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If you want to get a view of Santa Claus don't look up a chimney, but down a pump.

A surgeon says whisky drinking can be cured by a simple operation. Bisecting the esophagus, for example.

Wilson fought for the determination of small nations at the Versailles convention. Hitler aims at their termination.

Cigarettes are not coffin-nails anymore; the cigar manufacturers evidently have given up the anti-cigarette propaganda.

Asked if he could describe his assailant, the victim replied: "Sure I can. That's what I was doing when he landed on me."

Miami is in a happy frame of mind. Maybe it has just discovered that Anthony Eden didn't come after the American colonies, after all.

Portugal's illiteracy is estimated at half the population. No place for a newspaper. No reading, no advertising; no advertising, no newspaper.

It is still an enigma to this column, how the obscure Brunswick Pilot can get such frequent complimentary recognition by the eminent Tampa Tribune.

At the amusement park which is soon to be opened in Key West there will be exhibited a living man without brains. A lot of people in the same fix will be eager to see him.

Former Vice President Marshall is quoted as having said that what this country needs is a good five cent cigar. To paraphrase, what this country really needs is a good five cent loaf of bread.

Visitors to the city complain about small boys and some of larger growth killing birds promiscuously. One or two arrests with an accompanying fine and the objectionable practice will be stopped.

Philip D. Armour, subject of a biography recently written, liked to boast that he could use "all the pig but the squeal." And had radio been invented in his time, he could have commercialized that, too.

Key West owes a debt to Colonel Brinton, and Messrs. Brewer and Winter for their generous offer to audit the city books. Neither principal nor interest is payable in coin of the realm, and not even gratitude is exacted, but this writer is convinced the obliging gentlemen will find the people of their adopted home ever most graciously grateful.

DUNCAN IS HONORED

B. M. Duncan, whose brain conceived the idea of building a highway across the water gaps between Bahia Honda and Lower Matecumbe on the old viaducts and bridges of the Florida East Coast railroad, has been named by President Roosevelt as a delegate to the third Pan-American Road conference to be held this year at Santiago, Chile. Duncan is now en route to New York city where he will board ship and join the other members of the delegation.

Designation of Duncan by the President on this important mission is a deserved honor. Duncan long has been recognized by the U. S. Bureau of Roads as one of the nation's outstanding highway engineers and it is believed his selection for a place on the Pan-American delegation was prompted in part by that agency.

Aside from every other consideration, the citizens of Monroe county have a self-interest in Duncan's designation to the Chilean conference. The appointment tends to focus attention on a man who can be of great help to Monroe county in bringing about completion of the Overseas Highway on the old railroad roadbed and viaducts and in obtaining federal funds with which to build a fresh water supply system from the mainland. No other man in Florida stands higher in the esteem of the U. S. Bureau of Roads, which must help finance the highway construction, and Washington executives of the PWA and other federal lending agencies.

Appointment of Duncan also means another step forward toward consummation of the dream that one day the Overseas Highway will be a link in an eastern branch of a Pan-American highway stretching from the northern tip of Maine to the southernmost point of South America. While Duncan would not commit himself on this proposition, it is known that he is interested in the idea, principally because the project would increase the tolls on the Overseas Highway and thus hasten the day when the trip to the mainland would require no payment of toll. Then, too, if the Overseas Highway does pay its way, the federal lending agencies will not hesitate to advance other sums needed to finish the fine job Duncan has begun.

The honor that has come to Duncan is in the last analysis an honor to Monroe county. The President could have found no better man for the Pan-American delegation.

JUPITER—ELEVEN-MOON PLANET

If you look in the Southern evening sky, the bright "star" that you see is Jupiter, largest planet in the solar system, about 500,000,000 miles from the sun and 400,000,000 miles from the earth.

The great planet, with a mass almost three times as great as the combined masses of all the other planets, has been studied by astronomers since Galileo discovered its four moons in 1610. Since then, other astronomers have discovered other moons and now they are sure that Jupiter has no less than eleven. It is possible that the use of larger telescopes will disclose other moons.

Earle C. Slipher, of the Lowell Observatory, at Flagstaff, Arizona, recently told astronomers of unprecedented disturbances on the planet Jupiter during recent months. While it has been known that a characteristic of Jupiter is belts, or bands, and that changes appear in them at intervals of several years, Mr. Slipher reports that from December of last year until last month, the disturbances noted surpassed any that he had seen in the past thirty-two years.

We have no idea what causes the spots to occur but it may be comforting to the people on the earth to believe that the world is not the only planet in the solar system facing disturbances at the present time.

Football's most amazing touchdown record for a single game was made by "Red" Grange, playing for Illinois against Michigan in 1924. He handled the ball only five times, but made five touchdowns, four in the first quarter and the other in the fourth. His runs were 95, 67, 56, 45, and 15 yards respectively.

Heywood Brown, the columnist, unlike Chesterfields, doesn't believe church oyster suppers satisfy. He recently paid for one and then remained away, "which left the church with a clear profit of 50 cents and an oyster."

KEY WEST IN DAYS GONE BY

Happenings Here Just 10 Years Ago Today As Taken From The Files of The Citizen

About 200 members of the KWECO family circle enjoyed their seventh Christmas tree last evening at American Legion Hall. The tree in its symmetry and gorgeous illumination from hundreds of bulbs blending myriad colors and tints of soft light in its setting of national colors, with a typical Santa Claus and his horn, forming an entrancing scene for all the little folk present and was a delight to the grown-ups as well. Every one attending received a gift or token of some kind. Not a little tot was disappointed. The gifts were really worthwhile articles and liberal in number. Mr. Grooms, manager for the Key West Electric Company, was the head of the large family of employees who had gathered there for their regular Yuletide reunion and Christmas tree. He made a fatherly talk and was loudly applauded. He thanked the committee for the success of the tree and the labor so cheerfully rendered in making it beautiful as it really was.

At the meeting of city council last night a communication from Bascom L. Grooms, of the Key West Electric Company, was read, in which was asked that the city council issue revenue bonds to the electric company in the amount of \$30,000 at six percent in order that the city's indebtedness may be partly taken care of. Mr. Grooms explained to the council that the action was requested to offset the six percent which would have been paid by the company in borrowing money to finance the work of removing the tracks and other equipment of the company and paving the streets thereon, in accordance with a tentative agreement between the company and the city. There was no action taken on the matter.

Editorial comment: Key West welcomes the inauguration of another bus line to this city. We need more visitors and more residents and any means of obtaining them is to be appreciated.

Tommy Quinn, who meets Young Jackson in the main bout at the Athletic Club Christmas night, is motoring through the state from Tampa and should arrive here tomorrow afternoon. He is with Bobby Shultz and Pete Nebo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Warner, 1218 Seminary street, have returned from a month's automobile trip to several northern points. They went to Asheville, N. C., and from there to Pittsburgh, Pa., where they visited Mr. Warner's parents. Mrs. Warner says she saw the first snow and frost on this trip.

An alarm of fire turned in at 9 o'clock this morning called the department to a fire in the barber shop at the San Carlos theater, where it was found that a number of Christmas decorations were burning. The incipient blaze was extinguished without the use of the apparatus and damage was declared negligible.

Navy tug Alleghany and the Coast Guard Cutter Saukoe sailed last night for the Guanacababe on the Cuban coast. They had in tow the last of the equipment for the Hannibal and Nokomis survey party, which is at work off the Cuban coast.

A daughter was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Cruise 7 o'clock in their home, 1407 Albany street. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Today's Horoscope

Today promises ability for hard work and considerable success in life. The mind is a capable one and full of enterprise. Success will probably be ultimately attained, but the way may be rocky, though it may be made easier if attention be paid to the advice of friends. Self-confidence is a good thing, but can be carried to excess.

Wheat conference called for Jan. 10 in London to avert a dumping "war".

You've tried the rest NOW GET THE BEST! "Aunt Mollie's" Bread VALDES BAKERY

TODAY'S COMMON ERROR

Do not say, "From his standpoint the horse is the most intelligent animal"; say, "viewpoint" or "point of view".

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Can you answer seven of these test questions? Turn to Page 4 for the answers

1. What important southern Chinese city did the Japanese forces occupy without encountering Chinese resistance?
2. In which National Park are Mammoth Hot Springs?
3. Name the vice chairman of the U. S. Inter-governmental Committee on Political Refugees.
4. Name the vessel in which Henry Hudson discovered the river which bears his name.
5. What is the chemical name for "heavy water"?
6. In which city was the recent Pan-American Conference held?
7. From what plant is tapioca derived?
8. Does standing at an open window during a thunderstorm increase the danger of being struck by lightning?
9. What is the correct pronunciation of the word gala?
10. Name the state flower of Oklahoma.

Roosevelt advocates pay-as-you-go plan for defense, but warns against expecting new taxes.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MASTER'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master in Chancery, by virtue of the final decree of foreclosure entered in the certain cause pending in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Monroe County, in Chancery, being Case No. 7-56, wherein Kathryn E. Jones, a widow, is plaintiff, and Chase, Heil Plumbing Company, Inc., a Florida corporation, et al, are defendants, on Monday, January 2, 1929, between the hours of eleven o'clock, A. M., and two o'clock, P. M., at the front door of the County Court House in Key West, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry, to the best and highest bidder for cash, the following described real property in Monroe County, Florida, to wit:

Commencing at the present south switch point of Key Largo siding of the Florida East Coast Railway, measure southwesterly twelve thousand one hundred and eighty-eight (12,188) feet along a line parallel to and bearing North eighty-eight (88) degrees, thirty-five (35) minutes, twenty-four (24) minutes to the left to an iron bolt set in cement on the Easterly right of way line of said railway for a point of beginning, thence along the last named line produced bearing south eighty-eight (88) degrees, thirty-five (35) minutes, twenty-four (24) minutes to a new iron bolt set in cement on the Easterly right of way line of said railway, thence along a line bearing south thirty-five (35) degrees, fifty (50) minutes of way line of said Railway one thousand five hundred seventy-five (1,575) feet to the first named iron bolt, the place of beginning. Containing seventy and eleven hundredths (70.11) acres, more or less, together with all riparian rights and privileges, said property being located in Section 14, Township 61 South, Range 29 East, to satisfy said decree and all costs. LOUIS A. HARRIS, Special Master in Chancery. EVANS, MERSHON & SAWYER, First National Bank Building, Miami, Florida. Solicitors for Plaintiff. Dec-18-22-1938.

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REPORT REVEALS HOW TAX DODGERS FORCE UP LEVIES

FIGURES COMPILED SHOW ALSO THAT SITUATION ENCOURAGES LEVYING OF SALES TAX

(Special to The Citizen)
TAMPA, Dec. 22.—How tax dodgers in every county in Florida have forced up the levies on taxpayers and encouraged talk of sales taxes—the tax on the poor man's income—is revealed in official figures, Bulletin No. 60, now available without charge from Florida Taxpayers' Association, Robert L. Newman, executive secretary, said today.
Nearly 17 million acres, almost half the taxable acreage of the state, are now off tax rolls because of the refusal of big landowners to pay taxes, Mr. Newman pointed out, and this has forced taxpayers to bear an increasing burden of taxes for the last 10 years.
"The tax dodgers and tax shifters haven't been paying their share of school and governmental costs", Mr. Newman declared, "so taxpayers' burdens, for instance, have increased in Hillsborough county 34 percent, in Lee county 77 percent, in Marion county 45 percent, in Pinellas 36 percent, in Polk 28 percent, in Dade 23 percent, in Sarasota 55 percent, just to name a few increases shown in State Comptroller Lee's records.
"Now it is being proposed in some quarters", the secretary continued, "that all taxes be completely shifted to small salaried men and wage-earners through a general sales tax—the poor man's income tax—while the rich man's income is prohibited from taxation by the state constitution. We are unalterably opposed to this injustice.
"The sales tax has been thoroughly discredited in most states and in no state has any sales, transaction or similar tax been substituted for all other levies, because it won't raise enough revenue and it makes visitors and residents intensely annoyed with its silly tokens, and tin cup tax collectors.
"With tax dodgers so favored and tax shifters so thoroughly organized in 67 different groups, it is little wonder that the unorganized taxpayer is being made the goat—little wonder that we have short school terms, unpaid teachers, empty treasuries in state, county, city and school funds.
"The only revision needed in the state tax system is the establishment of fair and uniform assessments, full and firm collection of all just taxes, and the practice of economy and efficiency in state, county and municipal governments. That will reduce all taxes 40 percent and we will welcome the aid of all who want that result", Mr. Newman concluded.

WASHINGTON NOTES

EXTENSION AHEAD
Strong efforts will be made at the approaching session of Congress to extend the benefits of old-age insurance to 2,600,000 workers in banks, charitable and religious institutions and the maritime industry, and, eventually, to 6,000,000 farm and domestic laborers. Other extensions are certain to be proposed.

OVER-SUBSCRIBED
The Treasury's recent offering of two and three-fourths percent bonds was over-subscribed fourteen times, with an aggregate of \$5,732,000,000 in subscriptions. The one and one-eighth percent notes were over-subscribed twelve times, with an aggregate of \$3,646,000,000 offered for them.

BUDGET
The President's budget message to Congress, expected to be delivered on January 4th or 5th, will disclose for the first time the trend of government expenditures for the fiscal year beginning next July. It is not expected the total expenditures will exceed the \$9,000,000,000 budgeted for this year.
While national defense will take several hundred million dollars more than the \$1,060,000,000 allotted this year, improved business conditions are expected to make possible some curtailment of relief expenses. Thus, it is hoped, the deficit will not exceed the estimated \$4,000,000,000 for the current year.

Kettering tells monopoly inquiry need is new industries to care for idle men and money.

Today's Birthdays

Deems Taylor of New York, noted composer, born there, 53 years ago.

Opie Read of Chicago, famed oldtime journalist, publisher of the Arkansas Traveler, and author of songs and stories of the South, born at Nashville, Tenn., 86 years ago.

Gov. Frank F. Merriam of California, defeated in the November elections for reelection, born at Hopkinton, Iowa, 73 years ago.

Dr. Laurence L. Doggett, ex-president of the International Y.M.C.A. College, Springfield, Mass., born at Manchester, Iowa, 74 years ago.

Prof. Alexander Petrunkevitch of Yale, noted zoologist, born in Russia, 63 years ago.

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