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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."—Dante.

Robinson Must Go

A duty came-like in clarity faces Indiana Republicans at the May 8 primary. They must vote to retire Senator Arthur Robinson from the ranks of public officials.

If they do not, they are putting the stamp of approval on Stephensonism, Jacksonism and all that has contributed to trailing Indiana's name in the mire.

Arthur Robinson, appointee of Ed Jackson, rose to his present office because of all these things. In him the men who have betrayed the Republican party in this State saw a tool shaped to fit their hands. No one can say he has disappointed them.

The time has come for campaign managers for both James E. Watson and Herbert Hoover to take a definite stand in the matter of Robinson's candidacy for re-election to the United States Senate.

They must declare against him or accept as parts of their platforms the continuance of conditions of misgovernment which have been a blot on the State's reputation for more than four years.

It is certain that the Hoover forces will turn thumbs down on Robinson. There can be no link between a man of Hoover's caliber and a man of Robinson's stripe.

There is no blemish to be found on Hoover's record. But a blind man, tinkling his pennies in his cup, could sense the taint on Robinson's record—sense it easily and smell it much more easily.

He is smeared with Klan tar, steeped in Anti-Saloon bigotry and intolerance. A State which has sent such men as Beveridge and Marshall and Ralston to Washington cannot afford to fall so far in the scale as to return Arthur Robinson there. He must be defeated or all the shouting from the housetops of a "new deal" in the Republican party is only the emptiest of balldhoo.

That is what the Hoover forces must consider.

And now what of Jim Watson? Has Watson drawn his support from such far different sources? No. He is the beneficiary of the same system—the system of D. C. Stephenson, the Klan, and the Anti-Saloon League—the arch-politician whose machine has ruled the State for years.

This, then, places not a single, but a double, duty on Indiana Republicans at the May 8 primary. Not only the "isms" of Stephenson, Jackson and Robinson must go, but Watsonism with them.

Hoosier voters have their chance. They can swing to a man who has been tested in every branch of governmental endeavor and who has rung true in every test—Herbert Hoover. Or they can stay with a man who forever rings false, with the brazen clang of polluted politics—James E. Watson.

And they can throw out Arthur Robinson, a stuffed-shirt legislator, wrapped in the mantling sheet of the Ku-Klux Klan, wearing the badge of intolerance which is the emblem of the Anti-Saloon League.

The voters can do these two things, or they can hide their heads in shame and forever hold their peace when the subject of a "new deal" comes up.

Our Job in Nicaragua

Nicaragua is acting up again.

The State Department, we are told, views the situation as one of extreme gravity, and unless there is a quick change of tactics on the part of conservative obstructionists at Managua, certain steps may have to be taken. Minister Eberhardt, it is understood, has been instructed to talk to President Diaz in this vein.

Which brings us to still another turn in the fast revolving Nicaraguan wheel. Nor would this new side be without its element of humor were the whole adventure less of a tragedy. For the very people whom the State Department about a year ago was denouncing as Bolsheviks, today are our real friends and unqualified supporters, while those whom it then described as our friends now are stirring up trouble.

To make it a bit more understandable, a year ago the Liberals, under General Jose Moncada, were waging a successful war against the conservative president, Adolfo Diaz, who previously had been maneuvered into power by the State Department at Washington.

Moncada and his men, the State Department charged, were reds, bent upon setting up a Bolshevik hegemony between the United States and the Panama Canal. Furthermore, they aimed to kill our project for an ocean-to-ocean canal across Nicaragua.

Not a jot of which was true, of course, as this newspaper pointed out at the time, after sending an investigator to Central America to study the question on the spot. Nevertheless, we intervened against the liberals in behalf of our puppet Diaz, hamstringing the one and aiding the other militarily in every way we could, with warships and marines.

And still the liberals went from victory to victory until they reached the very gates of the capital, whereupon events took another of their sudden turns. President Coolidge sent Col. Henry L. Stimson to see what could be done to save the situation. A fair election was decided on, under marine supervision, to remedy the situation.

Now, the conservatives aren't very anxious for a fair election. They are in a minority, as a party, and they know it. A fair election will spell their defeat. What they want is to supervise the elections themselves.

Being in power, and therefore in control of the ballot boxes, they could and would win, hands down

as usual, if let alone. So for weeks they have been trying to defeat the new election law pending in the native congress, to throw a monkey wrench into the American plans.

Obviously, the Heflin resolution, calling for the immediate withdrawal of the marines, would have played into the hands of the small coterie of conservatives now running the show at Managua. Its defeat was imperative.

We blundered into intervention in the first place. At least we committed it under false pretenses. But we can help now, just a little, by guaranteeing an honest presidential election, and the only way in which we can do this is by holding it under marine supervision.

Once the election is held and the duly elected president has taken his seat, we must hasten to complete the second job we have undertaken down there, namely, that of creating a nonpolitical national guard composed of Nicaraguans.

Once these are trained, and can keep upstarts from overthrowing presidents who have been elected fairly, and prevent presidents from perpetuating themselves in power by employing personal soldiers to bully the opposition away from the polls, our marines can and should be brought home by the first boat.

First, however, there are these duties to perform. Having begun it all by rocking the boat and spilling the Nicaraguan lady into the lake, we must linger long enough to pull her out, not only for the sake of our own prestige throughout Latin America, but for the sake of the lady herself.

Mr. Willis Pronounces Judgment

Newspapers that do not support Senator Frank B. Willis of Ohio for the Republican nomination for President, and most of all any newspaper that circulates within the boundaries of the Buckeye State, is guilty of treason, or worse. Take it from Senator Willis, straight. In a terrific blast of patriotic fervor, he indicts the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, in a lump and severally. Long before Mr. Willis became an avowed candidate, long before Mr. Willis was "mentioned" as a claimant for his party's favor by any one but himself, this errant newspaper organization announced as a matter of editorial policy its preference for the secretary of commerce over all other Republican possibilities.

It was recklessly frank in proclaiming both its choice and its reasons for fixing its affections on Mr. Hoover. For it soffen it must pay the price of the Ohio Senator's deep displeasure.

There is a rule in Ohio politics this year to which all newspapers must yield unquestioning obedience. All that are decent, honorable, upright and deserving of public respect must stand, first and last, for Willis. Any that may venture to look doubtfully on him as the heaven-sent leader or show a weakness for any other Republican are false at heart, bag in spirit, and plotters of mischief against the republic.

There is no middle course. No independence of judgment is to be permitted, no freedom of action. It is Willis or nothing. That's that.

Brookhart's Question

When the banking experts, congressional and otherwise, foregather with the Senate banking and currency committee, they regard Senator Brookhart of Iowa with an attitude of condescending toleration.

When he speaks, the experts smile smugly and exchange covert glances, which say, "He'd probably win a prize at a corn husking bee, but the poor fellow just simply doesn't understand the delicately attuned machinery of banking."

And when he speaks Brookhart generally has a single question in mind. It runs something like this: "I want to know why bankers in Iowa tell farmers who have excellent security that they can't possibly lend them money for less than 8 per cent, and then turn around and ship millions of dollars of surplus funds to New York to loan on the Stock Exchange at 1 1/2 per cent."

He never gets an answer to the question.

Perhaps that's because the experts feel that he is so submerged in darkness about the working of our credit system that he could not possibly understand.

Or perhaps it's because Brookhart asks a question that doesn't lend itself to particularly graceful discussion.

Whatever the reason, we'd like it if the banking experts forget to high hat Senator Brookhart long enough to give him and the rest of us the advantage of an expert answer to his interesting question.

Perjury Acquitted

It is customary to blame the failure of our courts to punish criminals efficiently on legal red tape and unscrupulous lawyers. But once in a while it appears that public indifference is at least partly responsible.

The other day a middle westerner was indicted for perjury. He had lied as a witness for the plaintiff in a personal injury suit. The authorities, determined to root out perjury, prosecuted him with fervor. He admitted he had lied, and offered only the extremely lame excuse that he "didn't know it was against the law."

Yet the jury acquitted him!

Perjury is an evil that strikes at the very foundations of justice. It deserves swift, severe punishment. Yet here was a jury that seemed to feel that it need not be punished; that it was too unimportant to require a jail term for the offender.

The members of that jury can, if they wish, take credit for helping to undermine the integrity of the courts of their city.

Jim Patten of Chicago testified he was a "dummy" contributor to the G. O. P. campaign fund, buying \$25,000 worth of Sinclair's bonds. Lots of others were dumb the same way.

The original manuscript of "Alice in Wonderland" is to be auctioned off. Who'll buy it we can't guess, but suggest it as good reading to the man who told the Senate committee he saw nothing the matter with soliciting gifts from Harry Sinclair.

Former Mayor Hylan of New York, coined the word "graftocrat" in recent testimony during a transit investigation. Just to give everybody an even break, he should have made it "repugraftocrat."

Chemists' shops in London are offering "sunshine wrapped up in pills." But wait until they can buy sunshine that way!

BRIDGE ME ANOTHER

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BY W. W. WENTWORTH

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

1. When you hold A 10 X X X, how many outside quick tricks are necessary to bid it initially?
2. When you hold A J X X X, how many outside quick tricks are necessary to bid it initially?
3. When you hold A X X X in hand and J 10 X in dummy, how do you finesse?

The Answers

1. One.
2. One.
3. Lead low from hand and finesse.

Times Readers Voice Views

The name and address of the author must accompany every contribution, but on request will not be published. Letters not exceeding 200 words will receive preference.

Editor Times:

You recall that among the Twelve Labors of Hercules was that of cleaning the Augean stables. Augeas, king of Elis, had a herd of 3,000 oxen, whose stalls had not been cleaned for thirty years. Hercules brought the Rivers Alpheus and Peneus through them and cleaned them thoroughly in one day. Have you thought of the parallel this old story bears to the present situation in the Republican party?

That the G. O. P. in Indiana is in serious need of a housecleaning no half-way informed citizen will doubt. It is to be seen whether the State organization is a self-cleaner or will make it necessary for the rank and file of the party to do it "thoroughly, all in one day."

The rank and file is the "Heracles." To "kid" themselves that he is indifferent—uninterested—and won't act is nothing less than the biggest piece of presumption. The G. O. P. can write it down as a foregone conclusion that the government of the people, by the people and for the people, must be a decent government. The people can be fooled for a while, but only for a while, a short while.

Look at it! Begin with the municipal government of Indianapolis. One mayor out of a full crop of appeals, two others fighting for the job, several councilmen indicted, etc. One Governor out on parole, another keeping out of the penitentiary on a legal technicality; a former State chairman indicted in the Federal Court; an attorney general who has a lapse of memory and could not tell to whom he had shown Shumaker's letter, this judge or that. Gladden is a target, both of our United States Senators called before an investigating committee; and who can recall the rest!

Well, how long will the good people stomach it? Will it happen unto them accordingly to the true proverb, "The dog has turned to his vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire?" There is no lack of fit men in the Republican party for every position of responsibility. Every good citizen should make himself felt in the next primary.

CAL CRIM,
Danville, Ind.

Editor Times:

Didn't the G. O. P. editors in session a few days since kick themselves most unmercifully when they declared that James E. Watson was Indiana's Favorite Son? The readers of the papers published by these same editors are wise to the fact that Watson is not very "favorite."

It will be recalled that he won two years ago by 11,000 and that plurality was cast in Lake County, where voters are herded to the polls very much as they drive sheep to pasture.

The self-respecting Republicans are fortunate in having Hoover as a means of registering their disapproval of a man we regard as more or less a soiled Klan because of dalliance with the Klan. A most impressive approval indeed it would have been with no opposition. Just as a "not guilty" verdict on account of the statute of limitations.

Has anyone heard the name of James E. Watson mentioned in club rooms, on the street, in the counting house or poolroom except in connection with depreciations and imprecations?

I have not. No prophetic vision is necessary to discern that the voters of Indiana are ripe for a clean Democratic sweep from Governor down to constable. James E. Watson is going to need some foot soldiers, generals, colonels, captains, and sergeants and they can't put him over all by themselves.

It is regrettable that such a large number filed for the Democratic nomination for Governor. This will throw the choice into the State convention, where the Democrats may be will show themselves as unable to rise to the occasion and probably put a "poor stick" up for office.

E. P. MCASLIN,
5901 Dewey Ave.

Editor Times:

Would you please inform the gentleman from the South Bend Times that Mr. Winkler is not on the Indianapolis police force at the present time. If you will look back, you will find that he was dismissed from the police force some time ago.

AN ADMIRER AND SUBSCRIBER OF THE TIMES.

Who owns Yellowstone National Park? The United States Government.

Do dwarfs produce only male offspring? No.

What liquid is absolutely non-freezing? There are liquids that are non-freezing within reasonable limits but none are absolutely so. Among those having a very low freezing point and for which data on thermal expansion are available, ethyl ether changes in volume with changes in temperature, in other words, it has the highest coefficient of cubical expansion. Ethyl ether freezes at minus 116.2 degrees centigrade or 177 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

Good Bye, Jim. Take Keer O'Yourself



THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION

Philosopher Accused of Heresy

Written for The Times by Will Durant

ABELARD

His real name was Pierre, or Peter, du Pallet; no one knows how he came by the name of Abelard, or Abailard, or Abillard, or Esbailart, or Beylard; names were but wise men's counters in the medieval age, and one might split them as one would.

He had a passion for the new-discovered sport of dialectic, which defined as the science of reasoning, the art of distinguishing right judgment from wrong; he preferred argument to war, and for a while to love; and when other youths went crusading he joined instead the tournament of thought, and cast a lance at William.

For to him this matter of "realism" and "nominalism" was a matter of life and death. He was a man of the middle ages, and to his age it seemed that the basic dogmas of the Church—above all the Trinity—were involved in even the existence of God hung in the balance, some thought; for had not the theologians described all things as belonging to some species, all species as belonging to genus, all genera as belonging to some still larger class, and all classes as being parts of God? And if the universal, or class name or species name, was only, as Abelard held, a conception of the mind, what became of the greatest universal of all—the Supreme Being? Was He, too, but a thought in the brain of man, having no real or objective existence apart from the particulars of the world?

Yes, it was becoming a very serious matter, this game of logic; and those who pursued it knew that the last syllogism might conclude with the stake.

No wonder, then, the students of Europe in the twelfth century puzzled over it: "One never gets away from the question," wrote John of Salisbury; "from whatever point a discussion starts, it is always led back and attached to that."

It is the madness of Rufus about Naevia: He thinks of nothing else; talks of nothing else; and if Naevia did not exist, Rufus would be dumb." Roscellin had begun the fury towards the end of the preceding century, in some lectures at Besancon. The class, he said, has no existence apart from the several items that compose it; the universal, or class name is only a breath of the mouth; only individual things exist, and everything else is a name (Hence this theory was called nominalism).

At once he was accused of heresy; for was not God, as the Universal of Universals, present really and completely in each person of the blessed Trinity? Roscellin replied that he could only conceive of the three persons as three Gods. At once the church censured him; and the council of Soissons, in 1092, bade him either retract or die. He did not choose to die.

WILLIAM OF CHAMPEAUX seized the other horn of the great dilemma, and proclaimed that the universal is the eminently real; that the class is logically prior to its individuals, and constitutes them by entering them; that humanity makes Peter, James and John. So man was real in addition to all

individual men; truth was more than a collection of all truths; and the church was certainly more than its members. (It is this "realism" which appears even today in the notion that a "group mind" exists in addition to the minds and thoughts of the individuals composing a society; there is no error so old but that some contemporaries cherish it.)

Abelard overthrew all this with a laugh. "Humanity" make Peter, James and John? This Peter would not believe it. Humanity is not merely a word, as Roscellin thought, it was a conception which our minds formed by observing those elements which Peter, James and John had in common, or by perceiving that they lived together.

These common elements were real; therefore the universal or class name was not an empty breath (Platus vocis, Roscellin had said), and nominalism, though on the right track, was unnecessarily extreme.

But these elements were in the individuals, not outside of them; society has reality only through the social behavior and feelings of men; it is not something added to these men. Therefore, realism was wrong; and the best solution of the debate was conceptualism.

"Very well," countered William. "On this basis the whole has no reality aside from the parts, the church has no reality aside from its members (how can it be the bride of Christ?), and God has no reality apart from the constituents of the universe. This was heresy punishable with death."

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To Be Continued.

What Other Editors Think

Delphi Citizen

It is hoped that Democrats, while taking a commendable interest in candidates that will impel a large attendance at the primary, will not overlook the more important duty of sending Democratic delegates to the State convention.

It is quite probable that the issues will be personified in at least one or more of the candidates, and if so it is of the utmost importance that such candidates shall not be eulcerated out of primary at which, wherever possible, choice is made by the voters at the primary.

It is well enough to speak frankly; the men most active at parties rarely, unless the rank and file of the party have seen to it—a thing still more rarely accomplished are in favor of progressive reforms.

Delegates who can not be ejected or coerced into nomination of candidates or the framing of platforms to the satisfaction of party bosses should be chosen.

This fact is more clearly shown by the declaration of the last Democratic platform in favor of the repeal of the primary—a thing even the last Legislature refused to do. The further fact that this declaration is now the principal issue of Republican candidates for Governor is significant.

It scarcely needs any comment to show the existence of a bipartisan machine which Democrats are not afraid to have in control of their State conventions.

Unless a majority of the delegates to the next Democratic convention is made up of men who "know their rights, and knowing dare maintain them" it is useless to expect anything in the way of candidates or issues or of conventionalism that will appeal to the Democrats of Indiana, and the growing number of Independent voters which is of equal importance, for success at the polls.

An ideal way to put this proposition into practice would be a county mass convention after the primary at which, wherever possible, delegates might be instructed on the basis of the vote cast.

No man unwilling to abide by such instructions should go to the State convention; he should be willing to be so governed, or he should be a good enough Democrat to resign in case they do not conform to his own personal views.

Shelbyville Republican

D. C. Stephenson is the Democratic platform in Indiana this year. With Stephenson eliminated, that party would have no issue to present to the people.

The slightest investigation into the present State administration reveals the fact that the business of the State was never better taken care of; that not one dollar is missing; that every department of the State was conducted within the appropriation made by the budget committee, a nonpartisan board, and that thousands of dollars have been returned to the

general fund; that State taxes have been reduced; that \$4,000,000 less in State taxes will be collected from the people; that all farm lands have been reassessed in order that no partiality or discrimination prevail, and that over \$13,000,000 is now in the State treasury with which to carry on without the State being compelled to borrow money until the spring installment of taxes come in.

These are conditions that the managers of the Democratic party never mention.

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TRACY

SAYS:
"Herbert Hoover Has Not Grown Up in an Atmosphere of Hidebound Partisanship and Has Not Contracted Obligations That Make Him a Creature of the Bosses."

Senator Frank Willis of Ohio, takes the Scripps-Howard newspapers severely to task. They are trying to control the Republican Presidential nomination. The characters though they have "habitually supported Democratic candidates," they have issued "an ukase to the Republican party directing it whom to nominate," and have announced "that unless this were done their influence would be thrown to Governor Al Smith."

"Since when," he wants to know, "has the Republican party come to the place where its candidates are to be dictated by a chain of newspapers that have never supported the Republican ticket," and "upon what theory shall any combination of newspapers be permitted to say, with effect, to the Republican party that it must nominate one particular candidate?"

Willis Views Wrong

A good case, Senator, except that it does not have any foundation in fact.

The Scripps-Howard newspapers are not trying to control the Republican Presidential nomination. Their concern is not with the party, but the country. They went to see good candidates nominated to insure the election of a good President and that is all.

From a partisan standpoint the Scripps-Howard newspapers do not care who the Republicans nominate. They are supporting Hoover not because he is a Republican, but in spite of it.

Whom they have or have not supported in the past has no bearing on the situation, except as it provides their independence.

As a matter of record, they have not "habitually supported Democratic candidates as Senator Willis readily can see if he looks back only to the last presidential election.

Independent Newspapers

The Scripps-Howard newspapers do not acknowledge allegiance to any party. While admitting that party organizations are necessary in a Government like ours, they believe that every opportunity should be afforded for independent expression, and that this is the greatest service newspapers can render.

They have no quarrel with Senator Willis, or thousands of others like him who regard a scratched ticket as one of the cardinal sins.

If he prefers party success to decent government, that is his privilege.

Above Partisan Politics

The Scripps-Howard newspapers are not trying to dictate anything or anyone in this campaign.