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IS PRESIDENT HOOVER A POOR POLITICIAN?

"The primary responsibility incumbent upon the chief executive is to appoint men to public office who will execute the laws of the United States with integrity, and without fear, favor or political collusion. I note your demand that the organization shall dictate appointments in Florida irrespective of merit or responsibility and that you appeal to the opponents of the administration to attack me. The success of the Republican party rests upon good government, not on patronage."

THIS is the reply of President Hoover to the Republican state organization in Florida, regarding the appointment of Federal District Attorney Hughes. It is just the sort of reply that we would have expected from Mr. Hoover, and it emphasizes the point, frequently made in this column, that with the election of President Hoover there was a new political deal in the White House.

President Hoover is not unmindful of the necessity of sound party organization and party loyalty; but he regards himself, and properly so, as President of the entire country first, and as the leader of his party second. In other words, when, in his judgment, there is a conflict between what is best for the country and what seems best for the party, he stands four-square behind the national welfare.

To the professional politician this is heresy,—and one can fairly hear the Old Guard campaigners cursing under their breath this morning, and deploring the fact that President Hoover is such a poor politician.

But is he? We have our "doubts." In our opinion the people of this country, regardless of party, are somewhat weary of the time-honored partisan creed, "to the victors belong the spoils,"—that federal positions should be filled first, not on the basis of what the individual can do for this country, but what he has done for his party.

This does not mean service to the party should be disregarded entirely. But it does mean, this consideration should be secondary, and the respective abilities of the applicants should be the first consideration.

THIS is the President's view and it is, to our mind, the right one. Moreover, it is a policy that will help his party in the end,—for, as he well says, in the last analysis, the success of the Republican party rests upon good government, not upon political patronage.

Where there is a conflict between the two, to place principle above party, is not only best for the country, but best for the party.

WHY SO MUCH SMOKE?

WE can't quite make out the intense interest aroused in Portland over the contest between Clarence Hotchkiss and Jack Day for the appointment of U. S. Marshal. This is a minor office, and the entire affair of slight importance. Yet both Portland papers are devoting a great deal of space to the details, and indulging in all sorts of elaborate speculations.

There must be something within the political woodpile of which neither this paper nor the people of the state at large, are aware. If the present conflagration continues, no doubt the colored gentleman will be forced to emerge, and the true inwardness of the situation divulged.

UNTIL that time, all we can answer to those interested inquirers who wonder why this paper came out for the present incumbent, Mr. Hotchkiss, is that we did so for precisely the reasons outlined above; because we regarded Mr. Hotchkiss as the applicant best fitted for the job.

And we have yet to hear any denial of the fact. The only arguments brought to our notice for shelving Hotchkiss in favor of Day, is that the latter is a deserving Republican, a good scout and a good party man.

As far as we know, no one denies this. But if Captain Hotchkiss is better fitted to efficiently discharge the duties of the position in which he has given such excellent service, then who shouldn't he be re-appointed?

We don't know. But perhaps as the campaign of the "Mexican generals" continues, we will find out.

Now that the President has ridden on the Grand Trunk railroad as it was equipped in 1862, wouldn't it be in order to invite him to have a ride on the Shasta division of the Southern Pacific?

Senator Bingham of Connecticut may be the handsomest man in the Upper House, but he has come out of the tariff lobby investigation with a very black eye.

Race problems are like babies. They are easy to understand and handle if you've never had any.

Speaking of Senators, what has become of a certain party named Heflin?

The intelligentsia consists of those who do as they please and then blame some gland instead of original sin.

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. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

SPRAINED ANKLE NOT VERY THRILLING

Sprained ankle used to be a thrilling episode when the emergency had to be met by improvising a bandage from the hem of the heroine's fluffie. Fortunately we have other means of first aid today; and besides, the knee seems more susceptible to twists and sprains nowadays.



A sprain is sometimes as bad as a fracture; and sometimes it is just a slight fracture near the ankle. If there is any break in the bone it must be treated accordingly.

If there is only a tear or stretching of ligaments, then the emergency treatment I shall now describe is effective if promptly and thoroughly carried out. Immediately plunge the injured leg into a tub or bucket of water as hot as endurable, and keep it so for an hour, frequently dipping out some water and adding hotter water to maintain the extreme heat.

Following the hot footbath, gently massage the ankle and leg, using upward strokes, with camphor liniment (camphorated oil) or other mild application such as witch hazel or plain soapy water or soap water with a drop of turpentine added. After 15 minutes of massage, apply dry heat in any available form.

In mild cases, where the injury is clearly not a fracture, the foot, ankle and leg should be immediately bandaged or strapped after the preliminary hot soaking. Then the patient should resume walking at once, wearing in addition to the bandage or adhesive dressing a snugly laced high shoe for additional support of the ankle.

In any case, in the absence of medical advice, a sprain will do better if the patient makes earnest effort to use the injured ankle. If the ankle is left long at rest after such an injury there will be more trouble from adhesions and other difficulties later on.

How to apply a supporting bandage or adhesive plaster strips to a sprained ankle is easier to describe. Imagine the ligament torn or stretched, and then try to apply the dressing in such a way as to draw together and hold together the torn or stretched tissues. Bandage or straps should be applied from the fore-foot upward to the middle of the calf.

When diathermy is available, the victim of a sprain with obstinate after-moens is in great luck, for this is the only means at our disposal for getting heat in where the damage is.

Modern surgical experience teaches that disability is shortened by this mobile treatment, as compared with the prolonged disability that often attended sprain treated in the old-fashioned immobile way, with plaster cast or similar splints. Only when fracture or other complications is clearly recognized should the injured joint be immobilized.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

All Hot and Bothered. Can you tell me what causes hot flashes in women past middle age and what to do for them?—Mrs. H. R. H.

Answer.—No. Of course I have my theory about it, like every other doctor, but why bring that up? Every medical hypothesis advanced to explain this annoying trouble reminds me of the old granny's explanation—"nerves." Incidentally, the trouble is not confined to women, nor is it limited to an arbitrary age. Many women never have such trouble. If you will state your complaint in the first person and inclose stamped envelope bearing your address I will mail you some general advice which may help.

Arthritis. Please give me information and advice concerning treatment of ar-

thritis. It is just beginning to take hold of me. Eight months ago my ring finger began to be stiff and sore... crowned teeth extracted... trying chiropractic and electric...—D. J. H.

Answer.—Well, when you have experimented on your health to your neighbors' and friends' satisfaction, you should declare a recess and put a good physician in charge of the experimental work. Yes, or course the treatment of joint inflammation is more or less experimental, since the trouble is not of a specific nature and the best of physicians cannot say off-hand what its nature or origin is in a given case.

If this is true, how ridiculous for you to try this, and that treatment or remedy merely on the chance. Why, my dear friend, you ask about some fool serum, bath, electric monkey-shines. You might just as well cut out the highfalutin affectation and call your trouble rheumatiz if you are going to follow in the footsteps of the poor old victims of that delusion. Arthritis means joint inflammation; it conveys no hint of the nature or cause or proper treatment of the inflammation.

Syphilis in Sanitarium.

Is there danger of contracting syphilis from another patient in a sanitarium where both use the same bath? Answer.—No more danger, I believe, than there is in the use of the bath in any hotel or other place where such conveniences are used by one person after another.

Ordinary soap and water cleanliness is a reliable defense against such infection. Syphilis, by the way, is but feebly communicable, or not at all communicable after the first year or so. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

Quill Points

A scrap paper reception was no new experience for Mr. MacDonald. He has been snored under before.

Hell, for some people, will be a place where everybody else talks constantly about things they know nothing about.

Fame is fleeting, and Mussolini will figure in history chiefly as the man who made another revolution necessary.

"The Specialist" is a best seller, which clinches the argument that the majority still knows what a rail fence is.

In some sections it is an insult to audit a gentleman's books, and in others there is very little stealing of public funds.

It is easy for statesmen to agree on what is right. The hard part is to find a solution that will make each think he is getting an advantage.

Correct this sentence: "Tom and I had a charming woman boarder last year," said the wife, "and now I want another."

English Sunday schools now use a Bible from which naughty things are expurgated. Over here the pulpit seems to use one expurgated of damnation.

Americanism: Piously nursing a kitty that appeals to us; hating the wiser man who tells us it is a tiger that will do us harm.

Archaeologists have found a small figure buried so that its slightest movement would cause a great noise. Probably a primitive cheer leader.

And yet the chap who objects to the use of rouge is the one who wraps a 20-hill around a roll of one's.

One explanation of things is the queer belief that the man who breaks his oath to uphold the constitution still has honor.

Don't be ashamed. Future historians will think our great sta-

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Springs, 2. Jacks, 3. Drive down, 4. Cigarette, 5. Fiber plant, 6. City in Pennsylvania, 7. Fragrant oil of rose, 8. Division of the Union, 9. Mark, 10. Menace, 11. Less, 12. The Indian, 13. Malberry, 14. Propose, 15. Tell again, 16. Court decision, 17. Sea eagles, 18. Nea to gether, 19. Indefinite quantity, 20. Window, 21. Pertaining to punishment, 22. Galle sea god, 23. Detail, 24. Ancient Greek, 25. Milepost, 26. Heere, 27. The law of Moses, 28. Greek worker, 29. Beam, 30. In the year of our Lord, 31. Wanders, 32. Herpetoid, 33. Egg-shaped, 34. One who helps, 35. Girl's name, 36. Nothing more than, 37. Lay away, 38. Obstruction, 39. Straits, 40. Heads French, 41. Utters, 42. Down, 43. Narrow board, 44. List, 45. At a great distance, 46. Flow copious, 47. Formerly, 48. Makes lace, 49. Sull's denoting a morbid condition, 50. Isaac's eggs, 51. Apper, 52. Rank officers, 53. Need covering, 54. Explosive device, 55. Nobleman, 56. High mountain, 57. Repair for use again, 58. Muse of lyric poetry, 59. Father in, 60. Units of electrical current, 61. Route: Sent., 62. Dugma, 63. Concubine, 64. Muscetine, 65. Arabian military commander, 66. Northern European, 67. Boys' toys, 68. Public discourse, 69. Muscetine, 70. Organ of hearing, 71. Ferment, 72. Famous dirigible, 73. Assort, 74. Market, 75. Locust, 76. Wax, 77. Metal-bearing rock, 78. Bone of the arm, 79. Trolle, 80. Labels, 81. Small round mark.

Table with 13 columns and 13 rows, likely a calendar or schedule.

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Some stocks, selling at twice their value, no need to name them, went part way toward the right price.

Good stocks, that in a few years will go 300 per cent above their present prices, dropped heavily. Foolish speculators usually sell good stocks to protect bad ones, partly because there's a market for good ones, none for bad.

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Of this living load, 150 were passengers, 10 were crew, the greatest living cargo ever taken into the air. Germany has the honor of beginning what may be called real passenger flying.

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Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune.) October 22, 1919. London.—Allies agree to make ex-kaiser go on trial for life. Bolshevik army deny fall of Petrograd and claim victory over white army.

A bright star visible in the sky in daylight puzzles people of Portland.

Local hotels still report brisk tourist business—no rooms at Hotel Medford last night.

Newspaper workers in San Francisco strike for higher pay.

Chicago hog prices drop below \$12 for first time in long period.

London-New York airplane service is discussed as probability.

Home Telephone company applies for new 10-year franchise. Question referred to City Attorney Fred Means.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune.) October 22, 1909. Ashland citizens circulate petition to allow hotels to sell liquor.

Work of paving West Main street starts.

New York.—"I'll knock the big coon's head off!" said ex-Champion Jim Jeffries on his arrival here today from Europe.

"Out in Idaho" draws packed house at Bijou theater, as given by Richard Darling Stock company.

Fear market drops! Winter Nellis \$2.19 in New York; Claireville average \$1.25; apples sell as high as \$3.25 per box.

E. Duggett, rich young orchardist, arrested for speeding his auto and for running it without a license or number.

169 passengers and crew. But this is a start.

You have watched a bird soaring, its wings not moving, wondering how it is done.

An east Prussian lieutenant, Di-nert, in a German "gilder," no engine, proves that men can do what birds can do, and more.

Flying over Baltic sand dunes, he remained in the air 14 consecutive hours, weathering a 50-mile gale. It is difficult even to imagine that.

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MUTT AND JEFF—Mutt Controls the Air, Hot and Cold

Comic strip panels showing Mutt and Jeff. Panel 1: Mutt says "WHEN IT'S COCOANUT TIME IN HAWAII, I HOPE THEY FALL-LL ON YOU-U-U!". Panel 2: Mutt says "YOU HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO MISS PARKER, BETTER KNOWN AS THE SWEETHEART OF THE AIR. THIS IS MUTT SPEAKING AS USUAL". Panel 3: Mutt says "YOU ARE NOW LISTENING TO JEFF, AMERICA'S MOST POPULAR ANNOUNCER! HELLO EVERYBODY-". Panel 4: Mutt says "YOU ARE AGAIN LISTENING TO MUTT—BETTER KNOWN AS THE LON CHANEY OF THE AIR!".