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Clearheaded Common Sense

TAKING a cue from Jim Farley, the New Deal workers in this state and elsewhere have undertaken to give the public a picture of Governor Landon as a nice fellow who doesn't know much, has no ideas of his own, and no courage. They predict that he will be a mere tool in the hands of strong men surrounding him, if he gets into the White House. What they want to do is to dismiss him as a good guy who ought to be kept in Kansas.

How much of this is politically inspired tommyrot? Because Landon is not able (he doesn't seem to care) to make a spell-binding radio address, because he is serene and quiet, all in contrast to the sort of politician that has sprung to the fore since the advent of the New Deal, the glib members of the public, who are best impressed by noise, will believe the story the New Deal propagandists tell.

Frank R. Kent, the noted columnist, who doesn't hesitate to say exactly what he thinks about men who occupy or seek high places, undertook in a recent column to give a clear picture of Governor Landon. Kent takes note of the fact that Landon's most intimate friends do not claim he is a brilliant genius, and he says that certainly Landon has no such notions about himself. On the other hand, Kent says, "the contemptuous dismissal of Mr. Landon as a nonentity by the highly cultured and polished Mr. Farley is not only silly but impudent and offensive. Governor Landon is as much above Mr. Farley intellectually as he is below the angels in holiness. No one can talk privately with Mr. Landon . . . without appreciating that he is an extremely intelligent, well-informed man. Clearheaded common sense is perhaps the most definite way to sum up his mental equipment."

Kent says that Landon is uninspiring on the platform, although in private conversation he has a quickness of perception, an ability in argument. He seeks advice but doesn't always take it. Upon at least two occasions, Kent recalls, Landon in the pre-convention situation took a stand and no one could move him from it. Easy-going, he can be hard when the occasion demands. He does NOT lack courage, for all his quiet voice. The great bulk of people who know him hold for Landon a real affection.

The picture painted by Kent is the more convincing because he doesn't attempt to gloss over any of the Landon handicaps. His unbiased view is worth getting now, before the rabid republicans start eulogizing him to the skies, and the rabid New Dealers really get going on their efforts to blot him out as a nonentity. Kent sees him as a plain, intelligent and able man, completely devoid of "swell-headedness."

INVENTIONS AND JOBS

(Roseburg News-Review)

Fifty years ago one of the greatest inventions ever conceived by man was put into operation—the Mergenthaler Linotype. It enabled one man, on the average, to set as much type as five men could set by hand. It revolutionized printing.

If those who insist that machines rob men of jobs are correct, then despite our population growth there should be fewer men working for the printing industry. But what are the facts shown in figures compiled by the United States bureau of the census?

In 1880, our population was about 61,000,000; in 1929, it was not quite double that—121,000,000. In 1889, which was before the linotype really made itself felt, there were 50,000 persons employed in the printing industry.

A normal growth, therefore, would indicate that slightly less than 100,000 persons should have been employed by the printing industry in 1929. But if we accept the claims of the anti-machine advocates, then there should have been only 20,000 employed in the printing industry in 1929.

Actually, while population was growing only 100 per cent, employment in the printing industry was rising nearly 500 per cent—from 50,000 in 1889 to 251,000 in 1929.

These figures, of course, do not take into account the thousands of new jobs created by the increased demand for paper, ink, printing machinery and similar supplies. Nor do they allow anything for the great educational advantages offered by less expensive books.

If we listened to the anti-machine agitators, we would go back to the days before the linotype was invented. Should we?

KENO NEWS

KENO, Ore. — Miss Bertha Borman of Butte Falls, Ore., is here visiting with her relatives, Bob Jacobson family and Charles Snogoose family, this week-end.

Word was received from Lois Snogoose, who is working in Auburn, Calif., as assistant to Mrs. Pansy Wehr who has charge of a large dining room in a gold mining camp. That the weather which was 106 degrees had dropped to 90. Miss Snogoose likes her work and plans to stay till winter.

Al Rantz of Kansas City and formerly of Keno, was here visiting friends a week ago. Rantz, who was school janitor and bus driver, now drives a freight truck from Kansas City to New York City and return.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brandesky who live on the Merrill highway spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rogers of Keno.

Another party who saw Crater lake for the first time Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haskinson and daughter, Marjorie Ann of Keno, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Goss of McAlester, Okla., Wilson Shoemaker and Bill Shoemaker of Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goddard and Mrs. Goddard's daughter, Mrs. Charles Breeding of Elko, Nev., made a pleasure trip to Crater lake last Sunday.

Dan Doten made a trip around the lower Klamath lake Sunday to look at the farms and compare them to the time years ago when he lived and worked one of them. He reported them run-down and not so prosperous looking as in the past.

Mr