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THE CAUCUS RESULT.

Not for many moons has there been such an interest displayed in a republican caucus as was shown by the number assembled in the town hall for the selection of delegates to the state, congressional, senatorial and probate conventions.

Never before, or not for some time at least, has there been such an outpouring of partisans for the preliminary steps to the selection of a senator from this district. But there can be no question as to what the sentiment of the people in Norwich is as to the other two towns making up the district.

Conventions are frequently necessary in order to get an expression of opinion. They do no harm and indicate a healthy interest provided the outcome is accepted in the right spirit and unity prevails in party action thereafter.

When Governor Holcomb takes prompt action in calling a special session of the legislature for next month, following the certification of the ratification of the suffrage amendment to the federal constitution, he follows out a promise that he made some time ago.

With the right to vote extended to women throughout the country it becomes plain that in states where provision has not already been made to meet the situation that there must be changes made in state laws which will permit those who are charged with the making of electors a sufficient time in which to carry out the task faced under the changed conditions.

Having been given the right to vote by federal law it is certainly only right that such necessary action as is required in the way of state legislation should be taken in order that, that right may be exercised at the first opportunity.

Whatever drop has been made in the price of coal and whatever is expected in the near future will have to be charged in the opinions of many to the findings which have been put forth by the federal trade commission relative to the cost of producing coal.

This commission has been studying costs and it finds that West Virginia mine operators are selling coal at the mine for \$3.40 to which there must be added about \$2 for transportation to Hampton Roads making a ton of coal taken at that point about \$5.40, or a decided difference between what some users of coal, including the federal shipping board, have been forced to pay.

It thus appears that the federal commission has performed an important service but such service it would seem ought to be constant and not sporadic. It ought to be so that it would be impossible for speculators to charge such exorbitant prices by having such cost prices available at all times for the department of justice to act upon in prosecuting the consumer.

and if the authority possessed by the commission at the present time is inadequate there are good reasons why the needed legislative action should be taken to provide it. The protection of the consumer in the purchase of such an important commodity as coal deserves every possible attention and as a regulation of the business cannot be justly opposed by those operators who are seeking and taking only a fair profit.

PROVED A DUD.

The big shell which Governor Cox of Ohio promised to throw into the republican camp by his Pittsburgh speech proved to be a dud. It didn't explode. He indulged in a lot of statements by which he may have thought he was telling the country a profound secret and surprising the people by his revelations but his effort was lost when he admitted that what he was saying had been taken from official bulletins of the republicans and distributed by them throughout the country in the way of publicity.

The quota sheet which he had planned as the percursor cap of his project is to be regarded only for what it is. Apparently Governor Cox has been making record jumbles to get at the conclusions he desires. Having come into possession of a sheet of figures he presents it as proof that sinister influences have contributed millions to buy the presidency when as a matter of fact, the list was only tentative and had never been considered.

It can thus be readily understood why Governor Cox desired to present such evidence to the country during a political speech, instead of before submitting it to the congressional committee investigating campaign funds. By so doing he of course gets his claims with his so-called proof before the country without being obliged to actually prove what he has charged or stand across examination.

Even before there has been a reputation by the republicans it is impossible to discover where he has proved anything. He uses republican statements and a list of figures and builds his whole revelation about hasty inferences. He had given the country to understand that he was to submit proof but such does not appear. He certainly cannot expect the people to be carried off their feet by any such evidence. His revelations show good reason why he was not anxious in the beginning to respond to the congressional committee's request for the submission of his evidence.

OUR FORESTS.

Whatever may be the outcome of the forestry conference held in New Hampshire this week there can be no question but what such meetings of those interested in the development and conservation of forests will be greater in number as the years roll by. There are many problems faced at the present time in connection with the timber and paper supply of the country which are due to increased attention. There was a time when the forests of this broad country seemed sufficient to last for an almost endless term of years. The supply seemed almost inexhaustible but because of the great inroads which have been made into it, the slight consideration given to overcoming waste and the inadequate plans for the replacing of the denuded territory that we have awakened all of a sudden to the fact that something must be done and without any waste of time if the needs of the land are going to be met in a reasonable manner.

In spite of all the talk about coal taking a drop those who have their bins filled are smiling contentedly. Even if Mexico does want to borrow money it understands much better than Carranza did how to go about it. Without any question the Poles already have more than \$5,000,000 on their hands they have taken were self feeders.

These are the days when it isn't necessary to pay the top price for sugar in order to get a pound of the sweet stuff. Governor Cox seems to have gotten badly wrought up over a lot of information the republicans had already published. With August nearly gone and the dog days about over the lovers of hot weather are wondering when summer is going to open.

The man on the corner says: The girl who carries her hat either likes the way her hair is done or else she cannot get her hat on. Rum is running riot on the Canadian border, says a Canadian police commissioner. It will do that anywhere if there's enough of it.

You might as well pay the increased railroad rates cheerfully. It is only what you have been doing indirectly right along under government control and guarantee.

THE MAN WHO TALKS

Starvation is a terrible word, whatever be the object to which it is applied, a human being is entitled to a share of a public utility. If any organism, whatever it be, is not fed it will die—of starvation. And that is exactly what is happening in the state of Connecticut. The trolley system of Connecticut is slowly starving to death. The trolley is a worker, and the people must decide whether the worker is needed. If it is not, they are justified in letting it starve to death.

Before we let the trolleys starve we ought to look at the whole question broadly. Is it fair treatment to those who have built homes in the suburbs, believing that the trolleys were a flinty? Will the jitneys cause these people at the present trolley rates? Is it fair to starve the trolleys in view of the large investment in roadbed and rolling stock? Are we sure that the jitneys will be a better substitute, running all the year, and will add the same amount of property to the grand list as the trolleys do? In case of accident or death will they be able to meet compensation as well as the trolley companies have? Do we need the traveling public has anyone attempted to figure out what will be the wear and tear of our streets? Have we counted the cost of having a trial and jury trial and protection under the law until they are punished under the law? It matters not how deep may be the passion of the people in favor of the trolley, the lynching of the law cannot be excused on any ground whatever.

This time just one month ago the region of Sandy Hook was the cynosure of the eyes of two continents. As in former times, it has become a center of attraction for an ideal sportsman. There was no whining or whimpering about ill luck or complaining of unfair play on the part of his opponents. The business explains his great popularity among sporting men at home and abroad. This great international race seems to have been perfectly straight and clean throughout, and of course the victor will remain the victor. Two things are worthy of notice: First, St. Thomas said, "The best boat won," and, secondly, it was the best skipper back of the boat.

The old maxim, "Make hay while the sun shines," admits of wide application. In these days of depression it is more than ever before—it is the time for saving. While it costs more to live than ever before, still money has been more plentiful. In this matter we see the force of nature. The money is being saved and is being followed by a corresponding depression. Money bunched up in heaps is the period of inflation, but when the wave breaks it is the period of deflation. It will then we have deflation, or the period of financial stringency. Those who have wasted in the days of inflation are now regretting the time when deflation came and getting into the red. The difference between saving and wasting is clear—when you save, the money invested, if wisely done, goes to increase the productive wealth of the country and itself to the extent of the dividends received. But if it is squandered or put into bogus investments, it impoverishes yourself and does not enrich the country. It is the nature of money to be saved, leaving in their wake bursting bubbles.

There is one thing in these days of rare financial opportunity that a man with property, even if he is not a millionaire, is morally bound to do, and that is to make his money as safe as possible. Of course, safety is the first thing to be considered by all investors, big as well as small. But that word "safety" is a relative term. The detriment of the small investor is that his money is so great that it paralyzes his judgment. Consequently he stuffs all his earnings into a savings bank under the false assurance that it is safe. He has to knuckle down to the petty and inadequate 4 per cent. that most savings banks still pay. Now there are other places of deposit fully as safe as any, and they pay 5 per cent. on bonds and stocks, but preferred and common. In real estate, textiles, some railroads, iron and steel, automobiles and tractors, and some oil companies, are as secure as savings banks and range from 5 to 8 per cent. interest. Investor, why not give yourself a fairer deal?

The functional power of the eye as an asset in education is being more and more recognized. To visualize ideas tends to fix them in the memory. We are none of us as yet so far removed from the kindergarten stage of development that we can exchange wholly the concrete for the abstract mode of teaching. Our leading educators are anxious to get the best of the possibilities of the motion picture by introducing it into the public schools for teaching certain subjects. To reproduce the moving screen the personage, costume, and setting of the scenes of the past is the only way to make history real to the boys and girls of today. In this year of the tercentenary celebration of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers the picture shows the great possibilities of connecting the stirring events of 1620 with the life of today as could be done in no other way. Let us all learn to see most of the best things!

The beautiful story of Nathaniel shows the value of accurate information before starting a project. When the young cup-bearer came to Jerusalem he found the temple and the city generally in a sad condition. Worse still, the pessimism of the people was a real barrier. Like a wise young man he gave out no advance information of what he proposed to do. But when the people were sleeping a night he went into the dilapidated city and made a careful survey of the wreckage and then came before the people with an accurate statement of the repairs necessary and the probable expense. They were shouting with joy: "Let us rise up and build." Patriotism, enthusiasm, courage, mixed with an intelligent mastery of details, usually win out.

John N. Willys, manager of the Willys-Overland and many other automobile companies, who is to be classed with Henry Ford, H. S. Firestone and other new types of business geniuses, has an article in a current magazine on what constitutes business ability today. With every young business man in America would read his advice. "If you know one line of work, but cannot direct other men, you are not an expert. If you know several lines, but cannot direct other men, you are not an expert. If you are not an expert in any line, but can handle men who are, you are worth still more. If you are an expert in one line and can also handle other men who are, your worth is even greater. If you are an expert in many lines and can also handle other men, you are the rarest man in business. That is the measuring rod for salaries or earnings."

Can't Keep Him Down. The democrats have drafted James Hamilton Lewis as their candidate for governor of Illinois. You can't keep a good man down. Birmingham Age-Herald.

If the amateur pianist would confine his operations to classical music the public would be less apt to notice the mistakes.

LYNCHING GREATER THAN INVESTIGATING CRIME

However great may be the crime which causes lynching, the crime of lynching is greater than the crime which caused it. It declares the Manufacturers' Record. The criminal who is hanged by a mob commits crime against an individual, and in that way against society. But society, when through the mob it lynches a man, commits a greater crime, for it lynch the law and the sovereignty of the state. The mob crime is far greater in its effect for evil than is the crime for which the criminal was lynched. The mob spirit feeds on the lust of blood. It creates a spirit of anarchy, and wherever men commit the crime of lynching they are sowing the seeds of dissolution. It breaks forth in the heart of the community in which they live.

The natural impulse of every decent man is to do exactly as the mob does when it lynches a man. The natural impulse is wrong. Men who give way to such a spirit of immediate revenge make murderers of themselves and plant in the hearts of their children and of the community the spirit of murder. The record of homicides throughout the south is but the inevitable outgrowth of the unpunished mob which has lynched the law and lynch the sovereignty of the state.

Human life is held too cheaply in all parts of this country. The lynching spirit is not confined to the south, but wherever it breaks forth it is crime against civilization, and there can be no regeneration of society until every member of every mob which lynches a man is punished to the extreme penalty of the law. If counties and states will not do this, then it will become absolutely incumbent upon the federal government to count the cost of having a trial and jury trial and protection under the law until they are punished under the law. It matters not how deep may be the passion of the people in favor of the trolley, the lynching of the law cannot be excused on any ground whatever. There are excuses which can be given without number, but the excuses are not equal to the crime. No man can possibly consider the criminality which produces most of the lynching but by no means all of it, without feeling that he could be glad to stand pat in the lynching, or the yielding to that spirit is in itself a crime.

The Greenville (S. C.) News emphasizes these facts with very great force in a recent editorial, which said: "About a week ago, a negro was seized by a mob at Roxboro, N. C., and hurriedly lynched on the charge of attempted rape. No opportunity was given him to clear himself of the charge. Now it appears from the testimony of a white man, a contractor for whom the negro was working, that he was innocent of the charge. At the time the crime was committed, according to the contractor's published statement, the negro was at work on his contract and did not get out of work until three hours later. If that is true, and it seems to be, the mob not only murdered a man but it murdered justice. The North Carolina press and public are seething with the indignation. The Charlotte Observer cries out that the honor of the state is at stake. There is more than that at stake. The honor of the state is behind the honor of the law. The law trampled upon when even a guilty man is lynched. In this case justice, honor and law were lynched along with the man. The mob is a quadruple murderer. After all, there is no honor without justice. Honor has been defined as 'the finest sense of justice' that the hu-

man mind can frame. And where the law is no law, in that dishonored grave where an innocent murdered man lies, honor, justice and law lie also. And the mob murdered them and put them there. With the sovereignty of North Carolina permit them to remain there? We have had a mob in Greenville within the past few days. Perhaps the man they sought was guilty of the crime charged. The mob was advised that he was if so, he deserves the fate the mob sought to inflict. But not at the hands of the mob. Killing without due process of law is murder. The honor of the state and the majesty of the law are at stake in the punishment of the criminal. If the mob sets aside government and law administering justice by orderly process, it has done more and worse than kill a man, it has laid violent hands on the hands of honor, law and justice.

Lynching must be abolished. Mob rule means quadruple murder. Every man who does not uphold the law as against the mob, even if in doing so it becomes necessary to close his own life in the protection of the criminal, or of shooting into the mob with bullets, violates the oath he has taken and becomes a perjurer and a traitor to his country. Naturally people hold their hands up in horror when in defense of the criminal men in a mob are killed, but every man in the mob is himself a criminal and the very fact that he is a part of the mob indicates his criminality. He is trying to commit murder, and if he insists upon committing murder it is the duty of the state to prevent his going so by all the force at its command. The governor of any state or the sheriff of any county who does not go to the very limit of protection of the criminal from mob violence, regardless of how many men in the mob may have to be shot in the process of saving the life of the mob spirit and thus helping to destroy civilization itself.

The news is correct in the position which it takes that the law-abiding men in the community who do not uphold the hands of authorities in their fight against the mob spirit are themselves responsible for the present condition. It is the duty of law-abiding men to stand with the state and county authorities to the utmost limit, not that the life of the particular criminal may be saved, but that the law may be saved from lynching and the sovereignty of the state be protected.

We are fast developing in this country a will, reckless toward for human life a spirit of homicide and murder, which are seriously endangering our civilization, and the failure of county or state authorities to prevent the lynching of the law and the lynching of the sovereignty of the community by the lynching of a criminal will necessarily compel the federal government, for the safety of civilization and the government itself, to assume the responsibility of preventing lynching and of punishing the lynchers.

It has long been a wonder that some bill has not been passed in congress looking to this end, and when such a bill is passed federal agents and federal grand juries will have to see that every member of the mob is punished to the extreme of every mob is punished to the extreme. Unless we save this country from the mob spirit which at times lynches the innocent, as in the case mentioned by the Greenville News, as well as lynching the criminal, we shall see a steady down grade of civilization and a rottenness of society matching the worst that we hear of Russia.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pat Nane But Americans on Guard. Mr. Editor: The above famous order of Washington will be recalled as a political slogan of years ago and it shows that whatever may have been General Clinton's opinion of his antagonists in the Revolutionary army, Washington knew his army full as well, and who he could trust in an emergency.

This writer, of course, was not an eye witness of the signing up, in Cork, of the soldiers' monument, but he is crediting of the American sailors. We got our information from the dispatch which no secret was made in these as to the perpetration of the outrages, and the spirit that animated them. One point was to show that as far as the Friends of Irish Freedom are concerned, the English were with the Germans, first and last, and that on the ground of the victories of the world war, they are not entitled to any benefit or honor. Their enemy is perpetual and no democracy can appease it.

In the great war for humanity America could forget the revolution, but for no cause can Ireland's friends (?) forget an enemy. Their enemy is perpetual and no democracy can appease it. ENNIS KILLEN. Norwich, August 27, 1920.

Use of Saccharin. Mr. Editor: A short time ago there appeared in your columns an article regarding the use of saccharin in soft drinks. This article, particularly the last paragraph, is a very interesting and enlightening article, and I am sure that it will be read with interest by many of your readers who, on account of various conditions, are unable to use sugar and are allowed to use saccharin to make their food palatable. Alty, that is, to satisfy my own mind as to whether or not saccharin was harmful, I conducted experiments for over a year on human beings in some cases, and in some cases on animals. The results were absolutely no deleterious effects. Since that time, experiments have been conducted by Dr. Solomon and others on a large number of human beings, and have been discovered to follow the use of saccharin.

It is against the law to use saccharin as food with its effect on the stomach. It is harmful to most emphatically deny. I have a great many patients who are using it—some of them having used it constantly for over twenty years. Boston, August 26, 1920. S. H. R.

Sunday Morning Talk

To Some, Death is Gain. Ready for death! Some one has said something like this about Christ: He made a will, He gave His spirit back to God, His body He gave to Joseph. "Zim, mother to John, His forgiveness to His enemies, and His precious saving blood to this earth. Everything that it is necessary to know the blessed Master will give you, and relatives or friends who died in their sins—loving the world and flesh—with whom you didn't deal faithfully as to their souls? If so, they are not ready for sorrow. For our neglect we shall have to give an account and consider what it means to those we neglect. Let us err no more that that line. Be guiltless and not guilty of these matters. The king's business requires haste, for life is a shadow—here today away tomorrow. They are not working heavenward, it is to be feared, who are not moving the crowd along with them, or trying their best to do it. Christ says that those who are "so doing" when death comes shall have a hisses assurance. What are they doing the last days of his life? On what errand bound when heart failure struck him—planning for God? We have a picture in the Bible of a cheerful man whose heart became as stone before he died. That was the heart he grew. We are already classified with the crucified or the crucifiers; on the right or the left; hearts of flesh or hearts of stone. Christ finished His part. Are we at work on ours? For me to die is gain, shouts St. Paul. God is no respecter of persons. He is ready to put a new song into the hearts of all who will sing it. The good news is in hope; the bad with out hope. Stephen died well for his was a life of service and

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