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AND the most significant fact in connection with Mr. Hughes' vigorous indictment of the Woodrow administration, about which the democratic editors are squirming while pretending indignation, is that he seems to be getting away with it.

If President Wilson specifically declares that the present war-made prosperity in this country is the result of the tariff enactments of his administration, the claim can no longer be made that he is sincere. It is entirely unlikely that the president will ever jeopardize his reputation either for intelligence or for honesty by venturing such a claim, except by remote and confusing implication.

AFTER all, the farmer much prefers to have a good home market in which he can get a fair price for his products and have a ready and profitable demand for all of them, perishable and otherwise, to having a plan fixed up by which he may borrow money that has to be paid back plus interest. Under a protective tariff administration, the only time he borrows is when he wants to add the quarter section next to his present holdings.

JUDGE Henry Lamm is not half-hearted in the assurance that when the people of Missouri elect him to the governorship, as they fully intend to do in November, he will clean out the gang which has disgraced the state at Jefferson City. This clean-up will not be merely a partisan shift, but it will be a change with a high business motive and a real reform purpose. The campaign in behalf of Judge Lamm's candidacy is one to "open the books" and to put the state government on a business basis.

OFF-SETTING Albert Nortoni are such Missouri progressives as Arthur M. Hyde, Irvin R. Kirkwood, Arthur N. Sager, E. C. Ellis, L. A. Ellis, George W. Schweer, John F. Cell, Ray Barnett, and scores of others who believe that the defeat of Woodrow Wilson is of the highest importance to the nation's future. Now that Mr. Nortoni insists on continuing in the role of a democratic aid society, after the nation's bitter experiences under democracy, the mask is off.

Better Days for Missouri

Thousands of democratic business men throughout Missouri have acclaimed the nomination of Walter S. Dickey for United States senator and have voluntarily pledged him their support on the ground that it is time to have a sagacious business man at Washington to give the wisdom and far-sightedness of large experience and habitually competent analysis to the great business problems that are pressing for proper solution by the government. A sane and clear-headed man of affairs in the senate from Missouri, they say, is sure to add greatly to the prestige of the state and invite to its borders the productive investment which has been so long withheld in spite of extraordinary resources and opportunities. Mr. Dickey already has a national reputation for commercial and industrial achievement, as well as for a rare patriotism and public spirit. His support in November will include men of all parties and all classes, who see in his assured election the promise of better days for Missouri.

Hughes Meetings in Missouri

The opening of the Missouri campaign on the part of the republicans will occur with the visit of Hon. Charles E. Hughes, the republican candidate for president, to the state the latter part of the week. There will be two great meetings in his honor and in honor of the great cause he represents. The first will be at Kansas City on Friday, September 1 and the other at St. Louis Saturday, September 2. At Kansas City Mr. Hughes will be at the Muehlebach, where a public reception will be held for him and republicans will be enabled to take their leader by the hand. The speaking at Kansas City will be at Convention Hall, where a crowd of 20,000 people is expected. At St. Louis a public reception for Mr. Hughes will be given at the Jefferson Hotel and everybody will have a chance to meet the republican chieftain. Mr. Hughes will speak at the Coliseum in the evening. Republicans throughout Missouri should attend either one or the other of these meetings, for there will be no other opportunity to see or hear the republican candidate during the campaign.

Road Dragging Time

Few farm tasks bring more pleasure than dragging roads, both to him who drags and to him who enjoys a ride over a well dragged road. It is a little hard on the horses ahead of the drag on a hot day but an occasional rest helps them out.

There is every opportunity to get good results from road dragging now. The weather is likely to remain reasonably well-settled and people have time both to drag and to use the roads. Chautauquas are about over, but county fairs, picnics, outings, and many similar festivities are made more enjoyable by the liberal use of the drag. Coal, building material, and supplies of all kinds can be hauled from town in much larger loads and in fewer trips if everyone along the road has done his share of the good work.

A well dragged road in front of the farm is a great satisfaction to the owner but why not give him the additional satisfaction of letting him know that you appreciate what he has done as you drive by? Why not tell him what you think and help establish a prize for the best dragged piece of road? There are few ways in which a little money will bring bigger results in road work than in stimulating friendly rivalry among the workers. A careful use of the drag may save the use of the road grader.—J. O. Rankin, Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station.

"Willingness to Change"

Much publicity is being given by the democratic press to the fact that Judge B. B. Lindsey of Denver, former democrat and Roosevelt supporter in 1912, has announced that he will support Woodrow Wilson. In announcing his reasons Judge Lindsey endorses Wilson's "willingness to change from his former position."

If the willingness to change from former positions will be an asset in this campaign, Woodrow Wilson will have a walk-away. Never has there been a president who has been as unstable in his views as the present incumbent. There is not a single important question that he has not been on both sides of in the last few years. No man knows today where Wilson will stand tomorrow on any public question. If shiftiness, inconsistency and ability to straddle on both sides of a question will appeal to the voting public, then Woodrow Wilson will be a formidable candidate.

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