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THE STATE'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER (Established 1873)

Now that the Mandan Pioneer has promised to deliver the I. V. A. Jamestown convention to Senator McCumber, together with the Joe Doyle Democrats, the problem is less vexatious.

GRONNA'S ANNOUNCEMENT

It was not in the cards for Asle Gronna to step aside and permit the I. V. A. fusion party to name sole candidates for the Republican and the Democratic primaries to oppose Senator McCumber.

Like "Bill" Shakespeare's "Bottom," unless Gronna can play the role he wants there won't be any show and the mammals can "go hang" if you please.

Until Ladd was nominated at the last Nonpartisan League convention, Gronna was a strong adherent of the Nonpartisan League. His great heart throbbed for the "farmers' program." But the name of Ladd nor Gronna came out of that convention and Gronna joined the ranks of the I. V. A., taking the stump and telling the farmers what an iniquitous organization was leading them to destruction.

He followed his attacks up through the recall election and denounced as socialism much that the league proposed. With the stage set for a senatorial election in March, under an initiated I. V. A. election law which regular republicans defeated as well as regular democrats, the I. V. A. endorsement looked good. The law lost, but Gronna stuck to the band wagon of the I. V. A. organization with the usual tenacity of a confirmed office seeker.

As the time drew near for the Jamestown convention, Gronna asked for a "show-down." The former junior senator wanted to know what the I. V. A. was going to do for him. As a senatorial prospect, Gronna was not as attractive as some other aspirants. There was Jerry Bacon at Grand Forks about whose head the bee has been buzzing persistently not to mention a host of other I. V. A.'s who would like a seat in the United States senate.

Several of these demanded that Gronna devote his time at home here developing the "farmers program," suggesting that he could do more for the North Dakota farmers program at Lakota than at Washington.

But Gronna wanted to face McCumber in a battle to the bitter end and would not be placated with anything less than the independent support.

Then came the split in the Nonpartisan League over the balance of power, an opening much to Gronna's liking. It is suggested that certain elements in the league were sympathetic to Gronna and he went to the Courier-News and announced himself.

One has to read his announcement closely to determine what Gronna is really running for. A hurried reading of his statement would indicate that he was a candidate for a state office. There is no mention of his stand on national issues and no reference to his record in the United States senate, a record which the Republicans of this state failed to endorse, at the recent primaries. His statement is merely a reiteration of the league platform, a bait for votes. Gronna knows that as United States senator he can have little or nothing to do with the handling of the state owned industries.

The voters of the state when it comes to the nomination of a United States senator will want to know what he is going to do with the national issues pending and doubtless as the campaign goes on Gronna will indicate his stand and tell the voters what this state can gain by supplanting a McCumber for a Gronna.

It is to be hoped now that Gronna has first made his stand clear on state issues, he will make his position equally as clear on national issues.

BRAINS

A "moonshine" vender was arrested in Omaha. Police Judge Wippick made him this offer: "If you drink a glass of your own hooch I'll turn you free."

"I'll go to jail," the bootlegger decided quickly. There always were more real brains behind the bar than on the brass rail side when it came to liquor.

MONSTER

Argentine scientists are excited over a report from seemingly reliable sources that a prehistoric monster is roaming in Patagonia. It's the sort scientists find in fossil form, supposedly extinct millions of years ago.

An expedition will be sent to try to capture the

monster, which probably would be as long as a Pullman car and 15 feet tall.

More interesting would be to return to earth 100,000 years from now and see how the human body will be changed by advanced civilization. Probably huge heads and spider legs and arms, provided germs leave any humans alive.

PROSPERITY

The chairman and president of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company say in their annual report to stockholders:

"We are certain high freight rates are the principal factor in preventing a return to normal conditions, not only in the steel business but also in the general business of the country."

This is equally true of rents.

No general prosperity on a big scale until all prices are based on the same level, balanced. No balance until high rents and high freight deflate. They will be the last to drop, the hardest to get down.

Billy Evans' asking the people to pick someone for Dempsey to fight will result in a complete census of our landlords.

The ex-kaiser says he wants to be friendly with America. Sorry, but we are broke.

EDITORIAL REVIEW

Comments reproduced in this column may or may not express the opinion of The Tribune. They are presented here in order that our readers may have both sides of important issues which are being discussed in the press of the day.

WHAT FRENCH TERROR AMOUNTS TO

Frank Vanderlip looks into the mental ailment that has overtaken France and dwells sadly on a contrast between her indomitable courage in war and her "state of chattering terror in peace." Other visiting world doctors have felt that France is furiously trying on the shoes that Germany was forced to discard. The distance between these extremes of opinion is considerable and the truth must be somewhere along the way.

There probably are politicians in France not averse to places of power in a France that might dominate the continent, but Germany's poor luck in the business of bossing has not been lost on Frenchmen who have continued to think. And probably there are other powerful persons in France who lose sleep over the outcome of the present ferment in Germany. But we wonder whether Mr. Vanderlip is not mistaken in assuming this terror of a few frightened Frenchmen to be the general feeling of the people.

One by one twenty-three governments decided during the war that the aspirations of Germany warranted a declaration of war. France must know that if the same aspirations are resurrected in Berlin these governments will not have changed their minds. The terror tale hardly holds water. We wonder if it is not more a question of francs and marks, with France in a mercenary muddle over deciding whether she wants to forego the advantages of full indemnity or is willing to assist a neighbor, whom she despises rather than fears, until the neighbor is prepared to make complete reparation.

Nation for nation Germany is richer than France in men and physical resources, but there is no occasion for "chattering terror" if France knows, as many Frenchmen do, that the world is with her as long as she marches along with the world.—Detroit Journal.

"BABE" RUTH'S SALARY

"Babe Ruth," baseball star, is to receive a salary of seventy-five thousand dollars this year, with an additional five hundred dollars for every home run he bats out. On the basis of his last season's record this should bring his income for the coming eight months' work up to well over the hundred thousand dollar mark.

To many this will seem an injustice. They will point out the fact that the President of the United States draws only seventy-five thousand dollars a year; that the Secretary of State gets but twelve thousand; that the salaries of most of our governors and college presidents average around ten thousand dollars a year. These are vocations that require years of training, of research, and the hardest kind of work.

Yet, along comes a baseball swatter with no special intelligence, and gobbles up a salary greater than that attached to the greatest office in the land.

Critics of "Babe" Ruth's salary should not forget that they are living in America. This is a free land and it offers opportunity for advancement to every citizen. What better proof is needed than these very facts about "Babe" Ruth. An orphan, with no parents to guide his steps and yet with all his handicaps he is raised to the seats of the mighty, with a salary that exceeds those of the mighty.

It cannot be luck. Ruth has specialized. He has trained. He has made himself the baseball swat king of America. His name is known from coast to coast. His admirers are legion.

America cannot cry down the salary "Babe" Ruth gets. His work is measured by his followers, and it is the people who indirectly pay him. He is the best in his field. America offers similar opportunities in every line to every citizen, and should not be afraid to boast of it. As Emerson so aptly put it a generation ago:

"If you can make a better mousetrap than your neighbor, the world will make a beaten pathway to your door."—Minneapolis Journal.

SIC 'EM, FIDO!



INITIATIVE LETTER

(By Justice J. E. Robinson) March 14, 1922. March 29th is the last day to file initiative petitions. It is just ninety days before the primary. It is not safe to put off anything till the last day. Who wants a roll of petitions to circulate and return by March 26th?

The initiative measures now in circulation have been well advertised and considered. Their main purpose is to reduce taxes which are unjust and oppressive, illegal and confiscatory. During each of the past three years the assessments and tax levies have been three times that of any former year. At each election the people have protested and denounced the taxes and vainly hoped for some relief from those who were elected to make the laws. But no relief was given. The result was the recall election and it was won by exposing and denouncing the unjust taxes and the system of state banking and state industries. The recall has given the state a new administration which is logically bound to undo the wrongs against which it protested. The question is how to do it. Surely it cannot be done by talking, speechmaking or pounding the Devil on the back. Words are not acts. Words do no wrong. When a threefold tax has been levied against the people their only proper remedy is to reduce the tax. In such a case it is a mere insult and a mockery to say to the injured party: Be good, pay your unjust tax, and in the future we promise you a square deal. When the National banks appealed to the courts on a showing that their tax was excessive, it was promptly reduced. When the state banks appealed to the supreme court on a showing that their tax was excessive and illegal it was reduced fifty per cent or more, and no one made a howl against it. If the owners of land and tenements were organized like the banks so they could appeal to the courts and obtain relief in one suit, assuredly they would get a proper reduction. But with the farmers it is every man for himself. For him to pay an unjust tax is in general cheaper and safer than to go to law and contest it. And now, by reason of crop failures and other conditions many thousands of good people have not the means either to pay or to contest the tax. Unless they get relief without going to law, they must submit to robbery and confiscation. Some object to a reduction of the unpaid taxes of 1919 and 1920 as unfair to those who have paid their taxes. We answer: the fact that one has been robbed is no reason why another should be robbed. Another reason is that with few exceptions those who have paid were able to pay, and those who have not paid have not the means to pay. They live on the verge of want, and, as the taxes have been more than doubled, any person who pays half the original tax does his full duty. Now it is half or nothing, and half a loaf is better than no bread.

The bad laws which we seek to undo were passed by the Legislature at the general session of January and February, 1919. Since then we have had the special session of December, 1919, and the general session of 1921.

Advertisement for 'Quick Relief' from coughs, colds, and croup. It features 'Robby's Honey Tar' and describes it as a tickling throat whooping cough bronchial cough hoarseness, etc. It also mentions it is a standard family cough medicine of high efficiency containing no opiates.

SAWING WOOD

(Florence Borner.)

Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be sad, When 'tis so much better to always feel glad? Like the coming of tempest across a clear space, Is the frown of displeasure that darkens the face.

Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be blue, When a smile all the day will help carry you thru? The Misfortune may knock she can never come in, If we rise up to meet her while wearing a grin.

Too much we are given to mourn and lament, Too much we are prone to indulge discontent; O'er trifles we worry and sorrow and fret, And spend half our lives in the vainest regret.

Arise from this mooning, for endless despair, Has never yet gotten mankind anywhere; Just tackle each problem the way that you should, And let the world know you are still "Sawing wood."

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

My sons, be not now negligent; for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him.—2 Chronicles 29:11.

The lessons of the moral sentiment are, once for all, an emancipation from that anxiety which takes the joy out of all life. It teaches a great peace. It is that which, being in all sound matters, and strongest in the best and most gifted men, we know to be implanted by the Creator of men.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

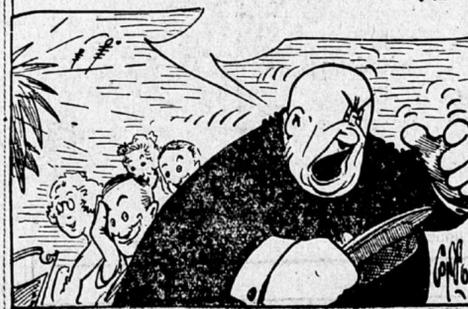
LEARN A WORD EVERY DAY

Today's word is ARCHAIC. It's pronounced—arkay-ick, with accent on the second syllable. It means—old-fashioned, antique, out of date, belonging to a past age. It comes from Greek—"archaios," old-fashioned. It's used like this—"Many people like to fill their homes with archaic furniture."

EVERETT TRUE BY CONDO



GOOD BYE!!!



The hand that knocks the cradle is than hand that ruins the world.

Some people won't be satisfied until the Japs get out of Nippon.

"The sun of prosperity is shining," says Mr. Gary. Lots of us can't see it for our umbrellas.

You can't tell whether some men are making a garden or digging bait.

A Mr. Gallagher offers \$10,000 reward to the finder of his lost wife. Let 'er go Gallagher.

This doctor in the cabinet ought to be secretary of the interior.

Once they were "somewhere in France;" now they are "nowhere in America."

About the scarcest thing on earth are ex-henpecked husbands.

Denver iceman finds \$10,000 in a flower pot. In Denver they leave the ice money out early.

Bryan is demanding the repeal of the Darwin theory.

"Boxing teaches politeness," says a trainer. Yes, when you can fight, your friends are polite.

Half the shows fail. All work and no play makes a dull show.

Mr. Yell is a Tennessee postmaster. Dr. Work is his boss. Work and Yell speed the mails.

Nothing ruins an old car like the neighbors getting a new one.

Russia could pay by sending over some of her sleeping sickness for our saxophone players.

You've got to look sharp when things are dull.

Harding asks \$50,000 to control the wild wireless waves. There's mischief in the air.

Egypt is free, so maybe we can sell her some Egyptian cigars.

One fairy tale a boy doesn't believe is "No Swimming" sign.

Women in a Chicago factory are striking for men's pay. We thought they always did get the men's pay.

Dr. Bishop says "Fast walking helps your circulation." These tips to editors are very nice.

Only man who can say your head needs washing is a barber.

ADVENTURE OF THE TWINS

By Olive Barton Roberts

Kip, the Brownie, soon returned from the Sorcerer's Cave to the place where the Twins and Mr. Pim Pim were waiting for him in Brownland, down under the earth.

"Here are the galoshes!" he announced proudly. "We found 'em." With a wave of his hand he indicated a crowd of Brownies dragging the shoes behind them; for they were so small, the Brownies were, that it took a dozen to each shoe.

"Oh, thank you ever so much," declared Nancy and Nick, too, said he was much obliged. You may be sure they lost no time in putting the galoshes on over their Green Shoes.

"Now then," said Mr. Pim Pim, rubbing his hands together, "I shall take you to a secret door which opens out into daylight, right at the foot of the Electric Mountain. You can go over it with safety now, as the electricity cannot shock you through the rubber soles of your overshoes. But remember, you must not touch anything you see—no matter how much you want it."

Pim Pim took them each by the hand and led them to a three-cornered room with a trap door in the ceiling. Nancy and Nick scrambled up a ladder that stood there and lifted the little door without a mite of trouble. "Goodbye," they called down through the hole. "We're ever so much obliged for helping us."

"You're quite welcome, my dears," answered Pim Pim. "Here's wishing you a safe journey and a happy return. If I can help you again, let me know."

Then suddenly he was gone, gone was the little trapdoor and every sign of Brownland. It all seemed like a dream.

But there were the galoshes! Behind them in the dim distance was the Glass Mountain! There was the prism glistening and blazing in the sun!

Right ahead was another mountain. It was the Electric Mountain Pim Pim had told them about. (To Be Continued)

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