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NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE
IN MAJOR PARTY PLATFORMS—

THE tumult and shouting has died away at Philadelphia after the Democrats re-nominated Roosevelt and Garner as their standard bearers, and now would be good time to compare the major issues of the two major party platforms. A party platform does not necessarily indicate what the party will do if entrusted with power—the New Deal's repudiation of the most vital planks in the 1932 platform bears this out, but in comparing the two platforms, there is really not much clash in the principals they enunciate.

Take the question of relief. Each party recognizes the necessity for federal aid to the needy as long as the states cannot meet this responsibility. The republicans would rather the states administer the money, but federal funds would be used.

The democrats apparently want a "managed currency" but insist that it retain as nearly as possible a stable value. The republicans have very little faith in the ability of politicians to "manage" currency and they would feel safer with a currency redeemable in gold but recognize this to be impossible until foreign currencies are stabilized. Thus the Republican policy would probably not be much different than the one now being followed. Both would be bound by conditions as they developed.

One of the real differences in the two parties is that of budget and economy. The democrats say many fine things about a balanced budget and governmental economy but their record is against them. Elected four years ago on a platform pledged to cut normal running expenses 25 per cent they have actually nearly doubled the cost of government and vastly increased the annual deficits. They don't promise any 25 per cent cuts this year but say they favor a balanced budget eventually, but offer no promise of reaching it. The republicans say the budget will be balanced if they are elected. The last time a republican administration succeeded a democratic one (1921), it found government expenses swollen with a horde of war-time employees still on the payroll. They cut the cost of government, produced a treasury surplus and although taxes were cut several times, the national debt was cut ten billions before the depression reduced revenue and unbalanced the budget in 1930. The policy of spending vs. saving is one of the real differences in the two platforms.

In the matter of civil service the democratic platform promises to put non-political government employees under civil service, but this is something they haven't been doing and probably won't. It is hard to tell whether the republican pledge would be kept entirely as the republicans have had four pretty lean years. The past history of the two parties however show that the republicans have intended to improve the civil service.

We here are vitally interested in what the parties intend to do in the matter of farm relief. Both parties now recognize the necessity of direct federal aid to agriculture. The democrats are standing by their soil conservation plan while the republicans put their faith in protection from foreign competition, plus subsidizing export surpluses. They are willing to pay the farmers a bonus or a bounty when necessary. The democrats place more faith in production control and lowering of tariffs. Both parties agree that the farmers must have a living price and are ready to pay him what he lacks right out of the treasury if necessary.

COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

Too much cheat grass in the straw votes.

The G.O.P., perhaps, is looking for a Landon-slide.

This promises to be a campaign between publicity experts, who are all set to do a lot of blowing. Little they care if the public suffers from every blow.

Squirts
FROM THE LINOTYPE

By John E. Public

EXTRA SPECIAL

The esteemed Literary Digest isn't the only great weekly organ to run a straw ballot. We are manfully stepping into the picture to see what the electorate thinks about a very important subject.

NOW THAT OSWALD FORBES HAS RELINQUISHED HIS TITLE OF NO. 1 BACHELOR OF NYSSA, WHO SHALL BE ELECTED TO SUCCEED HIM AS TITLE HOLDER?

Please mark your preference on the Straw Ballot and mail it to The Journal so tabulation can be made next week. (Bachelors are warned not to vote for themselves.) Here are those who have been nominated so far, you can nominate the candidate of your choice if you wish.

SAMPLE BALLOT

(Vote for one)

Bob Thompson ()
Carl Coad ()
Dwight Johnston ()
Bob Millar ()
Pete Boydell ()
Oca Blaylock ()
Johnny Lawrence ()
Colburn Barrell ()
Buddy Edwards ()
John Reece ()
Ronald Burke ()
Johnny Ernest ()
George Reberger ()
Kernell Lienkaemper ()
Lee Weldenman ()
Gilbert Klinkenberg ()
George Johnston ()
Jim Caldwell ()
Tommy Russell ()
Doug Benton ()
Sid Boren ()
Meredith Sites ()
Stern Thomson ()

(You name him)

Mail your ballot today, folks, and watch for the report on the voting next week (if the editor survives).

There's a lot of possibilities in these straw ballots. Later on we may have one for you gillies, so don't feel slighted.

If you think there's no such thing as perpetual motion, try driving your car around the Nyssa business section on Saturday night until you find a parking space.

The press of the nation is again filled with stories of drought and crop failures in the mid-west while the irrigated sections of the west, especially the country around Nyssa, look forward to bumper crops and the best price prospect in years.

Roy S. White, who runs a hardware store at New Plymouth, recently returned from a trip through part of the middle west. In talking with Mr. White Monday he said he made it a point to stop his car and talk to some of the farmers working in the fields. Everywhere he found discouragement over the prospects but farmers were unable to leave as everything they had was tied up in the farms they were operating.

Paradoxical Japan

Japan is westernized in everything but the intimate and personal aspects of the life of its people. Is the opinion of a prominent Italian, Mario Appellus, who, writing in L'Illustrazione Italiana, Milan, declares that life in Japan is a paradox, "its social status an absurdity, its political structure a masterpiece of the illogical while its economy and industrial activity are strangely conflicting with the economic laws and financial canons which govern the rest of the world."

KINGMAN KOLONY

Three families have moved from here this week. They are, Godfrey Allen and family to Vale; Chet Watkins and family to Vale, and the Sandy Patterson family to Ontario.

They all have work on construction. Mrs. J. G. Lane has been having dental work done in Nyssa this week.

The second weeding of beet fields has just been completed.

The young people's Sunday school class surprised Wade Nichols on his birthday Saturday evening.

A great number have been enjoying the Sunday evening services which has been given by Rev. Sweeney. He will hold services Sunday July 5th.

Miss Nadine Nichols has been very ill with mumps and flu this week. Among others who now have the mumps are Mrs. M. L. Judd and LeRoy Bowen and Betty Jean Toomb.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cotton had as their guests Sunday the Bartletts from Caldwell. Mrs. Bartlett is Mr. Cotton's niece. Also Mr. and Mrs. Charley Simpson, old friends of the Cottons.

The C. E. Winters family made a trip to Rockville and Delamar Sunday. They brought back several beautiful rocks and plants for their rock garden.

Miss Dorothy Winter is visiting with Miss Nedra Pant in Ontario this week.

Bob Toombs and family have moved to the Wm. Toombs home and expects to be there until their trailer house is built.

Word has been received from the Conrad Martins that they are having a lovely time and are in Mexico at present.

Mrs. Zesiger was visiting at the T. Elliott home Monday evening.

ADRIAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and sons left Monday for their home in Thornton, Idaho, after spending the winter at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lowell Ashcraft.

Miss Joyce Ashcraft spent Friday and Saturday visiting her cousin Mrs. Robt. Rush in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hatch of Ontario were callers in the R. C. Enos home Friday morning and in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schreman were pleasant visitors.

Mrs. D. T. Holly and niece Miss Virginia Miller were Ontario shoppers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McGinnis and families left Sunday for Deadwood Lake on their vacation.

R. C. Enos was on Ontario business visitor Saturday and called on Fred Klingback at the Ontario hospital.

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