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THE FARM-BLOC MENACE

In his solicitude for government by party President Harding has found it necessary to frown upon the farm bloc.

The manufacturers' high-tariff bloc and the financial bloc have such a grip on his party that they and the party are one in action, hence government by them is still government by party.

But when the farmers of the country, who are the foundation of its prosperity and who have always been the goat, ask in concert for recognition of their needs the other blocs are unresponsive and a schism is threatened.

The federal reserve banks were announced as promising relief to the farmers from the dominance of the money-lending power, but the farm bureau states that their management grossly discriminates against the farmers and in favor of produce speculators who flourish at the expense of producers and consumers and contribute nothing to the welfare of the country.

An effort was made to require a representative of agriculture on the federal reserve board and Mr. Harding protested against it and let it be reported that if the measure passed he would veto it.

Now comes the advisory council of the federal reserve bank with objections to the admission of a representative of agriculture on the board.

As long as the farmers will let the speculators prescribe for them and will swallow the dose, all is lovely. But to admit the clodhoppers to council would be awful.

With only a majority of five in the senate for Newberry, the party sees rocks ahead. And if the farmers take the bit in their teeth at the next election and elect a few successors to members of the Newberry majority there'll be the very dickens to pay and government by party will get a blacker eye than ever.

THE SUCCESSFUL LEAGUE

The league of nations is the most powerful and most undemonstrative body this world ever knew. In the two years since it was framed it has got into smooth working order and has settled a number of disputes that threatened to throw the world into war again.

Those member nations, as were France and England in the Silesian squabble, are prompt to voluntarily send such military forces as may be needed to enforce the league's decrees. In other cases the threat of an economic boycott is sufficient to enforce them.

The league has not, as political partisan liars and Wilson-haters in this country say it has, power to order a single man of any member nation to fight. It settles international disputes, as its constitution provides, by "advising" measure to be taken.

THE LETTER KILLETH

Portland school authorities permit dancing in school buildings, but not in classrooms. These dances are supervised by the parent-teachers' organizations, and at least twelve of the mothers of the young people are always present to see that nothing improper occurs.

Clergymen and laymen of the Methodist church have held a

meeting and adopted resolutions protesting against this, and declare that public dance halls have led to the debasement of the young. In this they are "whipping the devil around a stump." Holding up the evidences, they try to turn against proper dances the condemnation this aroused.

A representative of the school board is quoted by the Oregonian as saying:

I think that the Methodist ministers have not investigated fully enough to denounce dancing in the public schools. Young people will dance, and I feel that it is part of our duty to see that we give them dances of the right kind.

Two fundamental truths connected with the matter lie in this question. The first is that, like the denouncer of moving pictures who never saw one, these protesting preachers do not know what they are talking about while the school directors and parent-teachers do.

The second is that the way to save the young from the evil dance is not by denouncing dancing but to provide wholesome opportunity for the exercise of the God-given vigor and joy of youth. Build; don't pull down.

Show these complainants a group of young people going through a minuet and call it by some other name and they will admire its graceful beauty. Call it a dance and they see red.

"It is the letter which killeth," The Oregonian says:

The number of sincerely devout and deeply religious people who dissent from the conclusion of certain clergymen that dancing is sinful per se is an indication of the spirit of the world away from the notion that wholesome recreation which is naturally sought by the young, is wrong because it gives joy even when indulged in by the members of both sexes. The impression grows that the evil lies not in amusement itself but in the use we make of it, and that it is better to make use of a wholesome desire to find an outlet for the ebullient spirit and the natural energy of youth by permitting dancing under supervision and regulation than by futile attempts at prohibition to drive it into other channels which are admittedly bad.

A public censor soon becomes a tyrant, and usually a grafter and an ignorant one at that. Enlightened public opinion is the power behind all real reform. Mary Garden revived "Salome" as her favorite play at Chicago, where she directs grand opera, but she has bowed before a storm of protest and withdrawn the play. Theaters and movies sank rather low, morally, a while ago, but for nearly a year now they have been on the up grade, forced in that direction by public opinion and not by decrees of small-souled censors.

The habit of making "drives" and assessing "quota" of contributions for various causes to individuals and communities, with odium threatened in case of delinquency, popularized during the war, has fallen into disesteem. People resent being told by outsiders how much they must give to charities or be called slackers. Linn county has given only one-third of its assigned quota to the Red Cross.

Mr. McNary seems to be a "weak sister." He pronounced in favor of the league of nations when he was in Oregon and saw how strong was the sentiment here for it, and he voted against it in Washington when the party whip cracked. He denounced the manner of Newberry's nomination, and he voted for him at the crack of that same lash. That's "government by party."

If a man of the common people wants to go to the United States senate he may have an even show for the job unless somebody with a few hundred thousand dollars is also after it.

Newberry's attorney says the campaign for the nomination "cost too much," but Newberry swore before the senate committee that the expenditure was "necessary." Well, though the wicked agricultural bloc may not help his coup, the good manufacturers bloc and the extra good (paying) bankers' bloc may have business propositions for him that will make the senate seat profitable, after all.

Ireland has as free a government as Canada, but to get it she had to take advantage of the fact "England's adversity is Ireland's opportunity" and make one of the most desperate struggles in history when Britain had her hands more than full of troubles in various parts of the world. Much blood was shed and many murders and other crimes committed on both sides, but Erin's invisible army was too much for the English, who could not hide.

The mountain would not come to Mohammed, so Mohammed went to the mountain. Harding tried to scare the farm bloc from passing a bill requiring a farmer on the federal reserve board, but failed till he agreed to appoint a farmer on the board if they would drop the bill. And all is serene again.

William Meserve, a Washington state assemblyman, appeals to congress for action to prevent the complete extinction of salmon in Washington and Oregon by Austrian and Greek fishermen. Doesn't he know that all is lovely among our fish because our well-paid and efficient fish commission is on the job?

If this generation is to abolish war, why should the statue on the proposed pioneer monument at Brownsville exhibit a frontiersman with a rifle? Why not an ax? Our pioneers did not come to Oregon for a career of bloody conquest but to subdue the forest and make farms and homes.

Newberry, who was convicted in a Michigan court of corrupting the franchise and was sentenced to prison, was admitted to the United States senate by a majority of 5. "Birds of a feather flock together," and a "fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."

A new store at Aberdeen started selling bread for 8 cents instead of 10. The local bakers responded with a boycott and now the store is selling a Seattle loaf of the same size for 7 cents. Profiteering in bread is playing a pretty low game.

Stanfield voted for Newberry, of course. McNary and the Idaho man Gooding voted for him for unexplained reasons, and Poindexter, who needs no reason for anything he does, voted the same way.

Won't somebody please spend \$195,000 for "necessary" purposes for the editor of the Enterprise, without his knowledge or consent, as they did for Mr. Newberry, if he is not a liar?

The state board of health will make a fight before the state supreme court for the right to sterilize the unfit. And who isn't unfit?

It's safe to bet that Newberry won't vote with the farm bloc. The bloc senators occupy seats that cost less than his.

Oh, yes; we have government by party. Newberry sticks to that \$169,000 seat by a senatorial vote of 48 to 41.

County Jury List

The idea of drawing two women to one man on this year's jury list in this county did not hold out. In fact, 233 women and 294 men were drawn. Those in this part of the county are: Brownsville, 1—J. M. Zosman, My-

ron Woodworth, V. O. Waters, James Vincent, Andrea Tussing, Ida May Smith, Iva Sterling, F. J. Eggleston, J. A. Ackerman.

2—Carrie Park, Hattie Karr, O. H. Kent, T. L. Jones, Emma Harrison, Robert Higgins, F. S. Gutzman, Cluthia Gray, Peter Bither, Thomas Harrison.

4—Laurence Ackley, Ernest Baker, Mary E. Beene, J. T. Beene, Josie Boles, Emma T. Bowes, Bennie Bramwell, Gay T. Bramwell, Annelia Jane Cook, J. W. Cook, George McKinney.

5—James W. Bayles, Daniel S. Bowman, Henry Blakely, Clifford J. Carey, S. R. Cole, William Courtnev, Emma Iris Dinwiddie, Mary A. Dougherty, Linda Flarada, William Allingham.

Halsey, 1—Laura E. Bramwell, Bessie May Bond, Barbara Dean, John Edwards, W. A. Falk, Charles E. Gulliford, Cecil Graves, Mary Huston, George W. Laubner, I. P. Templeton, George Taylor.

2—L. H. Armstrong, Henry H. Brock, John A. Cleumens, J. W. Driakard, C. R. Evans, Viola Belle Gardner, George G. Hochensmith, Vera Lusby Isom, A. L. Knighton, Lois F. Jackson, J. W. Evans, W. A. Brock, C. H. Koontz.

Sheld—Martha A. Abraham, Anna P. Acheson, Martha Ackerman, Daisy L. Allen, Ida M. Brasfield, Effie Brock, Estell M. Carothers, Emm E. Cson, W. S. Churchill, Thomas M. Acheson.

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Where She Drew the Line.

I have a saucy niece who lives way down South. She was visiting her uncle one week end with her sister and brother and her mother and father, and they had the nurse with them. She was rather naughty and her uncle was trying to make her mind. She looked him right in the eye, and threw back her head with the startling announcement: "I mind mammas and papas and nurses—but I don't have to mind uncles."—Chicago Tribune.

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