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COMMENTS ON MEN AND THINGS
BY SPECTATOR

I spent several days in the Capital of the World. You do not have to ask where it is: it is Washington, to which all come from all parts of the world. They don't come because of our wisdom or learning or culture: they come for the money of the American taxpayer; America is the Santa Claus of all the world, the fabulous land of the plenty; the easygoing Nation which pours its billions into countries of the earth, hoping that they will use this money constructively for rebuilding their tangled and twisted lives into an orderly pattern of well-being.

While we are giving and lending we are wondering how long we can endure the strain. A reorganization of our government may save some money and promote good service. I once received two letters from the same Department about the same matter. One letter refused my request and the other said that there was no such matter in the files. That is comparatively simple: one might run around Washington for a week trying to find the right man for any given place of business. Until you locate the right man you will do better to stay at home and write to your Congressman.

The Hoover Committee on Reorganization of Executive Departments is an organization studying how to simplify the structure of the Government.

We have some queer ideas of what is known as Economics, formerly called "Political Economy," in the days of Adam Smith and John Stuart Mill. We have an idea that it is better to give a billion dollars to

Europe than it is to foster and promote prosperity here at home. So confused is the thinking over these questions that many students of government think we are acting unwisely; that we are weakening our own foundations, just as though a man should take bricks from the foundation of his house to prop up a neighbor's house. Two shaky, insecure houses might threaten to fall in, instead of one.

Perhaps it over simplifies the problem to say that a prosperous America will buy from the rest of the world; and that security here, meaning strong, enduring institutions of money and credit, will result in a large measure of prosperity abroad. But we don't do anything by simple processes; we even speak and write in involved phrases.

I remembered my first visit to Washington, in the glamorous days of Theodore Roosevelt, at the time when Mr. Bryan and Mr. Roosevelt were regarded by intellectuals as dangerous men. Both men today seem very mild and conservative. I was just a lad.

Sunday found me in old St. John's Episcopal Church, across the square from the White House. Many Presidents attended this church, including Franklin Roosevelt. But Theodore Roosevelt went by on foot, going to a Dutch Reformed Church.

I went back to St. John's after all the years.

Today the White House looks shabby and stark and lonely. I rode around in the city buses, paying thirteen cents.

That seems an odd figure for a bus fare—13 cents, with three tokens for 35c. I saw much of London from the buses. For two or three days I went to Piccadilly Circus and rode the buses here, there, and everywhere. Afterwards I visited the places of interest, the Tower of London, the Palaces, the Houses of Parliament—but I saw hundreds of miles of streets from the buses. Some of the rich and pampered people miss a lot by never riding a bus or sitting at a lunch counter. Too much prosperity deprives many people of many joyful experiences of us humble folk.

What was the Washington meeting called? Perhaps, as one man said, in order to have an occasion for offering to the press many many excellent studies or investigations into the structure and operation of our sprawling National Government.

The Hoover Committee meeting in Washington was attended by several hundred men and women from all parts of the Nation. Looking over the registration I note those from Massachusetts, New York, Virginia. Strangely enough, Massachusetts, New York and Virginia loomed large in the early days of our history, along with South Carolina and Pennsylvania. Virginia still stands like a rock for all the freedoms and liberties of the early days, the attitude of her Governor in the coal strike proving that the Old Dominion stands as a bulwark against tyranny, in whatever guise.

My tribute to those founding fathers does not close my eyes to the vigorous manhood now found in other States. Let's observe which of the other States had men on the ground: I see Nevada, the land covered with snow when the Spaniards first saw it. That is the meaning of the word Nevada. Tennessee was there, too, the land of Andrew Jackson, though old Hickory was born in South Carolina, on land once owned by my grand old friend, T. Yan-

cey Williams of Lancaster. Many from Washington, D. C., were there, naturally. Florida was represented, of course, as was Illinois and Maryland. From Maryland, we received some practical lessons in religious freedom. In many respects Pennsylvania and Maryland were outstanding in the cause of freedom for the individual. Thomas Jefferson was so far ahead of the world in his outlook that one hesitates to credit Virginia with all the teachings of that unique thinker. As a grandson of Virginia I am being notably liberal here. As a native of South Carolina, I do not forget the great contribution of my own people to the cause of freedom.

Well, Wyoming had folk there, New Jersey, too. Down on the list three of us South Carolinians appear—headed by our distinguished citizen, A. L. M. Wiggins, of Hartsville, a native of North Carolina, but long identified with business and public service in South Carolina. I haven't his permission to tell this, but the life of Mr. Wiggins is a success story in the best tradition—the climb, step-by-step over the years, in the great institutions founded by Major James L. Coker. Today Mr. Wiggins stands high in the Nation, in recognition of diligence in service, with mark of capability.

I used to wonder about Major Coker; he was already a towering figure in my boyhood. How did the Major begin? One could measure the achievements of Major Coker by looking about when arriving in Hartsville, as was said of Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral, London: "If you would see his monument, look about you"—or something like that.

I think I discovered the secret of Major Coker for myself: he studied under the great Louis Agassiz, the teacher whose pupils stood out in all parts of America for studious observance of details, along with broad grasp of the whole

problem. The career of Louis Agassiz should be an inspiration to all who teach: one never knows whether the pupil may be a budding genius like James L. Coker.

Minnesota had men there, those Westerners being more alive to dangers of dictatorship than we are, though the meeting was not called to consider the threat of dictatorship. Ohio sent some of her sons, as well as a daughter. Those Ohio citizens take their citizenship and politics very seriously. Pennsylvania, by all means, the people from Penn's woods, as the name means. The State containing Philadelphia should always be a leader. Colorado, the red-colored hills, and Arkansas, were there in the persons of sons. Iowa was represented. I've never been to Iowa, but I know one great citizen who came to manhood on a farm there. His great achievements and catholicity of spirit make me feel sure that "thar is gold in them thar hills," as some one is credited with saying of the gold regions.

Seeing by my badge that I came from South Carolina many spoke of James F. Byrnes. All seemed to admire Mr. Byrnes.

Wisconsin had people there; one of her ex-governors delivered an address full of information. Our Mr. Wiggins was at his best also and presented the Treasury from the inside in an illuminating address.

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WANT ADS

NOTICE — Positively no hunting or trespassing of any kind will be allowed on lands of the undersigned. We have cattle and hogs grazing on our lands and a hired man looking after same. If any one caught on these lands, white or black, will be prosecuted. If you don't know you had better find out. H. O. Long, B. O. Long, J. G. Long.

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Applications from contractors interested in bidding on this work not to exceed one set of drawings and specifications, together with payment of \$25.00 per set, should be filed promptly with the Architect, and the bidding material will be forwarded, shipping charges collect, as soon as available. Any bidder upon submitting a bona fide bid and returning such set promptly and in good condition, will be refunded his payment. Any sub-contractor or non-bidder, upon so returning such set will be refunded \$15.00.

Bids on this work will be opened by Newberry County Agricultural Building Commission in the Court Room at Court House, Newberry, South Carolina at 12:00 noon, January 24, 1950.

YOUNG M. BROWN,
Chairman,
NEWBERRY CO. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION,
Newberry, S. C. 4t

AUDITOR'S TAX NOTICE

I, or an authorized agent, will be at the following places on the date given below for the purpose of taking tax returns of all real estate and personal property. Persons owning property in more than one district will make returns for each district.

All able bodied male citizens between the ages of twenty-one and sixty are liable to \$1.00 poll tax. All persons between the ages of twenty-one and fifty outside of incorporated towns and cities are liable to pay commutation tax of \$1.00. All dogs are to be assessed at \$1.00 each.

WHITMIRE

City Hall, Tuesday, January 3, 1950. Aragon Baldwin Mill, Wednesday and Thursday, January 4 and 5, 1950.

G. M. & R. E. NEEL STORE
Friday, January 6, 1950, from 9 until 12.

SILVERSTREET
Friday, January 6, 1950, from 2 until 5.

CHAPPELLE
Monday, January 9, 1950.

HOLLINGSWORTH STORE
Tuesday, January 10, 1950, from 9 until 12.

KINARDS
Tuesday, January 10, 1950, from 2 until 5.

PROSPERITY
Friday, January 13, 1950.

ST. LUKES
Monday, January 16, 1950, from 9 until 12.

O'NEAL
Monday, January 16, 1950 from 2 until 5.

LITTLE MOUNTAIN
Tuesday, January 17, 1950.

PEAK
Thursday, January 19, 1950.

POMARIA
Friday, January 20, 1950.

JAMES HOMER CROOKS STORE
Monday, January 23, 1950, from 9 until 12.

A. E. & R. E. REESE STORE
Monday, January 23, 1950, from 2 until 5.

At Auditor's office to March 1st, after which a penalty of 10 per cent will be added.

PINCKNEY N. ABRAMS
Auditor Newberry County

Holiday Notice!

In Observance of
NEW YEARS DAY
we will be closed

Monday,
January 2, 1950

THE NEWBERRY FEDERAL SAVINGS and LOAN ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF Bank Holiday
The Undersigned Banks will be closed Monday, Jan. 2nd, in observance of NEW YEARS DAY

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Newberry

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Your patronage over the past year has been in gratifying volume and we want you to know that we appreciate it. Your confidence inspires us to greater effort to serve you even better in the coming year.

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