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REPUBLICAN TOWN TICKET.

- Selectmen: CASPER K. BAILEY, CHARLES E. BUSHNELL, Assessors: FRANK H. WOODWORTH, ALBIE L. HALE, Board of Relief: ANSEL A. BECKWITH, FRED G. PROTHERO, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer: CLARIS S. HOLBROOK, Tax Collector: THOMAS A. ROBINSON, Agents Town Deposit Fund: CHARLES W. GALE, FRANK L. WOODWARD, WELLS A. WELLS, Members Town School Board: HERBERT M. LEROU, OCT. 1915, B. P. BISHOP, OCT. 1915, Registrar of Voters: TYLER D. GOVE, Constables: GUSTAVE F. AMBERT, HERBERT M. LEROU, GEORGE V. ROUSE, ALVAER F. GARDNER, Auditor: DANIEL F. McNEIL

THE BEST TOWN GOVERNMENT.

From top to bottom the ticket which has been placed before the voters by the Republicans for the town election Monday is a strong one. It is made up of men of experience, men of qualification and men in whom full reliance can be placed for a careful and thorough performance of their duty. Casper K. Bailey, candidate for first selectman, has made a success in his own business. He knows what the responsibilities of public office are and he can be depended upon to administer the town affairs in the conscientious manner which is his right and duty. That in fact is the policy to which he is committed. For the member of the board with him, Charles E. Bushnell deserves reelection. He has served on the board a number of years and is fully acquainted with the governing requirements. He has always been found true to every trust and his knowledge of the work and his ability make him a desirable choice for the board. For the board of assessors, Frank H. Woodworth and Albie L. Hale are thoroughly equipped to give Norwich the benefit of their sound judgment. They know the town, have done business here for many years and have a knowledge of the duties which particularly fits them for the office. Ansel A. Beckwith and Fred G. Prothero are candidates for the board of relief and will be able to give the relief which can be obtained for the needy. They have not only the ability, but the inclination to impartially administer that important work. That Charles S. Holbrook has been unanimously re-nominated for town clerk and town treasurer, and Thomas A. Robinson likewise selected for tax collector and both placed upon each ticket indicates that their services speak for themselves and that they are indispensable. The members of the town school board, Herbert M. Lerou and B. P. Bishop, who have been re-nominated, deserve no commendation to be re-elected. They are needed in properly maintaining the schools of the town, while the other candidates on the ticket have been carefully chosen because of their fitness. As has been said before Norwich wants the best in town government and the election of the ticket named above is one of the best assurances of getting it.

STEAM DRIVEN SUBMARINES.

Developments of importance are being made in all other branches and it is only natural that they should follow in the submarine. While in other naval vessels steam has been abandoned for electricity and coal has given way to oil as fuel, it has been necessary to use gasoline or fuel oil for the motive power of the under-water boats. These are dangers connected with the use of these fuels which must be overcome and even though the effort to steam driven plungers might be looked upon as a step backward it is really a most important development. It is now that it has not been possible to operate with steam.

Much is expected from the batteries which Edison has perfected for the overcoming of the deadly chlorine gas which is created by the contact of the acid of the batteries with sea water through leaks, but then there are other difficulties which it would be desirable to overcome if possible and thus much interest is attached to the consideration of plans by the government for the replacing of internal combustion engines by those which are steam driven. If a substitute can be found the gasoline engines will be quickly abandoned and the very fact that French inventors have succeeded in building steam engines which drive submarines successfully indicates that American inventors not only can but will solve the problem which has previously baffled them. The desirability of the change and the possibility of accomplishing it in a manner which will result in the efficiency of such vessels are sufficient reasons for giving the plans serious and thorough consideration.

THE TARIFF TEST.

Though there has been no official announcement of the word which comes from Washington to the effect that the president has practically decided to urge congress to authorize a bond issue for the purpose of producing the means for providing a bigger army and navy instead of advocating a revision of the tariff shows him unwilling to admit that the present tariff is a failure, with the exception that he will doubtless agree that the provision for free sugar next spring is unjust to the value of \$22,454,477. The revenue which would be given up when sugar goes on the free list is highly probable that that provision will be removed. The president's idea is that the existing tariff has not had adequate effect. It was plainly demonstrated before the war and it is even disclosed now that the revenue has been seriously cut and despite the loss to the government it has resulted in no benefit to the ultimate consumer, the object for which the cuts were made. In the thirteen chief customs districts of this country for the week ending September 4 imports were valued at \$22,454,477. The duties which were paid thereon under the existing tariff amounted to \$3,521,478, or about an average ad valorem rate of 10.9 per cent. Had the republican tariff been in operation the revenue received would have been \$5,700,000. This means that the country lost about a million and a quarter by the change without getting any benefits and the conditions will be worse when the flood of cheap material comes in after the war. If the president is not convinced of the test of the tariff law there is little question but that the people are.

GERMANY AND THE ARMENIANS.

The statements made by Ambassador Bernstorff to the effect that the reports of conditions in Armenia were inventions and fabrications because there have been no atrocities there indicate little sympathy with the appeals which are being made for securing relief for those people. They furthermore disclosed little or no interest and displayed a peculiar attitude in case such a state of affairs proved to be true, contrary as it might be to the German belief. It remains to be seen however, what will be Germany's attitude now that this country places such credence in the reports of the butchered and oppressed Armenians as to informally request the German government to intercede in behalf of those people. Whatever Ambassador Bernstorff may think of conditions in Turkey, it is shown that this country attaches more importance to the reports of United States Ambassador Morgenthau, who has for some time been urging greater relief for the Armenians. At the present time the one government which has any influence in Constantinople is the German government. The treatment of the subject of that country is Germany. Turkey has been guided for a long time by German opinion and whatever Germany said would be likely to be followed. It is in changing the policy which is being used against the Armenians. Inasmuch as no subjects of this country, so far as known, have suffered at Turkish hands the only party that the United States can take is that of a friend of humanity and time will tell whether Germany's interest in that direction has been entirely altered by the war. The appeal of this country is sufficient at least to make a thorough investigation, and not cast it aside under the one-sided belief that the reports are groundless.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There was nothing very auspicious about the opening performance of October. Even a heated trolley car gets an appreciated welcome on a cold gray October list. It takes war to demonstrate how quickly ammunition can be squandered as well as money. The man on the corner says: Strange how all sinners watch for a reformed man to backslide some day. Every day furnishes its lessons in the great amount of laxity which exists concerning fire prevention. The impression grows that some boys satisfy their desire for an education by making their mark on the football squad. When Greece tells Bulgaria that it will stand by her, it is like daring a fellow to knock a chip off a brother's shoulder. A young man has walked from one coast to the other in 80 days, thus breaking Weston's record in everything except age.

It is some time since Germany broke its submarine promise, but all such previous periods have had harshly abrupt turnings. It is important that every voter who is not fully acquainted with the operation of the voting machines should take the time to have their simplicity demonstrated. It saves confusion on election day. When it comes to town elections no chances can be taken. The best candidates are none too good and the recognition of this makes it important that the republican ticket should be enthusiastically supported on Monday.

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