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## ACTION IS DEMANDED

While the country was at first startled by the developments of the recent senate investigations, the passing of time and the failure of the investigators to produce any definite evidence is more and more apparent. The sessions of the senate committee are occupied with hearing gossip and scandal that would never be admitted as evidence in any law court in any land. It is very plain that the investigations have assumed a purely political aspect, and the country is rapidly losing interest in the mass of hearsay stuff which is being included in the record, some of it from unworthy and unreliable sources. People are beginning to ask whether the senate has entirely lost sight of its primary duty, that of legislation. Four months have passed since the president in his message urged tax reduction as the most needed legislation, and the bill is still in committee. It is becoming apparent that unless congress soon gets down to its real business and enacts laws to relieve the conditions pointed out by the president, the latter will exert further pressure, as he is determined to have a tax-reducing measure passed during the present session of congress, and those who know him predict that he will get what he wants.

## ERRORS IN NEWSPAPERS

The complaint most frequently made regarding newspapers is that they are inaccurate. There is a constant tendency to criticize newspapers because of mistakes that occur in their columns. People who take that view should remember that the errors in a newspaper are especially conspicuous. The business man's mistakes are known usually only to a few people who are affected by the error, but when a newspaper makes a mistake, which is no worse than what occurs daily in every other activity of life, everybody can see and scoff.

Newspaper work is done in a hurry; the field to be covered is large, very few newspapers have forces large enough to cover their fields with ideal thoroughness. In many cases it is impossible to verify news completely, and often an informant believed to be thoroughly reliable may furnish an item which is inaccurate, though he does so believing it correct and with the best intentions. But always the newspaper is blamed. In many instances people are careless in their facts when giving information, and in a thousand and one other ways errors may creep in, for it must be remembered that there is chance for error in every single line of the thousands of lines printed in every newspaper. The marvellous thing is that errors are so few, comparatively.

## IDEAL AND PRACTICAL

Here is something worth while from that excellent magazine of progress and prosperity, The Nation's Business:

Hard it is to frame conceptions equal to the soul's desires. But ideals there are to sustain every noble purpose, and men find strength for good works by holding to a deep belief in perfections of living and doing. So it is that Americans have raised up a practical idealism that gives form and direction to the social, the political, and the industrial aspects of life. That idealism is worth understanding and preserving. To serve the particulars of that idealism it is necessary—

That no door be closed because of birth and station; that character, ability, and energy shall claim their merited place of leadership.

That government be primarily to assure fair play; that it is to create equality of opportunity to every American for the achievement of his own place and his own fortune.

That more and more things be made for use, and that the increase shall be accomplished by invention, by machinery, by the mastery of mind over matter, directed to uplifting burdens from the backs of men.

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## TELEPHONE REACHES MOHAMMEDAN CITY

### USED NOW IN HOLY CITY

### Travelers Report Noting Modern Device for Distance Speak- ing Now Installed in Ancient Mecca

An English traveler, recently returned from Mecca, reports that the telephone has reached even that remote citadel of the Moslem faith.

Mecca, the Holy City of the Mohammedans, is a name that conjures up all the romance and glamour of Arabian antiquity. Each year pilgrims by the tens of thousands wend their way thither from every corner of the religious sway of Mohammed. From Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Tripoli, Egypt and the trackless sands of the Sahara and the Sudan, they come. Across the weary miles of the Arabian desert their caravans journey from Mecca, and from the lands along the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf. From Constantinople, long the seat of the Caliph, from Persia and India, and Ceylon, and from the far-away islands of the Malay Archipelago, the gathering hosts of pilgrims flow yearly toward Mecca to do homage at the chief shrines of their religion.

Five times every day the faithful Mohammedan prostrates himself in prayer—and always he prays facing toward the Holy City of Mecca. At least once in his lifetime every follower of the Prophet is expected, if his means permit to make the pilgrimage to Mecca, and thereby gain the coveted honor of wearing the green turban, which shall mark him for the remainder of his days as one who has devoutly worshipped at the religious center of Islam.

Yet even to this storied shrine of transforming influence of modern

science. Where plodding caravans still wend their way, the swift motor car whirrs by, bearing the richer and more progressive of the pilgrims in three hours over the road from Jeddah, which the patient camels take two days to cover. The King of Hedjaz has held sway in Mecca since the Great War, and his aeroplanes frequently circle over the city.

### Modern Note

The ultimate note of modernity, perhaps, is the tinkle of the telephone bell—a common sound in modern Mecca. From public telephones the up-to-date pilgrim may call his friends, not only in Mecca itself, but in the towns of Jeddah, Taif and Medina, places themselves long celebrated in the picturesque folk-lore of Islam. As he views for the first time the miracles of modern science the devout Moslem may well bow his head and murmur "Kismet,—it is the will of Allah."

It's all right to offer all these trophy cups for athletic success, but an equal number should be offered to the good pie-makers and garden tenders.

It is difficult to turn out golf clubs as fast as people want them, but no complaint is heard about inability to get hoes and spades.

Some people don't seem to be thoroughly happy unless they read shocking revelations of wrongdoing every day.

The motorists are asked to help make the roads safer. Some people could help a lot by leaving their cars in the garage.

The people are urged to take their medicine cheerfully, and some folks are willing to do it if they can find a doctor with satisfactory views about stimulants.

The men, after having put away their spring clothes very carefully last year, are now yelling to their wives to know where they are.

The kids who used to dread Examination Day so much in school, would better be glad they are not in Congress now, where every day is Examination Day.

## B. P. THACKER for COUNTY SURVEYOR



### To the Voters of Lake County:

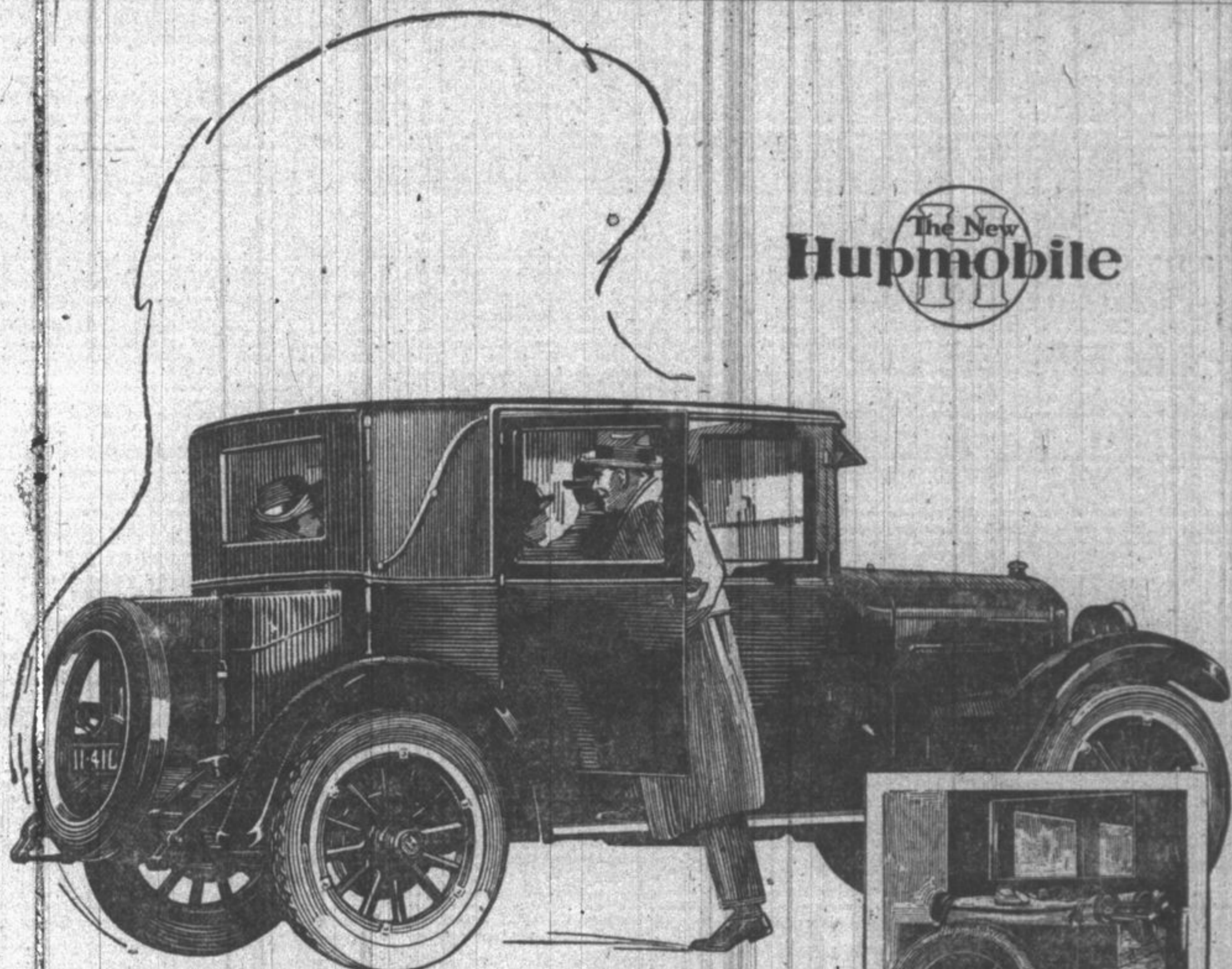
I was born and raised in Lake Co. After finishing school I followed railroad locating and construction for several years. In 1908 I established my engineering and surveying business in Waukegan. Since locating here I have served 4 years as city engineer of Waukegan and 8 years as city engineer of North Chicago.

In 1898 I served my country in the Spanish War—as a seaman in the navy.

I have never before, through election, sought public office. The work of the county surveyor's office is directly in my line and I feel qualified in every respect to serve you, well.

Any support you may give me at the Primary on April 8th will be appreciated.

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