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LEGISLATIVE ABILITY NEEDED

Linn county voters and all other counties of the state for that matter, have been far too careless in the class of men she sends down to Salem, biennially, to make laws for us. As a result freak laws have been enacted and laws which conflict in the ends they are intended accomplish, are enacted. Laws creating state inspectors, seemingly without number, and which cost the taxpayers far more than the damage they are supposed to correct amounts to.

Almost every member of the legislature we elect, feels that he must introduce and have enacted into law some measure or measures, else he is not earning his munificent salary of three dollars per diem. Without examining our statute books thoroughly, to see whether or not a law covering the features of the measure he proposes has not previously been enacted, he forges ahead and, mayhap, succeeds in having his measure become a law. The result is that our courts are kept busy, at large expense, to determine just what the law is and what is its intent.

It is a fact that the office of the legislator is the most important and far reaching in its requirements of any official position the people are required to fill. Yet we elect men for lawmakers, who have no especial fitness for the duties required, just because they are willing to accept the honor. As a matter of fact we usually have to, practically, draft candidates for the legislative office in order to fill out the ticket. Is it, then, a matter of surprise that we too often select and elect legislators who not only are unfitted and incompetent, but are mischievous and costly to the people?

The fault rests entirely upon the voter. Without any thought about the ability or fitness of the candidate if he is on our party ticket, we mark X opposite his name, just because he is a democrat or republican as the case may be.

In November Linn county will select three of six candidates to do our law making down at Salem next winter. It surely will be wise to select the three most capable and efficient. It is not enough that a legislator is merely honest and a good thinker. He should be able to express his thoughts to his associate members in a way which will be convincing. Merely to vote on a measure *aye* or *no* is not enough.

Furthermore he should be industrious and be able to dig out the knowledge of laws now on our statute books and ascertain wherein they are lame or conflict with a proposed law. Since the constitution requires U. S. senators to be elected by direct vote of the people instead of by the legislatures, there is no reason why politics should have any influence with the voter in selecting our legislators, therefore

the voter is left entirely free to make ability and fitness his only test.

In selecting a farm hand, a mechanic or a clerk in the store, fitness and ability are always the test. Is not the men who enact laws for us to obey, who enact laws regulating the amount of taxes we must pay, of equal or greater importance?

Simply because a candidate for the legislature is a good man and worthy of confidence, does not stamp him as a fit lawmaker. He should have experience, know what the people need and desire and be able to form proposed laws which will supply this need. Of course he should be honest, capable and be able to tell what he knows. His His political or religious sentiments are minor as compared with other requirements.

Unless we elect men who are broad minded, who are capable and who are patriotic enough to devote the necessary forty days time for the legislative session, we are sure to continue having freak laws enacted, a multiplication of commissions or bureaus, numerous state inspectors, etc., with resultant high taxes. Let us, in the interests of the common welfare as well as our personal interests, select the most capable and efficient of our legislative nominees next fall, regardless of personal or political preference.

SCIENTISTS PLEASE EXPLAIN

The Tribune has heard the idea advanced that the great European war is responsible for the abnormal weather and temperature we have been having. It is argued that the continuous firing of heavy artillery has created such great disturbance of atmospheric conditions that the effect has been sufficient to encircle the world.

Whether or not this thought is tenable, The Tribune is not a scientific sharp sufficient to explain.

Yet the effect, for some cause, is here. The excessive and continued heat east of the Rocky mountains, the excessive snow fall of last winter and the exceptionally rainy and cool weather on the Pacific coast, are facts and the war on the other side and the hitherto unknown heavy artillery firing continues without abatement.

The professional rain maker produces rain by heavy explosions, at least such is the decision of the California courts. During the Civil war, a heavy battle was almost invariably followed by rain. This last mentioned fact was the probable inspiration of the rain maker.

Also, the Mexican gulf stream is thought to be somewhat deflected, which is assigned as the cause for the Atlantic coast being infested with warm water man-eating sharks.

Now if rough seas are caused by disturbed atmospheric conditions, why may not this artificial disturbance in Europe furnish a cause as well as nature? A great fire, especially one of timber burning, usually brings rain. Even the burning of a large building will cause the air to rush from all directions to fill the heat created vacuum.

This great war has disturbed and seemingly disorganized human kind throughout the world. It has caused all the great nations to forsake the ways of peace and, to either actively participate in war, else think war and prepare for it at some future day. Our congress has appropriated the largest lump sum of money to prepare our army and navy for this possibly great war, ever appropriated in the history of our nation, not excepting Civil war days.

Then if the European war so disturbs the minds of men, why may it not disturb the regularity of nature as well? The people would like to hear the opinions of our scientificsharps about the matter?

Miss Velma G. Davis, candidate for county recorder and D. S. Smith, both of Albany, were over Saturday, meeting Scio people. Vanney has been so accustomed to hustle for votes in Linn county, for himself in the past, that he cannot resist the temptation to participate in the game again and, especially, when so worthy a person as Miss Davis solicits his aid. Miss Davis, daughter of our first recorder, understands the requirements of the recorder's office better than any other person in the county, bar none. Better still. She will do the work with the help of but one deputy. Two deputies are employed in that office now.

Candidate Charles E. Hughes, in his speech of acceptance, as was expected, scores President Wilson all along the line but fails to state just what he would have done if he had been president and with the same existing circumstances. After an event transpires, it is an easy matter to criticize and find fault. It is different when the circumstances arise and the decision must be made. His address has a tinge of demagogery in some of its features, made to catch votes.

\$55,000,000,000 is given as the cost of the European war so far. Another year will bring it up to the hundred billion mark. How will it be possible for the labor of Europe to pay this enormous sum? Our Civil war debt was but about three billions, yet we are paying interest on a part of that debt yet besides about \$150,000,000 in pensions. War is a very expensive luxury.

The proposed Harvest festival to be held in Albany on September 18 to 23 inclusive, should be liberally patronized by Scio people. All of the several functions at the various towns in the county, should draw from every other town and locality in the county. There is nothing like being neighborly at these functions, to cultivate a spirit of harmony and general good feeling.

Our boys down on the border may think they are experiencing hardships. If they could borrow a leaf from the Civil war, then they would know what real hardship for the soldier means. A ration of sow-belly and hard tack, without any additions or condiments, would give them a taste of the soldiers life which they are not likely to get.

Candidate Charles E. Hughes is billed to preach the funeral of the democratic party this week. How he will acquit himself without having the traditional empty dinner pail to harp upon, remains to be seen.

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