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POLITICAL CLUBS

Congressman James M. Beck, of Pennsylvania, spoke in a recent address of how formerly the men joined political clubs very generally. He thought there must once have been 10,000 of such clubs in this country, but now he doubted if there are 1,000. He noted that the men are more interested in baseball and golf, and many will not take the time to vote.

These political clubs were once a great power. The men enjoyed getting together with those of their own point of view, and hearing good talk on politics. Political argument was a favorite indoor sport. The men all had their views which they liked to express. The rooms of these organizations were centers of influence that vastly affected the life of the country.

There the young men gathered to learn the precepts of their political faith. They formed marching battalions, and for weeks previous to a presidential election the floor would resound with the thud-thud of their martial tramp. They became very enthusiastic for their political convictions, and would do a lot of work without pay to put over a favorite candidate.

The people now are interested in politics up to a certain extent. They realize that if conditions go all wrong, it will hurt them in many ways. So if politics gets too bad, they rise up and smite the offenders a mighty wallop, which is useful. But if things go along just "fair to middlin,'" they are much more excited about sports or business.

It would do a world of good here in Maryland and the country generally, if again we could have those 10,000 political clubs. The young men can't be persuaded to join such organizations by telling them they ought to. But some day they will discover that time spent in working for good government brings big dividends of community improvement.

THE EXCHANGE OF FAVORS

It is a good general principle, that if a person receives favors from someone, some effort should be made to return the same. People can not expect to go through life always receiving things, and never giving them out.

These remarks apply considerably to certain questions of community life, particularly as to our home business. As citizens and residents, all of us are getting many benefits from the persons and concerns engaged in retail trade in Westminster. They have made large investments of capital to build up a fine retail trading center. They are giving the public untiring service in the effort to

AMERICA'S LEISURE

"The American people have more leisure than ever before, and what to do with it is probably the most important question in America to-day," according to L. R. Alderman, a specialist of the U. S. Board of Education.

Hours of labor have been considerably reduced since the World war. Many people have more spare time than formerly. The industrious old timers of Westminster would have said that it should be put into thrifty work. If they had had any such new leisure, you would have seen most of it spent in their gardens or on household jobs of various kinds.

And the lazy crowd of some years ago, would simply have taken it out in loafing at the curbstones and idling places.

The modern world finds life too interesting to loaf around much on curbstones. But it will not work every spare minute the same as the old timers did.

Instead it sees no end of sports and pastimes to be enjoyed. There are the ball games, tennis, motoring, the movies, etc, etc. There are plenty of things to do, and the modern world is out for a good time.

All these healthful sports do us good, if not overdone, but they should not take all of that leisure time. Taking it all for pleasure is about like spending all our income. Some day some new need comes up and we have not provided for it.

Just as the man without any savings is stumped when some new need comes for money, so the person who has never put any time into self improvement is up against it, when some demand calling for greater intelligence comes to him. If he does not take a regular fraction of his leisure for quiet reading and acquiring intelligence, he will some day be like the man without a bank account.

KNOWING YOUR OWN STATE

Ohio has just celebrated a "Know Ohio Week." The same idea has been promoted elsewhere. The governor of Ohio said that to know one's own state is patriotic duty. It would make for better citizenship.

A great many people will spend thousands of dollars and cover distances in foreign countries, when they have no conception of the things their own state is doing in the world. Many of us here in Maryland have travelled far and wide up and down the world, and we know more about Europe than we do about our own commonwealth.

Many of us have never seen charming beauty spots and natural wonders in our own state which are worth attention from people all over the world. They do not know what our industrial captains and our community workers have done in the business and civic fields.

We need more civic enthusiasm in most of our cities and towns. The way to get it is to make people familiar with what has been done in the past in these communities. When they see fine institutions, great humanitarian achievement, successful industries, expanding business, they begin to realize what a wonderful commonwealth they have.

The idea comes to them that some-

PASSING EXAMINATIONS

Many thousands of students in schools and colleges now face the problem of final examinations for the school year. Many of them are worrying a lot about this ordeal. Commonly those who are worrying will be all right. Their anxiety has led them to do some real work, which is all that is required. Examination papers are not usually too hard. They simply are aimed to distinguish the students who have worked, from those who have not.

The students who are not worrying are usually the ones who are in danger of flunking. A great many of them act as if they did not care whether they passed or not.

Their minds are absorbed by their athletics, their dances, their fun and good times. Their motto is "We should worry." The parents of such students here in Westminster should talk to them in a serious way, and try to make them understand that failure in school has very unfortunate results.

In preparing for examinations, many students will dawdle along through a good part of a term, and then expect in a few days of feverish cramming to make up for the neglect of weeks. That kind of thing is not apt to be successful. Of course students who have a quick readiness to learn and a good memory, can often pick up a lot in a short time, and possibly squeeze through.

But where they fall down is in a thorough comprehension of their subject. They may know a lot of facts, but the underlying principles can not be thus grasped. Examinations always certain many questions to test the general conception of a subject more than the memory for facts, and on these the quick crammers fall down. The faithful student may not be very quick, but he usually passes all the exams he gets up against.

THE ZONING IDEA

President Coolidge in a recent address, remarked on the value of the zoning plan, by which many communities divide their territory into districts, and keep each kind of building in the district where it belongs.

A person who buys or builds a nice home in a good neighborhood, wants to see the neighborhood kept about as it is. It frequently happens that after one has made such a purchase, some undesirable development occurs close by, which lowers the value of the property. A great many people have lost a large part of their savings in that way.

This is unfair to property owners and investors, and in buying homes, people often ask now if anything has been done about zoning, so that an investment in a home will be protected. When certain sections are laid out for business and industry, and certain ones for residence, people are encouraged to establish themselves permanently.

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vs.

American Sentinel Company of Westminster, Maryland, Defendant.

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U. of M. Will Hold Joint Graduation

Will Eclipse Any Such Celebration Ever Given In The State Of Maryland

For the first time in the history of the University of Maryland graduates of both the Baltimore branch and the College Park branch will hold a joint graduation in Baltimore, June 2, at 3 o'clock. Exercises will take place in the Fifth Regiment Armory and undoubtedly will eclipse any such ceremony ever given in the State of Maryland.

Rep. Theodore E. Burton, former United States Senator from Ohio will give the general Commencement Address, and Governor Albert C. Ritchie will make a short address. The joint graduating class will be made up of approximately 175 from College Park and 250 from Baltimore.

"While it has always been the custom for these two branches of the University to hold separate commencements," says Dr. R. A. Pearson, President of the University, "this year we will give all the degrees at one time and it should be a great occasion for the University and a notable event for the State."

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