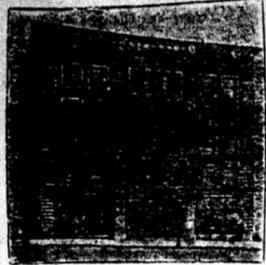


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THE NEW STATE OF SCOTT COUNTY? Attorney Mr. Wilson, candidate for county general pledged himself to nullify the statutes in Scott county in consideration of the support of certain leaders and interests in Davenport and Scott county? Here is the case as it stands:

The Scott county republican convention met the other day. J. Reed Lane of Davenport was its foreman. He made a speech to the delegates. The Davenport Democrat gave a synopsis of his speech which Mr. Lane indorsed in a letter as being substantially correct. The report relates that Lane assured them that:

Mr. Harding was a nice man to vote for among the many republicans who want to be governor and that Mr. Wilson was an equally nice man for attorney general. Mr. Wilson was right, he said and would never cross the border of Scott county when he was in office. This was the kind of man the republicans wanted, Mr. Lane said.

Mr. Lane wrote a letter explanatory of the speech to an inquiring correspondent who was surprised that Mr. Havner, also candidate for attorney general and the only candidate for state office from Mr. Lane's district should be thus eliminated in favor of Mr. Wilson of the Seventh district. This letter was dated at Davenport, May 18, 1916. Its writer states that he had entertained some doubt that Havner would be a candidate but the meat of the explanation seems to lie in this extract from it:

We then invited Mr. Wilson to come down to Davenport and have a talk and he satisfied us that if he was the successful candidate for this position that he would meet the requirements demanded by the people of Scott county, and I simply felt it my duty to explain to the leading republicans of the county in convention assembled the words which Mr. Wilson had authorized me to say for him and in his behalf.

What were the requirements of Scott county? Mr. Lane told the delegates that Mr. Wilson would not cross the border of that county while he was in office. This it is to be assumed were the requirements and what Mr. Wilson had "authorized" Mr. Lane to say for him. The "requirements" to which Wilson subscribed then in order to gain the support of a Second district county against a Second district candidate were that Scott county and the wet town of Davenport should be set aside from the state and be free of responsibility to obey its statutes so far as the attorney general was concerned. Havner, a brave and able man and a known supporter of the laws failed to fill these requirements. It is a charitable conclusion that the boze laws only were in the consideration. It is not probable that complete freedom from the statutes governing burglary, arson and murder was part of the "requirements."

The suggestion is plain: Wilson should not receive a single dry vote in the state of Iowa. Havner's re-

putation by the Davenport wets in his own district is a plain certificate of character sufficient to bring him the dry vote of the state. The lineup is plain. If Davenport and Scott are to cut Havner's throat because he objects to selling his soul and discounting his oath of office in advance then the vote of the lawabiding over the state should protect Havner.

A siren song is being sung in dry counties to the effect that the "saloon is gone from the state of Iowa, and that Mr. Harding is a nice man for governor but here we have the Scott county wets openly conscious of the breath of life left in their issue and at the Cedar Rapids convention it was the Scott county delegation which interrupted George Cosson and sought to confuse him and then started a demonstration for Harding who followed. Scott county, the home of the so-called German-American Alliance which deserted Von Karl Kuehnle and declared for Harding; Scott county, the home of Davenport in which a city council seeks to invalidate the prohibitory law of Iowa; Scott county which has been assured that one candidate for attorney general will not cross its borders to enforce the laws of Iowa; Scott county knows what the issues are in this campaign and boosts for Harding for governor and for Wilson for attorney general. The dries of Iowa will undoubtedly scatter to the four winds but the wets are organized. They are not for Cosson, neither will they support their own district candidate, Mr. Havner.

A REACTIONARY WON TO BONDS.

When the present political campaign is past with all its misrepresentations as to the road problem it will be found that there was in fact no difference except in the desire of some to abolish the state highway commission. Pitt, of Harrison county, who is generally credited as being the author of the notorious Johnson bill which sought to abolish the state highway commission, now appears writing in the Iowa Homestead that he is in favor of giving to the people of any locality the right to vote bonds for roads. This is the same Pitt who is organizing taxpayers' leagues in Harding's interest which resolve against bonds and he is the author of a letter which has been sent broadcast over the state by the Harding campaign committee in which Pitt declares for Harding because, as he says, Cosson is for paved roads. Cosson has replied a dozen times that he is not for paved roads or any other kind of roads except as the people vote to build them but Cosson has no campaign fund back of him so he has been unable to chase Pitt's letters all over southern Iowa to nullify his false charges. Now that the political damage has been done in the interest of a candidate who is pledged to assist in abolishing the highway commission Pitt comes out squarely for Cosson's road platform and the right of the voter to decide local road problems.

Harding, however, is sore at the congress at Washington for passing a bill which is going to penalize Iowa to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars if its state highway commission is abolished. The federal aid bill for roads provides for \$5,000,000 to \$25,000,000 per annum to be distributed among those states in which there is a competent state highway department; with authority to supervise its expenditure. When Pitt and Johnson and Harding abolish the state highway commission it will cost Iowa its share of the federal aid so Harding before the state convention at Cedar Rapids called this attempt of the national government to promote better roads for its rural mail carriers "nothing but pork" and "graft." He denounced the principle of any government, national or state, contributing toward road improvement and he would go back to the pioneer system of working out road taxes and let it go at that. Harding is not only the candidate of the wets but he is the candidate of reaction and fossilism. In order to get votes he is willing to set his state backward and it angers him to find Uncle Sam placing a huge cash penalty upon the state if it does the things Harding is advocating.

POOR PLACE TO GO.

C. A. Windle has been heard from again. We set the National Brewer news items from Cincinnati. We glean much interesting reading matter from the Brewer's columns. Any Sunday school teacher who wants to borrow this publication may do so, if he promises to return it, as we treasure this bulletin of juicy news items very highly. It tells all about how prohibition ruins the home and kills the mothers. How it takes bread from the children, and how it reddens the noses of its victims. It tells how beautifully drunkenness works when you get used to it, and above all how we must maintain our liberties, our personal rights, so, we note by this highly interesting publication that our old army chum, C. A. Windle spoke after the wholesale brewers at their annual gathering in Louisville. Charlie is a fine old scout. Our Y. M. C. A. ought to set him sometime for one of its band leaders. Early orders will be appreciated. Perhaps C. J. Wilson might like a box or two of fleas as "relics" in his museum. But I wander. I have been hunting fleas.

HUNTING FLEAS.

There is nothing that so mars a girl's good looks as to "set-up" with a greenhorn fellow and then "wrestle" with fleas and mosquitoes. Ever see a pretty miss when the first consciousness of her budding hair begins? A wild leery look comes into her eyes, and she is mad, too, that the flea flouted her posted notices. "No trespassing on these premises." With all those sudden emotions assailing her, she is homely as if she had two moles with stubby hairs in them on her cheeks, and a hare-lip, and cowlicked hair. She jumps up, asks to be excused, goes out—I think to hunt that agile flea on the most inaccessible portions of her sacred anatomy. That is, I suspect that's what of course I don't know, so as to swear to it in court, and no doubt she is swearing, too. No painter, whom I know of, has ever caught that look of mingled dismay, vexation and cussing on a girl's face when that flea tackles her. The flea, however, has a dandy time. You may enjoy it if you want to. I may paint this rare scene myself, if no other artist rushes in ahead of me. Order early.

I have observed that a sly, acrobatic flea does not promote sociability—rather the contrary, plus skirmishing, hunting, scratching, not to mention cross words and even cursing.

We have the ablest colony of fleas in Florida. They attack even me. In California and elsewhere I was immune, for I was then a sinner vile with tobacco. Some way the fleas didn't hanker for nicotine. But now I am reformed again, since September, yet probably the nicotine hangs round me still. The fleas gallop and jump over me, but do not bite me. They just do mileage over my manly figure, and practice jumping. I suspect they have jumped up on me in the night and find them at the jumps. Whether any carry big donkeys in

race for the presidential pennant. And, if the game gets close it may be recalled that Cummins is a good pinch hitter.

As an expression of "confidence in the result" the Nevada Representative, edited by W. O. Payne, predicts that Candidate W. O. Payne will carry all six counties in the Seventh district for congressman.

Did you imagine the liquor question entirely settled? Then how did you account for the proposed independence of state laws in Scott county?

IOWA OPINION AND NOTES.

The Burlington Hawk-Eye says "Mr. Healy, of Webster county, went to Cedar Rapids prepared to become famous and became notorious."

The Newton Record, noting that "the people of Oskaloosa voted down the proposition for bonds for a new high school building by a large majority," says "it is said that they have the poorest equipment of any city of equal size in the state. A town which wants to be considered progressive can not afford to take such a position as that."

"There is no visible evidence for assuming that after Iowa women are given the right to vote there will be any service which will not be established until the republican party gets back into power."

"The carping of Clifford Thorne's critics has not lessened the high regard in which he is held by the home folks," says the Muscatine Journal. "nor will it weaken the confidence of the voters of the First district in his integrity and ability."

The Columbus Safeguard predicts that "complete and satisfactory rural road service will not be established until the republican party gets back into power."

"The Indian may possibly make a good citizen, but Iowa prefers to place her women above the redskins," says the Waverly City Journal. "It will be time enough to give consideration to our Indian residents after we have first done the square thing by womankind."

Iowa Newspapers

IOWA'S DONATION.

[Des Moines Register and Leader.] Iowa's share in the cost of the army and navy will be in round numbers \$12,000,000 a year, when the increases authorized by this congress become effective.

This is nearly three times the sum total of the state taxes of Iowa—and with our state taxes being \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 a year, there is a disposition to consider them excessive.

Five years ago a state campaign was waged on the issue of expending \$2,000,000 in ten years for the extension of the capitol grounds. The army and navy will cost Iowa \$120,000,000 in the next ten years.

Iowa people who indorse the forged lawvaxers that is now being forced thru congress are helping fasten upon the state this ten-year burden of \$120,000,000 for militarism. Let that sink in.

THE REPUBLICAN LESSON OF 1912.

Less than three weeks from this writing the republican and progressive national conventions will meet in Chicago, and upon the action taken by them depends very largely the future policies of this nation.

The progressive polled in 1912 upward of 4,000,000 votes and the republican party in the same campaign but 3,200,000 might, upon the face of returns, seem to entitle the greater consideration to be given progressive principles and progressive candidates.

It should not be forgotten that Mr. Taft in 1908 received 7,678,000 votes, and that was the last record of a united republican party and the largest vote ever polled by the democratic party in a presidential election was that for William J. Bryan in 1896, 5,602,925; the second largest was given to Mr. Bryan in 1908, 6,409,104, and the popular vote for Mr. Wilson in 1912 was 6,292,718.

Four years of wandering in political wilderness, four years of living from the flesh pots and of hungering in the deserts have had a marvelous effect upon the republican leaders and the republican hosts, whether they followed the flag of Colonel Roosevelt, in command of the prior number of republican voters, or stayed with the headquarters and the general staff of the standpatters to carry Vermont and Utah.

"The lover of 'Kathleen Mavourneen' in the words of that ballad tells of a separation that 'may be for years and may be forever,' but republicans of both factions, whether of that which

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Speeding is the art of flirting with sudden death on a sixteen-foot cow path. It is one of the most dangerous forms of flirtation ever devised, and yet it persisted in by thousands of steadfast husbands who would not dance more than twice in the same evening with anybody but their wives.

Until the automobile became popular there was very little speeding done on our country roads, save when some ambitious farm team would seize the bits in their rear teeth and unloose the owner and a large family of children at mournful intervals. Very few men owned a horse that could travel over ten miles an hour and keep it up without becoming as short of breath as a fat woman running for a street car.

The first automobile was not built for speed or looks or any other household virtue, but was designed to prove that the Green Mountain asthma is no respecter of persons. Whenever a man buys an automobile he tells his wife that his limit is fifteen miles an hour. There is more virtue to the square inch in the possessor of a new motor car than there is in a member of congress who is trying to fill two small pairs during an important roll call. In about two weeks, however, this virtue begins to wear shiny and break out in attempts to choke the speedometer to death. One month from delivery every purchaser who slows down to forty miles an hour at a railroad crossing is considered a rank piker.



TIED

When I was working on a farm, and branched, with my strong right arm, the mule-loading hoe, I said, "I'm tired of such a grind; some softer snap I'll have to find, and to the town I'll go." I got a job in Stucker's store, and there I worked three months or more, and still was short of bliss; and so I muttered, with a sob, "I'll have to hunt another job—there is no fun in this." I wrote insurance for a while, and, as I walked mile after mile, to rope some "prospect" in, I said, "I'm weary of this stunt; some other graft I'll have to hunt, at which a man may win." I got a job at grooming swine, and found it wasn't very fine, nor what I had desired; and so I raised my voice and swore, as I had often sworn before, "This labor makes me tired." I never found a job I liked; from every form of toil I liked, until I broke my tugs; that's why they're taking me today out to the poorhouse, far away, where paupers await the

carried six states, with eighty-eight electoral votes, or that which carried two states, with eight electoral votes, know their separation from power has been for four years, but they will never consider that it will be "forever," and they are determined to get together at Chicago, regardless of general staffs or out-and-dried programs of leaders who led in 1912 to most disastrous defeat.

There were no political honors to divide in 1912 among the captains, the colonels, the generals and the field marshals whose tactics split the republican party in the national convention of that year, and who led but a little more than 3,000,000 of the once formidable forces of the republican party to a political Sedan in American history. They may have been entitled to great praise and even brilliant medals and glittering decorations for carrying Vermont and Utah, but if they were it was only the jubilant democrats who would vote those medals and decorations to them.

There are 6,000,000 of democrats who are ready to cover with decorations the standpat leaders who drove 4,000,000 of republicans out of their party in 1912 if they keep them out in 1916 and have them run a third ticket.

The indications from east, west, north and south, however, are that the rank and file of the republican and progressive parties are about to seize power from the old-time leaders and take command of both conventions for union of the parties under the lead of a popular man as the candidate for the reunited party.

They don't propose to be divided again for another defeat. They realize what inside organization of national committees and manipulation of state leaders did to them and the organization four years ago, and they are ready to retire the authors of disaster and put those who can win in control once more.

The 7,700,000 republican voters in 1908 defeated 6,500,000 democrats in that year, but 6,300,000 democrats overwhipped the 7,700,000 republicans when divided into 4,000,000 and 3,300,000 1912.

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Noticed the Extra Light. My neighbor was giving a dinner party for some friends, and, after careful advice concerning his behavior, allowed her young son to sit at the table with the guests. She was looking at him proudly as he stood at his place awaiting the proper time to be seated, when he glanced up at the lighting fixture and said, "Hub, two gases tonight."—Chicago Tribune.

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