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Dollar Days Offer Bargains Galore

Today, Friday and Saturday are Dollar Days in Clinton with a large number of merchants participating in the special event. Today's issue of The Chronicle heralds forth the news with attractive store advertisements telling of this mammoth merchandising occasion, and of the attractive opportunities that will be offered.

The Dollar Days event is sponsored by the Merchants Association of the Chamber of Commerce, and beginning yesterday, will be given wide publicity. As a courtesy and convenience to the public, the city authorities are offering free parking—you can park where you desire and forget parking meters for three days, at least.

During the three days special emphasis will be placed on the dollar—America's monetary unit. The dollar has more value perhaps than at any other time of the year because all of the participating merchants will make unusual concessions by offering bargains galore at reduced prices. This will give the dollar extra buying power in Clinton.

Local merchants will offer merchandise at prices that are bonafide low, and exert special efforts by their sales forces to serve and please buyers. The objects are two-fold: First, the merchants aim to make new friends for their respective stores and convince the buying public that Clinton is a good place to trade; second, they desire to reduce stocks so they will have more room for forthcoming fall merchandise, giving the savings to the public.

The buyer is the gainer both ways. It has been some time since \$\$\$ Days have been staged here. Those who are participating are determined to make it a success by offering values that will appeal to the buying public.

To sum it up—all roads will lead to Clinton today, Friday and Saturday where the \$\$\$ is king. You are cordially invited to the city during the three days, regardless of where you reside. If you are smart and thrifty you will not overlook the opportunity to inspect the offerings set forth in this issue of The Chronicle. The latch-string is on the 'outside for Dollar Days. Come, join the crowds and take advantage of the savings to be had in Clinton for the next three days. You can't afford to stay away.

We Need to Wake-Up

The world is experiencing a great surge of governmentalism. Governmentalists are found working to destroy individual freedom. They operate under different labels, socialism, communism, collectivism, but their goal remains the same.

The most evident signs of it in the United States are efforts to nationalize basic industries about which the people should become aroused and loudly protest. Nationalization or government operation of industry eliminates the incentive to produce. Ultimately, it eliminates the right to protest, the right to worship, the right to private property, and so it goes all along the line. And then you have the final extremity of governmentalism—dictatorship, as we see it at work and dominating the lives of millions of helpless people. Call it what you want to, it makes little difference.

Governmentalists in the United States are making tremendous strides toward their goal. This country must have a change of heart, or else the individual is going to become the victim of government.

Thurmond Is Right

In a radio broadcast a few nights ago, Gov. J. Strom Thurmond said: "For years the administration of our workmen's compensation law has been a stench in the nostrils of the decent people of South Carolina."

That is a straight-from-the-shoulder accusation, and there is much evidence to substantiate his statement.

The governor discussed his blocked appointment of Miss Clayton to the commission by a long senate filibuster led by a few members of that body. Some of the leaders in that fight, it will be recalled, were prominent at the recent \$25-a-plate banquet in Columbia for Vice-President Barkley, and are recognized as staunch Olin Johnston supporters.

It is generally charged that exorbitant amounts have been allowed by the commission as attorneys' fees,

out of awards made to injured employees, to a select "few" lawyers. This has the appearance of a sort of racket. What the governor charges ought to arouse the people to demand that these conditions be corrected without delay. The fight on Miss Clayton was disgraceful and political. And because of the present operation of the law our state has the highest compensation insurance rates of any in the Southeast. It's time for a clean-up as Governor Thurmond charges.

A Voice From the Past

Mrs. Bolton, a congressman from Ohio, had inserted in The Congressional Record, some lines which she said were taken from a speech once delivered by Abraham Lincoln. Here they are:

1. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
2. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
3. You cannot help little men by tearing down big men.
4. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
5. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred.
6. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
7. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
8. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you can earn.
9. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.
10. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could do for themselves.

This was good advice back in the long ago, and just as good advice today—which should be heeded.

Kill the Excise Taxes

Senator George of Georgia, one of the ablest members of the senate, always says something sensible when he speaks. His recent proposal is for an all-out repeal of wartime excise taxes at this session of congress as a means of stimulating business and employment. The senator said that the special wartime taxes could be wiped out at once if President Truman and congress cooperate. What the distinguished senator now urges The Chronicle has long advocated.

There should be an outright repeal of all the special wartime excise taxes on the sales of certain goods and services. They were set up by congress as a war emergency measure to raise revenue, to reduce the purchase of certain goods under inflationary conditions, and to cut down travel during the war period to afford additional facilities for the moving of the armed forces. The war has been over more than four years, but most of the Washington crowd hasn't found it out yet. His repeal proposal would not cover the permanent federal taxes on such products as cigarettes, tobaccos and liquors. The tax on the latter should be made still higher.

A fine orphan lad worked hard the past few weeks to earn money with which to make a visit to his sister in a distant state. When he purchased his railroad ticket it cost more than he expected. Upon inquiry, he found that he had to pay for a reservation, and that the cost of the ticket included a fifteen per cent travel tax, which he could not understand. He said, that doesn't seem right, and he was right. This travel tax applies to all trains, plane and bus tickets sold in this country. It was purely a war measure, and its purpose, at least in part, was to discourage travel at that time. Sentiment for its repeal is spreading rapidly, for the people know there is no emergency, and that the sole purpose of this tax now is to raise revenue for the Washington spenders to spend. It is just another tax saddled upon the people. We often have new ones added, we never hear of one being removed. But they say, this tax produces about \$250,000,000 a year and the treasury can ill spare such a sum. It can if it will cut down on its spending and wasting. If the tax is repealed the result will be increased travel and this would increase all sorts of business and hence increase the tax revenue that business produces. Transportation is not a luxury in the United States and taxing it as a luxury is out of line.

The bulk of travel on the commercial land and air systems is for business, health and recreation. This is a big country and people need to get around. Vacations will do every individual good. Restrictions and tax-

es needed in wartime in the interest of the public, have no place in peacetime.

Worst of all, the tax is inequitable. Tickets can be bought in Canada for use within the United States and the tax is not levied. Canadian ticket sales have, as a consequence, boomed. Ticket sales in our country are falling off. Its high time we got rid of this sore spot.

We hope Senator George can rally sufficient support to carry through his repeal measure of excise taxes. There should be no piecemeal removal. When congress imposed these wartime levies it promised "to take all of them off six months after the end of the war." Congressmen and senators are great on "promises," so is President Truman.

Summary of North Atlantic Treaty

Washington, July 23—The North Atlantic security treaty, as ratified in a preamble and 14 articles, says:

Preamble—The 12 nations reaffirm their faith in the United Nations are determined to safeguard their freedom and democracy; seek to promote stability and well-being in the area, and will unite for defense and peace. Therefore:

1. They will undertake to settle international disputes by peaceful means and refrain from force in any way inconsistent with the purposes of United Nations.
2. They will strengthen their free institutions by bringing about a better understanding of the principles on which they are founded and by promoting stability and well-being. They will encourage economic collaboration among themselves.
3. They "separately and jointly, by means of continuous and effective self help and mutual aid, will maintain and develop their individual and collective capacity to resist armed attack."
4. They will consult together when any one of the nations feels that the "territorial integrity, political independence or security of any" of them

is threatened.

5. "An armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all; and consequently they agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of them, in existence of the right of individual or collective self defense" will assist those attacked "by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other parties, such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security" of the area.

These measures shall be stopped when the security council takes steps necessary to restore peace and security.

6. "For the purpose of Article 5 an armed attack on one or more of the parties is deemed to include an armed attack on the territory of any of the parties in Europe or North America, on the Algerian departments of France, on the occupation forces of any party in Europe, on the islands under the jurisdiction of any party in the North Atlantic area

north of the Tropic of Cancer or on the vessels or aircraft in this area of any of the parties."

7. The treaty does not affect rights and obligations of signers as members of the United Nations, or "the primary responsibility of the Security Council" to maintain peace and security.

8. No other international engagement of any of the 12 nations is in conflict with the treaty.

9. A council is set up, with each of the 12 nations represented, to consider ways of backing up the treaty. It shall be ready to meet at any time. The council shall set up a defense committee to recommend measures to carry out Articles 3 and 5.

10. By unanimous agreement, any other European state in a position to further the treaty's principles and add to the area's security may be invited to join.

13. Any nation can quit on a year's notice after 20 years.

14. The original drafts, in English and French, are to be deposited in the United States archives.

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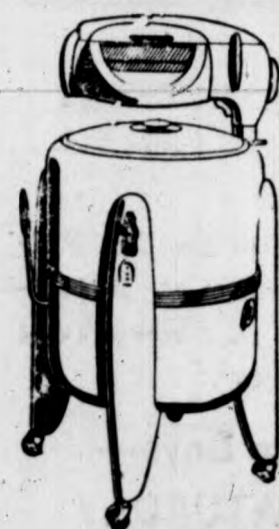
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