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AS TO SKUNKS IN POLITICS.

At Waterloo, Oct. 2, Mr. Harding said: "And the Sioux City Tribune that is fighting me and accusing me of being wet, telling the people that I should be defeated because I am in league with the saloon. Mr. Kelly, the editor of that paper, when the five-mile limit bill was up sent a telegram to the senator from the Woodbury district telling him to vote against the bill, as I voted, and he did, and yet I am such a skunk."

Granted that you voted to keep saloons at the state university as you admit, Mr. Kelly says that that you or somebody in your interest forged that telegram and that he did not oppose the bill. The senator from Woodbury says that Kelly did not oppose it. Who did the forging? Mr. Harding, and when are you going to repudiate such politics?

THE PREACHERS AND THE PROPHETS.

The ministers who are now in this political maelstrom will be the first to regret their activities—they will find that they have subtracted the sum of their participation in politics from the effectiveness in their pulpits. Who cares about hearing a man preach about salvation after he comes in from the political stump?—Cedar Rapids Republican.

Who wants to hear a minister preach salvation after he has participated in an election, after he has so forgotten his holy calling as to have passed the portal of the election booth and cast a human ballot just as other men do? Perish the thought that the ministry shall thus defile themselves. However, if the preacher shall vote his sentiments and convictions on election day why should he be stopped from voicing those sentiments and convictions the day before? There is as much sense in demanding that the minister shall stay away from the polls as in the Republican's twisted criticism of the minister who speaks his mind in politics and there isn't a lick of sense in either.

No doubt the Hebrew Publican and the Judean Times, had such papers been in progress of publication would have fulminated against the prophets after a similar fashion. Isaiah and Hosea would have come in for especially severe criticism. There was a strong faction of wine bibbers and special interests then who made war on the prophets. But the prophets live and their influences on government is distinctly in evidence. They spoke boldly on political questions akin to human welfare as all political questions are. Without doubt those who tarried long and had doubts without cause and contentions and babblings babbled against the prophets as similar publications babble today. Their babblings ceased long ago and were not. Remains only that they babbled. We must guess as to what they said by the babbling of our own time. But the voices of the prophets come clear and distinct across the ages. For they were men with purpose and courage and conviction. No doubt the practical politician and the keg party and the sellers of wine red within the cup and the like got together and knocked them, but every knock turned out a boost for the prophets.

Let it go that. Religion is a recreation to some folks, a sort of pious indoor sport and the church a sort of conscience clearing house. But it is an excellent sign of the times when the clergy stand upright for good morals in government outside the pulpit as within. Criticism of certain character and from certain quarters is a certificate of service. The ten commandments are graven in stone; the attacks on the ministers are written on the wind.

THE SLIPPERY JIM PIERCE.

The Iowa Homestead is out with another enormous sample copy edition for campaign purposes in which it reiterates its insinuations as to the Times-Republican being a corrupt newspaper together with its carefully prepared qualifications designed by its attorney to prevent the T.-R. from bringing an action in court under the law of libel.

The Homestead charges that the state printers were grafters, that the T.-R. defends the grafters because it has refused to believe all of the Homestead's charges until there has been an adjudication on the evidence. Then the Homestead says: "To just such an extent as their attempted defense of a corrupt system and a corrupt gang of men results in such pernicious methods, which have already robbed the state treasury of many thousands of dollars, we plainly and unequivocally repeat that the Times-Republican is a corrupt newspaper."

Now if that were all the Times-Republican might force the Homestead to recant or pay damages for Pierce has no right to call a newspaper corrupt merely because its attitude toward a public question might shield somebody else in doing a corrupt thing. The newspaper could be mistaken and be free from any corruption itself. But the Homestead, having boldly called the T.-R. a contingently corrupt newspaper for the effect it will have upon its readers who are not acquainted with the law of libel, then proceeds in the very next paragraph to fix itself so it can plead no intent to cast any sus-

pleion upon the integrity of the Times-Republican by saying:

"The Homestead does not charge in the above, nor has it ever charged, that the Times-Republican shared in the illegal swag taken by state printers. Neither do we intend to imply that its editorial policies are dictated by financial considerations. These are things we know nothing about. A man is judged by the company he keeps and just so far as the Times-Republican has chosen to associate politically with the corrupt state printing gang, to just upon its head as an accessory after, if not before, the fact."

This is the last paragraph in the third of a series of long articles the effect of which upon a reader is to make it appear that the Homestead has called the Times-Republican corrupt. If it should turn out after a trial in court that the state printers were not grafters or corrupt then the Times-Republican has not even defended or associated with a corrupt gang and the Times-Republican is in no position to prove that they are corrupt. Pierce, of the Homestead, tried that and the legislative committee appointed by Harding turned him down on his own evidence.

This sneaking kind of journalism is characteristic of the man. He has jumped on to Steve Hill, a competitor in the job printing business, accusing him of having been indicted for entering into an illegal combination as to printing. Hill says that he was not indicted personally but that the officers of an association of which he was a member were fined and that he helped to pay their fines. He further says that the manager of Pierce's printing plant was a member of that same association, paid dues and it was understood he represented Pierce in the association but, as Hill says, Pierce got mad at the other members and inspired the court proceedings against them denying that his company was ever a member and making the manager the goat. The association was one composed of fourteen print shops out of thirty-six in Des Moines who hired an expert to figure costs on jobs and his figures were used by all of the members in bidding just as fire insurance companies base rates on the findings of a rating bureau. They thought that they had a legal right to do this because there were more printers outside than in their association but they found out differently. If Hill's story is true Pierce is the kind of a man who would scuttle his own ship in order to get even with his own crew. His attacks upon other editors in the Homestead read like Hill's story.

Every man will come and go, but in the university of Iowa and over the state in which he was widely known, the useful life, the constructive work, the unflinching sense of humor, the broad interest in his fellow men and especially in young people, of William Craik Wilcox will always be a refreshing memory. Especially for those last two years in which he lived on borrowed time and died with the harness on, never telling others about his struggle, will his life be an inspiration to those who were his neighbors and friends, and to all young people who were touched by his influence.

Topics of the Times

The subs might be working on the whole British fleet just off the harbor but they couldn't get a glance for that baseball crowd until after the last man was out in the ninth.

Of course a straw vote doesn't count in the result but it is a little noticeable how the Harding managers avoid taking them or if they have taken any avoid publishing the results.

If some fellows knew as much about finance as they profess to know about baseball they'd make the Morgans and Guggenheims look like bush leaguers.

If this price thing keeps on a man will have to send an order for groceries in an aeroplane.

The sensational part of it isn't the Mann law but the "respectable and wealthy" personages who seem to run afoul of its provisions.

The "new submarine" problem does seem to be so much of a problem. When it comes to the sub as a war weapon no nation would agree to eliminating it. And if it has a right to stop and sink an enemy's ship under conditions and observes those conditions it surely has a right to operate anywhere outside the three mile limit. What we are trying to do without "problems" is to adjust rules for a game that includes murder and destruction of property and still keep our self respect; and that's a hard problem.

There are different kinds of fits, fits and fits as it were.

The old Scotch drinkers used to assert that a man wasn't drunk so long as he could lie still. Some folks insist that if a man can "navigate" he is still sober and some consider that a twisted tongue is the only test. However, some of the symptoms usually make themselves manifest after a few four finger hookers.

Mr. Meredith can afford to spend his money and not get the governorship.—Sioux City Journal.

It is not against Mr. Meredith that he has gained wealth honestly and with credit to himself among those who know how he got it. He can afford to lose for he is spending his own money. But can a candidate for whom money has been poured out like water by his "friends" afford to spend the money and not get the governorship? And why not?

The Aerial Age publishes a list of about 500 names of American aviators "who have flown heavier than air machines" and ends the long parallel columns with "to be continued." Aviators are getting pretty common in the United States. And it was only the other day that 10,000 or more people gathered at the Marshall county fair grounds to get their first glimpse of a flying machine in action.

IOWA OPINION AND NOTES.

Another wonder to the Waterloo Times-Tribune these times, is "how they can get enough money together to buy the paper for all the money they are making in Mexico."

"Hughes and Fairbanks represents rebuilding America with American money," says the Des Moines Capital. "They represent the home market, the best in the world. They represent a

full treasury without annoying taxation at home. The voter can settle these matters on Nov. 7 by voting for Hughes and Fairbanks."

"It has been claimed that there are many workers who do as much work in eight hours as they formerly did in ten. And that may be true," admits the Burlington Hawkeye. "For the man who works eight hours, probably has used practically all his nerve force. But there are also workers who do less proportionately, or relatively speaking, in eight hours than they did in ten. Or, to put in another way, who do more "soldiering" in eight hours than they formerly did in ten."

The Waterloo Courier hopes "When the world's series is over, there'll be some chance for a man to talk a little politics and get a hearing."

To the Castana Times "it is doubtful if the Sioux City Tribune can get Mr. Harding with it before election, but the indications are that Mr. Harding after the election will wish he had."

"When woman meets woman in political joint debate then comes the struggle to have the last word," says the Des Moines Register.

"Frank Gotch has decided to stump the state in the interest of Candidate Harding. The wrestling fan support in Iowa would not elect a constable," remarks the Burlington Gazette.

Iowa Newspapers

DEAN WILCOX. [Iowa City Citizen.] Other men will come and go, but in the university of Iowa and over the state in which he was widely known, the useful life, the constructive work, the unflinching sense of humor, the broad interest in his fellow men and especially in young people, of William Craik Wilcox will always be a refreshing memory. Especially for those last two years in which he lived on borrowed time and died with the harness on, never telling others about his struggle, will his life be an inspiration to those who were his neighbors and friends, and to all young people who were touched by his influence.

MAKE HIM A COUNTY OFFICER.

[Davenport Democrat.] Every man will come and go, but in the university of Iowa and over the state in which he was widely known, the useful life, the constructive work, the unflinching sense of humor, the broad interest in his fellow men and especially in young people, of William Craik Wilcox will always be a refreshing memory. Especially for those last two years in which he lived on borrowed time and died with the harness on, never telling others about his struggle, will his life be an inspiration to those who were his neighbors and friends, and to all young people who were touched by his influence.

MUDDLING MUD ROADS ISSUE.

[Sioux City Tribune.] The utter insincerity of W. L. Harding on the road issue has been again demonstrated by himself. Mr. Harding is reported in an authorized interview in the Des Moines Capital of Oct. 7, asking the following statement: "Gravel roads won't last. There is nothing to hold them to the ground and they go to pieces and are no good after very long. And they cost from \$7,500 per mile on up things you go building them with gravel that you have to ship in."

He made this statement in his speech at Ottumwa last Friday night, speaking in a district where the bogus road issue has been widely agitated by him.

But under date of Jan. 8, 1915, he wrote the following letter to Mr. F. J. Tischenbanner of Gilmore City, who has quoted this letter in support of Mr. Harding several times during the campaign: "I am pleased to know that you are interested in good roads. This is a subject that is dear to my heart. I trust that the coming legislature will be able to do something that will help in building good, graveled roads in Iowa. Any suggestion you make will be appreciated. W. L. Harding."

Here is only one more bit of evidence of Harding's willingness to adopt any issue that will, in his opinion, bring him votes. He not only went on record for gravel roads, but he also signed a petition at that time wanted the legislature to pass laws which would help Iowa to obtain them.

He voted for paved roads, declared himself in favor of gravel roads, but now is trying to fool the people into believing he is trying to defend them from alleged extravagant road programs.

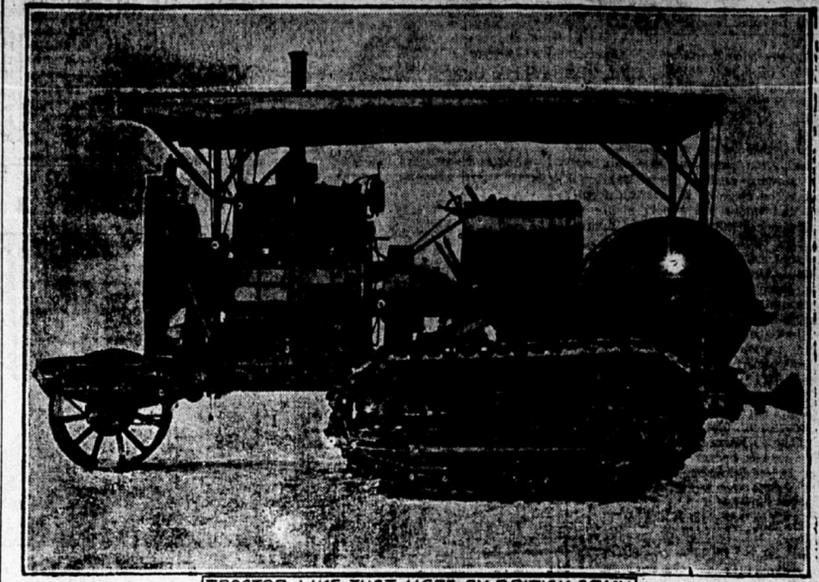
STATE PARKS.

[Burlington Hawkeye.] In all probability few Iowans had ever given the matter of state parks for Iowa a thought, until Senator Kenyon sought to interest the United States senate in a project, which was surely of value. However, the senate would have none of it. Now the program seems apt to be changed, and the state of Iowa may be asked to do for herself what the senate of the United States refused to do for her.

The fact that other states are proceeding to secure great playgrounds, great camping grounds for their people, should help to awaken that public interest in our state without which no project can hope for success. It ought to prove of interest to many Iowans, who have heretofore never given the subject thought that Illinois has state parks which prove a real boon to her people, and is now planning another in the northern part of the state. A United States senator for Indiana is trying to interest the people of his state in the sand dunes that border the southern shores of Lake Michigan. Here is another project that would eventually prove of lasting benefit to the people of the Hoosier state and adjoining commonwealths. There would be a field for the scientific forester and no doubt, in some way the greater part of that wilderness might in time be converted into grand forests, and still there might be left in the natural state, sufficient of the sand and waste to make it something that would attract and interest millions of tourists.

Thomas Taggart is a man who does things. Between the United States senate and his own state there seems little doubt that he will solve the problem in some manner. He has been in Illinois making rapid strides, it appears as if Iowa should hesitate no longer and follow the example of these neighbors create for herself beautiful playgrounds, which will be the pride of generations yet unborn. Here is an opportunity for some members of the

BRITISH ARMORED BATTLE "TANKS" ARE A MODIFIED AMERICAN INVENTION



TRACTOR, LIKE THAT USED BY BRITISH ARMY made almost as long as the frame of the car for war purposes they may have been.

The British armored tractors, or "tanks," which have distinguished themselves in the battle of the Somme by smashing German opposition to their advance, are made out of "caterpillar" tractors, built in America. The British completed car, the American manufacturers believe, is made simply by enlarging the platform on the tractor so that it extends over most of the machinery and furnishes room for machine guns and their crews and by covering the whole with a tortoise shell of steel armor. The machine has a fore wheel which is used only for guiding purposes, and indeed in the smaller type of farm tractor is absent. No weight rests on this wheel; it could be removed altogether without causing the frame of the tractor to dip more than a few inches. The weight is carried on the two "caterpillars." These consist of two belts with corrugated surfaces on the inside of each of which are two lines of steel rails jointed in short sections and operated by sprocket wheels. As the endless belt turns with the progression of the machine the forward sprocket wheel lays down the track and the rear one picks it up again. On the rails thus laid down roll the wheels on which the machine is supported—five wheels to a side, on trucks something like miniatures of those used on railroad cars. They run only on the steel rails and the rails are supported on the belt of steel plates two feet wide. The newest and largest of the machines which are the basis of the "tanks" are about twenty-three feet long and nine feet over all. The "caterpillars," which are well toward the rear, are normally about seven feet long—that is to say, about seven feet of belt and rails are on the ground at one time. But it is a simple matter to lengthen the "caterpillar" by inserting

lowa legislature to confer a real boon upon the state and to build themselves a monument more enduring than granite or bronze.

HE DOES NOT ANSWER.

[Des Moines Register.] The charges against Harding relate to his fitness for governor. He does not answer them. His friends do not answer them. They reply by charging the Register with personal animus. They seek to limit the revolt against Harding to one newspaper, when it is a state uprising, transcending the possibility of being personal in character. Mr. Harding need not answer the Register.

Let him answer the resolutions passed by the Methodist conferences of Iowa (his own church), the Congregationalists, the Baptists, the Christians, the ministerial association of his own city.

Let him answer former Speaker Paul Stillman, who served with him in the legislature.

Let him answer the Fort Dodge Messenger and the 200 republicans of Webster county, who issued a signed protest against his election.

Let him answer his home newspaper, the Sioux City Tribune, and its exposure of the Kelly forgery.

Let him answer the Waterloo Courier.

Let him answer C. B. Hutchins, co-worker on the insurance committee of the house.

Let him answer Bishop Stuntz.

Let him answer former Governor Garst.

Let him answer his devoted followers, the wet democrats of Crawford county.

Finally, let him answer this question: Will you, if elected governor, veto any bill looking to the return of the saloon or the legalization of the sale of liquor which may be passed by the legislature?

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

Salted Down

I saved five dollars every week, against the day that's wet and dank. Sometimes it made my spirit shriek, to put that plunder in the bank. For there were sights I longed to see, and junketings I wished to make; I was as such a strain on me, I thought my old tin head would break. But Susan Jane, my thrifty wife, was always watching at my side; and she would say, "You bet your life, you do not let the kopecks slide. Our strong-box must not spring a leak," my wife would say, in solemn tones; "and at the end of every week, you'll pickle five gunmetal bones." I used to wish that Susan Jane were more like other wives I know, that she would think it safe and sane to let the coin for pleasure go. Then I lay down with divers ills, and spent three weary months in bed, and politics upon my head. We paid the druggist and the nurse, the doc, who brought me back to health; and if I dodged the village hearse, it was because I'd saved some wealth. To every man there comes a day when Fortune wears a gloomy frown; and, while you're earning coin, say, it's wise to salt some rubles down.

Harding's Game Is Working

Carl Dixon, having traveled with Harding for a week and then with Meredith for a week representing the Des Moines Capital says that Harding is catching the farmer on the paved road scare and will be elected in spite of the revolt of dry republicans unless there is a greater change between now and election. He says: The odds are in favor of Harding. After visiting both fronts and watching both men and their allies in action I conclude that if November's votes were counted tomorrow Lieutenant Governor Harding would relieve George W. Clarke in the governor's chair.

Four weeks can wreck most any political man-o-war. It has been demonstrated in our own state of Iowa. Six weeks before the primary election Attorney General George Cosson would have won the republican nomination by a pleasant majority. In the four weeks that followed the Harding forces threw the road issue into the sea and caused a storm that swamped the Cosson craft. The lieutenant governor then sailed on to victory without resistance. Anything can happen between now and November 1. But the forecast indicates political calm with no revolutions on the horizon.

Harding Slick Campaigner. Both Harding and Meredith are making votes. But Harding is making them faster. A week with the lieutenant governor gives one reason to believe that the late Senator Dolliver has an equal in the great game of campaigning. Harding is about the best campaigner either party has turned out in recent years.

And I say this without reference to the merit of the arguments he is using. All the things he is accused of may be true, but it would be hard to believe them after hearing him. The lieutenant governor is a very good orator. He has a stock of excellent funny stories that break the ice. His geniality is catching. And, regardless of what may be the real situation, the lieutenant governor is convincing large numbers of voters that the saloon question is settled.

He therefore finds it unnecessary, except in a few instances, to pay any attention to the accusation that he is "wet." So he doesn't.

Meredith's Sincerity Noticeable. Mr. Meredith is not the campaigner or the speaker that Mr. Harding is. He says what he has to say with just a little interruption by applause as possible. His style is simple and direct. I have attended meetings where Mr. Meredith has not given the crowd opportunity to applaud until he had finished. Mr. Meredith is convincing in his earnestness. He is convincing many voters that Mr. Harding is wet and his election would be detrimental to the state. He is convincing many voters that he is not the paved roads boss issue man that Harding talks about. And he is making a ripping good road speech that is winning converts to the cause of good roads.

So both are making votes—one with the aid of his oratory and the other thru his earnestness.

On the other hand there was much evidence of democrats swinging to the side of Harding. I talked to many of the democrats—county chairmen, committeemen, and postmasters—who directed Meredith's county tours who said there were some democrats who would vote for Harding. They named men in their own community whom they knew to be opposing the democratic nominee. In many communities, I found that many democrats had changed party affiliation to vote for Harding in the primaries.

Wet Democrats For Harding. In Ottumwa there were 168 changes in party affiliation. I was informed. The majority of these occurred in one ward, a wet ward.

So there will be much crossing of party lines in November. The wets will vote for Harding. The farmers are going to vote for Harding in large numbers on the road issue and the road issue alone. The number of republicans who will vote for Meredith will be surprising.

Mr. Meredith and Mr. Harding are both drawing good audiences. Creation was an example. Mr. Meredith spoke there a few days previous to Harding's coming. He packed the house and turned them away. So did Harding.

To summarize the situation: Harding is the stronger candidate today because of the following he has among the farmers on the road issue. He is making votes on the road issue every day. If Meredith could win the confidence of the farmers on the road issue, there would be a good reason to believe Harding might be defeated. Thousands of republicans will vote for Meredith. Thousands of democrats will vote for Harding.



Howard L. Rann "Of shoes and strips and sealing wax-of cabbages & kings"

THE DROUTH.

The drouth is a long, dry spell followed by a series of sharp explosions in the wheat pit. It is also followed by the agonized accents of the rural speculator who invests in somebody else's money and was promptly punctured while reading up on the Sunday school lesson.

The drouth is caused by a total absence of rain in places where a little would go a long way. One of the strange and inscrutable mysteries of this fleeting life below is why the rain should fall with such fervor and exuberance in the spring of the year, when everybody wants to plant corn or try out a new automobile, and then as soon as summer opens up withdraw from the immediate vicinity and the lightning bolts to dry up but the political orator. In the spring it is harder to head off a soaking rain than it is to discourage a visiting clergyman who is accustomed to speak without notes or mēcy, but just see as soon as hot weather sets in and raises large, luminous blisters on the common people not enough rain will fall to properly water one perspiring citizen.

A drouth which has not been advertised in advance is a big asset to successful gambling on the price of December corn, wheat and other breakfast foods. Many a man has bought a few million bushels of No. 1 wheat long before it began to peep shyly from the ground, in the hope that a double-reared drouth would cause it to wither from the ankles up.



Not enough rain will fall to properly water one perspiring citizen

price of wheat, however, are now living in peaceful seclusion at the expense of an industrious father-in-law, the ratio of pluniers who beat the game being about the same as that which holds good in bucking a slot machine. The drouth is a very uncomfortable article to live with, but it is easier to get along with than some people, to which let us give thanks.