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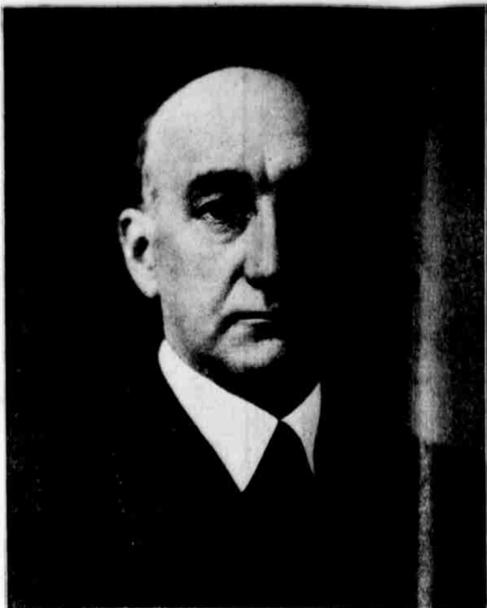
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### THE REAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE THRIFT CAMPAIGN

By James A. Davis.

Chairman of the Public Speaking  
Bureau of the Cook County War  
Savings Committee.

Thrift as a national characteristic, a confirmed trait of its people, is one of the vital elements of a nation's wealth and strength. It is one of its greatest effectives in maintenance of war and its prosperous growth in time of peace.

Thrift is a rule of self control against waste in any form. It is a principle the practice of which soon becomes a habit, an assured avenue to prosperity and competency.

It is a stimulation to diligence and industry, a discourager of corrective of indolence.

Thrift is thoughtful management. It is the care we exercise in supplying our wants. It influences the judgment we use in buying. In the conservation of our earnings. It dictates that we buy no more of anything than we can profitably use, that we refrain from buying anything we have no use for. Thrift it is that causes us to discriminate between and weigh values. It makes a dollar function to its fullest usefulness. It is reason's curb on extravagance.

If we are about to buy any article and have a choice between one for a dollar and another for a dollar and a half, the \$1.50 one differing in no essential way from the one for a dollar and no more serviceable, it is thrift which leads us to purchase the one for a dollar, thereby saving fifty cents.

This is the saving the thrift stamps are created for, whether it be twenty-five cents, fifty cents, five dollars, one hundred or a thousand dollars.

This act might be defined as economy, if it were not that the definite object in view was that savings be increased by the fifty cents. Economy is only a feature of a step in the process of thrift. The motive in thrift is saving, the avoidance of waste of money, the desire for profit. One can't practice thrift without being economical without being thrifty. Increase in accumulation is the sole object of thrift. More to spend is often the objective of economy.

It is thrift that converts opportunity to earn into earnings, the unused into usefulness, idle time into profitable occupation.

It is thrift which makes the garbage can unnecessary in France. It is thrift that led to the great By-Product Industries of France, Belgium and Germany for the conversion of waste into commercial products.

Every man, woman and child in our country must consider themselves a human by-product plant converting their needless, thoughtless over expenditures and waste into thrift stamps.

We must not confuse thrift with miserliness and niggardliness. It is not demanded of us that we cease buying everything except the food to nourish us. Such a policy would stifle our industries and prostrate trade. Industrial activity creates payrolls. It creates profits to be taxed for government revenue. If there were no proceeds from manufacturing and trade who would there be to buy thrift stamps?

What thrift demands and our government expects of us is that we refrain from indiscriminate spending, spending because we have the money in our pockets to spend.

We must not interfere with the stability and the progress of our industries.

It is not demanded that we deprive ourselves of rational amusements but that we control our indulgence in them.

In substance thrift is carefulness, management, prudence, frugality and calculation to the end that a saving of money be created.

That is the thrift expected of us, the results of which your patriotism will suggest be invested in Thrift Stamps and War Savings Certificates. That we may take advantage of and profit by this great lesson in thrift in the simple way provided, with profitable returns; that we may lend our savings so created to our government, giving us the glorious satisfaction that we are helping in this critical period of our Country's history

to win its righteous war; that we are saving that our brave boys at the front and in training and on the seas may have the best of food and plenty of it, the warmest clothing, the limit of comfort, and best of medical attendance, the most reliable of arms and ammunition, the sharpest of bayonets; that they may know that we are back of them heart and soul and purse to the last penny and the last heart beat. Isn't all this and "The Great Cause" worth saving for — 25 cents at a time?

Our enemies have called us a nation of wasters. Let us give them the lie and prove that we are not only the richest nation in the world but the thriftiest; extravagant only in affording means for defeating them. "Men win battles, but money wins wars."

### CENTRAL REGISTRATION LAW KILLED

Supreme Court Knocks It Out by a Decision on Wednesday. Other Election Points Decided.

The Supreme court Wednesday killed the central registration law passed by the last legislature. The decision means there will be a return to the old system of precinct registration for the aldermanic elections of April 2.

The decision was handed down in the case of Max Dezztel versus Chicago election commission, says a dispatch from Springfield to The Daily News. The opinion prevails that the court decision will not invalidate the registration made under the act for the primary election of next Tuesday.

Judge Scully estimated the central plan of registration would mean an annual saving of \$500,000 to the taxpayers. A mistake in the office of the enrolling and engrossing clerk's of the house of representatives at Springfield killed the new act. Fourteen amendments to the bill when pending, passed by the senate and concurred in by the house, were lost in the enrolling and engrossing department. These amendments failed to appear in the central registration act as it went to Gov. Lowden for approval. It was on this contention the act was declared void.

Dennis J. Egan, chief clerk of the election board, said the election commission would go upon the assumption that the registration under the new act, which has been under way since July 1, 1917, is valid. Some lawyers are said to contend that the Supreme court decision will invalidate the registration made under the act. The "drys" fought the central registration idea, but after it was passed are believed to have the better of the enrollment under the new act.

Mr. Dezztel, who fathered the attack upon the law, is editor of the Chicago Labor News. Under the central registration plan it was possible for voters to register at any time during the year in the office of the election commission. In addition on two days a month prior to a primary or an election there would be registrations in the ward. Two registrations were held in Chicago under the primaries on January 29 and 30. About 30,000 voters were enrolled on

### (OFFICIAL PUBLICATION.) Report of the condition of Mechanics and Traders State Bank

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ASSETS	
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2. Overdrafts.....	29.63
3. Securities.....	265,327.98
4. Investments.....	9,841.50
5. Furniture and fixtures.....	1,750.51
6. Cash and due from banks.....	351,101.79
7. Other resources.....	61,379.56
Total resources.....	\$1,926,485.96
LIABILITIES	
1. Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 200,000.00
2. Surplus fund.....	59,000.00
3. Undivided profits (net).....	39,006.55
4. Deposits.....	1,639,417.81
5. Dividends unpaid.....	105.00
6. Reserved for taxes and interest.....	6,280.60
7. Reserved for surety bonds.....	300.00
Total liabilities.....	\$1,926,485.96

NORTON F. STONE, Cashier,  
State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss.—  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
11th day of February, 1918.  
(Seal) ARTHUR A. ALDINGER,  
Notary Public.

these two nights in the ward or district registration drives.  
The court also held, in the case of Otto E. Ziebarth and others against the Chicago election commission, that the act which attempts to extend the term of office of the present officers of the town of Cicero is unconstitutional. The prayer of the petitioners that the election commission be required to certify their names for ballots at the regular election period is denied, however, on the ground that the petition was not filed with the election commission within the time required by law.

Fred W. Upham would make a splendid United States Senator if he would consent to make the race for that position.

Hempstead Washburne, the popular former mayor, is active in many branches of public life.

One of the very best Aldermen in the City Council, is Edward F. Cullerton. He has been longest in the public service of any member of the City Council and his usefulness to the people has been demonstrated over and over again.

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