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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1920

**THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET**  
For President of the United States—James M. Cox.  
For Vice-President of the United States—Franklin D. Roosevelt.  
For United States Senator—Lee S. Overman.  
For Governor—Cameron Morrison.  
For Lieutenant Governor—W. B. Cooper.  
For Secretary of State—J. Bryan Grimes.  
For State Auditor—Baxter Durham.  
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For Attorney General—James S. Manning.  
For Commissioner of Agriculture—W. A. Graham.  
For Commissioner of Labor and Printing—M. L. Shipman.  
For Commissioner of Insurance—Stacey W. Wade.  
For Corporation Commissioner—A. J. Maxwell.  
For Associate Justice of Supreme Court—W. A. Hoke, W. P. Stacy.  
For Representative in the United States Congress—First District, Hallet S. Ward; Second District, Claude Kitchin; Third District, S. M. Brinson; Fourth District, Edward W. Pou; Fifth District, Charles M. Stedman; Sixth District, Homer L. Lyon; Seventh District, William C. Hammer; Eighth District, R. L. Doughton; Ninth District, A. L. Bulwinkle; Tenth District, Zebulon Weaver.  
Judicial Districts—For Judge Superior Court, Fifth District, J. Lloyd Horton; for Judge Superior Court, Eighth District, E. H. Cranmer; for Judge Superior Court, Eighteenth District, J. B. Ray; Solicitor, Eighteenth District, J. E. Shipman.

A Minnesotan's gift of a watch, still running on its receipt, to the Democratic National Committee, is notable as another reminder of the Republicans' desperate fight against time.

It is reported now that Georges Carpentier and Jack Dempsey will fight for a purse of \$500,000. A victory for Georges should have a substantial effect upon the exchange value of the franc.

Heavens! How they hate that man Wilson! It is puzzling sometimes, but not when we pause to reflect upon the fact that there is no more fertile breeder of hate than the slimy monster called Envy.

As a result of a Federal court's decision, Charles Ponzi has formally arrived at a state of bankruptcy. The goodly company which he sent on to that destination ahead of him should give him a warm reception there.

Supporters of Mr. Harding should pause to consider that the best guardian of the country's independence is always to be found in a man who may claim a little of the same possession on his own account.

The most determined optimists among the Republican leaders can not blind themselves to the widespread evidence of disintegration of the Harding support. That impartial observers are more and more impressed by the extent and rapidity of the crumbling is apparent in every daily newspaper. Mark Sullivan, in the present issue of The Star, writes convincingly of "the steady ebb in the Republican strength and a corresponding growth in the Democratic strength." The tremendous appeal and driving power of the Cox campaign in the East and the dogged persistence of Hiram Johnson's refusal to let Mr. Harding extricate himself from the bitter-enders' trap are the chief factors in the over-turn that is now rearranging the political map.

The Executive Council of the Churches of Christ in America has issued a timely appeal, entitled, "The Christian Attitude on the California-Japanese Question." It is an appeal to men of good-will, both in the United States and in Japan, "to refuse to be stamped into pre-emptive action by the vote-catching propaganda of politicians who appeal to race prejudice and strive to arouse mob feeling." The Council argues wisely that matters at issue between these two powers can be approached with propriety and safety only by the governments at Washington and Tokio, respectively. "Any other method (of solution) is bound, sooner or later, to involve our country in international complications." Frankness, honesty and a sincere desire for an amicable adjustment, inspiring the people of both countries, would certainly in due course remove the most vexatious elements of their international relations.

## Having Registered, the Women Must Vote

Under the spurring of The Star and of others who early caught the significance of the women's participation in the election, the authorities in charge of registration went to work with a hearty good will to bring about a large enrollment of the new voters. Their efforts were highly successful, the women have registered in such ardent fashion that they now represent something like forty per cent. of the local electorate. It is a splendid showing.

The task is but half accomplished. There is before us now the urgent necessity of having the women vote next Tuesday. It must be brought home to them that they have another serious obligation. In every possible way, they must be made to realize that they will be grievously remiss if they fail to cast their ballots. They must be made to feel very intimately that it is a great privilege to have the right to vote, but that it is an even greater privilege to use the prerogative.

We need not go into the matter of advising our women how they shall vote. We may rely upon their adherence to "the heartfelt things inestimably dear" to make the way clear to them. In the state and in the nation, they will vote the Democratic ticket, because by doing so they will be making the contribution which is expected of them—they will be speaking the word which bears the seal of their heart, the test of their desire.

But let nothing be left undone to make November 2 the day of their great pilgrimage to the polling-places, where they will be enabled to record the will of the women in this great crisis of the country's life.

## Rural Slums

The announcement that the Salvation Army is planning a campaign for the betterment of rural slums will be received with bewilderment by those who think of this splendid organization as being exclusively the rescuer of the city pent and bespent and by those who still cling to the notion that God made the country but man made the town. And yet the Salvation Army, in undertaking this vital task, is merely carrying a step further its work of salvation, for it is molding to a larger use the knowledge which it has gained of the sources of much of the desolation with which it has had to deal, and it is, in striking fashion, directing attention to a genuine defect in American life.

Rural slums there are in villages and upon isolated farms, where economic forces and ignorance and devitalization have wrought their havoc. There has developed in the country a class of incompetents, ambitionless, stagnant, without horizon and without prospect. Living on the very margin of existence, a degenerative process has set in. Unable to meet the requirements of their environment, they go to the cities, lured by the glamor of wages and pleasure. Their poverty, and crude standards make the city slum their inevitable habitat. They soon find that they have pursued a mirage, and it is not long before they have become permanently attached to the great body of ne'er-do-wells and social misfits. They soon appear in the courts; they grow to be habitual recipients of charity; their children become delinquent or are so neglected that they receive the attention of the juvenile courts. Unlike the immigrant, who grows from strength to strength, leaving the empty shell of his alien habit behind him—unlike the sturdier product of the soil, who is spurred to achievement by the very abundance of his opportunities and by his robustness of will and purpose—these initially handicapped denizens of rural slums are the stuff of which city slums make the pathetic and sinister shapes which call for the guidance and helpfulness of the Salvation Army.

Rural life holds problems of the profoundest significance to the nation. It must be made attractive, it must be given direction, it must receive some of the illuminating thought which, if it has not materially improved city life, has clearly shown the way to improvement. School, church and government must organize themselves for this vastly pregnant solution. The drift from the open field to the cabined street must be halted, but it can be halted only through the enrichment of the joys and potentialities of country life.

## The Broken Wilson

"Deeply touched" were the pro-League Republicans who yesterday had an audience with President Wilson. They saw a sorely wounded man, who bears upon his body the sinister tokens of the malevolence which has sought to undo his incalculably precious service. They heard a tear-choked man who no longer, as in a better day, trusts to the spontaneous golden word. "Inexpressibly solemn and tender" they reported the occasion to have been. It could not have been any other else, when they beheld the smitten Wilson, bound to an invalid's chair, and realized that it was his devotion to the ineffable cause for which he was pleading which had brought him to his estate of suffering and feebleness.

The day will yet come, when the faults of the man Wilson will utterly vanish in the full consciousness of his immortal contribution to the well-being of humanity and to the greatness of America. The hatred which has pursued him, the partisanship which has thwarted him, the rancor which at this very hour seeks to make Wilsonism the predominant issue, will at no distant hour reveal themselves as the calumny and littleness which would warp this country's power to the low purposes of an indescribable selfishness.

Foul deeds will rise Though all the earth o'erwhelm them, to men's eyes

## The Presbyterians

It is an honor to any city to entertain a group of Presbyterian leaders. It may be said that no State claims a body of men possessing a higher degree of earnestness, consecration, culture and dignity than the group composed of its Synodical ministerial and lay leaders. For many reasons, North Carolina holds its Presbyterianism in peculiar esteem and affection. The spiritual and intellectual development of the people of this State, from its very early days, has been influenced to a degree perhaps not generally suspected by the beneficent operation of the Presbyterian church through its chosen channels. The delegates from the several churches of this historic Synod are guests in whose entertainment Wilmington feels the keenest delight and a very genuine sense of honor.

## Contemporary Views

### THE SWIFT YOUNG MIND.

*New York Evening Herald:* In admitting a boy prodigy to its cultured halls, Columbia University is following noted example. Princeton took Aaron Burr at the age of 12, and into the sophomore class, although it had refused to admit him as a freshman the preceding year. Harvard let in young Mr. Sidis at the tender age of 11. Master Hardy of Columbia is 12.

Such precocious lads are the product of intellectual environment. We find similar swift progress in Macaulay, who wrote a "Compendium of Universal History" when he was 7, and in Chatterton, who had written some of his important pieces before he was 12. In each case there is a background not only of intellectual parentage, but of attractive opportunity.

Luckily for the football teams of colleges few infant prodigies come in. The trainer of the Yale team may be imagined as wishing that none but the precocious went to Boston College. In at 12 and out at 16, they might be ferocious, but they would not be heavy.

### THE ANTIQUITY OF MAN.

*Baltimore News:* The report that a fully equipped expedition, on a larger scale than has hitherto been attempted by any institution, will leave the United States early next year to seek in the remote plateaus of Central Asia for the remains of "the missing link" will revive popular interest in a fascinating subject and a scientific doctrine of profound importance. The scientific work of Darwin and his co-discoverer, Alfred Russell Wallace, brought to a focus converging ideas of evolution which could not, wholly be ascribed to any single period of scientific discovery. Great thinkers, from Aristotle to Goethe, had some inkling of the scientific law which was only to be formulated centuries and generations later. The discovery, not as it has often been incorrectly put that mankind is descended from the ape but that men and apes had a common ancestry, revolutionized thought. It thrust indefinitely further back the hitherto accepted date of man's appearance upon this planet. Scientists began to measure the span of human existence upon earth by hundreds of thousands instead of the thousands of years. Notwithstanding the heated controversies which arose at that time as to an alleged conflict between religion and science, there was nothing in the doctrines of the evolutionists to undermine the fundamentals of religious thought, and at the present time there is neither any hostility between any competent man of science, as such, and religion nor any distrust of science by religious believers.

### SORTING OUT.

*New York Sun:* Veteran managers of electrical enterprises agree in the main that the recent so-called slump in that line of business has affected the unsound ventures while sparing the sound ones. Recent flush times, according to one, have created such a demand for theatrical entertainment in many sections of the country that many newcomers entered the business. Now comes a season in which the less experienced or shrewd purveyors of entertainment find the field overcrowded and themselves forced to the exit.

Thus do things readjust themselves in the theatrical world as in other lines of profitable enterprise. It is easier for a man with some hundreds of thousands to start out as a manager and put on a play than it is to become a new "producer" in the steel or dry goods business. But in the season that follows flush times it is harder for the newcomer because of this very openness of the theatrical business, to hold his own against the seasoned masters of the calling.

What happens in this trade represents in an intensified form a drift quite common to business in general on the morrow of a period of big output and huge profits. Any restriction of these two elements operates in a fashion to sort out the freer competitors from the hardly penurious. Such a process should raise the tone of business, soundness and vigor, yes, and the American standard of labor, energy and efficiency. Even the seasons when national production totals and price levels fail to rise may have their uses.

### WHY PENROSE SHOULD BE BEATEN.

*Philadelphia Record:* It is highly creditable to the Women's League for Good Government that it has adopted resolutions opposing the re-election of Senator Penrose. It does this on the ground that he has "opposed most of the humanitarian and progressive movements of the past 20 years, especially those of vital interest to women and children," and that he has also been antagonistic to reform in state and city. A much more extended catalogue of the senator's many political offenses might easily have been compiled, but they are too well known to need recounting. His persistent opposition to women suffrage should be enough to array the newly enfranchised voters against him.

There should be no place for a man of Penrose's limited vision in the United States Senate, and it is a good thing for Pennsylvania that many thousands of women realize this fact. They have the moral courage, even if the men have not, to oppose his re-election because they know that his past record has been barren and that in the future, if he shall be re-elected, he will be simply an inert lump of reactionary conservatism in a body where progressive ideas are needed. Major John A. Farrell, the Democratic candidate, is in every way a worthy aspirant for the honor of representing Pennsylvania in the place so long held by the Republican boss. He should be supported by all self-respecting Republicans and Democrats, men and women.

### WOMEN AT OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.

*New York Herald:* Women have at last been admitted to full membership in Oxford University, the oldest seat of learning in the British Isles and one of the oldest universities of Europe. About 150 women undergraduates have matriculated and in all about 550 women students are in attendance during the present Michaelmas term, coming chiefly from the recognized societies of woman students of Lady Margaret Hall, Somerville College and St. Hilda's Hall.

The long fight of women in England for educational privileges equal to those of men may now be considered won; for Oxford was regarded as the key to the opposition, and with it in their possession there will probably be little delay before the last fortress of masculine privilege and exclusiveness among the English universities falls before them. This fortress is Cambridge University. Its senate has been discussing the admission of woman students with increased earnestness since Oxford took the action which is the scholastic equivalent of raising the white flag of surrender over Magdalen's gray towers.

*The Montgomery Advertiser:* Senator Harding is preparing his speeches for the final week of the campaign. "It was indicated that the nominee would phrase these speeches with great care," says the Associated Press. That means that he will say less than he has been saying, and he has been saying next to nothing. He has made several blunders on the stump, blunders which have done him no good. No wonder he is to be still more cautious in the closing days of the campaign. Perhaps the best thing he could do would be to take no chances at all, and go fishing. Fortunately for our party, the Democratic candidate has cause to be less fearful of himself. He is the best rough and tumble campaigner of his rank now on the stump. He invites heckling; he delights in repartee; he loves a scrap and is not afraid of himself. He has outdone his rival at every point in the campaign and has justified the confidence of the convention which nominated him.



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