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Coolidge and the Bonus

CHARLES E. CARPENTER, in his house organ, "The Houghton Line," hits the nail as squarely on the head when talking about the soldiers' bonus, as anything we have yet seen. We give it to you as we read it:

I am one of the many who believed that the soldiers should have a bonus. I realized that a bonus would increase the taxes; that I personally would have to contribute a substantial amount to the bonus; that it would postpone the recovery of business to normalcy, and I realized every other objection that President Coolidge presented. BUT, war does all these things and it kills a lot of men in the bargain.

But who ever heard of patriotic people refusing to wage a just war because it would raise the taxes or injure business?

I was for the bonus because I believe that the redemption of party pledges and the preservation of the integrity of the country are of more consequence than low taxes or good business. No one denies that both parties pledged themselves to a bonus at the last presidential election and I am one of those fellows (a little old-fashioned perhaps), who believe in keeping their pledges at any cost.

With this declaration of principles squarely presented, there can be no doubt that I differ from President Coolidge in my views, which, of course, does not prove that I am right. My views are honest and carefully thought out.

But I have other views, just as positive, and one of those views is that the man who votes against President Coolidge because he vetoed the Bonus Bill, is not a good American citizen.

President Coolidge's veto message was a wonderfully frank expression of an honest opinion. His act was honestly personified. The President might have made his peace with those who are opposed to him because of his opposition to the Bonus Bill. But President Coolidge refused to buy votes with a bonus in which he did not believe.

President Coolidge is not inexperienced in politics; his present is not the first public office he has held and he has come up from the ranks in politics. He knows the political significance of going against public opinion and of having his veto overridden. He knows that it perhaps throws a slight doubt on him succeeding himself, but he refused to prostitute the land, by signing a bill in which he did not believe.

The soldier who votes against Coolidge because of his act in vetoing the Bonus Bill, places himself on a level with the man who would sell his vote. In legislative bodies no man has a legal right to vote on any bill in which he has a personal interest.

If there be a concerted action on the part of the Legion to defeat President Coolidge, then Legion will deserve the contempt of the public, which it will undoubtedly receive, and it will prove that the patriotism of the Legion is not above the \$.

There can be no objections to those who hold public offices holding honest differences of opinion from those held by either you or me, but if the American voters are going to vote against every man who injures their pocketbooks, then the taxpayers in general, who outnumber the members of the Legion ten to one, would be justified in voting against every member of Congress who supported the Bonus Bill, for no one will deny that the bonus is merely an act of Congress whereby the whole people are taxed for the benefits of the soldiers.

The thing to do about the Bonus Bill is to forget it. We now have what we want and no one is injured. We should remember that the one man of all who stands between the American people and that bunch of Congressional trash is Calvin Coolidge, and for God's sake, don't let the American people crucify another Savior.

Lots of people think the third party always will be that.

Summer Eating

NOTHING is more essential in hot weather than the exercise of great care in the selection of the food we eat.

During the period of high temperatures danger of contamination lurks in many tasteful morsels and people who place their health above the satisfaction of their appetite will be cautious about their eating at this season.

Not long ago a wealthy oil operator shipped a box of ripe olives to his wife and sixteen-year-old son, who were on a vacation on a Wyoming ranch. Two Yale students, guests of the boy, were honored with a dinner at which the olives were served.

The mother, her son and his guests, all healthful people, died in spite of all the efforts of the best medical aid to counteract the poison. Others were seriously affected, but recovered.

Contaminated food strikes down the strong and the weak alike. Sensible people avoid it like they would anything labeled poison.

Farm Living Standards

THE average farmer who is renting a farm and has his machinery, horses and stock free of debt can without much doubt work fewer hours and enjoy more of the pleasures of life than his grandfather who used the cradle and flail. When corn sells for approximately 70 cents per bushel and hogs for \$7.50 per hundred on the farm, a tenant free of debt can provide for his family most of the pleasures enjoyed by the best of the educated city people of fifty or seventy-five years ago.

However, farmers of today have no desire for anyone to tell them how much better off they are than their ancestors. Their standards have advanced, but they have lost ground as compared with the city standards which many believe to have advanced ten times more rapidly.

It is quite true that the business man of eastern cities is not giving the ratio of those standards much concern. Every farmer and business man should be interested in keeping the farmer's standard of living on an equality with the advanced standard of the city.

If city children are entitled to excellent schools, rural children should be also. If the city man is entitled to reduced hours of labor, so is the farmer.

An equality standard of living for farmers should be the program of every community center. To accomplish this, if need be, they should practice the methods of big business and union labor.

If Ford keeps on reducing the price of his car, Woolworth will be the general distributor.

Save the Countryside

SOME city motorists feel resentment when they select a cool, secluded spot in the country, far from the heat of the city's paved streets, only to find the injunction, "No Trespassing! Keep out!" painted in large letters on a sign.

And it is a situation that could have been avoided if some unthinking persons in the past had not abused privileges many farmers extended campers.

Thus the many have to suffer for the few, who have imposed a heavy penalty on the great mass of law-abiding people, for it will be a long time before landowners are convinced that all who seek the pleasure of the countryside are not destructionists.

Farmers have been put to considerable expense in cleaning up after campers and picnickers, and frequently serious damage has been done by the offenders against common decency.

Some people have little scruples in taking possession of a cool, inviting wood without the courtesy of first gaining permission from the owner. They spread their lunch and enjoy it in the open wood, but defile the grounds by leaving remnants of food, melon rinds, papers and tin cans. Often they start fires under trees that kill the lower branches, "register" by carving their names and initials in the bark and occasionally leave campfires to spread and cause serious property loss.

Most farmers do not object to the right kind of picnickers in their wood, but rightfully resent visits of depredators. Campers should refrain from cutting fences, be careful of fires, return all waste papers, remains of edibles, and cans to their own garbage cans, and remove the cans off the property. In other words, leave the property in as good shape if not better than when you entered it.

They should remember that this wood is someone's private property the same as their home and grounds in the city. The least one can possibly do is to ask permission to enter. Courtesy goes a long way, and then too, if damage is done, have enough principle to pay for it. Don't evade your responsibilities. The right kind of people can make the wood open for all, while irresponsible ones may easily bar nature's playgrounds to all but the owners.

A thrifty housewife solves many a financial problem.

Guilty Again

WHEN the reckless driver of an automobile gets on the road, he endangers the lives of himself and everyone riding with him, he places in jeopardy the lives of all people riding in automobiles, who chance to pass him, and he does even more.

He causes discomfort and inconvenience to hundreds of thousands of persons every year.

A committee of the National Electric Light Association has placed a new complaint against the reckless driver, based on facts and figures compiled from statistics of individual companies.

He is charged with running into transmission line poles and tearing down lines, so that thousands of homes are interrupted annually.

They make scores upon score of other charges against the reckless driver and he will still be reckless so long as he is obsessed with the speed mania.

He will have to be dealt with in some way, but few states or municipalities have ever found the cure. No one cares what harm he does to himself, but as long as he menaces the lives and property of others, he represents a problem that has to be solved by every community.

It's far better to be somebody in a small town than nobody in a big town.

The Summer Scratch

INFECTION dangers lie hidden in the summer scratch or slight bruise, according to the chairman of a Red Cross first aid committee, and vacationers, especially, will take heed if they want to avoid the consequences attendant to septic poisoning, which is often fatal.

There are just four things to do: Apply a germ destroyer, apply a piece of sterile gauze folded into a bandage, wrap with a sterile gauze bandage, and fasten it with adhesive plaster.

Follow these simple precautions and you can laugh at the doctor. Physicians are generally scarce at summer resorts anyway and the wise vacationist will be careful.

Bruises are especially dangerous in summer, we are told. Vacation activities, outdoor sports and lake and seashore pastimes bring frequent minor scratches. He who takes the time and care to guard against infection is the one who will return from a vacation trim, fit and refreshed and ready to take up his daily duties again.

A word to the wise should be sufficient.

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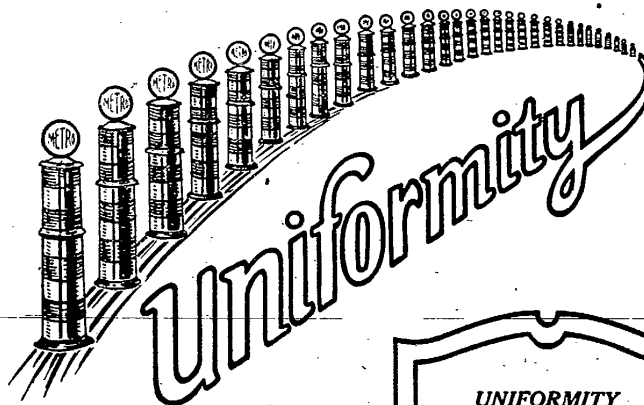
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