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A LEAGUE RALLY

Believing that now and not after election is the time to assert an entry into the League of Nations, fifty supporters of Harding and Cox recently joined in an open letter asking their pledges to work, if elected, for the League. They were willing to accept reservations of any nature to bring about its passage.

This statement brings a new element into the League controversy. It brings to light a new faction who are placing the issue of the League above the partisan conflict and who are looking forward to the benefit possible from such an association. It also tends to show that the powerful faction which is backing the League is more likely to vote for the candidate from whom they can expect certain action for a league with or without reservations.

Apparently, the men who are responsible for the letter have become anxious for the late of the League. They have reason to be, for unless the candidates pledge themselves to the League before election, it may cease to be a dominant issue immediately after that time. New partisan alignments, new ambitions and new animosities are certain to develop and make it more difficult to act favorably on the League question.

Should Governor Cox be elected, there is still doubt as to the outcome with a deadlock in the Senate. In like manner there may develop a deadlock between the Senate and the president, should Senator Harding be elected. The plea entered by the fifty League supporters is a sincere attempt to obtain the assurance of the next President of a favorable attitude toward a League, in the event the election does not provide a two-thirds vote in the Senate favorable to the covenant presented by President Wilson.

The silent vote is what keeps candidates awake.

A GAUGE OF PROGRESS

What is the gauge of progress which is made in a city from time to time? Is it the number of high buildings which are to be seen along the city's streets or is it the number of dollars which are recorded to be on deposit in the city's banks. Just what is the barometer of the city's progress?

A good barometer to measure the spirit of progressiveness which may exist in any city is the degree of cleanliness which exists in the city. In a city where all the streets are kept clean and all the trash and refuse is carefully taken care of which accumulates in the unseen parts of the city and all the yards and backyards are taken good care of and all the houses in the city are kept in good repair, the chances for a strong spirit of progressiveness existing in that city are good.

Shabbiness and slothfulness seem to go with a spirit of satisfaction and conditions as they are and where these conditions are found a slow-going populace is also generally found.

Cleanliness as regards the city is a good barometer of the spirit of the folks who live there. Keep the city clean and the spirit of which that is an evidence will be of value to the city.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

The Missouri Assembly is permitted under an amendment to the constitution adopted some years ago to grant or authorize the granting of pensions to the deserving blind. No special fund for such purpose has, however, been provided.

ed. Constitutional Amendment No. 8, if adopted, would empower the General Assembly to levy a tax to the amount of not less than one-fourth of a cent nor more than three cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in Missouri for the pension fund for the blind, such fund to be administered under a Commission appointed for that purpose.

On Amendment No. 8 vote "yes."

Too many people ruin a perfectly good life selection by concentrating too much on one tone.

THE OPEN COLUMN

Victory Medals.

Editor The Missouriian: It is surprising the reluctance with which former soldiers apply for Victory Medals. A large number of these medals have been made and a large force of officers and men in the Quartermaster Corps has been organized for their distribution. Instead of the tremendous rush of applications expected, only a few thousand applications are received daily. At the present rate of applications, some 5000 a day, it will take about three years to complete the distribution.

Officials are wondering why the men are so slow about seeking the one emblem of the government for the recognition of their services, the Victory Medal.

The man who wore the khaki appreciates such a medal and such a gift as a recognition of his services. It is a thing that he will be proud of in the future. It is a thing that he can lay away with the uniform he discarded some months ago. He will turn to it in years to come and the sight of that moth-eaten coat will revive memories of soldier days and the medal will remind him of a task well done.

We dare to say that not a man who wore the uniform in the present war would fail to have one of these medals, if it were not for the round about way of getting them. The soldier must take his discharge and go to a local recruiting office, head of an American Legion post, or Veterans of Foreign War post, and there get a blank to fill out. He fills out this blank from the record on his army discharge and sends it to the War Department. They in turn send him the medal. A simple transaction you say. Yet how many of us will take the time and trouble.

Again we must remember this is a present of the government in recognition of services well rendered. If it is a present why not let the government present it. In the files in Washington are the names, service records, and home address, of every man who served in the army or navy during the war. Why not let the corps of officers and men who are now lamenting the fact that they have nothing to do because soldiers are not asking for the medals, mail these out from the lists in Washington. Then the medal will be a real present. The former-soldier will appreciate it more. It will have more the tone of the gift. The soldier will not be seeking a recognition for his services it will be presented him, and will be so revered.

THE NEW BOOKS

"Every Morning." A selection of scripture passages with a prayer for each day which brings the morning message to bear upon every day's living. It is prepared by Robert Cluett, and is helpful in the practice of family worship. Mr. Cluett is a prominent Presbyterian layman living in Troy, N. Y. (Association Press, 347 Madison avenue, New York; 191 pages; \$1.50.)

"Erskine Dale, Pioneer." John Fox, Jr., author of "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," and "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," has just written a new novel, "Erskine Dale, Pioneer." It is the latest of his series of novels, descriptive of early American pioneer life.

Erskine Dale, the central figure, through of Virginia blue blood, is raised among Indians. At an early age the lad is sent to the home of his plantation-owning cousin, Colonel Dale, a most kindly figure, where he meets his younger cousins, Hugh, whom he learns to hate, Harry, with whom he forms a lasting friendship, and Barbara, whom he comes to love.

Erskine Dale is a romantic figure of the Fenimore Cooper type and is a splendid representative of the mountain people and the time in which the story is laid.

The love story is varied by Erskine's adventures as the companion of George Rogers Clark, a leader in border warfare and later as a soldier in the American Revolution. Dane Grey, the spy, and the aspirant for the hand of Barbara, serves as a foil to the virtues of Erskine, and finally gets the worst of the bargain. (Charles Scribner's Sons, New York; 256 pages; cloth; price \$2.)

"Youth in Harley." In "Youth in Harley," Gordon Hall Gerould has presented the love story of Stephen Quaid, a young Cambridge graduate. The scene of the romance is Harley, a small village near Boston, where Stephen goes to accept the position as principal of an academy. The heroine is a primary school teacher, Synthia Darrell, whom he meets there. The story is not one of unusual plot, character delineation, or style of presentation, nor does the action progress with any degree of rapidity. It sounds

Abroad In Missouri

Owing to the scarcity of help, H. M. Kingsbury, who owns and operates a large apple orchard about four miles south of Fayette, has made a contract with the Missouri Reformatory of Boonville to gather his apple crop.

Twenty-five of the boys go to the orchard in a truck each Monday morning, under the supervision of a man from the reformatory, with provisions to last for a week. A small house is provided on the farm for the boys and they live there and do their own cooking. On Saturday they return again to the reformatory for the week-end. The state is paid 7 cents a bushel for the apples that they gather, and all of the money over a certain amount is given to them.

According to Mr. Kingsbury, were it not for the help of the boys from the reformatory, some of the apple crops would freeze on the trees because of the scarcity of labor.

Officials of the reformatory say that the boys like the work very much and are anxious to be put on the job. They have been working at the orchard for five weeks and have about three weeks work left.

Paul Schmidt, 85 years old, the oldest business man in Jefferson City, died October 22. More than 63 years ago he established a shop in Jefferson City and began the manufacture of wagons. Wagons from his shop may be found all over Central Missouri.

Following a vigorous campaign by the newspapers of Macon, the Wabash Railway Company has decided to build a new station at Macon. The former station burned a few years ago and was replaced by an old passenger coach and a string of box cars.

An appeal to the Public Service Commission brought the reply from the railway officials that the station at Macon as adequate. The Macon papers took up the matter, described the Wabash "adequate equipment" in picturesque language and sent the papers to the officials of the road. When the Public Service Commission met recently for a new hearing of the case, the railway company withdrew its objections.

Sidney L. Strother, son of the late Judge J. P. Strother of Marshall, has been appointed to the position of superior judge of Fresno, Cal., by Governor Stephens of that state.

The forty-fifth annual session of the Southeast Missouri Teachers' Association will be held in Cape Girardeau October 28-30. About 1,500 teachers are expected to attend.

like many novels that all of us have read. It may be said, however, that there is something truly charming about the characters of the town around whom the incidents of the love story are woven.

The interest of the novel is sustained mainly in the love theme, which fluctuates in no unusual manner—being interrupted here and there with lovers' misunderstandings and reconciliations, which finally terminate in the "happy ending." (Charles Scribner's Sons, New York; cloth; 409 pages; price \$2.)

"Letters on Love and Health." Dr. Walter M. Gallichan, author of "The Psychology of Marriage" and "The Great Unmarried," has written a new book, "Letters to a Young Man on Love and Health." The book is in the form of twelve letters, the first being written to the author's orphan nephew when the latter is 16 years old. The last letter is written on the eve of the young man's marriage.

In the earlier years of the young man's life his uncle warns him against the practice of customs not sanctioned by religious and social life. He urges the development of his nephew into a fine specimen of mental and physical power.

"The thrill of victory," he says, "is resisting a formidable temptation is even keener than the triumph of the athlete. For conquest in moral conflicts demands all our valor and energy."

Social customs and social diseases are explained clearly. In the latter chapters, the author urges early marriage, saying that the young man should marry at about 25 years old, while the women may marry at the age of 23 years. Finally the nephew is married and on the eve of the wedding the author writes the final chapter, a letter explaining the beauties and pleasures of a happy married life with instructions for the preservation of happy marriage.

The letters are written entertainingly. They contain a vast store of knowledge, no young man in this age should be without. (Frederick A. Stokes Company, New York; cloth.)

"The Church and the Community." "The Church and the Community" is the second home mission study book published jointly by the Council of Women for Home Missions and the corresponding agency of co-operation of the general boards of home missions.

It is an introduction to the study of the local church in its relation to community life, economic factors, co-operation—as an educational as well as a religious force—homes and housing, complex community problems, and community leadership.

The emphasis is placed upon the social side of the relation even more than upon the church or religious side. The book brings out the idea that Christians are only beginning to realize what a force for moral and spiritual growth, organized and co-operating churches can be in a community. The

The Rev. Joseph A. Cooper of Paris has been asked to assume the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Maryville. He will give his answer to the Maryville church after the close of the Missouri Baptist Association at St. Joseph.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Third District of Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs met at La Plata October 21. Mrs. George A. Still of Kirksville, president of the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs, addressed the meeting.

The county clerk of Barry County has received specifications from H. P. Moberly, division highway engineer, for the improvement of a piece of road 4.88 miles long and extending 2 miles east and 2 miles west of Monet. The contract for the work will be let October 27. The estimated cost of the work is \$54,855.

After living with her husband forty-four years, Mrs. Mary J. Greable of Cape Girardeau has filed suit against her husband, Peter H. Greable, for divorce. Mrs. Greable alleges that her husband failed to provide suitable clothing and food for her and that his attitude constituted an intolerable condition.

Charges have been filed against Miss Jennie Hunt, teacher of the College Mound School near Macon, for corporal punishment of pupils in her school. The pupils tore down a picture of Senator Harding and wore Cox buttons.

St. Joseph has been chosen as the place for the 1921 meeting of the County Clerks' Association of Missouri. The next session of the Legislature will be asked to pass a bill providing for the abolition of the fee system and the placing of county clerks on a salary. The clerks say that their average yearly income of \$1,700, and of \$1,500 for assistants is insufficient to meet the high cost of living.

Dunklin County is confronted with a loss of \$2,500,000 on its cotton crop of approximately 25,000 bales. Gin operators and cotton dealers have refused to buy cotton except as payments of outstanding accounts and then will pay only 6 1/2 cents a pound. At this time last year, cotton was selling for 35 cents a pound. Cotton pickers, who have been receiving \$1.50 a 100 pounds, have been forced to leave the fields because owners have not been able to realize enough out of their crops to pay them. Heavy rains in that section of the country now would mean the loss of thousands of dollars to the farmers.

right and duty of leadership are beginning to come in for their due amount of consideration as well.

The volume is intended to serve as a guide for study for church and student groups interested in the Church's relations to community life. An introductory poem by Sarah Collins Fernandez, gives the keynote to the main issue: Strong, that no human soul may pass Its warm, encircling unity, Wide, to embrace all creed, all class, This shall we name Community. Service shall be that all and each, Arouse to know the common good, Shall strive, and in the striving reach A broader human brotherhood. (Council of Women for Home Missions and Interchurch World Movement, New York; cloth, 177 pages.)

WOMEN THEIR OWN TAILORS

High Prices Given As Reason For Increased Economy.

The women in Columbia are doing more of their own tailoring than ever before and more of the sewing is making over old clothes than making up new goods. Another interesting fact is that the persons who are really able to afford good clothes and materials are the ones who are economizing the most.

These are the conclusions of Miss Maud Robinson, principal of the local Keister's Ladies' Tailoring College. Miss Robinson says that the enrollment in the Keister's College is increasing and during the last eighteen months has been larger than at any time in three years. She attributes this increasing interest in dressmaking to high prices.

\$100 to Be Used on Rocheport Road. The county court appropriated \$100 yesterday for work on the Rocheport road. The gift was in duplication of a similar amount raised by farmers.

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HYDE is one of the biggest, cleanest and best men we have ever known—fearless and just, an ideal chief executive for our state.

HYDE, as mayor of Princeton, cleaned up the biggest gambling and bootlegging ring in North Missouri.

HYDE, as leader of the Princeton Men's Bible Class, made decent law-abiding citizens out of more of that city's tough element than has any other man or institution.

HYDE is loved by his friends and ALL MERCER COUNTY IS HIS FRIEND.

There Are No Party Lines In Mercer County on the Gubernatorial Question

Signed:

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