

## Presidential Outlook

The fundamental problem which American statesmen has now to meet, is that of social justice. The American people fought and made enormous sacrifices to make this country and the world safe for democracy. But they had not gone very far before they saw that Kaiserism is not the only foe from which democracy is in danger.

They also saw that there is the power of selfish wealth and of moneyed aristocracy, which makes the world unsafe for democracy. They turned first attention to the most immediate and pressing danger, that created by the Prussian autocracy. Now to finish the job, it is necessary also to meet the dangers that grow out of the selfish and undemocratic use of wealth. One thing runs into the other, and it is all a battle for political rights and social justice. The Kaiser and his wicked associates might be destroyed, and the world remain exceedingly undemocratic and representative of social advance and human progress.

The democratic forces of the world have therefore attacked the powers of selfish privilege in the same spirit with which they attacked the Kaiser. Although in this country the masses enjoy the privileges of political democracy, too often they are robbed of its fruits by the manipulations of wealth and by unscrupulous politicians.

Industrial democracy does not yet exist on any considerable scale. The management of the great industries is too autocratic. The workers have their great share in the creation of those industries as well as capital. The hearty co-operation of the workers is essential to their success. The workers should have something to say about their management.

This is the most pressing of the great new problems which the war has brought home to the American people. What is the attitude of the two great parties at this parting of the ways?

## Country Town Gossip

Some people express dislike of life in country towns, on the ground that there is too much small and petty gossip. They think people show too much curiosity in regard to the affairs of their neighbors.

So people usually go to the other extreme of moving to some large city, where they may live for years without any neighbor speaking to them. They may fall sick and no one call to inquire or offer to lend a hand. About that time they begin to wish they were back in the gossiping country, where those curious neighbors would tumble over each other to offer services.

The trouble with these people is that they are too sensitive or to secretive. They ought to realize that the people of a country town are or should be close neighbors to each other, practically members of one big family. It is a perfectly normal thing for people to be interested in the things the community family is doing.

If they go off for a little trip and carefully conceal their destination, neighbors with sporting blood and a normal desire for information, naturally speculate on where they are going. If before they go, they take pains to hand a simple and modest little item to the newspaper the thing is printed, everyone knows it, and there is no reason for gossip about it.

Nothing is so interesting in the world as human life. You can find the satisfaction of character just as well in a prairie village as in a metropolitan theater. The people who have generous and kindly natures do not come in for criticism. Those who are cold and selfish and aloof, or who are egotistical and unscrupulous, are the ones that suffer. The gossip is no doubt helpful to them in correcting these faults.

## At Palmyra Today

Friday of this week is old settlers day. With the other interesting entertainment that will be had there comes to Palmyra and the people of Marion county a treat in way of a visit by Gov. Gardner who will address the old settlers. With him will be John M. Malang, Sec. State Highway Commission, and Senator Frisbie McCullough who will talk on good roads. These gentlemen have been connected with the construction of good roads and are in touch with the work and its effects. They know how to provide for building good roads and they know the effects of good roads on a community. Their talks will be interesting and educating. They will be prepared to tell us just what we want to know concerning the construction of good roads. Our people are all open to conviction. They want a good thing if it is a good thing and with the pending bond issue on hand we were never before more eager to hear good road talks than now. Let everyone be present at the fair grounds Friday afternoon to hear these gentlemen.—Marion County Herald.

Coal operators are complaining that there is to be a great scarcity of labor at the mines this fall. Hundreds of foreign laborers are preparing to return, or have already returned to their former countries and expect to remain there. Several causes are given for this exodus. During the war the men made unprecedented wages but they complain that they are now only given work a few days in the week. They also complain at the very high cost of living and the high taxes they must pay. One particularly sore spot is prohibition. All their lives they have been used to drinking wine and beer and would rather leave the country than give up the habit. Every returning foreigner is taking back with him a goodly sum of money.

Paris girls of the younger set—a score of them and all pretty—are reverting to mermaids, says The Mercury, and on these hot afternoons hie to Henning's ford for their daily swim. Things are not as they used to be, and it is no uncommon sight in the residence sections of the town to see a bevy of barelegged beauties, capes thrown over their bathing suits, real 'daughters of the gods,' tripping to and from the river.

Bob Allen is just back in Downing from a visit to North Dakota. He reports to The News that the State is full of wheat, oats, barley, grasshoppers and I. W. W. agitators. The wheat, oats and barley he found to be good, the grasshoppers bad and the agitators rotten. He thinks it is a coming country, but found that he could see too much of it at one time to suit a Missourian.

Noting that about 2,000 persons have applied for jobs under the compensation act, The Columbia Missourian concludes that there is no closed season for pie hunting in Missouri.

Mrs. P. B. Dunn Sr. and daughter Miss Clara have been recent guest of P. B. Dunn Jr. and family at Shelbyville.

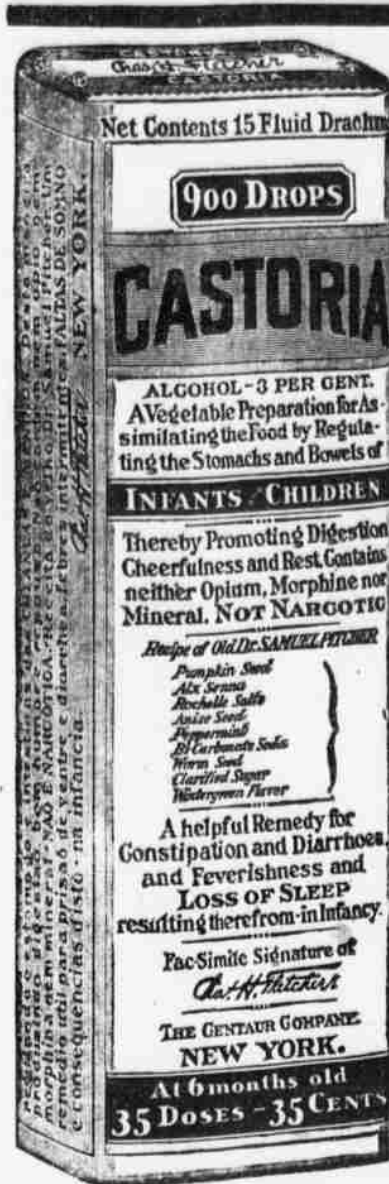
Miss Vivian Botkins returned home Monday after a visit with her uncle, J. W. Botkins and family of Shelbyville.

Mrs. Dyer, daughter and son, of Beloit, Kansas came Monday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Thiehoff.

Mrs. Frances Bridwell and daughter are visiting her sister, Mrs. A. S. Hill at Shelbyville.

Go to Miss Belle Johnson for high-grade enlargements.

Mrs. C. S. Jackson was a visitor in Quincy Monday.



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### METHODIST

Regular services as follows:  
Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.  
Preaching at 10:45 a. m.  
Senior League at 7:00 p. m.  
Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8:00.

There will be morning services at the Methodist Church at 10:45. We will join with the other churches in the evening in the union meeting at the park.

H. C. Bolen, Pastor.  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Morning Sermon by the pastor at 11:00 a. m. Subject, "The Light of the World." No evening service in the church in order that the congregation may all join in the Union Meeting in the Park at 8 o'clock.

Union Services at the park Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. J. C. Cook will preach the sermon.

### Mary Alice Roland

Mrs. Mary Alice Roland passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Kendrick of Hassard Monday evening July 21, 1919 after a several weeks illness.

Mary Alice Robinson was born in Ralls County near Spalding Springs August 15, 1853 and would of been 66 years old next month. She was married to E. B. Roland July 26, 1880 he having passed away May 19, 1918.

Funeral arrangements have not been made yet owing to the arrival of her daughter, from Washington but it will probably be held Saturday or Sunday at the home of her daughter Mrs. John Kendrick of Hassard. The remains will be laid to rest by the side of her husband in St. Jude's cemetery. She is survived by seven children, three sons and four daughter, E. A. Roland of Litchville, Ark. W. R. and Tom Roland of Withers Mill, Mo., Mrs. J. B. Boarman Chesaw, Wash, Mrs. John Kendrick of Hassard, Mo., Miss Fannie and Mrs. John Ficken both of Hannibal.

Ennis Noland and family, of Chillicothe, Ill.; are visiting at the home of his brother, Dr. C. A. Noland and wife.

### Election Postponed

At a meeting of the Marion County Good Roads Association held in this city yesterday afternoon, it was the sense of the meeting that the road-bond election be postponed. This was made necessary from the fact that the amount of bonds to be voted had been based on the assessment of 1917, and the law is that the basis should be on the assessment of 1916. It will therefore necessary to make the amount \$1,350,000 instead of \$1,500,000. New petitions will be circulated and presented to the court August 4th, with the recommendation that the election be held Tuesday, September 2nd.—Palmyra Spectator.

Mrs. Berta Shoemaker and daughter, Alice Virginia and Miss Evelyn Jackson are spending this week at Spalding Springs.

Mrs. Ed Thomas and children returned home from Shelbyville, Tuesday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wood.

Mrs. Mary Thiehoff, of Hunnewell came Wednesday for a visit with her son, S. B. Thiehoff and wife.

C. S. Jackson went to Texas Monday for a stay of about ten days, on business.

Miss Daisy Huston is visiting Misses Maude and Bertha Alexander near Ash.

Dale Wilson attended the Centennial celebration at Palmyra Wednesday.

John Abbott of Quincy was a business visitor in this city Tuesday.

## Wrestling Match!

Opera House

Friday, Aug. 1.

Young Owen, of Hannibal, comes to Monroe City recommended as one of the best little men in the game, having won several matches in Iowa, Illinois, and in this territory.

Gordon's weight, 137  
Owen's weight, 138

## Tourist's Experience

Many people take a summer vacation by going on a sight seeing tour to some interesting section of the country. Let no one think he is going to get any vacation rest out of it. He will probably return much more weary than he started.

Yet anyone who takes such a trip usually feels that his labor is well repaid. He is cheered for many days by the memories of beautiful country or fine cities he has seen. He has met interesting people, talked upon new subjects and got different points of view.

He returns a broader American citizen. He begins to see that his own state and section does not contain all the wisdom and virtue, and that people with a somewhat different inheritance have their own points of view which have some degree of wisdom.

Also he gets ideas of civic advantage. He learns how different towns solved their community problems and have put through progressive measures. He begins to see how his home town might take some advance step, solve old problems, and build new institutions.

Most men get ideas helpful to their business by travelling. They are inspired with the swing of the giant stride that Twentieth Century America is taking. They have seen big things accomplished, they have more faith in their own ability to do big things. They have a definite idea in many details as to how other people and other sections have achieved successes.

So the returned tourists may talk so fast about what he has seen that his neighbors weary of his conversation. He may have a flat pocket book, but his head is bulging with ideas. Anyway he is the possessor of an experience worth all it cost. But whatever the glories he has seen, he almost invariably comes back with the feeling that the good old home town of Monroe City is the best place yet.

### French Orphans

The children of France have not yet emerged from the shadow of the war. With peace assured, and a happier future opening before them, it becomes increasingly evident that the child life of France has suffered a shock from which it is difficult to rally; while the birth rate has dropped to 8 to each 1,000 population.

The Fatherless Children of France, an American organization co-operating with a similar one in Paris of which Marshal Joffre is the head, reports that of the children receiving American aid to the extent of 10 cents a day under its plan of securing American godmothers for the little French war waifs, its records show an average of 700 children's deaths per month since the armistice. The help of the American godmothers came too late to save these undernourished nerve-shocked little ones.

Mrs. Walter S. Brewster of Chicago, vice-chairman of the Fatherless Children of France, has been appointed chairman of a campaign to secure American aid for the 60,000 little war orphans whose names were on the lists of the organization as "unadopted" before the signing of the armistice. Ten cents will care for a child for an entire day; \$3.00 for a month; while for \$36.50 a year the donor may select a child from the lists at the organization's headquarters and be placed in correspondence with it. To adopt a child or make a donation write for information to Mrs. Walter S. Brewster, Room 634, 410 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Mrs. Frances Penn returned home Tuesday after a several days visit with her niece, Mrs. J. F. Harrison in Shelbyville. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Penn in Shelbyville.