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What the Editors Say

Census returns throughout the United States are so low, as compared with reliable statistics of population increase and movement, as to raise the question as to the efficiency of the 1920 census. That politics dominated the appointments of most of the 55,000 census takers for the first time in history was taken in mid-winter is also explained by the climatic advantage at that time, the South would gain in Congressional representation. The grand total for the states and the nation are awaited. A low total will tend to confirm the suspicious of gross inefficiency.—Oregon Voter.

This underhand method of manipulating the convention accords with Mr. McAdoo's previous tactics. It looks as though he and his father-in-law have been cunningly nursing the nomination between them for the last three years; that they were in agreement that the door should be kept open for a possible third term nomination for the president, but in the event that conditions and public sentiment should bar the president from third term, McAdoo should take up the running where the president dropped out. Rumors of a clash of ambitions between the president and his son-in-law were probably a smoke screen thrown up to conceal their manipulations.—Spokane Review.

Mr. Harding showed admirable poise and judgement the other day in his reply to the militant Suffragists who demanded that he should bring pressure to bear upon some State to cause it to ratify the Suffrage Amendment, and suggested all manner of horrendous threats of vengeance upon him if he did not. Mr. Harding, courteously but firmly pointed out to them that neither as a United States Senator nor as a candidate for the Presidency had he any authority to dictate to Governors or Legislatures. Doubtless he would have been delighted to gratify their desire. He himself voted for the suffrage amendment in the Senate, and his own Ohio was the fourth State to ratify it; and he would of course be glad for various reasons to have some Republican State complete the ratification. But it is the literal truth that he has no power to dictate in the matter, and it is equally true that for him to attempt any such meddling would be egregiously improper.—Harvey's Weekly.

We hear growing complaint against the present policy of the federal reserve system. Ex-Governor Spry of Utah gave a remarkable instance that was brought to his attention, in an address the other day. As the story goes, a farmer applied to his local bank for a loan of \$500 for the purchase of fertilizer, and was told that the Federal Reserve bank did not handle paper of that kind and therefore the local bank could not advance the money. The farmer went away, disappointed, and while walking around town, was urged to buy an automobile. He replied that he had not ready money, but the dealer said there would be no difficulty as he would readily take the farmer's note. "But," said the farmer, "what will you do with the note if I give it. You can not afford to carry me for six months?" "Why, the bank here will discount the note," said the automobile dealer, "and the Federal Reserve bank will make an advance upon it to the local bank." Governor Spry said that condition actually existed; that in one community, at least, the policy of the federal reserve system prohibited farmers buying fertilizer to increase their crops, but encouraged the purchase of automobiles. Governor Spry quoted Senator Norris of Nebraska, in a recent speech in the senate, as his authority for this remarkable incident.—Oregon Farmer.

It is unnecessary for a Republican newspaper like the Independent to comment on the nominee of the San Francisco convention, for fuller and more comprehensive comment than possible for this newspaper to make has already emanated from a more authoritative source. We violate no confidence when we say that William J. Bryan is considered something of a Democrat by those who know, and there appears to be nothing lacking in the full estimate he has given on the candidate. In fact, he views as so full and free as to remind one of the proverbial love of the devil for holy water. This being so, in the crude language of the day "we should worry." Bryan, the Democrat, knows and we only suspect. We'll let Bryan have his way, and let it go at that. If there is worrying to be done there may be plenty of it for the bosses, who engineered the Cox deal when they happened to remember that a considerable number of Democrats—in fact, the great majority of them—have gotten into the habit of thinking along Bryan lines and the habit may be hard to break. This may not dawn on them at once, for the joy of the vote is vicarious, not to say noisy, but some day when they get down to cards and spades they will recall that these United States voted dry by a considerable majority and will continue to vote that way, and when to this vote is added the disapproval of those with the Bryan habit of thinking, a wet candidate is to say the least a doubtful risk.—Independent.

Bring Back the War.

Sometimes we wish the war were not over. When we read that the three editors of the Philadelphia Pageblatt, who were arrested during the war for giving aid and comfort to the enemy, have been released through a presidential pardon without serving even a day in jail, we wonder if justice wouldn't be better served if the war had continued until such traitors had received the punishment that would be meted out to them while the country was under military discipline.

When we read that Grover Cleveland Bergoll (his name is an insult to the memory of one of our late distinguished citizens) has been allowed to escape from the punishment due a draft evader, we wonder again if justice wouldn't be better served at a time of war when draft evasion was a crime for which punishment was certain to be meted out.

We can't help but feel that authorities in Washington, even to the president, are too quickly forgetting the patriotic service of those who did not hesitate to do their duty and are altogether too quick to condone the offenses to those who premeditatedly evaded that service.

A deserter from the lines in France would have been shot. Those who evaded service and never faced the enemy seem to us greater criminals than those who at least served some time at their posts with death stalking on every side.

Some of the latter sleep under the poppies in France while the former rest easily in their feather beds made safe by the sacrifices of those, some of whom were shot because they were not sagacious enough to evade their duty when first called upon.—The Sentinel.

The Register too Inquisitive

The Eugene Register has read the San Francisco platform, and, as one of the papers that supported the covenant of world peace, it is curious to know something. It says: Yet, after bitterly assailing the Republicans for their part in the struggle over ratification and endorsing the President for his firm stand against reservations, the platform makers append this postscript: "We advocate immediate ratification without reservations which would impair essential integrity; but we do not oppose the acceptance of any reservations making clearer or more specific the obligations of the United States in the league of nations."

"Why the postscript? Why the words of warm eulogy for the stand against reservations, when they are followed by a statement that reservations making specific the obligations of the United States to the league are not opposed? Why this blowing hot in one breath and cool in the next. The inevitable conclusion is that the platform makers are afraid to go before the country with a straight demand for ratification without reservation, so they hedge.

The Register doesn't seem to understand. As a matter of fact, the platform committee did an excellent job. It had to write a platform endorsing president Wilson's stand in refusing to accept any reservations and at the same time indorse the attitude of those Democratic senators who voted for the Lodge reservations. The platform committee succeeded admirably in doing both. They should be congratulated instead of being asked embarrassing questions.—Gazette Times.

Mr. Hoover's Attitude.

(Harvey's Weekly.) We sincerely hope that Mr. Herbert Hoover has a well-developed and lively sense of humor. If so, he must be getting a world of fun out of the antics of his critics. We mean, of course, those who are so shrilly criticizing him for announcing his support of the Republican candidates for President and Vice-President.

There is, for example, and perhaps most conspicuous of all, the New York World. It was not so very long ago that it hailed him as the rising hope of the nation. It didn't know nor care what his politics were. He was all right. He was the World's candidate for the Presidency, whom it would support on any ticket on which he might run, be it Democratic, Republican, Prohibitionist, Socialist, Predestinarian or Supralapsarian and would thus support him until the cows came home. Mrs. Micawber herself was fickle and untrustworthy compared with the World's determination never to forsake Mr. Hoover.

But all that was before Mr. Hoover came out fairly and squarely in support of Mr. Harding. And now the World discovers that its doll is stuffed with sawdust.

And why? Because Mr. Hoover has done the most obvious, the most appropriate, and the most natural thing that there was for him to do in present circumstances; because he was vindicated and confirmed the best opinions that had ever been formed of him. Through long and intimate association with the Democratic Administration as conducted by Mr. Wilson he has learned all about its incompetence and its inability to conduct the affairs of this country. He sees that the hope of the United States lies in constructive legislation and administration. He is a practical man, who is too busy doing the world's work to halt for listening to voices. He sees that the Democratic party is hopeless, and that the future well-being of the United States rests with Republicans. He does not directly criticize the President. But he refers most pointedly to the desirability of "having cooperation restored with the legislative side of the Government," thus reminding us unmistakably that no such co-operation exists President Wilson and Congress. And while he does not altogether like every plank of the Republican platform, he accepts and cordially supports it, because "the greater part of it is constructive and progressive."

The reason why most of his critics

are so intemperately raging against Mr. Hoover—or Dr. Hoover, as it is now—is because he has proved to be a stronger and better man than they in their pettiness imagined. They had hoped that by dangling a bait before his face they could gain control of him and secure his election as their puppet. If he had only let them bunco him, he would have been a great statesman.

To Mr. Hoover himself, with no political debts to pay and with no need of seeking political preferment, the whole peevish, petulant business must be a huge joke.

The Prime Issue of the Campaign

Nomination of Cox for president makes the question to be decided at the election: Shall the United States be wet or dry? Though the democratic platform is silent on that subject, the character, record and backing of the democratic candidate are eloquently wet, and the voting will be decided by that fact.

The question is not now whether a man should be free to enjoy his glass of beer or wine. It is whether the corrupting influence of the liquor interest in American politics shall be revived on the morrow of its expulsion. Dyed in the wool prohibitionists could not have carried the prohibition amendment. Its adoption is due to those men and women who realized that the political and debasing power of liquor and of its allied interests must be destroyed. They may be ready at some future time to favor use of mildly stimulating beverages, but not until the power of whisky in politics has been extinguished beyond chance of revival, and they will never consent to restoration of the saloon. They have been reinforced by many of those who opposed prohibition but who have realized the evils which it removed only by their absence and who are willing to endure the deprivation which imposes until they make sure that those evils will never return.

The league of nations has been held up to the American people as a great moral issue, but as such it is second to the question whether the trade in alcohol shall have a voice in the election of president, governors, mayors, and legislators, in the making and administration of laws. It was deposed because it was lawless and demoralizing and the crushing defeat of its champion, Cox, is necessary to prevent it from sneaking back in power. We hear much about America's taking the lead among nations in reconstruction of the world. It will not have proved its fitness for that great trust until it has settled this question rightly.—Oregonian.

Must Defeat Combine

Oregon must this year defeat the combine composed of democrats and republicans who have managed to foist upon the state an administration without party. The entire situation is so repugnant that it is to be hoped that republicans and democrats will unite in wiping it from the state.

The complete history of this combine is unknown to the writer, but it is known to exist, and has managed by some means to gain practical control of affairs. Senator Chamberlain, who claims to be a democrat and is nothing of the kind, is the only pronounced member of the combine to come before the voters this year, and should be buried so deep under the votes of disapproval that he will not again be heard from. This newspaper would be as much opposed to Chamberlain if he were claimed to be a republican. He represents nothing but himself. This newspaper has not been slow in condemning Oregon's so-called republican government because his actions have proven to our satisfaction that he is in sympathy with this combine of democrats and republicans who are misruling the state.

We believe and shall contend from week to week that there is no real government in a republic except through political parties, and hold that the lines should be closely drawn, making each party responsible for the acts of its office holding members. As neither Oregon's United States senator or governor come within what we consider adherents of any party it shall be our pleasure, and we believe, our duty, to criticize them. The governor talks wisely and loudly about "my policy" but never mentions the party that placed him in office and which is supposed to map out the policy of every man elected to office as its candidate. Chamberlain fights the democratic administration one week and votes with it the next, and otherwise shows that he is subject only to "my policy," the same ailment from which Gov. Olcott is suffering so severely.

In other words, we shall do our little bit towards restoring real government in Oregon. There can be no real government except where the office holders are subject to party discipline.—Observer.

Oregon and Coolidge.

That Oregon should have been the state which nominated Calvin Coolidge for vice-president at the republican national convention is not surprising. Massachusetts furnished Oregon with the largest per centage of her pioneers. Portland, Ore., was founded by two New Englanders. One was from Portland, Maine, and the other from Boston, Mass. The flip of a coin decided whether the future leading city of Oregon should be called Portland, Ore., or Boston, Ore. Surely it was no more proper that the state in the west which owes most of Massachusetts stock should nominate Massachusetts' governor for vice-president of the United States.—Wall Street Journal.

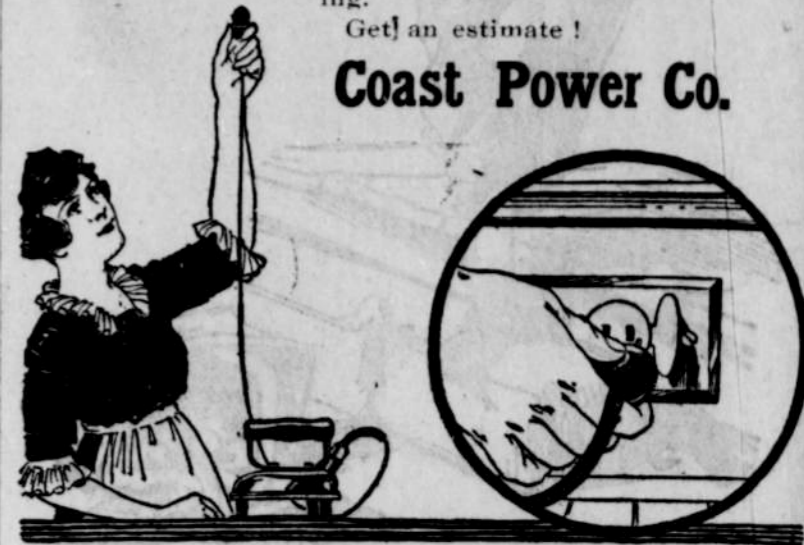
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