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

Voting and Counting

Perhaps the finest factor in the present campaign is the effort of the American Legion to induce every citizen to vote.

When the men who put on the uniform and risked their lives to defend this country take a deep interest in the preservation of its ideals in times of peace, there is a real hope.

The whole trouble in Indiana can be traced to two sources—indifference on the part of the well intentioned and crookedness on the part of the political gentlemen who are making a last desperate effort to control the State.

The legion has part of the answer. If it succeeds in arousing a public interest in the primary, the machine will go down to defeat. It is unbelievable that a majority of the voters in either party will be bigoted, misled or venal.

The rest of the answer must come from an effort to drive out of the political literature of Indiana that sinister phrase, "If they count the vote."

That phrase means that we have anarchy, not government, especially in this country.

Yet in every campaign headquarters of the State, except in those who have profited in the past from the machine, the managers link their predictions with this qualification.

The man on the street accepts it as inevitable that there is a doubt as to whether his ballot will be counted honestly.

There is one way to end it. If practices resorted to in the past are prevalent this year, there is more than a probability that the stub pencil boys will regret their activities. The Times proposes to see that the guilty are punished and these ballot crooks can get some good information in high places as to the success the Times has had in exposing crimes in the past.

But this very phrase may serve the decent voter who wants honesty in government and the name of Indiana redeemed. It will furnish a guide as to what candidates should not be chosen.

If this universal threat and fear of fraud is justified, who will profit by the crookedness?

Does any one suppose, for example, that crooks on the election boards will risk their liberty to send delegates to the Kansas City convention for Herbert Hoover?

Does any one suppose that the election officials selected by George Coffin would steal any votes for Arthur Gilham or Solon Carter?

Does any one suppose that they could be induced, even by Coffin, to steal for Tom Adams, whose nomination means the death-knell to crookedness and frauds?

There is no question as to sentiment in this State. It is decent. It is honest.

Neither is there any question of the widespread belief that many elections and primaries have been controlled by stub pencils instead of ballots.

It is up to the voters in precincts and wards where the machine can find no pliable tools, to roll up such overwhelming votes for the candidates who would suffer by illegal practices that it will be impossible to steal enough in the other places to overcome the popular will.

Sinclair's Creed

"I rather admired him if he could put it over."

From a great mass of testimony—testimony calculated to cover up rather than disclose—those few words stand out as a revelation.

Spoken by Harry Sinclair, they give an insight into the philosophy of the man.

He was answering a question about the Continental Trading Company transaction, referring to H. M. Blackmer's part in it.

He admired Blackmer, he said, if Blackmer could "put it over."

That which you can get by with—without consideration of the morals of a matter; just that which you can get by with, and admiration to you if you succeed.

Such is the creed of Harry Sinclair.

And such, in an earlier day, was the creed of Captain Kidd.

Waiting for China

Once more confused reports are coming from China of troop movements, battles, retreats, victories and skirmishes. The average newspaper reader no doubt wonders what it is all about; and in that respect he is in the same boat with most of the Chinese themselves.

The pot is boiling and many strange and unpleasant things are happening. China's troubles will not end in a year, or in five; when chaos undertakes to evolve order it usually has to work in a slow and painful manner. Sooner or later China will emerge from her present trials in better shape than ever before; until then we can only wait, keep our hands off and lend such help as we can in the way of relief work.

Freedom In America

Let Freedom Ring is the name of a new book by Arthur Garfield Hays, prominent New York attorney and a member of the executive committee of the American Civil Liberties Union, which publishes the book.

Mr. Hays knows all about freedom in America. He was in the Scopes (evolution) case, the prosecution in Boston of H. L. Mencken for the sale of the American Mercury, the Sacco-Vanzetti case, the Pennsylvania coal strike case and a score of others.

Photographs and cartoons help to lighten up this rather depressive theme.

Ludlow for Congress

Those who vote in the Democratic primaries Tuesday have a privilege as well as an opportunity to vote for a candidate for Congress whose qualifications and character are in striking contrast to those of men who have recently been sent by Indianapolis to the House of Representatives.

Louis Ludlow knows the machinery of law-making through his experience as a trained observer of Washington affairs for a long list of statesmen.

The Democratic party should respond to the chance to present such a candidate with a vote that will indicate that its own protests of virtue are well founded.

Indianapolis really deserves a Congressman. It deserves one to whom it can point with pride. Ludlow would satisfy these requirements.

Misusing the Schools

Probably the most reprehensible activity of the propagandists of the power industry yet discovered is their invasion of the schools.

The Federal trade commission, in the investigation now going on, has shown that this invasion is well under way. The utilities' propaganda organization in Connecticut has planted more than 10,000 "catechisms" as textbooks in seventy-six high schools. The Pennsylvania utilities have distributed more than 30,000 sets of pamphlets, four to a set, among county superintendents for use in schools. There has been similar activity in Illinois and other States.

These utility textbooks teach that a utility is a "natural monopoly," that public ownership is always unwise and more expensive than private; that rates are regulated properly; that the utilities must not be criticised, because it will hurt the community, and will disturb the value of investments.

Propaganda organizations in many States have surveyed textbooks used in civics and similar classes, and have brought pressure to eliminate sections with which they did not agree, or, as one propagandist expressed it, were "contrary to the so-called capitalistic system," as they viewed it.

Strangely enough, unthinking teachers seem to have approved and applauded this betrayal of their classrooms. They accept the utility propaganda without question, and pass it along to their pupils as truth.

Using the schools in this way violates every principle of sound education. The schools have a sacred duty to give honest instruction, to supply facts and facts only to the receptive minds of children. They betray that trust when they permit the power propagandists to use them as a medium for circulating their tainted information. Public ownership and rate regulation are most questions. Let the children hear both sides of the argument, rather than have the specious claims of power people handed to them as they viewed it.

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The London Daily Mail says the Prince of Wales is going to use an airplane in his travels about the country. Oh my!

David Dietz on Science

Martian Weather Varies

No. 41

HIGH temperatures are believed to exist, at times, on the planet Mars by many astronomers today as the result of the studies made by Dr. W. W. Coblenz and Dr. C. O. Lampland with the thermocouple, the delicate electrical thermometer used in taking the temperature of the planets.

In using the thermocouple, the instrument is placed at the end of a telescope in the place of the usual eyepiece.

Within the glass tube of the thermocouple is a tiny juncture of two different metals. This little juncture is the heat absorbing element.

By adjusting the thermocouple so that this juncture covers various points on the image of the planet in the telescope, the temperature of

just that point can be taken.

The accompanying illustration shows this. At the top, the juncture is set on one of the prominent features of Mars, which astronomers have named Syrtis Major. Below, the thermocouple is shown adjusted to another region of the planet, the part known as Mare Sirenum.

From his study, Dr. Coblenz arrives at the following conclusions for his 1924 observations:

At the south pole of the planet, the temperature ranges from 15 to 20 degrees Fahrenheit. It was summer at the Martian south pole at the time Coblenz and Lampland made the observations.

The south temperate zone was then enjoying summer with a temperature of 65 to 75 degrees.

The tropics reach as high a temperature at 85 degrees.

The north temperate zone was then having winter. They placed its temperature at 30 to 60 degrees.

At the north pole, it was also winter. Here the temperature was from 10 below zero to 40 below zero.

All these temperatures given above are for noon on Mars. The temperature is believed to fluctuate violently between night and day, perhaps because of the thin atmosphere.

At sunrise the temperature even at the tropical zone is believed to be zero. This would mean an even colder night temperature.

Next: What a famous American astronomer thinks about the so-called canals of Mars.

KEEPING UP With THE NEWS

BY LUDWELL DENNY

CAMPAIGN contributions are becoming an issue in the pre-convention contests in both parties.

The Senate investigating committee, after asking all avowed presidential candidates to testify before it regarding expenditures, announced today hearings probably would begin early next week.

Other developments include:

1. Senator Borah, who is not an avowed candidate, but who has the pledge of his home State (Idaho) delegation, has decided to make past campaign contributions an issue at the Republican convention.

2. Senator Reed of Missouri, inquired in the Illinois and Pennsylvania Republican slush fund probes, said today he would continue his campaign for the Democratic nomination "on a platform of anti-Republican 'corruption,'" despite his loss to Al Smith in the California primary, Tuesday.

3. Senator Heflin (Dem.) Alabama and self-constituted leader of anti-Catholic groups, repeated his charges yesterday that Smith's friends are spending large sums to get the nomination and that Tammany is more corrupt than other similar organizations. Heflin gave no documentary facts or figures.

4. Senator Robinson of Indiana and Senator Ivey of North Dakota, Republicans, charge that Sinclair, in addition to his large secret donation to the Harding Republican fund, gave \$1,000 to a New York Democratic county committee which helped elect Smith Governor.

This alleged transaction, said to have occurred if at all, before the Teapot Dome revelations, is denied by both Smith and Sinclair. Robinson, when making this charge, was chided by both Democrats and Republicans for his alleged association with the long list of Indiana Republican Governors and Ku-Klux Klan officials, indicted and imprisoned.

5. Friends of former Governor Lowden of Illinois, chief opponent of Hoover in the Republican race, are trying to prevent reference in this campaign to the 1920 incident when Lowden managers were charged with buying two Missouri delegates.

Lowden was completely ignorant of that deal, which probably prevented him from getting the nomination, according to Clarence Darrow and other supporters. Senate revelations of large Leonard Wood expenditures also kept the general from getting the 1920 nomination.

6. Secretary of Commerce Hoover, in announcing his candidacy before the Ohio primary, publicly warned his backers against questionable or large use of money.

Observers think the Senate investigation probably will reveal no improper use of funds by present presidential candidates, though special attention is apt to be given to the publicity methods of various campaign headquarters.

THE HOUSE, as predicted, rejected the disputed equalization fee in the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill and passed that measure 234 to 121. After going to conference for reconciliation with the Senate bill, the measure will be sent to the President, who threatens to repeat his veto of last year.

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And then, to cap this group of celestial portraits, Raphael painted the 'Transfiguration.' No one could have conceived it better than he; how could the skeptical Perugino, or the distracted Leonardo, or the furious Buonarroti have encompassed the passionate belief required for such a masterpiece? This is the swan song of the Christian renaissance.

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And then, as if to emphasize the point that the rediscovery of Greece had helped to put an end to the middle ages, Raphael painted the 'School of Athens.' Here philosophy is pictured, as before, theology; and one who is prejudiced in favor of philosophy cannot help liking the second picture better. Taine, that eccentric mind, could not leave it, and wished to say to it, in Faust's phrase, "Stay yet a while, thou art so fair."

Here are Pythagoras and Heraclitus, Plato and Aristotle, Archimedes and his pupils, and many more, individualized with the skill and patience of genius; not portraying, as Symonds thought, the diverse systems of these men, but giving them personality, power and intelligence. And standing over them all, in a separate panel, is Philosophy herself, benign and calm in a wisdom that has learned to love.

With branches spreading sometimes 150 feet, the elm makes a particularly good shade tree. The American or common elm has the widest range, excels all others in height and beauty.

Slippery elm, beloved by country children for its fragrant bark which they chew, and the rock elm are also important species.

Elm is a valuable wood because of its strength, fine bending qualities and ability to stand rough usage.

The principal use of elm in the past has been in the manufacture of slack cooperage and baskets.

It is also extensively used in the vehicle industry, being well fitted for the frames of bodies and for top bows of both automobiles and wagons.

Although elm is becoming scarce, it is fairly constant, although probably diminishing supply, is assured for a long time. This is because of the wide range of the different species and the fact that they form an appreciable percentage of the mixed hardwood stands in the eastern United States. The elms as a whole grow rather rapidly.

William Penn made his famous treaty with the Indians beneath the shade of a beautiful elm in Philadelphia.

Washington took command of the American Army at Cambridge, Mass., under an elm. The Burgoine Elm at Albany, N. Y., was planted the day Burgoine was brought to Albany a prisoner.

However, it did his youthful rival no good; for Raphael's irresistible impulse to imitate led him to seek massive effects in the style of Angelo, and as this was alien to the healthy normality of his genius, it

We've Always Wondered if Daniel Was Married

WAIT A MINUTE—
I JUST THOUGHT OF
AN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT
I'VE GOT IN CHINA!!



THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION

Fame of Raphael Mounts Higher

Written for The Times by Will Durant

THENCEFORTH," says Vasari, "Raphael devoted himself to the anatomical study of the nude figure and to the investigation of muscles in dead and excoriated bodies, as well as in those of the living; for in the latter they are not so readily distinguished, because of the impediment presented by the covering of the skin, as in those from which outer integuments have been removed . . . The same researches also made him acquainted with the articulation of the bones, with the distribution of the nerves, with the course of the veins, etc., by the study of all which he rendered himself excellent in every point . . . knowing, nevertheless, that in this respect he could never attain the excellence of Michelangelo."