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

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No More Secret Conventions

POLITICAL reform has taken its greatest forward step thru the operation of the radio. No longer can delegates to a convention return to their homes with strange and weird stories, to deceive the home folk regarding their actions and their votes. The check-up is too complete. Not only is the state in touch with its representatives in convention in block formation, but the position assumed by each individual is discovered in every hamlet of the land by the polling of the vote. The Democratic convention in New York has demonstrated the value of radio in this way more than once.

The radio for the first time has enabled the entire country to sit in the convention. It has lifted the veil of secrecy. It has enabled the home folk to hear the arguments, the rulings of the chair, to note the attitude of delegations, to digest their trend of thought, when they have any, and to discover the fact that when they have not. The betrayal of trust is no longer possible without discovery. There is a vast significance in the much advertised cry so recently heard thru the air from coast to coast—"Ala-bama casts twenty-four votes for Under-wood."

Summed up, the radio spells the passing of the boss, because even his operations, tho kept secret in committee rooms and in delegation headquarters, become too evident on the floor of the convention. The contact between the delegate and those who sent him out as a representative spells a greater honesty in voting. The vote of the delegate is known instantly, and the telegram or telephone of protest can reach him almost immediately.

The abolition of the secret convention will do as much to free the people from political abuse as the institution of the secret ballot. The radio seems destined to give us more honesty in politics, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Stopping Progress

LET us suppose that we as a community stop counting time; stop dead in our tracks for the next century, for instance, and play Rip Van Winkle.

Conjure up in your mind how Andover would look a hundred years hence. Picture how the weeds would be growing up thru the paved streets, how the business buildings would be rambling spectres of their former selves, how the beautiful public buildings would be crumbling, how attractive residences would be tumbling down in decay, and flower gardens converted into a wilderness.

And while in a speculative mood, turn back to the beginning of Andover, and let us suppose that our ancestors had not counted time—had stood still.

We would be living in a swamp with malaria and kindred ailments, making life miserable. We would be lighting our homes with candles, making the cloth for our clothing with spinning wheels, hunting wild animals for our meat and grinding our grain in some crude way for our daily bread.

We would have no electric lights, no telephones, no railroads, no electric lines, no coal, no gas, no sanitary sewers, no pure water supply—none of the modern conveniences that make life joy.

Yet there are people who want us to stop counting time now. They don't believe in progress. They want to stand still.

They are willing to enjoy the benefits that our forebears made possible for us, but they have no desire to carry on for generations yet unborn.

If those who would sit down and eat the fruit of our ancestors' toil, had controlled the destiny of this community a century ago, where would we be now?

Fortunately, there are people who feel that it is a privilege to enjoy the blessings made possible by the trials of their parents and their parents' parents.

And they realize that it is their duty and obligation to leave the world a better place when they depart, than it was when they entered it.

They will keep on counting time—and make the most of every precious moment.

Health is Wealth

HEALTH is wealth, someone has said. It is also happiness, because to be unhealthful is to be unhappy. That happiness means health has a scientific basis, according to a noted scientist, who has experimented with rats.

Those that have been tamed so that they could be handled in the hand do not suffer the ill effects from experiments as do those that are wild and afraid during the experiment.

This is directly due to the properties of several glands which are like glands of internal secretions in the human, this scientist says.

Since fear affects health, and therefore happiness, wise people will avoid fear.

Most fear is fancied, anyway, and is a mental condition that in a large majority of cases can be overcome.

To be healthy and fearless, then, is to be happy, which is the goal of every human being.

A High School Education

A RECENT survey of five widely separated states shows that 3.15 per cent. of the farm population is enrolled in high schools, compared with 8.55 of the non-farm population going beyond the grades.

This should give pause to the people who regard the farm as a "back woods" area where education is not rated very high.

Such a state of affairs is rapidly passing in most rural communities due to the centralization of high schools and the realization upon the part of the parents that their children should have at least a high school education in order to make their way in the world.

It has been proved beyond all argument that a high school education is valuable to the tiller of the soil, just as it is to the pupil who goes into the mercantile business or takes up one of the professions.

When parents debate the question this fall about sending their children to high school, they will probably ask: "Will it pay in dollars and cents?"

A survey of three representative areas in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa shows that tenant farmers with a high school education receive an average annual labor income of \$526 a year more than the men with only a common school education.

A college education will add to this average \$435 a year, making the income of college graduates \$970 more a year than the labor earnings of the men with only a common school education.

Cornell University has estimated that a high school education is worth as much to a farmer as \$6,000 worth of bonds bearing five per cent. interest, and that a college education is worth twice that much.

Many agencies have conducted investigations, all providing conclusive evidence that the better trained farmers receive the better incomes.

The same holds true of any other line of life work. The trained men and women are the ones who win the better positions and who advance more rapidly.

With the preponderance of the evidence on the side of education, every thinking boy and girl will endeavor to go as far as it is humanly possible for them to go in acquiring knowledge.

Norway has a law compelling everyone to plant tree saplings for every tree cut down, but in this country not even one is planted for every three cut down.

Centralized High Schools

THE report of a State superintendent of schools in the West shows in striking contrast the per capita cost of tuition in the small high school with the cost in the school where attendance was up in the hundreds. In one high school with 47 pupils in 1922 the cost per pupil in attendance was \$659, while the per capita cost for a high school of 566 pupils was only \$127.

Answering a correspondent of the United States Bureau of Education, Department of the Interior, the Commissioner discusses the viewpoint that secondary education concerns itself with life purposes rather than with traditional subject-matter, that need exists within the community for several lines of training as looking towards occupation, that freedom of occupational choice for the child is an essential American ideal, and says:

"Such a viewpoint and such ideals make secondary school administration in the United States a matter of compromise. On the one hand is the demand for variety of educational offerings necessitating large and specialized teaching staff, special rooms, special equipment, comprehensive libraries and the like. On the other hand, we have the demand and necessity for keeping educational costs within reasonable bounds.

"The chief means of adjustment of the high school to these demands is thru centralization. Centralization increases the valuation of the district so that a comprehensive school can be maintained by reasonable tax levies.

Centralization increases the number of pupils instructed so that grouping, not only on a basis of ability but on a basis of specific life purposes of the group becomes possible."

It doesn't take a telescope to see the future; it takes brains.

Enforcement a Principle

BOTH the republican and democratic platforms this year declare for law enforcement.

There is nothing unusual about that. Any political party that did not believe in law enforcement would not survive long.

Law enforcement is a principle not a policy. It is fundamental and neither party needs to refer to the matter in its declarations on the public questions of the day.

The president, when he takes office subscribes to an oath to "protect and defend the constitution of the United States."

The constitution declares that the president "shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed." This means no particular law, but all laws.

When a presidential candidate or any other candidate lays stress on one law, it may be assumed that he does not look upon the enforcement of others as of such pressing importance.

Even people who do not obey all the laws believe in law enforcement. It is a principle deeply imbedded in our theory of government.

Holding Their Own

AGRICULTURAL prices held their own during the past month and a continued slow decline in prices of non-agricultural commodities explains such improvement as the farm situation shows, according to the monthly agricultural review of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Using the year 1913 as a base, the index of the purchasing power of farm products in terms of other commodities is 77. This is an improvement over the previous month.

Crop conditions are generally encouraging and farmers are expecting to profit from the slowing up of industry. Tho their domestic market may not be so good, they will doubtless gain more from cheap labor and materials than they are liable to lose by a narrower market for butter, eggs and other products.

Farmers of the middle-west have been complaining because of too much moisture and on the Pacific coast grain crops have been cut by a drought. Frosts and droughts have damaged fruits in the northwest.

On the whole, they have more reason to be optimistic than they have had in many months.

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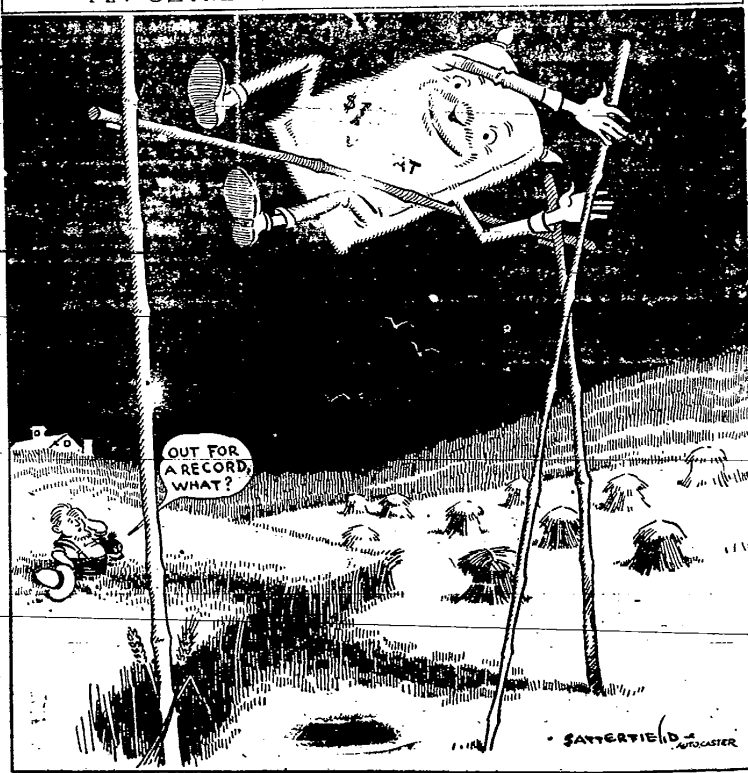
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AN OLYMPIC ON OUR HOME GROUNDS



Road is Closed

Supt. Dan Keating, of the Patterson Construction company, building the Andover-Wellsville new concrete road, came into the News office Thursday morning and requested that the News tell the people that, contrary to the current opinion, the state road is CLOSED. That the detour is over South Hill and not over Pingrey Hill. The Pingrey Hill detour was opened up for a few days only, while they were building near Andover.

Motorists will save themselves much trouble by not attempting to travel the new road until such a time as they are given consent so to do which will not be long now.

Read the classified ads.

Forfeit Dinner

The members of the defeated side in the Five Hundred Club, entertained the members of the winning side at dinner at Hotel Sherwood, Hornell, Tuesday evening.

Monroe-Jones

Miss Agnes Monroe and John Jones, both of Andover, were married Wednesday, July 9th, at the Christian Temple parsonage, Wellsville, by the Rev. Flewelling.

A CLASSIFIED ADVERTISER, who "means business," will GET BUSINESS if he has something to sell that is worth while, he will advertise it in a confident and convincing way—and he will sell it!

Martin Moran

Bolivar Man Who Opened up the Richburg Oil Field.

The funeral of Martin Moran, who passed away at Dewey, Okla., was held from St. Mary's church Friday morning, July 4, at ten o'clock.

Mr. Moran was one of the pioneer oil men in the Allegany field. In April 1881, he drilled in the Richburg Hill well which opened the boom at Richburg. He also drilled the first well on the Boyle farm, now the property of E. J. Brown. During a recent visit he recalled many interesting events of the first days of excitement.

He was a man of exemplary habits and had a host of friends thru out the oil fields.—Bolivar Breeze.