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The Presidential Election

A GREAT many good people are looking forward to the presidential election, with genuine dread. They foresee a vicious, vindictive, bitter campaign, injurious to business, disrupting friendships, even dividing families. They wish there were some way to avoid such turmoil and dissension, and go about the business of electing a new President,—if not exactly in a spirit of sweetness and light, at least in an atmosphere of reasonable sanity and good feeling.

IT WOULD be nice! This paper wishes it might be done. But human nature being what it is, we fear, it can't be. When important issues arise, when men's feelings are strongly aroused, because of them, certain excesses, particularly in the realm of verbal expression, can't be avoided. And violence of expression grows by what it feeds on, forming a vicious circle leading to other violence, the opposing forces growing in size and volume through contentious contact like the proverbial snow ball, with frequent collisions and explosions within the body politic inevitable.

BUT after all this apprehension proceeds from regarding only one side of the question, and that perhaps too intently. There is another side, which comes under the law of compensation. Presidential elections are never very soothing or polite affairs. They are at best accompanied by a lot of noise and fury signifying nothing. But this year there will be something more than noise and fury, something worth fighting about. For the first time since the World War (some might even claim since the Civil War) the two major parties, Republican and Democratic, will be divided on far-reaching and fundamental issues.

THIS is something. In fact, in our judgment, it is a great deal. It clears the political atmosphere; it injects reality at last into the quadrennial struggle. It will have its drawbacks of course, but underneath all the hubbaloob and crazy snake dancing, there will be a significant and important contest going on, the final result of which will have a determining effect upon the future course of this country for the next four years,—perhaps for all time.

TO this paper at least it will be refreshing at last, to have a presidential campaign which will be something more than a sham battle between Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee; something more than merely a contest to determine whether an organization with ONE political label, or a similar organization, DIFFERENTLY labelled, should get the political spoils.

AGREE or differ with President Roosevelt, no fair minded person can deny he has had a DEFINITE program, and in carrying out that program—or attempting to do so,—he has created a new political party which deserves the title of Liberal party. He is being opposed now,—he will be opposed during the coming campaign,—by another party, which though it will bear the title of Republican, will in reality be the Conservative party,—made up not of old line Republicans exclusively,—but of thousands of old line Democrats,—by men and women regardless of former party affiliations, who believe the principles of the new party and the New Deal, are wrong, and, for the sake of the country, should be discarded and thrown into the ash can where they belong.

IN other words there will be in this 1936 campaign—there are now except NOMINALLY,—two new national parties in this country, Liberal and Conservative. And in reality it will be these two new parties, not the old Republican and Democratic parties which will fight it out this coming summer, and whose respective fortunes will be decided the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November,—and incidentally the immediate fortunes of this country.

THAT is essentially the decision the voters of this country will be called upon to make this next November. We admit it SHOULD be possible to reach such a decision, in an atmosphere of careful thought, conscientious study, mutual respect, tolerance, and good will. But it isn't. We claim to be civilized—we are in a fashion,—but we are not civilized enough for THAT!

Press Comment
The supreme court has frowned upon the whole plan by which the farm prices in America increased nearly \$5,000,000,000 in a brief 2 1/2 years under the New Deal. And in the meantime, the United States supreme court, established itself as the super-government of the United States. Not even the people can have their way if that way conflicts with a construction that takes into account the letter, but not the spirit of the constitution.

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. Using the large number of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 285 E. Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

THE PASSING OF A SURGICAL ATROCITY.



Provided you have nothing wrong with your tonsils and none of your immediate relatives or friends is in need of treatment for infectious tonsils, there is a good deal of sardor, or humor in the latest utterance of the American Medical Association on this question. "When the public learns of the dangers and complications that may occur during the removal of tonsils by electrocoagulation" (or by its popularly known, diathermy), "and what may be even worse, leaving a buried focus of infection from an incomplete removal it will shun this operation as it would a rabid dog."

Now, then, doctors and folks, the official spokesman of our great medical oligarchy has established his fitness to judge. Listen, then, to the verdict of this oracle on the pile question. "In my experience there are few hemorrhoids that are suitable for operation in the office... The electrodesiccation method for removing hemorrhoids is an advance over the Whitehead ligature, clamp and cautery operations and the injection meth-

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
BOILED down to essentials, the supreme court's AAA decision means this: 1. Congress, under the constitution, has no power to authorize the government to regulate the crops any man can raise on his farm. 2. Congress has no right, under the constitution, to tax one body of citizens in order to pay another body of citizens to limit their production for the purpose of reducing the supply and raising the price.

ON THIS proposition, the nine justices of the supreme court divided, six to three. It is probable that throughout the country there is similar division of opinion regarding AAA—although not necessarily in the same proportion. AAA has been a highly controversial subject. AMONG those who will disagree with the majority members of the supreme court will be many (although not all) of the producers of cotton, corn, hogs, wheat, peanuts and rice, which were chief among the crops receiving AAA benefits. You can hardly blame ANYONE who is being paid NOT to take risks and NOT to grow crops for wanting to continue that pleasant situation. Human nature is human nature.

TO THOSE who believe as this writer does—that is, that you can't monkey with the law of supply and demand without getting into trouble sooner or later—it is a fair conclusion that by stopping AAA now, before it has had time to disturb still further the normal channels of world trade, the supreme court decision may have the effect of PREVENTING the headache that was otherwise inevitable. IN REALITY, AAA, NRA, and all the others of their kind, are only minor side issues. The real issue is this: Shall we go on with the typically American institutions that were built up and have flourished under the form of government created by the constitution of the United States, or shall we THROW OVERBOARD the constitutional limitations under which we have operated in the past—so successfully as to have become the world's MOST ENVIED NATION—and strike out into waters that for us will be new, although they have been sailed for centuries by the peoples of the older world? That is the big issue that will be before the American people in this political campaign of 1936 and as the days go by it will loom larger and larger. It is an issue that means life or death for the America of the past.

THE reason why Republican Chairman Fletcher backed out of his proposal to have one man answer Mr. Roosevelt's opening message immediately was because too many Republicans wanted the job. There would have been considerable inner antagonism if he had named anyone but himself, and he did not want the job. Add signs of political campaigning: The Democratic national committee has employed a top-notch Washington newsmen (Edward L. Roddan) as assistant to Publicist Michelson. Several house committees are quietly arranging for authority to employ their own experts. Apparently they cannot understand all these bills coming before them.

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Postmaster General Parley has the postmaster situation well in hand for the campaign. Proof of his quiet activities during the congressional recess may be found behind the hundreds of postmaster nominations sent to the senate for confirmation the other day. The appointments were nearly all for new men, meaning, of course, that holdover Republicans are no longer holding over. A check of the vital statistics shows that 16 out of the 19 appointees for California are new men; five out of five in Connecticut; 14 out of 15 in Iowa; five out of six in Kansas; 28 out of 28 in Minnesota; 17 out of 17 in Missouri; 19 out of 19 in New York; 16 out of 16 in Ohio, and 31 out of 34 in Pennsylvania.

The official cards of admission to the president's speech. They were more hurt than the supreme court. Rail Coordinator Eastman's job is likely to be shelved by congress, although he wants it continued. The reason why Republican Chairman Fletcher backed out of his proposal to have one man answer Mr. Roosevelt's opening message immediately was because too many Republicans wanted the job. There would have been considerable inner antagonism if he had named anyone but himself, and he did not want the job.

Farmer To Face Murder Charge
SALEM, Jan. 8.—(AP)—John Kyle, Brocton farmer charged with the murder of his neighbor, Hugh Jean Sloan, last Thursday, was bound over to the Marion county grand jury in the Woodburn justice court yesterday. Kyle's attorney made no defense, indicating he would present his client's case directly to the grand jury. Kyle admitted the slaying, but maintained he shot Sloan in self-defense. EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Rev. Cecil F. Ristow, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, became the first minister ever made president of the Eugene Kiwanis club. He was installed yesterday by Dr. E. J. Walcott, governor of the district lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis.

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Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.
TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
January 8, 1926
(it was Thursday)
New water system to be completed by May 15 and in use by same date. The city plans to open Sixth street the coming year.

Andy Smith, coach of the University of California "wooder football team," succumbed to pneumonia in Philadelphia.
Probe of Andrew Mellon financial affairs starts at Washington, D. C., before congress.
The honor of catching the first steelhead this year in Rogue river goes to A. B. Davis of Grants Pass. The fish weighed 7 1/2 pounds and was caught on a Royal Coachman No. 4 fly.
Old residents of the valley recall this week back in 1880 when one of the heaviest snow falls in history struck Jackson county. Snow fell steadily for seven days, causing hardship and suffering. It reached a depth of seven feet in the mountains in the Siskiyou country, and in the valley its depth was in proportion.

EDUCATIONAL
Garden plots are being cleaned up in the residential areas of the city for early spring planting.
Mrs. T. E. Daniels entertains the Nullo Bridge club at her Siskiyou Heights home Thursday.
J. A. Perry writes a letter to the editor on "The Importance of Proper Spraying."
Phoenix to hold annual city election next Tuesday.

TELEGRAPHIC
All telegraphic communication out of this city is cut off by heavy wind and rain storm. Snow covers northern Oregon.
Teddy Roosevelt and President Wilson grid for "bitterest political feud in history."

BRUNO REASSURES MOTHER IN EUROPE
KAMENZ, Germany, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann assured his 70-year-old mother today that "all will be well."
Paul Pauline Hauptmann received this word in a letter from her son, dated December 12 and sent from the Trenton, N. J., prison, where the convicted slayer of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby has been condemned to die some time during the coming week.
Hauptmann assured her that a "clear conscience" told him the New Year would bring them both luck. "Don't think I am a broken man," he wrote, "my clear conscience tells me all will and must go well. The decision of the high court cannot change my belief. "An inner voice tells me I'll return to mine, and see happy days again. The pretty lie, factory built against me in order to sentence somebody, will smash some day."

AGED PENDLETON MAN HIT, KILLED BY AUTO
PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Thomas Reed, 82, died last night at hour after he was struck by an automobile driven by William Meiners, Umatilla county commissioner. Meiners, who estimated he was traveling at 15 miles an hour, said Reed stepped in front of the car just as Meiners' machine was passing a parked auto.
Let School Contract.
SALEM, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Salem school board awarded the first general contract for the Salem school building program to Drake, Wyman & Voss of Portland, at a contract price of \$127,500. The contract was for construction of a new grade school building.

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre
NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Older New Yorkers are wondering about the fate of the venerable Murray Hill hotel, now that its proprietor, Ben Bates has passed over. He was the last of the sole owners who gave his inn the Mine Hot flavor in the manner of Simson Ford. The Murray Hill never tried to catch step with the jazz tempo. The oval pink of the facade, the colonial entrance porch, belted by blue carriage lamps, bespoke its dignity. Until a few years ago its patrons were carried up and down by pull-rope elevators. The clientele included several presidents, and many representatives of the aristocratic wealth of its perfunctory. Recently almost a million was spent in refurbishing, but great care was taken to preserve its mid-Victorian air and studied simplicity.

Its owner had received enormous offers in the days when the Grand Central zone was skyrocketing—offers in the millions. But he refused all. For many years an illness confined him to one of the apartments. Out of this grew a sentimental attachment outweighing material gain. Daniel Frohman dedicates his recent excellent biography to Fannie Hurst. Since her early struggling days in the metropolis, Miss Hurst and the dean of the theater have been warm friends. At her frequent dinners and luncheons, the beloved octogenarian is always present and often her secret at first nights. Mr. Frohman rarely declines invitations to important affairs. A time or two he has slumped in exhaustive slumps at banquet tables, but he carries on. He has not retired before 3 a. m. in 40 years. His home is over the Lyceum theater, which he owns.

Incidentally, there are not so many stay-ups among writing folk these days. Such as the late Charles R. Barnes, whose flat on Amsterdam avenue was liveliest at 5 a. m. Prancer Hunt, in old robe and green eyeshade, could usually be found squaring off before a typewriter in a mid-town hotel any hour of the night, looking up to visitors at least long enough to nod to the bottled array on the mantel. Menigues (Glas) enjoyed late droppings in and Ring Lardner, before his last illness, was ready to arise from bed at the ring of the bell and make a fourth at quattering.

The writers of chit-chat about late stay-ups in night clubs are again festooning their squibs with the name of the glamorous of the glamour girls—Tallulah Bankhead. Her appearance amid such frivolities marks a remarkable come-back in health in the life of this exciting lady of the stage. Two years ago they mentioned Tallulah with head shakes and whippers. A series of operations stem-



News Behind The News

name as a Republican presidential candidate is not exactly new. Months ago a couple of Republican authorities put out indirect feelers toward Roberts. Chief Justice Hughes and even Justice Stone (who has since aligned himself with the so-called "big school of legal thought").

Most people think of Don Marquis as the kind and gentle philosopher. He is all that. But the velvet sheathes of steel. His most stinging rebuke was a postscript column on the Evening Sun 20 years ago which blistered one of the Algonquin boys. That sarcasm is still accurately descriptive. In fact I think I'll reprint it some day when in unpleasant mood—just to be nasty. As they so often are.

Scientific note: One of Gene Cravley's youngsters explains her stubborn reaction to spinach thus—she does not wish to become pop-eyed! (Copyright, 1936, McNaught Syndicate)

College Fees Approved
To the Editor: I have read with interest your editorial on the student fee subject, and the letter written by Mr. Barton. I heartily concur in what Mr. Barton says, and think you are the one that is wrong. You use as an illustration "The Universal Tax," "The Water Fees." I know of but one universal tax and that is DEATH; any other that would not provide a universal benefit, at least for the people of this country, would not be in accordance with our great "constitution." The water tax is by no means universal; neither is it compulsory by any means, and neither is the gasoline tax or many other taxes of similar nature.

The things that the college fees are to be levied for are not compulsory necessary to all the students, and I for one am not in favor of placing an extra burden upon those who cannot afford it, and those parents who are going without in order to finish their children's education. There is too much attention paid to these things as it is, and many a student has failed, by giving his attention to these things. Instead of the process of learning, and the resultant loss has invariably fallen upon those who can ill afford it. And what has been the result to the pupil. It has made him selfish and greedy, unthoughtful, and careless knowing that those who are paying for his education are doing so at personal sacrifice; yet he "must" have

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