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## FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT:

The democratic national convention in San Francisco, in nominating Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt for the office of vice president, has paid a merited tribute to an American citizen whose loyalty to his country is incontestable and whose ability is not questioned. Mr. Roosevelt is a vigorous type of man, able in public office and a genuine believer in democracy. His record is brilliant and he possesses the astuteness of mind and the genius for service that will make him popular everywhere. As assistant secretary of the navy he has come into national prominence, following a creditable career in New York, his birthplace. A lawyer by profession, Franklin D. Roosevelt is a keen observer of national needs and he has applied to the conduct of his office the wholesome influence which a man in the prime of life, vigorous and aggressive naturally would give.

Mr. Roosevelt represented the United States naval office in the conference in Europe touching affairs of his office, and he bore himself with a distinction and credit that brought him great praise from the allied statesmen. But it was not necessary for Mr. Roosevelt to have gone abroad to receive the recognition of his capabilities. His record for achievement in every public office at home is distinctly laudable.

His place on the democratic national ticket affords the members of his party adequate opportunity to witness a further step in the procession of events which mark his personal career. Thoroughly American, and a staunch believer in every movement designed to intensify the love for America on the part of the foreign born, Franklin D. Roosevelt has proved the friend of the alien in the United States. In the vigor of young manhood Mr. Roosevelt comes before his fellow citizens as a genuinely clean cut representative of a family whose name and public service record are synonymous with fidelity to lofty ideals and earnestness in behalf of great principles.—Dayton Daily News.

At a meeting of the Old Home Week committee last evening it was unanimously agreed to employ a decorating concern for the purpose of decorating the streets and crossings and the business houses during Old Home Week and the Northern Indiana Fair. Every business house will be asked and is expected to decorate, the city should be "dressed up" for the visitors. A small fund, not over five hundred dollars will be raised this week among the business men to help defray part of the expenses, including the cost of decorating the streets and crossings, the securing of badges for the visitors, the employing of one or two stenographers to take charge of the registering of the Home-comers and other incidental expenses that the committee feels should be paid by the Old Home Week committee. The cost of decorating your store building will be small and every wide-awake place of business will be "dressed" for the occasion. Now for making Old Home Week a great success.

The governor of Vermont, a republican, whom Harding, the bashful front porch candidate, called into consultation relative to having the Vermont governor take some action on the woman suffrage amendment, thereby enfranchising the women, has announced that he will not call a special session of the legislature for that purpose. Is the Vermont governor acting on the advice of Harding? No statement has ever been made to the contrary and it looks as if Harding does not want the women to vote this November. He evidently feels that the majority against him on November 2nd will be large enough with out the woman vote. You can't imagine Boise Penrose wanting the women to vote and Harding must do as the sick man dictates.

The special session of the legislature will try to pass a law preventing the taxpayers from getting a refund in their taxes which the supreme court has decided must be returned to them, the court holding that the tax board commissioners had no right to place the horizontal increases on property after they were assessed for their true cash value. Property owners in Decatur are entitled to a thirty per cent rebate and if the legislature succeeds in passing a law which prevents the auditor from making this refund they are robbing the taxpayers of just that much money. And this legislature is liable to do anything in view of the republican majority and what has been done heretofore.

Governor Goodrich's failure to call a special election in four districts in Indiana, formerly represented by democrats, for the purpose of electing representatives to the special session of the legislature leaves approximately three hundred thousand people without representation. And you remember what our forefathers did when they were taxed and not represented in the government controlling them. "Taxation without representation is tyranny" and the cause is no different now than before the Revolutionary War. The republicans have full sway at this special session and if it proves to be another failure they can't put the blame on the minority.

Hundreds of replies to the invitations sent to former Decatur and Adams county residents to attend Decatur's Second Old Home Week and the big Northern Indiana Fair during the week of August 9th are being received. Visitors from all part of the country are coming and every citizen of this community should get the Old Home Week spirit and help make the week the great success that it promises to be. Decatur is noted for its hospitality and surely we are not going to be selfish during the week of the big celebration.

Senator Harry New, Sr., has been placed in charge of the republican speaking bureau during the campaign, which is just another rebuke and a stinging slap at Albert J. Beveridge and the Progressives. The "old guard" surely is determined to keep things in their own hands and it is doubtful if Beveridge will be booked for a speech during the campaign. As an orator Beveridge is far superior to either Watson or New and in brains he is a shining light compared to the two politicians.

The attorney's approval of the sixty-five thousand dollars worth of bonds, issued by the City of Decatur for the improvement of the Water and Light plant, is being held up in face of the supreme court's decision on the tax law. It is feared that the bonds may not sell in view of the present conditions in the tax affairs of the state and if such be the case, Decatur cannot improve the Municipal plant and keep faith with its new factories. What a shame to have such a tax law.

The farmers have registered their complaint with the special session of the legislature against the horizontal tax increase placed on their property and rightly so, for the supreme court has held that these increases are unjust, that the tax commissioners had no right to "tack on" the extra five, ten or thirty per cent after their property was assessed at its full cash value. Every taxpayer is entitled to a refund. His taxes would then be equalized.

The supreme court, composed of four republicans and one democratic member, in making its decision on the horizontal tax increases placed on the property in Indiana by the tax board, held that this unjust charge must be refunded to the taxpayers. In justice it should be. Now the special session of the legislature is trying to pass a law legalizing the increases which is just another way of robbing the taxpayer.

The signers for the seven hundred Chautauqua tickets have dispensed of nearly every one of them and indications are that this year's Chautauqua will enjoy the best attendance of any ever held. It should be. The five day program is far superior to any that has ever been given in Decatur and those who will attend will get their money's worth. The Chautauqua opens two weeks from today.

Indications are that the proposed third party of the committee of "48" may split and instead of having a third party there will be five or six or a dozen. Radicals cannot agree and the best evidence showing the proposed new party is composed of men of the radical type is the grooming of Senator LaFollette as the party's presidential nominee. That is where LaFollette belongs.

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Governor Cox, candidate for president, and his running mate, Franklin D. Roosevelt, are going to tour the West and every state in the Union. They will present the cause of democracy before the people and will be given a hearty reception wherever they go. The West which is progressive will more than likely support the democratic candidates, as will Ohio and Indiana.

If you want to do a kind act, present a Chautauqua ticket to one of the young boys whose father is financially unable to buy him one. The lectures and talks will do him good and if he is the right kind of a fellow he'll appreciate it. You know of someone who would like to attend, but can't afford to buy a ticket. He is the fellow you want to help.

Every Home Comer will be given a badge with "Welcome" on it when

he arrives in Decatur for Old Home Week. Make the visitors feel welcome, get the spirit and the celebration will be a great success.

If Decatur is galla decorated for Old Home Week the thousands of visitors cannot but help to get a good impression of the town, of its progressiveness and hustling business men.

You need not bother about decorating your place of business for Old Home Week—a man will be employed to do it for you. The cost will be small.

Everybody get the Old Home Week spirit and make the week a great success.

## PEST OF PLANT LIFE

Indianapolis, July 13.—Several species of plant lice are affecting flowers, trees and garden plant life and serious damage may result to tomato and potato vines if control measures are not employed, Frank N. Wallace, entomologist under the department of conservation, says after a survey of conditions throughout the state. The lice suck the juices from tomato to the "spud" vines causing the plants to wilt. The lice also secrete a substance known as honey dew which attracts bees and when partaken of ruins for edible purposes the honey crop. The state entomologist recommends this pest be controlled by spraying with a solution consisting of one ounce of fish oil soap mixed in 6 gallons of water, or one fluid ounce of nicotine sulphate to 6 gallons of water.

**HUNDREDS OF WOMEN** nowadays are entering the professions or business world and go to work day after day in bad health, afflicted with some female ailment, dragging one foot wearily after the other, wishing for closing time to come. Women in this condition should take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs. It has brought health and happiness to more women in America than any other remedy. Give it a trial.

"The sugar stocks are being released in just sufficient amounts to maintain the shortage and keep the price soaring," says Representative King, of Illinois.

The J. R. Porter family had as guests yesterday Mrs. C. T. Harlow, Mrs. Agnes Andrews, Miss Colodrews, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore and Vane Thompson.

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