

No intelligent American favors government ownership. Our system of spoils politics foredooms any effort in that direction. Political control spells corrupt and wasteful control. We settled all doubts on that head in the case of government-operated railroads during the World War. If we couldn't get efficiency under the spur of patriotism, how may we expect to get it under the aegis of spoils politics?—Philadelphia Sunday Dispatch.

It is said that there is only about twenty per cent as much counterfeiting in the United States as there was in 1929. This may be due to the efficiency of the G-men or to the fact that the dollar is only worth 59 cents.

A New York judge holds that playing poker with women is not a crime. Perhaps not, but we understand that the poker playing of some women is a crime.

EXPERT OPINION DISPUTED

A Canadian electrical expert says television will keep the farm boys down on the farm. Not when they see how cute the city girls are.—Milwaukee Journal.

MRS. HESSE TO CALIFORNIA

Mrs. J. F. Hesse will leave Thursday for Los Angeles, where she will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. John Schaffer.

MUNDYS TO FILLMORE

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mundy are leaving Thursday, the 24th, for Fillmore, Utah, to spend Christmas with their son, W. A. Mundy.

If Australia could be placed in the Atlantic ocean it would fill all the space between England and the United States, according to the geographers. Glad it can't be done. We have enough traffic troubles as it is.

Right Out Of The Air

By R. F. SERVICE

Fred Astaire is one of radio's greatest home bodies. He's rarely seen in Hollywood night clubs or gay spots. He'd rather stay home with friends and play bridge or—in the daytime—play tennis on his private court, swim in his own pool, or waste hours trying to decide which are his own flowers and his own weeds.



Fred Astaire

Floyd Gibbons was walking across 45th Street in New York on his way to a Speedshow rehearsal when a girl's voice stopped him. "Help the Spanish war widows," she was crying. There was a drive on to raise money for the relief of destitute non-combatants. The girl launched into a colorful description of the war in Spain. Floyd made a contribution and said quietly: "Take it from me, it's worse than that."

Radio lost one of its best singers when Alice Faye went West to the cinema citadel. She still makes a few guest star appearances and for these, listeners are most indebted to Bing Crosby's Thursday night Music Hall program. Her most recent air date with the Crosby-Burns-Dorsey extravaganza revealed that she also has an unusual gift for comedy.



Alice Faye

Seldom has a sound man encountered so much activity as does the one assigned to Helen Hayes' "Bambi" broadcasts over NBC. To help him out, the cast, including the star, takes an active part in producing the necessary effects.

Incidentally, Bing Crosby has just given Jimmy Dorsey, band leader of the Music Hall broadcasts, a strange new baton. It's the polished drumstick from a big turkey, and is being used regularly. But the boys in the band feel Bing is giving Jimmy "the bird."



Jimmy Dorsey

Jack Benny holds a rehearsal after his Sunday show has been

heard by six million people. He broadcasts his first performance at 4:00 p.m., California time and his rebroadcast for the West Coast at 8:00 p.m., P.S.T.

Colonel Stoopnagle and Budd have gone musical. They've been working on a little composition of their own which they hope to spring on Don Voorhees and his orchestra very shortly. For weeks Don has been hounding them to put their heads together and turn out an original number for him to play on the broadcast. The Colonel once was leading "lady" in a college musical show.



Budd Hulick

Ozzie Nelson's popularity on those Ripley broadcasts Sunday nights has brought so many customers to the Manhattan hotel where he plays for dancing that his present engagement there has been renewed for several months.

When the Madeleine Carroll-Herbert Marshall co-starring engagement in a Radio Theatre play was arranged, Miss Carroll was in Hollywood and Marshall in London. Consultations regarding the play and other details were conducted via the cable and telephone by Cecil B. DeMille and his production associates in Radio Theatre.



Madeleine Carroll

One of the best-known persons in New York City is Johnny, the Call Boy on the Tuesday night Leo Reisman-Phil Ducey program. Jack Dempsey is one of the intimates of little Johnny and the latter is a dinner guest at Dempsey's restaurant quite often. Johnny's taste seems to run towards pugilistic greats—he still carries on a lively correspondence with his good friend, Primo Carnera.



Johnny Roventini

Watch for David Broekman to pop up as musical director on one of radio's most famous programs. At present he is doing a grand job on the West Coast.

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