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When Bell Does Calhoun Politics He Helps Johnson

CANDIDATE THEODORE BELL appears to have introduced in the going campaign an element of gratuitous and quite superfluous personal acrimony which constitutes a grave tactical blunder on his part.

Mr. Bell, in a word, is traveling up and down the country abusing Hiram Johnson because, being a lawyer, he took pay for his services to the graft prosecution.

It need not be inquired what Mr. Bell was doing in all those stirring times. Presumably he was earning a living by the practice of his profession, a right which now he seems to deny to Hiram Johnson.

The Call does not desire to import any partisan or political acrimony into this discussion—it scarcely ranks as a controversy—and believes it has given a fair and reasonable statement of the facts without passion or prejudice.

The people of California know quite well that Hiram Johnson took a man's part and did magnificent service in aid of the graft prosecutions. If the voters had for the moment forgotten the character of Johnson's work in this relation they would at this season of debate be convincingly reminded of it by the hostile and abusive attitude of the San Francisco Post, which is Patrick Calhoun's kept organ.

The Call would not charge Mr. Bell with making a conscious alliance with Mr. Calhoun. It merely points to the support he is getting from that quarter as a symptom of underlying conditions and as convincing proof that Hiram Johnson did his full duty, and more as far as the graft prosecutions were concerned.

Mr. Bell can not be congratulated on the dubious character of the support he is receiving from all the forces of reaction and corruption, and when he impugns Mr. Johnson's course in relation to the prosecutions he in a measure identifies himself with that cause.

AGITATION against the billboard nuisance has become national in its scope, extending now from Massachusetts in the east to the Pacific states. The whole country is beginning to realize the extent of the disfigurement of streets and thoroughfares and the defacement of natural scenery due to this form of advertising.

The agitation takes many forms. The women of a western town asked their grocers to remove from the fences signs advertising a certain cereal which had assumed offensive prominence. The request was refused, and thereupon the women agreed among themselves to buy none of that particular article.

In a village community tactics of this sort can be made effective, but in the larger towns legislation is required. The Christian Science Monitor, reviewing the progress of the movement, tells what has been done in Cincinnati and other cities:

The Hon. John W. Peck, chairman of the legislative committee, Businessmen's club, Cincinnati, O., says there is only one phase of the billboard nuisance that is really open to discussion, and this is the legal "It is one of the strange anomalies of our modern civic life that we spend annually millions of dollars in the beautification of our cities by the development of our parks, the construction of boulevards, the cultivation of trees, flowers and shrubbery, the erection of statues and fountains and otherwise," he says, "and yet we permit the beautifying effects of all this painstaking expenditure to be to a great extent offset by the cheapest and commonest of defacements—the billboard."

:-: The Boomerang Thrower :-:



many states are waging war upon the billboard, devoting their efforts not to its abolition but to its regulation. In European cities the business of street advertising is subject to the strictest regulation, for the obvious reason that if a town is to be made attractive to strangers the sightliness of its thoroughfares is a matter of prime consideration.

REAR ADMIRAL ROBLEY D. EVANS regards it as a sign of naval progress and modernity in this country that the department is engaged in the installation of oil burning apparatus on the ships, and he remarks that this movement is having a wide extension in countries where naval development is up to date.

In my opinion, it is keeping ahead of either of them. This is true not only in the way of construction, but in what I should call the battle efficiency of ships and men. I fought for the dreadnought for a long time. One of our modern types is the equal of three ordinary battleships, and the new 14 inch gun dreadnoughts will have even much greater efficiency.

If we are to have, as we must have, a big fleet in Pacific waters the ships should all be equipped to burn oil because supplies of that fuel on this coast are inexhaustible and cheap, whereas coal is scarce and costly.

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Good Fight Waged in "The Day of Souls"

Many a reader will follow the good fight of the hero of "The Day of Souls" and witness the waging of battles which have seemed peculiarly his own. The novel is great because it shows the human soul in a crisis. It is the outgrowth of the experiences and adventures of Charles Tenney Jackson, its author.

Abe Martin

SAVINGS BANKS—M. E. M. Alameda. What savings banks were there in San Francisco in 1870, and where were they located? Hibernia, Market and Montgomery streets; Savings and loan society, 619 Clay street; French savings bank, 411 Bush street; San Francisco savings union, 522 California street; California building and loan, 405 California street; Odd Fellows' savings bank, Odd Fellows' building; Farmers' and Mechanics' savings bank, 425 Sansome street; German savings bank, 513 California street.

Gossip of Railwaymen

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Uncle Walt

The Poet Philosopher

The farmer, in his pasture steep, has reared a flock of healthy sheep. He takes his trusty shears and ax, and cuts the wool off their broad backs, and then he takes the wool to town, and for it gets some roubles down, and then the children have new hats, the daughters blow themselves for rats.



WALT MASON

The Morning Chit-Chat

Do you know of any unusual way in which a woman can earn, either all her bread and butter or just a little butter to go with the bread with which she may already be supplied?

Flower growing is an occupation which is attracting more women year after year. Those who think that simply a love of flowers is sufficient stock in trade for that business, are finding "in school of tribulation the folly of their expectations."

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ANSWERS TO QUERIES

KHAYYAM—E. R. Oakland. Who was Omar Khayyam, where was he born and what was his "Ruhnama"? Ghilzath-Ud-Deen Abufath Omar Bin Ibrahim Al Khayyame, who derived the name Khayyam (tent maker) from his father's trade, was born in Nishapur, Persia, about 1025 and died 1123.

PERSONS IN THE NEWS

CHARLES J. HUGHES, a prominent attorney of Colorado, returned from the Hawaiian Islands yesterday with his family and took apartments at the Palace. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hughes and Lafayette M. Hughes accompany him. He has been ill and the trip was taken to restore his health.