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EVADE THE ISSUE

ED JACKSON, Republican nominee for Governor, made an unsuccessful attempt to evade the issue in the Indiana campaign when he discussed religious liberty in his keynote speech at Newcastle Saturday night.

The issue in this campaign, the The Indianapolis Times has said repeatedly, is one of whether the people shall rule or whether the State shall be governed by an "invisible empire."

The quarrel is not religious in any sense. No one is fighting the Ku-Klux Klan because it admits only Protestants to membership. The membership of numerous other organizations is limited to Protestants.

The quarrel with the Klan is that it is a secret organization attempting to set up an empire within the United States for the purpose of obtaining a strangle hold on the government of the States and of the Nation. This activity of the Klan is in no sense religious.

In fairness to Jackson we are quoting his statement, with which we agree absolutely—but we fail to see its connection with the campaign. He said:

"There is an attempt being made on the part of some of the opposition party to inject an issue in this campaign that has no place in politics. This can have no other purpose than to prejudice some of the voters, hoping thereby to gain votes for their party. The hope is that they may prejudice the Catholic, negro and foreign voters, that they may vote their prejudices rather than express their better judgment."

"I am uncompromisingly in favor of the separation of church and State. I am unqualifiedly opposed to any religious denomination, either Protestant or Catholic, using its religious organization to secure control of our Government or any branch thereof."

"I am just as uncompromisingly in favor of religious liberty. Every individual has the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. This religious conscience may be expressed through whatever religious organization with which he or she may care to affiliate. This right is guaranteed by the Constitution of our country, and must be kept inviolate."

Very good, Mr. Jackson. Now will you forget religion for just a moment and answer these questions:

Do you believe in the policy of the Ku-Klux Klan in endeavoring to obtain a strangle hold on the government of Indiana?

Do you believe in government by an "invisible empire" or by ALL the people?

If you are elected Governor will you represent the people of Indiana or the "citizens" of the "invisible empire"?

These are the issues in the campaign, Mr. Jackson. Religion, as you say, has no place in politics and it is surprising that a man of your experience and wisdom should include such a subject in a campaign speech.

BUSINESS METHODS

HERE'S what can be done when business is substituted for politics in the operating of State departments.

Pennsylvania hires thirty persons and expends \$55,000 a year to collect its \$6,000,000 in gasoline taxes to apply on building of State roads. It collects on an average of a little more than \$6 gas tax per automobile in the State.

Indiana hires ONE man and the part time services of a girl stenographer and expends \$6,000 to collect \$4,725,000 in gasoline tax. It collects on an average of \$7.88 per automobile.

A recognized expert on gasoline tax says that an average of \$7.30 should be collected for each automobile in the State. Charles Benjamin, gas tax clerk in the State auditor's office, gets 58 cents more than that through his methods. He has no field men, as does the Pennsylvania gas tax department. He watches the returns of each company and if it appears that the tax is falling off he investigates to see if the State is being "short-changed." He has collected \$35,000 delinquent taxes through his method with the part time aid of a stenographer.

The automobile license department collects about \$3,700,000 a year. But it costs more than \$111,000 annually to collect it. It takes about eighty-nine persons to collect it.

It appears that duly allowing for the fact that it costs more to operate a licensing department, the auto license department could take a little object lesson from the operation of the State gas tax department.

BEWARE OF the driver with a bathing beauty pasted on his windshield. His vision is low, as the aviators say.

IF ALL those Chinese cities are to be invaded, it seems that Gen. Mah Jongg is the very one to lead.

ALSO, THE world flyers have demonstrated that the longest way round is not the shortest way home.

WE "DOLLAR-CHASERS" must throw off at least 100 cents, judging from the way Europe chases us.

IT LOOKS like rubbing it into Al to make Lieut. Lowell Smith president of the National Smith Society.

THE EX-PRESIDENT of Chile seemed to have had a hunch that his constitution, as a matter of safety, should follow our flag.

WHEN THE papers speak of the prince's engagements they make mamma feel that she isn't on to her job, and daughter knows it.

THE FRENCH Academy has removed the word "cocktail" from the dictionary, but the genial menu card stands pat for the liquid language.

Scouts



GIRL PRODIGY NOW TRAINS OWN CHILD

Wants Daughter to Be Just Like Other Babies, Not Unusual.

By NEA Service
SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Sept. 29.—

She was a child prodigy herself—

But she doesn't want her own child to be one.

Before she was 2, Viola Olerich was being proclaimed throughout the West "the cleverest baby on earth."

That was twenty-five years ago.

She could read fluently, talk in polysyllables, name all the bones in the human body, identify hundreds of famous men, solve difficult geometric problems, talk intelligently about the planets and do dozens of things that would stump the average high school pupil.

Took Dictation

At 3 she was taking dictation on the typewriter and turning out perfect copy. At 4 she was out-spelling a group of picked university students.

Under the tutelage of her foster father, Prof. Henry Olerich, she made remarkable progress in her studies, gaining an unusually broad general education.

Then she dropped out of the lime-light.

Three years ago news of her marriage to a young man employed in the offices of an Omaha packing company leaked out.

Then the world again lost sight of its "cleverest baby."

But now she has been rediscovered. She is living here. Has been for a year.

And she has a little daughter of her own—Virginia.

Virginia is just 2—the age at which her mother was astounding scientists, educators and medical men.

But Virginia is not a child prodigy. She's playing with dolls, a big rubber ball and still talking baby talk. And her mother is glad.

"I don't want her to be a child prodigy," she says. "I want her to be like other children."

"If the body is strong and healthy now, learning will come easily when school age is reached."

Just Like Others

"I'm exerting no effort to make her a prodigy. Of course, I shall help her all I can throughout her school career. But now I want her to be just like other little girls."

"After all, taking care of a child's physical needs, together with the ordinary amount of discipline, seems to me about the most important duty of a mother during the first few years of her child's life."

"And that's what I am trying to do."

DAWES FAILS TO GET BY WITH BLUFF

Old Parties Unhappy Over Reports Received From West.

Times Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—

Hell an' Maria Dawes has panned out, as blusterers do pretty much of a bluff.

Cussing isn't eloquence as a general practice; and when Dawes started out to cuss his way to the center of the stage and began blowing about what he was going to do and how he was going to do it, students of human nature knew what to expect.

They know that the fellow who blows too much generally blows up before his wind gives out.

Dawes' didn't make a hit, even with his own partisans, when he went to Wisconsin and abused La Follette as a demagogue and a Red, but he did attract enough attention to draw the fire of the Progressives on himself.

When Senator Wheeler opened up on Banker Dawes in his own home town of Chicago and turned the light on the bank deal with Lorimer, he made charges that can't be waved aside as hearay or partisan bick.

The facts are in the records of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

Young, Not Dawes

And while the Dawes plan of settling Europe's disturbed finances has been played up as something great that Dawes did, it turns out that the American financial and business genius who is entitled to all the credit for originating and carrying out the so-called Dawes plan is Owen D. Young.

Young's plan is called the Dawes plan because Dawes happened to be the political chairman of the commission of which Young was the moving spirit. And Young is the man who remained in Europe to carry out the plan and make his dream come true.

Altogether there is mighty little satisfaction in G. O. P. headquarters over the Dawes performance up to date. There was hope that he could take the burden off Coolidge's rough stuff while Calvin remained cool and quiet in the White House. Now it looks as if Coolidge would have to emerge and do the heavy campaigning himself.

Coolidge has no record to defend; Dawes has.

Both Unhappy

Neither Republicans nor Democrats are happy over the inside reports they are getting from the West. Even the correspondents of partisan newspapers have begun telling the truth about California, Iowa and other States out West; and all point to La Follette groundswell.

No matter what publicity bunk is given out about how Davis captured the West, the information that comes from seasoned Democratic politicians is that Davis has no chance out West, and that the wise thing to do is to encourage Democratic voters to vote for La Follette and help take former Republican States away from Coolidge.

The big money isn't coming in very fast. The big fellows evidently don't like the idea of that Borah committee taking a look-seen to find out who's contributing. But, of course, they'll come in on the finish. One way to get around the publicity feature of big contributions is to run a deficit, with the understanding that the big contributors will make it up after election.

The people don't seem to scare worth a darn this year. The only frightened ones are the politicians, and they're scared because they don't know how the people are going to vote, and don't know what to do about it. That silent vote is so all-fired silent that it keeps 'em awake nights trying to hear it.

Science

The United States bureau of fisheries has tagged ten thousand fish, mostly cod, but some pollock and haddock, in an effort to find out all about their habits and homes. These studies are conducted for the purpose of conserving the fish supply.

The fish that were tagged were all caught with hook and line. Each was then laid on a wet board and had docked by men wearing wet gloves. These precautions were necessary because a dry surface would remove the glutinous veil that protects the scales of fishes. Removal of this veil exposes them to the attacks of many forms of parasites.

A metal tag stamped U. S. B. F. was attached to the tail. The fish was released after a record was made of its number, size, etc. The bureau asks that every time one of these fish is caught its tag be sent in. By having a considerable number of these tags returned with information of the locality, date and size of the fish when caught, the bureau can compile statistics and information about the lives and habits of these fish that will be of great value. Next to the herring, the cod is the world's most important economic fish.

Did Grant have charge of any Indiana trout?

Only incidentally. He was in command of the Army of Tennessee, in which a great number of Indiana men were enlisted.

What is a simple method of measuring the flow of a spring?

Dam up the stream, insert a pipe or an overflow, so that the water can be collected in a bucket as it runs into the overflow, and count the number of buckets collected in a minute.

Democratic Campaign Stuff (for Simple Minds)



Nature

Goldfish belong to the carp family and are sometimes called green carp. The first goldfish seen in France were those imported for Madame Pompadour. Later, they became established in streams in Portugal and then in into all Europe. In Portugal they are used as a food delicacy. There are records of goldfish living in aquaria until 16 years of age.

The ancestor of our goldfish in its native stream is not gold, but is olive green above and yellow below. An all-gold colored fish wouldn't stand much chance of longevity in streams or ponds, as they were developed in private aquaria in China and Japan.

United States has sixty-five protected bird reservations.

Tom Sims Says

Ho! hum! This Chinese war is shooting our alphabet for a row of glass dressing rooms.

The Chinese soldiers marched on Hang Chow, reminding us of our war when we marched on no chow.

A bunch of seafaring Chinese must have named that town of Hang Chow.

The worst fighting in the Chinese war, however, seems to center around the province of Typographical Error.

A big railroad lost \$98,000 on its dining cars last year, but we don't see how.

No matter how much a railroad loses on its dining cars the customers always lose more.

The most pitiful person on a dining car is the man who likes to drink out of his saucer.

Reports from the various camps indicate we will have three Presidents next time.

Coolidge doesn't play golf, so that's why he talks so little.

The Prince of Wales has just seen his first baseball game. Now what little boy wants to be a prince?

Cats attain full growth at the age of 9 months, while a dog does not attain full growth until the age of 14 months. The average length of life of a cat is from 12 to 15 years; of a dog, 12 years.

When and how should peonies be divided and transplanted?

Transplant any time from the latter part of August through the month of September. They require a medium loam soil and do best in sunny places. Dig the plants up and cut the clubs of roots with a large sharp knife. Do not divide them too finely; cut them with two or three eyes on each one; cut back the old leaves, and plant each plant three or four inches deep in the soil.

Where is Bois Blanc Island and how long is it?

In Cheboygan County, Michigan, in Lake Huron, about ten miles southeast of Mackinaw. It is about ten miles in length.

At what age do people attain their full growth?

Most people attain full growth by the time they have reached 24; in the majority of cases, perhaps a little earlier. A girl is apt to reach this stage a little earlier than a boy.

When was the first Federal census taken in the United States?

In 1790 in South Carolina. The next taken was in Alabama in 1820.

On what should captive lizards be fed?

On insects, ant eggs, little pieces of meat, a little egg and a little milk.

Why is blood red?

The color is due to the presence of a pigment, haemoglobin, in the red corpuscles. This pigment contains about 0.4 per cent iron.