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Barth Laughs?

We all laugh at his evident intention of again bidding for the leadership of a straddle campaign, while his insatiable craving for the limelight leads us to give credence to the rumor that he is at heart after G. N. Haugen's scalp and will get it when the proper time comes. The following from his paper, the Cresco Times, prompts us to make a few remarks, however, in behalf of our choice for congress at the last election:—

"Speaking about political jokes, we smile as sympathetic smile when we think how G. A. Meyer was persuaded to abandon (only temporarily) the somewhat modest but strictly honorable occupation of buying hogs to become the Democratic candidate for congress; and we smile again (sympathetically, of course) when after he fell outside the breastworks buried under a cool 3000 majority for G. N. Haugen, his chief lieutenant who led the disastrous assault pretended to see a semblance of victory, although the candidate ran 200 votes behind the head of the democratic ticket. But when it is rumored that Mr. Meyer is actually planning to make the race again on the strength of the magnificent showing made in the last campaign, we laugh out loud in seven different languages."

In justice to Mr. Meyer we might add that he personally manages a 640 acre farm, and is making an exceptionally good six-year record as County Supervisor. As a side line he had Mr. Barth et al "going some" in the last campaign, an never even temporarily abandoned the "modest but honorable profession of buying hogs."

Allowing for a reasonable falling off in the congressional vote from that of the head of his ticket, he lead his ticket by at least a thousand in the district. And how did Mr. Barth's candidate run? And what was his ticket? Or why did he run 5000 behind the combined Taft and Roosevelt vote when it is a matter of common knowledge that both organizations supported him?

We understand that Barth's motto was: "To h—ll with principles—Stick to Haugen—We will get you the pie;" but as yet President Wilson has not seen fit to appoint on the recommendations of Mr. Barth.

We venture a guess that it makes Barth groan in seven different languages.—Ossian Bee.

The Real Mexican Conspiracy.

President Wilson is bitterly attacked by newspapers representing certain interests for not ordering the occupation of Mexico by United States troops.

These violent onslaughts are exactly like the assaults of which President McKinley was the victim, for his refusal to precipitate war with Spain.

The men who hounded McKinley are pursuing their familiar tactics against Wilson.

McKinley was abused grossly, traduced, assailed as a poltroon, and virtually threatened that unless he ordered action by a certain date congress would declare hostilities without consulting him.

High officials in McKinley's own administration went about Washington denouncing him openly as a coward, a man afraid to act.

A flamboyant New York editor led a chorus of coarse abuse that almost convinced many persons that McKinley, who had fought all through the civil war, was really a coward.

All this because President McKinley refused to plunge the nation into all the awful horrors of a war for which no preparations whatever had been made.

President Wilson is not the man to let his better judgment be swayed by those who seek army contracts or by the amiable patriots who would have American arms invade Mexico in order that they may reap fortunes from the sale of wildcat securities issued against Mexican prospects.

He will take no action toward Mexico except such as he knows to be right, after careful discussion of the situation with his cabinet.

In whatever course he may pursue, right thinking people of the United States, remembering the scurrilous conspiracy against McKinley, will support President Wilson steadfastly until his efforts have been crowned with success.—Chicago Journal

Costly Treatment.

"I was troubled with constipation and indigestion and spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and treatment," writes C. H. Hines, of Whitlow, Ark. "I went to a St. Louis hospital, also to a hospital in New Orleans, but no cure was effected. On returning home I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets, and worked right along. I used them for some time and am now all right." Sold by Fred Lowry.

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Our Washington Letter.

A threat of bush-whacking tactics to prevent currency legislation at this session has been heard in the Senate; Senators Gallinger, of New Hampshire, and Brandegee, of Connecticut, two of the standpat Republican leaders, practically threatened that unless assurances were given that there would be no attempt to pass the currency bill at the present session, the tariff debate would be prolonged. Democratic leaders deplored this attitude, declaring that there should be no delay over the passage of the tariff bill, for which the whole country is anxiously waiting in order to adjust business to the new tariff. The policy threatened by the Republicans of adding to the uncertainty of the country by delaying the tariff bill, merely to head off currency legislation was roundly censured.

The Republican Senators know that they cannot add anything to the store of information brought out in discussions of the tariff bill which have waged for years. They know that the people demand a reduction in the tariff and they know they cannot prevent the passage of the bill. But they can return to their old tactics of resorting to the filibuster and to bush-whacking methods in efforts to defeat as long as possible any remedial legislation, no matter how strong is the demand from the country for its passage.

The country for years has demanded legislation designed to give some measure of elasticity to the currency. President Wilson in forcefully making his plea to Congress for legislation at this session, declared a revision of the currency laws so as to make available a large volume of currency in times of stress and to prevent currency control by Wall Street for purposes of manipulation, was necessary to supplement the tariff bill. The effort to block currency legislation by making it an issue of petty party politics is one which the Democratic leaders believe the country will not endorse.

Another attack on currency legislation was publicly assailed in an official statement from the Secretary of the Treasury, when, in effect, he served notice on the banks that there will be no more home-made panics engineered by Wall Street banking interests for their financial or political gain. An effort to make political capital of the fact that government 2 per cent. bonds were selling below par acted as a boomerang when Secretary McAdoo made the direct charge that the bonds had been deliberately depressed by the big banking interests, such depression being calculated to stir opposition to the administration's currency measure. The Secretary's statement contained this significant paragraph:

"There is not going to be any financial trouble. The large crops now in prospect are going to be moved without any difficulty. And the powers of the Department will be exercised in their greatest amplitude for the protection of the business interests of the country."

Secretary McAdoo's statement is illumination following the earlier statements by President Wilson that he would make an example of any men or interests who attempted to manipulate the financial situation for their own gain.

Congressman Connolly, of the third district, was successful in retaining the Iowa internal revenue collector's office in Dubuque, when an effort was made by Congressman Prouty to have it removed to Des Moines. The discontinuance of the southern Iowa office was explained as a part of the administration's economy plan. The President feels that the business can be transacted in one office at a saving to the government and without impairing the service.

Taxable Values Given Big Boost.

The taxable value of farm lands and town lots was increased close to \$200,000,000 by the executive council sitting as a board of review. With a few exceptions city property was raised 10 per cent. over the assessed valuation made by the county boards. Rural property was raised as high as 89 per cent. In three counties the assessed valuation per acre was cut down. These counties were Franklin, Washington and Webster. In Linn County no change was made.

Farm values were reached by taking an average of several estimates of actual value based on sale prices. Twenty per cent. was lopped off to protect the owner of second and third class land as it was understood that most of the sales were of the best land. To put farm lands on an equal basis with town lots and credits another 20 per cent. was lopped off.

Howard County was given an increase of 3 per cent. in town lots and 21 per cent. on farm lands, which are taxed at a valuation of \$54.96 per acre.

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Currency and Crops.

When Secretary McAdoo first spoke of using gold from the national treasury vaults to help move the nation's crops, there was loud outcry from "conservative" journals and financiers. These good creatures hastened to tell the world that while it was perfectly proper to lend government money to stop a gambler's panic in Wall street, it is unwise, unconstitutional and immoral to use the same money in handling the nation's wheat and cotton.

Fortunately, Mr. McAdoo spoke early, and the idea had time to soak in. In spite of the pother raised by Wall street, the country at large looked on the plan, and found it good. The secretary no announces that \$50,000,000 of government money will be loaned to facilitate the crop movement, and the statement is accepted by nearly everyone as a just and proper use of the treasury's idle gold.

The money thus put to service will be deposited in banks of the west and south, instead of being sent to New York. The government will receive 2 and 2½ per cent interest—which is another new departure. When President Roosevelt loaned \$20,000,000 of treasury funds to "the great Morgan interests which were so friendly" to his administration, the government received no interest on its cash and Mr. Morgan reloaned this public money at 6 per cent. The Wilson administration seems to think that the federal government is entitled to as good treatment as a large private depositor.

When the currency system of the country is established on a sane and just basis, there may be no need for governmental help in moving the crops. Until that time arrives, the action of Secretary McAdoo will commend itself to all fair minded men.—Chicago Journal.

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An injunction was issued against the state and bonds fixed at \$5,000 in the case of each railroad.

After a conference during the forenoon the decision was handed down shortly after noon. The decision turns on the question of the power of the state to order lower rates, rather than the reasonableness of the proposed rate in question.

The railroads held that the state law was void because after fixing the rate at two cents a mile by law the legislature had no right to pick out a city with a fair having an attendance of 75,000 and "say that lower rates should be granted to it than other fairs or gatherings. The railroads admitted that probably they would make money with the lower rates, but said this was not the legal point involved.

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