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Why We Shall Vote For Brucker And Not Couzens

Next Tuesday, September 13, citizens of Michigan will vote to elect the 18th United States Senator in both Democratic and Republican parties, down to the humblest office within a county. One of those offices to be filled, and about which we are immediately concerned as an independent Republican, is that of United States Senator.

As you know, two men are running for this office on the Republican ticket. One is the present incumbent, James Couzens, the other is former Governor Wilbur M. Brucker.

Up to the recent announcement by Senator Couzens that he is "for Roosevelt," we had both publicly and privately argued for the election of Brucker for the Senate, for we had criticized Brucker for his inability and lack of practical planning while he served as Michigan's Chief Executive for two years in Lansing.

Now we are required to make up our mind as to our selection of these two men next Tuesday. We shall vote for Wilbur M. Brucker. We shall do so with sadness over Brucker's lack of experience, but happy because he is courageously opposed to New Dealism.

We shall have to pass up Senator Couzens with equal sadness in our heart because of his unpredictable tactics in the realm of practical statesmanship, yet happy in recalling his honesty and independence in Congress.

We lament Senator Couzens' unwillingness to make an active campaign in his own behalf, for we know from personal investigation that many of the accusations hurled against him are partially or wholly untrue. Just as he fought on the floor of Congress, so he should be fighting now to uphold the public record of himself.

Senator Couzens has done a great deal of good for the people of Michigan, not only as a practical philanthropist, but in the field of public service. His uncertainty in Congress made him a devoted defender of the public interest, for time and time again he has stood for and against that which stood on the side of the people, and against the predatory interests.

Brucker is nominated over Couzens, and then elected in November, we do not expect any great solutions of the nation's problems from him. But we do expect that his will line up with the Congress that will bring us the most sane and constitutional forms of government, now coming from Washington.

That is why we shall cast our Republican ballot next Tuesday for Wilbur M. Brucker, the Constitutionalist, as against Senator Couzens, self-acknowledged New Dealer.

Safety Council Urges Safe Driving. The Michigan State Safety Council advises that observance by all motorists of the following 11 safe driving rules will make life and property safer on Michigan highways.

1. Set speed according to condition of traffic, highway surface and of the motor vehicle itself. 2. Keep to extreme right hand side of highway when going over hills. 3. Overtake and pass only when, without doubt, it is safe to do so. 4. Keep as far as is reasonable to the right of lane and centerline pavement markings. On three and four lane highways, use inner lanes for passing only. 5. Readily give way to the right at sound of horns of overtaking vehicles. 6. Slow down for intersections. 7. Slow down when approaching hill tops. 8. Slow down when approaching pedestrians. 9. Make right and left turns carefully and be sure your signals can be seen a hundred feet from the turn. 10. Observe traffic lights and stop signs. 11. Park only at a distance from the traveled portion of the highway. Approximately 75% of the motor vehicle collisions on Michigan highways result from disregard of these rules.

What Does "Tennyson" Mean To You?

To some people the word "Tennyson" carries just one association—"Poet." Others will recall that he wrote "Crossing the Bar," the greatest swan song ever written. They have heard it sung or read at a funeral.

To others he is their "beloved poet." These will recall that August 6 was his birthday— that he was born in 1809, in Somers, Lincolnshire, England. He was the fourth to arrive in a country pastor's family of twelve. The entire family lived to be honored for "character, courtesy, intelligence, poetry, and music."

Alfred early became a book-lover and spent many hours in his father's well-stocked library. Having tried a school, noted chiefly for Hoggings (not at his best), he studied under his father until he entered Trinity College.

When he was but 17 years old he and his brother published a book of poems.

A later effort, "The Owl," was criticized by one Christopher North in the words: "Alfred himself is the greatest owl. All he wants is to be shot, stuffed, and stuck in a glass case to be made immortal in a museum."

Tennyson's answer follows: "You did late review my lays Cruity Christopher; I could not blame and praise. When I learnt from whom it came, I forgive you all the blame, Musty Christopher; I could not forgive the praise Fusty Christopher."

After a silence of ten years and the death of his brother-in-law, Arthur Hallam and his father, Tennyson appeared in print in 1842. This time he met with great favor and soon enjoyed a handsome income. He took his bride, Emily Sellwood to his beautiful home at Farringford in the Isle of Wight. Queen Victoria made him a Lord in 1850 at the suggestion of Gladstone.

"It better to have loved and lost Than never to have loved at all, from his 'In Memoriam' was in thought of his great friend, Arthur Hallam.

Young people remember him for having revived interest in the Knights of the Round Table.

A biographer says: "As a genius, Tennyson stands a little lower than Shakespeare and Milton. It would be difficult to fix his rank with respect to Chaucer, Spenser, Keats and Shelley. He is better known than they are; he is more popular than Browning. Without doubt, he combined reason, reverence, and a love of beauty in a rare degree, which made him a poet of the market and very little at home because it would not be normal to him."

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In addition to this, after January 1, 1937, the United States Treasury will issue a new kind of currency, a new kind of gold and silver standard value. This is slightly more than three times as much as the total amount of money in circulation.

Many are wondering who will win in this or that race. This is not a matter of time. If one can merely contain his patience for less than three months, then the definite result can be seen.

Candidates are naturally optimistic. A stranger to the great game of politics wonders how every man in a particular race can think so surely that he will be the winner, but one who has dabbled off and on can understand the optimistic spirit of the candidate.

Before the votes are counted it might be well to advise the candidates a little, whether debasted or victorious. If you win, take your success modestly and, if you lose, do not get down and out. Be true to your fellowmen and become a human crab the rest of your life.

Regardless of election results, the probability is that the world will continue to turn, that the sun will rise and set, and that the affairs of the human race will follow their usual courses, regardless of individual majorities or minorities.

Read Good Books

Every person should endeavor to read a few books of serious import occasionally, at the least. Giving such advice the magazine, The Rotarian, rightly says: "The best books are those which contain the records of the history and wisdom of men. They are the priceless links with past ages and other peoples. They are the keys to the treasure chests of the accumulated thought and experience of the races and nations."

"Good books are the constant companions of the man who would serve his best purpose in life, for they advise him in service, and strengthen his ideals. Good books are available to all, at little or no cost. They are your ready and constant companions— and you want them. Everyone who enjoys life should be reading. There should be a book to read to lend them to others. For books are useful as they are used."

Mentally Crippled

All normal people are grateful for the possession of good physical health. But, also, how important to have good mental health—for, it seems to us, the possession, for instance, of too much prejudice towards certain things may be compared to a crippled physical condition; if it is hard to get around physically, how much harder to enjoy people and life with a portion of one's outlook thus handicapped.

"Easy money" is the hardest of all to "cash in" on. For money easily obtained is as easily spent—and most such money is spent for things that bring the spender little real enjoyment, don't you find?

SEEMS to us that too often political planks, after election, develop plenty of (k)naps.

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

By THEODORE H. MILLINGTON

Continued from issue of Sept. 3rd.

The inflation which has been answered in last week's issue is "Why not make all U. S. Government bonds, notes, bills, etc. payable on demand in treasury notes and greenbacks?" The writer of the question states that he cannot see why that could be "inflation."

In last week's issue it was shown that "inflation" is "something which is provided beyond its normal," and that when applied to money one must first know what is the normal in money before one can recognize "inflation."

The Normal in Money

1.—The normal is that which is established and establishing the money value and money system. 2.—The normal is that which is established as a stable and universal value. 3.—If the money is gold and silver, the normal is the face value of the standard of fitness of metal used in the coins of such a country. 4.—If the money is paper, the normal is the face value of the gold and silver dollars to which it is convertible. 5.—If the money is paper, the normal is the face value of the gold and silver dollars to which it is convertible. 6.—If the money is paper, the normal is the face value of the gold and silver dollars to which it is convertible.

All this has been done in establishing the normal in money. To be sure, the redemption of currency in metal is at present restricted to the face value of the U. S. Treasury, which holds all the banks' gold in trust as security for the currency outstanding.

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Washington Letter

Early Maine Election Watched for Tipoff on National Result

By SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Washington—The national capital is watching with particular interest that off the Sept. 11 election in Maine.

Although the "As Goes Maine" saying has been made in several past elections, Republican and Democratic officials are very much aware of the tremendous psychological advantage to be gained for a good showing in this preliminary contest.

Of the record, Democrats will know best, for it is their party which will tell the Republicans what they should do.

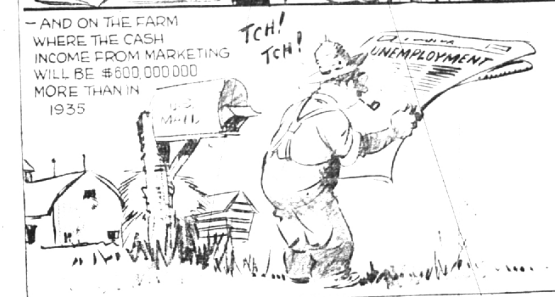
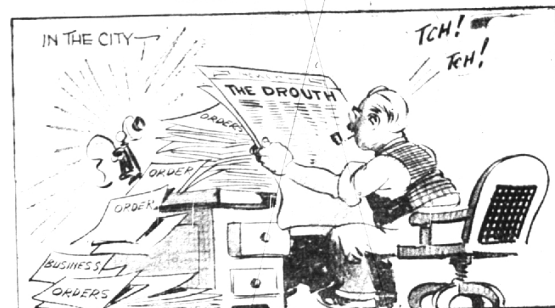
Master Mauder Foy and his followers have been very successful in the state, even to the point where the president has paid it a visit. But, while the administration has been successful, the Republican objective is to prevent a landslide, Maine has been one of the most thoroughly Republican states in New England.

THE United States doesn't always follow Maine's lead. The state has been Republican ever since the first presidential election, even though it was a Democratic stronghold in 1912, when it went Democratic.

Adding the Democratic cause will be the business improvement, and the president's statement that he hopes the Panama canal power project will be completed.

It is believed that most of Maine's factory and leaf workers will vote Democratic, with the exception of those going to the election pits U. S. Senator Wainwright.

LET'S ALL HAVE A GOOD CRY



THE OTHER CHAP SAYS - - -

Honor in the Public Service. Every little man who has a bit of brains and a bit of spirit, the 'small' man, is carried a bit more from England.

What we need is a government job for all. It is not a personal benefit, but a national benefit for all.

We look upon all public officers as public servants. They are not to be treated as political machines, but as men who are to be judged on their merits.

The writer many times has heard of the 'other chap' who is not a politician, but a man who is to be judged on his merits.

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Random Remarks

Alf M. Landon, Candidate for the Presidency. "I believe a man can be liberal without being a spendthrift."

Louis M. Hacker, Columbia University lecturer. "It is time that the D. A. R. stopped its way hunting and terrorizing of teachers by its contempt for loyalty oaths."

William Green, President. A. F. of L. "Nothing has occurred which would change my admiration for the President."

Leon Trotsky, exiled Bolshevik. "My life works prove I have upped people's terrorism."

Thomas W. Lamont, Member Morgan banking firm. "It is clear that 50 per cent of the people of every nation of Europe do not want to fight."

Bulletin of Liquor Dealers. "There is nothing more disgusting than to see a woman, especially one under the influence of liquor, standing at the bar."

Otis Skinner, actor. "The best actors are babies and storks, because they are the least self-conscious."

John D. M. Hamilton, London Manager. "The people have had enough of royal economists who blame imaginary economic royalists for their mismanagement."

James M. Farley, Roosevelt manager. "The U. S. is vastly hoping that enough voters can be frightened to secure the success of their ticket."

Frank Knox, Republican candidate. "I want to see in the future a real share-the-wealth development in this land."

Harry W. Rice, Republican governor of Maryland. "In my opinion the Republican party cannot afford to pass up its way through this campaign."

Hughert Wilkins, world-famous explorer. "California really never knew how comfortable an Atlantic crossing should be simply because it was taken before the submarine."

Bronson B. Sumner, Lieut.-Col., U. S. Army. "I came from Arkansas where men and women are glad to fight."

John D. M. Hamilton, national chairman Republican party. "Miss A., perhaps, foreign stuff to Alf Farley—just another typical Prairie State."

George Lansbury, former British Labour Party leader. "Britain has done her share in exploring great areas of the world for her own national glory."

Edwin L. James, newspaper writer. "After prodding brotherly love for the Lord knows how long we are going to build a lot of new warships."

Alf M. Landon, Republican candidate for President. "I wish to dedicate ourselves anew to the great future of America."

Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce. "The greatest of all human fears is that of starvation."

Bernard M. Baruch, American capitalist. "The barbarian sweating of labor can justify any tariff wall or undemocratic currency policy."

James J. Walker, former Mayor of New York. "The brains of Tammany are in Calvary Cemetery where Charles F. Murphy is buried."

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