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Fifty States

The United States Senate interior committee has approved the principle of statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska, although it has also decided to postpone its report to the Senate until the Alaska statehood section can be "perfected".

Canada, in comparison, organized only Alberta and Saskatchewan into Provinces since the turn of the century. Newfoundland was admitted but was never a territory.

If population be considered there is no great discrepancy between the division into States and Provinces, in fact on such a basis there might well be a hundred States.

Neither total population nor area of course provides a proper basis for political division. Both must be considered, as must history, the make up of the population, natural trade divisions and many other factors.

Sobering Experiment

Scientists are closing in on the moderately drinking driver as well as on the less temperate class who fall into the category of inebriates.

The 37 drivers—all men between 20 and 45 years of age and "moderate" drinkers—were subjected to a series of six tests representing various driving hazards.

The results were quite definite. Both on the individual tests and on the series as a whole the control group, the non-drinkers, did better the second time.

On their first time over the whole course (the control group completed the six tests in an average of 5.11 minutes. They did it the second time in 4.05 minutes.

Commenting on the above tests as reported in the Manchester Guardian, a writer in the Winnipeg Free Press adds the following trenchant comment:

"A man at the wheel of his automobile is a good subject for scientific experimentation. Such a man, with just the right amount of alcohol in his veins, is, to his own way of thinking, in complete command of the situation.

cautious and bold. Whatever effect liquor may have upon other drivers it seems certain that never was he more the master of his faculties than at this splendid and exhilarating moment.

"He is probably deceiving himself. That is as much as the cautious scientists are prepared to say yet. But they are piling up evidence against him and it begins to look as though, however stubborn he may be, he will sooner or later be forced to admit that he is not different from other men; that liquor fuddles his wits as it does theirs, and that in reality he is a comparatively dull fellow behind the wheel stupidly endangering the lives of his fellow men."

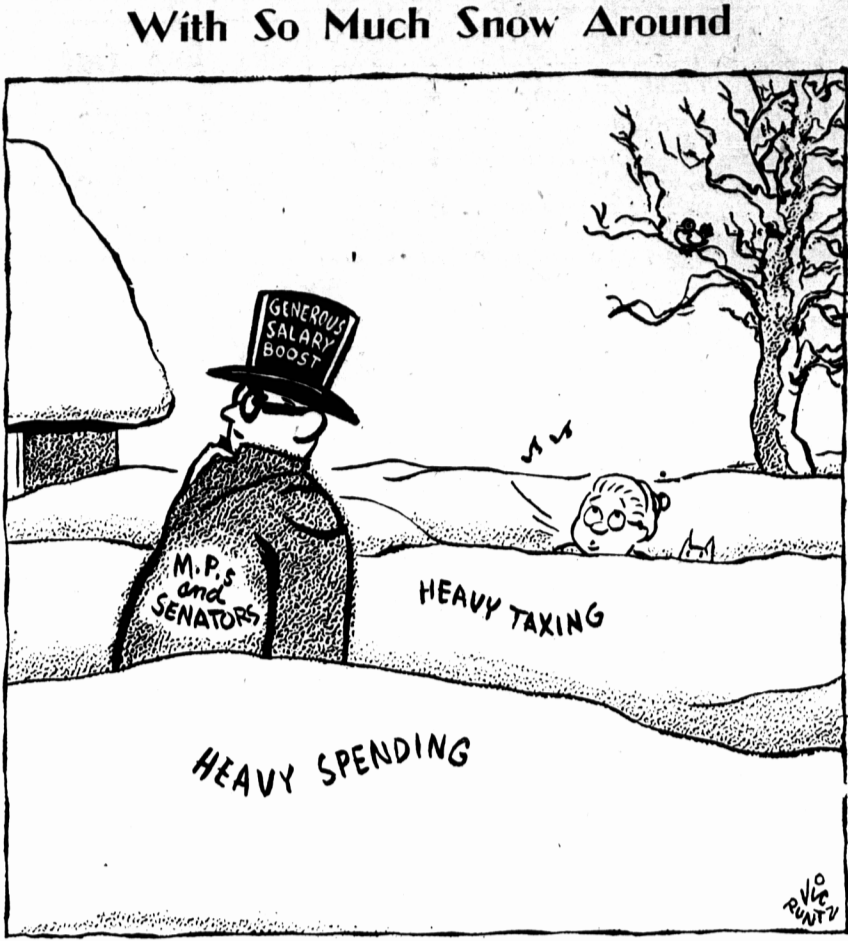
A Poor Master

This is the time of year when it is especially appropriate to ponder the truth of the old saying: "Fire is a good servant but a poor master".

In most urban centres efficient fire-fighting apparatus helps to create a sense of security. It should be remembered, however, that while machines are helpful in keeping fires from spreading, the best machine yet devised cannot be in two or more places at once.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mischa Elman, Russian violinist of Jewish descent, was born at Tainoi this date 1891. Trained by Fidelmann and Auer, he first appeared in London in 1904 and in New York in 1906.



The Poet's Corner

FROM THE POETASTER
'Tis not the wholesome sharp morality
Or modest anger of a satiric spirit.
That hurts or wounds the body of state.

Old Charlottetown

From the Royal Gazette, Feb. 10, 1886.
Several bears have recently been killed by the Indians, between Tryon and New London.

NEWSPAPER ITEMS

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Georgetown and vicinity held this day in the County Court House, Mr. William B. Aitken, Mr. Shuttuck and Angus Macdonald, Esq. were appointed a committee to open a subscription and solicit donations toward the erection of a School House.

The Ago Old Story

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Schweitzer's Africa

The Nobel peace prize honoring philosopher-physician Albert Schweitzer has highlighted one of the earth's least developed areas. The Asiatian-born missionary's tireless work in his jungle hospital at Lambarene in Gabon, French Equatorial Africa, has earned him world fame.

Teaching French

The teaching of French in Ontario schools is the most abject failure in our education system, if the purpose of the language is to speak it. Most secondary students take French for perhaps four years.

ATTENTION PARENTS

OF W. K. S. AND P. S. S.
Joint meeting of Home and School Association tonight at W. K. S., 8 p.m.
Mr. Kenneth Parker will speak on "Why A Junior High School?" All parents welcome.

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Notes By The Way

Boston researchers announce a new anti-nausea drug. It's easier to turn off some of those TV programs.—Hamilton Spectator.

This may be the age of speed, but it still takes some women 39 years to reach 30.—Hamilton Spectator.

Plan to Freeze Crop Surpluses, says a headline. Just like those anemones of ours which sprouted during the November warm spell.—Hamilton Spectator.

A New York doctor gives ten rules for better health. The first is that we should never worry, and the next nine are things that are liable to kill us if we don't watch out.—Hamilton Spectator.

Too many hunters are getting themselves expensively lost in the bush. No one wishes to see regulations imposed to curtail the safe and sane enjoyment of the woods by young Canadians. But some safeguards not now applied appear necessary to protect those who do not know enough to look after their own safety.—Victoria Times.

The reputation of greatness is often diminished by the discovery, on closer inspection, of many faults in character and conduct, some of them so petty as to be beneath contempt in ordinary persons. It is almost as though one part of some great men's minds were brilliantly illuminated while half shadow or complete darkness covered the other.

How far can a dog team travel in a day? A good team of Arctic sled dogs, pushed by an expert driver can make speed with a light rivation. It is wasted effort, however, insofar as its oral use is concerned. Surely a main purpose of teaching French should be to enable people to speak it.

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