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Republicans Not

Opposed to a League

A statement has been issued above the signatures of thirty-one prominent men, who have advocated some form of international agreement, and are supporting Senator Harding for president. Among the names are those of Elihu Root, Herbert Hoover, Lawrence A. Lowell, W. H. Taft, Nicholas Murray Butler, Charles E. Hughes and Lyman Abbott.

After stating that the undersigned desire that the "U.S. shall do her full part in association with other civilized nations to prevent war," they state the question is not whether our country shall join such an association but whether "we shall join under an agreement containing the exact provision negotiated by President Wilson at Paris, or under an agreement which omits or modifies some of those provisions which are very objectionable to great numbers of the American people."

This we take it, is the position of the vast majority of those supporting the republican ticket. They do not desire that there shall be no league but the reverse, and they point to Senator Harding's speech of August 28th, to show that he is of the same mind. According to them the Wilson league is dead, and there is no possibility of its being passed even if the Democrats should win the election, as they cannot in any case command a sufficient number of votes to secure its ratification. The Democrats are pledged to the Wilson league absolutely, so only Republicans are free to draw a new one. They consider that they are in no wise obligated to vote for a measure which has no prospect of acceptance, especially when it entails with it the continuance in power of a party which has shown its inefficiency in too many respects.

The editor of the NEWS at first was in favor of the Anti-Vaccination measure, deeming it only a protection to individual rights. But since then in reading criticisms of the bill he has come to the opinion that it is far more reaching than it appears on the surface. So that his readers may be informed as to what may possibly be the result, he publishes the following article from the Oregon Voter of October 16, so they can better judge for themselves how they will vote on the measure.

JOKERS IN VACCINE BILL

"Just what may be the effect of the pending anti-vaccination constitutional amendment is now beginning to appear. Its prohibition of compulsory vaccination is the smallest part of what it prevents. It also forbids compulsory medication of any kind, which means that the state could enforce no precautions of a medical character to cope with any prospective or actual epidemic. No pupil could be kept out of any school for failing to undergo medication in such form as to prevent contagion. No matter how loathesome a disease an employe might be suffering from, it would be unconstitutional under the terms of this proposed amendment to require him to take medical precautions to prevent contagion as a condition of his working with other people. A man suffering from infectious disease could not be kept from employment in a bakery, restaurant or otherwise in the preparation of foods. We doubt whether the proponents of this measure had anything so radical as this in mind, although they may have had. The effect of a constitutional prohibition of this kind on health measures is to be dreaded. Simply to forbid compulsory vaccination is dangerous enough, but also to deny the state's right to insist on necessary medication to prevent contagion is infinitely worse. To protect as far as possible from exposure to contagion is a duty of government, and the ratification of this amendment would render government powerless to deal with contagious disease of epidemics."

The venerable Cardinal Gibbons who was strenuously opposed to woman suffrage, now that it is an accomplished fact, is urging women to vote, even the nuns, as a public duty. In this he shows his wisdom and sets an example. While a measure is under discussion oppose it if you will, but when it becomes law accept it with good grace.

The miners in England against the advice of their best leaders, have called a strike, which is ominous in its proportions and wide reaching effect. But it is bound to fail, as it is against the people of England, and the government will have the support of the nation in suppressing it.

The indications show Harding well in the lead. The crucial point is how the senate will go. If Harding is elected and the Democrats have a majority in the senate, it is more than probable much needed legislation will be held up indefinitely.

Estacada Boy in India

Clarence Bullard son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bullard, is working in an iron and steel plant 150 miles from Calcutta in East India. When his ship arrived in that port, he had an attack of appendicitis and was taken to the hospital. By the time he was able to be out his ship had gone, so he had to seek another job. He expects to be there about a year.

C. S. Allen is another whose name has been added to the ballot by petition, as a candidate for councilman.

Brother Editor Ill

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to H. L. St. Clair of the Gresham Outlook, who is seriously ill with pneumonia. Bro. St. Clair has been a good friend to us and our earnest hope is for his speedy convalescence.

School Entertainment

The Mozart Ladies' Quartet of the Ellison-White Lyceum Bureau, will appear at the High School auditorium tomorrow evening. They come highly recommended and there is no doubt that the entertainment will be of an exceptional order. Those having season tickets certainly will be present. For others the price of admission is 50 cents for adults and 25 for children. The course is given under the auspices of the High School senior class.

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