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COX ON CONVERSATION

"I think that all utilities except that of agriculture should be held by the Government" declared the Democratic presidential nominee, James M. Cox, on March 27th, 1912, while serving as representative in Congress from the Third Ohio District. Congressman Cox was addressing himself to what was known as the three-year-homestead bill, and this statement will be found on page 3898 of the Congressional Record for the 62nd Congress, 2nd Session. The week previously, when Congressman Taylor, of Colorado, was explaining the measure, Mr. Cox asked him if he would favor amendments "which would hold all utilities and resources, save agriculture, to the Government," to which Mr. Taylor replied in the negative, following his answer later on by a hectic condemnation of the "monarchical policy of perpetually holding the West as imperial Crown lands, for Federal exploitation, for Federal jobs, and Federal revenue."

"I emphatically object to the Western States being treated as Federal provinces or insular possessions," continued Mr. Taylor. "We are an integral part of this Government. Our States were admitted on an absolute equality with the rest, and I will resist to the utmost of my ability this infamous scheme of trying to tax and unfairly burden and deprive the Western States of their just and equal rights in this Union."

Whatever may be the virtues of views of the Government conservation policy in years past, it is pretty generally conceded that Mr. Taylor, Democrat, and Mr. Mondell, Republican, who participated in the debate on the homestead bill, voiced the sentiment of a large portion of the West whose resources have been tied up by federal interference and assertion of power. Yet the disposition of the present Democratic candidate for the highest office in the land was sufficiently indicated in the debate on that bill. It is well for the West to take due notice of this circumstance, and to govern itself accordingly.

CHANGING STANDARDS

Perhaps this is an age of extravagance. Perhaps the country is in danger because we are passing through an orgy of spending. Yet the great extravagance always appears to be somewhere else.

Devils Lake men and women are living better than they did in the last generation. But did not the last generation live better than the preceding one? We remember when a boy hearing our grandfather bewailing the terrible extravagance of our father and our entire family, because our mother HAD A REAL STORE CARPET ON THE PARLOR FLOOR!

Our standard of living has changed. We do not live as our fathers did and our children will not live as we do. But is using the good things of the world, as God meant us to use them, to be classed as extravagance?

RAILROAD RATES

Some time ago the Railroad Administration established a new schedule of freight rates from interior points in the United States to Southern ports, the purpose of the new rates being to divert foreign commerce from New York and other congested Atlantic Coast ports to Southern ports. Now it is announced that one of the leading railroad companies, since return of the railroads to their private owners, will refuse to recognize these lower rates, but will insist upon collecting freight charges according to the old schedule.

At the time the Railroad Administration announced its reduction for the purpose of diverting railroad traffic from one section of the country to another, it was pointed out that the adoption of this policy might lead to injury to some commercial interests. If rates could be reduced in order to favor one section of the country they could be raised again to the disadvantage of that same section. This is apparently what will occur if any of the railroads on return to their private owners refuse to recognize the temporary rates established not on the basis of reasonableness for the service but for the purpose of directing channels of trade. The fixing of rates should be governed by some well established principle so that shippers and others interested may be able to form a reasonably safe judgment as to what the rates will be.

LET SUGAR MEN BEWARE

The men who are hoarding sugar and holding it for a still higher price are inviting a fate that should give the bravest pause. We do not refer to prosecutions by the Department of Justice or to anything that mere man can do to them. They are antagonizing the women—and that is something no man or set of men ever did and got away with it.

The women of Devils Lake have been taught to can and preserve for the winter. They have thriftily filled their cellars with good things—such good things—and to be deprived of this privilege is one no woman will endure. It is true that many of our housewives are putting fruit into jars without sugar, trusting that the precious and necessary commodity will be cheaper when the time comes to use it, but they are storing up their wrath against a day of reckoning. More power to them—and may they cause those who are producing this condition to tremble.

The times have been hard for the small newspaper these past few years. Paper shortage, high prices of everything, including labor, have more than doubled the cost of getting out a paper, yet many small papers have not been able to increase their income accordingly. Increased advertising rates did not always mean increased income. Often it meant decreased advertising and less profit. Hundreds of small papers have been compelled to suspend. The World has continued to give the people of Devils Lake a newspaper worthy of the place, and our rates both for advertising and subscription are still very low for the service given.

The Democratic Convention at San Francisco might be summed up in the world familiar to so many Democrats: "Wilson, that's all."

It appears that "hit 'em again" was the key-note of the Democratic National Convention. So this is the high-tide of Wilson Democracy.

The man in the White House controlled the delegates but not the voters.

WOMAN ADMITS KILLING HER OWN HUSBAND

Cavalier County Wife Is Facing Manslaughter Sentence

HUSBAND A CONVICT

Made Preparations Well In Advance Of The Shooting

Langdon, N. D., July 21.—Calm and unmoved by the serious charge which she faced, Mrs. Louis Godon, 55, has pleaded guilty to the charge of manslaughter in the first degree in connection with the shooting of her convict husband about 4 o'clock Saturday morning, July 3.

The defendant entered her plea before Judge A. G. Burr of the Cavalier county district court, now in session. Sentence will not be passed until at the close of the present term which will be some time next week, in the belief of court officials.

When questioned by the court, the woman defendant had little to say through her interpreter. She spoke in French and said that she thought she might have taken another course instead of firing the bullet which entered her husband's head when he fell dead in their bedroom of their rural home in Olga township.

In her confession to G. Granson, state's attorney of Cavalier county, Mrs. Godon told of sending her oldest son to Walthalla, N. D. to purchase the revolver from which she fired the fatal shot. Her husband had been paroled from the state penitentiary, having been convicted a number of years ago on a statutory charge on his step-daughter, 16 years old. He was sentenced to serve a term of 15 years and last spring was paroled, despite the protest of the state's attorney. Since his return he frequently blamed and quarreled with her, accusing her of not working to secure a full par-

don. The night of the shooting, he left the bedroom, upstairs in the farm house, went into another room and obtained a shotgun. Fearing her life, she went to another room, obtained the revolver and shot Godon as he entered their bedroom.

AT THE GRAND

An unknown element in dramatic screen production, the introduction of animal comedy to relieve tension, has been successfully practiced in "Back to God's Country," by James Oliver Curwood, adapted from his famous magazine story, "Wapi, the Walrus," which will be seen at the Grand Theatre, Monday and Tuesday.

Nell Shipman, popular American screen favorite, as Dolores; Wheeler Oakman, Wellington Playter and Charles Arling, in other roles in the cast, portray their parts with the aid and support of nearly two dozen animals, consisting of bears, wolves, lynx, fox, deer, mountain lions, raccoons, porcupines, goats and other forest beasts, trained to perfection by expert animal trainers.

Probably no picture production ever released has a more unusual array of animal talent. Cost of the animals, although great, was minor in comparison to the cost in time and patience to induce them to develop an affection or hatred toward the various cast members with whom they were to work.

Critics have placed a high approval on "Back to God's Country," and the local management promises it will be one of the most pleasing attractions to be seen at that theatre in several months. Be sure and bring the kids.

Sen. Harding A Progressive

Marion, Ohio, July 21.—The strongest possible appeal to progressive votes consistent with his past record will feature the speech of Warren G. Harding, republican presidential nominee, in his acceptance speech, it was stated authoritatively today. Harding is prepared to espouse progressive issues and will not stand as a reactionary or a stern conservative according to close advisors, here.

PROHIBITION PARTY IS TO GET IN RACE

"Drys" Will Name Head For Race To Be President

BRYAN OR SUNDAY

National Convention On At Lincoln, Is To Decide

Lincoln, Neb., July 21.—The prohibition party is preparing for a fight to a finish in the coming presidential campaign, according to W. G. Calderwood, vice chairman of the party's national committee and the various delegates here to attend the national convention which opened today.

Every delegate who has arrived thus far declares that a presidential ticket will be placed in the field and they are unanimous in the declaration that W. J. Bryan and "Billy" Sunday are the men who will head this ticket. The question of whether Mr. Bryan will consent to head the party ticket now is uppermost in the minds of the delegates and the opinion is freely expressed that if he refuses to accept the nomination it will be forced upon him.

Neither Mr. Bryan nor Mr. Sunday are expected to attend the convention and neither has yet signified whether he would be willing to run.

Mr. Calderwood issued a statement in which he said the only thing which could avert a national prohibition ticket would be "clear cut statement by Senator Harding or Governor Cox opposing any changes in the eighteenth amendment."

"We consider such a statement as impossible, however," he continued, "and we are preparing to go to the mat in the coming campaign."

While the delegates now here announce themselves as favoring Bryan, as first choice, all have some pet candidate whose interests they are furthering in case the Nebraskan is not

nominated or refuses the nomination. Dan A. Poling, 35 years old, international vice president of the Christian Endeavor Society, and who was gassed overseas, apparently has a strong following, and Clinton N. Howard of Rochester, New York, is another who is wasting no time in furthering his presidential aspirations. Robert Patton of Springfield, Charles H. Randall, representative in congress from California and Virgil G. Hinshaw of Chicago, are others who are said to be in a receptive mood concerning the nomination.

Buy government securities for your own welfare and your country's welfare and let no man induce you to unnecessarily part with them.

Harvey's Minstrels Visited The Grand

Grand theatre patrons were treated to another of Archie Miller's breaks from the sometimes seeming monotony of the movies, when Harvey's Minstrels made their appearance at the popular play house last night. The same company, visiting Devils Lake a year ago, made just as big a hit with an audience that filled every available seat, as it did on its first appearance here.

Mr. Miller, manager of the Grand, declares that in booking Harvey's Minstrels for entertainment here, was in line with his regular policy of giving the public "just what it wants—and doing it all the time."

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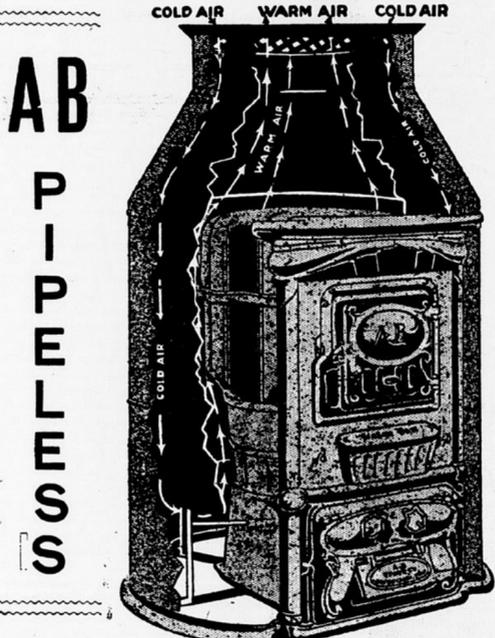
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