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

Retire Boss Coffin

While helping the rest of the State in the crusade to redeem Indiana, Republicans in Marion County should go farther and retire Boss Coffin from all power in this city and State.

His part in planning and helping the whole train of sinister events which led to the disgrace of the State was only second in importance to the part played by D. C. Stephenson.

The indictment against Coffin for attempting to bribe Warren T. McCray was dismissed because of the statute of limitations and he has been free to rule and, in most cases, ruin, political affairs through his hold upon his party label and his influence in the election boards.

It was the Coffin organization in this county which worked with Stephenson and was responsible for the Stephenson political victories in the State.

The Republicans of the State understand and, Coffin himself understands, how thoroughly his machine is discredited and upon what forces it relies to control.

The margin of votes which gives him power does not come from the decent portions of the community. He is strongest where there is fear of law.

Coffin himself indicated before the primaries that he no longer considered himself a party asset and promised to retire. He failed to keep his pledge with his party and certainly no Republican owes any party duty to him or to his ticket.

It was under his orders that the city manager law was amended in the last Legislature in a vain effort to keep his man Duvall in the mayor's chair for two years, and it was vain only because of the action of the grand jury and the courts which convicted Duvall, for whom the legislation was specifically designed.

It was Coffin who, in the Republican convention, after the delegates had revolted against recognition of Governor Ed Jackson, who sent the horse trader to the Republican national convention.

It was Coffin who furnished the major bloc of votes to Leslie when the speaker of the House assisted in preventing any investigation of corruption by the last Legislature.

It is Coffin who still dreams of empire and who believes that he can again control the State through Leslie and his own grip on Marion County.

It was Coffin, and is Coffin, who stands behind Congressman Updike, whose first nomination came only after he had signed a written contract to turn over the patronage of the Government to Stephenson, including the retirement of Postmaster Bryson.

The city is soon to have a city manager. That first election will be most important. If the city wants to be free, it should clear the way by getting rid of this so-called "master mind" of politics who has always worked against public interest.

"Smith's Great Mistake"

That Hoover's breadth of experience, nationally and internationally, equips him better to be president of the United States than does Al Smith's experience, limited as it has been to the State of New York, is a major point in this campaign in behalf of Hoover. On that point alone many votes will go to Hoover.

A new angle in that connection is expressed interestingly by a reader in a communication addressed to the Scripps-Howard newspapers. In his opinion, Al Smith made the great mistake in his political career in not broadening his experience when he had a chance. There is food for thought in what the writer says. The letter follows:

"When Smith was beaten for the presidential nomination in 1924 it should have given him his cue. He should have realized that it was national training he needed before he could present himself to the nation as of presidential caliber. He should have served in the senatorial chambers before making his bid for the presidency."

The brilliance that marked his three terms as Governor of the Empire State would have illuminated those same senatorial chambers had he but taken the place of Robert Wagner as Senator from New York.

"Smith would not have been a nap snatcher or a corridor stroller had he been Senator. By the same token, neither would he have been a windbag. He would have striven conscientiously to give the nation as a whole the things it required. It was the kind of training that would have brought him into intimate relationship with the problems of the North, South, East and West."

But the great tragedy does not lie in the defeat Smith will suffer in November. The great tragedy lies in what will become the wreckage of one of the greatest State machines ever assembled—the New York State machine that he dreamed of, laid awake nights thinking of, the machine that insured New York's standing as the greatest State in the Union.

"Not only will he lose the leadership of his own party—and who will deny that hungry eyes are looking upon it?—but the same thing will happen this year that happened in 1920 when a similar landslide swept Nathan Miller into the Governor's chair. And Smith will stand alone—beaten. At first they will say his religion beat him; then they will say his unorganized party beat him; then they will say his prohibition attitude beat him."

"But they will not realize the one thing that beat him. Al Smith beat himself. He beat himself when he decided to run for Governor in 1926 instead of switching jobs with Bob Walker."

A Warning From the Bankers

The public, credited with responsibility for the orgy of stock speculation in recent months, will do well to hearken to warnings issued at the meeting of the American Bankers' Association in Philadelphia.

The country is prosperous and will remain that way, according to the bankers. One thing about which there was general concern was stock speculation. The various issues have been forced to higher levels than returns justify, it was said repeatedly, and it was regarded as regrettable that tremendous sums were being drawn into speculation to the detriment of legitimate business and industry, which as a result are obliged to pay high interest rates.

Leonard P. Ayres, vice president of the Cleveland Trust Co., and a well-known statistician, was outspoken in his warning of a day of reckoning.

"Stocks are selling on expectation rather than on realization," said Mr. Ayres. "All the experience of the past points to the conclusion that stocks are too high and must come down."

This year may be the end of a period of great credit expansion based on huge gold imports. Mr. Ayres believes. He sees the approach of a "new and sober era," the transition to which will not be easy.

"We may look forward to the longer future with confidence," Mr. Ayres believes, "but the great rewards of business and banking during the next decade probably will go to the plodders rather than the plotters, to the calculators instead of to the speculators, to the thrifty and not to the shifty. It may even be that the hour of the old-fashioned virtues in business life is about to strike."

Boiler-Plate Opinion

"Boiler-plate" opinion is finding its own antidote in the hearings being conducted by the Federal Trade Commission on the propaganda activities of public utilities.

The American press, through which the testimony at the hearings is being disseminated to the readers of the nation, is to some extent undoing the harmful effects of the power trust propaganda which some portions of it have assisted in broadcasting.

But it is not doing enough in this direction. National and State editorial associations should take a hand.

Recent evidence introduced in the investigation of power trust publicity methods shows that a large number of newspapers have been receiving "canned editorials" against public ownership.

These editorials were sent out by a southern editor at the expense of the utility interests. At least 200 weekly newspapers received this "news service" each week, but not one was informed that the owner of the service was being paid by the power interests to mail it out.

There can be little argument about the moral question involved on the part of the editor and the utility interests who joined hands in this covert attempt to influence public opinion.

But how about the newspapers that used this material?

The American press needs some housecleaning, too.

Al Capone was shot in the leg when a gun fell out of his pocket while playing golf, according to press dispatches. Moral: The Chicago merchants should chip in for golf clubs for all the racketeers.

A dog out in Kansas City bit twenty persons the other day. An investigation is being conducted to learn whether it was Republican or Democratic.

A dispatch says that shoe buckles now can be made partly of cow's milk. "Rest Your Feet in Shoes Buckled by the Product of Contented Cows."

A scientist comes forward to assert that man has a soul. Just in the nick of time!

David Dietz on Science

Battle Over Microbes

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LAZZARO SPALLANZANI set out to prove that microbes had to have parents, that they could not arise spontaneously from mutton gravy and soups the way Needham, over in England, was telling the Royal Society they could.

So he took some large glass flasks, scrubbed them until they were clean and then filled them with water.

In one he placed **MILK** almonds, in another peas, in the others seeds of different sorts.

Next he was faced with the problem of corking his flasks. He believed one trouble with Needham was that he did not cork his flasks tightly enough.

But how could he be sure that he did not make the water seem likely to become entangled with the repairs problems sooner or later, and that the old-time rule with regard to navigable waterways seems likely to determine our future water power policy, speculation in Wall Street is affecting business all along the line, and that, too, in ways that have little bearing on the value of stocks.

Speculation having reached a point where it threatens to withdraw a disproportionate amount of money from legitimate business, the bankers undertook to stop it by raising the interest rates. One effect of this was to make the builder, manufacturer, farmer and every one else pay more for borrowed cash.

If the bankers had not adopted such a policy, more and more money would have been loaned for speculation and there would have been less and less of it available for other purposes.

Speculation of the kind that has infatuated the public from the first of this year is bound to make things harder for legitimate business, no matter what the bankers do, or try to do.

It amounts to nothing less than a diversion of a vast amount of credit in order that some people might bet on their hopes and hunches. That means less money, or higher interest rates for those other people who are trying to make the wheels go round in a hard-headed, common sense way.

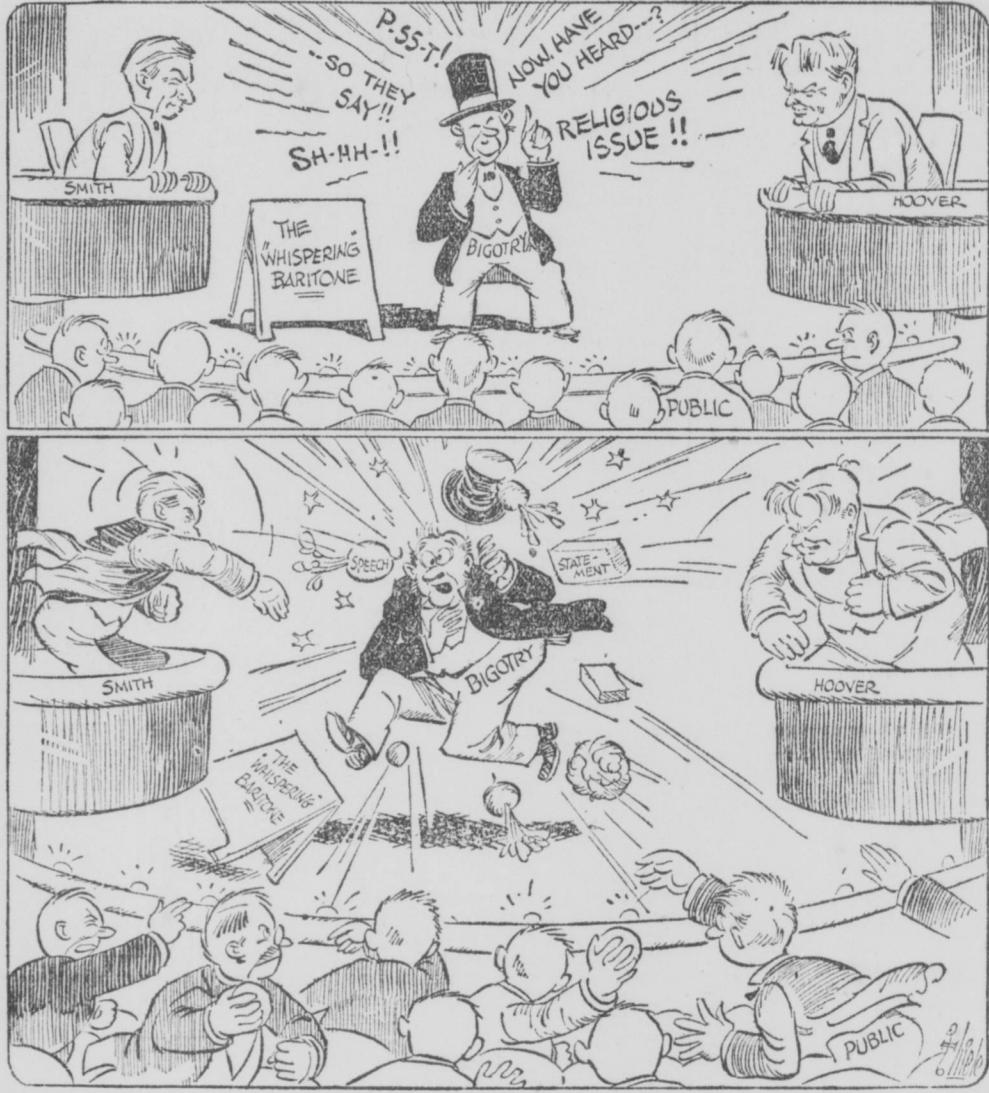
Then he wrote and published a long sarcastic paper in which he demolished Needham's claims.

Soon the scientific societies of all the capitals of Europe were buzzing with a verbal battle. Many scientists saw immediately that Spallanzani was right. But Needham had his friends and adherents who insisted that the last word had not yet been said.

M. E. TRACY SAYS:

"Speculation in Wall St. of the Kind That Has Infatuated the Public This Year Is Bound to Make Things Harder for Legitimate Business."

The Critics Are Unanimous on This Act



DAILY HEALTH SERVICE

Science Finds How Glands Work

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN,
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A GLAND is a portion of the body that develops a secretion.

The breasts are glands and milk is the secretion.

The thyroid is a gland and it gives the body a substance, thyroxin, necessary for body activities.

The salivary glands secrete the saliva that moistens the mouth and contains ferment that help to digest starches.

The stomach has glands that secrete hydrochloric acid and pepsin and thus help digestion.

The anatomist and physiologist divide the glands into two varieties, those that pour out their secretions on the surface such as the sweat glands, or into the intestines such as the salivary glands and those of the stomach and bowels, and those that pour their secretions into the blood, by which they are carried throughout the body. The latter are called endocrine glands, or glands of internal secretion.

Scientists discover the actions of the secretions of the glands in one of two ways.

They can remove the glands and find out what happens when the secretion is missing, or they can inject the secretion and see the effects of an overdose of the substance.

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the adrenal glands lie just above the kidneys and are therefore sometimes called suprarenal glands.

They give as one secretion a powerful substance called adrenal, which can make its presence known when one part in one hundred million parts of blood is present.

The thyroid gland furnishes, of its main secretion, an amount estimated as a thousandth of a gram per day. There are 480 grams in a pound. That is, an amount equivalent to one part in three million parts of blood.

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fear, rage or anger the adrenal substance is poured into the blood, and the body responds.

The hair seems to stand on end, the eyes bulge, the mouth becomes dry, the skin becomes pale, digestion is interfered with and extra sugar is poured into the blood, since sugar is rapidly used by extra activity.

If adrenal is injected into the body similar effects may develop. The drug is used to raise the blood pressure, and to contract the blood vessels.

The thyroid gland and its secretion are closely connected with the chemistry of the body, with the growth of the skin and the functioning of the tissues generally.

Overfunction of the gland and overdosage of thyroxin extract produce rapid pulse, increased chemical activity in the body, restlessness and mental excitement.

Lessoed function is accompanied by sluggishness in all these activities that otherwise take place rapidly.

DOOR OFF ITS HINGES
HUMOR NOT A BAD SIGN
HERE'S TO ALVIN YORK



A PHILADELPHIA police captain has just been indicted on 358 counts.

It's always advisable to take along an adding machine if one intends to figure up how often a city policeman has broken his hinges.

The papers say that both Hoover and Smith are still going to church, but after the election we are looking for a couple of back-sliders.

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Personally we believe this is just anti-Klan propaganda.

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William Allen White is back from Europe and says he will help Hoover. We judge from this that he is going to keep still from now on.

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