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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.

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.

The Republicans selected the best slate available. Governor Landon has a splendid record, he has declined to pussifyfoot, 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.

In its new national chairman, John Hamilton, the Republican Party also has a political leader of the new school. If Hamilton, under Landon's leadership, can succeed in immediately reorganizing the party, it will have an even chance to win.

Unfortunately, the platform is not as strong as the candidates. Had the Republicans listened more attentively to Governor Landon the party would have had a platform of which it could well have been proud.

Perhaps Governor Landon will overcome this weakness by supplementing the platform with personal pledges which will clarify and strengthen the Republican program.

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 the professed New Dealers hereabouts are subscribing to such mean tactics so enthusiastically.

By now there need be little doubt that workers on government projects are paying, in one way or another, for their jobs. Politics of the rankest kind is permeating relief projects. President Roosevelt cannot, of course, be held responsible for what his supporters in Luzerne County do, 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 necessary. There is no question that some of the men who head such projects, even in Luzerne County, are of the finest type. It is difficult to understand why they permit the flagrant abuses prevalent in this section.

For every vote that is bought there are two silent votes waiting for the call of a leader who will place humanity above politics, patriotism above self-advantage, sportsmanship ahead of vengefulness. Some day those silent votes are 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.

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.

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."

That discovery surprised some who went to the trouble to find out why the Constitution established that "no man's land."

The United States was founded by a group of pioneers who had lived under the oppression of a regime which controlled their every activity.

With that in mind, the students found, the men who established our government and wrote our Constitution sought to establish safeguards against an all-powerful regime.

But in September of the same year, the records showed, these men decided the safeguards were not strong enough. Congress proposed 10 constitutional amendments which were ratified and declared in effect on March 5, 1791.

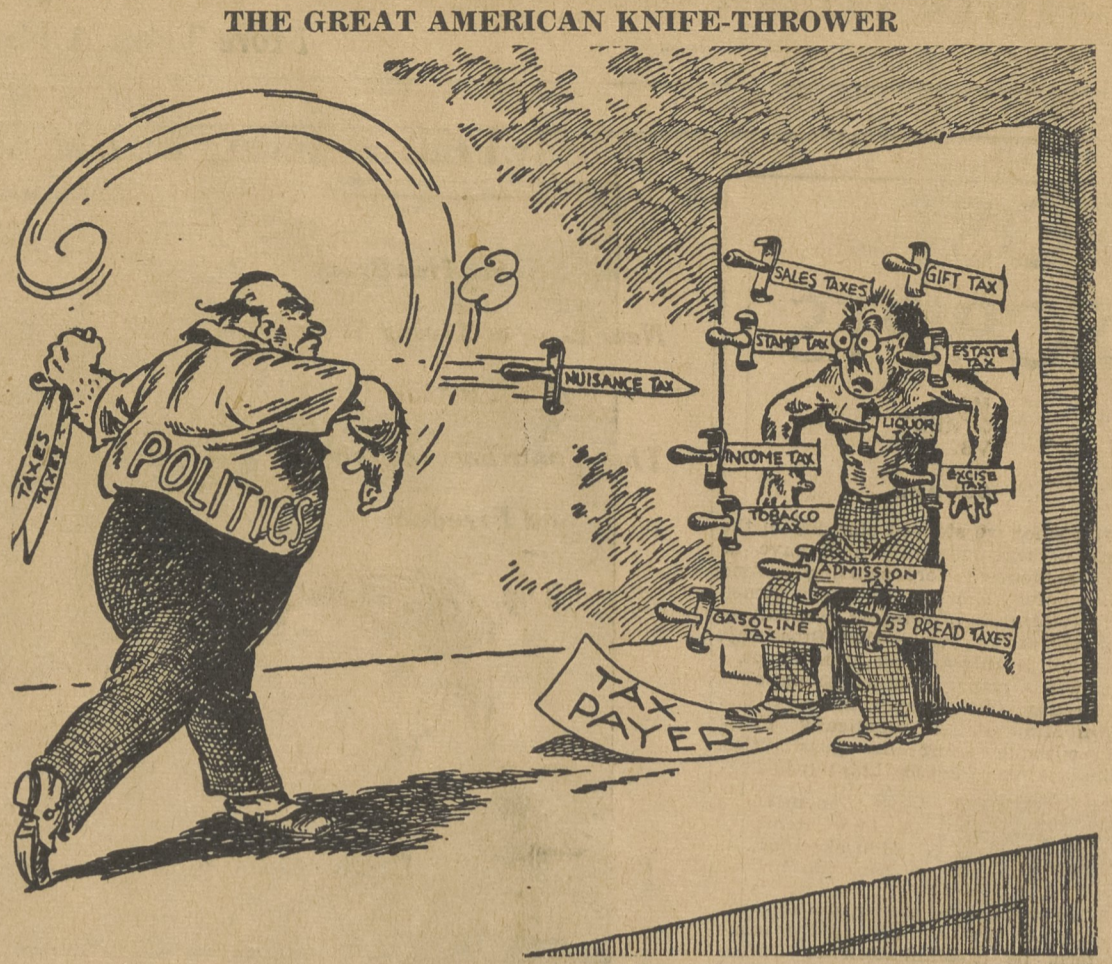
"The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others RETAINED BY THE PEOPLE.

Thus the Supreme Court simply was protecting a deliberately created "every man's land", in which every man's freedom was guaranteed.

The realization of these facts had several reactions. Representative Pettengill of Indiana, and a number of others, for instance, advocated that the Constitution be amended to let the states control wages and hours.

Organized labor representatives had been among those who cried "Woe is me!" and who urged a Constitutional amendment. But upon further thought, they, too, were not so sure.

A fourth group included Senators Borah of Idaho and Steiwer of Oregon. They remarked that although the New York state law was invalidated, a Constitutional amendment should not be advocated until attempts were made to present the law in another form.



Rives Matthews

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

AN 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 handwritten ones he soon found were too much for his eyes.

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.

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.

(1) I am answering your advertisement offering an unusual opportunity to an aspiring young writer in the hope that you will grant me an interview.

(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 you are alert enough.

(3) Rather than ponder endlessly over the stacks of manuscript I have, I'll copy out a little from this morning's work.

(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.

(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.

(6) I adorn myself with the name Writer. The basis for this lies in the innumerable compositions which have flowed from my pen.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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 state truly by capabilities I must be otherwise.

THIS MONTH the colleges will turn out thousands more of them. Many of them will have degrees in journalism. All of them will face the world bright-eyed, full of hope, and then will clutter up the Monday morning mails, answering Help Wanted ads.

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.