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ELIHU ROOT'S ADVICE TO VOTERS

"WHEN Elihu Root speaks the world listens." This was a comment made by the late Theodore Roosevelt, who regarded Mr. Root as the greatest mentality produced in America during the present century.
A few days ago Mr. Root publicly announced he was going to vote for Herbert Hoover, because he believed him the best qualified man in public life to hold the Presidency, and because he believes the continuance of Republican control essential to a continuance of our present prosperity. He also said he prefers Governor Smith's views on prohibition, but he believes that what he considered a defect in the Hoover program is entirely overshadowed by the obvious advantages.
This pronouncement by a former Secretary of State and the dean of the New York bar will undoubtedly have great weight with many independent voters, particularly those Republicans who have been beguiled by that vision of a foaming glass of beer, facetiously entitled by Cartoonist Darling as "Al's Myth."

In spite of Al Smith's statements to the contrary, this country has enjoyed during the past two Republican administrations an era of general and extraordinary prosperity. It is also a matter of record that Democratic administrations during the past half century have been attended by less prosperous conditions.
The corner stone of prosperity is public confidence. Governor Smith may be friendly to Big Business, as his manager, Mr. Raskob, for example, claims he is, but this does not alter the fact that the defeat of the Republican candidate would shake public confidence, and his election would continue and probably increase it.
The resultant hard times might be, as the late President Wilson once termed a depression in his administration, purely psychological. But, as all economists agree, depressions that proceed from a mental attitude may be as hard on the pocketbook as hard times that proceed from a real economic mal-adjustment.

So this announcement by Mr. Root is of great political importance and will undoubtedly have a material effect upon the vote in November—particularly in New York state. For, when all is said and done, self-interest is, with most people, a determining factor. A majority of voters, not slaves of partisanship, when faced with the alternative of choosing between a DOUBTFUL issue like prohibition, and a REAL issue like prosperity, will finally say, "Oh! Why take the chance?" and cast their votes in behalf of their bank account.
Such reasoning may be dubbed materialistic, but as humanity is now constituted, it is also human nature.

DON'T BE BORED WITH POLITICS

EVERY now and then someone complains about the space given to politics in this paper. They say they are tired of politics and would like to read some real news for a change.

While we detest the usual hokey, this attitude at this time surprises and (almost) grieves us.

For, to our mind, political news and political opinions at this time are real news. We have a presidential election only once in four years, and this election is the most dramatic, interesting and important since the Roosevelt era.

In fact, there is no excuse for the next four weeks, at least, being tired of politics. Everyone should be politically minded and politically interested. For the result of this election is going to have a determining effect upon the future of this country and everyone in it.

To concentrate for two or three months, since in every four years, upon things political, we do not consider should be a strain upon any good citizen's time or patience.

The more interest people as a whole take in their important elections the better government they will secure, and the greater progress their country and their communities will enjoy.

In our opinion there is no excuse for being bored with or indifferent to politics at least until after the coming November 6th.

At's theory seems to be that you can't clean up the prohibition mess without snids.

A good party man is one who thinks a man he scorns is sanctified by the nomination.

An English neurologist says left-handers are unusually dumb, which obviously means the dumbness of right-handers is usual.

Archaeologists merely guess, and in 4038 A. D. they may call the Detroit-Windsor tunnel a pipe line.

Feminine "yes" freely translated: "I suppose I might as well marry you, for I've about given up hope of getting anything better."

The pedestrian in an ambulance that has the right of way must feel tempted to thumb his nose at the cars he passes.

It must vex and humiliate a Philadelphia bootlegger to wear an ordinary cheap uniform most of the time.

Americanism: Feeling cheated if the headlines afford no thrill in the way of disaster.

The modern girl would tell her mother everything, too, if discretion urged her to beat the neighbors to it.

If you take \$5000 worth of merchandise all at once, that's loading; if you take a little at a time and say "charge it," that's Americanism.

Peace treaties, to be effective, should have as frontispiece the portrait of a buck private washing dishes.

Every man who travels has dejected moments when he wonders whether the hotel clerk really thinks him important or is just kidding him.

All the vitamins are in vegetables. A cow eats vegetables. Who ever heard of a cow holding a big job?

Quill Points

Our bologny picture for today: A five-year husband drawing out a chair for his wife in a swell restaurant.

The hell wheel is busy again, but nobody urges tax relief. Why buy a girl presents if you know you can't win her?

New rule for penitentiary guards: When anybody starts anything, take a shot at the nearest train.

Handing material is very cheap now, but alas! all of the dealers are showing new model cars.

Americanism: Feeling abused and cheated because all of the aisle seats are sold.

It takes three dollars to buy a gold dollar, but that's fair. It takes three dollars to buy a gold dollar's worth.

The poor man is lucky, at that. He doesn't suspect all friendly people of having designs on his purse.

Tunney wishes to be a writer. First get a reputation; then say your say and trust the proof readers.

Photographs of a great man and a group of editors should bear some mark to inform future generations which one is great.

Example of the silent vote: The man who dares to sign on the dotted line.

If a speed cop does 50 miles an hour to overtake a car doing 30 miles, how long will it take him to learn that—Oh, what's the use?

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Smudge Smoke

Fine Republican weather prevails. Rep. Bill Briggs of Ashland was here, Thursday, astounding a number of his constituents by wearing a straw hat, which was obsolete September 15.

The B. Plymouth kid was downtown Fri. and bawled like a former governor. Charles Strang is the owner of a new pretentious go-cart. Mr. Strang is one of our rock-bottom citizens.

A colicky 4d mistook one of Bill Gates' windows Fri. noon for a phone pole.

Nothing but a few deer and some sudden noises have been killed by our careful hunters a far.

Waterman dropped B. Anderson a few lines Fri. in reply to yours of the 27th inst.

Scott Davis and John Johnson are pinned for their circumnavigation of this Quack-eyed world. They will return next June, and say: "In all our travels we never had a drink like good old Medford water."

Bill Grieve and his capable hired man, D. Hill, and his son Houston, that the writer thought had renounced his term at the cow-college (Guffaxes by the ToCo alumni), were down Fri. night to see the franchises. The expedition commander was wearing his cowboy hat, which somebody should steal.

Doc Robinson and Eme Britt or Jeville were in town Wed. on his and phiz. Both were feeling rollicky.

Many caused Tues. eve when they heard Al Smith say, "Hee!" over the radio. It is nice to hear one say "Hee!" any time than "deee."

Democrats of this vicinity could be no quieter, if they were going to rob the Ben Harder bank.

John Tomlin had to hire Atty C. Roberts to unravel a story for him Wed. Don't feel bad about it, John.

The predominating ill of the community seems to be colds, a number having same about their person.

Erin Coleman who has been out of commission with a lam wing, has been going back to work all week.

Mark Jarmin and Cassius Woods opened up their new drugstore Thurs. and the place was crowded all day like the polls at a general election, when religion is in issue.

A cat called at this sanctum Sat. and apparently decided to stay, and ward off being a piece of human muck. He is a well behaved cat, but as there are several women around, will mysteriously disappear, it is predicted.

Brisbane's Today

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Shops were closed, traffic stopped in Jerusalem, while 10,000 listened to addresses of denunciation by rabbis.

The wailing wall, at which Jews periodically express their grief, belongs to the Arabs under the League of Nations settlement. The Jews demand that it be turned over to them.

A discussion affecting all the holy places in Jerusalem may result.

The interest rates paid by business men in America continues higher than anywhere in the world, except in Chinese shops.

In Wall Street call money yesterday cost 8 percent. Business men borrowing on time paid 7 3/4 percent.

High finance is doing what it can to kill the golden goose, but probably will be satisfied if it can strip all the fat off that goose before it dies. It should be some one's business to remind national banks that usury is illegal as well as immoral. President Coolidge might choose to do it.

"Big Four" Wins Polo. INTERNATIONAL FIELD. WATERBURY, N. Y., Sept. 29.—(AP)—Displaying unexpected dash and team work, the United States "big four" came from behind today to beat the powerful Argentine team, 7 to 4, in the first match of the series for the championship of the Americas. W. A. Harriman called the deciding goal in the final period on a spectacular far rupp.

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