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In the opinion of this paper any person who has views to express but is not willing to accept RESPONSIBILITY for these views, has no rightful place in this newspaper or any other.

On the other hand the Mail Tribune has recently, and for many years, UPON REQUEST, withheld the name of writer, and placed it on file, where the circumstances seemed to justify such action.

Such circumstances have usually been, the aversion of the writer to undue publicity, and becoming immersed in the campaign of mudslinging, vituperation and personal abuse, which has afflicted this county for so many years.

They are perfectly willing to reveal their identity to interested parties, but they don't care for personal advertising, they don't wish their names broadcasted from the house tops they wish, if possible, publicity for their opinions and the facts they possess, but not for THEMSELVES.

THIS has appeared to be a perfectly natural attitude. And with the community in such a turmoil, with the free play of facts and opinions, so necessary in clearing up the confusion, and establishing the truth, the Mail Tribune has regarded—and still regards—such a procedure, as decidedly in the public interest.

During the past week, the Mail Tribune has published two or three unsigned communications, and placed the names of the writers on file. Interested parties have called this office in person and by phone, to determine their identity, and in every case the names have been freely given.

Now these parties are at liberty to give whatever publicity to these names they desire. With the request for placing the name on file, granted, the responsibility of this newspaper ends.

We wish to make this point very clear—so everyone may understand. THE MAIL TRIBUNE PUBLISHES NO ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS. EVERY COMMUNICATION IN THIS PAPER IS WRITTEN BY SOMEONE, WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO US, AND WHOSE IDENTITY CAN BE SECURED BY ANY INTERESTED PARTIES UPON REQUEST!

Wilson Versus Keene

SO Dr. J. M. Keene is going to tilt his glistening spear against Mayor E. M. Wilson, in the mayoralty tournament of ballots!
If such a contest comes to pass, we trust, no third candidate will jump into the fray, as a self-starter and spoil the spectacle.

For such a struggle will be worth going miles to see. In color, dramatic appeal, and comic relief, it should eclipse those bizarre spectacles, put on centuries ago to titillate the jaded senses of ancient Rome.

In those days they put bears against bulls, tigers against elephants, soldiers against gladiators—the more striking the contrasts, the better the populace enjoyed it.

But in colorful contrasts, in conflicting notes, this Keene-Wilson rough and tumble should surpass anything ever staged in Southern Oregon—perhaps in the civilized world.

MAYOR WILSON is quiet, unassuming, conservative. He never seeks a fight, and doesn't relish combat, but given any particular job, he will do that job conscientiously and well; and challenged on any principles in which he believes he will fight for those principles until the cows come home. But never aggressively. He is essentially a defensive fighter.

DR. KEENE, on the other hand, is and always has been the aggressive, pugnacious scrapper. "Audace, audace, toujours audace." His gestures are bold, his vocabulary both emphatic and extensive. For him there are no shades or shadows. To him any given thing—any individual or any issue—is either all black or all white, either completely good or (we leave space here for the proper adjectives) blank, blankety-blank, TERRIBLE!

He is an extremely colorful and picturesque personality. Mayor Wilson isn't. But when it comes to conscientious work, vocal temperance and tolerance, to sincere and disinterested devotion to public service, and constructive progress, we believe even the militant doctor's personal backers will agree Mayor Wilson has the better of it.

LET us hasten to add that in spite of their sharply contrasting traits, Messers Wilson and Keene, ARE BOTH GOOD CITIZENS. Both have lived here many years, both have occupied public office. If elected to executive office both can be depended upon to give a good account of themselves.

Those who fear the doctor, if elected, would proceed to tear down the new city hall, and promptly assassinate the milk commissioner, need have no such apprehensions. Like most super-vigorous personalities the doctor's WORDS are more alarming than his DEEDS; his bark, far worse than his bite.

Not so many years ago Dr. Keene was the most bitter and relentless critic of the city administration within the corporate boundaries. But a shrewd and judicious Mayor named him on the city council—and presto! everyone living here then knows he made a sane, constructive and effective city councilman.

So if the mayoralty lists are confined to these two men, we see no cause for the people of the community worrying seriously about the outcome. Voters will naturally have their preferences, but whatever the outcome, there should be no need of viewing the situation with alarm.

BUT the complete contrasts between these two candidates is what interests us most at the present time. In make up and personality they are as far apart as the poles; as dissimilar as the night and day.

If the political fates had searched the town site for two more sharply contrasting types they could not have made a niser selection.

Some prophet says that future generations will not experience unemployment. And they won't—if they pay up all the bonds we vote.—Atlanta Constitution.

"An Exhilarant man is old at 40," says an explorer. An English woman is not old at 40. In fact, she's not even 40.—The Economist (London).

Today

By Arthur Brisbane
France Looks Ahead, Snake and Spider, No Bonus, No Cancellation, The Restless Philippines.

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Berlin says France is arranging to lend one hundred million yen, Japanese money, to the new "Republic" of Manchukuo, where a Chinese puppet governs in the interest of Japan.

Japan would guarantee the loan. Germans believe that France considers it important to help Japan establish a strong position on the southern boundaries of Russian Siberia.

The French are wise in war matters, and able to look ahead.

Tragic happenings in Charles, Ill. Scientists watch a ten-inch garter snake held prisoner in the web of a black spider. The spider has wrapped it in its silken ropes, much stronger in proportion to size than any steel cable made by man, around the snake's head. For 24 days, the snake, alive, has struggled vainly to escape.

The spider, apparently not strong enough to kill the snake, is daily wrapping more spider web around it. Kind "cruelty to animal" sympathizers protest. Science says the spider is entitled to prove what he can do. It's a small male spider, of the interesting kind that, according to Fabre, French naturalist, enjoys a dangerous honeymoon. The female usually kills and devours him when the honeymoon is over, and sometimes before it starts. Therefore, he would seem to have trouble enough without interference by "cruelty" people.

The convention of veterans attacks the war department and objects to sending free through the postoffice speeches by Secretary Hurley criticizing the B. E. F.

President Hoover tells veterans and the public the bonus cannot be paid because the country and taxpayers can't possibly afford it.

This opinion should make it certain that the government will not consent to cancellation of those European debts. If the United States cannot afford two and one-quarter billions for its own soldiers, it can hardly afford ten billions for the soldiers, taxes, and war preparations of other nations.

Our patriotic fellow Americans in the Philippines seem uncertain as to their desire. Recently they have been telling us they would separate from the United States entirely, to be free and independent. Then it occurred to some that if they did that, they would not be able to send sugar and other products here without paying duty, also that they would have nobody to build roads and public schools for them.

Now Guillermo Capadocia, from the Island of Negros, says: "We want to run the Americans out of the Philippines." Simultaneously, he, with 500 associates waving red flags, carrying banners reading "Long live the Soviet Republic," demand a cash dole, payable weekly. It is a complicated situation there.

The population of China is officially certified by the nationalist government as 474,787,886. You would be surprised ordinarily to learn that China's population has gained only 78,000,000 in two years.

United States population has increased more than a hundred million in the last century.

But poor China fights against constant internal upheavals, foreign aggression, banditry, plagues, floods, and, in the past, more than now, against OPIUM.

Young ladies that write for newspapers discuss the importance of a college degree in life's struggle. Unless the world is changed, such a degree ought not to be ABSOLUTELY necessary.

Hypatia had no college degree, but she created a college of her own, and made such a success of it that competitors found it necessary to kill her. Bertha, mother of Charlemagne; Nancy Hanks, mother of Lincoln; George Eliot, Harriet Beecher Stowe; Rosa Bonheur; the mother of Edison, had no college degree.

The British are wise. Gandhi, whose sincerity enables him to rule the minds of millions in India, says to the British: "I shall starve myself to death if you don't do so and so." Wise Britain replies: "You must decide about that, but you will not starve to death in our prison."

The British tell Gandhi that he may leave prison and fast or starve at his leisure somewhere else. The wise man knows when to give way.

Ortis Rubio, recently president of Mexico, has a plan to diminish our over supply of workers. Through a

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 The Mail Tribune.

A SURGEON IS IRRITATED.

reactions to irritation. My surgeon correspondent does not tell me, but I happen to know that the physician of a great corporation in his city was asked by the corporation to report on the merits of the Ambulant Method. Probably some employe had been cured of hernia without being laid up for six weeks. The corporation's physician invited the surgeon to join him in a visit to a country doctor who was using the injection treatment with reputed success. They found the country doctor a thoroughly competent man, yet a man of the finest scientific type. He showed them every step of the method, and patients in various stages of treatment. He gave them references to the scientific literature bearing on the method or attempts at it, covering a period of 90 years! The young country doctor proved, indeed, an inspiration, when these two city doctors had approached him expecting to find a crude charlatan. No doubt the corporation became interested in the method for the reason that from \$100 to \$150 covers the total cost of the treatment, whereas the standard operation for hernia costs \$350 to \$400 and keeps the patient away from work six weeks.

If one good man here and there sees the light, it will dawn on the entire profession presently.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Hard for Parasites. Part of a letter from a physician who has two other degrees besides his M. D.: "I'm struggling away at a country practice, trying to make something out of these hard times, though times are not half so hard as most people think they are. Answer—The people who wall most over 'hard times' are the parasites, not the men and women who do useful work. Mouth Wash. Please give a formula for a good mouthwash—E. S. S. Answer—If an antiseptic wash is required, the best I know is a solution of a rounded teaspoonful of boric acid in a pint of boiled water—flavor it if you prefer. For the Hard Hearing. Your correspondent E. W., who inquired about his reading, should apply to the League for the Hard of Hearing in his or her city for instruction. If there is none there, write to the American Federation of Organization for the Hard of Hearing, 1537 Thirtieth St. N. W., Washington, D. C.—M. C.

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This country could offer plenty of land to all those Mexicans and Latins and millions more, land now not occupied. But for some reason, people in the United States are not able to support themselves on a piece of land, as in Mexico and a hundred other countries.

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Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 90 and 10 Year Ago.)
TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
September 16, 1922
(It Was Saturday)
During the auto races at the Fairgrounds Sunday, a racing car jumps the track and knocks down a water tower upon which D. M. Lowe, and a number of others are seated. Painful injuries suffered by all.

Entire British fleet ordered to Dardanelles as war clouds lower over Near East.
885 cars of pears shipped to date.

Verne Marshall in letter explains why he quit the National Guards. Too much work at home, he says. Kaiser's sons agree to his wedding. Citizens complain traffic cop "is too busy."

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
September 16, 1912
\$200 reward offered for conviction of Rogue river fish dynamiters.
70 of the foremost scientists of the world off for Crater Lake.

Forty Medford ladies to ride horseback in county fair parade. Police warn parents "to keep their girls in nightgown, or they will get something to think about."

Living models at Kentner's fall opening. "Wages of Sin" at the Star Theater. "The Black Deceiver's Fate" at Ugo.

Col. A. C. Abrams named local delegate to state Bull Moose meet.

Communications

Lincoln Never Said It. To the Editor: It is painful to one who loves Abraham Lincoln to see the selfish and partisan use that is made of his fame. The "magnanimous" Lincoln was himself, in a fundamental sense, the least partisan of men.

Calvin Coolidge, in his article, "The Republican Case," in the Saturday Evening Post of September 10th, calls the Republican party "the party of Lincoln and Grant, of Garfield and McKinley, and of Roosevelt." I venture to say that if Lincoln were alive today he would feel himself an alien in the Republican party. For the Republican party of today is in name only the Republican party of Lincoln's day. The party of great ideals, the party that "saved the Union," has degenerated into the party of privilege.

Today the Republican party selfishly seeks to appropriate Lincoln for its very own, choosing to forget that in his last trying days he was virtually repudiated by the leaders of the party. The proponents of high tariff make Lincoln a champion of high tariff. I cannot find that Lincoln did more than accept passively—first, as a young Whig, as the candidate of the Republican party—the tariff plank in the platforms of the Whig and Republican parties respectively. The issues that absorbed the energies of Lincoln were the issues of slavery and the Union. The tariff measures that Lincoln signed as President were the emergency measures of wartime, and do not indicate the adoption by him of the philosophy and principles of protection.

In the issue of the Post above referred to, Senator Smoot has an article, "Why a Protective Tariff?" The senator puts these words in Lincoln's mouth: "I do not know much about the tariff, but I do know this much—when we buy manufactured goods abroad, we get the goods and the foreigners get the money. When we buy manufactured goods at home, we get both the goods and the money."

The truth is, Lincoln never made this statement embodying a false economic doctrine; at least, there is no evidence that he did. So Professor F. W. Taussig concludes, after exhaustive searching. The author appears to have been Robert G. Ingersoll. The subject is discussed in Taussig's "Free Trade, the Tariff and Reciprocity."

THOMAS V. WILLIAMS. Medford, September 13.

Jenkins' Comment

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PEOPLE will tell you that this is a dangerous new manifestation in politics, and that we should be badly worried because of it. Don't believe them. Things always have been that way, and probably always will be. It is an ancient axiom of government that people are happy when their stomachs are full and discontented when their stomachs are empty. Rulers knew all about that away back in the days of the Roman empire.

Weather Adds to Coos Fire Peril

SALEM, Sept. 15.—(AP)—With no change in the weather predicted for the next few days, the fire situation in Coos and Curry counties is critical, State Forester Lynn Cronmiller announced here today. Cronmiller sent his assistant, P. S. King, to the Coos region yesterday to see what could be done toward curbing the fires which threaten to destroy the best virgin Douglas fir in the district. A fire reported south of Salem yesterday was found to be of little consequence, the forestry department announced today.

Broken windows glazed by Trowbridge Cabinet Works.

LEGION'S WRATH ON HURLEY; SHUN HOOVER PROTEST

Controversial Session Ends in Which Cash and Rum Held Spot—More Defense and Fewer Aliens Sought

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 16.—(AP)—Acting in direct disregard of warnings and threats of the governmental administration, the American Legion today stood positively and unflinchingly on record for immediate, full and cash payment of the bonus. By this action in the concluding session of the 14th national convention here yesterday, the Legion placed at the door of the nation's treasury a bill for more than two billion dollars.

President Hoover on the previous day had declared that immediate payment of the bonus would be fatal to economic recovery. Brigadier-General Frank T. Hines, veterans' administrator, had appeared in person to warn the Legionnaires that they should "take into consideration the ability of the country to pay."

The resolution for immediate payment of the adjusted service certificate of the World War veterans was adopted by the national convention by a vote of more than ten to one. At the same time, the convention fell in step with the proposal to repeal the prohibition laws, registering a huge affirmative vote.

Mad at Hurley. The wrath of the assembly was turned on the war department by casting state commanders found on the chairs on the convention floor mimeographed statements, bearing the name of Patrick J. Hurley, secretary of war, offering "pertinent facts" about the bonus army march "in the interests of truth and accuracy," contained in envelopes printed for the department of war and bearing the government postage stamp.

Louis A. Johnson, attorney of Clarkburg, W. Va., was elected national commander to succeed Henry L. Stevens, Jr., of North Carolina. The vote on the bonus question was 1167 to 109; on the prohibition resolution the balloting was 1144 to 28; the motion censuring the war department was adopted by acclamation.

Thus was brought to a conclusion one of the most controversial conventions the ex-soldiers of the World War have held in several years, but one in which harmony was never entirely lost sight of.

From Huron, S. D., where Secretary Hurley was speaking, he declared that he did not authorize the use of the government frank in circulating his bonus army statement. The envelopes found on the convention floor, as a matter of fact, were not postmarked, apparently having been expressed from the capital. Each of the large envelopes was marked with the name of a state, with enough copies of the statement for each delegate in the department.

Censure Move Fails. A resolution which the Pennsylvania delegation had hoped to present to the convention, calling for censure of President Hoover because troops were used in evicting the marchers from Washington, D. C., was never offered on the floor. It was killed at a preliminary meeting the night before the convention opened, dying for want of a second. No attempt was made to have the question taken up on the floor, although the Pennsylvania group had declared such action would be taken.

Vice-commanders from each of the five districts will work with National Commander Johnson in administering veterans' affairs. They are Charles A. Mills of Florida, John May of Maine, W. H. Easterwood of Texas, Robert Flory of Nebraska and Russell Meadows of Arizona. The Rev. Irving Wood, an Episcopalian, was elected national chaplain. His home is in Pocatello, Idaho.

In addition to resolutions on the bonus and on prohibition, the American Legion goes into the new year pledged to support a larger army and navy, believing that "America will never seek a war and that a war will never seek a prepared America; vigorously opposed to recognition of Soviet Russia; committed to the proposition that adherence to the World Court by the United States on any terms must be opposed; convinced the Griffin bill is unpatriotic and un-American and that legislation which would allow aliens citizenship without the requirement of an oath to bear arms in defense of the nation must be rejected.

"Unalterable" opposition to the enrollment of the United States in the roll of members of the League of Nations was expressed by the veterans concluded that adherence to the World Court by this nation must be forestalled.

Today 80,000 of the ex-soldiers and their families were on their way to duty they had been the guests of the Pacific Northwest in the first American Legion national convention were here from every state and territory and from France, Belgium and Italy.

The convention, which opened with an outburst of heckling directed at Secretary Hurley, concluded with expressed opposition to actions of the war department. On three occasions Hurley was booed at Legion functions. But on each occasion he was accorded an ovation which reduced the heckling to a whimper.

Oklahoma Reneges. At yesterday's concluding session on the vote on the bonus question, Oklahoma had registered its 30 votes for the bonus payment. But before the result of the balloting was announced, T. P. Gilman, state commander, stated that Oklahoma was wanted to change its vote to 29 in favor of the bonus and "one vote against payment, being cast for Patrick Hurley."