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THEY WANT "VINDICATION"

Early next month, Bridgeport will hold a city election and will then elect Mayor, Aldermen and other officials. In view of the more notable events of the Lee administration, it should not be necessary to remind voters that if they disapprove those events they should look well to their nominations and see to it that their candidates shall represent their views and none else.

The present situation is peculiar. Mayor Lee whose part in the harbor line and car barn surrenders was prominent and effective and who, according to our estimate of contemporary, Standard, should be given an opportunity of doing "more in the same line," is understood to desire a vindication by the people—that is, the application of a thick coat of whitewash to his record by the voters at the polls. The local machine also desires a vindication of the same nature and for practically the same reason.

Upon the Republican side, then, the campaign is to be one for vindication and, incidentally, for a license to do "more in the same line." Despite current rumors "take no stock" in any material Republican revolt against Mayor Lee. The machine is all powerful in its party; the private are mere automata, with no desire to think for themselves and without the ability to act upon their own opinions if by some inexplicable chance they should have any. If ratification of the harbor line and car barn surrenders can be secured by a solid Republican vote to such effect, we do not doubt that it will be given, in the form of a vindication of Mayor Lee, the local machine and the railroad company.

Several months ago, a magazine article eulogistic of the late Mr. Harrison asserted that he cared more for power than wealth and was, therefore, not in the multimillionaire class, the inference evidently intended to be carried being that though opportunities for great enrichment were at his hand, he had not grasped them. It now appears that he left \$267,000.00 to his children and \$3,000,000 to other relatives. To accumulate \$3,000,000 he must not only have grasped opportunities but must have made them.

Elsewhere in this issue there appears a somewhat bitter complaint as to the condition of "State roads." We regret to admit that it is well founded. Our state roads, such of them as were constructed previous to the present year, are mostly in bad condition. There seems to be an erroneous impression that these roads cannot deteriorate and will never need repairs. As a matter of fact, they do deteriorate, though not so rapidly but that comparatively slight expenditures at the proper times would maintain them in excellent condition and completely estop such complaints as the one referred to.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., has finally, despite prolonged opposition from the State of Massachusetts, practically obtained control of the Boston & Maine road. It has taken several years and some roundabout strategy to complete the task, but the persistence of this corporation in pushing its plans is well known, particularly in Bridgeport. The company now controls, practically, the railroad system of New England, and we do not doubt that its power will be wisely used and will not be exercised to the injury of this section, but rather to its benefit in so far as transportation facilities are concerned.

"Danbury Fair weather" is a phrase which has become a synonym for what the Weather Bureau describes as "continued fair weather." Rarely is this annual institution troubled by a storm, and if there is such a visitation, it has never, so far as we re-

call, outlasted a single day. It now appears, according to the Danbury News, that the late John W. Bacon "made a study of the moon and stars" and based thereon a statement that the best weather in the fall was the week following October 1, upon which assertion the fixing of the commencing date of the Danbury Fair as the first Monday in October was made and steadily adhered to. It is a matter of regret that the late Mr. Bacon did not impart the exact method of his obtaining of foreknowledge to the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Judge Anderson of the U. S. District court, before whom an attempt is being made at Indianapolis to transfer to Washington the trial of Messrs. Sills and Williams of the Indianapolis News upon a charge of criminal libel for having intimated that there was "graft" in the purchase of the Panama Canal, said on Monday that "the whole Panama canal project is a great political project"; that "the press has a duty to perform and in political discussions it seems to me that the conception of libel should be greatly different from the conception that should apply to a case of libel on a person's private character," and that "liberty is best preserved" by passing over some aspects of an alleged libel of this nature now under consideration which should not be passed over in a libel case of personal or private character.

The principle thus stated by Judge Anderson has long been a rule of action by newspapers, and they have sometimes suffered thereby. So far as we recall, Judge Anderson is the first to assert it from the bench. In substance, it is that newspapers should have a wider latitude, in discussing public and political issues than in treating purely personal matters, and that they should not be subjected to the pains and penalties of libel suits when thus performing a manifest duty to the public.

Later—Judge Anderson denied the motion to remove the case to Washington for trial, saying: "That man has read the history of our institutions to little purpose, who does not view with apprehension the success of such a proceeding as this to the end that citizens could be dragged from their homes to the District of Columbia, the seat of government for trial under the circumstances of this case."

I am of the opinion that the fact that certain persons were called "thieves" and "swindlers" does not constitute libel per se. A newspaper has a certain duty to perform. As a former President has said, it is the duty of a newspaper to print the news and to tell the truth about it. It is the duty of a newspaper to draw inferences for the people.

CASTORIA. The Kid You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fitcher.

INFERIOR ROADS

Highways of Other States Much Superior to Those of Connecticut

Even the "State Roads" in Bad Condition—Advocacy of Use of Oil—Wasting Money on Roads Because Repairs Are Not Made When Needed.

"Connecticut Citizen" makes, in a letter to the Hartford Courant, a bitter complaint of the condition of roads in this State. He says: "The majority of the highways of Connecticut, outside of a few of our recently constructed state roads, are far inferior to anything in the adjacent states. The roads of our country, through the Adirondacks, the backwoods of Maine, or country districts in Massachusetts, are far better than many of our through traffic highways. New Jersey has developed a magnificent series of highways and is caring for them in an approved and economical manner by protecting them by oil or tar products, as has also Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The policy of our Connecticut road builders seems to be to build a road on certain specifications which from use during the past years has proved to be inefficient to the point of being a waste of money. There is hardly a road that has been built in Connecticut during the past few years that has been able to stand up or stand the traffic given it for more than six or nine months, necessitating practically rebuilding the road every year."

The road from Milford to Bridgeport is almost impassable excepting at very low speed and even then all traffic is held up in a cloud of dust. The road from Norwalk to Darien in places bogs down and the road from Stamford to Greenwich is no better. The new road from New Britain to the spring, a large portion of this deterioration could easily have been avoided by an ordinary intelligent use of oil. Other states have seen the benefits from this kind of road protection and their highways have withstood wear infinitely better than any of our Connecticut roads. Even the new Berlin turnpike in spots is already showing wear and is breaking up the provinces, the entire treatment through the top surface. It seems strange that the Connecticut authorities considering the vast amount of money being spent on the public highways, will not profit from the experience of other and more successful road builders in our neighboring states. It is commonly known that our highway commission has been up to a very recent date strenuously opposed to the use of oil on any roads, although late this season it has been noted that oil has been applied to a number of roads which have already begun to deteriorate, but the full benefit of this treatment cannot be seen until properly redressed. It is certainly an unfortunate condition of affairs that the state of Connecticut should not have a large sum in state highways which judging from precedent must be rebuilt in the very near future. Other states establish a certain patrol to keep their roads in proper condition and to remedy immediately any defects. Connecticut, on the other hand, allows roads to entirely deteriorate before any attention is paid to them.

While it is not the object of the writer to criticize personally our highway commissioner, it is still a pertinent question to ask why he cannot with unlimited means at his disposal profit from the experience of others who are building good roads in our immediate vicinity.

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LOAN SHARK HAS QUIT HARTFORD

Connecticut Climate Proves Too Severe for Money Lender To Man Who Has Chain of Offices.

CASE OF WOMAN AGENT PENDING

Hartford, Oct. 12.—D. J. Tolman, the loan agent, whose agent, Dora Griffith, was convicted a few weeks ago in the superior court of collecting enormous amounts for loans and sentenced to pay fines amounting to \$6,000 and to be sent to jail for sixty days has thrown up his hands, shut up his office in the Waverly building on Main street and gone out of business as far as Hartford is concerned. For a couple of days the employees have been packing up the desks and furniture in the Tolman offices in the Waverly building and everything was packed up ready for shipment.

Tolman was celebrated for having a chain of loan offices from one end of the country to the other and for several years in Canada, before the lines were drawn so tightly that he abandoned the Canadian field and worked the principal cities of the Union. For a long time the Hartford police department was on his track in the endeavor to secure testimony that would convict him of exacting exorbitant charges for loans. His agent was arrested several months ago and upon a conviction being secured the case was appealed to the supreme court where judgment is now pending.

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Fairfield County News.

Automobile Accidents.

Near the Danbury Fair grounds, Saturday, a big automobile, owned and driven by George Brown of New Canaan was passing another car but was driven too near the edge of the road and the driver found that the car was in danger of overturning. There was a sharp declivity at the side of the road and many large stones. Mr. Brown feared that if the car overturned many or all with him would be seriously hurt, if not killed, so he took a desperate chance and turned the car into the ditch. The machine tumbled over the stones and came to a stop about twenty feet from the road. One wheel was smashed and the running gear badly broken. All the occupants of the car were pitched out but they fell upon soft ground and escaped with slight hurts.

The automobile of Howard Waterbury, of Stamford, was destroyed by fire between Bethel and Redding, Friday. Mr. Waterbury had been driving there the night previous when he met with a slight accident. It was a wreck which he rarely had about every thing but the motor having been burned. The cause of the fire is not known. A large automobile, belonging to William C. Smith, of Bell Island, and a Buick automobile owned by A. A. Rogers, of Wilton, and driven by Mrs. Rogers, participated in a head-on collision, Sunday afternoon on the Wilton road and the smash-up would have resulted seriously but for the fact that both machines were moving slowly. Mr. Smith's head was sent flying through the air and he was slightly injured. Both machines were badly smashed, the Buick getting a little the worst of it. Mrs. Rogers was driving the Buick and turned to the side of the road, to allow the other car to pass. She did not notice a large stone which was hidden by the weeds and her machine struck the rock, which threw it out directly in front of Mr. Smith's machine.

Much Damage Done. At the Ryder and Howard meat market in South Norwalk early Thursday morning, a safe was blown open by burglars. The safe was reduced to a wreck and the contents, including a large amount of money and jewelry, were scattered about. The burglar was seen running away with a bundle of loot. The flying iron rollers of the safe and other pieces partially wrecked the market. The windows were smashed. In this safe there was about \$150 in pennies, some old coins and books. The cracksmen did not even get the pennies or old coins. In fact they did not return after they wrecked the safe. They were frightened off.

Criminally Negligent. The finding of Coroner Wilson as the result of his inquiry into the circumstances of the death of Harry K. Smart, a motorman on the Danbury & Bethel street railway, who was electrocuted on Tuesday, September 27, while handling a span wire that had fallen across a high tension wire of the Danbury & Bethel Gas & Electric Light company, is that the lighting company was criminally negligent in the manner of stringing and maintaining its wires at the point where the accident occurred. The span wire which was running became stalled through the breaking of the trolley wire and the span wires supporting the trolley wire came in contact with the lighting wire. He left the car hanging up the end of a span wire, which was dangling from a pole and lay upon the pavement, for the purpose of moving it out of the path of traffic.

Attendance Over 6,000. A total of 61,444 people attended the Danbury Fair last week, figures that have been exceeded since the Fair was established, forty-one years ago. The attendance of 67,808 in 1907 still stands as the record.

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