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Prohibition "Tyranny."

In the course of a long and fervent editorial entitled "The New Fight for Liberty," the Chicago Tribune, advocating a wine-and-beer amendment to the prohibition law, says:

We believe that great as the curse of liquor may be, and terrible as it is to have a sullen people, it is not less terrible to put a free people under the dominion of bureaucracy. This republic rests upon the decisions of its people and the new tyranny rests upon a denial of intelligence, of decision, of choice.

It is amazing what illogic liquor traffic propaganda can bring out of the human brain. Was it not the decision of the people of America that made America dry? Was it not an exercise of intelligence and choice? The Chicago Tribune must have shut its eyes to the fact that long before the final overwhelming vote that carried the Eighteenth Amendment, far more than half the territory of the United States had voluntarily gone dry and that the rest of the area was rapidly going that way.

Is our condition now "terrible"? Are we groaning under the oppression of bureaucracy? Who is oppressed because officers of the law are arresting bootleggers? Certainly no citizens of good intent.

Who says a sullen people is to be preferred to a sober people, a few of whose citizens are sober by force of law? Surely not the wives and children of the people who were formerly sullen.

Under the licensed traffic there was a veritable flood of bootlegging. In many large cities the "blind pigs" outnumbered the licensed places. The law commonly winked at these because the brewers and distillers fostered them as an outlet for their product. Was the police power that tried to suppress that evil tyrannous?

No one suffers a all from prohibition except a few people who have acquired under the reign of the saloon a morbid appetite for intoxicants that could never be cured without suffering. Prohibition is primarily a law for the coming generation. We are not now making it socially incumbent on boys to drink in groups and treat and be treated. It is respectable now to let liquor wholly alone. That is real freedom.—Portland Telegram.

At present it would be very difficult for anyone to clearly define optimism, or to draw any definite line between optimism and pessimism. The two terms are strictly opposed in their meaning, but the spirit of the present day tends to merge the one into the other.

Especially is this true in a community like our own, where the principle industries are the growing of sheep, beef cattle, and wheat. Of course everybody in this country is especially interested in these three and consequently everyone knows and feels—even in his own pockets—that there has been very little profit from these in the last year or two. Now, with these facts in mind and with the especially pleasing prospects for the future in view, it is apparent that the meaning of the term optimism must undergo some revision.

According to the common understanding of the word, optimism means looking forward with enthusiasm to bright prospects. Enthusiasm seems to have vanished into thin air and most of the bright prospects have been relegated to the past, then how are we to maintain our optimism?

The fight is on. No man is licked until he is dead. Let us get into the fight, turn defeat into victory and win a little optimism. Let us not turn the old world around.

There is a selling agency or an association in this county, and some of them national, for each of the foregoing products, and if every man in his line would back these up he might help his neighbor a little while helping himself.

Homey Philosophy for 1922 Having had their fling with "Balance of Power," the politicians of Europe are now toying with a new one, "Equilibrium." They are very positive that there must be an equilibrium on the Danube. Also there must be an equilibrium in the Balkans, and it looks like there will have to be an equilibrium of North Sea

PRESIDENT HOWARD EXPLAINS BLOC

Tells How and Why It Was Formed and the Big Things It Already Accomplished. Also How the "Bloc" Operates.

By J. R. HOWARD, President American Farm Bureau Federation.

When Congress convened last April the situation in the farming-live stock industry of the nation had become so tense that a number of Congressmen who knew the actual condition confronting agriculture resolved it was time for something to be done for deflated agriculture in order to



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save not only the farmer, but the industries of the nation. They recognized the key to the situation lay largely in assisting the agriculture to "come back." They sensed also the changed conditions. They realized a new era had come and with it a turn in the tide of basic production.

This resulted in the formation of that much discussed group in Congress, the agricultural bloc, which has to its credit more agricultural legislation in the extraordinary session than ever before was passed in a single sitting of Congress. Let me mention among them the aid to the Federal Land Banks, the War Finance Relief measure, the Packer control bill, the Grain-to-Market control bill, and the Farm-to-Market law. EACH MEASURE PASSED, HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH CLASSIFIED AS AGRICULTURAL, HAS GREAT VALUE TO THE NATION AS A WHOLE.

Nations. Doesn't it beat all? Here we have a United States that's bigger than all Europe. You don't hear Nebraska suggesting an equilibrium of the northwest, or Texas asking for an equilibrium of the southwest, or Vermont demanding an equilibrium in New England. Why doesn't Europe try a little United States unionism?

Slat's Diary.

By ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday—when I cum home this evening ma sed to me Where you ben & I answered & replied no place she sed Yes you have you ben down to Bud Flatterses barn boxing with gloves on & so 4th. Now you get the cole & kinlings in. I sed How did you no it & she sed a little burd told her. But I new how she had lert it & I busted up are old weeja bord with a hamer witch wont tell no more tails on me.

Saturday—mrs. Gilem was a telling ma about a ole lady across the crick witch has silk wirms. ma sed You tell her to drink punkin seed Tea. Pa nudged me in the rib & he choaked trying to keep from laffing on his pie. I dont think ma seen the joak. neether me.

Sunday—When I cum from being at church I ast pa witch I of the cumandments was the hardest I to keep from busting. pa cleared his throte out & sed he gessed the steenth cumandment seemed to cause more disturbants jus now then enny other I. ma wont have enny more rasins in the house, nor east, and so 4th.

Monday—ma was skolding me when I cum home from skool for the reason I had tore a hole in my pants witch was new since Crismas. I ast her how did she growdy wimmen get husbands. She sed they dint. She sed the husbands gets them growchy. So I let her think she was rite.

Tuesday—I went to a party agen witch we are having a lot of them now & I was tawking to Jane on I side & I sed Do you enjoy these kissing games & she sed No I dont I woodent care a cent to kiss a boy. I sed No I woodent neether. so we dropped the dushion & went on cating strawberrie ice cream witch is my favrit odor.

Wednesday—A new girl cum to skool today witch sets in back of me. I ast her what was her name & she sed it was Geranium Epp. I thot at 1st she was kiding a me but she sed that is rite so I gess she knows best. Thursday—I think I am agoing to

The first meeting of the Senate agricultural "bloc" was held in the office of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington, D. C. The Senators, known to be interested in the agricultural situation, were called by Senaor William S. Kenyon of Iowa and Glay Siver, Washington Representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Senaor Kenyon told his colleagues that it was his idea that by bringing together the Senators from the Middle West and South, the principal agricultural sections, it would be possible to bring to bear sufficient co-operative action in the Senate to enact legislative measures which would relieve agriculture. He also told the futility of his and other Senators' endeavors to pass any kind of remedial or constructive agricultural legislation during the previous short session of Congress.

Thus the agricultural "bloc" had its origin. It transcends party lines. It has its own caucus and is not amenable to the party whip or party discipline. Heretofore many bills have been sidetracked simply because of policy and the domination of leaders who would hold up the bills rather than risk a division split in the party ranks. The "bloc" has thus not only kept new and constructive measures from the cold storage warehouses of specially appointed congressional committees; it has also taken measures out of cold storage and passed them.

The agricultural "bloc" in the Senate is not sufficiently strong numerically to pass legislation. Its strength lies in voting as a block and adding that according to one party or the other according to the way these parties favor or oppose a measure. It is the principle of independent voting applied to national legislation.

More than twenty members are divided about equally between Democrats and Republicans, so it is truly a bi-partisan organization. Most of the Westerners are Republicans and most of the Southerners Democrats. In the Senate "bloc" the western members all come from states west of Ohio. These men are entitled to commendation, not only for the farmers but from the general public.

The House "bloc" contains members from as far east as Pennsylvania and is also bi-partisan in makeup.

Only I cant use her 1st name as it is to hevy so I call her Epp for short. she knows a lots of things I dont no because she is very smart & helps me in my long divishun & jografy & so 4th. I dont like her in the same way as Jane tho.

Stopping Waste of Natural Resources.

The world is beginning to wake up to the reckless waste practiced for a half a century and more in the production and use of its natural resources. Two-thirds of every ton of coal has gone up into the air or into the dump. Enormous volumes of natural gas have been allowed to escape to the limits of an earth atmosphere. Hundreds of millions of barrels of petroleum have flowed over the ground to utter uselessness. And so all along the line.

Everywhere you hear of steps being taken to correct this wastefulness. Thus, if conservation becomes the rule hereafter with new discoveries below the surface, there will be less and less need of fear that the world will go short of coal and gasoline in the not very distant future. Canada doesn't propose to be a squeezed-out orange like some sections of the United States. During the last five years enormous coal fields and petroleum deposits have been discovered in Alberta, her northwest province, and already she is passing laws against wasteful handling of these resources.

One of Canada's scientific investigators reports that "if the coal measures of Alberta be carefully conserved and scientifically utilized, and all the gas, oil and other by-products be recovered to the best advantage, the whole world can be supplied with fuel and oil for a thousand years from the Alberta fields alone."

The future of the coal mining industry in America contains something like this: great plants at the mines when the coal at its arrival at the surface will be turned into electricity (to be carried by wire to cities and towns) and into gas, coke and its other valuable parts, all of which can be shipped in small containers and cheaper than coal in the bulk.

Optimism For 1922.

To say that the year 1922 opens under immeasurably better conditions and with infinitely better prospects than did the year 1921 is to state the obvious. Neither is it partisanship to claim for the Republican administration the lion's share of the credit for the improved situation. There can be no explanation for this improvement other than policies

which were put into effect on the inauguration of President Harding and the calling of the special session of Congress. These policies turned the country away from the paternalistic ideas which seemed to saturate the public mind under the Wilson regime. One of the first things which the Republican administration did was to impress upon business and other interests of the country that it was up to them to help themselves and assist in working out their own salvation, instead of running to Washington and asking the government to play Santa Claus to all of their real or fancied needs. Individual initiative and private enterprise have been encouraged rather than discouraged. Legislation has been enacted wherever it could prove helpful. But legislation has not been permitted to take the place of individual energy and thrift.

The tremendous and varied activities of the government, which collectively constitute the greatest business enterprise in the world, with a budget of over \$4,000,000,000 a year, have been placed on an entirely new basis since March 4th. This was made possible by the speedy enactment of the budget law by the Congress. The executive end of the government took immediate advantage of this act of Congress to introduce business methods into departmental routine and to enforce economies all along the line.

The Treasury department has been in the hands of one of the most successful financiers of United States and the country is receiving the benefit of the sound financial policies which Secretary Mellon proceeded to inaugurate. Interest rates have been lowered from 7 to 5 per cent, which in itself has been a tremendous stimulus to business. Secretary Mellon has worked out a plan looking to the retirement of the tremendous stimulus to business, same time reducing the interest charges which this debt carries.

The country has responded to this safe and sane method of conducting the nation's finances. Every issue of short term treasury certificates which has been put out under the present administration has been subscribed many times over before the date of the actual issue. The value of Liberty Bonds which bear a very intimate relation to the financial policy of the country, has increased 15 per cent since March 4th.

Secretary Mellon climaxed the first ten months of his administration

by his issuance of the Treasury Savings Certificates, a new form of government securities which have an irresistible appeal to the man of small means.

Due to the influences of the administration freight rates have been lowered. Agricultural sections of the country have been tided over their crisis. The tax laws of the nation have been rewritten, lifting from the shoulders of the average citizen a burden of \$800,000,000 for the current year.

These are some of the more tangible things which have conspired to bring about greatly improved conditions in the past ten months. But in themselves they would have fallen far short of accomplishing what has been accomplished had it not been known throughout the country that the influence dominating the administration now in power and the policies of the Republican party which will direct the affairs of the nation for the next few years are conservative influences, constructive influences that assist legitimate activities without coddling them, influences that stand for and work for the amelioration of the conditions and environments of the common citizen without yielding to the fallacious theories of communism and socialism, influences that stand foursquared for the protection of both capital and labor, in the realization that without one the other is helpless, and without harmony between the two progress is impossible and distress inevitable.

In short, the optimism with which people of all classes in the United States face the new year may be largely attributed to the fact that the administration now in control of all branches of the United States government and whose policies are directing the destinies of this people is an administration whose ideas of popular government are the antithesis of those held by the administration which preceded it.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for the kindness shown to us in the sickness and death of our sister, Emily J. Bird; for the beautiful flowers sent by Mr. and Mrs. Arlet Brock and Mrs. Edna Slocum of Portland and the W. R. C. of Heppner and Mrs. J. B. Carmichael of Lexington.

MARY E. BARTON. SARAH BROWN. NANCY A. GENTRY.

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