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Here Is The Type of Man Needed At Lansing

One of the most urgent needs in modern public life is the attraction to public office of men who are not only capable, but men who are sincere and willing to carry out their prelection, campaign promises, and to pay tax honestly, and not attract the attention of office for whatever of spoils it may offer, but rather men who enter a campaign with something of the crusading spirit of earlier times.

When such a man appears on the horizon, it is our belief that he should win the support of all thoughtful citizens.

Over in Plymouth, Michigan, lives a man named Elton R. Eaton, publisher of The Plymouth Mail, who recently announced his willingness to run for the office of State Representative for the 5th District, which comprises the western part of Wayne County. Mr. Eaton, all his life a newspaperman, and for four years secretary to former Governor Alex J. Groves, doesn't want the office for any personal mercenary reasons. According to his statement, he wants to "cleanse the government at Lansing, and bring about a type of honest efficiency and frugality in State affairs that will lower the burdensome taxes that now penalize the average citizen."

We have known Mr. Eaton for many years, have worked with him in State Press Association matters, and have observed his willingness to serve others—as a personal monetary sacrifice to himself. We count his entrance in to the Fifth District's political campaign as a signal opportunity for its citizens to send to Lansing a man who can be trusted.

Mr. Eaton knows, intimately, the State government and its problems. He stands for decency in office, and is a terrifying enemy to all who would despoil democratic free government. He will reflect credit upon his District, and achieve much for the good of the whole State if the voters in the coming election are wise enough to get behind him in the coming Republican primary.

In God's Image?

Less than 20 years from the war that was to end war, the British government has asked for \$4,500,000 with which to issue a poison gas mask free to every man, woman and child in the country.

A story is to be set up, and, as soon as completed, the masks will be distributed. To prevent loss, destruction or deterioration through careless handling, they are to be kept at convenient central points, readily available, however, upon signal. Meanwhile everybody is to be instructed in their use.

What a commentary on the present state of international diplomacy! The world peace machinery, purchased at the price of 37,000,000 casualties in the last war, has been scrapped. Peoples are snarling at each other like savages ready to spring. There's more's the pity and the irony of it, being "civilized," they will not fight each other like savages. Instead, they are planning to poison one another, whole nations at a time—not just soldiers, but the aged, the newly born, the crippled, the sick, the little boys and girls, indiscriminately.

It is the true, the ghastly implication of the news from Britain. And should we as all-made, now so they say, in God's image—to hang our heads in shame.—The Pittsburgh (Pa.) Press.

Believe In Yourself

Give me the man who believes in persistent effort. He has no objective in all that he does, and he keeps the light of it constantly before him.

No trumpets announce his successive steps from one vantage point to another. He cares not for praise nor does he need continuous urging. His urge comes from within, and directs his course from day to day. The seeming flow of spasmodic achievement disturbs him not. But when the months have rolled by he has gained ground steadily, and as the years succeed one another, he becomes what the world is pleased to call an "outstanding success."

Some gain success quickly, apparently without effort, and we are prone to call them "lucky." Too often the results of such success are lost just as quickly and just as easily. Persistent effort goes on to the end. It does not rest on laurels gained, for the persistent worker finds joy only in continued achievement, no matter how much may already have been gained.—Daily Tribune, Royal Oak, Michigan.

Rolling Homes

Automobile trailers are becoming so popular that they may one day be a problem for real estate men who are trying to sell houses permanently attached to a lot. It is that people don't want a house that they can't move. After looking at the trailers, and the other land yachts—one can readily see that they offer every convenience one could get in a 10-room house, without such ubiquitous drawbacks as a coal shovel or lawn mower.

It is a problem that the future will have to deal with. Perhaps there will be a compromise, and real estate agents will have to furnish four wheels and a spare tire with every bungalow. The salesman can say, "Be a stay-at-home and see the world!" (Christian Science Monitor.)

Business Success Endures When Moral Law Is Obeyed

"We are standing on the threshold of prosperity for the first time in 25 years," says the honorable Roger W. Babson, business priest and student of economic statistics.

Reading on we learn that "the immediate outlook is the brightest in years, barring those sections suffering from crop disaster" and that the nation "from March, 1933, to date, has covered 89 per cent of the distance between the pit of the depression and normal."

In fact, July opened with business activity just 5 per cent under normal, according to the Massachusetts prognosticator, who declares that "every outstanding trade and industrial barometer is forecasting further gains in business that will."

So much for the prospect of prosperity. Let us call your attention again to what Mr. Babson says about the duration of our good fortune, which "we may enjoy a few years." Why a few years? Because, in his words, "property never lasts unless it goes hand in hand with righteousness." Moreover, "permanent prosperity cannot be built on liquor, gambling and a disregard of God."

Mr. Babson is planting his feet on solid stuff when he puts them on the rock of righteousness. Big business and little business men, who think of nothing but profits, do more harm to the nation's welfare than all the political theorists that blight the land.

Businessmen, standing the test of time, try to do a little in the eyes of any community, who try to do the average man and woman to realize that an economy built on righteousness has no place in it for individuals who want to acquire fortunes through rackets, schemes and routes that do not give value for the money received. The man or woman, big or little in the eyes of any community, who tries to get money without earning it, is a positive enemy to the betterment of the nation.

A Short Time Between Two Eternities

A man dangling at the end of a rope over a precipice with his head on a jagged rock five hundred feet below, would be in an precarious position. And yet it is not just about the situation of each of us. Sooner or later we must get the hold on earthly life. We have faith to believe that the powers which put us here with many good things to enjoy will not do for us here. Even if chastening is necessary, to get money without earning it, is a positive enemy to the betterment of the nation.

The Invisible Guest

A new, sinister Invisible Guest in a few short years has made every home his dwelling place and every American citizen his victim. He is the hidden tax. Now he sits at the table and follows the round of work and play, goes with his victims to the shower, shaves the morning toast; boards the same elevated, trolley, or automobile; looks in at the office; elbowed along at restaurants, movies or prize fights. He is here, there and everywhere.

There passed through the hands of the hidden tax collector, along the coast line, Jan. 1, 1935, approximately \$2,000,000,000 in Federal taxes called "Invisible Commodity Taxes" accounting for 60 percent of all Federal revenues, according to President Roosevelt.

Take bread, for instance. The Invisible Guest's share of every loaf is three shillings. (He has taken 53 cents of the loaf.) The Invisible Guest's share of bread has increased \$34,082,000. Or pork chops— he will claim one of three, six cents on every package of cigarettes are for taxes. From every dollar paid to the electric light and power company ten cents is passed on to the government in the form of taxes. In 1935 the cost of taxes and licenses for operating all motor vehicles in the United States was almost equal to the amount received by the manufacturers of motor vehicles.

State and city taxes are accepted by all, as they should be, as essential to the orderly conduct of government. But it is the taxes hidden in the necessities of life that are the most insidious. They are propped up the two heavy structure of Federal debt.

There must be more than moral indignation against governmental spending and borrowing and inflationary policies if the American principles of honorable thrift are to endure. There must be action! "except from an article in Good Housekeeping Magazine, by Mrs. Robert E. Strawn, chairman, Women's Committee, Pennsylvania Branch, National Economy League.

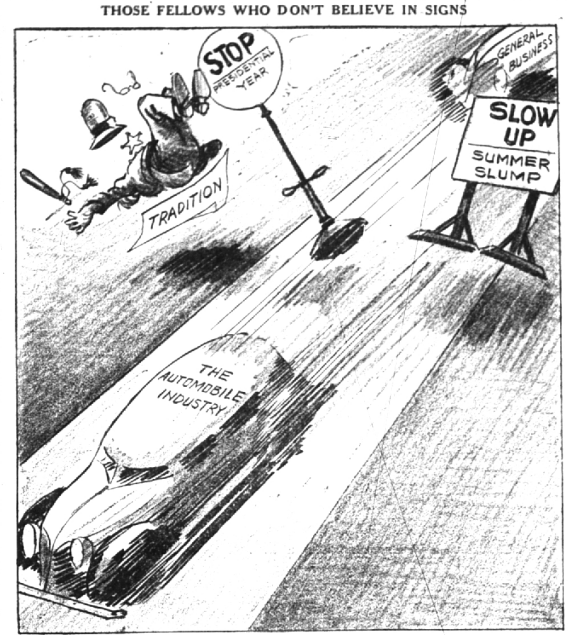
Practical Paragraphs

Fight Fear—Mary Roberts, Rinehart
What of the things of fear? What keeps you from sleeping at night and what keeps you taut and tense by day?

It is, it is, it is, fight it, advises Mary Roberts Rinehart. It is because we are all afraid that we are all afraid that we can't progress. A terrified man is not a fighter. He is a victim. And scared people are beaten before they start.

"I have been afraid for five years," she admits. "But then, I have been afraid all my life; of the lack of lighting, even of cows' Goose flesh and I was afraid of the dark and of intimate friends."

But she is fighting it.
"Recently I tried a small experiment, she states, "I tried to do things that I had feared had never happened." She says, "I have lived through any number of domestic catastrophes which several times I thought would be the end of me. I have lived through wild trembling, I have lived through severe depression, only to see the country arise higher and higher as it paring. But I can remember no single instance when worry or fear has helped me at all. I have averted nothing by either of them. I have lost many otherwise sunny days and missed much of my business by being afraid of the sunshine would not last."



'My Country, 'Tis of Thee'...

By T. H. MILLINGTON

Democracy In Danger
Never have I felt more incompetent nor more discouraged in trying to give expression to my ideas.

The political situation in the world is such that anything may happen, anytime, anywhere. An Ambassador Bower's letter of assurance that there was not the slightest danger of trouble in Spain had scarcely been received in Washington when a bloody revolution broke out and the Spanish government declined responsibility for foreigners within her borders.

World War "to make the world safe for democracy," and now even in our own United States democracy is not safe. It is in fact daily being encroached upon.

But the most serious phase of this situation is that there are encroachments upon democracy, personal liberty and State Rights are what is making the President so popular. His constant criticism of the Supreme Court for declaring his many new laws unconstitutional is encouraging rebellion against constitutional government.

In his letter to Labor's Non-partisan League, Aug. 10, he states: "It is a notable fact that it was not the wage-earner who cheered when these laws were declared unconstitutional."

Fanning Fires of Discontent
This constant belittling of the Constitution and the Supreme Court by our chief executive, who when taking office, took oath to uphold the Constitution, is both discouraging and dangerous. It is fanning the fires of class hatred which are already burning strongly.

What is happening in Spain could happen here within twenty-four hours, in most quarters, if desire, ambition and wish is already there—only the courage or perhaps propitious occasion is lacking.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand," neither can a national government, and when our Chief Executive allies himself with any one self-seeking group.

The pen and spoken word today seems utterly powerless against administrative-purchased devotion.

Minorities Protected
The framers of the Constitution had in mind the welfare of all through their ancestors in Europe, experience with lack of individual rights, and the desire to protect the minority in that instrument. Not satisfied with going to Congress only restricted powers, they passed by a majority vote, but they ordered that a majority in power should not be able to tyrannize over the minority. The first amendments were articles. Unless each one of the amendments have been repealed by a vote of the people, no Congress can matter how overwhelming the majority in power may be permitted to pass any law which would be in opposition to these rights. Any attempt to do so would declare such laws unconstitutional.

These ten amendments enumerate quite a number of things which particularly safeguard the personal rights of the individual and the sovereign rights of the States; but the N. R. A. gave the President the right to suspend the greatest of these rights. This Constitution plainly does not give Congress more than it has.

An Eagle Or A Bat
In our national emblem rightly an eagle, or should it be a bat? The bat, say mind, the eagle represents the spirit of liberty and an

WASHINGTON LETTER
Drouth Relief May Prove Big Factor in Swinging Farm Vote
BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
WASHINGTON—Party powers charged with furthering the Democratic campaign against the weary furrowed brows these days. The reason is that reports continue to reach Washington, there is growing resentment against New Deal work-relief policies.

This resentment has been aggravated by the drouth. As dry weather effects become more intensely felt, an increasing number of farmers were forced to seek government help. And many of these farmers have voiced complaints about the way in which relief, whether in the form of Resettlement Administration grants and loans, or WPA work, is administered.

Large-scale and small-scale farmers alike declare that the relief administrators either are unable or unwilling to distinguish between those who need work and those who do not.

In most cases, they declare, a farmer, almost wiped out by the drouth, cannot obtain WPA relief unless he proves before the state relief agency or Resettlement Administration that he is destitute. Even if it is the state agency that refuses to certify him, it remains a fact that the disappointed farmer usually holds the federal government responsible. Many farmers, complainants say, are being forced to borrow from the production credit agency against their wishes. If he is eligible for a loan from that agency the farmer must first exhaust his credit here before he can go to work for WPA.

Given a WPA job without being forced to borrow, the farmer might be able to buy what he needs in the way of additional food and still keep his "take" for his family, asset critics.

That the administration's reciprocal trade program had as its goal restoration of foreign markets for American farm products seems to make little difference to farmers of midwest and northwest.

In those sections the belief prevails that the trade agreements have helped foreign producers more than American farmers. The charge is heard again that the administration has failed to "preserve the American market for the American farmer."

Strong argument might be brought against these complaints, but New Deal spokesmen, usually so adept at their work, have remained strangely silent.

The New Dealers and Republicans must realize by this time that the farm vote is ready to jump to either party. It will be a WPA job, the farm vote in one direction, under prodings by nature, as well as by politics, it will go.

The Other Chap Says ---

WHY CAN'T ALL OF US BE HAPPY-GO-LUCKY?
We have been reading some of the "happo-go-lucky" stuff in the early history of this country. Those men and women surely were not so colorful as we are today. It was destined for a hot career in the early history of this country. Those men and women surely were not so colorful as we are today. It was destined for a hot career in the early history of this country.

Liberty or Regeneration?
The people never give up their liberty but under some delusion. (Banks) That permanent national prosperity can result from anything but through government support, one-sixth of the population to government regulation, has been more like taking a man by the throat and squeezing him until he is dead.

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