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

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## Coolidge Chaos

THE chaos which Republican spokesmen predict is to follow the defeat of Calvin Coolidge is already here. The chaotic condition has existed ever since Mr. Coolidge became president. From that time a Republican Congress has refused to co-operate with President Coolidge in his legislative program. The Congress has either defeated or ignored the president's legislative recommendations, has passed legislation which he opposed and has repassed it after his veto. In other words, the Republican 68th Congress is an anti-Coolidge, anti-administration Congress. A deadlock exists between the capitol and the White House, and such a deadlock spells chaos.

That this deadlock will continue if by any chance or accident Coolidge shall be re-elected is inevitable because it is mathematically certain that the sixty-ninth Congress to be elected in November will be even more anti-Coolidge than the existing one. In the first place it is practically certain to be a Democratic Congress—therefore a Progressive Congress—which would enact progressive legislation only to have it vetoed, and in turn would refuse to enact the reactionary legislation Coolidge would recommend. Even if the Democrats fell short of an actual majority, the Congress would be anti-Coolidge, because practically the entire Sixty-eighth Congress is up for re-election.

This means in either event that the chaotic deadlock between the White House and the capitol would continue another two years. In the meantime legitimate business would be denied legislation, agriculture would be denied legislation, labor would be denied legislation and chaos would be multiplied.

The live coals of radicalism would burst into flame which would spread like a prairie fire. A radical Congress in 1926 would be almost inevitable with all that such an event would imply with respect to 1928.

Can legitimate business, can agriculture, can labor calmly view such a probability?

The time to avert such a disaster is now in the pending election. The way to avert it is to elect John W. Davis who is already assured of a Congress which will function with the Democratic progressive executive.

Let us have done now and for the future with Coolidge chaos.

## The Farm Problem and Its Dangers

THE hard situation in which the farmers of the United States have been placed during the past three years has caused a shifting in the foundations of our national life which ought to concern not farmers alone or even mainly, but all people of every occupation who are interested in preserving American government and American life as they have always existed. The farm problem, essentially, is not a class problem but a national problem. Unless the right solution is found, business and industry and the domestic and laboring conditions of the cities will suffer, in the end, very much more than the farmers do. For the fountain from which the cities suck their substance is being dried up.

The best estimates obtainable show that about 1,200,000 farmers have been driven out of business since 1920. Some of them continue on the farms as tenants or economic slaves to mortgage holders; the others have become day laborers in the cities. There are many farming communities scattered thruout the United States where hardly a single family is left that lived on the land four years ago.

Few persons in urban communities understand what the breaking up of a farm home means. The farm is not merely a place to live—it is the source of life. The bankrupt farmer is a man destroyed. The day when he could move on to free or even cheap land is past. Nothing is left for him except to become a tenant to an absentee landlord, giving up the bulk of his earnings to pay his rent, or go as a laborer in a line of work that he does not understand. There are other names for unrequited toil—slavery, serfdom and the like—ugly names, all.

The energetic families, particularly those having boys and girls of energetic outlook, leave the farms for the hope of better things in town. The unresourceful, the indolent, the stupid—these remain as slaves on the farms they once may have owned. The bond and sinew of rural life is eaten away. Those who should have stayed to breed good farmers of the future, to build up schools and churches and to keep their shoulders to the wheel of progress are gone. And the nation begins to pay the price of folly.

There is nothing new in all this. It is as old as Egypt, old as the cities of the Mesopotamian plains. It has been repeated in every civilization that ever died. As one writer puts it, "Destruction comes from the rushing of the dispossessed and the unrequited to the cities. The farmers suffer first, then the small towns

go down, then the larger cities decay, and the over-swollen centers of population, deprived of nourishment and with lost markets, fall into the hands of a mobocracy of impoverished and idle people, and the state passes away into something else."

That is the process which may be going on in the United States—is going on now. No American should deceive himself as to that. There are only about 6,000,000 farms in the United States and 1,200,000 of the farm families have been rooted out of the soil. The nation cannot stand up forever under this drain upon the life blood of a nation's life.

If any one is lulled by representations that the farmers are receiving good prices this year, let him reflect that whatever of this may exist is temporary and the result of natural conditions which will not often recur. Next year, or certainly within the next few years, there will again be a surplus of agricultural products which, unless guarded against, will plunge American farmers into another catastrophe.

Insurance must be written against the recurrence of agricultural agony. John W. Davis, the Democratic candidate for president, has drawn up such a policy—a policy that will protect the farmer and the nation. Its main clauses are: An export marketing corporation; restoration of the farmer's markets abroad; governmental encouragement of co-operative marketing; a tariff that will enable the farmer to buy and sell on equal terms with the manufacturer; lower taxes, lower railroad rates.

Let the city man remember that this policy is designed to protect him in the long run, and let the farmer remember that it is designed to save him from immediate and recurring disaster.

What's to become of this country if new organizations don't come to life faster? There's one for every two or three people, but the average really ought to be higher.

## Voting Intelligently

IN A comparatively short time the people of the country must go to the polls and choose another set of federal lawmakers and executives, as well as an army of state and local officials. The progress and prosperity of the land depends upon the decision made in the secrecy of the polling booth on November 4.

Many people speak contemptuously of politicians and government and groan about high taxes and legislative inaction, yet do practically nothing to improve these conditions under which they fret. Not merely do they take no part in political organizations, but they will not read carefully the news of political developments, study of which will enable them to act intelligently in selecting public officials.

Too many voters decide how to cast their ballots by the current talk on the streets. Others vote for a candidate because his picture makes him look like a capable fellow. Still others are won over by ardent handshaking and think that a genial manner and the appearance of good fellowship are more important than business ability and breadth of mind and experience in public affairs.

Then these folks complain because our lawmakers are not able to correct all of the evils from which they think this country is suffering.

The country will have good government only when all of the people form the habit of attentive reading of good newspapers and magazines so that they will be informed on the big questions of the campaign and the records of the various aspirants.

We read of a man who was arrested for having a ladder in his cellar. That was hard.

## Happiness

THERE are all kinds of institutions, but none quite as unique as the Freedom club for bankrupt millionaires.

To live here, one must be past 60 years old, be cultured, have known wealth and luxury but thru bad fortune have been reduced to poverty, must have refined surroundings and must be married, because all of the apartments for single folks are occupied.

Those of us who can't qualify for admission may always be happy over the fact that we do not want to.

For being a millionaire is not the supreme thing in life. To be one whose wealth runs into the millions is misfortune enough, without being reduced to poverty past 60 years of age after knowing luxury which spoils one for a happy life in moderate circumstances.

It isn't so much what we possess or are in this life, as to what we think we have and are.

The baby with his first toy is happier than the rich man with his leisure and means of amusing himself with any pleasure he desires.

Happiness is in the imagination and life is just what we make it, regardless of what our social station may be.

## A Profitable Pastime

BOOSTING, like an infectious disease, is "catching." Those who boost find in time that their whole system is permeated with the spirit of boosting and that their viewpoint on every question is better.

Honest boosting is profitable. It reacts favorably and brings results when everything else fails.

Boosting renders a service for the booster. It takes his mind off the petty things which occupy his attention and prevents him from developing a clear case of brain fog.

Even tho it be for selfish reasons, boost and then boost some more.

And when you get the right mental attitude for boosting, take your early training in boosting for Andover.

There is no better place in the world to live. We all believe that, but we don't think about it often enough.

This community which we call home may have some disadvantages. But when the idea works its way into your thots, push it out by enumerating in your mind some of the many drawbacks of communities you know.

Andover never suffers by comparison. It always will grow in your estimation if you will take a few minutes now and then to think over some of its good points.

And its disadvantages? They will disappear when we boost together—as we should for its betterment.

The true test of religion is the ability to love the fellow who has more money than you have.

## BUR-R-R-R-R!

EXCLAIMS THE FOOTBALL FAN

AS THE COLD, FALL WIND

TRICKLES DOWN THE SPINE



# The Overcoat Season is on!

We have just the coat you are looking for. Plaids and herring-bone weaves—heather mixtures—soft, warm and well cut. They will suit the most particular. Those new "powder-grey blue," you know the color, that so many men are wearing this season. We can supply you with these also, in styles that range from raglans to ulsters - - - **\$15 to \$45**

## STRIKING STYLES

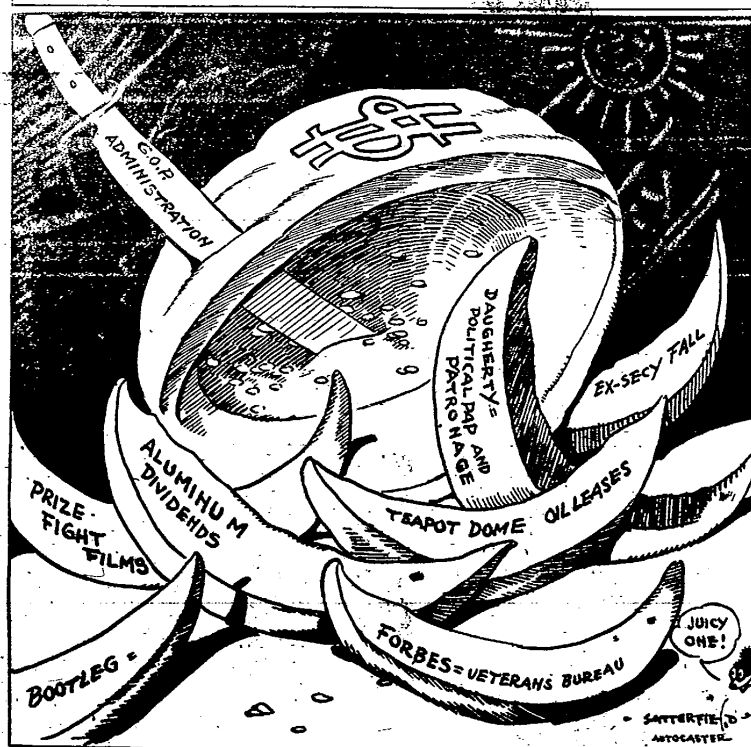
The new Oxfords and Pumps for Women, received this week, are the "hit" of the season

The "Maxine," a sporty nut-brown blucher Oxford, and also a gun-metal with plain toe, SPECIAL \$4.75

Women's "Shirley" Cut-out Strap Pumps, cushion heels, in vici or patent leathers, SPECIAL \$3.45

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## CUTTING THE MELON



## Attention, New Voters

All new voters are required to present evidence of literacy (ability to read and write English) in order to vote at the coming election. This may be done by one of the following methods:

1. By presenting a certificate or diploma showing that he has completed the work of an approved eighth grade elementary school or of a higher school in which English is the language of instruction. This certificate may be presented to the registration officials at the time of registering and the new voter will be credited on the register that proof of literacy has been presented. Or, the eighth grade certificate or diploma may be presented to the election inspectors at the polls.

2. All new voters who are not able to qualify by the method men-

tioned above must obtain a certificate of literacy. Applicants for the literacy certificate should apply in person on one of the following dates and at one of the places mentioned:

Friday, October 24th, 1 to 4 p. m.  
Election Day, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.  
Town of Alfred—School house in the Village of Alfred.

Town of Andover—School house in the Village of Andover.

Town of Independence—School house in the Village of Whitesville.

Town of Ward—School house at Phillips Creek.

Town of Willing—School house at Hallport.

Town of Wells—Rural districts only, at district superintendent's office, Village of Wells.

The examination for the literacy certificate cannot be given at the polling places nor can the certificate be obtained there. To avoid con-

fusion and delay secure your literacy certificate before going to the voting places.

Determination of New Voter 1. The following classes of persons are "new voters" and must present evidence of literacy to the election inspectors:

a—All men and women born in the United States who became qualified to vote in New York State after January 1, 1922.

b—All men and women of foreign birth who became qualified to vote in New York State after January 1, 1922.

c—All persons who have previously voted in one or more other states, but who became qualified to vote in New York State for the first time after January 1, 1922.

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