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THE TRUE ALTERNATIVE. Senator James E. Watson's speech at the Indiana republican convention brings the public mind back to the real issue of the opening congressional campaign.

What is our democratic friend going to do about it? It is a stout supporter of the plurality primary, which it has long contended provided for the perfect expression of the people's will.

That oasis of the sultry summer, the American pocket, will be worth not less than \$1,000,000,000. Such is the forecast of the statisticians, who inform us that many a more pretentious industry, blazoned from coast to coast, would have cost the financial strata of the soft drink bar.

When Mr. Harding entered the White House, confusion and extravagance reigned in all departments. The budget bureau is working with congress and has secured an enormous amount of expenditures.

By the way, the conference Secretary Hughes not only removed danger of war in the far east and stopped the race in naval armament, he set before the world an example of actual achievement in limiting armament which has focused the minds of the nations on the one and has given old-world diplomacy a trend toward sanity that marks the proceedings of all its conferences.

Sound republican administration already bears fruit in returning prosperity. It is lifting the nation from the slough into which the Wilson administration led it.

CLEAN-UP WEEK. Despite the zealous and constant care of the home-owner, with pride in his domicile and its space of neat green lawn, there are still many places when a trifle more zeal, a bit more constancy, are indicated if the civic countenance shall shine.

When the commission says that the needs of commerce cannot be met if rates on a zigzag course, it also means this point. Before the practice of general horizontal advances was initiated by the United States railroad administration, transportation cost bore some relation to the normal range of price for various commodities, but this relation has been disturbed by that practice, and still further by the more rapid deflation of prices for basic commodities and farm produce than for manufactures. Probably the commission was

far and far away and refuses to be concerned with the navigation of the condition, not a theory, and perceive that the very highest form of neighborhood service is to assault the nuisance as a freeloader—to perspire over that vacant lot for a half hour and charge it up to exercise and subsequent complacency.

MISTAKE SOMEWHERE. Here are the figures on congressman in last Friday's republican primaries: McArthur 19,449; Koresi 14,411; McArthur 19,449; Macdonald 20,264.

CHILDREN AS DISLOYAL TOOLS. Sympathy and mendacity are mingled in the letter of Eugene V. Debs to Kate Richards O'Hare on the so-called "political prisoners," who are in prison for obstructing conduct of the war.

As to the effect of explosives in the water, it is said that a 4000-pound bomb containing 2000 pounds of explosive would be equivalent only to a 250-pound bomb fired in actual contact, whereas it would take an 8000-pound bomb exploded ten feet distant to equal a torpedo in actual contact.

As usual with sponsors for new weapons, admirers of the undersea and aircraft exaggerate their possibilities, for they give too little thought to what the other fellow will do in return.

THE NAVIES OF THE FUTURE. Out of the naval limitation treaty has grown a lively debate as to whether the United States or Great Britain has the most powerful navy.

THE FLAPPERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION has been organized in Los Angeles to protect the picture industry from the motion picture pirates.

William Morris, manager of Luder, has mapped out the next Luder tour. The Scot will return to America in October for a tour of 20 weeks over here.

John Barrett sees a city of three millions here. The electricity people are not using John's glasses, but have a pretty long vision.

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and that it has rendered close blockade impossible. The downward revision of rates should be made that it found agreement impossible and fell back on the percentage plan as the only way to avoid interminable delay.

Against the submarine, defenders of the battleship reply that in the war its power against surface vessels "was proved to be strictly limited"; it "suffers in attack from blindness and lack of mobility."

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Appeal was filed in the state supreme court of California last week by Gertrude Steele, surgeon and dermatologist of Los Angeles, for a reversal of the decision of the lower court that she pay \$2500 damages to Pauline Hall, picture actress.

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Stars and Starmakers. Ruth St. Denis and her husband, Ted Shawn, have been booked for a London engagement opening at the Coliseum this month.

Isidora Duncan is planning to return to the United States from Russia in the fall, accompanied by 25 pupils and her husband, Serge Yessenin, to whom she was married recently in Moscow.

Marjorie Rambeau is considering a tour in Shakespearean repertoire next season. Marjorie rushes in where many an older, more seasoned and more gifted actor fears to tread.

Evelyn Nesbit, appearing in a cabaret in Atlantic City, contemplates marrying Sandor Dornai, a Hungarian baron, as soon as she secures her divorce from Jack Clifford.

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Those Who Come and Go

Tales of Folks at the Hotels. A town with a population of 4500 people, with an additional 2000 people working in the town and a uniformed police force of 61 men, where 1000 people and 5000 others arrive every day from the outside, with restaurants serving 9000 meals a day, would certainly be considered a lively little city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Goettsche of Grants Pass are in the city for a few days. The chamber of commerce of Grants Pass is now putting on a strong publicity campaign to attract tourists and business men to the town.

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Burroughs Nature Club

Can You Answer These Questions? 1. Why is it necessary to spray orchards for codling moth immediately after the blossoms fall apart?

2. Do birds want salt, the way sheep and cattle do? 3. Give name and description of a spider that feeds on its web.

3. Kindly tell what species the tailless cat belongs to. I have one that is not a cat, but a rabbit in the back.

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