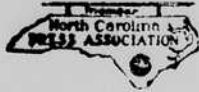


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SUPPORTING HOOVER

When the National Republican Convention adopted its "Prohibition" plank last month, the leaders of that party were anxious to convince the populous East and North that the Republican Party had gone wet.

And they might have put it across to a majority of the voters in that section, (and at the same time convinced the Dry states the party was still Dry) if the Democratic Party had not refused to straddle the issue and if certain developments of the last week had not been forthcoming.

The organized and professional Dry lobbyists, typified by Dr. F. Scott McBride and Bishop James Cannon have come out for President Hoover. The allied Dry forces have gone Republican with a vengeance. Why?

The answer is simple. The Republican Party has not gone Wet or even moist. Nor is it Dry. Its stand on this issue is, as it has been for ten years a peculiar and inexplicable piece of political mugwumpery.

And this sort of tactics is pleasing to Dry leaders like McBride and Cannon, who can thus wield the whip hand at crucial moments like these attending the Presidential election.

They will claim they can carry Southern States as they did in 1928 and they will control Southern Republicans thru the patronage system. They will claim they hold in the hollow of their hands millions of "church votes" which they can vote as they choose all over nation. They will claim they can organize the "pulpit" (as they did in 1928) and throw the weight of the "moral" forces of the country against the Democratic nominee. In short, they tell the Republican leaders, with carefully chosen words, they can wage another bigoted, vicious, poisonous, lying campaign among the ignorant, the biased or the fanatical. Upon such basis rests the coalition of the Drys and the Republicans.

What else could it? The Drys can do the Republican Party no good in the East and North. Only in the South and Middle West is their work effective.

But it is a far cry from 1928 to 1932. The South has time and again repudiated the false leadership of the Drys since 1928. Look at Simmons and Morrison in our State; Heflin in Alabama; Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen in Florida.

The Democratic stand in frank, honest, clearcut, courageous; that of the Republican is dishonest, cowardly, hypocritical, misleading.

The McBrides and Cannons cannot repeat in 1932. The Solid South will be voting for Roosevelt and Garner.

WORRY FOR NEXT LEGISLATURE

The State's Advisory Budget Commission is wrestling this week with the State's financial problem for the next year, which is expected to be much more troublesome than the fiscal year just ended, due to a drying up of the known and heretofore dependable sources of revenue. Another cut in salaries of 10 to 20 per cent is one apparent necessity.

Another method suggested is to either cut or hold back salaries of the school teachers next year to the extent of 10 to 15 per cent, in face of legislative acts forbidding cuts to teachers, and leave it up to the next General Assembly to either ratify the cut or levy additional taxes to pay the amount held back.

David L. Strain, field manager for Robt. R. Reynolds in his campaign for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate, is trying to work out some plan to realize on the famous Reynolds Ford to help pay a campaign deficit. He may call upon the public to buy the Ford, at \$1 per person, and place it in the State Museum as a historic relic.

James Roosevelt, 20-year-old son of the Democratic Presidential nominee, has been appointed by President Tyre C. Taylor as national treasurer of the Young Democratic Club of America, succeeding John P. Stedman, State Treasurer, who has been serving as temporary treasurer.

Beckoning

By Albert T. Reid



"GET MOVING"

Jimmie Shell and Carl Thompson, after hitch-hiking to California, Land of Promise and Fulfillment of Dreams, have returned to Roanoke Rapids.

These two youngsters, just graduated from High School, showed rare judgment in coming back after a few weeks of fruitless effort to obtain any kind of jobs at any kind of wage on the West Coast. There are none at any price and they report a thousand idle persons for every possible job.

Nor is this confined to California. In our own State, in Gastonia and other manufacturing centers, mills are shut down by the score and thousands are without work.

Those who go outside well know that Roanoke Rapids has been blessed by less unemployment than any other town or city in the country.

Which makes us want to say to all "bellyachers" and those dissatisfied with our industries and town: "If you know of any better town, get moving. If you don't, learn a little loyalty and have a good word to say for the best little city in the country."

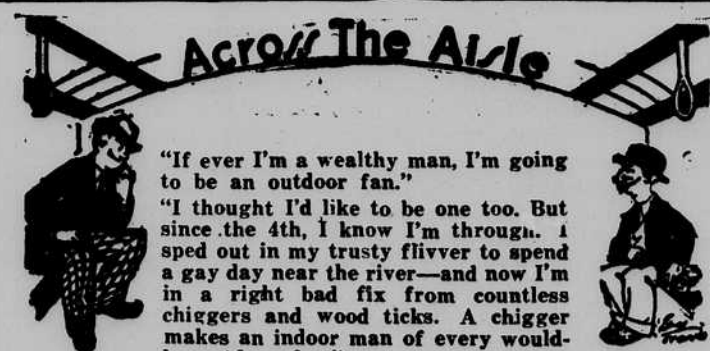
There is only one kind of real home town loyalty, the practical kind, which operates all the time, be the times good or not so good. "Fair-weather" loyalty, like friends, is not worth much.

AN AUSPICIOUS START

Governor Roosevelt From a Business Point of View
(From the (N. Y.) Journal of Commerce)

Thus far, Governor Roosevelt has advanced nothing specifically which should give the least occasion for alarm to those who have the business and financial stability of the country near at heart.

Mr. Roosevelt has made an auspicious start with his address and has shown that in principle he stands strongly opposed to economic radicalism as an antidote for the depression.



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