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JUST CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT.
 The members of the Chamber of Commerce have done everything to get the Arnettsville road completed this fall, but perform the actual manual labor on it. No contractor on any piece of work in the state has had such backing and boosting as the contractor of this stretch of road leading to Morgantown.

At a time when it is almost impossible to get cars for any kind of shipments, and at a time when loaded cars are shifted to sidings and left there for days, perhaps weeks, before they are sent on their way to their destination, members of the local Chamber of Commerce by making strong personal plea have succeeded in performing the impossible in getting cars for gravel and sand and cement, and having this material arrive with dispatch. Everything that interested citizens could do has been done, but none of this will avail anything if the contractor refuses to do his part and make the proper effort to complete the work.

Labor may be high and men may be scarce, but in this particular job there is a feeling that the contractor has acted like the grasshopper in the fable, and allowed the time when labor was cheap and plentiful to pass, trying to get still cheaper labor, and make a better thing out of the contract, regardless of the public that was impatiently and anxiously awaiting the opening of this main highway.

It is to be hoped that the state road commission will take a firm hand with the contractor on the incomplete road. If he has to pay his men more and go far afield to find them, that is his business and part of the game. He let his best opportunity pass with the summer months, but because he was not wise enough to recognize it, is not the fault of the public that desires the road completed.

HOMES FOR THE PEOPLE.
 The Sterling Heights Company will follow out their present plan to build some good homes in their beautiful addition and sell them on reasonable terms to the public, the company will be doing something that the people will gladly welcome.

THE MAID ON THE COURTHOUSE
 The Maid on the Courthouse looked down this morning from her high vantage upon the Main Drag, where a number of workmen were busy sweeping up the confetti debris from the Moose jubilee party last night.
 "Well," she sighed, "the public had its fun last night. The workmen have their job today. That's all right. Wonder where that fellow D. Hall is?"
 Just then the party in question came jinking along by the Home Savings Bank.
 "Hally!" cried the Maid.
 W. D. stopped like a B. & O. train and threw himself back fifteen feet.
 "Don't scare me like that," he declared.
 "Hoo!" said the Maid.
 "Well, what's on your mind?" asked W. D.
 "I want a prize," said the Maid.

Some, and there is no question of the success of the plan.
 The building of a home takes money. If it is a real home with modern improvements and comforts it takes a lot of money. So much money does it take, in fact, that hundreds of persons who long for homes of their own, find the cost prohibitive and remain discontentedly housed up in flats, or pay exorbitant rent for most unsatisfactory quarters. It is really pathetic, this insatiable longing to own a home, for every true American has an inherited desire to own his own roof tree and to be the master and ruler of a little property however humble or limited in expanse. It is within the real and actual home, not the rented house, not the kitchenette flat, that America anchors. A man will always be a better citizen if he owns property, for he will carefully and faithfully look after the laws, municipal and state, that touch on his personal ownership, and he is never of the slacker type so evident in the increasing populace that has no interest in civic or state affairs, because it has nothing invested, and never will have anything at stake.
 If the Sterling Heights Company can put homes within reach of the people, setting prices and payments that people in moderate circumstances can afford, and establish on Sterling Heights a new colony of budding property owners, the corporation will have done no small thing for Fairmont, and its citizens. There is only one suggestion—keep the houses in reach of the average person, the class that makes up the back bone of the city.

SPLENDID MUSIC.
 The greatest factor in the success of the Halloween carnival last night was the Moose Band. Over the laughter and conversation, the shouts, the horns, and the great chorus of all kinds of noise making this, the inspiring music of the band was a stirring thing to hear.
 The smoothness, the pep, the finish of the music rendered last night by these musicians should make Fairmont realize that she owns a band which will compare with any in the state. There was a snap, a swing to the numbers played that kept every listener on tiptoes, and put the crowning touch on one of the greatest carnival scenes the city ever witnessed.
 Music such as the Moose Band gave Fairmont last night is not easily achieved. It is the result of long, long practice and infinite patience and art on the part of the director. To the men who belong to the band it is a kind of recreation, for they are all musicians, if they were not full of love for their work, nothing could induce them to stick through the drudgery and exasperation of practice. It is a great band and it is too bad that the city does not hear more of its music.

OCTOBER CIRCULATION.
 The actual paid circulation of The West Virginian for the month of October, 1922, is given in the tabulation below. All copies to advertisers, correspondents, employees, etc., have been eliminated.

1 Sunday	17	5,385	
2	5,341	18	5,272
3	5,337	19	5,317
4	5,642	20	5,263
5	5,582	21	5,399
6	5,332	22 Sunday	
7	5,351	23	5,202
8 Sunday		24	5,202
9	5,269	25	5,283
10	5,379	26	5,267
11	5,178	27	5,421
12	5,333	28	5,393
13	5,096	29 Sunday	
14	5,611	30	5,445
15 Sunday		31	5,291
16	5,348		

Total for twenty-six days 139,235
 Daily average for October 5,355
 Daily average for September 5,474

These figures represent only the circulation which has Audit Bureau of Circulation rating. The actual distribution for the month was 159,920 and the daily distribution was 6,151. Practically all of the circulation went into Fairmont and Marion County homes, the natural field for the Fairmont merchant.

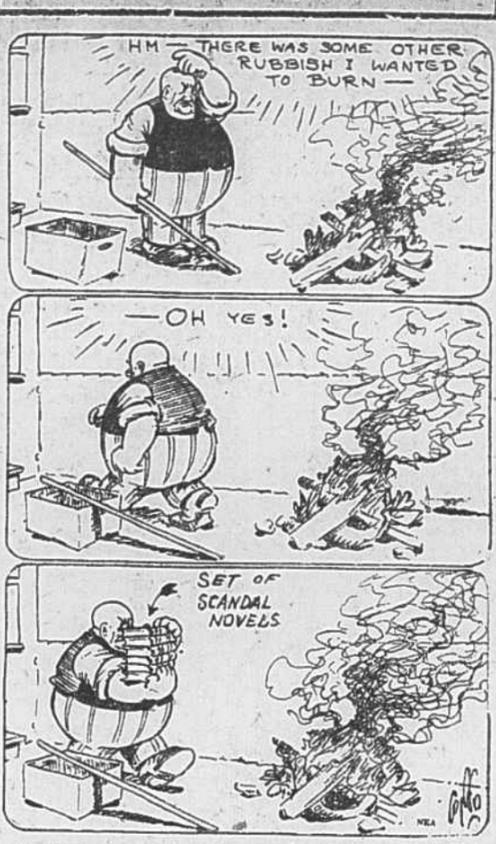
The Imperial Ice Cream Company has enough plants to make such quantities of ice cream that the small boy would be justified in wondering if the ownership couldn't afford to have an ice cream cone day, and give 'em away free.

The automatic switch seems to work well on the Jefferson Street corner. Wonder how much it would cost to install one in the home? Or is corporal punishment too strong for the refinement of the present day discipline?

The morning after Halloween, used to see bushes of shelled corn, beans and rice in the streets. The chickens always thought Halloween was Christmas. Now confetti has taken the place of these things that would be woeful waste in the present, but the occasion loses in their banishment. Confetti means any kind of carnival, or wedding, or masquerade, but corn, beans, and rice were peculiarly the property of Halloween, especially the first two. Their use was first forbidden because rowdies endeavored to blind pedestrians with them, but if that ban were now removed, the cost of this kind of stuff would render it out of reach of the masquerading multitude.

RUFF STUFF
 Gwillikers, there was a bunch of 'em out last night.
 Some of them band players carried are lights in their hats.
 Arlo Debrusque looked good as the lady of pancake fame.
 In fact he took the cake.
 But it took two cakes of special soap to get him in condition to come to work today. That stuff doesn't come off easy.
 Saw one lady in a bathing suit. Imagine it must have been right chilly.
 When Chief Snider went up the street to clear it for the parade,

OUTBURSTS of EVERETT TRUE



WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

James W. Weir, Elkins editor and a good one, fine little writer on politics, we suspect of having his little joke when he writes to the effect that Candidate Neely "welcome" the League of Nations as an issue. If this isn't intended spoofing the candidates, who doesn't the Marion flash "welcome" it by breaking his long silence on the subject, and speak right out and say that he favors, as he favored when he won the nomination for so favoring, the United States joining the League of Nations; or say frankly that he does not now favor joining and will not favor it should he be elected? He had had a million invitations to say it one way or the other. The Democratic Parkersburg Sentinel calls these invitations "taunts." But they have been issued by mothers and fathers of boys liable to military service in war time, and surely their invitations are not intended to be "taunts." Mr. Neely is asking them for their votes. They have a right to know where he stands. No more important question has ever been put up to them for a decision than his one, and never will be. Let Neely speak for himself. If he "welcomes" this issue, he has taken a poor way to show it.

The only way a Republican can show that he is strong in his desire to support President Harding is to work hard and vote straight for the nominees of his party for United States senator and the House of Representatives. There is no other way.

Senator Howard Sutherland is not trying to trade himself to the people of West Virginia "right or wrong" and, on certain questions, unhears. He has made his record. The people know he is trustworthy and that he stands by his pledges; that he makes no pledges that he does not intend to fulfill, merely to lure their votes to his candidacy. There isn't a taint of demagoguery in his makeup. Honest, sincere, earnest, truthful, industrious, patriotic, staunch and reliable; free of obligations to anything or anybody except his Maker, his conscience and his constituents—the common people of a great Commonwealth. All of these things he has proven himself to be 100 per cent in the ten years he has served West Virginia in the Congress of the United States.

How any intelligent man or woman could seriously contemplate casting a vote to deadlock the government for, at least, three years to come, is something that other intelligent men and women are unable to understand. A Democratic House of Representatives—the Senate is sure to continue under Republican control—means "nothing doing" the remainder of President Harding's administration. A vote to deadlock the government is a cast to deadlock the person who can cast it. The government can stand it, but the people can't. You are of the people, respected reader of this.

Congressman Wells Goodykoontz will be re-elected in the Fifth District by a handsome majority, so all reports agree in predicting. No member of the Congress more richly deserves this reward from the hands of an appreciative constituency.

Which party started the ruinous policy of "deflation?" Only the ignorant and uninformed don't know. They probably never will know. It is a most necessary program of the Democratic party this year to see to it that they remain as they are on that question, and to try to confuse and mislead the other mental class. Can they do it?

The facts are that "deflation" was begun under the Wilson administration. Wilson was in the White House; the Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller of the Currency and ex-officio Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, and the Federal Reserve Board itself were Democrats, appointees of Wilson. They adopted and applied the policy of "deflation." The distressing results are fresh memories, and sad ones. Conditions brought about by it were so deplorable that in December, 1920, William Gibbs McAdoo, wrote an article for the Man-

ufacturers Record in Baltimore, and delivered also addresses in which he called a halt on "deflation," saying it had gone far enough. He was Secretary of the Treasury when the policy was begun.

Now, under pressure of campaign necessity, he stultifies himself and insults the intelligence of the American people by referring to "Harding deflation."

Senator Owen of Oklahoma, in a recent printed statement, admits, while apparently trying vainly to not admit it, that his party started it.

Neely—we are getting down to the smaller bores now—charges the Harding administration with it. The facts and the evidence are against him. McAdoo's and Owen's articles give him the lie. McAdoo's speeches, also. The Harding administration did not come into control of the government until March 4, 1921.

The recent action of the Railway Labor Board in granting substantial increases to trackmen and common laborers was no doubt gratifying to Congressman Wells Goodykoontz. He made a stiff fight for it, and made a strong presentation of their claims in speeches in the House and in letters to the President. These were filed before the board. That class of railroad workers sorely needed help when this Congressman from the Fifth District made himself their champion. He did them a good turn—the country a good turn, for what helps them, helps the Nation. It is not the first time that Mr. Goodykoontz has gone to the front for and in behalf of the working man. He has done it a number of times. When they are in the right, he is with them. They never had a better friend, and intelligent laboring men know it.

Suppose some will call it "Sutherland luck" that his opponent determinedly persists in talking the senator back into the Senate with a majority so large that it will be to him and his multitude of friends, admirers and supporters, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

It is some sarcastic wit hangs "Malicious" on to him. Neely will have no one to blame except himself.

Every Republican in the First District should be glad of an opportunity to cast a vote for Congressman Benjamin L. Rosenbloom; not only cast their vote for him, but to work and get others to vote for him. For the reason that if any representative in Congress ever made good in his first term, this able and genial representative has. No one who has come in contact with this official but is impressed by his mental alertness and ability. His is a humble wit and a ready grasp. His constituents are familiar with what he has done and tried to do in the House of Representatives and have approved, admiring his pluck and his stitutive-ness, as well as his resourcefulness and his way of going about to accomplish what he sets out to do. So much for his official side. Personally, he is most genial and likeable. He makes acquaintances quickly. He is a "mixer." That accounts for his being one of the best known and most popular men at the Capital. It counts big in Washington.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
 THE NEW BALLOT.
 FAIRMONT, Nov. 1.—[Editor, The West Virginian.]—Do the Democrats of Marion County approve of the action of their candidates in hiding behind a woman's skirt? The names of fourteen Democrats have been taken off the official ballot for the election next Tuesday because of their failure to file statements of their post-primary expenses. Yet an effort has been made to center the attention of the public on the two women among the fourteen Democratic candidates. Surely the women are no more to blame for their negligence than the twelve men for their failure to comply with the same law. In a finer sense, there is no ground for complaint against the removal from the ballot of the names of candidates who do not comply with the law.
 The responsibilities of a candidate to insure the appearance of his name on the election ballot consist of less red tape than that required in the naturalization of an

alien. Such a delinquency speaks little for the qualifications of the Democratic candidates as officeholders.
 Moreover, since all but one or two of the Democratic candidates openly admit that they failed to comply with the law, it is unjust to accuse the ballot commissioners (who performed their sworn duty in removing the names of the delinquent candidates) of trickery.
 The Democratic candidates' failure to comply with the state election laws is probably just a mere example of their impotence for the public offices to which they aspire; their accusations of trickery constitute nothing more than an attempt to distract from their badly-whitewashed cloak, but their efforts to hide behind a woman's skirts seemingly demonstrate their true character unmasked.
 AN INDEPENDENT.

Berton Braley's Poem
 It's Hallowe'en, and I must write a poem,
 Adapted to the season and the date.
 So I must mention—though you doubtless know 'em—
 Such matters as will seem appropriate.
 For instance, "Jack-o-lanterns, gold on yellow,"
 And "missing gates that puzzle the owners' spleen,"
 And "hickory nuts" and "elder rich and mellow,"
 It's Hallowe'en!
 Of course it's necessary, too, to mention
 The "sheeted figures slipping through the lark,"
 And obviously I must call attention
 To "pranks the youngsters play while on a lark."
 And I must speak of "fun that's gay and hearty,"
 And note we weather, "brisk and keen,"
 And tell of "merry games at many a party."
 It's Hallowe'en!
 I'll say a word about the "strife who glances
 Into a mirror by a candle's light,
 Seeking her destined hero of romance."
 Can't leave that out and have my verses right
 "Popcorn," "marshmallows," "apples"—you'd be cheated
 If these weren't listed in my lay, I weren't?
 So—there they are! And now my job's completed,
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HUNDRED HOMELESS FOLLOWING TORNADO
 WEBB CITY, Mo., Nov. 1.—One woman was killed, fifteen other persons were injured, several seriously, and thirty houses were demolished by a tornado which struck this city early today. One hundred persons were made homeless.
 Four persons were unaccounted for and it was thought they were killed and buried under debris.
 The storm struck first in the south part of the city, passed over the business section and dipped again in the northwest residential section. In each place buildings in an area of about a quarter of a mile square were demolished.

FORMER PUBLISHER IN MONATANA FOUND DEAD
 SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 1.—George Boos, once associated with Russell E. Harrison, son of former President Benjamin Harrison, in publishing the Montana Journal in Helena, Mont. was found dead in the bathroom of his apartment here with a bullet through his head. His wife said she heard the shot from an adjoining room. Mr. Boos was 70 years old.

HURT ALL OVER
 Texas Lady Couldn't Sit, Stand or Lie With Any Comfort, Says "Cardul Did World of Good."
 Bartlett, Texas.—Mrs. Nannie Messer, of Route 3, this place, states: "About three years ago I was in a very critical condition. I had been suffering for some time. To tell how I hurt would be impossible."
 "I just hurt all over, I couldn't sit, stand or lay with any comfort, my back, sides and head all gave me a great deal of trouble."
 "I was especially bothered with a light swimming in my head. My people were very uneasy about me and sent me to my relatives to see if a change would do me any good."
 "I stopped at a sister-in-law, and she being a great believer in Cardul, asked me why I didn't use it. I decided to try it."
 "I had only taken a few doses when I felt it would do me good. This gave hopes and I used it right along and it did me just a world of good, since which time I have never ceased to praise Cardul."
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