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ARIZONAN.

The voters of the new state of Arizona have added another corporation scalp-lock to their belts by renominating G. W. P. Hunt for governor.

Incidentally, the large democratic vote in the primaries would seem to indicate that Arizona will be found in the Wilson column in November.

THE HEALTH PRIMER.

Down in New York city—a good lesson for South Bend—the tenement house department has gotten out a kind of primer which it is distributing to thousands of tenement dwellers in the metropolis.

"Do you want to get sick? "Do you want to lose a day's pay? "Do you want to pay doctors' and undertakers' bills?"

"You can keep flies out of your house by properly screening the windows.

"You can refuse to buy fruits, vegetables and meats that are not properly protected from flies.

"You can keep your food covered so as to protect it from the germ-laden dust and flies."

"There is a section devoted to fire precautions. "Do you know how to turn in a fire alarm? "

"Do you know what to do in case of fire in your house? "Don't you think it time for you to find out?"

"Here is south Bend, where it is so difficult to get the city authorities to move; where insanitary conditions are permitted along the various lines covered, because the mayor and health board lack the nerve to compel the board of works to attend to its legitimate business."

THE LAND TORPEDO.

On the heels of the new British motor "tank" that is wreaking such havoc on the Somme battle front comes the announcement of a monster just as strange and fearsome invented by an American.

It seems impossible, on the face of things, that any human contrivance could do this. But the "subterranean" invented by Clifford B. Marje, a civil engineer of New York, is said to have actually been built and tried out on Staten island, with such success that one of the European powers is bidding for its purchase.

The land torpedo is described as a cylinder forty feet long and eight feet in diameter, with small, rigid fins all around it to keep it steady in its course.

The torpedo once aimed and launched underground,

its progress is noted by the length of cable paid out and by the use of a microphone. It averages between 40 and 100 feet an hour.

Such a device is obviously of great value either in attacking a fort or in trench fighting. With a few such torpedoes, if they are all that their inventor claims, it should be a simple matter to blow up any of the elaborate subterranean defenses in France or Belgium.

Incidentally, it would be interesting to know whether our own government is taking any interest in the device. Most of our big war inventions have been ignored at Washington and snapped up by other nations.

PUBLIC BUSINESS MANAGERS.

Ten years ago the "city manager" was unheard of in America. Five years ago the city-manager policy was just beginning to get itself talked about as a curious and instructive German idea.

Then some of the more adventurous cities began, one by one, adopting the new plan experimentally, as an adjunct to the city commission plan.

After three years of trial it is possible to form a pretty fair notion of the value of the plan. There are now 40 American municipalities with city managers.

It is too much to hope that the same principle will eventually find its way into state government. In general, there is little more reason for injecting national politics into state elections than there was for injecting national politics into city elections.

UNSATISFACTORY NAMES.

Charles Deadhead wants the Louisiana legislature to change his name to Charles Head. His unfortunate cognomen, he says, has made his life miserable.

Mr. Deadhead deserves to have his name changed. And so does any man whose name discommodes him in personal and business relations.

Most citizens will agree with the National Association of Credit Men that no laws should be passed affecting business "except those that are absolutely necessary."

The eight hour day is typified by Hughes as "the surrender of principle to the physical force."

Grain crops are poor, fruit is mostly a failure, but thank Heaven, there are plenty of apples—two bushels of them for every man, woman and child of us, making about ten bushels to a family.

Shonts, who refuses to arbitrate the New York street railway trouble, ought to caucus with those steam railway magnates who have suddenly discovered that arbitration is the most blessed boon ever tendered railway managements.

To the casual observer it would seem that Japan is entirely too ready with profuse assurances that her demands upon China are harmless.

Illinois has apparently repudiated William Lorimer, which is evidence that Illinois is, at least, trying to be decent.

New Jersey is starting a great mosquito-killing campaign—after the mosquito season is over. Its way American communities usually fight the mosquitoes.

Ford says there'll be no war when everybody owns an auto. Henry has now got his peace mission headed so that it'll bring home the bacon.

The rate of gain in the democratic vote in Maine carried through the nation means an overwhelming victory for Woodrow Wilson.

The G. O. P. must feel, over the Maine election, about like a man who has just taken his grandfather's watch out of soak.

Roosevelt attacking peace; Hughes attacking prosperity; Sherman attacking labor, and Penrose defying the people!

Uncle Sam now operates railroads in Alaska, Panama and Manila.

Some Reasons Why Hugh's Speeches Are Disappointing

The Woodrow Wilson Independent League, with headquarters at 280 Madison av. New York City, has offered a prize of \$100 for the best answer in 150 words, to the question "Why Have Hughes' Speeches Been So Disappointing?"

The reason for this invitation being sent out by the league is interesting. Mr. Norman Hapgood, vice-chairman of the league, writing in the Independent, made five suggestions about the reason and offered a year's subscription to anybody who could make a better suggestion.

Mr. Hapgood's magazine article, referring to Mr. Hughes, said "A newspaper in the west offers good prizes to anybody who can make him say anything comprehensible. Papers that once supported him have backed away as they waited vainly for some constructive stand."

Five Suggestions. 1. It is rumored, though I know nothing of the truth of this rumor, that the president of the United States finds the explanation in the now famous, "100 per cent candidate."

2. Another eminent gentleman, high in councils of state, told me he thought the cause lay further back: "When I was on the bench I was 100 per cent Judge."

3. A prominent editor, supporting Hughes, said to me: "It is good politics for him to talk a lot but not say anything. Votes that change, change to Wilson. Hughes's business is to rely on the fact that the republican vote is normally higher than the democratic, and play very safe."

4. An explanation that is at least shrewd is offered by the Bellman, of Minneapolis. It says: "Someone has given the unfortunate gentleman what in the vernacular is known as the wrong steer. It is shrewdly suspected that Col. Roosevelt may be responsible. That gentleman would probably not be utterly heartbroken if Mr. Hughes failed of election thereby giving him a free field four years hence."

5. Another guess is this, and it is my own: Hughes is a good lawyer. He presents a case well. But who can present a case well when the case has no foundation? It is a well-known adage in the law that if you have no case, your safest course is to abuse, the opposing side. If the reader can send me an explanation more plausible than any of those five, I will send him a year's subscription to the Independent."

Answers From Readers. A few of the answers from the readers will give an idea of the general trend of the explanation.

Prof. C. Alphonso Smith of the University of Virginia says: "The mathematician Todhunter once brought a railing accusation against Shakespeare because the great dramatist uses such expression as 'more beautiful,' 'most dreadful,' etc. 'Beautiful' means full of beauty and 'dreadful' means full of dread. But if a thing is full, it can't be made any fuller. The kind of mind exemplified here,—the analytic, circumscribed, visionless—is the Hughes type. The constructive idealist whom he berated had the Wilson type. Failure to re-elect President Wilson would be a tragedy; the election of Mr. Hughes would be a comedy."

A good many discussed the matter from the point of view of legal and judicial limitations; for example, J. A. Gunn, president of the Gould Balance Valve Co. of Kellogg, Ia., says: "Hughes' training as a supreme judge forced him to confine his decisions to the briefs prepared by the attorneys for the litigants and to the opinions of other courts. He was not compelled to go outside of the arguments furnished him for a new point of view. Since he became a candidate he is following the same plan. He has accepted as his brief on the administration the arguments of Roosevelt regarding diplomatic relations, including the Lusitania matter; the arguments of Sen. Fall concerning Mexico; and the arguments of partisan politicians in Washington regarding appointments."

"That, to my mind, is what is the matter with Hughes."

Says He is Over Estimated. John T. Wyle, attorney of Springfield, Mo., says: "He was simply over-estimated. He does not measure up to the requirements of his job. In his entire career he has never shown any great quality— in his conduct of the insurance cases, he only had to collect and present evidence. The issues were easy and simple."

"Every lawyer wins his case on its merits, and seldom resorts to technicalities or irrelevant abuse. And every lawyer of experience, if for the plaintiff, knows he must win on the strength of his own case and not on the weakness of his adversary's case."

A number emphasize the difference between having a case and not having one.

Rev. Joseph H. Miller of the Presbyterian church in Huntsville, Tenn., says: "I am reminded of a story I read only this week of a negro who was arraigned before a Memphis judge. After some examination, the judge asked him if he had anything to

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THE PUP.

The pup's an infant blithe and gay, whose limited position presents a cold restraining bar to emulous ambition. He exercises legs and lungs in methods bright and clever. And great results arise from his intelligent endeavor: For as the pup pursues his tail or tunes his sturdy yell up, it helps his muscles to expand, to strengthen and develop.

But still, in spite of all his growth, enlargement and inflation, The pup can never reach beyond his goal and destination. He may acquire the honors of a ribbon or a medal, But his ancestral parents were canine and quadrupedal, And though he strives with all his young and gay, impulsive forces, He cannot shake the handicap of his ancestral sources.

The frowning fates impose on him, with unrelaxed insistence The sorrows and vicissitudes which cloud a dog's existence. Though he may love to dream himself a tiger or a leopard Instead of slave and helper to the hunter or the shepherd, Such aspirations all must come to round and empty zero For one whose name is Fido, Snip, Fritz, Fluffy, Shep or Nero.

A. B. B.

LITTLE, LOVELY HANDS. Somewhere, I know, is a hand quite as tender. And one just as daintily formed, There is—I don't doubt it—a hand quite as slender. With prettier jewels bestoried.

Somewhere, I know, is a hand that more often Would cease in its task of the day To ease, with a touch never failing to soften, A forehead on which worry lay. But I sing of hands that are actively plying, Whose days have no resting between, You'll find none so busy where ever you're trying, The hands o' my watch, dear, I mean.

THE HEIGHT OF IGNORANCE. "That man," growled old Cynic L. Kuss, "is so ignorant that if his brains were ink they would not make a recognizable period." The Moose seem to be as frozen out and fossilized as the mastodon.

Fish, Fish, Fish. Why shouldn't the betting odds favor Hughes? Those who feel that way have most at stake.

EVEN THE MOON. Gone is my relaxation, I'm back at work again; But thoughts of that vacation, Steal in and guide my pen. I went into the mountains, And spent two happy weeks; Stilled were Iacchus' fountains Between those hilly peaks.

So what I say sounds like a lie, But I'm not throwing bull;

say, and he replied; No judge I see just giving a throw myself on the ignorance ob de co't. This is what Mr. Hughes seems to be doing but I don't think the court he has to deal with now is as ignorant as he appears to think it is."

SOME BIG DIFFERENCE. "Ernest E. Haines of the department of science in public school in Roanoke, Ala., says: "Someone said, 'There is lots of difference between having something to say, and having to say something.'"

Some of the letters point out the lack of ardor that must have come over the candidate. For instance Mr. McLaughlin, attorney in Dillon, S. C., says: "The people are not interested in what he is saying, and therefore they are not enthusiastic and enthusiastic demonstration is absolutely essential to successful campaigning. An indifferent audience always chill a speaker, whether he be in the forum, the pulpit or on the stump."

Lack of courage is a frequent point made, as for example, Mr. Wm. P. Aiken of Canonsburg, Pa., says: "In the railroad dispute, Mr. Hughes says the very fundamental of our government have been overthrown. If so, how could he keep silent until it was too late to protest? He did not find his voice on this question until the president and congress had acted. It seems to me that he was just waiting until action was taken so that he could criticize no matter what was done."

Not Discreditable. "Mr. Joshua O'Leary of Worcester, Mass., writes: The reason Mr. Hughes in the present campaign, talks and talks and says so little seems to me one not essentially discreditable to him. It is because the candidate has a mind of a high order and trained by legal study and experience to give due weight to fact and accept the conclusions of logic. Mr. Hughes' mentality and training incline him to sustain a rightful cause and reject the fallacies of specious pleading. As a judge determining cases he could doubtless be depended on to follow his natural bent and decide according to the evidence, but as a candidate of the republican party, destitute as it is at this time of sterling principles and with issues, he has no scope for the exercise of his personal qualities."

"With truth and right on his side he could undoubtedly prove again as he proved in his campaign for the governorship of New York then he is capable of arousing the people and influencing their political action, but when he is constrained to assail for purely partisan purposes the eminently constructive and efficient administration of president and the great and enduring services rendered by the president to the country and humanity his failure is as inevitable as it is complete."

Bainbridge Colby, chairman of the progressive Wilson league, will act as final judge.

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