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OUR STATE

Every resident of Arizona should feel it a bounden duty to participate in a campaign of education for the benefit of a surprisingly large number of people in this country who labor under the delusion that Arizona is a dry, unlovely desert.

The benefits in store for those possessing weak lungs are not to be compared with Arizona's blessings for those owning a perfectly good pair of lungs.

Let all citizens become active at once in a campaign of enlightenment. In every letter sent east or west to relatives or friends, let there be a brief description of the roses growing in your yard or your neighbors' yards.

BUSINESS GOVERNMENT

The developments attending the fight of Ulster against home rule are compelling attention to the working of England's government as compared with that of this country.

The president of a republic is elected for a term of years. He is responsible to all the people instead of to a party composing, possibly, but a minority of the people.

The cabinet subordinate to, and directly responsible to the president, is in accordance with good Democratic doctrine.

In England, Mr. Asquith and his colleagues of the Treasury benches represent a coalition. To the average American observer, party feeling in the House of Commons, Westminster, is as baffling as any old style Chinese puzzle.

the warring elements nominally supporting him in the hall of St. Stephen, he is liable to be summarily thrown out of office; and if his cabinet falls, every large measure of political progress forced to a vote since he assumed power, becomes abortive—a dead letter.

Government is business in the highest form. Governments should be based upon business-like principles. The principle underlying the composition of the Asquith cabinet is utterly unbusinesslike, from a Democratic standpoint.

Mr. Woodrow Wilson manages the business of the United States through his cabinet and through Congress, just as the president of a great corporation would manage the affairs of that corporation.

Professor Goodnow, who is returning from Peking to head that great educational institution, Johns Hopkins, asserts that President Yuan Shih-kai is taking the one course possible in China, if China is going to profit as a result of the Wuchang revolution.

Stable government is what China needs. Yuan's policy makes more and more for stable government. In turning to Washington and the American plan for guidance, Yuan Shih-kai once more demonstrates the great wisdom, the true Democracy, of the Moses of Cathay.

OUR FLAG

Ninety-six years ago yesterday the first United States flag of the present design was hoisted over the House of Representatives at Washington. It had twenty stars and thirteen stripes. The flag had been made in New York by the wife of Captain S. C. Reid, famous as the commander of the privateer General Armstrong.

The law making the new banner the official flag of the United States became effective July 4, 1913. Nearly a hundred million people live beneath that flag today as compared with less than ten millions, ninety-six years ago, and it waves over a combined area several times greater than that represented by its twenty states in 1813.

THE "MOVIE" BATTERIES.

Serious attention, it would seem, must be accorded to the presence on the Mexican firing line of the moving picture operators. They furnish a medium through which the world is enabled to gain accurate knowledge of what is taking place on the battlefields across the Rio Grande.

According to late reports from El Paso, General Carranza, who looks like a wholesome and unusually intelligent man, is very angry because his moving picture men have been sent back from the front by General Villa, with a plain statement that Villa is the only man who has authority over the movie privileges.

Carranza, it is explained, desired to devote the money received for privileges to the cause of patriotism, but Villa, it is charged, devotes the receipts from his moving picture enterprise to his personal benefit as a legitimate sideline.

DECLARES TENANT INCREASE ON FARMS MENACE TO NATION

CHICAGO, April 14.—"Two and a quarter million tenant farmers in the 25 states that produce most of the perishable farm products, the grain, and the cotton of America make the organizing and federating of farmers for businesslike marketing a stupendous, if not an almost impossible undertaking."

"The richest and most productive of American states are today confronting a problem of absence landlordism that bids fair in the near future to be the all engrossing task of statesmen and economists," he said.

"This summer Texas will have a state election. There are many would-be governors in the field, and almost every candidate has been forced to express some kind of a view upon the subject. This follows the fact that on the 27th day of last December Governor Colquitt was petitioned by 40,000 citizens, mostly renters, to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of considering a change of the state constitution that would allow the legislature to tax away the speculative value in farming lands of that state.

"When we remember that in the United States in 1910 there were 2,354,676 tenants, and these 25 states furnished 2,188,586 of them, we have a very grave problem. The percentage of tenant farmers in the United States increased from 25.6 in 1880 to 37 per cent in 1910.

"He lives in a shack, this tenant farmer of the south. An unpalatable, unsanitary, miserable shack. Ignorance and poverty force him to eke out a soggy existence, and his little children labor in the fields with small hope of the future. The whole family talks and when the year is over they survey their hopeless situation, load their goods into a covered wagon, tie the cow to the back of the wagon and drive to another country to try again their indifferent luck.

"But this great mass of shifting tenantry constitutes a menace to agricultural prosperity and no device has yet been found that will organize them for business-like marketing of their products and keep them organized. Yet their very helplessness and unorganized state complicates the marketing problem. The harpies of 'the trade' take advantage of them and there is constantly the danger of a vast body of products being dumped upon markets already congested.

"Conditions in Texas have caused a rural revolution, and that renters' petition to Governor Colquitt was but a sporadic fire of the deeper discontent for one I believe that between the absentee landlord, wherever he may be, and the absentee stockholder of Lawrence cotton mills there is no great difference; and between the over-worked, underpaid foreign population who manned the Lawrence mills and the poverty-stricken Asiatic tenants of the South there is a parallel.

SLIGHTLY DISFIGURED BUT STILL IN THE RING.



POLITICAL POINTS

South Carolina Democrats will hold their State convention in Columbia May 20.

Prohibition promises to be a leading issue in this year's election in California.

Former Speaker Cannon hopes to be returned to Congress by his old district next November.

Henry M. Esterly, an attorney of Portland, is a candidate for the position of Democratic national committeeman for Oregon.

Ralph C. Cochran, of Atlanta, has announced his candidacy for the United States senate against Hoke Smith, who next year will seek reelection.

General Felix H. Robinson, who is said to be the only surviving brigadier general of the Confederate States army, seeks to become governor of Texas.

Representative Sereno K. Payne of New York, who has served fifteen terms in the national house of representatives, will be a candidate for reelection this fall.

Congressman Maurice Connolly of the Third district of Iowa will try for the Democratic nomination for United States senator to succeed Senator Cummins, whose term will expire next March.

United States Senator Gere of Oklahoma, who is to seek reelection this fall, will have a rival for the senatorship in the person of Samuel W. Hayes, until recently chief justice of the Oklahoma supreme court.

It is rumored that the Republicans of Massachusetts will make another effort to induce George von L. Meyer to become a candidate for governor in the State election next fall. Mr. Meyer is one of the most distinguished Republicans of Massachusetts.

In the spirited three-cornered contest among the Democrats the Republicans of Kentucky affect to see a chance to win the United States senatorship this year. At present the Republican leaders are casting about for a standard-bearer.

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Republicans, Democrats, Progressives and Socialists probably will have candidates in the field next fall for the United States senatorship from Arizona, to succeed Senator Marcus A. Smith whose term will expire next March. Among those already regarded as candidates for the toga are Chief Justice Alfred Franklyn of the State supreme court, Roscoe M. Lins, Democratic national committeeman; Joseph H. Kibbey, former governor and Eugene W. Chaffin, several times the Prohibition candidate for President of the United States.

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