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THE SELFISHNESS OF NEW YORK CITY. The state and city of New York are opposed

to the St. Lawrence deep waterways project, according to testimony before the international waterways commission at Buffalo. That is natural. The reason for the opposition is exactly the reason which causes the great central west to demand the improvement.

New York opposes the waterway because it would give a direct water-freight outlet to all the export freight from a great territory, reaching from the Alleghanies to the Rockies, from the Ohio river to the Canadian line. At present the export trade of this inland empire must funnel through New York harbor. It must be transported in freight cars to that congested center, must be transferred at expensive docks to ocean ships, frequently must be carted across the city. All of this extra handling makes money for New York. It takes money from the producers of the west.

If the St. Lawrence deep waterways project is completed, a dozen lake ports will be the loading points for trans-Atlantic shipments. There will be no congestion at the ports. Freight cars, and railroad motive power, so greatly needed, will be saved a long haul to the seaboard and costly delays due to congested ports.

The opposition of New York is easy to understand. It furnishes proof of the merit of

Acquaintance With the Great.

Personal association with the great and the distinguished carries with it a reflection of their bonors. It is a thing to be taken as good fortune when it comes naturally, but never to be sought for selfish reasons. A man of real quality never hunts for sudden friendships. To do so shows lack of manly independence and certain ignoble traits of character readily de-

It is one thing to meet people of high schievement by the voluntary kindness of mutual friends; it is quite another thing to seek to bring about such meetings by thrusting one's self forward for that purpose. The best people never do such things.

In a country like ours, where social conventions are not rigid, and politics draw many men into transient association with public men, sudden turns of fortune occasionally throw one man into fame in a day. Immediately thousands, if he happens to be a presidential nominee, who perhaps have merely touched his hand, or been presented to him in an informal way at a political meeting, suddenly conjure up a fictitious association with him in the past, and proceed to gather reflected rays of glory from the great man's public prominence by regaling their friends with preposterous tales of an intimacy which never existed.

They are men who always want to "sit on the stage" at public meetings, or crowd hotel lobbies when a great man is about, in the hope that they may be able to meet him, and thereby win fictitious honor.

Harding Will Grow.

Ohio people have known Warren G. Harding a long time, and have found him in public life responsive to public opinion. He is big enough to be stable, with an intellectual displacement that reaches down to the great currents of patriotism and fundamental depths of enlightened opinion and national experience. He is not, therefore, tossed hither and thither by every transient and fickle wind that sweeps over the waters. As president he will steer a true course to national unity, justice and prosperity.

The reception given his nomination by the press may be described as normal. None of the hysterical expressions of joy which hailed Bryan's first nomination have been observed, but everywhere among those who might naturally be expected to give a republican candidate support, we find acquiescence and belief in

Opposition papers range the barren deserts of suspicion, ridicule, misrepresentation and disappointment over Senator Harding's nomination. They are in for four months of increasing distress, because the republican ticket will grow stronger as discussion of it continues.

The Unholy Use of Patronage.

The democratic press found much satisfaction in the senatorial investigation of campaign expenditures. Its conscience was outraged at the thought that men should spend money to present the claims of rival candidates for the republican nomination for the presidency.

But what about the trading of federal jobs for the votes of democratic delegates? The Boston Bar association, representing the attorneys of Boston, has filed vigorous protest against the appointment as federal district attorney of Boston of a man who, they charge, qualified for Attorney General Palmer's favor by his ability to put Massachusetts' democratic delegates in the Palmer column at the San Francisco convention.

Expenditures of money which savor of the purchase of votes, either directly or indirectly, have been condemned. The people who pay the taxes will hardly view complacently, however, the expenditure of their money, through fed-eral salaries, for the same purpose.

Signs are not lacking the politics will take on temperamental phases at Ten Francisco.

Common Sense or Academic Dreams?

Harding will stand before the country as the embodiment of everything that Wilson is not. Wilson ignored congress. Harding incorporates the will to recognize congress. Wilson often was "in the clouds." Harding is essentially a man who "gets down to earth." Wilson is academic. Harding is common Wilson was theorizing at Princeton while Harding was building up a typical, self-made American business.—Philadelphia Pub-

lic Ledger's Correspondence. The more definitely these things are put before the people, the larger the Harding majorities will be. The country is surfeited with Wilsonism. Every democratic leader knows it. Many of them frankly confess, privately, that commendation of Wilson policies and the Wilson administration by the San Francisco convention means the overwhelming defeat of its

But what else can the party do? It's damned either way. There, is no escape. The universal knowledge of the fact is emphasized by the serious proposal to throw the party into advotcy of the restoration of the liquor business without a restriction, by a wine and beer

The Democratic Two-Thirds Rule.

An effort is to be made at San Francisco to abrogate the old rule which requires a twothirds majority to nominate democratic presidential candidates. It makes little difference in results. When conviction in a convention settles on one man as the choice there is usually two-thirds or larger majority recorded.

But the bare majority rule is more in accord with American political ideals than a two-thirds requirement. There seems to be no sound reason why the nomination of a president should require a greater proportion of the vote cast, than the election of presidential electors by the states, or the actual constitutional election of a president in the electoral college.

This is a government of majority rule, or is fondly supposed to be such. The democratic rule is an anomaly that might well be abolished.

A somewhat jaded democratic press turns with relief and apparent pleasure from its galling task of defending presidential vagaries, to criticize and condemn the republican platform and candidate.

One unacquainted with partisan politics might imagine, from the tone of the democratic papers as a whole, that if the republican convention had taken a different position it might have won their unqualified approbation. Alas! dissimulation and other arts of insincerity too often take precedence over better employments in the arena of politics.

Of course the democrats are not overlooking the fact that Governor Cox of Ohio, aided by that dainty master of delectable and sanitary politics, Mr. Murphy of Tammany Hall, is seeking to pry loose the fingers of the president from democracy's windpipe, and thereby break the Wilson influence. 'Tis a crool thing for Cox to try to do, but being an Ohio man, the worst may come to pass through his devilish machina-

Montreal offenders are shipping booze by the ton billed as "fertilizer." A quart by any other name would smell as sweet.

DUST.

Dust upen my window sill— Only dust it is, and still. Drifting dust is where we know Everything will ever go!

Every dream and every plan-Every dream and every plan— Everything of every man— Every dome and pillar—must Molder back into the dust. Where are Babylon and Tyre? Where the temple and the spire, Fabulous in Trey and Rome? All have drifted to the loam! Lover and beloved, too— Every kiss they ever knew, Even every sweet caress, Flaming once to loveliness— Sleep where every glory must

Dust upon my window sill— Only dust it is, and still. Drifting dust is where we know Everything will ever go! ouls Ginsberg in the New York Times.

Became a Personal Matter.

"It's the little incidents that change the course of an ordinary man's conduct," said sergeant of the late war during a talkfest at the Enlisted Men's club the other evening. We had a man in our outfit who was a drag

on the whole company; he was always the last man to do anything, and didn't show the least

"During mess one day a shell exploded near the company table and blew this man's grub in a million directions. Without a word he rose and announced to the bunch: 'Fellows, I went into this war from a sense of patriotism, but

from now on it is going to be a personal matter. "And his subsequent attitude toward the enemy showed plainly that it had become so."— Columbus Dispatch.

Important If True.

If congress should now enact that a 5 per cent beer and 10 per cent wine are not legally "intoxicating" probably the supreme court would hold that it is within the discretion of congress to so enact, and the 18th amendment would not prohibit the sale of such drinks.

If it should be legally determined that wine and beer are not intoxicating there would be no more restraint on their sale than on the sale of soda water. Beer and wine could be sold at every stand, in every village without let or hindrance. Our legislatures would have no authority to restrict the sale of beer or wine that they

do not have to restrict the sale of coffee Now what would happen if beer and wine should be classed with soda water and sold everywhere without let or hindrance we need not be told. In one generation the American people would be the most tipsy people on the globe.-Atlanta Constitution.

Views of General Dawes.

Gen. Charles G. Dawes, who was McKinley's comptroller of the currency and has lately home from the war, says there is too much demagoging and inefficiency everywhere, in municipalities, in states, in Washington.

Chicago cannot find money to pay its clerks, olice, firemen and teachers enough wages, but t can pay for waste, inefficiency, extravagance, corruption. General Dawes declares that, with an unpadded municipal payroll and ordinary business administration, the city could afford

to pay its servants decently, The federal case is precisely like it. Congress can scarcely find funds to pay decent money to postmen, to army and navy officers. The federal departments could be run on smaller appropriations and still pay their necessary em ployes better stipends, were the business mod-ernized and kept apart from politics.

A president of administrative ability and business habit could go far toward providing the nation with this relief, thinks General Dawes. Demagoguery and waste are about as expensive as corruption. We no longer can afford such indulgences. Their price comes home to all of us in high cost of living.—Minneapolia Journal. Hays as their campaign manager.

A Line O' Type or Two

FIVE hundred undertakers have gathered in Peoria. "The coming of such a convention so often seems a season for attempting a joke that one stops to ask why?" observes the Peoria Transcript. And bangl goes a particularly good wheeze that we had in mind. To stop to ask why is fatal to any wheeze.

The Republican Sounding Board. Sir: I agree with Gov. Coolidge, who said of the platform, "It is sound." Which reminds me that once when a sounding board was installed behind a pulpit an auditor asked what it was for, and was told, "To throw the sound out." "But," said he, "if you throw out the sound what is there left?"

low in protein and too rich in starches. Or, to put it in more easily

SAN FRANCISCO suggests that the delegates wear fairly heavy clothing. Earmuffs will also be found useful, as a slight protection against the rhapsodic real estater.

"NOW IT CAN BE TOLD." Now that Sir Philip Gibbs has spoken perhaps it will not be indiscreet to make known a fact which was most distressingly indicative of our own unpreparedness in the Great War, and which until now, so far as I know, has not been revealed to the American public. In written ommunications, most officers and men spelled

THE QUICKLUNCH AND THE DEAD. Sir: Juxtaposed cards in St. Louis street car

ARCO CAFETERIA THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

VALHALLA THE CEMETERY BEAUTIFUL

PARIS considers Harding a foregone conclusion, while London thinks that it will be necessary to count the ballots. We incline to the English viewpoint.

TRUE TO FORM.

Mark the fellow fond of fishing: 'Neath the urge he needs must wish; Urged the more thereto by wishing, Bye-and-bye he's bound to fish.

O'er his tackle-box he putters, Noting what he has to get.
"Leaders, lines, and lures," he mutters, "Sinkers, swivels, hooks, et cel."

Soon he seeks a lake he wots of, Soon, or sooner, he's afloat: Finds a reef he's oft had tho'ts of, Full five fathoms 'neath his boat.

Working whiles, he 'tween while lazes, Heedless how the moments pass.

One by one his string increases, Bye-and-bye his bait is spent; Then, and not till then, he ceases

Netting whiles a nifty bass.

Shoreward heading, well content Some days hot, and some days hotter. Bully days, but all too brief, Each day finds him on the water Looting old Five Fathom Reef.

BACK TO THE BED AND BOARD.

(From the Boston Herald.) Wife Lost-I deserted you 10 years ago. am now rich and wish to return. My Ouija Board tells me you will be at the Plymouth theater tonight. I will meet you there during the intermission. Please don't make a scene.

"THE only fad I have had for the last twenty-six years is my husband."-Mrs. Harding. This is one of the very few really worthy fads that women have ever taken up.

This Unquenchable Spirit Would Have Put

(From the Evansville, Wis., Review.) Last Sunday morning the fire whistle blew and one could look out of their bed-room windows and see the red flames leaping against the skies, this would send shiver through anyones body and it did especially through the two brothers who have owned and operated the Cozy Cafe for many years. Some time in March the same building was completely demolished by fire and then to have it burned to the ground just after they had put new equipment and new fixtures in it, would take the heart out of most anyone but these little things never seem to stop the oncome of these two brothers. These men are to be congratulated on their spirit, they are not only working for themselves but for the city as they see the need in a city of this size of a cozy cafe and they are trying their best to

Sir: I knew all the time that Harding would be nominated, and the two 'o's' that I referred to are used in spelling OHIO. Yes, of course, I am a transplanted Buckeye and proud of it. H. FORBID.

AT the Hotel Dwan in Benton Harbor 'rooms may be had ensuite or connecting." Or should you prefer that they lead one into another, the management will be glad to accommodate you.

The Old Spanish Trail.

(From a pome by Evelyn Brogan, the Sweet Singer of San Antonio.) Along this highway traveled adventurers, explorers, priests, While wild beasts and wilder Indians the hard-

ships and dangers increased. Ponce de Leon, in Florida, sought the fabled Fountain of Youth, The first European of the mainland of the United States by proof. At Tampa Bay landed De Soto in fifteen thirty-

Plunging into the wilderness, cut a trail thru thicket and vine. Three years they searched for treasure that did

not abound, Penetrating far to the westward of the mighty river he found.

PROBABLY WOULDN'T HIT IT WITH THREE MORE CHANCES.

Sir: Signs on Western avenue, near Fif-teenth street: "Labers Wanted" and "Labour-ous Wanted." Do they deserve another chance? L. P. B.

IT is rather warm for sausage, but if yo must have it may we not recommend August Link & Son, Butchers, of Davenport, Ia.?

The First Dark Horse. Sir: How to groom a dark horse for the presidency may be learned from Suetonius' Life of Caligula. Wishing to nominate his horse Incitatus for the consulship, the emperor provided him with an ivory manger, a purple blanket, a pearl necklace, a well furnished house and re-tinue of servants, "that those who were invited to meet him might be more sumptuously entertained." Incitatus, the original dark horse, missed the consulship by a nose, because of the untimely death of his friend and backer. With a little more horse sense in office the whole course of Roman history might have been hal-

MY DEAR, I WAS SO PLEASED. Sir: 'At a club meeting in San Francisco the charming Madam President announced: "The motion is carried, and I am glad to say that the vote is extremely unanimous." B. P.

ONE may send "harmless live animals" by parcel post, with the chances eight to five that the animal will be reduced to pulp or die of old SAMSON SHORN.

(From the Montpelier, Ica., News.)

scuffle yesterday. Finder please leave at News office. THE Democratic convention is yet to be, and meteorology is an inexact science; and so it is too early to predict that the weather on election day will be ideal for golf. B. L. T.

The Chief of Police lost his badge in a

If politics was run on commercial principles, we suspect the democratic party would be bidding high just now for the services of Will H.

How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. EVANS Questions concerning hygicue, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bec, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Hec.
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For many years we have been disposed to hold that pellagra was due to living for a long time on a diet too low in protein and too rich in understood terms, to a diet contain-ing too little meat, milk, eggs and butter and too much cornbread and molasses.

Pellagra is a very serious disease and in certain sections is so prevalent that it constitutes an important health problem. Certain sections, largely in order to conquer pellagra, are going extensively into the rais- a 43-inch barrel. It has the same ing of chickens and eggs and the lock stock and barrel used at Bunmaking of milk and butter.

Dr. Seale Harris of-Birmingham, who spent some time in the warring countries of Europe, thinks this change in the agricultural products in the gun. of those sections has been worth while for other reasons, but will not make any impression on the pellagra He went to Italy in pursituation. suance of the thought that Italy, being the home of pellagra, the starvation of the war years would have caused it to increase enormously.

For several years the Italians have

lived on cornbread, rice, a few potatoes and other vegetables and beet sugar. They have had practically no meat, or milk, or butter, and very little wheat. They are very much undernourished, in fact, close to the starvation line.

What did he find? In Rome they told him there might be some pellagratin north Italy, but there was none around Reme. In north Italy neither the army surgeons nor the civilian doctors had seen any pel-

The surgeon general told him the Italian soldiers had not suffered from pellagra. The draft records showed that in raising an army of 6,000,000 only thirty-five had been rejected on

account of pellagra.

In Coryza, the section over which the Italians and Austrians fought for two years and where the food had been of the scantiest and worst, there was no pellagra. In other words, the wave of pellagra which had swept over Italy a generation ago had burned itself out and even the cornmeal and sirup diet of the several years of war had kindled it up again. Nor had it prevailed in Austria-Hungary or in those parts of Germany, where for more than four years the people had lived very largely on a starchy diet, with but little meat and less milk and butter. We are very much in hopes that somebody will find the cause of pellagra and a way to prevent it. now that many of the cases can be

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discoveries that will solve the pellagra problem we are sustained by the knowledge that in Italy the pel-lagra wave has passed and not even

war hunger served to bring it back. By Private Physicians.

E. W. B. writes: "Could you in-form me of any clinic, medical intitution, etc., that makes a specialty physical examinations and the probable cost of an examination? Am not sick, but would like a thorough physical examination.' REPLY.

There are such institutions in practically every city now. Examinations are made by private phy-Look in a medical directory or classified directory for your city.

STATISTICAL NOTES.

A shotgum used in the battle of Bunker Hill, in 1775, and the battle of New Orleans, in 1815, has been presented to the State Historical Society at Columbia by P. J. Hainey of Barnard, Mo. It is an old model lock, stock and barrel used at Bunker Hill, and though much worn, can still shoot. On the stock is attached a tallow and patch box which was used to grease the balls when loaded

Official figures recently compiled show that Birmingham has the highest unemployment rate of any city in England, reaching a total of 724 per 10,000 of population of greater Birmingham.

Time equivalent to 3,000,000 days is said to have been saved to the women of the United States by the electric washing machines sold last

vear.





INDIAN TROUBLES

In June, 1859, Pawnee Indians drove off stock, burned houses and threatened settlers between the Platte and the Elkhorn near the village of Fontenelle.

Omaha troops under General John M. Thayer marched against them. Excitement in Omaha ran high. In August, 1864, Home Guards were formed by John R. Porter to protect Omaha against roving bands of Sioux.

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