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Webster had an idea that politics is the science and art of government. There is no doubt that politicians are artful but we have a different idea about some of them being scientists.

Our guess is that the movie fans' discovery of certain off-color qualities in Norma Shearer's films will be no great news to Norma. Norma's beauty is not of that all-pervading type which includes dumbness.

Sally Rand's old classmates from the Greenwood school, Kansas City, have given her a remembrance gift. Appropriately, they have given her something to wear. It is described as "dainty yellow gold bracelet."

There doesn't seem to be much freedom of speech on the radio, according to Ogden Reid of the New York Herald Tribune, but so far it is safe for listeners to say almost anything they wish back to the voices they hear on the air.

A Philadelphia man is suing for divorce because his wife occasionally threw canned goods at him. The lady in the case says she meant no harm, but sometimes she got so mad she couldn't see. And that's when a throwing woman really becomes dangerous.

Bible School Lesson Study!

Sunday, July 8th.

By L. Neitzel, Murdock, Neb.

"Asa Relies on God." II Chron. 15:1-12

Among the great leaders of this quarter is one of our outstanding characters, Asa, the son of Abijah. Of his father's history says "He walked in all the sins of his father... and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God." (I Kings 15:3); it is therefore very remarkable, in view of the evil surroundings, and the poor training which he must have received of his mother, Maacah, to find a man who fully relied on God and led his people to serve Jehovah, who so signally blessed him that he could with 580,000 men defeat an army of more than a million. (See II Chron. 14:8-15). What a blessing does a nation enjoy, that has leaders that rely on God when a crisis comes, and do not get God at naught, ignore him, and try man-made schemes to extricate themselves out of a bad situation, which makes matters only worse. See the world situation of today! No leader among all the astute politicians that has even suggested to ask God to show the way. "If any man lack wisdom let him ask God." James 1:5. None seem to know what to do—all kinds of ways are tried, only not God's ways—hence they will fail. Asa knew what to do in a crisis.

Then we would remark, that not all children from godless parents, follow in their steps. There are many shining examples of men who have risen above their evil and low surroundings and have made a mark in the world—Asa is such an example. As a wise and capable leader he used foresight, in ten years of peace he used all diligence to prepare for any eventuality. The world was in a different condition than in our time. They prepared for war—we should know better—war never settles a problem—we can accomplish more by arbitration—talk it over. Asa returned from the battle with the spirit of God—Azariah—meets the victorious King and army and delivers God's message to them. It was an opportune time to bring home to the people the fact that it was not their valor or bravery but God that gave them the victory. Man is prone to take all credit for any success, but blame others for his failures. No people or nation makes any real advance, except God is the Leader, so recognized and honored.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalms 33:12. A general came to Abraham Lincoln and said with some satisfaction. "Mr. President, God is surely with us." to

which Lincoln replied: "Are we with God?"

This sentiment is expressed in v. 2: "Jehovah is with you, while ye are with him." The individual in his undertakings can only expect success as he takes God into partnership. Young people, starting out on life's highway, with no experience of the wiles of the world, will not meet with real success except as they remember Jehovah's injunction to Joshua: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night... for then shalt thou make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Jos. 1:8. This prophet forsook the fates of Israel, that they would forsake God and he would leave them, even without a priest to teach them and be without the book of the law. Which all came true, the law was lost for 300 years until found by Josiah. This prophecy had a wonderful effect, especially verse 7, where Azariah gave them assurance, that the wholehearted service of God "shall be rewarded." Here, Asa, as a true leader goes ahead with a good example and orders a real housecleaning. The effect was that many of the Kingdom of Israel, seeing how God blessed the Kingdom of Juda, came over the borders and joined them. So will a church that will walk in holiness (clean) before God win adherence, make converts, "her work will be rewarded."

A great revival followed after the people had given up their idols. And only after such a housecleaning will the spirit of God come and dwell among them. That is man's part to do "live up" all then God will "fill all our wants." Now the people were ready to sacrifice to God; in their new found joy. Yes! They enjoyed their religion, they would gladly give to God what they had. This great gathering at Jerusalem, reminds us of the great gathering of former years in the open of groves and tents, where the word was preached in power, and souls by the score found peace and pardon, and God's people were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and there would be praise and jubilation often after the midnight hour. These were the happy days! These people under the leadership of Asa, made a new consecration, renewed their allegiance to God, and complete surrender "with all their heart and with all their soul," just like today, where God manifests his power and the people make a full and complete surrender, there is joy among men, and joy in heaven.

THIS PIECE OF TOAST NEEDS GRAIN OF SALT

I tossed a scrap of dry toast from our breakfast table in the vine-hid corner of the veranda. A chipping sparrow pounced on it. But he caught the attention of a robin that was crubing the lawn for worms. The robin hopped over and at his onset the sparrow fled.

Now there was a challenging squawk. A flash of grayish blue dropped from a nest in a cedar tree. Sulkily the robin retreated; and a bristling bluejay stooped greedily above the toast. Before the jay could do more than glance at his plunder, a hole in the gray trunk of a hickory tree was blocked by a splash of fire scarlet. A redhead woodpecker launched himself at the toast. Yelling his wrongs to high heaven, the jay flew back into the cedar.

The woodpecker insolently put one claw on the toast. But there was a winnowing of wings from over the top of the house, and four of the snowy, stable pigeons settled down beside him on the lawn. In noisy wrath the woodpecker flew back to the tree hole. The cat loafed around the corner of the veranda, and the pigeons arose from their untasted feast. As the cat minced lazily forward, our big collar, Sandy, had leaped from the floor beside my chair. The cat fled, Sandy smelled at the toast scornfully and returned to his piece beside my chair. Then the chipping sparrow slipped unobtrusively back to capture the toast.—Albert Payson Terhune in the Herald Tribune Magazine.

AGE STEPS ASIDE FOR YOUNGER MEN

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's National Republican club invites certain of the party's elder statesmen into its councils. The replies of Frank O. Lowden, 14 years ago a leading presidential candidate, and of George W. Wickersham, 26 years ago attorney general of the United States, have been spread on the pages of the press and merit more than a passing thought.

They both decline and for the same reason. "The time has come," Governor Lowden says, "when the younger men in the republican party must assume responsibility and with that idea in mind I ask you to name some younger man in my place."

Wickersham wrote: "I feel that the work of the committee on national affairs should be undertaken and carried through by the younger men of the club."

Mr. Wickersham adds another note which expresses a wisdom having in it something of the unique. He doesn't like the way things are going. What is going on at Washington gives him a chill. But that, he suggests, may be due to the inability of age to appreciate "what concessions must be made to renew spirit of the age, and just how far those concessions should go."

Lowden and Wickersham have been two of the more tolerant and liberal leaders in a period of great conservatism in their party. They have more right than their more rigid capacity to keep up with the times. Yet both distrust it; both advise their party to put to the fore younger men and more capable, perhaps, of perceiving and consenting to the changed currents of the times.

The idea which these political warriors of the old generation present reflects, we may suppose, the issue now working its way to decision in the republican party. The party has at Washington its David Reeds, its Fesses, its Snells and its Ogden Mills determined to hold their party to the mold which has held it for more than 60 years. Opposing them are those who agree with Wickersham that younger leadership is required in the party "if it is to win back its position of leadership in national affairs."

The old guard, these seem to see, if left to itself will lead the old party into its grave. A combination of the wise conservatism of age and the challenging idealism of youth is doubtless best for any party or government. The old generation brought us up to 1929. The reconstruction following that wreck needs fresh minds. So Wickersham and Lowden decide us to their party. The avidity with which Ohio democrats have taken to the senatorial candidacy of Representative West suggests that a like idea is running through the democratic party, too.

Someone—surely one who is inexperienced—has expressed feeling for the father of the Canadian quintuplets in the event they should all wake up at once and cry, during the night. The real hazard, as we see it, is that they may decide to wake up and cry one at a time.

Journal Want-Ads costs little and accomplish much.

UNION ITEMS.

C. H. Whitworth was a visitor in Nebraska City for a short time on last Monday, called there to look after some business matters.

Mrs. H. W. Griffin and daughter, Miss Hattie, were over to Nebraska City on last Monday afternoon where they were meeting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Everett and the two little girls were over to Nebraska City on last Saturday where they were visiting with friends and as well were doing some shopping.

P. F. Ribn and wife were called to Omaha on Monday of this week where they were looking after some business matters in connection with the store which Ribn and Greene conduct here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Greene and the kiddies were over to Weeping Water on last Sunday where they were enjoying a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Brien for the day and dinner on last Sunday.

Mr. R. D. Sline and L. R. Upton were over to Nebraska City last Monday where they were attending the funeral of the late James Barkhurst who died last Sunday at the St. Mary's hospital and was buried here.

Joe Brandt was a visitor in the western portion of the county on last week where he was looking after his candidacy for the nomination for register of deeds and was meeting with his many friends in Greenwood.

Elmer Withrow was at Nebraska City on last Monday where he was one of the pall bearers at the James Barkhurst funeral which was held at the Porter funeral home last Monday and the burial being had at the East Union cemetery.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor were visiting during the early portion of this week at the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lidgett. Mr. Lidgett has not been feeling so well for the past several weeks but it is to be hoped he will soon be feeling better again. George Lindsay and wife were also visitors with their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lidgett.

On last Monday evening Misses Margaret and Mildred Opp and Miss Floy Whitworth were slumber guests with their little friend, Miss Betty May Austin who makes her home in the country at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bollman. The little folks enjoyed their visit to the country very much. Miss Joy Whitworth was an well a visitor for over night with her little friend, Ada Armstrong.

Will Make Good Officer.

When one has pounded out a living in any avenue of hard labor, they have an idea of values which cannot come to one who has been living in an atmosphere of plenty and who have been given the means of a living. Such is the case of H. W. Griffin, the blacksmith and manager of the produce station. He has made his home in Cass county for the past twenty years, all of which has been filled with hard work and service to the people.

By his fair dealing he has made many friends both as to the work which he has done and the money he has paid for produce. He has made many friends in the seeking of the office of county commissioner for the second district, he is coming well qualified to serve the people in this capacity, for he is one of the people and knows full well the value of the dollars which he has made of his own as well as that of the public. If you want the full value of your tax dollar and desire it spent properly, you have that opportunity by electing H. W. Griffin for county commissioner.

Peaches Look Very Fine.

Charles Morton and wife who live northeast of Union, and where every year they grow some handsome peaches, have a good prospect this year, and expect to have some home grown peaches, those large rosy checked ones which they always grow and which are expected to ripen early in the first half of August. Better keep this in mind for the peaches are very fine. Herman Reicke also has an extensive orchard of some of the very best peaches grown and equalling the varieties which are grown in California. But remember that no one has to go to California to get the very best in peaches.

Home from the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruhman who were spending some two weeks in the west where they visited at the home of Walter C. Haslin and wife at Victoria, British Columbia, and as well saw much fine scenery and enjoyed the fine climate bordering the ocean, returned last week, having enjoyed the visit very much. They were missed by the brother and Mr. Ruhmann and wife visiting here on Tuesday of this week, who also had

driven from Victoria and after a visit here will continue to Los Angeles where they will visit for some time.

Attended Mother's Funeral.

On last Sunday at her late home at Papillion Mrs. Alois Schramm, mother of Roy Schramm, living south of Union, died and when notified of the death of the mother, Roy Schramm and family hastened to the home of the mother at Papillion where they attended the funeral on Tuesday of this week. The mother was 59 years of age and was born in Europe, coming to America when a young woman.

Showing Good Improvement.

Miss Ruthena Dymart who was at the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City for a time and where she underwent an operation for correction of an attack of appendicitis, returned home some time ago has been showing good improvement and was able to be down town for a short time on last Monday. Her many friends are pleased that she is getting along so nicely.

Back to His Work.

Orville Hathaway who has been enjoying a two weeks vacation from the task of carrying the rural mail, and who enjoyed the vacation very much, with the termination of the time has returned to his work and was greeted by the patrons on the route who were pleased to have their friend and carrier again serving them.

Will Work in Nebraska City.

Charles F. Staska, one of the operators at the Union station has been asked by the railroad to serve as the agent at Nebraska City for the coming two weeks while the agent there is taking a vacation. While Mr. Staska is away the place which he has filled will be looked after by A. W. Carr who is called to Union from Avoca.

Would Make a Good Man.

W. E. Reginald who was born and grew to manhood within a short distance of Union, a farmer all his life and who is well qualified to look after his own farm and as well competent to look after the interests of the county, has filed for the nomination for the office of county commissioner on the democratic ticket.

Girl Comes to Bless.

A little girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hatchell last week which brought not alone happiness to the parents but as well to the entire home of Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong who are grandparents of the new arrival. All are getting along nicely.

What Do You Think?

For well nigh on to fifty years but not quite, the home loving people of Union and vicinity met every year and celebrated an Old Settlers picnic of this portion of the state and always enjoyed an excellent time. They kept the practice of having a meeting and a picnic every year until the coming of the hard times which some call the depression and now with the return of better times, will the people here get together and have one of the good old fashioned picnics that were so thoroughly enjoyed in the years that have slipped away?

Funeral of Pioneer.

The funeral services of the late James W. Barkhurst was held from the Porter funeral home at Nebraska City on Monday afternoon, July 2 at 2 o'clock. The services were largely attended by the old friends and neighbors of Union and vicinity. Rev. W. A. Taylor had charge of the services and gave words of comfort and hope to the members of the bereaved family circle.

The interment was at the East Union cemetery, the pall bearers being old neighbors and friends, Eugene Roddy, Elmer Withrow, Roy Due, Herman Comer, George Comer and Lee Farris.

Death of Babe.

Thomas Lee Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cox, of Nebraska City, was born on June 23rd at the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City and died there on June 30th. The funeral services were held on Sunday, July 1st, conducted by the Rev. W. A. Taylor of Union. The interment was at the St. John's cemetery at Nehawka.

Motor car merger rumors are reported to be running in Detroit circles. Some of the motor car designers also seem to have been running in circles.

Science informs us that it's the female mosquito that bites and not the male, which leads us to believe that so far we have only had the pleasure of meeting the female.

LaRue Confesses Part in \$2,000,000 Robbery

Exonerated Gus Winkler of Any Part in the World's Largest Bank Robbery.

County Attorney Towle of Lancaster county announced Saturday night says the State Journal, that federal department of justice agents have obtained a confession from Eddie LaRue that he was a member of the gang which robbed the Lincoln National bank on Sept. 17, 1930, of \$2,500,000, the world's largest bank robbery.

LaRue's confession, according to Towle, completely exonerated Gus Winkler of participation in the robbery. The statement of Towle followed a meeting at Assistant U. S. District Attorney Van Pelt's office Saturday afternoon, attended by Mr. Towle, Mr. Van Pelt, U. S. District Attorney Sandall of Omaha, Attorney General Good and Department of Justice Agent Reid Green.

Towle declared that there was nothing in the confession of LaRue at all assuring or convincing that Tommy O'Connor and Pop Lee, convicted and sentenced to twenty-five years in the Nebraska penitentiary for participation in the robbery, were not members of the gang. Nor was there anything said at the meeting that indicated any feeling that the men were innocent of the crime, Towle declared.

Attorney General Good said he endorsed the statement of County Attorney Towle fully as to what took place at the meeting. Assistant U. S. Attorney Van Pelt refused to amplify any direct statement regarding the confession of LaRue but said that the statement of Attorney Towle, as reported to him, covered the conversation of the afternoon.

Confessed in Florida.

County Attorney Towle's statements follow: "I attended a meeting at Robert Van Pelt's office in the First National bank building Saturday afternoon, being called there by Mr. Van Pelt. After arriving I learned for the first time that the purpose of the meeting was to have a general conference relative to locating and identifying criminals who are wanted by the government and different states for violations of law.

"Since the press has attempted to state what happened or what was said at the meeting, I think it well to state what really was said in substance. J. Reid Green, a federal agent, had a purported statement of Eddie LaRue relative to the Lincoln National bank robbery and also his criminal activities for the past several years. LaRue is now serving a ten year sentence at Leavenworth, Kas., federal prison and is wanted by Cook county, Illinois, authorities for the Hackett kidnaping, where the penalty is life, or a death penalty may be imposed.

"This story of LaRue's was told to federal agents in Tampa, Fla., who forwarded the information to Mr. Green. The statement, completely exonerated Gus Winkler, at one time a suspect in the Lincoln National bank robbery, from having had anything to do with it. The story told by LaRue was that he and his crowd went to the Capone syndicate and offered the stolen securities to them.

Winkler Buys Securities. "They, according to LaRue's story, declined to handle them but at a later date when Winkler was hurt in an automobile accident and pressure was brought to bear by Lancaster county authorities, Winkler went to LaRue and said he needed the securities and that they were sold to Winkler, who returned them to the Lincoln National bank.

"While the story of LaRue, in some measure, pretended to give information as to the other robbers it was very indefinite and first names were in some instances used. There was nothing, however, that was at all assuring or convincing that O'Connor or Lee were not participants in the robbery here.

"I cannot forget the positive identification of ten or fifteen witnesses as to each of these men. There was nothing said at this meeting Saturday afternoon relative to the release of O'Connor or Lee, and I think that each one there had no feeling that the two men are innocent of the crime."

ELOPE AND MARRY

Hollywood—Betty Flournoy, 20 year old coed and prominent in society, and Ralph Graves, film actor, director and author, eloped to Yuma, Ariz., by plane and were married. Friends here were advised by telegram.

FINDS THE NEW DEAL BEST DEAL IN SIGHT

"Why," inquires a friend, "does the Tribune stand so squarely behind the new deal?"

That is a fair question and it deserves a fair answer.

The new deal is the best deal in sight for the American people! The new deal is not a perfect thing. It has lagged lamentably in spots. Some of the departmental executives have not measured up to their responsibilities. Reservations concerning some of its phases are justified.

But— Compared with the proposals by the political and private interest opponents of the new deal, reason indicates there can be only one choice.

The Tribune has no pretence with all this talk about brain trusts, regimentation, suppression of individual liberty, squelching the press and dictatorships. It is just plain hokum.

In the first place there is no brain trust and never was. The most radical piece of legislation passed by the present congress, the Frazier debt moratorium bill, certainly did not emanate from any professional mind.

There has been no regimentation. Nobody has lost his liberty. The press has not been censored. There is no dictatorship of any kind. That is all built out for political purposes.

On the other hand, the hungry have been fed, money has been put into circulation, banks have been reopened and deposits running into billions have been salvaged. The bread line has all but vanished. Industry has picked up from 190 to 300 per cent and in some cases as much as 400 per cent.

One year ago last March the nation was bankrupt financially and its morale was the lowest living generations had ever known. Millions have experienced new hope and faith has been revived.

What does the opposition offer? Would any other group of politicians dare abandon all this administration has undertaken? Decidedly not. What the opposition politicians chiefly want is to get their hands on the ladle being used to distribute the various funds.

There are flaws in the new deal, quite a few of them, but mainly they grow of the human incapacity of individuals connected with it.

Some fundamental things have been corrected. Other fundamental things have not yet been corrected. Our monetary system has been improved, but the methods by which credit is controlled have not.

There still is much to be done, whether by the new dealers or some other group. And the new dealers constitute the only group that has demonstrated enough initiative and courage to do anything at all.

The Old Guard republican element and selfish business interests have liberated a vast quantity of tear gas to distract, confuse and disconcert the people. That is all it amounts to.

The choice lies between the new deal and old deal. Nothing else is offered.

The people must decide whether they prefer Rooseveltism or Hooverism. The fundamental issues have not changed one bit since 1932.

To the Tribune, a return to anything smacking of the principles of Hooverism would be impossible. Most people hereabouts feel the same way about it.

Whatever its faults, despite the failure of a few individuals, the new deal represents action and movement forward. It contains no defects which cannot be cured.

The thinking man looks back to March, 1933, and shudders. Shall we invite a return to the conditions which prevailed through the dark winter of 1932-1933?

There is just one program before the American people today. That is the program which we now are following. And if we make a hash of that, may God have mercy on us.—Sioux City Tribune.

PAIR ROBS BANK IN IOWA

Packwood—Two young men plucked a thousand dollars from the cashier's cage of the Farmers' Savings bank here. The robbers were in the bank only five minutes.

The bandits approached the cashier shortly before 3 p. m. and presented a dollar bill for change. One produced a small revolver, while his companion threatened the bookkeeper and a customer. The customer, Glen Middlekauff, was forced into a room at the rear of the bank. Cashier Loving and Bookkeeper Lites were forced to lie on the floor. A time lock prevented entry to the vault, and the two fled with cash lying loose within the cage.

Soon boats will be plying up and down the Missouri, hauling vast cargoes of freight.