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

Legislative Tickets

This county will elect eleven members of the state legislature this fall. These eleven, very probably, will determine the character of laws that are passed at the next session.

It is most important for the voters of both parties to select most carefully the candidates for these positions. If they are the usual sort who are bossed by the seekers of privilege and who put party chicanery above the welfare of the people, nothing will be gained by the aroused sentiment of the state for very definite reforms.

One of the causes of lack of prosperity among classes of citizens, especially the worker and the farmer, is the high cost of government. This can be cured by spending less money. A legislature can perform this service.

A very definite demand for a state-owned cement plant operated with prison labor will be made next year. That might result in the diversion of a part of the twenty millions of dollars raised through tax on gasoline to other purposes with no diminution of any road program.

The American Legion is demanding free school books for all children—a most logical and meritorious advance. This will be fought by publishers who profit from sales of books to families.

There may be a demand for investigations, which have been refused in the past. Legislators who favor giving the people all the facts should be chosen.

In view of the very definite trend of opinion this year away from the party in power, it is highly essential to have good candidates on the Democratic ticket. Two candidates for nomination on that ticket are so outstanding that every Democrat should give the independent voter a chance to vote for them in the fall. John F. White has a long record of unselfish services to the people in offices that lacked glamour but into which he put power. Walter Myers is a lawyer whose abilities and sincerity have made him a potential United States senator. It should be a privilege to have his services in this comparatively minor position.

Whatever else happens in the primary, Democratic voters owe it as a duty to the state to see that these two are named.

This, of course, does not mean that there are not other good candidates on both tickets. But these two are so unusual as aspirants for these positions as to demand a practically unanimous vote.

The Rich We Have Always With Us

Rich people should not worry too much about Grundy's billion dollar tariff bill. True, it is going to play havoc with business and cut down profits when high priced goods are returned unsold. But the rich at least have the consolation that the proposed law is not going to increase their cost of living much. The tariff on many luxuries has been lowered and some have been put on the free list.

The old guard politicians have looked out for their campaign contributors. Everything is arranged to make the working people pay most of the proposed billion dollar tariff tax.

Instead of scaling the rates upward, as in the case of the income tax, the Grundy bill goes easy on the expensive grades of materials and piles the tax on the cheap grades used by working people.

The clothes of working people are made of a little pure wool and much shoddy. So the heaviest Grundy tax is on the rags to make shoddy. The \$30 suit will cost \$35.

Take sweaters and knit goods. On expensive grades the Grundy rate is 60 per cent, on the medium grades, 72 per cent and on the cheap grades, 105 per cent.

So with women's hats. Mrs. Millionaire gets off with 55 per cent on her expensive hats. Medium grades are taxed 62 per cent, but girls who work in stores and factories, and workers' wives, when they buy their hats will be gouged 71 per cent.

It is the same story for house furnishings, chinaware and indeed most of the things in daily use—the cheaper grades are taxed most.

Working people pay the bulk of that billion dollar annual tax. They had to put it on all the cheaper grades of everything used. That is the only grade of goods the people can afford to buy. And it takes a lot of extra nickels and dimes and dollar bills on a lot of articles to make up that thousand million dollars a year.

By the same token, however, it takes a lot of poor folks' vote to elect a congressman.

Business and the Farmers

Organized business as represented by the United States Chamber of Commerce definitely has arrayed itself in opposition to the policies of the federal farm board.

A resolution adopted at the chamber's annual convention asserts that the board's operations have failed to drive great enterprises straight through; he could mature carefully his plans, then direct others to carry them to a successful conclusion, but while the President of the United States may plan, he can not direct the congress to do anything.

It condemns employment "of public funds for participation in business in competition with established agencies." And, finally, it demands amendment of the agricultural marketing act to make this impossible.

The chamber's program strikes at the very heart of farm relief, as attempted by congress. The theory was that co-operatives were to be fostered and banded together and loaned money by the government, so that they could control the marketing of a sufficient amount of the principal crops to give them bargaining power. Co-operatives were to buy and sell through stabilization corporations. And this is what they have been doing.

Inevitably, success of the co-operative movement means the displacement of some private dealers, speculators and operators. This is responsible for outcry against the board, which originated with grain trade, and gained support among others who

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M. E. Tracy SAYS:

It Is Time That the Old Charges of Direct Relationship Between the Soviet and Disturbances in This Country Be Cleared Up.

If authentic, the document made public by Police Commissioner Whalen of New York leave no room to doubt that a direct connection exists between Moscow and Communist agitation in this country.

If spurious, great injustice has been done the Russian government and its representatives abroad.

The issue thus raised should not be left to guesswork and supposition.

Either such connection exists, or it does not, and we have come to a pretty pass, if the point can not be established definitely.

Agitation to stir up class hatred is not new in this country.

We always have been afflicted with a small noisy element devoted to the gospel of malcontent.

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Nor can that government excuse itself by pleading that the party is responsible.

One Party Rules

WHEN we talk about a political party in Russia we are talking about something different from a political party in the United States.

Here we have two, while in Russia there is only one.

That one not only dominates the government, but the Third International, which admittedly is an organization dedicated to promotion of world-wide revolt.

It were wrong, of course, to hold the Communist party responsible, without giving it a day in court.

The British government did that on one occasion, and has been sorry ever since.

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The question of whether they are comes as a distinct challenge, not only to the intelligence service of New York City, but of the federal government.

Prejudice in Saddle

IT is time that the old and oft-repeated charges of direct relationship between the Soviet and disturbances in this country were cleared up.

On their truth or falsity hinges the question of whether we should recognize Russia, and not only that, but the greater question of what attitude we should take toward similar disturbances in other countries.

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