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Republican Line Holding

The election result in New Mexico prove that the republican cause is stronger than ever. Last November there was a presidential election, in which the personality of Mr. Harding and the tremendous issue of American sovereignty involved in the league of nations accounted for much of the big republican majorities. Both of these factors were removed from the election recently held in New Mexico. Mr. Harding is safely in the white house, and the league, so far as American membership in it is concerned, is effectively disposed of. In spite of that fact the majority for Senator Bursum was just as great, in proportion to the total number of votes cast, as the majority for President Harding in New Mexico last year.

The democrats have tried hard to convince the country that the republican congress has failed to carry out its program announced when it convened last spring, and that President Harding has ignored many of the promises made in the campaign last year. But the facts disprove both charges, and the people have preferred to be guided by them rather than by the inspired partisanship of the administration's enemies. If the results in New Mexico indicate the trend of thought in the other states, a country-wide election today would roll up even greater republican majorities than were recorded last fall.

Savings Of Harding Administration

The economy program of the present administration under the director of the budget bureau is already bringing tangible results. In direct contradiction of claims of democratic leaders that the reported savings of this administration are on paper, the books of the treasury department show the operating expenses of the government for August were \$30,000,000 less than it was during July despite an increase of \$7,000,000 in payment of public debt and one of \$39,000,000 in payments to railroads under the government guarantee.

Of even more interest is the showing of savings made in running the government during July and August under the Harding administration. Some of the largest items of reduction are: war department, \$6,595,286; treasury department, \$7,760,310; department of commerce, \$4,137,162. Secretary Hughes operated the state department during these two months for \$318,250 less than his predecessor in corresponding months last year. The department of justice made a saving of \$120,240. It cost \$91,803 less to run the White House executive offices in July and August than under Wilson in July and August last year. It is held in administration circles this is but the beginning of radical permanent reductions of operating expenses in all government department.

Feed Required to Make Beef

Data gathered by the United States department of agriculture regarding the daily gain and the amount of feed and pasture consumed by 24,524 steers fattened



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on corn-belt farms during the last two winters, are of value to beef producers as an indication of how much feed is required on the average corn-belt farm to produce 100 pounds of gain.

The average weight of all the cattle at the start of the feeding period was 786 pounds, while the final weight was 1,070 pounds, the gain amounting to 284 pounds in a period of 174 days. The average quantity of feed consumed for 100 pounds of gain was 680 pounds of grain, 62 pounds of commercial concentrates, 391 pounds of dry roughage such as hay and corn fodder, 863 pounds of silage, and the equivalent of 20 days of pasturage.

In addition to these cooperative feeding trials with cattlemen in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Missouri, the United States department of agriculture is conducting investigations in southwestern Wisconsin to determine the cost and amounts of feed required to fatten cattle on grass, with and without a supplement, and of the feed required to maintain a breeding herd of beef cattle for one year, and to raise calves from weaning time to yearlings.

Lost Lives Through Greed.

To delve into ancient tales of searching for gold, it is related that when Cortez arrived on the coast of Mexico early in the Sixteenth century he sent greetings to the Aztec king. In replying Montezuma made one fatal blunder. He recommended Cortez to return whence he came, but at the same time sent him among other presents a "huge gold plate, large as a carriage wheel, representing the images of the sun and the moon, and engraved with figures of animals." Cortez accepted the presents, sent the gold plate, valued at \$25,000, to Spain, destroyed his ship to prevent disaffection among his followers, and set out to conquer Mexico. He and his men overreached themselves. When they were compelled to flee, after having confiscated royal treasure valued at \$7,500,000. Cortez opened the treasures and told his men to help themselves, but to remember that gold is heavy. In the fighting that followed many of his warriors lost their lives because their pockets were too heavy with gold.

"Short Cuts" Seldom Safe.

When you get on the wrong path the only safe thing is to work your way back to the main road. Wisdom warns against the short cuts. They might be all right, but frequently they are not. It may seem like a great waste of time to retrace your steps, but often that is the only way you can make sure of getting back where you started from. You can't be too careful in the paths of life. A thousand hypotheses lead off from life's great purposes and any one of them leads to loss of power and efficiency. Some may lead to sudden fame and wealth, but such advantages are few. It's safer far to keep on the beaten path and seek to excel in it. Only the strong natures can resist the perils of the untraveled ways, or by intuition determine the ways that lead to the proper goal. Your task is to make sure of what meets your purposes and then keep to the path until you attain the goal.—Exchange.

Under Powerful Protection.

On a transcontinental Santa Fe train we saw two interesting kiddies, a boy of three and a girl of six, who were bound from Albuquerque, N. M., to Omaha. The little girl wore a stout manila envelope pinned to her frock, with the ticket inclosed. On the outside of the envelope were their names, parents' names and destination, and some few odd characters, which showed they were children of a member of one of the world's mightiest fraternities. Many trainmen belong to it, and in every car full of people you will see several more who are entitled to wear it but don't. These symbols would have carried the children from Ux to Timbuctoo, or anywhere in the civilized world, in as absolute safety as men could furnish, and in every car they met men who would have risked their lives for them if necessary.—Kingston Journal.

English Lenten Customs.

Though many ancient customs are rapidly disappearing in England, several old and quaint usages of the Lenten period are still preserved. Mid-Lent Sunday, sometimes called "Mothering Sunday," is kept as a kind of festival in various sections. The term "Mothering Sunday" arose from the country custom of allowing lads and lassies in service away from home to take the day off in order that they might visit their mothers. It was usual for such young people to carry a cake as a present to the mother, but nowadays the present is generally some inexpensive purchased article of no particular significance. In Shropshire, however, not only do they still take a stannel cake, as of old, but also the first violets of the year, which gives rise to the local saying, "who goes a-mothering finds violets in the lane."

Finding of Gold in Australia.

The knowledge of Australia's wonderful resources of the precious metal dates from 1851. One day in April of that year there walked into the office of the chief secretary at Sydney a bushman named Hargreaves, who produced a tiny and closely folded bit of paper containing a few shining grains, so small and so few that the chief secretary had to put on his eyeglasses before he could see them. Nobody, it is said, ever got so much wealth out of an Australian mine as Hargreaves himself out of these grains, for he was rewarded for his discovery by an appointment as commissioner of crown lands, a grant of £10,000 and a pension of £250 from the New South Wales parliament. Later he received £5,000 from the colony of Victoria.

To Purify Swimming Pool.

Public swimming pools should be supplied with water that is constantly changing, but that remains at one temperature. This is not practical in ordinary cases, and, though we should prefer a fresh water bath, a substitute has to be employed. There are several systems by which this is accomplished. First, a strainer is used to remove large particles such as grit. Then it is necessary to sterilize the water. This can be done in several ways, either by exposure to the open air or by subjecting the water to the effects of ozone, and finally by the use of ultraviolet light. But it is essential that the water should also be filtered.—Popular Science Monthly.

Had a Long Family Tree.

Queen Elizabeth was a victim to the weakness for long pedigrees. Among the treasures of Hatfield is a genealogical tree, forty-two feet long, which was drawn up for Elizabeth, tracing her descent back to Adam. In the more modern portion of the pedigree admirably painted coats of arms are attached to all the names, together with the dates of birth and death. It is curious to note that Queen Elizabeth's coats of arms filled up one side only. The other side is left blank, presumably for the arms of the husband whom it was thought her majesty would some time or other deign to accept.

Webster's Claim to Fame.

Though Daniel Webster was twice secretary of state, and as such played important roles in great events in statecraft, he is known to Americans for things quite outside of his accomplishments in the cabinet. In his first period of service, under President Tyler, he negotiated the Ashburton treaty, by which the northeastern boundary was defined, and England's so-called right of search of American vessels was abandoned, renouncing for good and all the conditions which caused the War of 1812. Ten years afterward, in 1850, Webster became President Fillmore's secretary of state.

Truth in Rhyme.

One step won't take you very far—you've got to keep on walking; one word won't tell folks who you are—you've got to keep on talking; one inch won't make you very tall—you've got to keep on growing; one little "ad" won't do it all—you've got to keep 'em going.—Exchange.

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