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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 show-down 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 caddie say "there's your ball," or is "here we are," his customary announcement? That depends on the particular caddie, 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 caddie says "we." If you topped, hooked, sliced and over-shot the green, the caddie will make no bid for a part interest in your ball.

When your caddie 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.

### Of Longest

It will bore directly through the Continental Divide from McCoy to Dotsero. Thus it will cut across the extreme northwestern 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 from hours 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 pioneers to send a photograph of himself to be placed in the "Hall of Fame" in New York City. The Hall includes pioneers in electric appliances 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 through. 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 scoldies.

"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 neared sighted.

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

The sweater was proprietor of a confectionery store. Art Farling—adored

of the 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.

HERE 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 endued 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! (Copyright, 1923, NEA Service, Inc.)

## RALSTON IS FAVORITE OF POLITICIANS

Majority of Leaders in Both

Parties Pick Hoosier as Nominee.

SAMUEL M. RALSTON, Indianapolis, United States Senator 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.

Donahay is Dark Horse

Ralston, in the opinion of forty-three of those interviewed, will be the nominee. A. V. Donahay, Governor of Ohio, a dark horse, is second with twenty-five votes. James G. McAdoo's third with twenty votes. Other Democratic and their wife 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 lighting 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-one 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 indicated 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.

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

Bartenders 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.

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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 wet have raised considerably higher.

"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."

Points Made by Poets

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