

**ALKY-GAS.** Last week, I directed a letter to a certain automobile association that has been scattering a pamphlet against the alcohol-gasoline blend proposal asking for the names of the officers and the directors of the association, the number of members, the annual dues, and an affidavit stating that none of the officers receive any money from any oil distributor, refiner or jobber and another affidavit attesting that the association is not subsidized by any oil refiner, distributor, producer or jobber. The result of this activity in behalf of alcohol-gasoline blend and against those who are opposed to it is that during the last week queries have gone out to various places in Washington to ascertain whether the Congressman from the 16th Illinois district owns any distillery stock or is in league with the distilleries and an unknown person made an examination of my statement of campaign expenditures during the last election. Here you have the proof of how the insidious oil lobby works in order to defeat any measure or any individual who opposes their interests. Incidentally, the above mentioned automobile association whom I suspected of being subsidized by a large eastern oil company has not yet provided the information requested.

**SUNDAY MORNING.** Stretching away from Washington's Monument you will find large grassy plots and particularly the Elipse that is bounded by the White House, the Commerce Building, Constitution Avenue and 17th street. Here one can take his choice of a dozen amateur baseball games, going on at the same time on Sunday Morning. The Elipse is large enough for four teams to play at the same time and not interfere with each other.

**MONUMENTS.** When the battleship Maine was blown-up in 1898, the crow's nest and a portion of the mast was salvaged. Later it was set in cement, and now stands as an impressive monument to the victims of that disaster, in Arlington cemetery.

**HOUSEWIVES NIGHTMARE.** The new Commerce Building has 3000 windows and by the time the window washers finish No. 3000, it's time to start with Number 1 again. That should give anyone a pane.

**BANK DEPOSIT GUARANTEES.** Two bills have been introduced for the guarantee of bank deposits, one by Senator Glass, the other by Congressman Steagall. They are nearly 60 pages in length. The plan in brief is this: It sets up a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation consisting of five members, holding office for 6 years at a salary of 10,000 per year. This corporation after taking over an insolvent bank will apply the assets of such insolvent bank to the liabilities to depositors and make of the balance out of a fund created for that purpose. That fund secures money from a number of sources. (1) The U.S. Treasury subscribes for 150 million in stock to be issued by such Corporation (2) The Federal Reserve must subscribe for the Class B stock of the Corporation to an amount equal to one half of the surplus of the Federal Reserve as of January 1, 1933 (3) Member and non-member banks of the Federal Reserve and any state banks that so desire and can qualify must subscribe to the Class A stock of the Corporation to an amount equal to one half of one percent of their combined time and demand deposits (4) Borrowers who borrow from banks will be asked to pay in addition to the usual rate of interest, an additional one fourth of one percent to the banks and this one fourth of one percent is paid by the banks into the Corporation. The fund so set up from these various sources is the central fund from which depositors will be reimbursed where a bank fails. It is not clear as yet whether these bills have the sanction of the President.

**HALF MINUTE SPEECHES.** When a bill is taken up for consideration in the House, the debate is usually limited by a rule from the rules committee, providing that there shall be four hours of debate on the bill, 2 hours of which is given to the Democrats and 2 hours to the Republicans. This time is controlled and parcelled out by the Chairman of the Committee on the Democratic side and the ranking Committee member on the Republican side. Many requests are made by members for time to make a speech on the bill. In fact, the requests so far exceed the available time that as the debate nears a conclusion, it is common for the member controlling the time to rise and say "Mr. Speaker, I yield one minute to the gentleman from New York" or "Mr. Speaker, I yield one-half minute to the gentleman from California." At the end of the one minute or half minute speech, the member then addresses the Speaker, and said, "Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks". Usually, there is no objection, and the next day, the half minute speech is printed as an impassioned bit of eloquence that requires an hour to read. Invariably, when a member is given one-half minute for a speech, the crowded galleries titter and smile. To them it seems absurd and silly.

**PERSONAL GLIMPSES, AND OBSERVATIONS.** Every day sees a crowd of out-of-town visitors at Washington's monument and at Mount Vernon. Taxicabs, in which one or four may ride anywhere in the city for 20¢ are a traffic nuisance here. The Liberty Bell will never leave Independence Square, Philadelphia again, The City Council has so ordained. Representative Tinkham of Massachusetts is the only member who disports a beard. Congressman Keller of Illinois, six feet two is the tallest man in Congress. Huey Long, Senator from Louisiana wears white linen suits and is quick on the trigger in debate. Mrs. O'Loughlin, Congresswoman from Kansas has hired her husband as her secretary. Strawberries, grape fruit and oranges are probably cheaper in Washington than in any other city. They are shipped direct from Florida by truck.