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"If There is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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Lesson for Both Parties

EVERY newspaper and every private citizen has been demanding reduction in taxes during the past year, yet the congress successfully prevented any reduction for a long period of years and then passed a bill which gives temporary relief, but was entirely different in most respects from the one recommended by treasury experts.

Instead of working for tax reduction, congress used up the most of its time passing or debating measures which would increase national taxes.

This most peculiar state of affairs is due to the fact that congress seemed to have worked on the theory of the ostrich in its blind effort to have its own way. Instead of listening to the people, it stuck its head in the sands of its own egotism and kicked its pet hobbies and political schemes down the throats of the American people.

Few politicians in office have the ability to read the signs of the times but to those who have such ability, the recent presidential primaries offer a valuable lesson. Some political leaders in Washington advocate radical change in government, and many new schemes and theories have been offered—but what did the people answer when they cast their votes?

The "ultra progressive" Republican candidate who would have given the people anything they wished, in promises, was absolutely snowed under. The "ultra conservative" Republican candidate of the type that the Progressive class as reactionary and an enemy of the people, received an almost unanimous vote.

If this primary election teaches anything, it shows that the sentiment of the American people is for conservative and sound ideas of government and business. It should show both Republicans and Democrats alike that the men they put up for public office should be capable of impressing the voters with the fact that they will give, if elected, a sound, economical and business-like administration of public affairs and curb the tendency to expand the functions of government to various fields of private activity.

In 1749 Benjamin Franklin electrocuted a turkey for his dinner. Begins to look like most of the new ideas are old ones worked over.

Political Demagogues

BRIGIDIER GENERAL DAWES announces that in his candidacy for the vice presidency, he is going after the political demagogue, and that he will ask no quarter and will give none.

Irrespective of politics, if he is in any measure successful, he will perform a public service that can scarcely be estimated.

The political demagogue is the curse of the United States. The man who will promise anything, when he knows in his heart that it is not for the best interests of the country, merely for the selfish purpose of maintaining himself in office, is not worthy of public confidence, and politics will continue to be in disrepute among the great mass of the people as long as he has any voice.

The demagogue misleads and prostitutes public opinion by diverting attention from vital matters of government with appeals to class hatreds. He is truly un-American and may his clan grow less as people awaken to the fact that he is an evil genius who will tear down American institutions and ideals, rather than build them up, as he makes it appear he will.

Gen. Dawes says that political demagoguery is a curse the world over. The world has seen what grasping, unprincipled, political leaders have done to Europe.

The same fate awaits the United States unless the people who put men in public office come to a realization that everything a candidate for office says is not always true.

Courting in a Ford is a lot more expensive than it used to be in a phaeton.

Living Off Government

AN AUTHORITY on the subject says there are 2,700,000 employees on the payrolls of the federal and local government and 700,000 former employees drawing pensions—3,400,000 persons who are being provided by government with their living.

There are 41 to 42 million persons in the United States "gainfully employed" so that every twelve citizens are supporting one in office.

The amount paid for services by government—federal, state and local—represent six and one-half per cent. of the national income in 1922.

This sum was nearly one-half that paid out in wages by all manufacturing plants in this country in 1921.

This sum represents an average payment of \$91 by each person over ten years old engaged in a gainful occupation.

Some employ language to express ideas and others use it to confuse voters.

A City Beautiful

FEW people ever come to Andover without commenting upon the beauty of the village, the cleanliness of its streets, the general atmosphere of contentment that pervades its homes, the air of prosperity that is reflected by its beautiful residences and well-kept lawns.

Visitors who make this outspoken comment do so not for the purpose of winning favor with local citizens, but because it is their honest view.

And those of us who have observed other cities and towns in our class know that is true. There are few on a par with Andover, when real beauty is taken into consideration.

The reputation which Andover has gained is due to the pride that local people take in their homes. That same sense of pride has made itself felt to such an extent that our public officials have been imbued with the idea of making Andover an attractive place in which to live.

We can make it even more beautiful by continuing to give expression to our people in making our homes, our streets, our lawns, our public buildings more appealing to the eye.

People who live in pleasant surroundings are more contented and contentment should be the ambition of everyone.

A community that makes beauty of its surroundings one of its principal goals will not go backwards, because such an aim means alertness and a desire to do better.

Let's ever keep before us that a city beautiful is an end much to be desired and is worthy the best that and effort of its citizens.

Repeated suggestions on the same topic make a path in the mind just the same as walking across the grass in the same place every day. Hence advertising.

Sizing Up Things

IN SIZING up things, especially those having a bearing on local conditions, it is well to remember that there is more than one angle from which a question may be viewed.

Far too many people err in judgment purely from haste and overzealousness.

Impressions are often formed at first glance, and unless a person is willing to examine beneath the surface and consider all available facts, those first impressions will remain and become fixed convictions, irrespective of whether they are right or wrong.

Injustice to a good cause is often done by this method of sizing up things and immeasurable harm to an individual, a group of individuals or a whole community may result.

Then there is a class of citizens who, having formed a hasty conclusion, refuse to recede from their position, even when confronted with indisputable proof of their error of judgment. That is pure and unadulterated stubbornness.

But here, as elsewhere, there are many people who are quick to form impressions, but are willing to, and do, analyze the arguments of the opposition and are completely changed as the result of the additional information thus acquired.

Sizing up local conditions is an admirable trait, but undue haste in forming lasting conclusions is much to be regretted.

Best results are obtained by taking a calm survey of the situation from every conceivable viewpoint before taking a definite stand.

Communities prosper and grow when their citizens adopt this plan.

Benjamin Franklin's picture is on the new \$100 bills, but we know where you can get a picture of Franklin for a lot less money.

Farm Situation Better

IT'S no easy matter to attempt to tell a farmer that the average condition of the American farmers has improved ten per cent. during the past year.

But that's what the department of agriculture is doing, and if it succeeds in making some farmers believe that their business is on the upgrade, it will be better for them and the country as well.

Revised estimates, the department says, shows that the 1923 crops had a total value of about ten billions of dollars, an increase of more than a billion in one year.

Total value of exports of principal agricultural products from United States for eight months ended Feb. 29, 1924, was \$1,308,338,000 as compared with \$1,233,716,000 for the same period during the preceding year, an increase of six per cent.

In a recent statement, the Department of Agriculture says: "The general agricultural outlook for 1924 indicates that farmers are undertaking a normal production program. It is apparent, however, that agricultural production this year will still be attended by difficulties arising from high wages and other costs."

"Domestic demand for agricultural products is at a high level. Foreign markets on the whole, seem likely to maintain about the present level of demand."

Many a man makes the mistake of trying to collect before delivering the goods.

Crow Shooting Contest

A GREAT powder company of this country is offering \$2,500 in merchandise prizes in a three-months crow-killing contest.

The Audubon Societies of our country are protesting against the wholesale slaughter of the crow, claiming that while it destroys some corn when it first sprouts the crow is engaged all the year round destroying insect pests that are harmful to the farmer.

Governor Baxter of Maine is out in a vigorous protest against boosting the powder business by this method. He said this shooting contest will result in destroying most of the birds beside crows that are not protected by law.

Prominent naturalists all agree that the crow is one of the farmer's friends and should be entitled to the protection of law. They say that any extensive interference with the balance of natural life as nature has adjusted it is likely to have serious consequences.

Investigation has proved that where one species of wild life, particularly a bird-like the crow which destroys insects, is driven away or killed in large numbers, the insects on which it lives are likely to become pests.

Clothing

JAMES P. CANNON CO.

Shoes

FOR YOUR COMFORT

Your summer comfort depends upon the style and fit of your

Undergarments

They must be loose enough to give freedom to every movement; they must be of a material that will absorb all perspiration and not "cling" to the skin.

Your comfort demands the best.

Ask for "Topkis" at \$1.00.

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\$3.45 to \$6.50

James P. Cannon Company

YEP, IT'S GONNA BE A GEE-LORIOUS FOURTH



Orlo Babcock

Orlo Allen Babcock was born in Hallsport, town of Willing, July 31, 1889, son of George and Lena Hood Babcock, and died Wednesday, June 25, 1924, at Allentown. June 1st, 1918, he was united in marriage with Miss Bessie Nobles of this village.

Mr. Babcock was an oil well pumper and was employed in this capacity, by the Empire Gas and Fuel Company on their lease near Allentown. He was seen to enter the power house by the foreman, who, fifteen minutes later followed him to find his bruised body on the floor, near the engine; his clothing having been caught in the clutch. Physicians hastily summoned, stated that death had resulted almost in-

stantly. Mr. Babcock was considered by his company as one of the most careful and efficient men in their employ, he had many friends in Andover who regarded him with the greatest of esteem.

Deceased was a member of the District church at Hallsport and the Wellsville Masonic Lodge.

Besides his wife, he leaves a little daughter of five years, June Adell, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Babcock and one brother, Will Earl Babcock of Wellsville.

The body was brot to the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles of Rochambeau Avenue, where funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon by the Rev. Frank White, pastor of the Allentown M. E. Church. Interment was made in Hillside Cemetery.

Political Announcement

I desire to announce to the Republican electors of Allegany County that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Allegany County, subject to the decision of the primaries to be held September 16, 1924.

SCHUYLER U. CLINE.

West Greenwood

Grange Picnic

The West Greenwood grange are planning to hold their annual picnic Thursday, July 10th, at Grange Hall. The picnic is to be a union picnic with the Greenwood Grange. S. L. Striving, state master of the grange is expected to be present and deliver the address.