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A Tutti I Lettori Il Gladiatore

AUGURA

Un Felice E Prospero 1934.

L'EDITORE.

Solenne Festa, Domenica 7 Gennaio, Nella Chiesa Italiana di East Thomas, per San Caloggero

Il Chairman, Sam Pilato, per la festa di San Caloggero che avrà luogo Domenica sette Gennaio nella chiesa Cattolica Italiana, di East Thomas, ci riferisce che il comitato sta facendo delle grandi preparative per riuscita di questa festa quest'anno. La cerimonia, in chiesa, la mattina sarà aperta con una messa cantata, la chiesa sarà decorata per l'occasione, sotto la direzione dell'affabile Padre J. B. Canapa. Il servizio musicale sarà eseguito dalla Banda Italiana, diretta dal ben noto e abile Prof. Sam Gagliano, che suonerà alcune pezzi scelti. Tutti i fedeli sono cortesemente invitati d'intervenire, in questa festa solenne, il comitato è composto dai seguenti Signori. Sam Pilato, Chairman, Joe Schilaci, Vice-Chairman, Onofrio Latona, Segretario, Salvatore DiPiazza, Tesorieri.

G. Biviano, G. Santoro, V. Rosato, A. Oddo, D. Muscolino, Sam Monte, L. Ragusa, S. Co-

rona, V. Magra, F. Trippi, P. Ragusa, R. Galiano, G. Alessandro, S. Montebano, e G. Alfano.

Il Gladiatore augura che una splendida giornata sia accordata per l'occasione e che tutti i fedeli parteciperanno in grande massa.



I VINCITORI DELLE GARE DI CULTURA RELIGIOSA

ROMA—Nei giorni 4 e 5 Novembre sono convenuti a Roma i vincitori delle gare di cultura indette tra i giovani d'Azione Cattolica. Erano rappresentate tutte le diocesi d'Italia con il gruppo di vincitori delle gare regionali.

Ai corsi, quest'anno, parteciparono 77,222 effettivi e 80,099 aspiranti, in tutto 157,310 soci, ed alle gare diocesane 54,136 effettivi e 62,919 aspiranti, con un totale di 117,019.

Il S. Padre nel ricevere i rappresentanti delle federazioni si compiacque del lavoro compiuto incitandoli a sempre progredire nello studio della dottrina Cristiana e di vivere come tali.

ITALO BALBO ONORATO NELLA CITTA' NATIVA

Da Roma.—Nel giorno della commemorazione dei martiri Ferraresi, per la causa fascista, e che ha preso posto nel Castello Estense, e alla presenza di autorità locali e di Stato, il rinomato navigatore dell'aria Ammiraglio Italo Balbo, fu solennemente presentato col bastone di Mareshallo dell'aria.

L'accermonia ebbe luogo al teatro Verdi e intervennero tutte le autorità maggiori del regno come pure una immensa folla di cittadini.

NEW YEARS PARTY GIVEN

A ney year eve party was given by the junior order of the Sons of Italy at the Woodmen of the World Hall in North Birmingham.

Games were enjoyed by all present and prizes and gifts were distributed. A very enthusiastic talk was made by Mr. Charles Varagona newly elected Vice-President of the organization in which he said that every Italian youth in the City should become a member of the Order.

At the conclusion of the program, music and dancing were enjoyed by members of the organization and their guest.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At a recent meeting of the Junior Order of the Sons of Italy of Birmingham, the following officers were elected to serve for the next year. Jimmie Musso, President, Charles Varagona, Vice-President, Rosa Giangrosso, Recording Secretary, Rosa Lee Lombardo, Treasurer, Christopher Tortorici, Sergeant at Arms.

This organization was formed only a short time ago but it has increased immensely in membership.

This organization holds as its object, the creation of a spirit of friendship among its members, who are Italians of the City, and to promote the culture and entertainment of its members.

The Italian youth of Birmingham are cordially invited to become members.

INTERNATIONAL

Jan. 3—Japanese troops seized Chinese city of Shanhaikwan after bombing it from the air.

Jan. 10—Japanese captured chiu-menkow pass and advanced into Jehol province.

Jan. 15—Pope Pius proclaimed a holy year of prayer, penance and pilgrimages.

Jan. 21—League of Nations committee of 19 gave up hope of Sino-Japanese conciliation.

Bolivians defeated by Paraguayans in bloody battle in the Chaco.

Jan. 24—Colombia appealed to signatories of Kellogg pact and Peru to the League of Nations in their dispute over Leticia.

Jan. 25—Secretary of State Stimson invoked the Kellogg pact against Peru in the dispute with Colombia.

Notizie Diverse

Samuel Insull

ATENE-Grecia—Samuele Insull, a causa della di lui malattia il Governo Greco gli ha accordato un'altro mese di residenza in Grecia.

Americano in Spionaggio

PARIGI-Francia—Il piazzista americano Robert Switz e la di lui moglie sono stati arrestati per spionaggio, contro la Francia.

Fiorello La Guardia

NEW YORK—Il Sindaco di New York, Fiorello La Guardia, annuncia di aver appunto come capo della Polizia, il Generale John F. O. Rian, e a capo dei pompieri il signor John J. McElliot.

Al Capone

ATLANTA-Georgia — L'appello, sulla decisione data dal giudice signor Underwood contro l'applicazione fatta dagli avvocati, i quali rappresentano Capone, per habea corpus, e' stato assegnato d'aver luogo nella corte Federale di New Orleans, La.

Vermuth D'onore

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Un vermuth d'onore e' stato offerto da diversi delegati di Societa' Italiane in New Orleans, a capo dei quali si trovava il signor Avvocato Augusto C. Miceli, al Console Italiano Cav. Uff. Gallina nell'occasione del di lui ritorno dall'Italia ed altri parti d'Europa.

SORRISI DI CULLA

Un bel Vispo e Roseo Bambino ha rallegrato la famiglia del Signor Antonino Campisi, 811 17th St., Ensley, Alabama.

Il giorno 2 dell'anno nuovo.

Il piu dolce e caro regalo che la moglie pote' regalargli per il 1934. Madre e' Bambino stanno bene.

CARMELO PORTERA



Giovedì scorso la morte inesorabile rapì all'affetto dei suoi cari, il molto conosciuto e stimato nostro connazionale Carmelo Portera, lasciando nel piu' profondo dolore i suoi cari figli. Il signor Carmelo Portera naque e Cefalu', lascio' la sua nativa Citta' non appena i 22 anni d'eta', recandosi nel S. America, dopo pochi anni ritornando dinuovo a Cefalu' emigrò con la sua famiglia negli Stati Uniti, fermandosi per alcuni anni al Colorado, dopo si stabilì in Alabama, per 35 anni residente in questa Citta' acquisto' la stima e l'affetto di chi lo conobbe.

Era membro della Societa' Italiana Principe Umberto di Savoia e attivo membro della Holy Name Society, di cui fu membro solerte ed amato e che per lungo tempo l'ebbe nel seno come figlio diletto. Con le bonta' dell'animo suo egli seppe cattivarsi l'affetto e la stima di tutti i suoi confratelli, e se non ebbe il campo di distinguersi altrimenti, per virtù domestiche e sociali egli fu certamente d'esempio a quanti o-

ra ne piangono l'amarissima perdita.

Il defunto lascia nel dolore i suoi otto figli, Joe, Charley, Antony, e Sam. La figlia Rosa DiGiorgio, Giuseppina Castiglia, Concettina Portera, e Teresa Portera, e quattro fratelli, e una sorella.

I funerali ebbero luogo Sabato mattina, con la partecipazione d'un'immensa folla, al Cimitero il presidente della Societa' Principe Umberto di Savoia. Signor Giuseppe Liberto, fece un commovente discorso, e diede l'ultimo addio al defunto nel nome della Societa'. Il Gladiatore si unisce ai suoi cari figli con dolore per la grande perdita, e che una prece del pianto si sollevi intensa al Cielo per l'anima sua.

LA MORTE DI FILIPPO ALOSI

Domenica mattina cessava di vivere dopo una lunga malattia e tanto soffrire, il signore Filippo Alosi, uno dei primi Italiani venuti in questa citta'. Il defunto era molto conosciuto fra l'ambiente commerciale, essendo sempre stato un neoziente primario di questo paese. La sua morte lascia nel profondo dolore la desolata Vedova e tre figli, Teresa, Vincenza, e Rosario, e un grande numero di parenti e amici. I funerali ebbero luogo materdi mattina dalla Chiesa Cattolica di San Paolo, sotto la direzione della benemerita Societa' U. S. P. P. dove lui fu membro Fondatore.

Alla di lui cara famiglia vadano "Il Gladiatore" sincere condogianze.

Con Piacere riceviamo che l'Illustre Console Italiano Cavaliere Ufficiale signor G. Gallina, e' ritornato dalla di lui vacanza ed e' una volta ancora alla di lui sede in New Orleans, La.

Benvenuto Illustre Console L'Amministrazione.

IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO ASSUME I MINISTERI DELLA MARINA E AREUNATICA

ROMA—Con decreti in corso di registrazione, S. M. il Re ha accettato le dimissioni di S. E. l'Ammiraglio della Marina e di S. E. Italo Balbo, Mareshallo dell'aria e Ministro dell'Areunatica.

Sono state, pure, accettate, le dimissioni presentate dai sottosegretarii Russo per la Marina e diccardi per l'Areunatica Con decreti di pari data, S. M. il Re ha riaffidati i due Ministeri sopradetti, al Capo del Governo Benito Mussolini. Sottosegretarii sono stati nominati, per l'aria Generale Valle e per la Marina, Ammiraglio Cavagnari.

S. E. Mareshallo Balbo e' stato nominato Governatore della Libia al posto del Mareshallo d'Italia Badoglio, il quale compira' in pochi giorni, il cinquesimo anno in Libia.

S. E. Siriani assumerà la presidenza e direzione della "Cogne." Ai dimessi Ministri, sono giunte cordiali lettere autografiche dal Capo del Governo.

PRONOSTICI PER IL PROSSIMO CONGRESSO

E' opinione generale in questi circoli politici che la prossima Sessione del Congresso, sarà una delle piu' rumorose e laboriose che la storia parlamentare degli Stati Uniti ricordi. Ma lo speaker Rainey, contrariamente a questa opinione, ritiene che essa, se proprio non passera' liscia come l'olio, fornira' pochissimo e non duraturo eccitamento.

Ed egli poggia questa sua credenza sul fatto che il programma di riabilitazione instaurato dal Presidente Roosevelt in tutti i campi dell'attivita' Nazionale si va svolgendo in modo progressivo e continuo, epperò e' quasi impossibile aspettarsi una seria opposizione.

IL MUSEO DI NEW YORK ACCETTA UN DONO DA LINDERBURGH

Da New York.—Il presidente del Museo storia naturale, signor F. Trubee Davison, annunzia che il Col. Charles Linderburgh ha donato al museo sopradetto, il di lui aeroplano e che con la di lui consorte si sono recati al detto museo per stabilire il locale e la posizione esatta dove stabilire il detto dono.

Davison ha ringraziato il Colonello e disse che questo regalo e un importante simbolo della storia di navigazione.

G. MORMINO NOMINATO SENATORE

Il signor Joe Ferlisi, uno dei nostri vecchi abbonati e ben conosciuto fra la nostra comunita', ricevette da Suter una lettera, informandolo che il signor G. Mormino fu nominato da S. M. il Re, Senatore del Regno e da S. E. Mussolini, Capo del Cabbinetto dell'interno.

Il signor Mormino per molti anni ha mantenuto diverse cariche importanti di Stato, lui era Sotto Tenente D'Artiglieria, Prefetto di Reggio Calabria, e ultimamente Prefetto di Genova a qual posto ricevette le nomine sopradette.

Il signor Mormino nacque in Suter Provincia di Caltanissetta nel 1888.

PRETE AVVELENATO

Da Roma.—Il Reverendo Stanislao Boni, parroco nella Chiesa del villaggio, Fabbri di Montefalco, durante l'esercizio della messa e precisamente dopo aver bevuto dal calice, l'usuale vino, cadde a suolo e dopo aver dichiarato di essere stato avvelenato moriva all'istante.

Il calice fu esaminato ed e' stato accertato che il vino era stato avvelenato per mezzo di medicinale, il nome del quale non rammentiamo.

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EDITORIAL

The so much advertised discussed and criticized money inflation seems to have come to a momentary rest. A temporary halt has occurred in the advance of the price of gold. This, it is said, is due to the administration not wanting anything disturbing to happen that could have prejudiced the recent sale of government bonds.

But even if the purchasing of gold continues, even if its price will be considerably increased and the collateral of gold covering our dollar bill reduced to one-half or one-fourth of the present legal or accepted basis, there should be no plausible reason to fear a lower purchasing power of our money.

The mere issuance of lots of money is of secondary importance. The rate of gold that our money may have cannot be considered as absolutely necessary to establish the soundness of the dollar. As Edison stated once, it is the money that gives value to gold and not the gold to money. Silver lost its high value the day it was replaced by gold for our monetary system. Let the U. S. or any other country get hold of all that there is in the world and gold will no longer be considered as money, will have no effect on the soundness of paper money, will depreciate in value and become a metal like any other.

The real collateral for any money, what constitutes its soundness, is the natural resources of the country and the ability of the people to work and produce.

In theory we have money inflation right now, but practically it does not exist until we get to the point where we would prefer nearly anything else rather than the money we have now in our pocket. Until we believe that our money is good there will be no such thing as inflation or fear of government bankruptcy.

France, Italy, as well as nearly all other continental European countries, resorted to currency inflation of the most unrestricted kind since the World War. Billions in paper money, worth, in its relation to gold, hardly the cost of the paper used, were issued and put in circulation. Their money was depreciated to one-fourth and even less of the exchange parity of prewar and they had not one-hundredth of the resources of our country. Despite this, none of these countries went bankrupt, on the contrary, some of them, like France and Italy, made good and actually prospered.

Short or long term government bonds, any form of bond that the government is issuing and owes are logically representing a form of monetary inflation. Not one penny of them are covered by gold and their soundness depends entirely on the ability of the people to pay them when due, through taxations or other loans.

A well-known Chicago business man and financier very recently stated that "the feeling is becoming general that we are more than likely to have the variety of inflation which comes from too much spending . . . the large amount of money which is distributed to farmers in the way of bonuses, as well as large expenditures which are being made for public works, civil administrations, etc., will find its way back again through manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers as the money is being spent. This in turn will stimulate all channels of trade . . . We may therefore look forward to improved business for the next six to eight months."

—ITALIA MODERNA

Most Beautiful Twins in England



FAMED as the most beautiful twin sisters in Anglo-American society, the Viscountess Furness (left) and Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt provide a striking camera study in this silhouette pose. The viscountess is the former Thelma Morgan and her sister is the former Gloria Morgan. They are the daughters of Harry Hays Morgan, former United States consul general at Buenos Aires.

NOTES

ON THE TREND OF TIME

By FRANCESCO MAURO

TAXES

At this time, when budgets and tax rates are being adopted by the various governments, national, state, and municipal, it behooves to stop and consider what taxes mean to the citizens and what is their relation to the preventive budget, that is the plan of proposed expenditures for the next fiscal year.

Let us begin by considering for a moment how a budget is prepared. I am going to keep on generalities, inasmuch as the actual way of compiling the budget varies so much and for so many reasons, good and bad, that it is not desirable to enter into details at this time.

It is sufficient to state that a preventive budget includes two main classes of expenditures: Those fixed by law, that is, an existing law made either by the same body that is compiling, or approving, the budget or by a superior authority. In the case of a city budget the legislative body may be either the City Council, the County Commission, the State Legislature, or even the State Constitution enacted by the people at large. Whatever the manner of enacting these laws they establish the character and, often, the exact amount of certain expenditures, which are to be met by the particular government under consideration.

Another group of expenditures is not so controlled and the body compiling the budget is free to exercise its judgement as to the service that is to be rendered to the community. Once this is determined the amount to be expended for such a purpose.

Once the budget is so prepared, even in a tentative way, and often this is the only way we can go about it, it will determine the total amount of money which the citizens have to pay to the government, naturally, after deducting the amount of revenue coming from any other source whatsoever other than taxes. If we have a previous consumptive budget to go by, we can, by comparing the figures of the one with the corresponding ones in the other, have a primary idea as to, first, the sufficiency of the funds to be expended in the ensuing year; second, the availability of the funds necessary to meet the proposed expenditures.

The above is sufficient to guide us in our reasoning as to what taxes actually are. I am going to show that taxes, instead of a burden, are a relief to each and every member of the community. This also in the case that some expenditures may be justly classified as unnecessary or even extravagant and, I will say, this applies even in the case that a certain percentage of the funds collected and paid in the form of taxes are improperly spent. This is such a delicate subject that, I believe, it is not wise to define these deficiencies of human nature in a clearer or more pointed way. The wise citizen will make his own study and conclusion and he will exercise his right of control of the government at election time.

Taxes come, in general, in three main divisions: 1)—Real Estate taxes; 2)—Personal Taxes; 3) Privilege Taxes.

Real Estate taxes are proportional, I should say, fixed by the value and expense of real estate holdings of each tax payer. It appears that there should not be any reason for uncertainty as to the exact amount of taxes the citizen, or holder, if not a citizen or resident, should pay. Provided that a just and reasonable way could be found and followed in allotting the part of the total expenditure to be covered by Real Estate taxes. A number of theories have been advanced for the purpose of determining the share of the total community expenses which should be imposed on real estate, but of this it is not necessary to speak now.

Unfortunately however, the determining of the value of real estate, for purpose of taxation, is not an science and it is subject to all the ills of human nature. Principally; the incompetence of the assessors and the desire of the tax payer himself to reduce to a minimum the amount of taxes he must pay. It is readily seen that in both cases the citizen has nobody else to blame but himself for any unequitable assessment. Again he should work diligently and vote intelligently during the election campaign and on election day. And if necessary he should accept for himself his share of work and responsibility in preparing both laws and budget.

Personal Taxes are paid by the individuals in various forms and have always a certain relation to their

total income on one side and to the amount of benefit which the tax payer receives from the government's expenditures. The Income tax is perhaps the most equitable of the taxes of this type, inasmuch as it is regulated in proportion, I should say in relation, to the total income of the taxpayer and can be regulated and the rate varied with the ability of the tax payer to pay, that is, his capacity of contributing to the total expenditure of the community. The fact that such a tax is not used at this time in the City of Birmingham does not affect our reasoning on this subject.

Privilege Taxes are all those taxes which are imposed in relation to a special privilege the government gives to the tax payer and include all license taxes for any purpose whatsoever and may include such a thing as the water tax and, if gas and electricity are dispensed by the City, would also include such a tax by the payment of which the tax payer acquires the right to use the gas and electricity which the City supply; include also the mailing privilege, the tax for which, is paid to the Government, either by affixing stamps on the pieces to be mailed, or otherwise paying for the privilege of having our mail handled by the Post Office Organization.

I wanted to enter into these details because thus I have the opportunity of discussing what taxes really are in a modern democratic organization of the national, state and city governments. I will discuss this in another article.

ROMAN

Around

By PHIL CAPRA

Straight from the shoulder—I find that trying to write a column on the morning, or thereabouts, after the night the night before, is like eating raw peauts to get rid of indigestion. It can't be done. With the new year still in three cornered pants, and a world of seasonal material to write about—resolutions, 1933 in review, prophecies for the new year, etc. etc., ad nauseum—I find myself without any inclination whatsoever to dwell on those hackneyed subjects.

About resolutions, what are they but idle gestures that rarely ever materialize except in a conversational sense. As for the year gone by, the march of events has been pretty well covered by writers of note. Besides who cares about history? The new year? Well, we have a brain trust in Washington to take care of that end. So why bother? As the little girl from Woodlawn would say, "Piffle, piffle, think nothin' of it." R. A. will concern himself only with who's who and what they are up to.

Christmas gifts among the sweethearts on parade:—Chas Casinelli gives Rosemary Caravella a white fur jacket, to keep warm when he's not around . . . Joe Pilato to Rose Pickard; a dinner ring. Wonder what comes next? . . . Joe Cherry to Marguerite Romeo—a wrist watch . . . Sandino Schilleci to Esther Nelson—a beautiful cedar chest. Here's hoping . . . Sam Gagliano to Rosalie Caravella—a diamond bracelet . . . Sam Oddo to Angelina Varragona—an evening bag . . . Chas Daccardi to Dora Sabatini—a fox fur choker . . . Joe Scotch to Louise Farnetti—a dinner ring.

Now that's what I call playing Santa Claus in a big way.

Roman around . . . At the Joyettes dance recently, Joe Monte was seen in a corner drinking orange ade—as a chaser. Another Foremost product, the orange ade I mean . . .

Also Maggie Cherry as flaming youth personified. Wonder why it is that everybody turns around to look at a girl in a red dress . . . What is this strange power that Tony Brandino has over the fair sex? Careful, ole man, they say that Caroline Fiorella and Rita Rietta are laying a trap for you . . . And there's Charlie Bruno. To him Sarah Alfano is the one and only, so it seems . . . These De-John girls must be night owls. New Year's morning (4:00 A. M.) finds Fannie, Jo, and Catherine in Thompsons partaking of a bite to eat . . . Looks like Catherine is interested in banking, or is it the banker? . . . Philip Lombardo, formerly a teetotaler, breaks all precedent and starts the year off right by taking a drink. Now that's what I call news.

Coming events: Southern Democrats are giving a dance. Time: January 9, Place: Dante Club.

Queen Helen Society will throw a big party at the Mile Home, Monday evening, January 8. All members and their families are invited. Besides a dance, they will serve ice cream and cake.

RIPORTO FINANZIARIO, FESTA COLOMBO, OTTOBRE 1933.

Ricevuti	
Grande Loggia O. F. D'I.	\$50.00
Societa' Vitt. Em.	25.00
Unione e Fratell.	25.00
Umberto di Savoia	25.00
Principe Umberto	25.00
Mary Bondi	20.80
Lielli Falletta	14.40
Mary Giglio	3.60
Paolina Longo	11.80
Vincenzina Paolina	33.70
Francesca Mazzara	7.70
B. Petruzzella (Ballo)	24.00
Jack Guercio (Dinner)	9.00
Lillie Falletta (Riffa)	2.00
Programma	122.00
TOTAL \$398.10	

Spese	
O. Baldone Orchestra	\$25.00
Orchestra (a corde)	10.00
Bald, Petruzzella	28.00
Carbone	2.00
Nero per lavare piatti	1.50
Police	5.00
Messa Cantata	15.00
25 Yards Matri	2.50
Paper Napkins	.50
Programma	96.00
Biglietti Stampati	21.35
Segretario Barranco	1.35
Mrs. Mary Falletta	1.50
Mr. Agrisano (Decoration)	15.00
George Levy, gioielleria	45.00
Per tovaglio, perduto	2.73
O. Baldone, Musica	45.00
Francobolli	.95
Park	60.00
TOTAL \$378.88	

Returned to Figli D'Italia	20.00
\$3.98.88	

Da Collettare	
Societa' Regina Elena	\$25.00
Onofrio Schillaci Prog.	41.00
Privileggio (Park) Scil.	25.00
Da Mrs. Paolina Longo, Riffa	1.50
Baldassera Petruzzella	1.00

TOTAL \$93.50
—Frank Mazzara, Chairman.



Commissioner Lewey Robinson

Happy and Prosperous
New Year
To All My Italian Friends.

The BUILDERS of AMERICA

By A. PUCCIARELLI

Chapter XII

ALEXANDER HAMILTON

There is one man in the political history of the United States whom Daniel Webster regarded as his intellectual superior. And the man was Alexander Hamilton. He was not so great a lawyer or orator as Webster, not so broad and experienced a statesman, but more an original genius, who gave shape to the existing political institutions. He rendered transcended services at a great crisis of American history, and died, in the prime of his life. He was one of those fixed stars which will forever blaze in the firmament of American lights. He was not born on American soil, but on the small West India Island of Navis. His father a brokendown Scotch merchant, and his mother was a bright and gifted French lady, of Huguenot descent.

Alexander early in his youth showed marks of great intelligence, high ambition, and a gifted writer. Education facilities being limited on the Island, his friends and relatives decided to send him to the United States to enter either at Princeton or Kig's College. So a fund was raised to defray the youth's expenses for the necessary number of college years in New York. The first time he attracted the attention of the public was when he wrote a series of papers on the subject of the disagreement between Great Britain and her colonies, in which papers he defended the rights of the colonies. On the outbreak of the war he obtained a commission as captain of artillery, gained the confidence of Washington, who in turn made him his closest friend and adviser. He stayed in the family of Washington for four years, and on account of a hasty rebuke on the part of the General, Hamilton took offence and resigned his position.

He married the daughter of General Schuyler, thus he formed an alliance with a powerful family. He studied law, and after six months he was admitted to the bar, moved to New York where he opened a law office. As a lawyer Hamilton distinguished himself among the best of lawyers of his days.

Hamilton's great public career began when he was sent as a delegate from the State of New York to the Convention at Philadelphia. The ablest debater in that Convention was Hamilton, and his speeches were impressive and convincing. He endeavored to impress upon the minds of the members that liberty was found neither in the rule of a few aristocrats, nor in the extreme democracy. Many of the views which he advocated at the Convention were not adopted then, but the subsequent changes and modifications of the Constitution have been in the direction of his policy. So he was a great factor in forming the Constitution of the United States.

But the public service of Hamilton did not end with the Constitution. To him belongs the glory of creating the national credit. The financial system of the country was the work of one, who worked alone, as Michael Angelo worked on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel Chapel.

When Washington became President, he at once made choice of Hamilton for the secretary of the treasury. He was the only man in the United States who could settle the difficulty about the public debt. "He smote the rock of the national resources," said Webster, "and abundant streams of revenue gushed forth." The next important step of Hamilton as a Builder of America was the recommendation of a National Park, in order to facilitate the collection of the revenues.

Within the course of years there came a break between Hamilton and Jefferson. That resulted with the resignation of Hamilton from the cabinet. With that break his public life ended. He returned to New York to take up again the law practice.

On account of political differences there grew out a terrible conflict between Hamilton and Aaron Burr. An election for Governor of New York was on, Aaron Burr was in the ring of candidates. Hamilton carried a bitter campaign against Burr, which added more to the conflict between

Sportcast

By Frank Romeo

When Luigi Picallilo was captain of the Leominster, Mass., high school football team in 1913 and 1914, he showed qualities of leadership that stamped him as a young lad who would get somewhere in the world. Among the places he has been since is the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Cal., as a player and now he's going back as a coach. Luigi Picallilo is Lou Little, to the pikskin profession, of the few Italian coaches, and it is superfluous, once his name is mentioned to add that he is Columbia's football coach.

Lou is one of those favored few who find as they go through life that every one is for them and eager to help the marive at their destination. Lou arrived in New York four years ago, a total stranger. His winning ways asserted themselves at once and he had the good will of the New York Press without ever trying for it, before he was in town a month.

Little combines unusual ability with a likeable personality and a degree of modesty seldom encountered in a football coach. He has had four seasons at Columbia and only one of them has been a poor one. That was in 1930 when he made his debut. That year, the Lions won five out of nine games but were walloped by Cornell, 54-0; Dartmouth, 52-0; Syracuse, 19-7; and Brown, 6-0. Since then, however, no Columbia eleven has lost more than one game a season. The 1931 team was held to a scoreless tie by Syracuse and was beaten by Cornell, 13-0. Last year Syracuse again held the Lions to a scoreless deadlock and the great Brown team nosed 'em out by a 7-6 margin. This year, the 21-0 defeat by Princeton is the only blemish on the record.

The 1933 team is by common consent acclaimed Little's best product. The strange part of it, though, is that this fact didn't dawn on the populace until after the season was ended. In mid-season, Princeton spoiled the Lions' record with a 21-0 defeat that season at the time to write finis to Columbia's ambitions for the season. But, with amazing recuperative power, the team shook off the effects of this one upset and went through the remainder of its schedule undefeated. Only after Princeton had wound up its season unbeaten, did Columbia supporters realize that much of the sting had tereby been taken out of the only defeat which the Lions incurred.

Few Columbia rooters are sanguine enough to predict that the Lions will triumph in the Rose Bowl. Little hasn't enough reserves to cope successfully with the powerful Stanford eleven they admit, particularly with the change of climate orking to Columbia's disadvantage. However, on one thing they are agreed: The Little Columbia team will give those Cardinals a battle right down to the last split second of action. And remember an Italian will coach Columbia in the Rose Bowl Game at Pasadena, California New Year's Day, his real name is Luigi Picallilo, known to the pikskin fans as Lou Little.

Whether Madison Square Garden and Jack Dempsey will smoke the pipe of peace and combine forces in the promotion of a championship heavyweight battle next June between Primo Carnera and Max Baer or whether the erst while heavyweight title-holder will continue to block the proposed match unless he is declared in for a piece of the extravaganza, will be determined next month.

Dempsey is scheduled to arrive in New York on January 6. He will be accompanied by Baer and the latter's manager, Ancil Hoffman.

There are still a few "buts" however, that must be overcome before anything definite can be done. Hoffman and Baer have reiterated that Dempsey must be in on the promotion of any fight in which the Livermore heavyweight appears.

Colonel Kilpatrick also has reiterated that the Garden alone will promote the match if it is to be made and that no one will cut in for a piece of the show.

Colonel Kilpatrick also was very explicit in the fact that if Baer did

the two statesmen. The enmity grew worse and worse until the two decided to settle the quarrel with a duel. The two met on the morning of July 11, 1804, at 7 o'clock. Pistols at ten paces. Hamilton was mortally wounded at the first shot. He died the next morning. Thus the life of the great statesman, at 46 was ended. The substantial contributions made by Hamilton to the stability of the nation will never be forgotten.

agree to the Carnera match under the exclusive promotion of the Garden, that Max also would have to sign an additional contract giving the Eight Avenue Arena sole call on his services for another year in the event Max won the title from Carnera.

Whether Colonel Kilpatrick and Dempsey are ready to compromise and reach a bargain is problematical. It is believed that Dempsey might agree to release Baer for the Carnera fight providing Max was not compelled to sign any further documents whereby he would be obliged to the Garden in the event he did acquire the crown.

A Carnera-Baer match is a natural and all concerned should get together to see that it is made. It is one of the few bouts that would help the boxing game at the present time.

There major league meetings over, the magnates have back to their respective cities, waiting for the Spring and the dawn of another season.

When they left Chicago they were in a happier mood. The magnates believe that the 1934 season will see a return of prosperous days in baseball and that those clubs that lost money last year will not suffer as much next season. Both leagues are looking forward to a keener race and with better competition they see more action at the turnstiles.

Frank Agrimi, Louis Pickars and Ernest Romeo had more than these share of luck hunting last week. The boys bagged hunting near Albertville 50 rabbits, 32 quails and several squirrels. There won't be much game left if these boys do much hunting.

A quartet of Alabama's senior football players left Birmingham last Tuesday for New York to participate in a north-south "all star" game for charity. They will play for Stumpy Thomason, coach of the Southern eleven.

The Tidesman who were invited to represent the south and accepted are Bub Walker, halfback; Foy Leach, end; B'Ho Kirkland, guard, and Jim Dildy, tackle. They will return to Knoxville following the New Year's Day.

Thomason, former star of Georgia, Tech, played professional football last season.

Anxious to get back sough, and coach, Stumpy Thomason has applied for the job as backfield coach of the Auburn Tigers, it was learned here last Tuesday.

When Mel Ott hit the home-run that gave the New York Giants the worlds series title this season, the nation received its greatest athletic thrill of 1933.

This is derived from tabulation of votes cast by sports editors over the U. S. A.

The vote was on the question: "What single incident gave you the biggest thrill in sports during 1933?" Of the 178 who voted, 28 named Otts homer that came in the dramatic tenth inning of the fifth and final series game.

Notre Dame's blocked punt that gave it victory over Army was second with 25 votes while the world record-breaking 4:07.6 mile run by Jack Lovelock of New Zealand at Princeton, was third with 16 votes.

An in closing your truly wishes you all a Happy New Year.

GRAPHIC GOLF



USING DRIVER THROUGH THE FAIRWAY

THERE has been little dissension with the larger and heavier ball that is now in official use. In fact most golfers are more than pleased with it. For one thing it sets up better on the fairway and offers a larger broadside to hit at. There is no necessity to slam into the ball to make it rise with a rather straight club as was often the case with the smaller ball. In fact its ease of elevation has led Bobby Jones to resort to the use of his driver under certain situations through the fairway. When the ball presents a fairly good lie and a long shot into the wind or a far second is desired, Jones uses his driver with no sense of undue risk. Although the average golfer might hesitate to follow Jones' example, the new ball has at least made brassie and spoon shots simpler.

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Do YOU Know—



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"Those proposing municipal ownership of utilities for Birmingham are very fond of quoting electric rates at Tacoma, Wash., in Canada and other far away places. They overlook the fact that here in Alabama, now, we have 14 cities owning their municipal electric distribution systems. In every one of these Alabama cities having municipally-owned utilities I find the rates are higher than the rates charged by the Alabama Power Company and the Birmingham Electric Company, the average residential rates of these municipally-operated utilities being from 50 per cent to 75 per cent higher. If municipal ownership means lower rates for customers, why have not the customers in these 14 Alabama cities gotten lower rates?

"Tacoma, Washington, is held up as a fine example of municipal ownership. It should be known, however, that the ad valorem tax rate in Tacoma is \$8.76, as compared with \$8.60 in Birmingham. It evidently takes a good deal of city taxes to keep the Tacoma plant going."

That letter of the Birmingham citizen expresses more clearly than we can write the real facts about municipal ownership of electric utilities in Alabama.

Yours very truly,

President.

Letter No. 10

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POTATOES MERIT PLACE ON MENU

Some Misconceptions Regarding Food Value.

By EDITH M. BARBER

One of the best food habits and one which almost all families have is that of putting potatoes on the menu. Actually there is perhaps nothing that contributes more for the price we pay for them than potatoes. I find there is a popular misconception of the value of the potato in the diet. How often I hear, "I don't eat potatoes; they're so starchy!" "We don't have potatoes often, they're so fattening!" I really do not know how the potato gained this false reputation. Actually, as far as calorie value is concerned, one medium-sized potato ranks with one apple, one small banana and one large orange in providing us with 100 calories. Compared with most other vegetables it is true that the potato is higher in calories, but at the same time it supplies us with some of the most important food nutrients, which we must have daily, and at a very low price.

All vegetables and fruits have a very large proportion of water. The potato is about three-fourths water. The other one-fourth contains enough protein to be of value and enough starch to give us calories, again at a low price. At this point I might say that by the calorie we measure the fuel value of food and that each ounce of us daily must have a goodly supply of these fuel units to maintain life. It is only extra calories which are fattening. At the same time that the potato gives us calories and protein it gives us worth-while amounts of phosphorus and of iron and comparatively large amounts of vitamin B, G and C, as well as some vitamin A. It is also a "basic" food in case that interests you. Nutritionists who have been working so hard this year to plan well-balanced meals on the smallest amounts of money possible have found that half the money spent for vegetables should be used for the purchase of potatoes in order to make the most of the small amount available.

When potatoes are baked the largest amount of nutriment is retained. If the skins are carefully washed and then greased slightly there is no reason why they should not be eaten, except perhaps by the smallest children. Many people are very fond of the skins of potatoes. The next best way of cooking them from the nutriment standpoint is to boil them in the skins, which come off so easily that very little of the potato itself is lost. It seems to me there is nothing much better than potatoes properly baked

or mashed. I use "properly" in this connection because, although it seems that nothing could be easier than to bake a potato, we too often are served with a soggy, watery product. I like to use a hot oven at first and then reduce the temperature after the first fifteen minutes. As soon as the potatoes are soft when they are pressed with a towel they should be removed from the oven and broken open at once to let out the steam.

To mash potatoes I like to put the hot potatoes through the ricer and then to add hot milk, a bit of butter and seasoning, and to beat them thoroughly. Mashed potatoes should be served at once. They do not improve by standing. This is one of the reasons why we all prefer home-made mashed potatoes.

There are, of course, dozens of other ways in which potatoes can be utilized to advantage. It is a wise plan to bake or boil enough for at least two meals. The left-over baked or boiled potatoes can be creamed, fried or dressed in many different ways. Mashed potatoes may be made into puffs, croquettes or into old-fashioned potato cakes which taste so good for lunch, or even breakfast.

Do not scorn the potato, which is one of the contributions made by the western continents to the whole world.

Stewed Potatoes.

- 8 cups diced potatoes?
- 2 cups milk
- Salt
- Pepper
- 8 tablespoons butter

Melt the butter in a frying pan, add the potatoes and seasoning, and stir over the fire until the fat is absorbed. Add the milk and cook slowly about half an hour. More milk may be added if needed.

Lyonnaise Potatoes.

- 8 cups cooked potatoes
- 2 onions, sliced
- 4 tablespoons butter or bacon fat
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
- Salt

Heat the fat in a frying pan and cook the onions in it a few minutes. Add the potatoes and cook slowly, stirring occasionally until all sides of the potatoes are gold brown. Season with salt and pepper. Press flat with knife and shake over low fire until brown on bottom. Turn like an omelet. Serve on a hot platter with finely chopped parsley sprinkled over the top.

BONERS



A gargoyle was a medieval school teacher.

BONERS are actual humorous tid-bits found in examination papers, essays, etc., by teachers.

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Superintendent of Education
ETOWAH COUNTY
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November 27th, 1933

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Superintendent

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I have your letter of the 27th instant requesting the payment in advance of this company's taxes in Etowah County to enable you to pay your school teachers.

It is a pleasure for us to help your situation in any way that we can. Our Treasurer has been asked to forward check today in the amount of \$35,555.38.

I am,
Very sincerely,
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