

Out Our Way

By Williams



Wisconsin Estimate of Recent Prohibition Referendum There

[Note—The following discussion is submitted merely as the viewpoint of a Wisconsin newspaper that had held something of a compromise attitude. The Milwaukee Journal, although cool towards prohibition, supported the "dry" side in the recent state referendum.]

From the Milwaukee Journal.

With about three fifths of the precincts reported, the vote stands two to one for repeal of state prohibition enforcement. The lead probably will be cut down, but it will not be overcome. Though by a much smaller vote than it carried the "beer referendum" in 1926, Wisconsin has voted decisively that it does not want state enforcement.

But the Wisconsin vote on state enforcement speaks for more than Wisconsin. It is not just in the hope that without state enforcement it will be a little easier to get a drink, that taxpayers have voted to do without some hundreds of thousands of dollars of revenue collected from fines.

This is protest, and protest not merely against prohibition. No one thinks so large a vote would have been registered 10 years ago. Indeed the prompt ratification of the Eighteenth amendment by the legislature shows that. It is protest against the kind of prohibition we have.

To this result almost all the incidents of enforcement have counted. The violence of federal enforcement against the small offender in the face of its evident failure to do much with the big offender, the invasion of homes, the disregard of life, the exalting of one set of laws above the hard-won safeguards of human liberty.

We are sorry Wisconsin found no better way. It is to be regretted that revenue from state fines must be sacrificed. It is more to be regretted that voters in cities have made a gesture inviting law violators to rural regions for their operations.

The days when senators and congressmen could double and turn by voting dry and sending reassuring orders to their henchmen about enforcement seem tending toward conclusion. The lot of legislators is not all a happy one.

Lenroot Not Fit.

From Milwaukee Journal. The report that President Hoover is considering the appointment of Irvine L. Lenroot, former senator from Wisconsin, to the United States court of customs appeals, is disquieting. It has been hoped that there was to be a different standard in presidential appointments than has prevailed during the last eight years.

Modern Gang a Menace.

The menace of the gang to boy life in America is now alarming. Its most shocking aspect is the speed with which the modern gang transforms the boy into the seasoned criminal before he attains majority.

It no longer wanted him for senator is Mr. Lenroot disqualified for a judgeship. But by what possible stretch of the imagination can anyone deem that Mr. Lenroot has qualified for a judgeship, either through the various public offices he has held or by his legal practice before he began to hold office?

Mr. Lenroot's legal experience since he ceased to be senator stands in the public mind for just one thing. He was valuable to the combination of public utilities fighting investigation at Washington because he had been a senator.

In a measure this is true. The Gophers, Hell's Kitchen Dusters, Car Barn and River gangs, all notorious in New York history, and others with an extensive assortment of picturesque names, have gone.

sense of political "obligation" which takes care of so many lame ducks with federal offices. But the appointment would mean one thing. It would stand for approval by President Hoover of the policy that led the powerful utilities of the nation to combine in opposing investigation by the United States Senate.

The Fleece Lambs. From New York World. Those who saw a defiance of the Federal Reserve board and a promise of unlimited support for the bull market in the measures taken by New York banks to meet a money crisis in the stock market ought to have been disillusioned when they read the National City bank's argument for a 6 per cent discount rate and its endorsement of the Reserve Board's credit policy.

For the market as a whole this shaking down process may be desirable, but its sad feature is seen in its effect on the amateur speculators who have been tempted at the 11th hour to seek their share of the riches they heard were to be picked up in Wall street.

Every day old men, young men, women and girls excitedly rush into the savings banks and draw out the savings of a lifetime. Their stock will be sold out on them if they do not meet their margins. The distress of depositors is touching, and in most cases they are firm in their statements never to allow themselves to get caught again.

Anchoring Money Trust. From the World Tomorrow. The consolidation of the National Bank of Commerce in New York and the Guaranty Trust company brings into being the largest bank in the world, with resources approximately \$2,000,000,000.

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leader in power, or fought over racial issues. In their place has come the newer and more alarming underworld organization, the murder mob, with its kindred alliances made up of beer mobs, payroll mobs, mail truck mobs, dope mobs and racketeers' mobs.

Good Idea! From Life. Burglar to his wife: I've tried blasting and I've tried a sledge hammer, but I still can't get this safe open. Wife: Don't give up: Let the baby play with it.

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Comb Makers Complain If there is any return to long trousers, workers of the comb factory at Aberdeen, Scotland, have not noticed it. The past year, they say, has been one of the blackest for the Hutchison street plant, which, during the days of long hair, was the largest comb producer in the world.

Young Wife Victim of Life's Ups and Downs

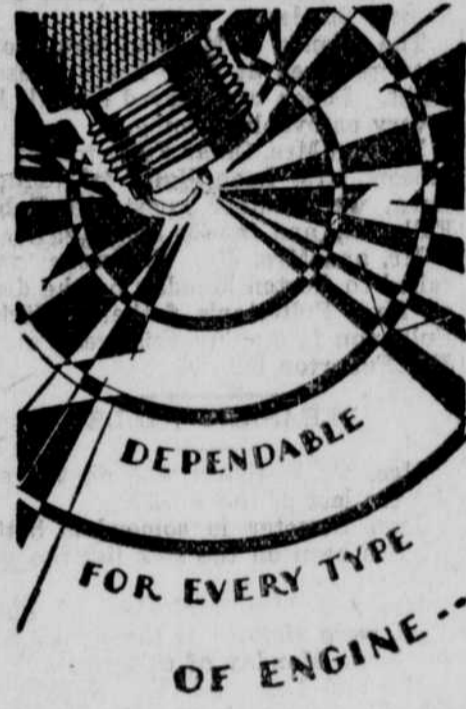
Senator Frank L. Smith was talking about a political rebuff. "The poor suffer," he said, "must have felt as bad as the young wife. The young wife, you know, put on a new dinner gown and danced gaily into her husband's dressing room to be admired, for they were going to dine at a restaurant and do a theater and night club afterwards.

The housewife smiles with satisfaction as she looks at the basket of clear, white clothes and thanks Red Cross Ball Blue. At all thanks.—Adv.

Dumb-Bells Little Marjorie went with her mother to her older sister's school exhibition of physical training which took the form of Indian-club drill, dumb-bell exercises, and so on.

Nuff's Enough "I hear Simpson and his wife have been doing a good deal of scrapping since their baby arrived."

A false mind is false in everything, just as a crossed eye always looks askant.—Joubert.



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