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"United We Win"

"United we stand; divided we fall" was a slogan which led to victory in the trying times before the founding of the American Republic. It is a truth which applies in all contests in which groups of individuals are engaged. It had peculiar application to believers in republican principles in 1912 and will be an appropriate motto for those same people to follow in 1916.

Republicans and progressives, regardless of party designation and regardless of the attitude of a few individuals who may possibly be actuated by ambition or other selfish motives, undoubtedly advocate government by law and not by men, encouragement rather than discouragement of individual initiative, intelligent protective tariff legislation, national preparedness, and Federal aid to good roads with the responsibility of initiative and location left to the states so that the system shall be cooperated rather than paternalistic. The democratic party, as such, is totally opposed to all these policies, as evidenced by both word and act.

Certainly the surest way of attaining these goals, is by coalition of the progressive with the republican party, and we see no excuse for any progressive refusing to affiliate again with the republican party. No one man or small group of men dominate that party, and if "boss ridden" is applicable at all it is certainly applicable to the progressive and the democratic parties, for one or two men wield more influence with those parties than any dozen of men do with the republican party. A division of the people believing in the same principles resulted in the election of the present administration in 1912. A continued division in 1916 may result in a perpetuation of this administration. We believe however, that a great majority of this country are sufficiently wise to realize the importance of rectification of the mistake of 1912 by uniting in the election of the republican nominees in 1916, whoever they may be.

Journalism Taught Farmers

The principles of scientific farming have been developed so rapidly in the last few years that there is now a special field in writing for men who are farmers. At the University of Missouri, many of the men who are studying agriculture are also taking a course in the school of journalism, the aim of which is to enable the students to write farm news for the agricultural press of the country. The course is given by Charles G. Ross, associate professor of journalism.

"The purpose of this course is not to make poor editors out of good farmers," says Mr. Ross, "but to teach good farmers how to write good English."

Mr. Ross says that there is a growing demand for men who are trained both in journalism and agriculture. A Missouri-Arkansas news letter, sent out by the St. Louis bureau of the United Press, regularly uses articles that are written by the students who are taking the course. Farm magazines are always ready to use well written stories concerning the farm and the farmers. "Very few of the students who complete this course ever leave the farm for journalism," says Mr. Ross. "Many of them, however, find it profitable to write articles concern-

ing their farm experience. A few of them have become editors. A. C. Page of Kansas City, a student of the college of agriculture who completed this course, is now editor of the Orangd Judd Farmer of Chicago."

Between fifty and sixty agricultural students take this journalism course yearly.

Evidence Piling Up

Once more the democratic administration has added its own testimony to the already large accumulation of evidence of its own errors of economic policy. Once more it has added to the mass of proof that it was democratic tariff legislation that turned the trade balance against us and the European war that turned the balance once more in our favor. By its own records, the democratic party is indicted, tried and convicted.

This latest contribution to its own discomfiture is in the form of a report of imports and exports for the month of July, which report has just been made public. For that month the balance in our favor was \$124,879,370. During the corresponding month in 1914 just before the war began, the balance was against the United States to the amount of \$5,528,344, whereas, in the same month in 1913, while republican laws were still in force, the balance was in our favor to the amount of \$21,929,008.

Every line of this July report confirms the assertion frequently made by republicans and denied by democrats, that it was the war that saved the industries of this country. Secretary Redfield is again discredited by the statisticians of his own department. No wonder that his retirement from the cabinet is considered imminent.

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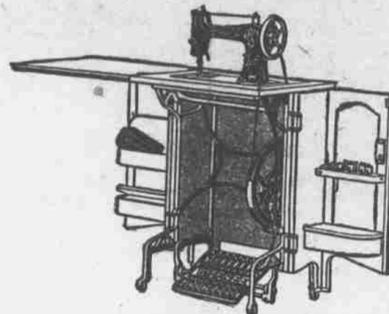
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