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SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 22, 1919

America has furnished the world  
the character of Washington. And if  
our American institutions had done  
nothing else, that alone would have  
entitled them to the respect of man-  
kind.

—Daniel Webster.

## Highway Legislation

The word has somehow gone out among former  
employees of the state, in road camps and on bridge  
work, and whose places were secured to them by  
their loyalty to the Hunt administration that they are  
about to come into their own again; that they will  
get their old places back. They are already congrat-  
ulating themselves on a turn of fortune which is about  
to restore to them what they lost in the election of  
last November when a majority of the people of Ariz-  
ona voted for a change.

All this has an intimate relation to the pending  
highway legislation.

We do not suppose that in the framing of senate  
bill 17 it was the intention of the senators to revive  
the old road work machinery with its notorious waste  
and ineffectiveness which have left so little to show  
for the hundreds of thousands of dollars which have  
been expended. We think too highly of the gentle-  
men of the senate, though the circumstances attend-  
ing the bill leave little doubt of the purpose of the  
majority to retain political control of the machinery  
which they doubtless hope will be an improvement  
upon the old. They can have no assurance though  
that it will be an improvement and we do not believe  
that a good roads department constituted as senate  
bill 17 arranges, can be an improvement, existing  
as it would, in a partisan atmosphere and conceived  
in a party cause.

The Republican is not strong for party. It falls  
far short of that doubtful virtue known as "party  
regularity." It does not claim that virtue and we are  
aware that that virtue has never been attributed to  
The Republican by either democratic or republican  
politicians. Altogether, we are rather proud of its  
irregularity in this respect.

We have gone into this that we may speak the  
more freely, and urge that the complexion of the road  
department be left to determination by the governor,  
not because he is a republican but because he is the  
governor. It is proper, of course, for the legislature  
to take precautions against the playing of politics  
by the governor and we think it can very easily do that.

We do not believe though that Governor Camp-  
bell or any other governor with a proper understand-  
ing of his relation to the office and of his obligations  
to the people will introduce politics into such an im-  
portant thing as a good roads department. He could  
not afford to do so. To secure the highest efficiency in  
that department, to secure the most roads for the  
least money is the governor's strongest play. The  
worst thing he could do politically would be to allow  
the department to fall down. His responsibility would  
continually rest upon him.

A state highway board composed of officials  
elected to other offices, after fierce primary and  
general election campaigns, and burdened with political  
debts, could not take upon itself the responsibility  
which would rest upon the governor. The responsibil-  
ity could not be fixed for failure, waste or even graft.  
With the appointment of the highway commission  
and the state engineer, the members of the highway  
board would have washed its hands of the matter.  
The buck would have been successfully passed. The  
members of the highway board could meet the com-  
plaints of the tax payers and the complaints of those  
against efficiency only by expressions of regret. Each  
member would devote himself to proving that he was  
not individually to blame. All would put the blame  
upon the commission and the commission upon the  
engineer.

We believe the legislature will make a political  
mistake if it creates such an irresponsible state high-  
way board. It would, of course, make positions for  
democratic partisans, but the people at large, the  
thousands of them, democrats and republicans, do  
not care what party is holding the jobs. They do care  
though when they learn that the job-holders are  
costly and inefficient.

## A Mooney Monument

There is one thing to be said in favor of house  
bill 66, sometimes called the Mooney bill, the measure  
designed to clothe the supreme court with a power it  
certainly does not want and probably never would  
wear—that of ordering a new trial for a murderer  
on a "showing" that he had been convicted by per-  
jured testimony. The thing to be said in favor of it  
is something that has perhaps not occurred to its  
supporters—that is, it would be an entirely new trial  
in legislation. With such a law Arizona could rejoice  
in the circumstance that it had something that no  
other state has. So, if it is novel and freaks in legis-  
lation that we are aiming at, by all means let house  
bill 66 have a niche in the statutory Temple of Fame.

The bill is freakish in form and purpose. The more  
it is viewed the more it is attempted to make it pre-  
sentable, the more grotesque it becomes. That was  
illustrated yesterday during the discussion of an  
amendment designed in some way to enable a "show-  
ing" to be made to the supreme court that there had  
been perjured evidence. Hitherto the only suggested  
way of "showing" the supreme court was by means  
of affidavits which it was pointed out would be a pre-  
posterous showing.

It was explained in behalf of the bill in reply  
to the suggestion that it would be easy to secure affi-  
davits against any testimony, that even if the affi-

it would only give him a new trial. But that would  
be a good deal for a convicted murderer.

But the thing might not end in a new trial. Sup-  
pose the defendant should be convicted again and be  
sentenced to be hanged. Again under the law, false  
affidavits for the purpose of "showing" the supreme  
court could be lodged against any essential evidence  
for the state at the second trial and the third and  
the fourth and so on until the defendant and witnesses  
had succumbed to the ravages of age.

House bill 66, whether passed or not, will never  
be an effective law. We do not suppose any supreme  
court in America would ever recognize it. It would be  
nothing more than a monument to Tom Mooney.

## The White House Dinner

The members of the senate foreign relations com-  
mittee who decline to attend the president's league of  
nations dinner, offer a very good and sufficient rea-  
son for not doing so. And, so likewise, do the senators  
and representatives who decline to refrain from de-  
bating the covenant of the league until they have  
heard his explanation of it.

So far as concerns the announced absentees from  
the dinner, they take the reasonable ground that these  
White House functions involve secrecy. It is regarded  
as a mark of the worst taste for one to repeat what  
he hears there. Senators attending the dinner and  
who might wish to oppose the covenant, notwithstanding  
such elucidation of it as the president may offer,  
would find themselves handicapped in subsequent de-  
bate. They would have to interpose not only such ob-  
jections as they had raised before meeting the presi-  
dent but they would almost inevitably find it neces-  
sary to oppose his views as he disclosed them in that  
secret meeting. And in doing so, they would be in  
violation of the rule of secrecy.

After all, congressmen may well ask why they  
should wait for an explanation given secretly or  
otherwise. Is there something in the covenant not in-  
dexed on its face? Something that the people at large  
should not see? Or, is there something in the cove-  
nant with a contrary, puzzling meaning for which  
the president is bringing the key?

It may well be argued by the congressmen that a  
work of this character must be taken at its face;  
that a constitution of a league of nations should con-  
tain no hidden shadow or difficult meanings we are  
pledged to open diplomacy and against secret treaties.  
It would be remarkable if we should begin our career  
of open diplomacy with a secret treaty on a subject  
of so great importance.

We have never had a treaty with a foreign na-  
tion which involved so much or touched the people  
so comprehensively and closely as this one will if it  
should be effective. It is asserted that it even changes  
the structure of our government to such an extent  
that the question of constitutionality has already been  
raised. Surely there should be no secrecy about this.  
If the people ever had a right to know what the gov-  
ernment was doing they had that right now.

The president in times past has never hesitated  
to go directly to the people, trusting to their under-  
standing and their sense of righteousness. They have  
sustained him every time but one. In making these  
journeys to the people the president has frequently  
brushed congress aside, sometimes rudely. He was  
conscious of the righteousness of his cause and was  
confident of the popular good sense.

Now, why, it may be asked, does the president wish  
to whisper to congress concerning something that  
the people, standing with alert ear, wish to hear?

The people are, we believe, generally inclined to  
the covenant as they understand it. While all thought-  
ful persons recognize that it does not, and that no  
human agreement can ever be an absolute guaranty  
of peace, they see in it a means of minimizing the  
chances of war. It apparently takes from them no  
privilege or advantage they now enjoy. It contains  
two points, regarding the exercise of mandatory  
powers and arbitration that they would ask to be  
brought into a little clearer relief, but otherwise they  
are inclined to pass it on its face. Is the need of  
secrecy apparent when the people are so confiding?

## HELEN KELLER ENJOYS FLYING

(Popular Mechanics.)

What is said to have been the first flight made by  
a blind and deaf person was that undertaken by Miss  
Helen Keller, who is known throughout the world for  
her remarkable achievements in spite of being deaf,  
blind and formerly dumb.

The flight took place near Los Angeles with a  
widely known aviator at the wheel, and lasted for  
nearly an hour. Miss Keller was enthused by the  
experience.

## THE WISE FOOL

"It is the unexpected that always happens," ob-  
served the Sage.

"Well," commented the Fool, "if this is true, why  
don't we learn to expect it?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

BLACK LACE ROBE  
FOR DINING HOME

Beautiful, indeed, is this robe de-  
signed for wear at the informal  
dinner at home. Henna colored chiffon  
forms the underdress while a gorge-  
ous black lace coat is the novel fea-  
ture of the gown.

ENOUGH WATER IS  
WASTED TO IRRIGATE  
WHOLE OF ARIZONA

Urging co-operation and united ac-  
tion by everyone in Arizona, not for  
any one project, but for a general com-  
prehensive plan for the development  
of the water resources of the state,  
George H. Maxwell, in his address yester-  
day before the members of the Rotary  
club at their weekly luncheon, made a plea for the saving of every  
drop of water that now goes to waste  
in this state.

There was a large attendance at the  
luncheon which was held in the War  
Work building. The luncheon was  
served by the women of the Red Cross.  
Mr. Maxwell declared the prevention  
of water waste would mean the event-  
ual irrigation of more than 2,000,000  
acres of land in Arizona, including  
what could be given only a flood water  
irrigation at the start, but in the course  
of comparatively few years there would  
be water to give a sufficient amount to  
every acre in the state.

The same problem confronts the peo-  
ple of Arizona today, Mr. Maxwell de-  
clared, that confronted them 15 years  
ago when we started the campaign for  
the Roosevelt dam. The people were  
then divided into factions and there  
were several different canal companies  
distributing water from the river. Un-  
less they could have been united so  
that the government could deal with  
them as a unit, it would not have been  
possible for the government to build  
the Roosevelt dam. But the people  
were wise enough to sink their local  
differences in one great movement for  
the general good, and the result was  
that every man derived greater benefits  
in the end than would have been pos-  
sible if each had continued to fight for  
selfish personal or local benefits.

"The consequences of that action  
have been so stupendous in the devel-  
opment of wealth and population and  
annual production in the Salt River  
valley that it would be to bring the  
people together again for another  
one great drive, 'Everybody, all to-  
gether for Arizona' to get all the works  
built that are necessary to be built to  
bring into use every drop of water that  
falls from the clouds in this state."

Mr. Maxwell explained the difference  
between the policy of the reclama-  
tion act and of the Newlands river regu-  
lation plan. Under the reclamation  
act the investment of the government  
is made a charge against the lands re-  
claimed and must be repaid to the gov-  
ernment. Under the river regulation  
plan, the government is expected to do  
only two things, first to make compre-  
hensive plans and bring into co-opera-  
tion and co-ordination not only all the  
different agencies of the national gov-  
ernment, but also of the state govern-  
ments, and second, to carry out that plan; and second,  
that the government itself shall do  
only what is necessary for it to do to  
accomplish the complete standardiza-  
tion of the flow of the rivers through-  
out the year, leaving it to the states  
and other local agencies to distribute  
and provide for the beneficial use of  
the water. It is not contemplated  
that the government shall undertake  
to get its money back, any more than  
it undertakes to get back what it has  
spent for reservoirs on the Upper Mis-  
sissippi, jetties at the mouth of the  
Mississippi, levees on the lower Missis-  
sippi, or the great lock and dam system  
on the Ohio river costing \$60,000,000.

"In the same way and under the  
same principle" said Mr. Maxwell,  
"that the government spends \$60,000,000  
on the Ohio to provide a river for  
navigation, leaving it to the people to  
operate the boats, so it should regulate  
the flow of all western rivers for irri-  
gation and power, leaving it to the people  
to provide for the utilization of the water."

FINE RECITAL GIVEN  
AT SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The following attractive recital pro-  
gram was presented at the School of  
Music yesterday afternoon, to a good  
sized audience:

By piano pupils of Frank Ronald  
Evans, vocal of Romeo and Karola  
Frick, violin of H. Klingensfeld, ex-  
pansion of Vivian Florine Young,  
dancing of Edna Pauline Hevner.

Piano, "Solfeggio" (Bach), "Chop-  
in" (Godard), Elizabeth Phillips.  
"The Mountain" (Rainard), Regina  
Luke.

Vocal, "Resignation" (Caro Roma),  
Anna Marie Calvert.  
Piano, "Water Sprites" (Chaminade),  
Lucille Banta; "Butterflies" (Ferrari),  
"Sundown" (Hoepfner), Maude Stew-  
art.

Violin, "Concerto" (Acolay), James  
Burson; accompanist, Lucille Banta.  
Piano, "Reverie" (Schutt), "Shadow  
Dance" (MacDowell), Ada Galbraith.

Reading, "The Whistle of Sandy Mc-  
Graw" (Robert W. Service), Catharine  
Howard.

Dance, "Rose Ring" Dorothy and  
Frances Hamilton.  
Piano, "Cantique d'Amour" (Liszt),  
Anna Marie Calvert; Prelude (Mac-  
Dowell), Mary Lee.

Vocal, "Valentine" (Hallett Gilbert),  
"Jeunesse" (Youth) (Barry), Mrs. G.  
G. Morgan.

Two pianos "Rondo Brilliant" (Mozart),  
Ada Galbraith and Anna Marie Cal-  
vert.

MARICOPA COUNTY GRADUATE  
NURSES ASSOCIATION  
The graduate nurses of Maricopa  
county will hold a meeting at Nurses'  
Home, Polk street, Saturday, February  
22, 2:30 p. m. Full attendance request-  
ed business of importance, pertaining  
to state registration.

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have most generously done their bit  
in the present drive for relief in the  
near east, under the capable leader-  
ship of John Hyder and W. Hilshe-  
any. More important than the money  
raised among the Syrians is their ex-  
pression of gratitude to the people of  
the United States in assisting their  
fellow countrymen. This expression  
came as a letter to the state head-  
quarters as follows:

"On behalf of the American Syrians  
of Phoenix I take great pleasure in  
presenting to you herewith check cov-  
ering our entire subscription of \$225.  
While I regret that we only have a few  
of my countrymen in Phoenix, it is a  
source of great pleasure to know how  
cheerfully they responded to this  
worthy cause."

Great to Live in United States  
"It is a wonderful thing to us to be  
so fortunate as to be living in this  
great free republic; a country where  
every man is free; a united people that  
stretches out a helping hand to the  
thousands of our brethren who are suf-  
fering on the other side of the world.  
This, our adopted country, we certain-  
ly love; and I speak not only for my-  
self but for the 200,000 Syrians now  
living in the United States of Amer-  
ica. Furthermore, these 200,000 new  
Americans have done their bit as it has  
been estimated that fully 14,000 Ameri-  
can Syrians were in the soldiers and  
sailors uniforms fighting for Uncle  
Sam."

"Every one knows that when Uncle  
Sam entered into this world-wide con-  
flict that it was for the purpose of de-  
stroying autocracy which makes slaves  
of the weak; that it was for the pur-  
pose of making the world safe for the  
weaker nations, and establishing the  
democracy of the universe. History will  
certainly tell of how Syria was saved  
from being wiped off of the face of the  
earth by the timely intervention of the  
United States. For if the war had  
lasted six months longer before this  
intervention, Syria would have been no  
more."

The Hunger Cry  
"Both Syria and Armenia, come out  
of the great cry that has come out  
war itself, is the hunger cry. They are  
looking to us over here, men, women  
and children, to keep them from star-  
vation; and America, the land of  
wonderful resources and open hearted  
people, will respond and will extend  
everything within power to save these  
helpless people in the far east."

"In behalf of the Syrian population  
of Phoenix, I want to again thank you,  
Mr. Chairman, and the many great citi-  
zens you represent in the wonderful  
work you are doing, and our one great  
wish is that God will keep you steadfast  
in your convictions and love for  
humanity."

TO PLANT TREES IN  
MEMORY OF DEAD

A memorial tree planting will be  
held at the Roosevelt school Sunday  
afternoon at 2 o'clock. Four trees will  
be planted in memory of four Southside  
men who have died recently.

Dwight B. Heard and Rev. Dr. Lynd  
are to be the speakers. The Parent-  
Teacher association will be present and  
the choir of the Neighborhood Congre-  
gational church will also be there.  
Residents of the southside are cordial-  
ly invited to attend.

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CASA GRANDE RUINS  
NOW WELL KNOWN  
THROUGH HIS EFFORT

Hon. Frank M. Pinkley, a member  
of the second state legislature, was  
in the city yesterday, on account of  
the illness of Mrs. Pinkley, who is at  
the Sisters' hospital. Mr. Pinkley, who  
is connected with the National Park  
Service and is immediately in charge  
of the Casa Grande ruins, will leave  
here at the request of the department  
for the Grand Canyon.

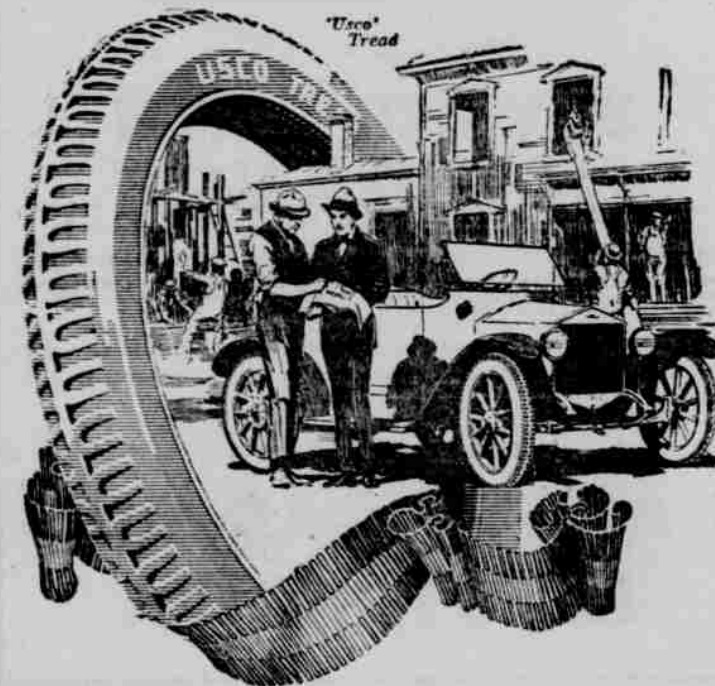
After many attempts congress has  
lately created the Grand Canyon na-  
tional park, the bill having passed both

houses and is now awaiting the sig-  
nature of the president on his return  
from Europe.

It is proposed, said Mr. Pinkley  
last night, to connect this park with  
the Petrified Forest by means of a  
good road so that tourists may visit  
the former which has lain for a long  
time off the line of travel.

Mr. Pinkley was attracted to this  
part of the country by the Ruins of  
Casa Grande, and some years ago was  
made the custodian. But that was  
before the park and monument ser-  
vice of the government was developed,  
so that there was little for an ambi-  
tious custodian to do. Mr. Pinkley,  
therefore, resigned and took up mer-  
chandising and politics in a rather  
heathful way.

When the government got ready  
really to do something in the way of  
parks and monuments Mr. Pinkley re-  
entered the service, and during his  
recent control of Casa Grande he has  
succeeded in bringing it to the atten-  
tion of the whole country, until now  
it is regarded as one of the most in-  
teresting places in America.

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