## 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 referen-

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 earried the "beer referendum" in 1926, Wisconsin has voted decisively that it does not want state enforcement. Outside observers are not surprised. Their astonishment came last fall when Wisconsin, which in the minds of other states is wet above all else, failed to vote for Governor Smith. Other states learn now what informed persons knew last fall, that the religious issue counted heavily in Wisconsin where, as elsewhere, it was deliberately used by said party workers.

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. The cities, where state enforcement has counted very little, have voted wet most decisively.

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. The protest is working in other states. In some it will doubtless take the illogical and unfortunate form it does here of abolishing state enforcement laws. Already it takes the form of electing men to office unqualified except by their opposition to prohibition.

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. But this and other steps even less welcome are to be looked for. The public is grooing for a way to express disapproval, and as yet the revolt against prohipition has found no effective or distinguished leadership. Lacking such leadership, the vote is all the more significant.

. The days when senators and congressmen could doubte 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. The signs in the sky do not point wet or dry; they point toward confusion and muddling, one experiment and then another. And, as in the days from the Missouri compromise until Ft. Sumter was fired on, many statesmen striving to do their best are to fall by the wayside.

Lneroot Not Fit.

From Milwaukee Journal. The rieport 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. Mr. Hoover surely feels no obligation to send in Mr. Lenroot's name becouse Mr. Coolidge did. And such an appointment by Mr. Hoover would acquire no sancit lacked when made by Mr.

A federal office, above all other offices a federal judgeship, is not something the president has to give to someone it pleases him to gratify. Not because Wisconsin decided

Modern Gang a Menace. Howard McClellan in the American

Review of Reviews. The menace of the gang to boy life in America is now alarming. Its most shocking asptct is the speed with which the modern gang transforms the boy into the sea-soned criminal before he attains

The reason is that the activities of gangs have undergone radical changes in 10 years. Gangs, as a phenomenon, have been much writen about, but from most of these writings little is learned about the real reason why gangs exist and why their existence is assiduously 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 prac

tice before he began to hold office? Mr. Lenroot's legal experience since he ceased to be senator stands in the public's 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 what way can such employment, profitable though it has been, qualify o man for judicial service on a federal court?

The idea of appointing Mr. Lenroot may have arisen from personal freenship or from that queer Assurances are even

given in the more picturesque gang romances that the old type of hoodlum gang, which had its natural birth in the saloon has passed from the scene, and that there are no big gangs today.

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. They were hoodlum organizations whose members duelled over the favor of gang women, or battled for votes to keep a corrupt political

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 Prest dent Hoover of the policy that led the powerful utilities of the nation to combine in opposing investiga-tion by the United States Senate.

The Fleeced Lambs. From New York World

Those who saw a defiance of tra-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 indorsement of the Reserve Board's credit policy. If the behavior of the stock market is any indication, they were disillusioned; for the street witnessed another day of recessions.

For the market as a whole this shaking down process may be de-sirable, but its sad feature is seen in its effect on the amateur spec-ulators who have been tempted at tempted a the 11th hour to seek their share of the riches they heard were to be picked up in Wall street. They are not creatures of one's imagination. This is what a New York savings bank has to say about them in an advertisement in yesterday's news-

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 these depositors is touching, and in most cases they are firm in their statements never to allow themselves to get caught again

It is the small and inexperienced traders who are the last to go in and the first to get hurt, and who usually gets hurt the hardest. They are victims of what is semetimes called the "psychological lag." Their bullish enthusiasm comes too late and is poorly directed. Instead of cautiously investing, they are prone to buy volatile stocks on margin and thus play into the hands of those who know the market better and who can afford to indulge the luxury of a chance. The experience may be worth semething to them, but it comes too high.

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. Mr. Thomas W. \$2,000,000,000. Mr. Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan and company, is said to have been the moving spirit behind the merger. The board of directors of the new organization includes many of the most powerful financiers in the These men, by membership on numerous other boards of directors also dominate the policies of hundreds of industrial and commercial corporations, with total assets running into many billions of

The National City bank has increased its capital stock to \$100,000,000, from \$1,000,000 in 1900 to \$25 000 000 in 1902, to \$40 000,000 in 1920. to \$50,000,000 in 1925. to \$75. 000,000 in 1927, and to \$90,000,000 in 1928. The surplus and undivided profits, after juicy dividends have been paid annually, amount to \$111,-000,000, not counting the capital and surplus of the subsidiary National City company: a total of \$311,000,-000! The par value of the stock has been reduced to \$20 a share in order to increase the number of small in-

And so the size of rinancial units increases. The trend everywhere is toward decentralization of ownership and concentration of control. The bankers are playing an ever more important role in our national

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. truck mobs, dope mobs and racketerrs' 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

Wife: Don't give up: Let the baby

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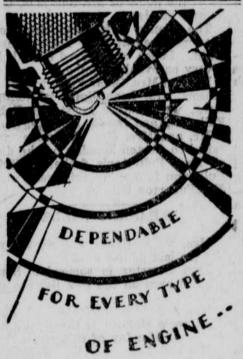
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## Young Wife Victim of Life's Ups and Downs

Senator Frank L. Smith was talking about a political rebuff.

"The poor duffer," 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. "But her husband didn't like the new gown. He hated it, in fact. And as he tied his tie and then slipped on his white waistcoat he reproached her furiously for going in for such a short skirt, such transparent material, and so forth and so on.

"In her disappointment she burst out crying.

"'I didn't get dressed up,' she cried, 'just - boo, hoo - to get dressed down!"

The housewife smiles with satisfaction as she looks at the basket of clear, white clothes and thanks Red Cross Ball Blue. At all grocers.-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. Mars jorie watched with delighted interest, and while the second group came on she whispered eagerly to her mother:

"What are those?" "Dumb-bells," laconically answered her mother, her attention on the performance.

"Yes, I know," returned the little girl, "but I mean, what are those things in their hands!"

Nuff's Enough

"I hear Simpson and his wife have been doing a good deal of scrapping since their baby arrived." "Yes, he says he is a floor walker

all day and he thinks she ought to be it at night."

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