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WOMEN IN LOCAL POLITICS

The question of equal suffrage is attracting attention throughout the entire country, and the Presidential nominees are taking an interest in the attitude of women in politics, especially in local politics.

Referring to this question which is now attracting so much attention, the Saturday Evening Post editorially says:

About nine times out of ten, politics that really counts in the United States is local politics. National politics means mostly whether import duties shall be thirty-three per cent, as in 1915, or forty per cent, as in 1912; whether we shall build twelve fighting ships this year and eight next year or eight this year and twelve next; whether the machinery that co-ordinates banking shall be called a Central Bank or a Federal Reserve Bank.

But in the cities especially, local politics actually touches your life on every side; and when you turn on a practical mind, to improve the lot of urban American humankind, you are pretty sure sooner or later to run into local politics at some angle or other. There will be a badly conducted public hospital; waste of public poor funds; incompetent school management; a jail in which youths and adults in view, or mere suspects and practiced criminals, are herded together; there will be freetrapp factories that burn now and then, with a slaughter of girls; tenement ordinances to amend; an intolerable interlocking of militia and police as strike breakers.

There is very little sporting interest in local politics. Telling one's head off in a convention does not get anywhere with it.

What it requires is an enormous amount of patient, unremitting drudgery; forever agitating and organizing, peering away at this salient and that sector day in and day out, coming up smiling after every defeat.

Experience here and there indicates that women will do better than men with local politics. Perhaps this is because, being new to politics, they are willing to do a great deal. Perhaps it is because a great many more intelligent women than men have time for politics, or will take time.

Perhaps it is because they are sympathetic. We should like to turn part of our local politics over to women. The normal masculine interest in politics, which is much the more important branch, it functions badly.

DID YOU GET A MAIL ORDER CATALOGUE?

The annual shipment of Sears, Roebuck & Co. catalogues arrived in this city last Thursday morning. There were five hundred of them and it took a day to take them from the train to the post office. As the postal rate is pretty high from Chicago to this section of Missouri the catalogues were shipped in car load lots to St. Louis and then mailed to their destination. It costs 9 cents apiece or \$45 for the lot to mail them to Palmyra to say nothing of the cost of addressing, packing and the freight from Chicago to St. Louis. The catalogues weigh just five pounds each. About two hundred of them were sent to farmers in this vicinity and three hundred to the people of Palmyra, showing that the farmers are not the only one that patronize the mail order houses. One mail carrier, however, took out eleven sacks of them.

Did you get one? Are you one of the many people of this vicinity who are annually sending dollar after dollar out of the county to enrich the mail order business? If you are—stop it. These dollars should rightfully go to your home merchant—the man that stands back of you when hard times come. Did you ever ask Sears, Roebuck & Co. or Montgomery Ward & Co. to credit you for the plow or suit of clothes you want to buy when times are a little tight? Of course not, that is not the way they carry on their business. They cannot take chances—they must have the cash. You will go to your home merchants, however, and say "I'll take this, charge it, please." Very likely you even forget to say "please," and he, like the good fellow he is, will not refuse you even when he may need the money badly. You don't have to send away for your merchandise, you can get it right here. If your merchant does not have just what you want, he will gladly send for it and will get it as quickly and as cheaply as you can from a mail order house and then he will make a fair profit on it. If you buy at home your money stays at home and helps boost interests of your community. Stick to your local merchants and things will go much more smoothly for you.

And one word for you, merchants. Get busy and run the mail order post out of this community. It can be done, but it will take hard work and you will have to stay on the job every minute. Sears, Roebuck & Co. spent more in getting their catalogues to Palmyra than many of you spend on all of your advertising together in a year. Try telling the people of this community what you have and that you back up your goods and are here to prove it. Don't be backward, tell them about it. They know you are here, but they are likely to forget it if you don't wake up and show them that the mail order houses are not "getting your goat." — Palmyra Spectator.

REFERRING to the many grave questions which have confronted President Wilson during his administration the Centralia, Mo. Courier, editorially says: "Was there ever a President, save Lincoln, that had the load to carry that has been shouldered by the shoulders of Woodrow Wilson? From the day of his inauguration he has had gravest of problems to solve, the most momentous questions to answer, and the most difficult matters to settle. The load this great man has carried month in and month out has been staggering in the extreme. It looks as if all of the troubles of ages were being rolled upon his shoulders. Yet with perfect poise, calm dignity and wonderful strength of mind and judgment he meets every new intricate situation and masters it. He stands up like a patriot and statesman under the crushing load and makes few mistakes. When you consider the issues Wilson has faced and mastered, you can but admire the man in him and your support must necessarily follow the approval of your judgment. His triumphant election is as certain as tides and taxes."

THE Wilson administration has answered the Republicans on preparedness by enacting the navy bill. Under it Uncle Sam soon will regain his place as second in naval strength which Republicans permitted him to lose. Commerce will follow the flag. As to training an army, what have the Republicans ever done? Nothing. Not even by Roosevelt in seven years as President. Incidentally, if the occasion should arise, and this is not likely so long as the present occupant remains in the White House, we will have plenty of material for officers to train volunteers when our militia gets back from the Mexican border.

THE Slater Rustler and Slater Index have increased their weekly subscription price from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a year, beginning October the first. Most, if not all, of the one-dollar country weekly newspapers will have to increase their price to \$1.50 to \$2.00, between now and the first of January, in order to pay expenses, unless the price of print paper comes down about half by that time, and indications in that direction are not favorable.

EVERYBODY in Mexico is vitally interested in the Social Service Organization formed under the auspices of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Mexico. It is going to take considerable money to finance this enterprise properly, and all who are interested in the growth and prosperity of Mexico, and its civic uplift, should co-operate cordially in every way possible.

THE farmers of Audrain county are interested in the success of the Street Fair as well as every other enterprise undertaken by the citizens of Mexico. What is good for the county is good for Mexico, and what is good for Mexico is good for the county. This is an agricultural community, and unless the merchants and farmers co-operate it will be impossible for us to grow and prosper.

COL. BURTON, of the Military Academy, has rented the modern McCue residence just north of the campus, and will place a squad of his boys in this home in charge of a member of the faculty. This is a handsome residence with all of the modern conveniences, and will prove a most comfortable place for those who are domiciled there. Colonel Burton is first-class shaker.

BILLY SUNDAY'S delay in tackling the hosts of darkness in New York cannot possibly be ascribed to lack of courage for the task. The inference is therefore inevitable that as this would be the crowning conquest of his evangelical crusade, he is leaving it for the last. After Armageddon, what other fight would there be left to win?

THE Louisiana, Mo., Daily Press-Journal editorially says: "The biggest crowd seen in Fulton in many a day attended the stock sales Monday and only one drunken man was seen and he was only half drunk. The Gazette says the reason for this is the fact that the county and city officials are doing their best to enforce the dry laws."

THE Kansas City Times says: In a tribute to Col. Robert Morgan White, senior editor of the Mexico Ledger, the Columbia Missourian says: "A state full of Bob Whites would be a long way ahead of any American commonwealth of the present day." It wouldn't be any worse, either, if every one of the Bob Whites had a son, Mitchell, but it would be quite confusing at mail time.

A FASHION authority returning from Paris announces that "all the styles for the winter are built to suit slim women," but plump women will find some means of accommodating themselves to the styles. That is the redeeming feature of all styles of women's clothes, though we always the saving grace.

WE have an idea that after four or five people are killed by an accident in the subway of the Alton road just east of Mexico, something will be done to relieve the situation there. It is the most dangerous piece of road for automobiles or any other vehicles in the State of Missouri.

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PUBLIC NOTIFIED NOT TO STAMP DOCUMENTS.

IN compliance with the new revenue bill passed by Congress, Thursday morning, George H. Moore, Collector at St. Louis, was notified by wire that the emergency revenue law requiring stamps on documents and cosmetics, was repealed. The telegram, which was signed by W. H. Osborn, commissioner of internal revenue, asked that the public be notified that it was no longer required to place stamps on documents or cosmetics. Liquor dealers are required to stamp all wines still on hand, but thereafter the wines and cordials will be stamped by the manufacturer or producer.

M. M. A. BOOMING.

THERE were four more additions to the enrollment of the Missouri Military Academy today, making a total of 116. The McCune residence, used as an annex, is now full, and Colonel Burton doesn't know what he is going to do to secure more room. The school doesn't open until September 14th, and there are likely to be several additions between now and that time and every endeavor is going to be made to arrange so that all of the boys can be properly and comfortably domiciled. Colonel Burton is doing his part towards putting Mexico on the map in the right kind of way.

WHILE Mr. Hughes is confiding how ashamed he is for America, Mr. Roosevelt tells Maine voters what a terrible worry the navy is to him, though he wasn't so worried about it during the seven years he was in the White House.

His principal outdoor sport at that time was changing his secretary of the navy. He made six stabs at it: Long, Moody, Morton, Bonaparte, Metcalf, Newberry.

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THE County Court of Marion county, Missouri, has selected H. T. Neilson as Farm Agent, and he will take charge of the office immediately. Mr. Neilson was formerly scientific assistant in the United States Department of Agriculture and will have his office at Palmyra, Mo.

Countries generally throughout the West are securing farm agents as fast as they can find suitable men, and the results are proving most satisfactory everywhere.

WHILE President Wilson was working day and night to avert a railroad strike and a great public disaster, Mr. Hughes wrapped himself in sleepy silence. Other people had ideas on the subject. Other people made suggestions, but not Hughes. As soon as the President and Congress had prevented a strike by the only means immediately available, Mr. Hughes rose up and announced that it was all wrong. The 100 per cent candidate is still running in true form.

THE Ledger regrets to learn that J. A. Gunnell, Secretary of the Grain Dealers Association has resigned his office and will move to St. Joe to go into the grain business. Mr. Gunnell is a first-class business man, and made many friends while in Mexico, who wish him much prosperity in his new line of business in St. Joe. Mr. Gunnell's successor as Secretary of the Grain Dealers' Association has not yet been elected.

O. D. GRAY, of the Sturgeon Leader, who had charge of Col. Fred Gardner's campaign for Democratic nomination for Governor, writes from Long Beach, Calif., that he will not return from California before about the first of October, but that Colonel Gardner will start back about the 15th of this month and will get into the campaign immediately.

THE St. Louis Agricultural Fair is offering some splendid premiums for agricultural and horticultural and live stock departments, and \$200 for the best bushel of corn. We would like to see somebody in Audrain county go after this big corn premium, as we have a dandy fine crop this year. Here's a chance for you to win a handsome premium, and put old Audrain on the map in the right kind of a way.

OCTOBER 4th and 5th will be Good Roads days in Missouri, and should be generally observed throughout the State. The good roads sentiment in Audrain county is all right, but what we have to have before we get practical results is some real money to be invested in permanent good roads.

JUDGE SAM DAVIS, of Marshall, one of Missouri's most efficient Circuit Judges, is holding court for Circuit Judge E. S. Gantt this week. Judge Gantt was disqualified in some of the cases that came up in his week on account of his having been attorney for parties concerned.

THE arrival in New York Harbor of four transatlantic liners with 3,230 passengers does not wholly reassure peace conditions of ocean travel. But in a sense it foreshadows their approaching return.

WHEAT is selling in Chicago for \$1.58 and corn at 9c. This is the highest price paid for corn in Chicago for more than twenty-four years.

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CONVICTS AGAIN ATTEMPT TO BURN CONTRACT SHOP

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 7.—Prison officials last night frustrated a second attempt for five of the prison boys. In the D. M. Oberman Clothing Factory, electric wires were found covered with clothing which light current was turned on last night. This plant was set on fire six weeks ago and the state and the company suffered losses totaling more than \$70,000.

The Central Broom Company plant was set on fire Tuesday, presumably by convicts who are employed by the company and losses amounting to \$14,000 resulted. Some of the main shop buildings narrowly escaped being set on fire. During the fire the electric light wires were cut, and yesterday they were repaired.

One of the main wires passing through the Oberman shop, the largest in the prison and employing nearly 1,000 convicts, was repaired and afterwards was interfered with by convict electricians in such a way that it would have set fire to a large pile of clothing stacked over the "doctored" wire and at a time when the stockade was closed.

Vigilance on the part of the prison officers who have been in fear of a general conflagration in the stockade shops, disclosed the plot. Had it not been for the precaution of the prison guards, the building would doubtless have been set on fire and the flames progressed so far as to result in enormous losses to the state and to the contractors.

Escapes Twice in One Week. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 8.—For a second time within one week Wesley Oliphant, a Henry county convict serving a two years' sentence for burglary, has escaped. September 1 he managed to get eight miles west of here before the prison bloodhounds forced him up a tree.

Wesley was at work on the quarry rock pile breaking cottonrock and his leg limit was handicapped by a ball and chain. This morning he took his ball, chain and hammer he was using along with him. The bloodhounds were put on his trail, but soon lost it.

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TO ATTEND STATE FAIR. Stanley Wilson, of Botta District, son of Gray Wilson, and John M. Day, of Duly District, son of A. N. Day, will represent Audrain county at the State Fair at Sedalia this Fall. These boys were the winners in the examination held here recently. The two boys making the highest grades are given free board and entertainment at the State Fair for the entire week. Each morning they hear lectures and attend demonstrations and in the afternoon they are divided into three groups. One group acts as ushers for the Fair visitors, the second group visits the various exhibits under the direction of a guide and the third group is free to spend the half day as they please.

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Sold in Mexico and recommended as the world's best cure, recently by Lilly & Sons and Buckner Drug Co.

NEW JERSEY TROOPS PASS THROUGH ON WAY HOME

The First Division of the Fourth Regiment of the National Guard of New Jersey invaded Mexico about 9 o'clock Thursday evening, but some of them did not know it—anyhow, it wasn't the Mexico they started for several months ago.

Two trains carrying the Fourth Regiment of the New Jersey guards passed through here Thursday evening and the boys were taken from the train and given a little exercise. There were about fourteen hundred guardsmen on the two trains.

They have been encamped at Douglas, Arizona, for the past two months and are now on their way to Sea Girt, the State Camp of New Jersey, where they will remain for two weeks and then be mustered out and go home.

"I wouldn't wish my worst enemy to be down there where we came from," said one of the boys. "They call that place down there 'No Man's Land,' and they sure are right."

"What is the name of this town?" asked another. "Mexico," replied a proud native. "No, really, what is it sure a good name for it?"

Maybe he meant it for a compliment, but it didn't sound exactly complimentary some way or other. The boys entered last Monday morning and expected to reach their destination by Saturday night.

The boys said that the thermometer often registered as high as 121 degrees in Douglas. When they first started drilling there they drilled about the middle of the day, but soon had to give that up on account of the excessive heat.

Only one-third of the population of Douglas are native Americans, according to the boys, and the other two-thirds are Mexicans. Before the arrival of the militiamen there the Mexicans were somewhat inclined to be arrogant, but the arrival of the militia had a soothing influence on them and they were very meek after that.

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10, 20, 30 and 39 Years Ago This Week

10 YEARS AGO. The City Council was considering passing an ordinance prohibiting citizens using the walls of their houses, and roofs of their buildings for bill boards.

A large barn on the Walker Pollock place, six miles south of Mexico, was destroyed by fire. Walker Pollock and R. T. Muir were the owners of the barn.

In the "Tag of War" between representatives of Audrain and Boone counties at the Centralia Fair, the Audrain county men won.

The roof over the kitchen of the house occupied by J. C. Ringo caught fire, but was extinguished before any great damage was done.

20 YEARS AGO. Luther Byrns was employed as teacher at Sun Rise school.

The funeral of Beulah May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mildred, west of Benton City, was conducted by Rev. B. D. Sipple.

Property belonging to the following was damaged and destroyed by fire at Laddonia: Frank Beagles, loss on drug store \$4,200; insurance, \$1,000; Farmers' Bank, damage, \$200; J. B. Gregory, building, \$600; C. G. Baker, loss \$2,400; insurance, \$800; W. H. Logan, \$300; C. A. Smith Livestock Stable, \$2,000; Wilder & Pearson, loss \$400; A. H. Hale, building, \$400; H. L. Ahlfeldt & Bro., building, \$1,600; stock damaged, insurance, \$2,600.

Miss Ruth Lakenan was attending the Woman's College in Baltimore, Md.

30 YEARS AGO. Mrs. R. L. Day, living five miles west of Laddonia, died suddenly.

George W. Tate and Miss Hattie Able were married at the Ringo Hotel.

Repairs were made on the church at Beaver Dam.

H. S. Lundy, of Kansas City, took charge of the fair held at Laddonia by Edgar Threlkeld.

Wm. Shearer and family, of Union neighborhood, moved to Southwest Missouri.

Jasper Berry and family, of south of Mexico, moved to a farm near Kingman, Kan.

39 YEARS AGO. Brigham Young, head of the Mormon Church, died.

William Gay and Lucy Flood were married at the Methodist Church by Dr. Vincel.

The home of William Hatley, near the Fair Grounds, was destroyed by fire, caused by the overturning of a lamp.

William Watts and Miss Ada O'Neal were married by Justice Houston.

Alexander Cleveland and Miss Lucy Kemper were married.

John A. Guthrie and Miss Nancy A. Robinson were married at "Sunny Side" the home of W. A. Robinson.

Geo. Kabrich was in St. Louis buying fall goods for his store.

Hardin College opened its fifth session, with an enrollment of 85. The public schools opened with an enrollment of 414.

MOST CONSTRUCTIVE SESSION IN HISTORY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 8.—The session of Congress which is about to adjourn, has been the most remarkable for constructive legislation and the amount of money appropriated in the history of the country.

What Congress Did. Reorganized and tremendously increased both army and navy. Made biggest appropriations in history of Congress. "Preparedness" totals, close to \$700,000,000 are the largest peace-time military budgets in the history of the world.

Stopped shipment of interstate commerce of child-labor products. Passed rural-credits act, guaranteeing long-term, low-rate loans to farmers.

Granted Philippines greater self-government. Placed heavy expenses of Government on manumissions, incomes and inheritances.

Passed act for Government-owned merchant-marine. Confirmed Louis D. Brandies and John D. Clarke for Supreme Court.

Voted to investigate railways. Took sugar from free list; created tariff on dyestuffs; passed anti-dumping act.

Adopted workmen's compensation principle for United States employes. Increased the maximum amount allowed to be deposited in postal banks.

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Chicago & Alton "The Only Way" Ask the Ticket Agent for Further Information.

T. L. MARSHALL Ticket Agent.

SUGAR DROPS 75c PER CWT. SAN FRANCISCO, September 6.—The larger sugar refineries here announced a drop of 75 cents per 100 pounds in refined sugar in consequence with the recent decrease in raw sugar quotations. It was said to be the most important change in refined sugar since European demands shot prices up to \$7.35 per 100 pounds.

5% MONEY TO LOAN ON RIGHT KIND OF FARM LAND.

CLARK & CAUTHORN Office Over Southern Bank Mexico, Mo.

FRY & FRY LAWYERS

EAST JACKSON ST., Mexico, Mo.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue and authority of Alias execution issued from the office of the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, returnable at the September term, 1916, of said court and to me directed, in favor of Central Unadilla Silo Company, and against William E. Atkinson, Late Diggs and Atkinson, Missouri, Late Diggs and Atkinson, Missouri, in and to said alias execution, I have levied upon and seized all the right, title, interest and claim of the said William F. Atkinson, in and to the following described real estate, situated in Audrain County, Missouri, to-wit:

South Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Fifty-one (51) North, Range Nine (9) West, being same land described in conveyance shown in Record Book 36, at page 165, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Audrain County, Missouri.

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