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AUTUMN ELECTION RETURNS AND THE MAIL

Late Autumn and with it in these parts comes chapped lips and husky knees. Personally, I think that this is the most enjoyable time of the year for autoing. The greatest evil encountered when following the auto trails are the billboards. A postal from a friend has a neat bit of sentiment, by Ogden Nash. It reads: I think that I shall never see, A billboard lovely as a tree. Perhaps unless the billboards fall, I'll never see a tree at all.

The greatest joy of Autumn comes with the harvest, and a wise man once said: The harvest is our annual evidence of God's promise gloriously fulfilled. And just when one feels like gushing over the many joys of Autumn, along comes a brief snow flurry to these parts. Now I must scurry for my winter coat and mittens.

At this writing the air is filled with election returns from many points Locally, the good citizens, enraged at the corruption of the "Vare Organization", turned out and gave the "Old Gang" a bill of deportment. This victory was not won without the heaviest vote in years and "Ed" Henry, Philly's only Negro Magistrate was reelected by an overwhelming majority. Jhila., also voted in favor of Sunday sports. To top things off Pennsylvania voted for repeal and with Utah and Ohio in the repeal column, Prohibition is out with a capital O. Liquor will be legal on Dec. 5 or 6, despite the two Carolinas.

In New York City, the old Tiger of Tammany Hall had a knott tied in his tail when the Italian, Fiorello H. La Guardia was elected Mayor of that great Metropolis.

With the exception of a few counties the State of New Jersey legalized Horse Racing.

For real progress, I'll take Bridgeport, Conn. They elected a Socialist for Mayor.

Many thanks to the following for recent mention in their columns. Martin Daniel Richardson in "Items in Review", Davis Lee in "Chats With Writers" and Floyd L. Easter in "Around and About".

From a correspondent in Elizabeth City, N. C. comes a letter (senders name withheld by request) also a clipping from a white daily telling of the sad plight of Negro State Teachers and the fight being staged in their behalf by the N. A. A. C. P. The correspondent writes in part: The case of North Carolina State Teachers salary that the N.A.A.C.P. is having in court is just about over and they are very likely to cause N. C. to have all white teachers or turn the schools over to locals and let them pay what they choose, which means that they will pay nothing because of the trouble they would have to go through to make the change. If they cut all colored teachers off it will be on the grounds of scholarship, saying that the colored have come from schools that are graded "A" but could not qualify with the white grade "A". The teachers can say nothing because of thier jobs but there are some very good men working on the case. According to the clipping there is considerable white support to the demands of the N.A.A.C.P., who believe that the State could have done better in salary differential. But they also are by no means certain that a differential salary means also discrimination. The maximum white teacher's salary is $720.00. The highest for colored is $560.00. (What do you call that) At any rate this daily is positive that the N.A.A.C.P., has stirred up more than it meant to, and may regret it.

Wasn't the depression terrible.?—Yes it is.

THE NATIONAL MIRROR

William T. Amis

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY THE DEPOSITORY OF PROGRESSIVENESS

..."The Democrats are still strong. President Roosevelt has lost none of his popularity. The heretofore impregnable strongholds of Republicanism have gone down in a mighty crash. Pennsylvania may yet loom as a Democratic hope"—A New York Political Columnist.

The Democrats are weighed down with grave responsibilities. They are the depositories of the Progressive idealism of this country. They have at their command the talent of the nation. The opposition is practically bankrupt in leadership and ideas. Unless they use it, consolidate it and expand it into a machine for constructive national welfare, beyond any party lines, they will go down in history as he most colossal failures in political history.

For instance, Governor Pinchot in Pennsylvania is a Progressive Republican. Unless the Democrats elect him United States Senator they are hopeless beyond redemption. Years ago Senator Norris ran for re-election for the Senate in Nebraska. Democrats, selfish, greedy, shortsighted and even assinine, tried to beat him. He was elected. That heaven. The Democrats just made what could be mildly called a strategic mistake. Some would call it good politics. It was not according to the trend or Senator Norris would not have, as a Progressive Republican supported both Smith and Roosevelt.

The Progresive spirit of this nation is giving the Democrats their opportunity. Jefferson and Jackson knew how to weild progressivism into a militant Democracy and built a nation.

The trend is toward liberalism in American politics. The stand patters and irreconcilables are hopelessly lost in the fog of their own confusion. This country will never return to the conservatism, mossbackism and political inertia of the past; it is headed full steam in another direction. If the Democrats can see it in time, and have the wisdom to follow the lead, they have a chance of making Democrats of a whole nation. Otherwise we will soon have neither Democrats nor Republicans. There is not a particle of prophesy to a statement like that. It is an indubitable trend that is already in the first stages of a silent revolution. It dosen't matter who is for or against it. The fixed will of a nation has more momentum to it than the design of politicians.

The only hope the Democrats have in the forthcoming discussions in the Congress is to stand solidly behind the President and his policies. Any weakening anywhere along the line will throw the machine in second gear and that is where the Republicans are found in an old Rip van Winkle trying to make the grade.

It is a noble inheritance that the Democrats have come into. They stand on the out-posts of a new and advancing guard. They hold the keys of a new era. The masses of the people have definitely taken their stand for the Democracy that is in power. The leaders that cannot see that should be disowned as leaders, for they are dumb, blind and deaf.

TREND TOWARD LIBERALISM IN AMERICAN POLITICS

"I promise and now pledge a real non-partisan administration. I shall take no active part in politics for the next four years."—Fiorello H. LaGaur City.

The election of Mr. La Guardia of New York city, a Progressive Republican and former member of Congress, as mayor of that cit, is undubitable proof of the invasion of the east, for the first time, of Prograssive ideas, such as have been held for a long time by such men as Senators Norris, La-Follette, Couzens, Cutting, Johnson, and others of the west and middle west. Mr. La Guardia has been a stormy petret in New York for years, if not a thorn in the flesh of stand pat Republicanism.

It is the first time in twenty years that Tammany Hall has gone down in defeat. There seem to be no regrets even among democrats for this catastrophe blow to that semi-political machine. Its leadership has been bad for years. If it had had its way we would not have Franklin D. Roosevelt in the White House.

Nothinf that New York does is local. The election of a mayor in New York City is taken as a national tread. The Vare machine in Philadelphia, a Republican machine that has been in existence for a half century, went down. The thirty year old Mellen machine in Pittsburgh collapsed. The fact that Democrats superseded these machines is of as little consequence as the election of La Guardia, a A Republican, in New York. It is a trend. The people are through with bosses under whatever name.

Even Postmaster Farley, a citizen of New York, a home owner, received a rebuke at the hands of his own people, notwithstanding his great prestige and patronage. He supported Joseph V. McKee for Mayor and he was defeated. He left his party to support McKee, an Independent, and for that he is receiving a tongue lashing and is threatened with expulsion from the leadership of New York Democracy. But he is not worrying. In the last election Mr. Farley asked all good Americans to support Mr. Roosevelt of whatever political faith and they did it; otherwise Mr. Roosevelt would not have been president. It may be that Mr. Farley wanted to show that he could vote for the man and not for the party. However, we have a deep suspicion that he went gunning for John F. Curry, head of Tammany Hall, who did everything he could to defeat Mr. Roosevelt for the Presidency.

Politicians make strange bed fellows; more often, however, they will not go to bed together at all, that is until they put out the lights and hide their purses. In this case Mr. Farley got a consolation booby prize. He did not elect his own man, but he kept the man out that offended his pride. It is now a fight on the inside, Mr. Farley will win.

COTTON BLOSSOM SINGERS WIN PRAISE

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 1—

It gives me great pleasure to write this testimonial regarding the work of the Cotton Blossom Singers representing Piney Woods School, Mississippi.

Before an audience that packed the First United Church last evening they rendered a very excellent program consisting of spirituals and plantation songs. Their singing was of a very high order and their program well balanced and well arranged.

The story told by Mr. Pruitt, the manager, of the aims and objects of this school for under-privileged negro boys was very well received and appreciated by all.

We have arranged for a return visit to First United Church on the 12th and 13th of November and I am personally making myself responsible for arranging four other concerts for them in Vancouver.

Because of the happy experience I have every confidence in recommending thm to any Church or group who would desire a fine evening's entertainment and inspiration through the medium of the Cotton Blossom Singers.

Yours very sincerely
ANDREW RODDAN
(Pastor First Church, United Church of Canada, Vancouver, B. C.)

"AS NOTED" by Ralph C. Clyde

City Commissioner

LOW WATER RATES

My report to the City Council in reference to the water rates calls attention to three important facts which are practically unknown to the great majority of consumers:

(1) That our water rates are one of the lowest in the United States. Two tons of water, which weighs more than a large automobile, only costs 7 cents, delivered to your home from a point 35 miles distant.

(2) The average family consumption, which is 5,000 gallons monthly, costs $3.12 per month in San Francisco. The rate in Portland is less than one fourth, or, to be exact, 73 cents per month.

(3) Out of every dollar of revenue the Water Bureau receives, 71 cents is set aside to redeem bonds and pay interest. Not one penny is reserved to buy a new plant. This means that the present water users are not paying for a plant for the use of future generations.

I cite these three important farts to show what municipal ownership and operation of our water system means to the people of Portland.

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE

The old City Council under Mayor Rushlight adopted an ordinance introduced by me reducing the minimum chargecharge to residential consumers of gas and electricity from one dollar to 50 cents per month. The Gas Company at that time complied with the ordinance, while the Electric Company sought and secured the help of legal machinery to kill this measure. The Gas Company thereupon raised their minimum to 75 cents per month, which was a saving of 25 cents a month under the previous rate.

Recently the Gas Company sought to secure double the present minimum charge. Judge Chas M. Thomas, State Utilities Commissioner, denied that request and pointed out rank discrimination, or example, the residential and house heating gas user in Portland would pay a minimum of $1.50 a mo. while the commercial and industrial users in Portland would only pay 75 cents a month.

Another discrimination which the Utilities Commissioner pointed out was that while local residential users would pay $1.50 a month the same type of user in the Willamette Valley south of Portland would only pay a dollar per month.

Judge Thomas has repeatedly demonstrated the fact that he is a fearless and conscientious official. The Commonwealth is proud of him.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Last week I listened to a splendid discussion on unemployment insurance and to say that I was interested but mildly expresses it.

The time is not far off when the state or nation will adopt this humane legislation. I firmly believe that unemployment insurance will, in a great measure, do away with poverty, degradation the curse of depresion and the horde of ills which follow hard times.

To my mind unemployment insurance is as necessary as old age pension, workingmen's compensation and other social legislation. England has had unemployment insurance for over twenty years and would not do without it. Secretary Perkins, United States Labor Commissioner, is investigating a similar plan on behalf of the government.

Proponents of unemployment insurance appeared on the floor of the Council and asked our body to endorse a resolution requesting the state legislature to adopt such legislation. It was proposed that the unemployed person receive $10.00 per week and each dependant $3.00 per week. The cost could be levied on income taxes on incomes over $5000.00 per year and other means.

I regret that the Council rejected their request by a majority vote. One of the members of the Council, voting in the negative, said afterwards he favored the unemployment insurance but did not vote for the resolution as it was tied in with other legislation which he did not approve.

HORSE RACING AT GOLF COURSES

I want to announce in no uncertain terms that I am opposed to leasing any portion of the Rose City Golf Course for the construction of a track for horse racing purposes. I do not care if the promoters offer $1,000 per day for forty days; nor would I be interested if they offered $10,000 per day for one hundred days. The Rose City Park was developed for golf and recreational purposes and so long as I am Commissioner in charge of Parks, Playgrounds and Golf Courses I will use every effort to see that it remains intact and that it is devoted to the service for which it was intended.

It is my firm opinion that the Council will never sanction the placing of a race track in the midst of a highly developed residential area. Many residents have the savings of a lifetime tied up in beautiful homes and to saddle these people with a race track, jockeys, trainers, gamblers, touts, hangers-on, and all the rest that go with the horse-racing game, would be a shame and disgrace that would cry to the high heavens. Are we going to subject the little children of this neighborhood to such an enviroment? We should say not!

Seattle News

YVONNE CHATTERS - 206-, 5th Ave.

The Revelier Club will meef at the home o Miss Minola Parker this week. The girls are busy planning their annual Carnival to be given at the Tennic Club next month.

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The Seattle Association of Professional Men held their first annual mass meeting at the Baptist church Sunday night. Professor H. B. Gantt was the principle speaker. Mr. J. S. Jackson spoke on "Black Money in a White City." Music was rendered by the Baptist Choir and John Cayton. A large crowd attended the service.

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The High School Girl Reserves are presenting an opera the next month entitled the "Middle Maids."

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The Business and Industrial Girls will participate in a play entitled "Every Girl in Search of God". It will be presented twice Sunday at the Main Y. W. C. A. Cleo Hunt and Yvonne Chatters will be the only ones from the High School group to participate.

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The B.Y.P.U. invited the Presbyterian and Methodist Christian Endeavors to a joint meeting last Saturday evening. A large group of the young folk attended. Miss Rilla Bell led discussion.

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The dance at the Spanish Ballroom featuring Jean Calloway was a splendid success.

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Mrs. Estelle Jackson was presented in a recital by the Mt. Zion Choir. A large crowd heard the beautiful strains of Mrs. Jackson's voice.

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Mrs. Kowser had a surprise party in honor of her son Ernest Porter at her home. Miss Beatrice Chisolm and Mr. Gene Holmes won first prizes and Leona Fletcher and Clarence Jackson won the consolation prizes. Prizes were also awarded for a memory test.

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Mrs. Clarence McCullough returned home after a sx months tour of the Southern cities.

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Mr. and Mrs. Letcher Yarbough are the proud parents of a baby boy.

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Mr and Mrs. George S. Chatters celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on November 19th. The happy couple were married in Vancouver, B. C. where their four daughters were born. Mr. and Mrs. Chatters have resided in Seattle eighteen years where they established a laundry.

Digesting . . . . . The News

BY CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR RETAIL DEALERS

Last week I wrote of the opportunity extended by the Publix Sales Corporation, in the retail clothing field to colored men and women.

This week I have run across another opportunity in the same line, offered by the Ideal Sale Company, of 3206 South State Street, Chicago, who have been in the retail and wholesale second-hand clothing field for the past eight years.

They are in a position to offer colored men and women, throughout the country, an opportunity to handle slightly used and second-hand men's and women's clothing apparel, on terms and at prices that should bring considerable profit to the coffers of our small merchants, and with an investment for as low as Ten Dollars.

In writing to them, write direct to Mr. H. Kadetsky, proprietor, the Ideal Sale Company, 3206 South State Street in Chicago.

The Goodrich Hone Company, 1462 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, have a specialty proposition to offer our readers on which they can reap from one hundred to five hundred per cent on their money with an investment of as low as a dollar and a half, or for even twenty-five cents for one of their sample safety razors hones. Every interested reader desiring to contact a firm and a specialty offering wonderful profits should contact this firm immediately.

The Lo Bo Mfg. Company, 3611 So. State Street, Chicago, has sent this writer a liberal supply of their hair-growing preparation which they are selling throughout the country through agents at prices and terms to net each agent at least one hundred per cent on the money invested. A card addressed to them will bring full particulars.

The Radio-Active Products Company 2525 Howell Street, Dallas Texas, has also sent this writer a supply of their hair tonic. This preparation, according to their statements, has met with wonderful success throughout the southland and they are now attempting to bring it to the attention of consumers and agents throughout the country, and I would suggest that readers interested in this line, write them for details of their proposition.

The Lamb Beauty School, 4250 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, have asked me to announce through my columns that they are now offering a pre-holiday special scholarship offer, at half their regular prices, to young girls or women who are interested in learning the beauty trade through their individual instruction. I am advised that they guarantee each successful student a position after securing their diploma, which fill enable them to earn a lucrative living.

The Kuhn Remedy Company, 1857 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago; the Scott Laboratories, 715 West Lake Street, Chicago, and the National Agency Distributors, 4812 Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, are also seeking additional agent contacts throughout the country.

Persons desiring specific connections with a certain line of firm have only to write to me direct, 3507 South Parkway, Chicago, and I will personally make the desired contact for you. If a personal reply is desired enclose self-addressed-stamped envelope.

Samples of various propositions can also be secured and forwarded if the reader will forward cash or stamps to cover the expense of procuring and mailing same.