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A THOUGHT FOR THIS WEEK

One of the best methods of rendering study agreeable is to live with able men, and to suffer all those pangs of inferiority which the want of knowledge always inflicts. SYDNEY SMITH

Convention Post-Mortem

The atmosphere at Cleveland last week was vastly different from the doleful spirit which blanketed the Republican convention four years ago. Then, even though banks were crashing like houses of cards and breadlines were stretching to alarming lengths, the G. O. P. confidently refused to change its complexion and agreed meekly to the dictates of the traditional leaders. The major accomplishment at this year's convention was the defeat of the reac- gime even tried to tell them what they tionary elements who were largely responsible for the low should think, as well as what they spot struck by the Republicans in 1932.

Undoubtedly the Republican party is having its biggest, and perhaps its last chance, this year. If its candidates lose to Roosevelt again there will be a tremendous demand during the next four years for a new major party, made up of progressive Republicans and disgruntled Democrats. Such a against an all-powerful regime. They party might bring about the permanent extinction of the thought they had put those safe-guards

The Republicans selected the best slate available. Governor Landon has a splendid record, he has declined to pussyfoot, as the Old Guard would have him, he seems to be entirely sincere and the forces he leads blow through the Republican party like a breath of fresh air. Knox is an even Congress proposed 10 constitutional more colorful character. The slate may not be as strong as amendments which were ratified and it might have been had the G. O. P. followed the suggestion declared in effect on March 5, 1791. to nominate an outstanding young Democrat for vice-presi- These protected the rights of freedom dent but it is certainly an honest one, standing upon its own of speech, religion, and the press; of merits.

In its new national chairman, John Hamilton, the Re- and seizure. And the last two amendpublican Party also has a political leader of the new school. ments said: If Hamilton, under Landon's leadership, can succeed in immediately reorganizing the party, it will have an even chance to win. Without that reorganization, without a tion, of certain rights, shall not be ple who claim to be Young Writers. I cleansing process which will remove the reactionary leader- construed to deny or disparage others have these letters before me, and I

Unfortunately, the platform is not as strong as the States by the Constitution, nor prohitakes of others, some of the pitfalls candidates. Had the Republicans listened more attentively bited by it to the states, are reserved the job-hunter-by-mail can avoid. to Governor Landon the party would have had a platform to the states respectively, OR TO of which it could well have been proud. As it is the princi- THE PEOPLE.' ples adopted are vague and far from satisfactory to thinking voters. It has retained too much of the narrowness of the reactionary elements.

Perhaps Governor Landon will overcome this weakness by supplementing the platform with personal pledges which will clarify and strengthen the Republican program. He must do this if he intends to convince the independent voters, upon whom his victory or defeat depends.

All in all, the hopes for the future of the Republican Party rest upon Governor Landon. If his progressive ideals could only permeate the Luzerne County Republican organization and purge it of the influences which have directed its activities so long the rebirth of the G. O. P. would be a reality here, too.

Policies Among The New Dealers

It could be expected that the Democrats would profit by the political example set by their Republican predecessors in Luzerne County but it is disappointing to find that that they wanted to "make haste employment I desired. the professed New Dealers hereabouts are subscribing to slowly." They remembered, among such mean tactics so enthusiastically.

ernment projects are paying, in one way or another, for their jobs. Politics of the rankest kind is permeating relief establish a 30-hour-week, another ing loosely at her side. It lay limp and projects. President Roosevelt cannot, of course, be held re- might use the same authority to fix a cold in his. He let it fall again. He sponsible for what his supporters in Luzerne County do, 54-hour-week. but it seems that the Administration might do something to cleanse itself of some of the political leeches who are exposing it to public criticism.

There can be no question that some relief projects are gon. They remarked that although the could not remain still. He walked necessary. There is no question that some of the men who New York state law was invalidated, about. He felt a terrible irritation, head such projects, even in Luzerne County, are of the fin- a Constitutional amendment should not body, his throat, was tight. Inside an est type. It is difficult to understand why they permit the be advocated until attempts were made out-thrusting force that tugged at the

flagrant abuses prevalent in this section. For every vote that is bought there are two silent votes other words, they said, there must be amazingly uncomfortable, this thing. waiting for the call of a leader who will place humanity some way of legislating on the subject above politics, patriotism above self-advantage, sportsman- of wages and hours without imping- face and be able to breathe, and he ship ahead of vengefulness. Some day those silent votes are ing upon the prerogatives preserved pushed down, and struggle, and he going to end the expensive graft of political patronage.

WASHINGTON LETTER

The National Capital seems to have put on its thinking cap. It took it less than two weeks to catch up with what the Supreme Court really did when it invalidated the New York State minimum wage law for women. It usually takes much longer.

When the decision was first handed down, cries of horror went up-from men called upon by newspapermen to comment before they had even had a chance to read the decision, much less think about it. "Alas!" they cried. "The Supreme Court says that neither the federal nor state governments can function in that field.

But now the froth is settling down, and the thinking has begun. It appears to the surprise of many, that it was not the Supreme Court but the Constitution which created the "no man's land." And the Court, it develops, was just interpreting the Constitution.

That discovery surprised some who went to the trouble to find out why the Constitution established that "no man's land." Here is what they found by a brief study of our nation's his-

The United States was founded by a group of pioneers who had lived under the oppression of a regime which controlled their every activity. That reshould and should not do.

With that in mind, the students into the original Constitution, which became effective on March 4, 1789.

But in September of the same year, the records showed, these men decided the safeguards were not strong enough. security from unwarrantable search

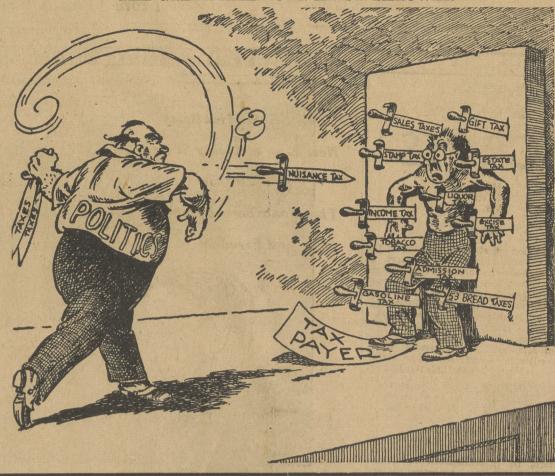
freedom was guaranteed.

the Constitution be amended to let the entering the writing field. states control wages and hours. Some others wanted to give that control to the federal government.

been among those who cried "Woe is with which I answer is not so much me!" and who urged a Constitutional due to a need for the position, but is amendment. But upon further thought, inspired by its almost miraculous simithey, too, were not so sure. In fact they larity to the kind of position I should went out of their way to emphasize describe if I were asked what kind of other things, that once such a thing By now there need be little doubt that workers on gov- was on the statute books, it would be over the stacks of manuscript I have, there to stay; and that while one administration might use such a law to ing's work: He took up her hand hang-

to the people in the Constitution.

THE GREAT AMERICAN KNIFE-THROWER



Rives Matthews

Mr. Matthews Reflects Upon The Lack Of Originality Among Those To Whom Originality Is A Prime Requirement; Notes On A Want Ad.

A N EDITOR I know needed an assistant. So he advertised for a Young Writer. To his horror, he discovered there are 1500 unemployed Young Writers hereabouts.

Manfully he attempted the grim task of reading 1500 letters begging for a chance to work for him. The handfound, the men who established our written ones he soon found were too government and wrote our Constitu- much for his eyes. So most of these tion sought to establish safeguards were never read. So, too, were the over long letters, and the badly typed letters, and the ones that listed under ability to think: "I am a graduate of Philips Andover and Yale University.'

> After the first hundred or so, my friend gave up, sent out an SOS to an employment agency and within two days he had just the man he wanted. Never again, says he (will he advertise for an employe. It takes too much time writing? Why, none at all! to find grain in chaff.

Yet good jobs continue to be advertised in the Times, and some people must continue to qualify for them with skillfully worded letters of application. Unfortunately I've never seen such successful letters. I wish I had. But I have seen 1500 unsuccessful letters "The enumeration in the Constitu- They were written, mind you, by peo-RETAINED BY THE PEOPLE. The quote some of them here, not in a spirit powers not delegated to the United of ridicule, but to show, by the mis-

(1) I am answering your advertisement offering an unusual opportunity to an aspiring young writer in the hope Thus the Supreme Court simply was that you will grant me an interview. protecting a deliberately created "ev- To write you my qualifications and ery man's land", in which every man's ambitions would seem in cold type like a very bad case of inflated ego. I am a college graduate and feel that I am The realization of these facts had qualified to meet your demands. The several reactions. Representative Pet- long hours and the salary are secondtengill of Indiana, and a number of ary to an opportunity that will permit others, for instance, advocated that me to gratify my only desire, that of

(2) Now that you have received and rejected thousands of replies to your advertisement in today's Times, here is one that will awaken you-if Organized labor representatives had you are alert enough. The confidence

(3) Rather than ponder endlessly I'll copy out a little from this morntried to look in her eyes and put into his impossible to voice apologies, regrets, explanations. It wouldn't do. A fourth group included Senators She appeared frozen, so strongly hurt Borah of Idaho and Steiwer of Ore- that placation seemed impossible. He searching for some vocalization. His to present the law in another form. In nerves for not having outlet, It was kept down, and yearn for the air.

(4) Twenty dollars worth of sheepskin, a year ago last June, set most of us so agog we expected every local publisher to fire their editors and send for us. But we quickly got the idea that it wouldn't do to sit around and wait; so we folded the sheepskin, with Columbia's and the Columbia School of Journalism's best names on it, and proceeded to bang into every newspaper and magazine office from Bangor to Roanoke.

(5) Your advertisement stresses ability-and that's what I have! If you knew me well, and I hope you will sometime soon, you would know that my statements are backed up by proof (in this case the opinion of experts at Columbia University) and that I am frank and sincere. And what innate qualities could be more helpful in

(6) I adorn myself with the name Writer. The basis for this lies in the innumerable compositions which have flowed from my pen. Articles on marketing and management, austere and packed by statistics and research, or the most intense emotional outbursts. . . .

(7) It has occurred to me that an enterprising magazine could use a person of my caliber.

(8) While at college I earned varsity letters in both football and basketball, thereby developing stamina sufficient to qualify me for long hours and strenuous work. My newspaper work at college consisted of reporting on athletic events and writing a col-

(9) I am taking the responsibility of writing you, due to the fact that my son is at present in town regarding another position. He is twenty-one, with fine record, and can give you good references. He graduated from Tenafly High two years ago, but, due to economic conditions, was not fortunate enough to go to college. He has been in a bank for two years working all seeing no future, decided to quit two weeks ago. A menclosing some articles King or a Fascist leader. written by him, and one from the schol paper. The writing is not so beautiful but were scribbled in off moments. He will not be pleased at my out thousands more of them. Many of answering your ad, but under the existing circumstances, believe it is understandable. Hoping to hear from eyed, full of hope, and then will clutyou, Truly Yours....

(10) Unfortunately, or perhaps it may be fortunate, I cannot offer any

college degree, I am only a high school graduate. My age is twenty-three years and I am a Protestant.

(11) Gentlemen or Ladies, (no preference), a young man a year above your age limitation, physically and mentally far above average, is answering your advertisement which appeared in this morning's Times. He has had a varied business training ranging down the scale from associate editor of a weekly trade publication to that of a gardener. Changing business fortunes, due solely to the economic depression, rather sharpen an innate alertness, it might be added. He has always stood firmly on his own feet and has done all his own thinking which, per se, makes it the most rational of all. Hard work and long hours would be quite welcome to him as he has frequently encountered these twin bugabears in his business travels.

(12) May I state at the outset that I am a youth 24 yrs. of age? And now for my application. As an application I know it to be unorthodox. But why be conventional when I know that to the opposite extreme, creative work of state truly by capabilities I must be otherwise. First I shall say whether I have any love for writing. I think so. The word "writer" vibrates with a certain life for me. Writing and authors have interested me ever since I started reading. When I was a boy I used to select stories by the author's name, rather than by the title as most do when immature. The different magazines, especially those devoted to authorship, have caused my appreciation of writing to rise incessantly. I like the New York Times and revel in its iconoclastic editorials. I like its book reviews, its presentation of the news, and I think that journalism is a great profession. Why shouldn't I? Kipling, one of my favorites, was a journalist. None can deny the prolificness of his work. Besides reading the Times for complete news of the world I find it conservative, yet decidedly out-spoken. The Herald-Traveler, in Boston, is also quite forward in its editorials, and who could forget Hearst's Boston American? I like to read novels. I respect kinds of hours, uncomplaining, but, and stand more in awe of an author than I do a President, a Dictator, a

> THIS MONTH the colleges will turn them will have degrees in journalism. All of them will face the world brightter up the Monday morning mails, answering Help Wanted ads. Little do they know what competition lies ahead.

A Motorist's Prayer

Grant me a steady hand and watchful eye, That no man shall be hurt when I pass by.

Though gavest life, and I pray no act of mine May take away or mar that gift of thine.

Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company, From the evils of fire and all calamity.

Teach me to use my car for others' need, Nor miss through love of speed The beauties of thy world; that thus I may, With joy and courtesy go my way.