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A COWARDLY COMPROMISE

THE expected has happened. The dry plank in the Democratic platform is not only a compromise, it is a compromise of a compromise. It is a straddle and a deceit.

We would have had more respect for the Democratic leaders if they had given Governor Smith a militantly dry platform.

The Democratic party is pledged to a strict and aggressive enforcement of the Prohibition law, more strict and more aggressive than that which has characterized the "iniquitous Coolidge administration."

And to run on this platform and to carry out this policy, they select,—the most distinguished and most consistent enemy of law in the public life of America today.

But, of course, here is where what, the late President Roosevelt called the "wenzel words" come in. True, Governor Smith is opposed to the 18th amendment, believes in its modification and in the wet states like New York in its repeal, but as long as the Prohibition law is the law of the land, Governor Smith, if elected, will see that it is carried out.

No wonder Senator Glass, militant dry, refused to comment, and Senator Walsh said he would have preferred a different plank. But the Tammany delegates, and the ardent Wets, are reported satisfied. We wonder why.

Because they know precisely what such hokum means. They know that Governor Smith, when he took his oath of office, made an identical pledge, and they know,—and everyone in the country knows,—just how the Prohibition law in New York state has been, and is, today being enforced and carried out.

But to have given Smith a platform containing his avowed principles,—in other words, to have done the consistent thing, the only statesmanlike and courageous thing,—would have been poor politics—at least poor politics for those who believe that the way to get votes from the American people is to take a definite, outspoken stand on nothing, to nominate a wet man to get the radical Wets and adopt a semi-arid platform to propitiate the Drys.

And if Governor Smith can win on a platform like this, then the judicious may mourn, but the practical politicians and the professional demagogues,—also one might add P. T. Barnum,—will again demonstrate they were right.

"WILLING TO WOUND BUT AFRAID TO STRIKE"

IT'S too bad. The Democrats had a great opportunity here to make this presidential election a genuine referendum on the Prohibition question, the result of which would have contributed materially to clearing it up and demonstrating just how a majority of the American people stand.

But with candidate favoring modification, and a platform by implication opposing it, such an opportunity has been hopelessly lost. If Smith should be elected it will not be a victory for the Wets, but merely a victory for a Wet candidate, as the representative of a party that is hopelessly divided on the Prohibition issue.

The situation is the more regrettable, and the action of the Houston convention the more inexcusable, because the Republicans did what the Democrats failed to do. The Republicans nominated a man pledged to Dry Law enforcement, on a platform pledged to the same thing. They accepted the dry side of the issue and they made no attempt to propitiate the Wets. Such a stand took courage, and meant a loss of votes.

The Democrats didn't have the nerve. They were willing to take Smith for the wet vote, but insisted upon repudiating the principles Smith represents, so they would not lose the Dry vote.

Shades of William Jennings Bryan! How the mighty have fallen!

Girls weren't so bold in the old days. The boy knew Old Dobbin wouldn't wham them into a tree, so he didn't need so much co-operation.

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

MRS. MUNYON DISSENTING

Ever read court news? I get a great kick out of it, even the reports bound in musty volumes.

What I like especially about these reports is the way very human documents in the way most of them wind up. (Just: "Argued before Jones, P. J., and John Smith, Doe, Plaster, and Hillings, J.J. John Smith J.J. dissenting.")

I am a great admirer of Justice Smith. He has the fortitude to stand out against practically all the world on the point at issue.

Here's a short sermon contributed by a reader who takes for her text a line from that immortal poem by John Gay, "The Sick Man and the Angel."

While there is life there's hope, he cried. Or, as Theocritus expressed it: Πάθηα, Αδακάδρα ενοχασάν and other Greek words to the effect that there is hope for the living, but when you're dead you're through.

The sermon: I am sorry to say that I do not agree with your statement that one who is going insane is the last to recognize the fact.

Several years ago I went with a dear friend, a young girl, to consult her physician. She told the doctor she was afraid she would go insane. The doctor replied: "If you were going insane, you would not be telling me about it, etc."

Several months later she asked me to accompany her to a specialist. After stating her case the doctor made no reply, but gave her a thorough examination, then advised her to keep in the open air, mingle more with people, look for enjoyment, have a hobby and keep busy.

Just recently she has been admitted to a state hospital. The first remark she made when I visited her was "Didn't I tell you that I would end up here? I wonder if Dr. _____ would believe now that I am insane. Oh, I felt it coming a long time, but the doctors couldn't see it."

I also beg to differ that insanity characterized by systematized delusions of self importance or persecution, is rarely recovered from. I alone can refer you to three cases, at one time in institutions for the insane, but now perfectly well and normal and unquestionably competent to take care of their own affairs.

It is a pity that doctors are so precious in giving out statements. I have experienced this in my own family. A patient was declared hopeless after a consultation. The doctors agreed that nothing more could be done and advised us to prepare for the worst, as it was simply a matter of a few days.

I know of several similar cases. So busy, "Where there is life, there is hope," whether it is insanity or physical sickness.

And I would add amen, regarding the prognosis that abandons hope, I believe, however, that Mrs. Munyon—of course that isn't the lady's name—has only proved the rules from which she dissents, by the exceptions she cites. They are

Rippling Rhymes

(By Walt Mason)

THE LIVERY BARN

Familiar landmarks of the past are vanished, gone before, although we thought their kind would last till time should be no more.

Answer:—The frequent or habitual use of any kind of cathartic salts is exceedingly harmful and must inevitably undermine your health whether it explains the un-der weight or not.

High School Hygiene Recently you said that the prejudice against fried food is based on an antiquated notion that it doesn't digest as readily as food cooked any other way.

Answer:—I believe you are a student at that, Fred. Most high school boys and girls are just pupils. There's a nice distinction for the etymology class to debate.

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Lindy Gets Degree



Although he never did receive a degree from the University of Wisconsin when he attended that institution as an undergraduate in his college days, Colonel Charles Lindbergh has won recognition from his alma mater at its annual commencement exercises at Madison, Wis.

AL'S VICTORY IS MARKED BY RAID ON NIGHT CLUBS

NEW YORK, June 29.—(AP)—The Broadway theatre district was thrown into a furor early today when more than 100 federal prohibition agents raided 15 of the most popular night clubs.

MRS. SMITH IS CENTER OF BIG DEMONSTRATION

(By Martha Dalrymple, Associated Press Staff Writer) HOUSTON, Texas, June 29.—(AP)—The politically-minded woman gave way during the nominating and balloting sessions of the democratic convention to the typical, emotional, near-hysterical woman whose interests in the proceedings were more personal and business-like.

MUTT AND JEFF—Doc Thinks a Comic Strip Character Leads a Dog's Life



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HORTENSE DEBRIS. THE QUESTION QUEEN. DEAR HORTENSE: I'M DESPERATELY IN LOVE WITH A MAN BUT HE DRINKS SOMETHING AWFUL. I AM HEARTBROKEN. OH, MISS DEBRIS, WHAT SHALL I DO? MARY: DIG UP A NEW BOOTLEGGER FOR HIM. BEFORE LONG HE MAY BE DRINKING SOMETHING GOOD! MISS DEBRIS MAKES NO CHARGE FOR HER SAGE ADVICE. Bud Fisher

Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Peery

BRUTAL ATTACK MADE ON SOUTH

Continuing, the metropolitan daily gasses that "Tammany cohorts tear banners down," "Alabama Leading Victim" but "Alabama Wins in Battle," "Georgia Next Sent Into Parade for Support of Religious Free," and "Tennessee Taken by Assault."

This is horrible, terrible, and awful, and the Journal, the Oregonian's sister sheet, could have done no better job of weeping, if barred from the use of its twisting phrases and queries: "IS THIS RUSSIA?"

So the mean "Tammany cohorts" picked a fuss with the pious, patriotic, fiery southern colonels, full of bigotry, Jeffersonian democracy, and Texas whiskey, and all tucked out from the last lynching of a negro, not to mention the cold contracted at the last monstrous lunge of the Klan. The Bowers roughs mused up the state banners, and goodness gracious!—the brutality commenced.

Thousands of gentle readers of the Oregonian managed to keep back the tears, at the line: "Alabama Leading Victim" Also they managed to suppress their emotional howling until they collided with the doubtful tidings that Tennessee had been assaulted, and Georgia forced to march against their best traditions of religious intolerance. And the Imperial Palace of the Emperor within her boundaries! Great T. T. and Little T. T. Colas!

Poor Alabama! Poor Tennessee! Abused commonwealths! They inflicted upon the nation that eminent windbag and biatherskite, Senator Heflin, and the Dayton monkey trial.

We read that Mrs. Moore of Redding had two ripe tomatoes. We hope that it is not her intention to throw them.—(Veek, Cal. Journal.) Fear not, a woman never hits what she throws at.

A band concert, heavy cutting of hay, and consignment of Oregon editors, is too much for the weather. The usual cliché, "It's unusual," will be trotted out.

OH, TAKE IT OUT (Cross Bay Times) LOST—Purse containing money, \$, I, pass and auto license. Under may keep money in purse as a reward. Return to Times, Mrs. Fred Dunne.

The public is warned not to pick up wires, an humanity is poor remuneration for the main product of copper. When in doubt, citizens should induce somebody else to pick up the wire, note the results, and govern themselves accordingly.

SAVAN SEERS STRAYS (Siskions News) Several parties are now rustling at Strawberry Valley and the Soda Springs, most of whom came from below.

The above recalls the classic item, the Baker Democrat once published, which ran: "The family has moved to Ashland, where they will live in the heretofore."

"FLAM 28 COMPANY FIRE" (Klamath Falls News.) Strange, but they will do it.

"Where can I find a service station," inquired a brilliant visiting journalist this a.m.

TILLAMOOK—Work begins on new Tillamook creamery butter factory.

CLOVERDALE—Community may join in promoting brick and tile factory.

McMINNVILLE—Christian Science church gets new memorial pipe organ.

KLAMATH FALLS—Reame Jolt and Country club will build clubhouse addition.

ROSEBURG—Umpqua highway improvement district appropriates \$45,000 for Scottsburg bridge.

Gold Beach has organized a fire department with two companies.