

UNEARTH TRACES OF OLD CIVILIZATION

Field Museum-Oxford Expedition at Kish Finds Many Valuable Relics

A history of the work of the Field Museum-Oxford university joint expedition to Kish, Mesopotamia, which has been in operation since 1923, has unearthed traces of what is believed to be the world's earliest civilization, and has found evidence to support some of the biblical stories of events in ancient Babylonia, was published in leaflet form today by Field Museum of Natural History.

Henry Field, assistant curator of physical anthropology at the museum, who was one of the principal members of the expedition during two seasons of excavations, is the author. The pamphlet contains 14 photogravure illustrations of scenes on sites of excavations, and of some of the principal objects of archaeological interest brought to light, and also a map of the British mandate of Iraq in which Kish is located, and a map of the buried city which is slowly being uncovered by the excavators' picks and shovels.

Progress Reported

The historical sketch by Mr. Field shows that to date the expedition, which is still in operation, has revealed the culture and the artistic attainments of the inhabitants of Kish and its neighboring city, Jemdet Nasr, from the earliest occupation, about 6,000 years ago, down to the Arabs of yester-year. Temples, palaces, and other buildings in which Sargon, Nebuchadnezzar, Hammurabi, and other famous ancients once enacted part of their "hour upon the stage," have been bared by the expedition.

While excavating one of the great palaces the members of the expedition were rewarded, Mr. Field relates, with an intimate glimpse into the boudoir of a lady of Kish, finding copper mirror as hairpins tipped with lapis-lazuli knobs, copper toilet cases containing manicure sets of pinchers, tongs and nail files, and paint dishes and brushes once used for coloring lips, cheeks and eyebrows.

Oldest Wheeled Vehicle

Thousands of museum objects have been unearthed, including the oldest wheeled vehicle in the world, of painted ware, remarkable art objects of various kinds, jewelry, intimate personal belongings of the ancients, and numerous other antiquities. Ancient cemeteries of Kish have yielded to the excavators' spades human skeletons and various objects buried with the dead. In the lower strata of the excavations have been found traces of the floor which engulfed Babylonia in Noah's time, and indications of a swarth deluge at an earlier period. Much data has been obtained concerning the history of the Sumerians, the principal settlers of Kish.

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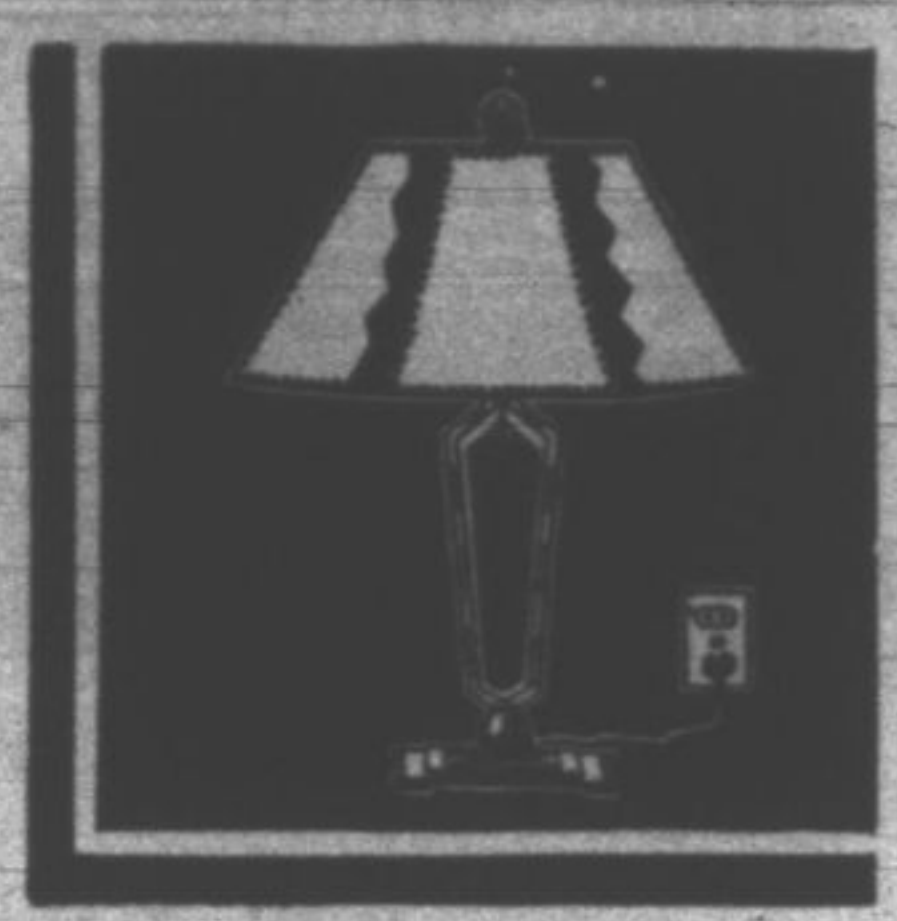
Illinois Taxation Is Antiquated and Unjust, Says Expert

Prof. Robert D. Simpson, Northwestern university economist, in a 115-page analysis recently released, indicts the Illinois taxation system as antiquated and unjust, lacking in uniformity, utterly confusing, and a relic of more than a century ago. Professor Simpson declares that an aggregate of 64 millions was levied in

this state in 1927 by a process amounting to confiscation, that is over-assessment of some taxpayers and under-assessment of others, due to "political favoritism and otherwise lop-sided assessments." Nearly half the 64 millions "confiscated," declares the professor, was in Chicago. As remedies he suggests: centralization of administrative responsibility for taxation throughout the state and in the individual counties; full publicity for all assessments; repeal of the quadrennial limitation on new assess-

ments; revision of the present personal property tax, and a moderate step in the direction of state income taxation.

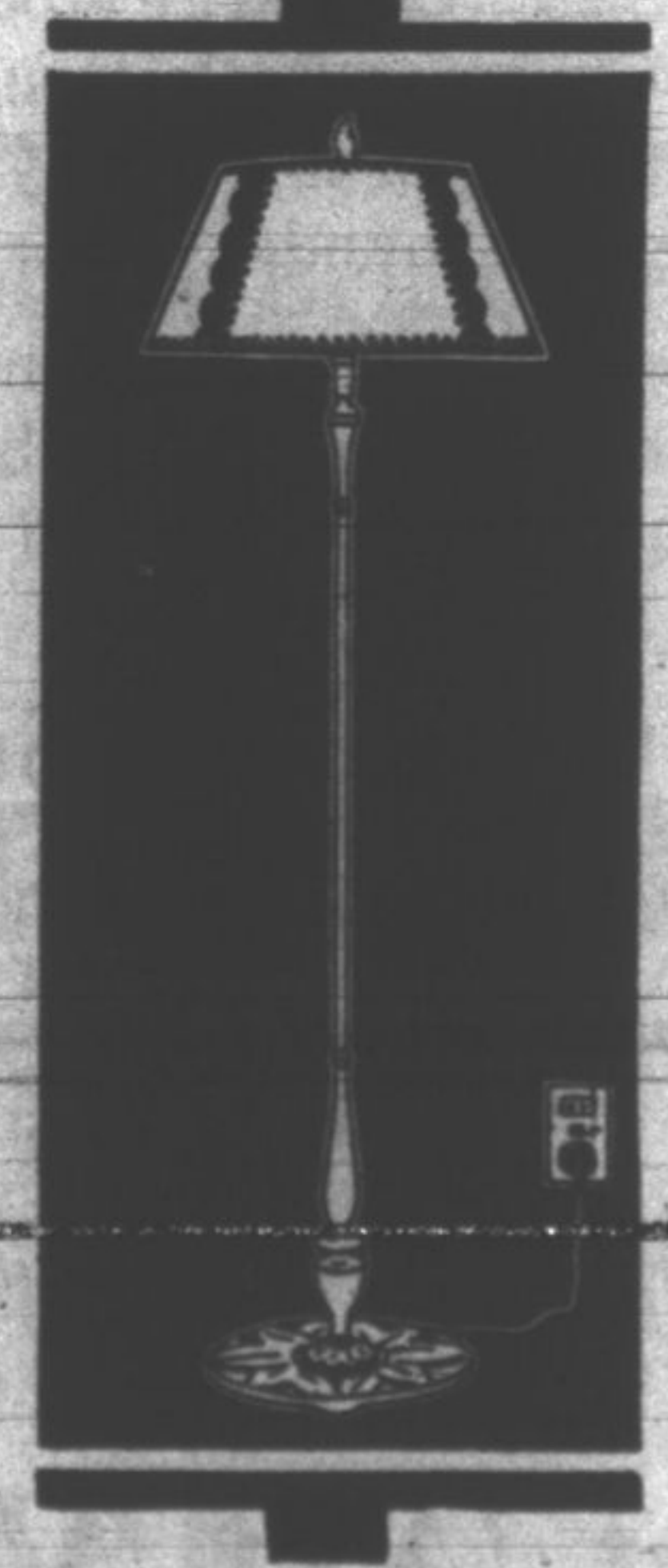
"That man cheats," said a golfer as he entered the club-house. "He lost his ball in the rough and played another ball without losing a stroke."
"How do you know he didn't find his ball?" asked a friend.
"Because I've got it in my pocket."
"Anything new?"
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