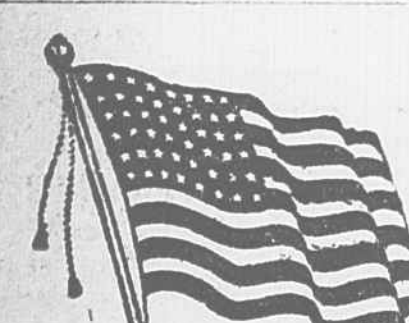


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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.
I believe in the United States of America as a govern-
ment of the people, by the people, for the people, whose
just powers are derived from the consent of the governed;
in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many
sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable,
established upon those principles of freedom, equality, jus-
tice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed
their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty
to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to
obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against
all enemies.

RAILROAD COAL PRICES AND WASTE.
THE only weak spot in the position taken by the rep-
resentatives of the bituminous coal operators who de-
clined that they would go no further with the conference
arranged at the invitation of the Industrial board of the
Department of Commerce until they know where the rail-
road administration and the other government purchasers
of coal stand, lies in the fact that the Railroad adminis-
tration and a few of the other large consumers of coal have
been able recently to buy some coal at cut rates from pro-
ducers who do not have brains enough to see the coal situ-
ation of the nation as a whole.
If H. B. Spencer, the new director of purchases, permits
this fact to determine his policy in the matter of fuel con-
tracts it will be because he is suffering from the same kind
of intellectual strabismus. Coal he can get from concerns
willing to cut now cannot be of first rate quality, and if
the market price shoots up during the year such concerns
in all probability will be quite as willing to break their
contracts with the railroads as they now are to go back
upon the best interests of the industry as a whole because
to do so seems for the time being to be the best policy indi-
vidually.
The interest of the public in this controversy is very
deep, and it is to be hoped that the breaking off of the
conferences with the Industrial board will serve to focus
some little general attention upon the fuel situation of the
nation. The most immediate effect of lower prices for
railroad fuel would be, as the statement of the representa-
tives of the coal operators pointed out, higher prices for
the general consumer. The explanation for that is simple.
Some one would have to pay more to keep the mines run-
ning.
That, however, is merely a surface condition. The
condition that should control the matter is that unless the
railroads are compelled by some motive like a fair price
for fuel to adopt more intelligent methods for using it the
price for every one will have to move up permanently to
a much higher figure than anything that has yet been pro-
posed. The coal deposits of this country are vast, but they
are being exhausted at a rate which for some time has been
causing anxiety. We must either adopt conservation meth-
ods or before very long pay more for fuel.
The railroads, which consume almost a third of the coal
burned in this country each year, are the worst offenders
when it comes to wasting fuel. They are incorrigible in
this respect. Yet right now they are seeking to drive down

RUFF STUFF
City ought to have an expert make
an investigation of Main street.
Must be on the map crooked, or
something.
They rate every once in a while a
guy traveling in an auto fails to hit the
end of it that rests on the bridge.
And that always makes a muss
down that way.
Also a job for the doctors.
When it doesn't make a job for the
undertakers.
Surely no one who belongs to the
West Virginia legislature has any
right to criticize the Peace congress.
If the legislature knows where it is
at this morning it has something on
the rest of the citizens of the state.
The Teuts have decided their pre-
sident is worth 100,000 marks per month.
If that means hard money his is a
better job than Woodrow has.

the price so that they may continue to waste more coal and
yet not show up the result of their inefficient management
in the financial statements.
This is fundamentally wrong, as every business man
ought to see. The proper thing for the government, which
now controls the railroads, and the public, which will soon
have to pay if a mistake is made, is to insist that the
railroads pay a fair price for the fuel they consume and
cut their coal bills to the old level by the simple process
of learning how to use coal in a less wasteful manner. It
has been done by other consumers. It can be done by the
railroads.

FATHER PLANS HIS GARDEN.
NOW cometh the season of the Garden Catalogue when
father spends his evenings mooning through the beau-
tifully colored views of hollyhocks, sweet peas, turnips,
beets and so forth and mother watches him askance, fearful
that this year he may decide to dig up the front lawn for
a garden patch or buy the apparatus for growing some red
cabbages under glass in the parlor. There's really no
telling how father will break out when he becomes a sub-
ject of self-hypnosis through perusal of a seed company's
enticing offerings.

He generally figures on buying about \$142 worth of
seeds. Of course this is more than enough to plant a
twelve-acre meadow and father has space for only a four
by five foot garden, but there are so many delightful vari-
eties of pleasure flowers and utilitarian plants that he de-
clares it is absolutely impossible to cut down on his list.
Brother suggests that father solve the difficulty by having
a double or triple decker garden with layers of earth on
stilts, a la the bunks on a transport. And, while father
seriously considers the proposition, the family has a hearty
laugh on him.

At last as the time for planting creeps nearer and nearer
father, upon the urgent request of the family and with his
common sense finally on the job, cuts down his purchase
to about \$6. He sends off his check with a beatific smile.
"You'll lose all your interest before the seeds come,"
says mother, sorrowfully. "You won't even plant them!"
"Oh, yes, I will," says father. "It's going to be differ-
ent this year."
Mother smiles a wry smile. "That's what you've been
saying every year for the past 15 years!" she declares.

WASHINGTON'S EXAMPLE.
GEORGE WASHINGTON, father of his country,
could have been the first Liberty bond holder. In
the Revolutionary war when the young government had
no funds whatever to meet current expenses Washington
supplied a part of the necessary money from his private
fortune. In order to get this ready cash he was compelled
to sell property in Virginia. He lent in all about \$72,000
to the government.

These sacrifices on Washington's part were cheerfully
made to a government in the making; to one in fact that
he was trying to establish. Had he failed in his purpose
no payment would have been forthcoming, and as it was
the loan was made without interest.

Americans of today are not asked to make such sacri-
fices. The government to which Washington gave of him-
self and his property so unstintingly to make stable is today
stronger established financially than any other in the world.
Its bonds are backed by better security than any others
on the world market.

The father of his country did not doubt nor hesitate—
but gave. He had faith against all odds, and his faith
was justified. Today the government has all the odds on
its side. It asks the loan of its people's money. It will be
returned with interest. There is no uncertainty.

It was not before they needed it badly that the pa-
trons of the Dunbar school petitioned the local school
authorities for better facilities. The leaders in this
movement apparently have studied it out thoroughly
and the Board of Education should give their program
sympathetic consideration.

Reports from Youngstown indicate that the great
steel mills at that place are about to become busier.
There are other indications in the steel trade that the
stabilization of prices under the Industrial board plan
has been a benefit to the industry, and the only cloud
upon the horizon now is the possibility that congress
may take it into its head to do some regulating of the
industries. But if congress takes its cue from the pub-
lic in that matter there will be no legislation of that
kind during the present year.

Last Monday night's meeting in the County court
room in the interest of a building movement in Fair-
mont revealed the great interest which is felt in the
housing situation here, but there was a noticeable ab-
sence of the class of people who are planning to build
homes of their own some time. The success of the first
meeting ought to encourage these people to come out
to the meeting to be held the coming Monday evening.
The probabilities are that the opportunities to put across
individual building projects are better right now than
they will be for many years to come. Just now it is
to the interest of the whole community to get behind
the man or woman who wants to build a home and
banks and capitalists are willing to help. Pretty soon,
when the house famine has been relieved, these home
building undertakings will become more individual
propositions again and they will then be harder to swing.

The War department has decided to ask for 50,000
volunteers for service overseas, to serve as replacements
for men sent home. There really ought not to be much
difficulty in getting them. Many men who saw service
on the other side have developed a liking for army life.

TODAY IN STATE HISTORY
By E. E. MERRITT.
Pleasants county was formed from
Wood, Tyler and Ritchie by act of
Assembly March 29, 1851, and was
named in memory of James Pleasants,
who was born in Goochland county,
Virginia, in 1769, and after receiving
a common school education studied
law in the office of the distinguished
William Fleming. In 1796 he was
chosen to represent Goochland county
in the General Assembly and was chosen
clerk of that body from 1803 to 1810
when he was elected a member of con-
gress in which body he occupied a seat
from 1811 to 1819. He was elected
governor of Virginia on December 1,
1825, and by successive re-elections
served until 1828. He twice declined
judicial honors and died in his native
county November 9, 1836.
Well Prepared.
Father—Have you saved any money
for a rainy day?
Son—Yes, sir but bought an um-
brella with it—London Answers.
Expensive Aids.
He—Agnes is looking as young as
ever.
She—Yes, but she says it costs her
more every year. — Boston Transcript

What People Say
and Some Side Remarks.
Robert Smith wrote his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Smith, on March
3, that he was anxious to get home,
especially to get some good eating.
He added:
"When I get my feet under
your table again it will take
Mother, Harriett and Margaret
to wait on me."
He referred to his two sisters.
L. L. Shriver, a returned soldier,
don't take much stock in a lot of stuff
that is talked on the streets and
printed in the newspapers. He says:
"All the soldier wants is a
chance to work—that is, if he
isn't crippled."
Did it ever strike you that Clarks-
burg was a pretty town at night?
F. T. Martin, a discerning lawyer of
Grafton with a disposition to size
things up at their actual value, com-
mented upon this when in Fairmont
last night.
"Clarksburg has both breadth
and width. It is elegantly lighted
up. It makes an attractive
scene when one passes through
at night on the train."

EAST SIDE NEWS
East Side Lasses Dearly Beloved Res-
ident.
In the passing away of Mrs. Marg-
aret Linn Hughes the East Side loses
one of its most aged and dearly be-
loved residents. Mrs. Hughes was a woman
of sterling character, of cheery,
kind, loving disposition that made
friends of all with whom she came in
contact. Not only will she be missed
in the family circle but by a large
number of friends both in the city and
in the surrounding community. The
family have the sympathy of the entire
East Side in their bereavement. Funer-
al services will be held at the home
in Columbia street Sunday afternoon
at two o'clock by Rev. C. E. Eddy and
interment at Benton's Ferry. Under-
taker Fred L. Jenkins in charge.

Election of Officers.
The Foreign Missionary Society of
the First M. P. church held a most
enthusiastic meeting this week at the
church. A large number were present
and much business transacted. The
following new officers were elected for
the ensuing year. President, Mrs. Ira
Hinkle; 1st vice president, Mrs. Mollie
Leveille; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Opal
Little; secretary and treasurer, re-
elected, Mrs. Anna Clendinning; as-
sistant, re-elected, Mrs. Ora Hall; record agent
Mrs. Carrie Cox; auditor, Mrs. Bertha
Wilson; secretary of literature, Mrs.
Maud Pope; reporter, Mrs. Lillian
Rice. Mrs. Mollie Leveille was elected
delegate to attend the branch meeting
at Weston and Mrs. Effie DeWitt al-
ternate. This has been the most success-
ful year in the history of the society.
A vote of thanks was extended to the
pastor, Rev. C. C. Lawson for his co-
operation with the society during the
past year.

Social.
The covered dish supper and social
held last evening by Mrs. J. B. Leveille
class of the First Methodist Protestant
church in the social rooms of the
church was attended by a large major-
ity of the class members and was a
most enjoyable event. A program of
readings and recitations was given by
members of the class during the even-
ing.
Rev. John Brown at Barrackville.
Rev. and Mrs. John W. Brown went
to Barrackville last evening where he
delivered his lecture "With the Amer-
ican Army in France" in the school
building to a large audience. The lec-
ture was given under the auspices of

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE
(BY CONDO)
NOW, I WOULD ADVISE YOU TO
GO TO CALIFORNIA FOR A FEW
MONTHS, THEN TO THE ROCKIES,
AND THEN OVER TO HOT SPRINGS —
I THOUGHT YOU WERE
A DOCTOR, NOT AN
ADVERTISING AGENT !!!

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intensive effort and specializing—we ex-
ceed in
Beauty, Quality and
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All previous achievements with these
Six Price Groups
\$21.75, \$25, \$29.50,
\$32.50, \$35, \$39.50
More than 50 per cent of these Smart
New Models have been received during the
past week—having been personally select-
ed by our buyers in the New York market
and rushed on by every express for end of
March Selling!
The New Dolman, Cape and
Short Coat
are helping to make this victory
spring just as joyous and wel-
come as one would want it—
Of course you know without us tel-
ling you that these
Smart and Novel Models
are more inviting than anything
we have seen in many seasons—
But we want you to see our
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Just Think—April Just
Around the Corner, with
Easter on April the 20th!
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Attractive Vestees and
Waistcoats for
Dash, Style and
Individuality
We are glad to announce the ar-
rival of several shipments of the
newest, smartest styles—because
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ticularly interested in them.
A visit to our Neckwear section
will reveal the newest styles so
desired for wear with the New
Spring Suits.
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Moorhead & Jardine
Hats
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ities of differentness and distin-
guished charm. One naturally expect-
in
Jardine Hats!
Here Too, are Beautiful
HATS
From our own workroom
—larger shapes predomi-
nate.
Priced from \$5.00 to \$7.00
Suits, Sparkling
with individual-
ity in our Rose
Room at
\$42.50 to \$95.00
They are just such out-
standing Values as
Fairmont Women want
Truthful Advertising Courtney's Store Dependable Merchandise

the Aid Society of the Barrackville
Baptist church.

Here From Toledo.
Mrs. O. B. Leveille and little daugh-
ter of Toledo, arrived here yesterday
and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John
D. Cox in Morgantown avenue.

Aged Lady Ill.
Mrs. Sarah Watkins an aged resi-
dent of the East Side is ill at her home
in Ohio avenue. Her granddaughter
Miss Daisy Watkins, one of the teach-
ers in the Central school is caring for
her. Miss Fisher is substituting during
her absence from school.

Personals.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin have
moved from Norwood to Hildebrand.
Mr. Martin is manager of the mines at
Hildebrand.
Mrs. Nixon of Antioch and Mrs.
Wilbur Malone of Grafton are visiting
Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Malone near Di-
amond street.
Hugh Thorne of Rivesville was the
guest of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cox
Friday.
Mrs. Lou Gallihu a former East Side
resident is ill at the home of her
brother, Rev. Henry Morgan of Maple
avenue.
Mrs. Mary Shingleton of Grafton
came down today and is the guest of

her brother J. F. Blackwood and family
in Maryland avenue.

The results of the daylight saving
are shown by figures collected by the
gas company at Washington, D. C. that
the people of the district saved \$60,000
in gas bills. Easing estimates on these
figures, it is considered that the con-
servation of gas throughout the United
States will amount to a saving of
\$2,000,000. In the matter of gas and
electricity the saving was no less than
10 per cent of the money formerly
paid for them.

Hickory, the non-resinous wood, is
said to have the highest fuel value
per unit volume of wood, and has other
advantages it burns evenly and
holds the heat. The oaks come next,
followed by beech, birch and maple.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

Passivity or Progress
which are you registering?
It is claimed that in the very nature of
things if a man does not progress, he
goes back—there is no standing still.
Are you going ahead—using the ap-
proved methods of the day—keeping
abreast of the times?
Are you using a Checking Account?
Our Officers cordially invite confer-
ence.

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