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WHY THEY GO TO WILSON

The defection of Thomas A. Edison, the great American inventor, along with thousands of other life-long Republicans from the old Republican party, and his unequivocal support of President Wilson and his policies, has done as much as any other cause to advance the Democratic cause of good government. In renouncing the party of standpatism and rawfaw and giving his reasons for supporting Wilson, Edison did so in one short, terse sentence and which further tells why so many thoughtful men are breaking away from other ties to support Wilson. Here is what he said:

"The times are too serious for real Americans to talk or think in terms of Republicanism or Democracy."
What could better express the situation than this short sentence. How could more be stated in few words? The fact is that the times are too serious to allow partisanship to govern. Everyone knows that from the day Wilson assumed the chair he has been obliged to face the most serious of problems—problems vital to the security, progress and welfare of the country, and, as Edison says, has faced them with "courage and sanity."

Under continuing control of Wilson and a Democratic congress the equally important and dangerous problems of the coming four years will also be faced with courage and sanity, as the record of the past four years discloses. How they would be dealt with by Mr. Hughes, if he were elected, we do not know. Mr. Hughes himself is vigorously criticizing the president for what he has done, but he is not telling what he would have done in his place. He is not telling how he would deal with the problems of the future, unless we may take his telegram of congratulation to Colonel Roosevelt as evidence that he would follow the Roosevelt method. If that is what he would do—and it is not an unreasonable presumption—then we may conclude that a change in administration would be a matter of the most vital consequence to the American people. It would mean an abandonment in our foreign relations, of the Wilson policies of peace and neutrality, which are also the traditional American policies. It would mean that the policies now being tried out in

oceans of blood in Europe, would guide, also, the destinies of America. Edison does not believe the change would be advantageous, or that it is called for. "This talk about the United States being despised is nonsense," he says, vigorously. "Neutrality is a mighty trying policy, but back of it are international law, the rights of humanity and the future of civilization."

It is no trouble at all to find multitudes of Republicans and Progressives as well as all Democrats who agree with Edison when he says: "Mr. Wilson has now had about four years of experience and he has earned faith and trust. I do not think it a logical or sensible thing to change to an inexperienced and untried man just for the sake of change, or without much better reasons being given for the change than I have noticed."

Edison's announcement of his support of Wilson came right on the heels of Mr. Wilson's speech of acceptance. It is not improbable that this statesmanlike utterance may have aided Edison to his conclusion. Certainly it has had a marked effect on other open and unprejudiced minds. For example, the New York Evening Post, which since the conventions has been trembling in the balance as between Wilson and Hughes, says frankly:

"Beside it Mr. Hughes' speeches shrink to smaller dimensions than ever, while Mr. Roosevelt's vituperative bitterness appears merely the vulgar roaring of a corner politician. If Mr. Hughes cannot rise to its breadth of vision, or its power, his will be a difficult position indeed."

Of the president's discussion of domestic issues the Evening Post says: "One must admit that rarely if ever in our political history have so many predictions promises been fulfilled. As Mr. Wilson points out, the roll of the party's achievements sound more like a platform of pledges than the story of what has actually been accomplished. No self-respecting Republican dares in this campaign to utter the old slander that the Democratic party is without constructive ability or the power to enact its policies into law."

Such are the impressions that the Democratic record and Mr. Wilson's speech are making on open minds.

The times are too big and serious for any good citizen to allow mere partisan considerations to govern his vote. It is for that reason Thomas A. Edison "switches." No other Republican need be ashamed to follow his example.

GRACIOUS! WHAT WILL BILLY SAY?

It is now time to rise and inquire what would Moses say? and then to go still further, ask what will Billy Sunday say?

And why all this—well, just because it is now announced that a commission of clergy and laymen of the Episcopal church proposes to shorten the ten commandments. If Moses has any pride in his inspired authorship, we can imagine his body turning over in its grave and his spirit tormented by its grief, while Billy Sunday, the latest self-authorized interpreter of Moses—what will Billy say? Descriptive powers are beggared and imagination is staggered in contemplation of it. Finite man presume to alter the ten commandments!

But why not? There was a day when religion was forced upon every subject of a state. The state maintained an established church. Wars were fought for the church. Rebellions were started because of it. That was a day of religious intolerance. Religion, one or another form of it, some good and some not so good, forced itself upon men.

Today, we live in a period of religious tolerance for the most part. Religion must compete with other interests for man's attention. That is as it should be. If religion is worth while, it can stand the competition. But religion, no more than anything else, cannot compete for man's time and thought today by the methods of yesterday. For those who have an abiding faith in a particular religion, the ponderous phrases of yesterday may do. Having the faith, they are willing to undergo some discomfort and put up with some tediousness to pursue the Truth.

But religion cannot stand still upon its present laurels. It must gain ground or die. It must win new believers. It must appeal successfully to those who do not now have faith in it. That it cannot do by the methods of yesterday. The Truths have not changed, need not change. But the people to whom the appeal is made have changed and, consequently, the form in which the Truths are expressed and advocated may need revision to make the appeal effective.

That, in effect, is what this Episcopal commission proposes. It proposes to eliminate some of the figurative language of the original ten commandments, compressing the Truth into clear, concise English.

But what will Billy say? We wait to hear.

RUINED TEDDY'S MILITARY CAREER

Poor Teddy—he must now come out and say that his speech last week at Lewiston, Maine, was not partisan,

Possibly that may be true—almost any old thing about noisy Teddy is true.

The truth is that it was not the speech of a partisan but of a disappointed hero. Its vituperation and mendacity were not directed against President Wilson as a democrat but as a diplomatist who had snuffed out a more glorious military career than has yet been recorded in human annals.

After the sinking of the Lusitania the colonel prepared to organize a brigade and take charge of the war on the side of the allies. But instead of plunging the United States into the conflict, the President stuck to diplomacy and finally compelled Germany to abandon the Tirpitz campaign of submarine manslaughter, dismiss Tirpitz and conform submarine operations to the rules of international law. The colonel never has forgiven the President and never can. If it had not been for the President's timidity and vacillation, the colonel would undoubtedly have Joffre and Haig in the guard-house by this time and would be running the war.

But the submarine settlement was not the only affront to the great commander. After the unfortunate encounter between Mexican and American troops at Carrizal, the colonel organized a division of volunteers on paper, with himself as major general, and prepared to subjugate Mexico. Again the President thwarted him, and by agreeing to the appointment of a joint commission to settle all differences between the two countries, left a super-Napoleon in the deplorable rank of ex-colonel of volunteers.

How can anybody expect Theodore Roosevelt to forgive the President? That man Wilson is the liard of so many Rooseveltian woes that we are more and more astonished at the moderation of the colonel's language.

WHO WOULD CONTROL CONGRESS?

Should the republican party be successful at the polls in November the question of whom would control it has caused the Progressives many uneasy hours and the more they think about it the more uneasy they become. They find that under the seniority rules that prevail in congress that Penrose will be chairman of the senate finance committee, that Joseph Fordney, whose only stock in trade consists of high protection, will be chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, that Francis E. Warren of Wyoming, the greatest pork barrel grabber of them all and anti-conservationist, will be chairman of the senate appropriation committee, William Alden Smith of Michigan, whose performances during the Titanic investigation attracted public attention, would be at the head of the senate naval committee, Henry A. DuPont would direct the work of the senate committee on military affairs and George E. Sutherland, who voted for Lortimer, would preside over the senate committee on elections.

This is the very bunch of standpaters against whom the progressives revolted four years ago and progressives hesitate about casting a vote to turn congress over to them again. Even if they have confidence in Hughes, they ask what he can do with congress in control of that bunch of standpaters. However progressive Hughes might be, he could not get one act along progressive lines through congress with such a set of men in control of that body.

It surely must at last become patent to St. Joseph Democrats that the Republican News-Press has worked them in the interests of the Republican ticket in the row it has kept up in the Democratic party over the Crandell matter. There are a few self-constituted Democratic "leaders" who have consecrated their souls' efforts to helping the N-P to break up the party, but when the rank and file of Buchanan County's Democracy wake up to the fact that they have been "worked" by these "leaders" and the Republican News-Press there will be an accounting—and woe to these renegade Democrats and their candidates.

There is no place in Missouri except in and around St. Joseph where there are purported Democrats who are willing to help the Republican News-Press defeat the Democratic ticket.

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It is really refreshing—and at the same time laughable—to see the "steamed" Gazette floundering around trying to find a real Republican issue. Those Illinois "drys" made a futile fight against the renomination of Congressman Mann. They were defeated by a four to one majority. The board of health did a good job when on Thursday it dismissed its use-

given facts that can be substantiated by living evidence.

It is not necessary to your standing as a real Democrat, you Buchanan County Democratic voter, to tie yourself up with the renegade gang who posing as Democrats in their desire to serve the Republican News-Press would sacrifice their ticket in order to get revenge on some Democrats who they cannot control.

The Maine figures disclose the fact that Noisy Teddy, Candidate Hughes, all of the big Republican guns that could be drafted and a Republican campaign fund of over \$2,000,000 spent in Maine could not reach even the fatal 13,000 mark for the grand old party.

If local Democrats will confine their efforts to fighting the common enemy and forget their personal desire to knife their own people in their efforts to help the Republican News-Press defeat the Democratic ticket, there will be far greater chance for local Democratic success in November.

In addition to his many other trials, President Wilson must now sustain the loss of his sister. Troubles have beset America's great executive ever since the day he assumed office—and he has met every one of them with promptness, fortitude and calm and dispassionate judgment.

Missouri Democrats have put before the voters a state ticket which is one that any man can tie to. Headed by Colonel Gardner, it is made up of men who know how to do things, and who know how to make Missouri greater—and they will do it.

In the selection of Col. James H. McCord as president of the Burnes National Bank, one of St. Joseph's best business men and citizens has been placed at the head of one of St. Joseph's sterling financial institutions.

Yes—we have heard from Maine—and it is good news too. Every time in the past forty years that the Republicans did not carry Maine by more than 15,000 there has been a Democratic president.

Possibly Mayor Marshall will now recognize that his bluff has been called—even if Dr. Crandell was obliged to use vigorous and possibly not table etiquette language in order to make his honor comprehend.

With a surplus of \$8.84 in the police funds, as disclosed by Mayor Marshall's own auditors, instead of a deficit, as he alleged, it is now up to St. Joseph's chief executive to make another explanation—and a new charge.

Little Sweden has told the British lion in words that cannot be misunderstood that that big bully cannot monkey with her mails. So has President Wilson—and the unlawful actions of the big bully must cease.

If Dr. Jake Geiger keeps up the sort of campaign speeches that he is now making, all that is necessary for Congressman Booher to do for the rest of the campaign is to stay at home and rest.

Seventy Republican congressmen out of the 114 in the house voted for the Adamson eight-hour law. It will be well to remember this when the Republican spellbinders attempt to use the Adamson law as a campaign issue.

The yellow-bellied Japs are assuring us that they do not expect to "harm" China. No—and neither does any other thief harm the goods which he steals.

Of course it is real nice to again have a few crossing squad officers, but it is as equally "unnice" to force the patrolmen to work twelve hours a day instead of eight.

With the News-Press earnestly and unctiously supporting that Republican Lamm for governor, how can you, fellow Democrat, be hoodwinked into believing that it is Democratic.

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less corps of sanitary inspectors.

Look out for Maine in November. The signs are right and that beggarly Republican majority insures the state to Wilson.

The Republican News Press is now directing the police affairs of St. Joseph, according to its own statements.

Too bad—really too bad—the charge that suffering President Wilson was "born in the South."

Fairbanks was in Kansas Thursday. No wonder the cold snap hit St. Joseph Thursday night.

All roads point to St. Joseph's fashion show and dress-up declaration next week.

Yep—"we've heard" from Maine—and we are satisfied.

Sayings of Missouri Editors

Not by a Jugful
The big explosion of Saturday night off the Jersey coast wasn't the wallop that Mr. Hughes was handing Wall street.—Ralls County Record.

For Which We All Pray
It is to be hoped no new international crisis will arise while the present shortage of white paper continues.—Kansas City Times.

And It Will Be Safe
The Democratic party is perfectly willing to leave November's decision to the man who gets the weekly pay envelope.—Boonville Advertiser.

For Shame, Neighbor McWilliams
Young women's linen suits are down to \$7.50, yet the skirts are up to a point beyond the pale of discussion.—Clinton County Democrat.

Would Hughes Have Endorsed?
Would Mr. Hughes have endorsed the bandit Huerta who came into power by means of assassination and deceit?—Memphis Democrat.

Hughes Has All Sorts of Nerve
Anyway, even the Democrats must admire Mr. Hughes' nerve. The idea of attempting a political speech this kind of weather?—Kansas City Times.

And Past All Others
James A. Houchin, defeated candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, says that he understands the vote in the cities, but the vote in the country is past his comprehension.—Excelsior Springs Standard.

He Might—But It's Doubtful
The Breckinridge Bulletin (Republican) claims to be authorized to announce that L. W. Reed will be a candidate for congress in 1918. Why not for 1920 also? He might carry another county by that time.—Gallatin Democrat.

Yes—We Buried and Forgot It
And by the way, even Frank Freytag of the St. Joseph Observer has long since quit speaking of that "Republican corpse." It is so lively, the opposition is deadly afraid of it.—Hopkins Journal.

Voted Like Zach Taylor
Many voters all over Missouri did not go the polla state primary day—August 1. It will be remembered that Zachary Taylor had not voted for forty years when elected president.—Clinton County Democrat.

The Echo Answers Unprintable
When the Bull Moosers gather from near by and from afar and away, and the strident notes of Roderick's bugle call to follow his valorous lead into the Republican camp, what the echoes answers is hardly fit to print.—Milan Standard.

Now They Are the Other Way
When Roosevelt and Taft were in office they were very much in favor of a federal tariff board. But now, since a tariff board has been created, the standpat leaders are very much opposed to it.—Atchison County Mail.

Will Be No Enthusiasm
Since Roosevelt gave the sturdy German element of our citizenship such bitter denunciation and since Roosevelt has endorsed Hughes, it is not likely the German-Americans will be enthusiastic for Hughes.—Memphis Democrat.

Hughes One Way, Fairbanks Tother
On the Mexican question Hughes and Fairbanks have established a perfect equilibrium. Fairbanks has approved the president's Mexican policy of peace and humanity as strongly as Hughes condemns it.—Worth County Times.

Is Not a National Question
Mr. Hughes continues to enlarge on the subject of woman suffrage, leading to the inference that he is pinning his hope of election to equal suffrage. The issue is important, in a way, but not

to the extent of a great national question.—Glasgow Missourian.

Why Don't He Say Why?
Hughes is a great denunciator, but while he denounces Wilson's policies he dares not assert what he would have done on many leading questions if he had been in Wilson's place. A definite stand on the vital issues is what the people of this country are demanding.—Memphis Democrat.

Which Reminds Albert Stroud
A gathering of laboring men in London last Sunday publicly advocated that the kaiser be hanged. Which reminds Albert Stroud that a convention of rats was held once upon a time, and it was decided that the cats should be belled.—Hopkins Journal.

Another Partisan Press Lie
Along comes another announcement that the Germans are about to resume their submarine warfare, and that the Americans are not in position to protest. But this is an alarm that has been sounded at intervals ever since Germany humanely abandoned the slaughter of the innocent.—Kansas City Times.

Why J. Pierp Kept Ahead
J. P. Morgan had \$174,450 worth of watches, \$44,743 worth of wines and liquors and \$8,639 worth of cigars when he died, as shown by a recent appraisal of his estate, which aggregated \$78,149,024 in value. The item of watches may explain why Mr. Morgan managed to keep ahead of the times.—St. Louis Times.

Why Charley Morris Was Beaten
Charley Morris of St. Joseph did not land the nomination for governor. The people of all parties north of the Missouri river ought to begin to catch on to the fact that the chaps who get the nominations for the big state offices all live down in the state where the sure thing candidate crop is always a bumper one.—Tarkio Avalanche.

The Pastor Was Intoxicated.
Pastor Williamson of St. Louis, who so bitterly attacked President Wilson last spring, now confesses that he was under the influence of strong drink which ruined his mental poise. While we rejoice in his complete recovery, we wonder if somehow Judge Hughes hasn't been hitting the same bottle.—Henry County Democrat.

Villa Can Skin Him
It must be some little humiliation to Justice Hughes to realize that after spending ten weeks in studying up mean things to say about President Wilson's administration of this government's affairs, that after all his laborious preparation Villa, the Mexican bandit, can skin him in one time and two motions in the matter of vilifying Wilson.—Dade County Advocate.

Hard to Give Anything Back
The government is preparing to sue those Americans to whom it advanced money to get home on at the outbreak of the war in Europe and who have forgotten to repay their debt. It does come awfully hard to some Americans to give back to the government anything they get out of it.—St. Louis Times.

Got a Real Cold Whiff
Judge Henry Lamm, Republican candidate for governor, says that he never breathed anything but Republican atmosphere since he was 10 years old. But, along about the close of his administration as supreme judge, he encountered a very cold whiff of Democratic atmosphere.—Atchison County Mail.

Nary a Vote
The decline in the Prohibition primary vote in Missouri is arousing some comment. Here in Henry county there used to be nearly a hundred Prohibition votes, but only one vote was cast for the candidates of that party in the primary, while in Johnson county, not a single, solitary Prohibition vote was cast.—Henry County Democrat.

Got it in the Neck
Shupp, Jones and others of the Anti-Saloon League had a smack in the face on election day that was deserved. Every candidate that they were fighting was nominated. The reason is plain. Voters are sore at this bunch of superannuated preachers for their bulldozing tactics and resent it. Threats of blacklisting and injuring of the personal standing of the candidates by this bunch should be inquired into by the federal authorities.—Sikeston Standard.

And Shupp Knew This
In an early issue of the "American Issue," Superintendent Shupp appealed to voters to oppose Gardner, because he was lined up with Senators Kinney and Brogan and Excise Commissioner Rumsey. To show how utterly unfair Superintendent Shupp was, every one of these men fought Gardner from start to finish. Shupp knew this, after his false charges, but hadn't the fairness to make the denial.—Boonville Advertiser.