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RULE OR RUIN.

There are far too many people in the world who are actuated by the principle of "rule or ruin." Any person is warranted in having his own way, providing that the majority of the people of his nation, state, county, town, or organization, public or private, give their assent. If he or she fails to convince such an one that his is the better way, and some other way is chosen, then it is the duty of the defeated to join in and help make a success of the method chosen, if such shall be possible.

The determination of Germany to rule or ruin brought grief, suffering and loss upon the world, but in the end Germany will suffer the greatest loss and will suffer during the longest period.

Mexico has been destroyed herself as a nation because of numerous self appointed rulers who are incapable to rule that turbulent people, have placed themselves in positions of power and prove themselves not big enough to master the situation for any great length of time.

So in our own nation have men and who set themselves up as so-called leaders, destroyed the possibility of the success of their party or organization by failing to be big enough to bring about success. They cannot or will not supplant selfish purpose or desire with a purpose to do what will be best for all the people.

Many of these rule or ruiners seem to be willing to resort to any means, fair or unfair, to accomplish their purpose. General Wood might have been Chicago's nominee for president if he and his friends had not spent more than a million dollars in the primary campaign. Likewise Governor Lowden might have been the nominee in Chicago if he had not bought the influence of delegates in Missouri. Such methods are un-democratic and un-American in this day and age of our nation.

True, the old guard brought about the nomination of Senator Harding of Ohio for president, and Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts for vice president by the political trick of manipulating the convention when a few hours prior thereto they permitted the adoption of a platform which will prove a heavy handicap to the candidates and may cause the defeat of the ticket.

The Tribune will not undertake to say the ticket will be defeated in November, though with a platform displeasing to both labor and not pleasing to the prohibition and with a considerable portion of the convention as mad as march hares, the nominees have a hard fight on their hands.

The handiwork of the old guard may please the manufacturing interests and concerns which have axes

to grind for reasons best known to themselves, and may be prepared to supply all the slush money required, but the ticket nominated will not please the rank and file of the people and these are the boys who supply the votes.

The old guard while it worked quietly and desired their work to be wholly under cover, ruled the convention just as it did in 1912. But a large minority under the leadership of Roosevelt denounced the rule of the old guard and brought an overwhelming defeat of the republican party. Four years later Hiram Johnson, another rule or ruin politician, defeated Charles E. Hughes, the republican nominee of that year.

Within a short time the country will be heard from when we will know just how the people like the idea of the old guard rule. The result of the convention is reactionary and the progressiveness of the party and the reaping of what good results which could be gathered from are cast into the discard.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS PLANK.

"We favor a liberal and generous foreign policy, founded upon definite moral and political principles, characterized by a clear understanding of and firm adherence our own rights and unflinching respect for the rights of others. We should afford full and adequate protection to the life liberty and property and all international rights of every American citizen and should require a proper respect for the American flag; but we should be equally careful to manifest a just regard for the rights of other nations. A scrupulous observance of our international engagements when lawfully assumed is essential to our own honor and self respect and the respect of other nations. Subject to a new regard for our international obligations, we should leave our country free to develop its civilization along the lines most conducive to the happiness and welfare of the people, and to cast its influence on the side of justice and right should occasion require."

The Tribune desires every one of its readers to read the above plank of the republican platform. It is necessary to give this plank a headline title else you will not know it is meant to state the party's position. Read it carefully and see if you can find any reference to the league. Read it a third time and see if you can fix in your mind whether the Chicago convention was for or opposed to the league. Something over 150 words are used and for what? To say or declare nothing more than a lot of platitudes which say nothing about the league. It is intended to be construed in any way the reader desires and not to offend the old guard.

The bitterenders, the Lodge reservationists, the mild reservationists, or even those who adhere to the Versailles treaty as President Wilson brought it home, any or all of them can accept it without conscientious scruples for it says nothing, declares nothing definite and is the most colossal straddle of the age.

SENATOR LODGE

The vitriolic and very nearly vicious speech Senator Lodge delivered as keynoter for the Chicago convention cannot be but a source of humiliation to those who are high minded and high thinking. Remove his vitriolic assertions about President Wilson and his administration from the address and it would be a tame, cold blooded affair, which would be but a source of harm to his party.

The platforms of the republican party have heretofore been fair, open, and above board, without hesitation in declaring the principles

and recommendations of the party, especially when issues were standing out declaring the attitude of that party.

For instance: In 1860, when slavery was the outstanding issue of the nation, the then young republican party did not hesitate to declare its opposition to the spread of slavery. Or in 1896, when the gold standard was a dominating issue, that party did not hesitate to declare outright for gold even when a large minority strongly favored free silver.

Now, when the league of nations is a very prominent and pressing issue, that party gives us a declaration of platitudes which says and means nothing or everything, whichever you like.

Mr. Lodge as keynoter could have changed all this. He could have so enthused the convention that it would have declared for or against the league, or the league with reservations. He could have so influenced the convention that the country would have known where the party stands on the league. As it is the people know no more now how Mr. Lodge's party stands on the league of nations than they did before the 8th day of June.

The so called league plank is simply a cowardly straddle which declares nothing in relation to the league nor did not intend to declare anything. And this, too, upon the leading issue before the American people today, for with the league question finally settled many of the other issues would soon be straitened out.

A sad mistake was made in the selection of Lodge for chairman. Before the league people thought Mr. Lodge a statesman; now they know he is but a small calibred, vicious, scolding politician of the political ward type.

Scio should give the Linn county fair at Albany a liberal support this fall. They are going to a heavy expense and this will be the crucial year for them. Fit up your stock and agricultural exhibits and let the Scio country garner all the good possible. Remember, it is the Scio fair continued.

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Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Linn County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for state certificates at Albany as follows, commencing on Wednesday, June 30, 1920, at 9 A. M., and continuing until Saturday, July 3, 1920, at 4 P. M.:

Wednesday Forenoon—U. S. history, writing [penmanship] music, drawing.

Wednesday Afternoon—Physiology, reading, manual training, composition, domestic science, methods in reading, course of study for drawing, methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon—Arithmetic, history of education, psychology, methods in geography, mechanical drawing, domestic art, course of study for domestic art.

Thursday Afternoon—Grammar, geography, stenography, American literature, physics, typewriting, methods in language, thesis for primary certificate.

Friday Forenoon—Theory and practice, orthography [spelling], physical geography, English literature, chemistry.

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