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THERE'S A DIFFERENCE

Mr. Coolidge was born on a farm in Vermont. Mr. Hoover was born on a farm in Iowa. Al Smith was born in a crowded New York street.

Mr. Coolidge leaves the farm as he grows up and becomes a lifelong office seeker and a successful one. Becoming president of the United States, he shows his friendship for the farm by going back to Vermont occasionally with a staff of photographers and newspaper writers who portray his every action to the country as he puts on togs and pretends to engage in making syrup or gathering hay.

Mr. Hoover leaves his Iowa farm as soon as he can get to college and becomes interested in stones, gold bearing stones. He gets his chance almost as a lad and goes into the employ of large gold mining companies and follows his trade around the world searching for gold and finding it.

Al Smith was born in New York. He probably never saw a vegetable garden or a corn field before he was grown and had likely reared a family before he ever saw a stalk of cotton.

gaged with suffering and longing men and women, he sees farming just like he sees any other occupation in which men and women must labor and toil and sweat.

He goes west to get acquainted with the farmers and to show his sympathy and tell what he would do for them if he had the chance.

And what would he do to help the farmers. He knows but one thing to do as an official and leader, and that is to give them justice and that they feel the need of it. He proposes to take their point of view. And in this matter he shows the immense comprehension of fundamental Americanism, of the real points at issue in this campaign.

"That, we take it, is Gov. Smith's philosophy. That, we take it is what he means by declaring his loyalty to Jeffersonian principles. It is a good philosophy, and the more complicated our civilization becomes the better philosophy it is.

gone West to tell the farmers that if he is elected he will let them save themselves. He has offered to do what Mr. Coolidge has resolutely refused to do and what Mr. Hoover must no less resolutely refuse to do.

THE LOCKSTEP OF PRIVILEGE

Alexander Hamilton's idea of making a strong government by making it profitable to the wealthy and keeping the people dulled into submission is being beautifully carried out right now in the process of grabbing the last remaining natural resource belonging to the people by powerful private exploiters.

That last remaining God-given resource to the people consists of the water powers of this country. Unborn generations will depend upon these water powers not only for light and power as we to some extent do now, but they will depend upon them entirely, and for even the very heat with which to warm their bodies and cook their foods.

Now, don't run off right here and say this paper accuses Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Hoover of being grafters and rascals. This paper never accuses men of dishonesty merely because they engage in a policy which seems to it to be disastrous, and inimicable to the public welfare.

Mr. Hoover, and Mr. Coolidge, whose mantle Mr. Hoover thinks it sufficient honor to inherit, act on the principle that has always governed their party—that principle which was so baldly stated by their spiritual ancestor, Hamilton, when he said that the safety of government depended upon constantly placating the rich and the powerful.

Never was the issue clearer than today. While the republican campaign is encouraging the less informed people to fear "the pope of Rome," and the anti-Saloon League with its great staff of high-salaried agents and officials and lobbyists and political-minded preachers are holding up the bogey of the saloon which everybody knows is gone forever, and non-descripts of every kind are chattering their own peculiar jargon, the grand old party of Privilege goes right on with its mission of fixing the bonds of privilege tighter and tighter upon the people whose confusion and sheep-like demeanor must be to the later Mark Hannas a source of amusement.

Gov. Smith devoted his whole speech at Denver Colorado to the water power problem. And like his speech on the farm problem, he went to the heart of the matter, told exactly where he stands and what he would do if elected. And after reviewing the record of the Coolidge administration and the republican party and of Mr. Hoover, said that if the people had any hope of ever keeping the water powers of this country in the hands of the people for their own use, that hope would have to be realized through the Democratic party, whose platform is clear on the subject.

The Democratic platform calls for the retention of, and development by, the State or National government of water power sites. The lobby which has been carried on in Washington and over the whole country by the power combine, and which is now being exposed by a congressional investigation, is closely linked up with republican politicians, and Mr. Coolidge has just appointed one of its lawyers as secretary of the Interior. Mr. Harding appointed Fall sold the public oil reserves and took a bribe for making the deal.

The lockstep of privilege is unbroken. The power trust, the Republican leaders and the United States government are tied together in the design to delay the completion of Muscle Shoals to keep it in the hands of the people. By this delay it is expected to finally disgust the public and let the power trust take it in peace. But for the hold that the power trust and

the fertilizer trust have upon the government through the republican party Muscle Shoals would now be in operation, making cheap fertilizer and selling power to distributing agencies over several states.

The trail of the lobby has been exposed by the congressional investigation and it was shown to have entered the colleges and attempted to control the making of the school text books. This is all common knowledge now, but what effect has that upon Mr. Hoover or the Republican party? Not a word in the platform against it and not a word from Mr. Hoover to indicate that he wishes to block the plan, or indeed, that he does not hold himself in readiness to accelerate it.

Those who expect to vote should register, or know definitely that their names are already on the lists. Also any who might expect to cast absentee ballots should understand that the law has been so changed that one desiring to cast such a ballot must make application to the election board before the day of the election. There is to be no more running around gathering votes on election day.

It is appalling to note the waste of energy and wealth resulting thru the division of Christians into so many denominations. It is hard to conceive of the Lord's calling a half dozen preachers to minister to the people of one little community and leaving whole nations without a corporal's guard of preachers. The foolishness of the division of forces and the duplication of efforts and plants is all the more apparent when it becomes evident that not one in ten of numbers of the various denominations knows the distinctive doctrines of his own church, and less, if possible, about those of churches which he has declined to join.

We fear there is little reason for optimism on the part of those who hope to carry North Carolina for Smith. Tens of thousands are failing to inform themselves upon the eternal principles of economic concern which are championed by the Democratic candidate. Religion and prohibition, neither of which should have any part in the campaign, are used as smoke screens to hide the matters of the greatest moment to the people of the country districts. Smith was bound to express himself as to his personal views and wishes with regard to prohibition; at the same time he states that they are only his personal views and that the people must make them effective if they are ever made so.

If Catholics vote as a unit for Smith, the reason will be easily understood. As far as the editor of The Record was from voting for Harding, who was a Baptist, if the members of other churches had been waging war upon him because of his church membership, we should have been impelled to vote for him, and simply because we should have conceived the preservation of the rights guaranteed to Baptists under the constitution to be the most important issue of the campaign. And all other Christians who saw in the threat against Baptists the loss of the principle of separation of religion and politics would have joined the Baptists in voting to sustain the dearly purchased principles. Similarly, if Catholics, under the assault made upon their rights as citizens, do not rally as a man to the protection of their constitutional rights, they are a strange people. But not only should they do it, but all others who believe in separation of church and state. If Smith were a republican we feel that we should vote for him under the circumstances.

The weather has at last turned in favor of Chatham county farmers. The delay of frost is giving the corn in the county more time to mature.

A large part of the little attempted to be reported in the last issue of on it. The delay of frost is also favorable to the forage crops.

Editor Josephus Daniels' address here last week was a little too late to be reported in the last issue of the Record, and so old now as hardly to be news. Yet the attendance was very gratifying, and the speech was a vote-winner. The speaker was introduced by Mr. A. C. Ray, who beat himself upon the occasion.



Gossip Dear Miss Vera, I'm very much in love with a young man six months my senior. He never ceases telling me of his love for me, although he appears to doubt me. A few months past there was some false gossip about me. Somehow he came to believe enough of it for us to break up. After a short while we made up but he con-

tinued to doubt me, so, pondering over the thing, I decided to break off with him for a while to see if he really cared. I feel uneasy that I may lose him. I simply told him it seemed we could not get along together and we agreed to be real friends and not become angry. Do you think my plan a good one? Should I tell him why I quit? M. B. V. B.

Dear M. B. V. B., nothing is as malicious as gossip—I am sorry that you have had to suffer from it. But why not explain everything to him? When you told him simply that he and you didn't seem to get along, I think you did the incorrect thing. That might have given him the impression that you did not care for him.

If I were you I would tell him that I cared for him, but could not endure his doubt. That if he continued to doubt, continued to believe everything he heard about you, it would have to be the parting of the ways. Perhaps then he would shut his ears to the gossip that is circulating, and be fair to you. Make it clear that you cannot accept his love without having his trust also—and that you are happy to be his sweetheart provided he pays no attention to false rumors.

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