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How Shall the Government Be Reorganized And Set On Its Feet Again As An Efficient Going Concern

By LAWRENCE F. ABBOTT of the Outlook.

For the Federal Government is at present completely disorganized. It is politically bankrupt and is well along on the road towards financial bankruptcy. It has no permanent policy. Its various heads of departments are following conflicting policies. The abrupt and startling dismissal of Secretary Lansing, the resignation of Secretary Lane, the discouraged retirement of important ambassadors like Francis in Russia, Page in Italy, and Fletcher in Mexico, have disclosed the fact that important functionaries of the Government go to bed each night without any intelligent idea of what they are going to be able to do the next day. Nobody knows what is to be the final solution of the railway problem, of the merchant marine problem, of the Mexican problem, of the Russian problem. To be sure we have not come to a full stop, but we are running on momentum only, and we shall come to a disastrous stop if some new, wisely directed propulsive force is not introduced into the machinery of government.

It is of little use to argue about who is to blame for this situation. What is needed is to realize the situation and to set about in a common-sense and efficient fashion to remedy it. If we begin to understand that, to paraphrase President Cleveland's effective aphorism, we are face to face with a condition of government—not a theory of government—we shall be in a frame of mind that will enable us to deal with the coming Presidential problem intelligently.

WANTED: A BUSINESS MAN.

When a great corporation with rich assets, but with a depleted treasury, extravagant expenses, decreasing production, and dissension in the board of directors, faces bankruptcy, what do the stockholders do? They choose a new president who can reorganize the concern, select efficient department heads, cut down expenditures, transform the assets into productive capital, increase the output, and work in harmony with the board. The people of the United States, who are the stockholders of the Government, and who are paying for their holdings in immense assessments of taxes, begin to see this analogy. That is why one hears them talk of a "business man" for President. That is why they are interested in Herbert Hoover and Leonard Wood. These two men are being considered by the stockholders, not by the manipulators.

General Wood's record as an organizer in this country during the war is too recent and too familiar to need description here. He created the Plattsburg idea and the training camps for the A. E. F. under his guidance were models of efficiency.

LEST WE FORGET.

We Americans are sometimes a forgetful people. I wonder if we are not in danger, under the glamour, on the one hand, and the fear on the other, of militarism—I wonder if we are not in danger of forgetting that General Wood's great services to his

country are really in the domain of civil government. Three of the best judges of modern government have not forgotten it. And they are all three civilians.

WHAT ELIHU ROOT SAID.

From December, 1899, until General Wood came out of Cuba in May, 1902, I kept track of what was done, and studied the subject as carefully as any business man ever studied his own business or any lawyer ever studied a case which he was to try. I went to Cuba three times and went all around the island and visited the camps and the army posts and the prisons and hospitals and asylums and the schools and public works; I talked with everybody I could get hold of, and got all the information I could get by conversation with soldiers and civilians and Americans and Cubans. I read the reports and I directed the course of the government in Cuba, and I knew what was going on; and I feel under a debt of the greatest gratitude to General Wood for what I think is one of the most conspicuous and meritorious pieces of work ever done by an American.

Lord Cromer, the greatest colonial administrator that Great Britain has produced, who put modern Egypt on its feet, and whose two volumes on the Egyptian problem are the master work on colonial government in the English or, for that matter, in any other language, is reported by Eric Fisher Wood to have said that "Leonard Wood's work in Cuba was the best colonial work of the century, that he was the only man in the world who was completely fitted to carry on the work which Cromer himself had initiated in Egypt, and that he only regretted that Wood was an American and not a British subject."

FAIR PLAY FOR ALL.

And, finally, Theodore Roosevelt, who if he were alive and well, would undoubtedly be elected president next November, confirmed in 1917, what he said as follows in 1903:

Leonard Wood four years ago went down to Cuba, has served there ever since, has rendered services to that country of the kind which, if performed 3,000 years ago, would have made him a hero mixed up with the sun god in various ways; a man who devoted his whole life through those four years, who thought of nothing else, did nothing else, save to try to bring up the standard of political and social life in that island, to teach the people after four centuries of misrule that there were such things as governmental righteousness and honesty and fair play for all men on their merits as men.

The testimony of these three witnesses is high praise, indeed. But might it not at least lead us to read the records and ask ourselves: If what we really want is to have our Government reorganized on a plane of efficiency, with competent men appointed who will work ably and harmoniously to give us a fair return for our taxes, do we need to look much farther for a President than Leonard Wood?

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1920

Rev. C. R. Lowe went to Lincoln on a business mission Tuesday.

M. V. Messex of Sioux City, was a business visitor here last Friday.

Attorney Sidney T. Frum was in Pender on legal business Tuesday.

Banker W. H. Ryan of Homer was a business caller here Friday morning.

G. A. Herrick, of Waterbury, Neb., was transacting business here Saturday.

Ed Frederick has disposed of his Ford and Allen cars and now drives a seven-passenger Cadillac.

Mrs. Ada M. Petty of Sioux City, was looking after her property interests in Dakota county Tuesday.

Will H. Berger went to Omaha on Monday, having been called to serve as a petit juror in the federal court.

Mrs. E. E. Lundquist and son Eugene, of Laurel, Neb., were over Sunday guests of Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Draise.

Fresh home-rendered lard for sale. Enquire of Mrs. George E. Heikes, Dakota City, Neb., route 1. Phone 70-F111.

Henry Francisco of Royal, Neb., was down the first of the week looking after his property interests in this county.

Mrs. Elizabeth Broyhill departed Saturday for Dallas, Texas, where she expects to remain for several weeks, doing nursing.

Miss Dorris Barnett returned Wednesday from a several week's stay with her sister, Mrs. Pat Miller, at Norfolk, Neb.

Nels Andersen, candidate for county commissioner, Louis Knudsen and George Johnson, of Hubbard, were transacting business here Tuesday.

Miss Maurine Pomeroy, stenographer in the Frum-Elmers-Warner offices, has resigned her position here and taken work in a Sioux City bank.

Prof. S. X. Cross of the Wayne State Normal faculty, was a business caller here Monday. He placed an advertisement for the school in this issue of the Herald.

A program and box social will be given at the Oakdale school, district No. 42, on Saturday night, April 17, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Bertha Francisco, Teacher.

The local Red Cross chapter disposed of their left-over material and sewing machines at auction Saturday afternoon. Many of the articles brought more than they cost new two or three years ago.

Prof. C. E. Simpson returned Monday evening from a several days' trip to Amherst, Neb., where he holds an interest in a drug store, with "Bill" Wilson, a former druggist in the Neiswanger Pharmacy in this place.

The Bank of Dixon county, at Ponca, Neb., known as the Halstead bank, was sold last week to the Farmers State Bank of that place. It will continue business, however, until the 1st of January, when the two banks will likely be consolidated.

County Judge S. W. McKinley officiated at the following weddings the past week: William H. Cue and Alphonse Delier, both of Sioux City, on the 8th; and Andrew R. Milner and Frances Newberry, and Joseph A. Jameson, jr., and Bernice Moore, all of Sioux City, on the 10th.

Mrs. Mary R. McBeath has closed a deal for the sale of her residence to R. W. Bordwell of Morningside. She gives possession May 1st. She has purchased the cottage just west of the R. E. Evans home and will move there as soon as it is vacated by Geo. M. Barnett.

The precinct assessors have begun their annual job of assessing Dakota county personal property. The real estate, on which new valuation is made every four years, will be revalued this year by County Assessor J. P. Rockwell, and as this class of property has increased in value considerably, the valuation for taxation will be about doubled this year. The valuation made four years ago was about \$52 per acre.

A card received from Samuel Heikes, jr., by his father, tells of a very enjoyable trip the past week. Sam is in his senior year at the University of Illinois and was honored by being elected pitcher for the "first varsity team. They are now on a two weeks' trip through the South, and will play a large number of games. They had just won at Jackson, Miss., and Sam says, "The people here certainly treat us fine. The young men and business men's clubs make us welcome, and the ladies take us riding in their automobiles and show us the city." He says there is a lot of water all the way through the South. In many places it is above the fence posts along the railroads.

Mrs. Ellen Beardshear, who had been making her home here for the past few months with her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Seymour, passed away on Tuesday afternoon of throat and lung trouble. She had been ailing for several years, and her death was not unexpected. She was born in Madison, Wis., in 1852, and came to Dakota county to make her home in 1858. She was married to Walter Beardshear in 1868. The family resided on a farm three miles south of Homer until Mr. Beardshear's death, about twenty-five years ago, and soon afterward she took up her residence in Homer with her family. She is survived by four sons, Frank and Edward, of Homer; William, of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Harry, of Walthill, Neb., and three daughters, Mrs. Arthur Seymour, of Ryder, N. D.; Mrs. Walter Dewitt, of Galahad, Can., and Mrs. Alfred Seymour, of this place. Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Friday afternoon from the M. E. church, at 2 o'clock, Rev. S. A. Draise officiating. Burial will be made in the Omaha Valley cemetery, south of Homer.

Billy Triggs went to Allen the first of the week on a business trip.

A special meeting of the Masonic lodge will be held Friday evening of this week, for work in the first degree.

Miss Mary Maxwell, assistant secretary of the home service office of the Red Cross in Sioux City, left on Monday for New Orleans to attend the conference of social workers. She was accompanied by Miss Agnes Smith, secretary of the Sioux City office.

After an illness of about two years with paralysis, James Broyhill, a pioneer resident of Dakota City, passed away Wednesday forenoon at his home here, at the age of 65 years. The deceased was born at Tremont, Ill., in 1855, and came to Dakota City with his parents in July 1869. He is survived by two daughters, Miss May Brookhill and Miss Hazel Brookhill, and one son, Irving Brookhill. Two brothers and three sisters also survive him. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev. C. R. Lowe. Interment will be in the Dakota City cemetery.

INTER-CHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT.

Dakota County Conference—South Sioux City, April 9th.

The conference was a store of information and revelation to all who were present. The team was a little late arriving on account of train service, but as soon as they were on the ground the interesting program began. The attendance was not large.

The following churches were represented: South Sioux City—M. E. and Presbyterian; Dakota City—M. E. and Salem Lutheran; Homer—M. E. The team of instructors consisted of Rev. J. H. Andreas of the Congregational church; Rev. C. Harper of the Presbyterian church; Rev. C. R. Lowe of the Lutheran church.

The county organization was formed and the program of the Movement will be carried on to completion.

FOR SALE

Fifty tons number one upland hay. Patrick Jones, Hubbard, Neb.

HYMNIAL.

BUTTERFIELD - FRANCISCO. From the Royal, Neb., News.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the U. B. parsonage at Orchard, Nebraska, Saturday morning, April 3, by Rev. E. E. Sprague, when Evadell Butterfield and Freenan A. Francisco were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the beautiful ring ceremony.

The attendants of the bridal couple were Lela Francisco and Clarence Francisco, sister and cousin of the groom.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Butterfield, and is one of Orchard's most popular and highly esteemed young ladies. The groom, a former resident of Dakota county, is now one of the most prosperous young men of Lusk, Wyoming.

After a short trip to Sioux City and eastern Nebraska, this happy couple will depart for their home at Lusk, with the community's best wishes for future happiness and success following them.

WANTED—CATTLE TO PASTURE

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M. E. Church Notes

Rev. S. A. Draise, Pastor
Hurrah, for the "rainy day" boosters! Sixty-seven answered to roll call last Sunday. Some of them didn't wear new hats, but they came. Watch that honor roll—it is growing. Two more Sundays and several new names will be among the "gold." It is too bad that anybody should miss going to Sunday school.

The attendance at church service, both morning and evening, was in keeping with the weather. The steady "pullers" were there to the number of sixty-five for both services.

Summer is coming. Get ready for church. The services will keep on till the absent ones have a chance to come.

Who will bring some one with you next Sunday? An "alone" christiann is a contradiction, and out of keeping with the spirit of the master.

FOR SALE

A Rock Island two-row stalk cutter. WILL H. ORR, Dakota City, Neb.

Lutheran Church Notes

By Rev. C. R. Lowe.
The storm last Sunday morning spoiled the service again. We are glad we had a good day for Easter. The young folks gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Leamer for their practice, and got caught in Saturday night's rain. All got home but the pastor, whose Ford got wet at the wrong place and then Lizzie wouldn't cough. He came in Sunday afternoon.

We will have to look forward sometime soon, we presume, to the completion of the new road law. When the grade is run for the "round corner." It will likely necessitate moving our church building back a little ways. That will give the long-talked-of basement a chance, also a new furnace, which is very much needed. The walls of the furnace room are falling, and we may have to do some work on the old place.

Our treasurer says there are some of our people who bring in their benevolence envelopes without their names written on them. You will see at once that he cannot credit you with the amount you brought. He hasn't your names. Choir practice at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Blessing next Saturday.

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- 5 large cans of Milk 75c
- 3-lb. can Best Tomatoes 20c
- 1 lb. Fancy Cookies, any kind . . . 40c
- 2 lbs. Excelsior Dates—best brand 51c
- Swift's White Laundry Soap, 5 Bars for 30c
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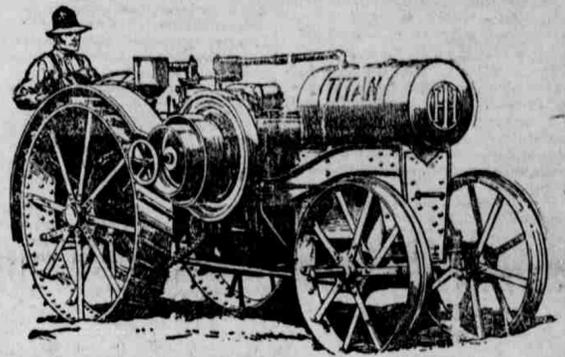
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