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POINTED QUESTIONS TO HUGHES.

Thirty-seven of the foremost publicists and literary men of the United States on August first addressed the following open letter to Charles E. Hughes, republican nominee for the presidency:

"The professional writers who sign this letter have small interest in parties, but a very deep interest in democracy. It is our hope, through this voluntary association, to assist in the promotion of honest, educational discussion in order that fundamental issues may not be decided in prejudice and ignorance.

"Mr. Wilson's beliefs have been expressed in law and declared policies. He has made an open record by which he may be judged. Wise choice is not possible unless you yourself make equally specific statement of purposes and convictions.

"Without intent to offend, we feel justified in charging that in no single public utterance have you filed a bona fide bill of particulars, nor have you offered a single constructive suggestion.

"Generalities are without value. Blanket criticism is worthless. What we desire to know, what it is fair that the electorate should know, are the exact details of your disagreement with President Wilson. What has he done that you would not have done and what has he failed to do that you would have done or propose to do? Honesty and patriotism demand that you put yourself upon record in such a manner as to permit people to judge you by the same standards that you judge President Wilson. For example:

"(1) Would you have filed instant protest against the invasion of Belgium and backed up that protest with the United States navy?

"(2) It is arrant nonsense to talk about action that would have prevented the Lusitania tragedy. The vague advertisement did not appear until shortly before the hour of sailing. The occurrence was one of those things that civilization has made the world regard as incredible. The only honest question is this: Would you have made the disaster the subject of diplomatic negotiations, or would you have broken relations with Germany at once?

"(3) Would you have urged upon congress an embargo upon the shipment of munitions to the Allies?

"(4) Would you urge universal compulsory military service?

"(5) You are frank in stating that Huerta's morals were of no concern to America. Does this mean that you would have recognized Huerta?

"(6) As matters stand today would you be in favor of intervening in Mexico?

"(7) Does your attack upon the Wilson shipping bill mean that you are in favor of ship subsidies?

"(8) You speak enthusiastically of the rights of the worker. Does this imply that you endorse the Clayton anti-trust law and the seaman's anti-trust law and the seaman's bill? Or will you urge their repeal?

"(9) What are your specific complaints against the federal reserve law?

"(10) As governor of New York you opposed the income tax amendment. Does this antagonism persist? Do you or do you not believe in paying for preparedness out of a tax on incomes, inheritances and munitions?

"We agree with you that it is a critical period, by far too critical indeed for candidates to talk in terms of office seeking rather than in the simple, earnest language of definite Americanism.

Respectfully, (Signed)

- Samuel Hopkins Adams, Ray Stannard Baker, Ellis Parker Butler, L. Ames Brown, Dante Barton, Irvin Cobb, Wadsworth Camp, J. O'Hara Cosgrave, Stoughton Cooley, William Chenery, George Creel, James Forbes, Frederick C. Howe, Gilson Gardner, Frederick Stuart Greene, Oliver Herford, Prof. Louis Johnson, Richard Lloyd Jones, Peter D. Kyle, Percy Mackaye, A. J. Keilway, Basil Manley, Meredith Nicholson, Albert J. Nock, Harvey O'Higgins, Charles Johnson Post, Eugene Manlove Rhodes, William McLeod Raine, Boardman Robinson, John Reed, Opie Reed, Edgar Selwyn, William Leavitt Stoddard, Lincoln Steffens, Augustus Thomas, Frank Vrooman, George West.

THE CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN.

WHY OPPOSE VOLSTEAD? We have considerable admiration for Senator E. Lobeck, the Prohibition party candidate for Congress. He is in every way big enough to serve the people of the Seventh District. He will receive many votes—although he will not be elected.

But this question occurs to us: Why do the prohibitionists single out for opposition a man who has consistently voted for the Prohibition cause? Mr. Volstead's record on all legislation demanded by the Prohibition party is clear. No party prohibitionist could do any more than he has done.

There is no doubt that the liquor people would like to see Mr. Volstead defeated. With him out of the way, the road would be clear for a campaign to nominate and elect to Congress a Republican friendly to the liquor interests, two years hence.

We acknowledge the right of the Prohibition party to nominate candidates for Congress. We would like to see party prohibitionists or non-party prohibitionists displace some of the members of the Minnesota delegation. But we see no good reason why party prohibitionists should pick out for slaughter the best friend they have on the Minnesota delegation.—Dawson Sentinel.

If it were true that Senator Lobeck is only the candidate of the Prohibition Party adherents the above comment would, in part at least, be to the point. But he is very much more than that. He represents, more than any one else we can think of, the dry sentiment of the Seventh District. Where

the office undisturbed for fourteen years. He has been re-elected six times. Can it truthfully be said that the people have not amply repaid him for what he has done for them?

The intimation that the liquor interests would welcome the defeat of Volstead by Lobeck is ridiculous. If there is one man whom they desire to see defeated before anyone else, it is Lobeck. As for the future, that will take care of itself, especially with such rising statesmen as Editor Theodore Christianson on guard. No reactionary on the liquor question stands the remotest chance of receiving a majority of the votes in the Seventh District, now or two years from now.

In commenting on the election figures compiled for our last issue, Charles Cheney of the Minneapolis



WILLMAR BUSINESS MEN'S HOME TRADE BOOSTING DEPARTMENT

How to Build Up or Tear Down This Community

By J. O. LEWIS

The Home Merchant Has Earned Support.

WHY are communities, towns and cities? Have you ever asked yourself this question? Did you think they just happened, or had you ever thought that there was a special need for them? In the beginning of time—as far back as history takes us—we find that MEN HAVE BANDED THEMSELVES TOGETHER FOR MANY AND OBVIOUS REASONS, chief among which are the benefits to be gained from organized society as a social, intellectual, spiritual and commercial center.

Collectively we are strong, forceful and aggressive and possess power and means to attain a growth which will give to us and our progeny opportunities for better living—to develop our moral, spiritual and intellectual life, the things for which we were created.

THE SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS OF EVERY CITIZEN OF ANY COMMUNITY LIES IN THE INTEREST HE TAKES IN THAT COMMUNITY AND THE GOOD WORK HE CAN DO TO ASSIST IN ITS UPBUILDING.

Now, then, if we are to succeed as individuals and as a community we must not only strive for our own personal success and welfare, BUT MUST GIVE OF OUR WORK AND SUBSTANCE UNSELFISHLY TO HELP THE OTHERS.

Everything we do to help in the upbuilding and advancement of our city we do just that much toward our own personal success. No man can live and prosper unto himself alone, FOR WE ARE INTERDEPENDENT, and realizing this, if we as citizens will all unite and pull together for the common good we will prosper as a city and consequently as individuals.

Well paved streets and sidewalks, good sewerage system, thoroughly enforced sanitary laws, well regulated and energetic police force, competent fire fighting equipment and rigid building regulations are economic necessities and therefore they more largely affect us as a community than as individuals. But beyond this and underlying it all and upon which rests the foundation of the whole is THE SUCCESS OF THE BUSINESS MAN. This man makes an investment, goes into some kind of business—to manufacture or sell goods—puts his money at stake, employs labor and begins his work to build better. THIS MAN IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE COMMUNITY—the man you should rally around and support.

THE SUCCESS OF A TOWN DEPENDS ON THE SUCCESS OF ITS BUSINESS MEN, WHILE THE SUCCESS OF THE BUSINESS MEN DEPENDS ON SUPPORT THEY RECEIVE FROM THE PEOPLE AT LARGE, EACH BEING, HOWEVER, DEPENDENT ONE ON THE OTHER.

No merchant can succeed without the patronage of the public. He is absolutely and entirely dependent on the custom of each and every individual who has a penny to spend, the little mite of each, taken in the aggregate, making the volume on which he runs his business. The merchant, having plenty of competition, must, in order to get the people's patronage, figure his prices close and offer to them the very best inducements possible.

The merchant pays large rentals, taxes, privilege licenses, insurance, besides employing many clerks and assistants, in order to maintain and conduct his business in such a manner as to meet your approval, and to succeed let me emphasize it again—HE MUST HAVE YOUR PATRONAGE TO MAKE HIS BUSINESS PAY.

This community has some as fine stores—every kind—and conducted by as fine a set of men as you will find anywhere on the face of the globe—liberal, big hearted, progressive men. No better retail stores, no better wholesale or jobbing houses, no better banks, no better mills, no better schools, no better churches, no better municipal or public utilities, can be found anywhere than right here in your home town, all—absolutely all—made possible only by and through the co-operation and generous giving of the business men.

But, my good friends, with all of these extraordinary accomplishments, there are some things being done today which are STUMBLING BLOCKS IN THE PATH OF OUR GREATER GROWTH and further development—differences, if you please, which we must reconcile and overcome if we are to continue to grow and prosper.

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Journal, comments: "This shows that Lobeck, running for governor, got almost six times his party vote. He was a long way from carrying the district, however. He is expected to make a better showing yet, this year, and is antagonist enough to force Mr. Volstead into making a campaign."

Lobeck's vote for governor four years ago was a remarkable personal tribute, for the chances for election in the whole state were too remote. With an excellent chance for election in this district, where he is best known, Senator Lobeck will rally the reform vote, as few men have done before. His election as senator two years ago proves this.

Lobeck is Deserving. "Nothing would please the Chief more, politically, than to see Senator E. Lobeck elected to Congress from the Seventh district. Not that it be-

lieves in the Prohibition party or its measures, and not that it has anything against the aspirants for the place, but that it honors Mr. Lobeck for the fight he has made in the past decade for the establishment of a principle he thinks is right, and that it believes he deserves the election."

Irve Townsend, the Democratic candidate, has promulgated his platform in his paper, the Donnelly Star. He favors regulation of prices of products of the trusts, the single tax, rural and municipal credits, favors work for unemployed on roads and ditches, reasonable preparedness, endorses President's Mexican policy, and a tariff such as will produce the most revenue at the least expense to the common people—all of which sounds very well. His temperance plank, however, is a peculiar one. He is convinced that

the present method of striving for prohibition is wrong. He would confine the fight to spirituous liquors and leave beer and light wine for future action. In as much as every county in the district has already outlawed the sale of all alcoholic beverages Mr. Townsend's temperance plank becomes reactionary. This may be a bid for the wet vote and we sincerely hope he gets it. There is no discouragement to Lobeck's supporters in such a contingency.

Never fear, Bro. Cheney, the farmers' organizations will not harm the anti-liquor propaganda. On the other hand we will venture a guess that their influence will be felt in the coming election on the right side of this issue.

Speaking about the possibility of the Farmers' Nonpartisan League taking a hand in Minnesota politics this year, the Minneapolis Journal political writer comments as follows: "What will be the effect of injecting this new issue in Minnesota politics, on the wet and dry question, for instance? In North Dakota, where they have prohibition, the liquor ques-

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