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THE MINNESOTA ELECTION

THE Minnesota election can not be dismissed by a discussion of the relative elegance of Magnus Johnson's grammar or his garments. It is one of a series of lessons that have been read to the two old political parties. It was not a farmers' revolt alone, because Preus, the Republican, was beaten as badly in the cities as he was in the country.

Eight years ago the people of Minnesota abolished the State Democratic party as being a hopeless alternative to the Republican party. Now for a second time within a year, this rock-ribbed Republican State has given the G. O. P. an unmerciful drubbing.

It is silly to say the farmers of Minnesota are touched with Bolshevism, Sovietism, Communism or Socialism. If there ever were individualists these farmers of the Northern prairies are such.

They believe implicitly in the rights of private property. They do not believe in socialistic division of goods or a community ownership of property.

Their real trouble is that the banks, the railroads, the grain exchanges and other exploiters have, for years, taken their—farmers'—property and divided it at will, leaving the farmer little more than his mortgage to show for his toil. They do not believe in government by groups, which is a fair definition of Sovietism and Bolshevism, and so they object to the government supplied by the two old parties, which has been a government of, for and by the groups or interests who furnished the campaign contributions and took special privileges in return.

If "radical" means anything, it means "going to the roots." The working people in Minnesota, both on farms and in shops, believe the root of their trouble lies in the control of parties by professional politicians, who in turn, are controlled by campaign contributors.

They have repeatedly struck at this root and in that sense are radical. The calling of the special primary and the special elections in the midst of the farmers' busiest season, though the new Senator will not take his seat for six months, was a brutal assault upon the farmers' right to vote. He had to sacrifice his harvesting or lose his vote. He preferred, this time, to save his vote and that shows in what deadly earnest he is.

The result in Minnesota is not local. The same indignation was shown in every State in the Union at the last election. Minnesota has merely proved that the work-a-day citizens did not act last November in sudden anger or spite.

The result in Minnesota is one more plain notice served upon the political bosses and their owners, that the folks still believe in a government of the people, for the people, and by the people, instead of a government of politicians, for special privilege and by campaign contributions.

NEWSPAPER SERVICE TO HOME

NEWSPAPERS are nearer to the public than any other kind of business. They are a part of the community and as such should participate in community affairs. When an opportunity arises for them to serve the public or any portion of the public deserving of service, they should not hesitate to act. The Times in the case of the disappearance of a 16-year-old girl exerted every effort to help find her. Her father says this paper was largely responsible for her return. The Times is glad to have been of service in this case and will always attempt to serve the community wherever it can.

DECISION ON "GAS" TAX

THERE are increasing evidences that there is to be a showdown on the State gasoline tax law. A large distributing concern has paid its taxes under protest, a suit testing the validity of the law is pending and there are other indications of a contest. The gasoline tax is unpopular, as every other kind of tax is unpopular. Its validity is a matter for the courts to decide. The State should welcome a decision in order that any doubt as to the effectiveness of the law may be ended as soon as possible.

HERE'S YOUR HAT, MR. MURPHY!

HERE is just a little tip to "Boss" Murphy of New York: The people of Indiana are not enthusiastic about Governor Al Smith. The rural districts, which comprise most of the State, are dry. A lot of Hoosier voters have the idea that nothing good can come out of Tammany, whether that is true or not. Any one trying to change these ideas is wasting his time.

It is surprising that as experienced a politician as Murphy would persist in trying to convert Indiana to New York's ideas of who should be the next candidate. History shows that New York has followed Indiana's ideas in politics much oftener than Indiana has followed those of New York.

Smith himself came to Indiana, conferred with Thomas Taggart at French Lick, was not received at all by Indiana politicians, and went home empty-handed. Then out came Murphy, apparently on the same quest. Results are the same.

French Lick is a good place to pass a vacation, but it is a poor place to try to convince Indiana Democrats against their will.

FOR GOLFERS ONLY

DOES your caddy say "there's your ball," or is "here we are," his customary announcement? That depends on the particular caddy, you say. Perhaps, but much more on how you are hitting 'em.

If you are on the green in two and down in four, it's a ten-to-one bet your caddy says "we." If you topped, hooked, sliced and over-shot the green, the caddy will make no bid for a part interest in your ball.

When your caddy says "we" you are playing a good game. When your employer says "our" Mr. Smith, you have a steady job.

When your office boy boasts of "my" boss, you are sitting pretty.

If you really want to know what others think of you, first find out whether they are voluntarily taking upon themselves a share in your attainments, or whether you are left in undisputed possession.

IT MUST great to be President this hot weather.

THE REPORT of the State automobile department showing a great increase in licenses issued does not indicate the gasoline tax is hurting.

TUNNEL TO CUT HEART OF ROCKIES

Tube Shortens Distance Across Nation by 178 Miles.

By NEA Service

DENVER, Colo., July 18.—The United States Supreme Court has reduced the distance from New York to San Francisco by 178 miles.

In a decision upholding the legality of an act creating the Moffat Tunnel Commission of Colorado the Supreme Court also removed the last legal obstacle to the accomplishment of one of the world's greatest engineering feats.

As a result, work will begin within sixty days on the Moffat Tunnel, a tube a little over six miles long, through the heart of the Rockies.

One of Longest

It will bore directly through the Continental Divide from McCoy to Dotsero. Thus it will cut across the extreme northwest part of Eagle County, nearly in the center of the State.

The distance between these two towns is less than ten miles—as the crow flies. But as the railroad runs—it is closer to 185 miles; 185 miles of tortuous track over and around mountains. The tunnel will reduce travel time to minutes the time required between the two points.

When completed, the Moffat Tunnel will be the longest in the United States.

In an engineering sense it is believed the Moffat Tunnel will rank even as of greater importance than other of the world's famous tunnels.

Time Shortened

Geological formations which will be penetrated, scientists believe, would practically have been impossible to pierce a few years ago.

However, late mechanical devices have been invented which are expected to make possible the construction of the tube in less time than was required for the building of the other and longer tunnels.

Transcontinental trains, engineers predict, will be running through the Moffat Tunnel within three years. Ten years were required for the building of the Mt. Cenis Tunnel.

The new tunnel will bear the name of the late David H. Moffat, who built the railroad west from Denver to Steamboat Springs, which also bears his name.

Indiana Sunshine

J. J. Wood of the General Electric Company's Ft. Wayne plant, received a request from the Edison plant to send a photograph of himself to be placed in the "Hall of Fame" in New York City. The hall includes pioneers in electric appliance investigation, and is to preserve memory of the men who are responsible for our present comforts, the letter to Wood states:

Although Muncie school boys generally are spending their vacation along nearby creeks or earning a little money for their private needs, several are working in the shops of the Central High School, and are turning out many useful articles.

The largest boulder in Indiana known to geologists is just east of the Wabash Railroad bridge at Logansport. The part which projects from the ground is from ten to twelve feet wide and approximately ten feet high. Students in the Indiana University extension course in geology are studying the rock under direction of Professor Woods.

Half the fortune of Mrs. Martha Sell, who died at her home in Fairmount, July 8, is to go to church societies.

"Shocking!" "Just look at that girl sweeping the sidewalk in front of that store. She's got on a white dress that comes only to her knees."

They were two elderly Muncie women, of the old school. And near-sighted.

Coming closer, fully intending to reprimand the ultra-flapper, they gasped. Astonishment registered.

The sweeper was proprietor of a confectionery store—Art Farling—adorned in his white apron.

Hoosiers are the kindest people we have met when it comes to giving a lift along the road, said Grace Gibson, Vera Sage and Mary Sage, three fair hikers from New York, when they came to Frankfort. They were "footing" it to Los Angeles, Cal., when they couldn't get a lift.

A Thought

Whatever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.—Eph. 6:8.

THERE is in the soul a taste for the good, just as there is in the body an appetite for enjoyment.—Joubert.

Heard in Smoking Room

By the Man with a Cold
He had been to Yellowstone park and when he boarded the train for his return trip, his eyes, nose and throat were having more trouble than a carburetor in zero weather. He had a peach of a cold. Telling the others in the smoking room about it, he said he caught the cold one chilly evening when he, with other hotel guests, went out to see and feed the bears.

"That reminds me," said the man who had preempted the window seat, "of the story they tell about old Dan Boone, the famous lion-tamer who used to travel with John Robinson's circus and other similar shows of the long ago. Perhaps some of you saw him in life and recall he was absolutely fearless when it came to

Advice

BY BERTON BRALEY
I've tried to tell you straight and true
Exactly what is wrong with you.
I've done my best to make you see
The faults of yours which trouble me.

I've sought to guide you as a friend
And show you how you might amend
Your way of life, and as it were,
Become a Noble Character!

But are your properly ended
With humbleness and gratitude,
For all the good advice you got?

Well, speaking frankly, you are not.
At various times, as I recall,
You've counseled me to "hire a hall,"
And even told me I could go
To hotter spots than Borneo.

Is such an attitude quite kind
To one who has your good in mind?
What's that? YOU have a moral plan
To make of ME a Better Man?

Confound your high and mighty airs,
You'd better mind your own affairs,
Where do you get that kind of stuff?
Be on your way—enough's enough!
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TOM SIMS SAYS:

R EPORT that Dempsey-Gibbons mistook their fight for a non-stop dancing contest is untrue.

Be careful what the parrot hears while your wife's away.

Shelby has the fight bow! left, but she can't eat out of it.

A summer tourist stopped long enough to tell us our roads should be made wider and shorter.

Married ball players seldom argue with umpires. They have forgotten how to argue.

It's a wise bootlegger that knows his own booze.

Folks in Shelby dug down deeper for the fight than they did for oil.

A wife will notice a blonde hair on her husband's coat and won't notice a button off.

World's champion pie eater has set a new record. But we know a dozen kids who can beat him.

The eternal triangle is tragic in baseball when the star strikes out and three on base.

Barndancers should make good umpires. They are used to bottles.

The swimming pool smells all right to the kids.

Science

The earthquake—one of the great mysteries of nature—is giving up its secret.

Prof. R. D. Oldham, F. R. S., of England, is one of the world's experts on earthquakes. He announces that many of them are caused by rocks "faulting" or slipping. These are practically surface phenomena. More serious earthquakes are due to chemical activity much deeper. This, he says, was the cause of the California earthquake of April, 1906.

In this case he estimates that the original point of disturbance was 300 miles deep.

At great depths, says Professor Oldham, rocks are in a semi-fluid condition. In cooling they reach a certain temperature and crystallization sets in. This means contraction or expansion and the effect on the effect on the earth's crust, as a result, is similar to that produced upon pipes when plumbing freezes. This kind of quake is called a bathysism and is more uncommon than the surface kind.

Observations

Taking hate out of the textbooks is easy compared with the job of taking hate out of Bub, who hates textbooks. See?

Hippopotamus at the Cincinnati zoo swallowed a tennis ball and died as a result, thus showing that he was and was not the goat.

Mr. McAdoo has been made a doctor of laws. Well, some of 'em sure do need a doctor.

Despite that song, Missouri has placed a tax of \$10 per each on all "houn' dawgs." That's a bite all right.

The Chicago zoo has a monkey named Adam, but Bryan is still unconvinced.

being on intimate terms with savage lions and other ferocious beasts of prey. Dan really had but one pronounced fear. He was afraid of cold air. One day, after he had done his thrilling stunt in the cage of raging lions, he came forth with a worried expression on his face and trembling from nervousness.

"John," he said to Robinson, "this will be the death of me yet."

"You're not losing your nerve, are you, Dan, old man?" said Robinson. "You're not afraid of that big lion are you?"

"Afraid of that lion?" sneered Dan; "afraid of that measly old beast? Huh! I should say not. But that cage is the worst place on earth for cold drafts and I'm afraid that, some day, I'll catch cold and it'll be the death of me."

RALSTON IS FAVORITE OF POLITICIANS

Majority of Leaders in Both Parties Pick Hoosier as Nominee.

SAMUEL M. RALSTON, Indianapolis, United States Senator or from Indiana, will be the Democratic nominee for President in 1924 in the opinion of a plurality of 120 party leaders, affiliated with both parties, quoted in Collier's Weekly this week.

Of the leaders interviewed, sixty-one are Republicans and fifty-nine are Democrats, yet sixty-three of them said the Democrats will carry the next election and only fifty-seven look for Republican success.

Donahy is Dark Horse

Ralston, in the opinion of forty-three of those interviewed, will be the nominee: A. V. Donahy, Governor of Ohio, a dark horse, is second with twenty-five votes. James G. McAdoo a third with twenty votes. Other Democrats and their vote are: Ford, 12; Cox, 8; Davis, 3; Smith, 3; Glass, 2; Clarke, 2; Underwood, 2.

Of the total, 117 believed President Harding will be the Republican nominee two believed LaFollette would be favored and one believed the lightning would strike Hiram Johnson.

G. O. P. Leaders Favor Ralston

Representatives of both parties expressed their opinions on the candidates of both parties. A majority of the Democrats believed McAdoo would be the nominee, while many of the Republicans believed Ralston would be the Democratic choice.

The leaders interviewed included President Harding, Woodrow Wilson, Charles E. Hughes, Henry C. Wallace, James J. Davis, Herbert Hoover, William G. McAdoo, James M. Cox, John W. Davis, sixteen members of each of the national political committees, seven Governors of each party, eleven Democratic and twelve Republican senators and twenty-one Democratic and twenty Republican representatives.

Ford Leads Straw Vote

Henry Ford led the recent Collier's straw vote by an enormous plurality with President Harding running second, but the vote of politicians indicates Ford is not popular with either party. Collier's classifies the politicians interviewed as follows:

Thirty-one conservatives of the Lodge-Underwood type, sixty-three liberals as typified by Al Smith and Senator Cummings, and twenty-nine radicals of the La Follette-Brookhart type.

Ralston has been mentioned as a presidential possibility ever since he threw a surprise into the Republican camp by defeating Albert J. Beveridge in the Senatorial election last fall. Beveridge was being groomed for the presidency. Ralston has not announced his candidacy and he has permitted no announcement to come from his friends, but persons who have discussed the subject with him say he is not displeased with the idea.

Laughs

"I suppose," said Mrs. Giddigad, "if something would happen to me tomorrow you would look for another wife right away."

"Oh, no—I'd wait until the next day, at least."

"You brute!"

"Gwendollis!"

"And like as not you'd do like some other men I know who have second wives."

"What's that?"

"Carry their breakfast to them up in bed."

"Shape!"

"Gomer Giddigad, do you know what I'd do then?"

"No."

"Well, sir, I'd come right up into the room and haunt you."

"You'd come right up into the room where I'd be serving breakfast to my second wife?"

"Yes, I would."

"And then do you know what I'd do?"

"No."

"Well, I'd say to you: 'Gwendollis, get busy now and please remove the dishes.'"—Youngstown Telegram.

Why the Maid Loafed

"Tillie, I understand you were unable to work yesterday. What was it, acute indigestion?"

"No; a cute traveling salesman."—Judge.

One for the Grocer

The grocer remarked that he had some new potatoes.

"How nice," remarked the bride. "People are inventing something new all the time."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No Bother to Father

It's such a bother deciding about vacation.

"It doesn't bother me. The boss tells me when to go and my wife tells me where."—Boston Transcript.

Mother at the Bank

"I received a notice saying that I had overdrawn my account \$200. Here is my check for that amount."—American Legion Weekly.

Wets Are Happy

Loss of two strategic offices in Congress, one by death of Senator William P. Dillingham of Vermont, the other by defeat of Representative Andrew J. Volstead of Minnesota in last fall elections, may mean considerable weakening, if not actual loss, of dry control in the Senate. For, by the seniority rule, the chairmanship of the Senate Judiciary committee will go to Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, a pronounced wet, and the similar position in the House will go to Representative George S. Graham of Pennsylvania, also a wet.

Each of these committees have ultimate control over the prohibition situation in Congress, and with these men as chairmen, hopes of the wets have raised considerably higher.

Points Made by Poets

We all have secrets; you have one. Which mayn't be quite your charming spouse's.

We all look up a skeleton in some grim chamber of our houses.

—Locker.

The Ostrich



From the Referee's Tower

—BY ALBERT APPLE—

Death

The Springfield army rifle will be replaced by the Garand semi-automatic, experts predict, following tests. The Garand turns every doughboy into a machine-gunner. It is a shoulder rifle and fires sixty shots a minute. Weights about the same as the Springfield. The Garand would change battle tactics radically, for it would triple our Army's volume of fire.

You turn to another page and read news about world courts and other attempts toward world peace. Opposed to which are things like the Garand rifle.

War

Elimination of wars, in the last analysis, is a clear-cut matter of controlling the few thousands of individuals who have the power to plunge nations into war. The plain people do not need controlling, they are not warlike by nature, they go to battle only when forced by knaves or falsely incited by the devil's propagandists.

Patriotism, misguiding by rogues, is the main root of war.

Strip the war-makers of their power to declare war—or force all officials, who vote for war, to join the Army as privates—and world peace will be less of a pipe dream.

Illness

How many days' work, how much money, do you lose yearly as a result of sickness? The National Health Council says sickness costs our country \$900,000,000 a year in lost wages and that the total loss from preventable diseases and deaths is \$3,000,000,000 a year. This is a conservative estimate, too low, for it figures the average earning power at only \$3 a day and does not take into account the money paid for doctors, nurses, etc.

The medical profession, instead of trying to make us live 150 years, might intensify more at making us healthy while we live our short span. Elimination of "colds" would be more valuable than any possible result of monkey glands.

Outdoors

The Boy Scouts now have more than 500,000 boy members in the United States alone. An excellent movement, for it keeps an important part of the rising generation close to nature. Most of our troubles are caused by living unnaturally—and close contact with nature will help pull us back to normal.

Nature is very kindly to us, if we only give her the chance.

Fun

Wall Street makes Broadway, says Professor Fitch, who teaches Biblical literature and religion at Amherst College. He's speaking broadly, means that we rush from hectic money-making to excited spending.

"Men in the midst of our machine-like civilization must go from one extreme to the other or go mad."

Hence, nervousness, especially restlessness and irritation.

Politics

Politics, usually dull, seems due for a resurrection of its old-time interest. Henry Ford, building the largest radio broadcasting station in the world, may campaign for the presidency by wireless. From Germany comes a report that the former crown prince will run for presidency of the German republic at the next election. In his favor Ford has American courtesy—the intense desire to try anything just to see what results.

She's First

When the San Diego entertainers asked for a whole day of the Harding party's time, Walter Brown, the President's special representative, wired back from Seattle:

"Impossible to omit Catalina Island trip without greatly disappointing Mrs. Harding."

That's the true blue stuff, Gamaliel! There may be much politics in a whole day at San Diego, but when wife points her good forefinger at Catalina, you just hire a row boat to take her out to hook a tuna, swordfish, sea bass, or something equally good. Really, there's no political life in a fellow's showing, whether he has to or not, that his first consideration is

What Editors Are Saying

Home Brew

(Ft. Wayne News-Sentinel)

Several cases of home brew exploded the other day in the police headquarters at Indianapolis. If home brew explodes in police headquarters, we wonder what it does inside a fellow?

+++ Virtue

(Muncie Evening Press)

Ft. Wayne is being cleaned of a large part of its visible liquor supply by Federal officers who are armed with about 125 warrants and who already have made something like seventy-five arrests, all charging violations of the Federal laws. This is a cause of no surprise to those who are acquainted with the situation in Ft. Wayne, and who know that for many months at least liquor has been sold openly in the bars there. Ft. Wayne's "openness" has been so notorious that it has attracted liquor parties from points distant a hundred miles or more.

Yet it still becomes other cities to put on an air of mock virtue in contemplation of what is now going on in Ft. Wayne. The city was no worse in the matter of liquor selling, and perhaps no better, than many others. Travelers tell tales of numerous other towns where like conditions now prevail and have prevailed for a long time. But such a situation does not continue indefinitely, as a rule, barring the very large cities like Chicago, New York and Pittsburgh,