a recognized Connecticut industry."

"Sure! The lawyers of Connecticut for two generations have held that a retainer from the 'road' was an assurance of success; the politicians sold their parties to the 'road,' judges received their appointments subject to the O. K. of the 'road,' legislators sold themselves to the 'road,' enterprising citizens whose enterprises did not pay sold them to the 'road.' Every scheme that Connecticut ingenuity could look up found a ready market with the 'road.' Conscience became obsolete in the State before the all-powerful, money-spending 'road.'

Now that the 'road' has been reduced to the semblance of a living skeleton, perhaps it is no longer able to buy. This ought to arouse the dormant sense. Sometimes when cupidity steps out conscience steps in—in New England.

Incidentally the name of the Attorney-General of Connecticut is John H. Light. He might turn some of himself on!

## CINCINNATI SOCIETY

**T**HE FIRST MEETING of the Society of the Cincinnati, the oldest patriotic order of the United States, was held in the Verplanck House, the headquarters of Baron Steuben, on the Hudson near Fishkill, N. Y., 131 years ago today, May 13, 1783. The founders were the officers of the American and French armies stationed along the Hudson at the close of hostilities in the American revolution. The society was named after the great Roman warrior, Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus, and the imperial eagle was chosen as its emblem. Membership is hereditary, and the rolls of the society now include about a thousand names. George Washington was the first president-general, and his successors were Alexander Hamilton, Charles C. Pinckney, Thomas Pinckney, Aaron Ogden, Morgan Lewis, William Popham, H. A. Scammell Dearborn, Hamilton Fish, William Wayne and Winslow Warren. From its birth the society was denounced in many quarters as being undemocratic, aristocratic and snobbish, and among its early critics were Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams.

Ambassador Page is criticised for comparing literature as a profession with gambling. Literature is not a game of chance—merely a dead sure thing against you in most cases.

The man who wears the first straw hat down town has some excellent qualifications for success as a baseball umpire.

The damage done by war to the progress of the nation is emphasized by the remark of Frank Chance that it would hurt baseball.

Having joined in the singing of the Star Spangled Banner in a theatre, most people feel that some one else should do the fighting.

## BRIDGEPORT HAS BEEN GENEROUS TO SCHOOLS

**S**OMEBODY HAS MISINFORMED our esteemed contemporary, The Telegram, regarding the state of the schools, and especially regarding the money that has been recently expended on schools, or appropriated for the use of schools.

Within two years \$400,000 has been granted for a new High school.

Within a year \$200,000 has been granted by way of bonds for new grammar schools.

More than \$300,000 has been appropriated during the same period from the proceeds of direct taxation.

The people of Bridgeport, therefore, have within a very brief period put \$900,000 into school construction, beside which the \$210,000 voted in Hartford makes a tiny showing.

Now the people are asked to appropriate \$125,000 more for High school use and \$200,000 more for the erection of grammar schools.

For the completion of the High school project a grant of \$80,000 is justified, to complete the school.

But the \$200,000 for grammar schools should be voted down.

## THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DIDN'T ASK FOR THE MONEY.

It may be added that the grammar school facilities will be increased largely, as soon as the High school is finished, because the old High school will be available for grammar school purposes.

Bridgeport's every need for grammar schools is adequately and completely filled without the \$200,000 bond issue offered for vote on Saturday.

## THE BACK YARD.

**A**T A TIME some years ago, when a craze for angular houses was spreading over the land, some writer remarked that all the stylish houses had Queen Anne fronts and Mary Ann back yards. The craze referred to has passed, but the majority of people still keep back yards full of disorder.

Most people's back yards are more visible and exposed than they think. Even in places where houses stand closely together, all the neighbors can see the slouchy display of ashes and other household refuse.

It does not take much effort to keep a back yard looking ship shape. It would only take a minute longer to put litter in some receptacle in the shed or cellar where it belongs. Ash-heaps in a back yard are a needless eyesore. People that keep poultry will find that the chicken-house would wear longer if a little time were spent once in a few years in painting.

All this care costs little, and it adds to the appearance of a whole neighborhood. If you want to sell property, you will have to discount hundreds of dollars for the bad impression given by disorder.

## CAUSE AND EFFECT.

**C**OMMENTING UPON the passing of a newspaper known as The Sun and published daily, for several years in Middletown, Conn., Sundays and holidays excepted, our esteemed contemporary, the Evening Register of Torrington, in a note of sorrow says:

"We are nevertheless sorry to note the passing of The Sun, for it was an excellent newspaper in every respect save the evidence that could not always be concealed of the more or less narrow-mindedness of its backers. Perhaps, if the men who were engaged in the active work of publishing the paper had been free to do their best work rather than be compelled to struggle along under the discouraging burden of a biassed financial or misguided political control the result might have been different."

In support of the view taken by the Register we beg leave to submit the following which marked the dying gasp of the erstwhile luminary and which is a fair average of the broad-minded editorial view it took of those human problems concerning which posterity is vitally interested. We quote literally:

"It is thought the English House of Lords will veto the Irish Home Rule Bill, and that if ever reaches the King he will refuse to sanction it. This is wise. Better defeat the bill than begin a civil war. There is another rift in the clouds. Word comes again from Ireland that officers of the army refuse to march on Ulster, until they know what will be required of them. And if it is made plain that they are to begin shooting the loyal citizens of Belfast and Londonderry and other places, we expect to see them throw down their arms. So far so good. It is infamous to try and force a loyal people into a detestable alliance."

"Detestable Alliance!" Where have we heard that term before? How truly charitable; how splendidly patriotic; how magnanimous; and the backers of the sheet according to our Torrington neighbor are loath to understand why their venture should have not succeeded. Poor misguided mortals. They are looking about for a more fruitful field, where they can utilize their equipment, mental and mechanical, but their search of the horizon has yet to produce a virgin field promising financial profit. May we be pardoned for a suggestion that may relieve their perplexity. The difficulty that besets them, evidently, is one of locality. Why hesitate? All the signs point one way. Ulster awaits with outstretched arms—not all Ulster, to be sure but that portion of it which so boastfully typifies that noble sentiment "Detestable Alliance." Let the slogan of the benighted venture be "On To Ulster" and while we hold no brief for the good people of the city which so miserably failed to rally to the support of the sinking Sun, we feel confident that they will wish the departed shade a joyous journey.

Henry Ford and Mr. Edison are trying to down the cigarette habit among boys. They will probably succeed if they can persuade the kids that the cigarettes are harmless.

## REILLY PAYS FINE TRIBUTE TO NEXT LEADER OF HOUSE

The current number of The National Monthly contains a very handsome tribute to Congressman Thomas E. Reilly, of Connecticut, to Congressman Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina. Mr. Kitchin, who probably will succeed Oscar W. Underwood as Democratic leader of the House, is a warm personal friend of Mr. Reilly, and has a great admirer in the Connecticut man. Mr. Reilly's article in The National Monthly follows:

"Claude Kitchin is a most bashful big man in public life in Washington. He doesn't like the spotlight, and there is no good reason for the dislike, for he has the looks that go to make up the star apogee. Tall, erect, black haired, black eyed; in a word, a handsome, dashing chap, born to lead if he would only give that in-born leadership a chance.

"This introduction, of course, is not intended for his colleagues in the House of Representatives, for they know him and he knows them. He knows the ropes and the rules, and is one of the first to greet every member with a real handshake that means a lot to a stranger, and a 'Mighty-glad-to-meet-you' that is most reassuring.

"During all the years he has been in Congress, Mr. Kitchin has made few speeches. It has cost the government very little to print what he has said publicly, but what he has said is worth reading; when you read it you remember it.

"Without a doubt, Claude Kitchin is one of the very best public speakers in our country. As the new Democratic leader, he will have to do a great deal more public talking than he has ever done and consequently there are many talk-trails in store for him. He is a man who is not only a speaker, but a writer. He attempts to talk about. He is a student of the most thorough sort. He collects every bit of information that will help him to grasp the subject in which he is interested. He not only does it himself, but asks his friends to help out with newspaper clippings on the proposition, the result being that when he gets ready to put a speech in shape he has a vast supply of facts regarding the matter.

"He will remain in his room in the Driscoll hotel, where he has long lived, for days at a time getting a firm grip on his subject in preparation for use in a speech, or to equip himself for ways and means committee work."

## OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

(By Our Staff Correspondent.)  
Washington, May 13.—Representative Warren Worth Bailey of Pennsylvania has introduced a bill providing for the extension of the free delivery mail service to all towns in the United States with a population exceeding 1,000 which are not entitled under existing laws to such delivery. The bill carries with it an appropriation of \$2,000,000, to be expended immediately available on the passage of the act.

Mr. Bailey takes the ground that the present postal service is anomalous in that while residents of the cities and of the rural districts are given free delivery service, residents of something over 4,000 communities with an average population of 2,000 are compelled to visit the post offices to deposit or to receive mail. He believes that this is an injustice to the residents of towns and villages, and he proposes by his bill to cure this.

City delivery service is now in operation in 1,708 towns and cities, serving approximately a population of forty-seven millions at a cost of thirty-eight millions. Experimental village delivery is in operation in 114 communities at a cost of ninety thousand. Officials of the post office department estimate that there are 694 communities with an average population of 2,000, where there is no carrier delivery service. Estimating that it would require an average of two million dollars to serve each of these communities, should delivery service be established, the cost would be \$1,388,000 per annum.

"I do not mind admitting that I have a double motive in proposing this bill," said Mr. Bailey. "Primarily, of course, I want to equalize the benefits of the mail service. I believe that patrons of the post offices in towns and villages are fully entitled to the best facilities which the service can afford as patrons of the post offices in the cities and the rural districts. It is no function of the government more important to the welfare of the people than that of the post office, facilitating communication and making for freedom of exchange. This is the first consideration, but there is a second consideration, hardly less important. If ten millions of the available revenue be appropriated for bringing the postal service closer to some millions of our people, that amount will not be available for wasteful expenditure on warships and fortifications, on big guns and military exploitation, or the kind of thing which has attracted the people of the Democratic party in their Baltimore platform and I am not forgetting that I pledge now. I am not an advocate of parsimony, do not believe in cheese-paring, as far as the next from wishing to impair any of the serviceable activities of the government, except as they trench upon the rights and duties of the states. I am therefore quite consistent in the proposition to increase the efficiency of the postal service, especially as I believe that this increased efficiency will result ultimately, if not at once, in a corresponding increase in the postal revenue. Certainly the extension of free delivery to the country districts has greatly augmented the postal revenue from those districts; and no one will question that free delivery service has enormously stimulated the use of the mails by the residents of our cities. That the same facilities extended to the towns and villages of the country will have a like effect is hardly to be doubted."

It is the intention of Mr. Bailey to make every effort to have this bill favorably reported and he believes that the residents of towns and villages all over the United States will take an interest in his proposition and lend him their support.

Brigadier-General William Crozier, chief of ordnance, is critically ill at Washington.

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