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HOUSTON ON TAXATION

Secretary of the Treasury Houston, who, we never tire of reiterating, is a Monroe proponent, has conceived the right idea of taxation. Instead of a tax system yielding or likely to yield in the future "a surplus of revenue over expenditures," which, he says, "is an open invitation to extravagance," he favors a constant reduction in taxes as the necessities for increases disappear. In other words, he would not have our legislators anticipate added expenditures, but provide for the occasion when it arises. This is a sensible view, and it appeals to the sane business men of the country. It appears now that Monroe has furnished a great Secretary of Agriculture and a great Secretary of the Treasury in one man.

HOOPER INDICATES CHANCE FOR INDEPENDENT TICKET

He Has Paved the Way For Judging Both Parties by Liberal Standards - New Development Might Be Third Party.

(By DAVID LAWRENCE, in The Greensboro News.)

Herbert Hoover has disclosed the conditions under which he would support the Republican ticket and the circumstances under which he would accept the presidential nomination if offered to him. This is not a surprise, but a logical step toward the effective use of the name and personality of Herbert Hoover to crush not merely the professional politicians of both Republican and Democratic parties, but to prevent the two parties from adopting either the extreme reactionary or extreme radical viewpoint in their respective platforms.

There is another move coming. It will probably make it clear just why Herbert Hoover could not accept a Democratic nomination if offered. After that may come another step—an announcement that the choices of the two political parties do not satisfy the liberal thought of the country and a willingness to support a third and independent ticket. This part of the program is not yet admitted by Hoover supporters, but in the event that the Republican convention does not adopt "a forward-looking liberal, constructive platform on the treaty and on our economic issues," or fails to propose "measures for sound business administration of the country," and is either "reactionary" or "radical" in its approach to our great domestic problems, or if it is not "backed by men who undoubtedly assure the consummation of these policies and measures," Mr. Hoover will not support the Republican ticket. He says nobody has a right to dictate what a party shall do, but an individual has a right to say what ticket and platform he will support.

So Mr. Hoover has paved the way for a judgment of the Republican convention upon its merits and not by reason of any previous obligation to support a party with which he is "naturally affiliated." He is free to accept or reject the Republican platform or nominee so far as his individual support is concerned.

Would that mean the selection of Mr. Hoover a week later by the Democratic convention at San Francisco? The chances are against it. Mr. Hoover is not a Democrat even though he supported Mr. Wilson's appeal in 1918 for a Democratic Congress. He will apply to the Democratic platform and nominee the same test he has outlined for the Republican platform. The Democrats already have been in power for seven years, and those who are in a position to know Herbert Hoover's mind intimately, say he is disappointed with the way the Democrats have administered the government in those seven years. He refers to incompetency in high quarters and is unable to understand how the Democrats have any right to call themselves "forward-looking" or progressive, when President Wilson has repeatedly ignored, not merely the overwhelming sentiment of the Democrats of the country, expressed to him by Democratic chairman Homer Cummings, but the demand of non-partisans that Postmaster-General Burleson be removed from office.

Another thing, Mr. Hoover is a dry—a thorough dry. He looks askance at the wet inclinations of the Democrats. Though he may have views upon certain amendments to the Volstead act, which would make that law less offensive to individual liberty, he hasn't any leanings toward the wet side of the argument. He thinks prohibition is a good thing and that national efficiency will be promoted by its enforcement.

Mr. Hoover's declaration on the Treaty shows that he does not approve of President Wilson's uncompromising position and in his letter to Mr. Gregory, of San Francisco, just made public, the former food administrator practically draws himself away from what he calls the President's "extreme view on participation in European affairs." This is even more clearly emphasized in the letter written by Mr. Hoover in Paris a year ago, which was "inadvertently" made public ten days ago.

Mr. Hoover is neither President Wilson's choice nor in the good

graces of the White House. He has committed the unpardonable sin of differing with the President on the Peace Treaty. He has been, of course, supported by the leading administration newspapers and by some influential men, but that support has not been of his seeking. Nevertheless, there was keen gratification in White House quarters to-day because of the fact that Herbert Hoover had entered himself in the Republican primaries of California in the League of Nations issue. This means he will fight it out against Hiram Johnson, who wants neither League nor Treaty, nor reservations.

The Ounce of Prevention.

(N. C. News Letter.) The average annual death rate in North Carolina is a little over fourteen per thousand of population. Of these deaths about twenty per cent are due to such adult diseases as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, nephritis, etc., which are not preventable in the present state of our knowledge. But about ten per cent are due to tuberculosis, a goodly percentage of which could be prevented by proper sanitation and some of which could be cured by early diagnosis and proper treatment. Over twenty per cent occur among children under three years of age, nearly all of which are theoretically preventable and over half of which are practically preventable by established methods of hygiene and sanitation. Over twelve per cent are due to soil pollution diseases, all of which are easily preventable, and about six per cent are due to the acute infectious diseases, the great majority of which can be prevented by simple means of sanitation.

Upon the whole a thorough system of health supervision would reduce our death rate by at least one-half and would practically eliminate typhoid, hookworm, malaria, snailpox, and many other present causes of death and disability.

The accuracy of this statement is well shown by figures given in a recent bulletin of the State Board of Health. In some counties the cases of hookworm have been reduced as much as seventy-five per cent, while the average reduction in nine counties which are co-operating with the State Board of Health is about fifty per cent.

In these same nine counties the average annual death rate from typhoid fever was formerly over thirty per one hundred thousand population. In 1918 their average rate was less than eight per cent. One of these counties whose former typhoid rate was over thirty-three went through 1918 without a single death from this disease.

In another of these counties, the typhoid death rate dropped from forty to five, and an appreciation of the economic value of health is shown by the policy adopted by some of the banks. Loans are made only to persons who are able to present evidence that they live amid sanitary surroundings. An applicant for a loan, in order to receive credit, must live in a home provided with a sanitary privy. He and his family must have been vaccinated against typhoid fever and be free from marked evidence of hookworm disease.

This is not sentiment but sound banking precaution.

The aviator turned to his passenger:

"Fifty per cent of these people below think we'll never return alive," he said boastfully.

"That's not all," said the passenger. "Fifty per cent of us up here think so, too."

"Did you reject Alonzo when he proposed?"

"Not exactly. I put him in Class 50—to be called only as a last resort."

Success follows closest effort.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—W. Frank Benton.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself a candidate for sheriff subject to the action of the Democratic primary in June.—Raymond C. Griffin.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff of Union county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in June.—J. N. Price.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—WILL H. PRESSLEY.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—C. J. Braswell.

FOR COTTON WEAVER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for cotton weaver, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—J. N. HELMS

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—Russell W. Rogers.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff subject to the action of the Democratic primary in June.—Clifford Fowler.

We Have 50 Head Fresh Mules from 900 to 1200 pounds, well broke ready for work.



ALSO SOME FINE BROOD MARES.

Give us a look.

FOWLER & LEE.

CLEAN-UP WEEK IN MONROE BEGINNING APRIL FIFTH

City Health Officer, Chief of Fire Department and Several Aldermen Give Instructions.

Are you doing your part in this "clean-up" campaign of our city? Have you put your shoulder to the wheel for the public benefit? Have you given your premises a new lease on sightliness by ridding them of all tin cans, papers, and rubbish?

If you have not attended to these matters, now is the time to do your share in a work which means so much to a community from a health standpoint.

Monday, April 5th, will be clean-up week in Monroe.

The special effort of an opening week is for the purpose of creating enthusiasm, but keeping the community clean and attractive is an everyday, all-year proposition. A lot of big things are being discussed in the newspapers, great buildings are to be erected in our city; but neither wars nor famines nor the overthrow of governments are such important matters of community interest as are these supposedly smaller things of cleaning up and getting the community into sanitary shape and pleasing appearance.

Every citizen who does not enlist in this campaign will be drafted.

Cleanliness may not be an absolute preventive of disease, but we know with certainty that dirt invites disease.

Clean out that cellar, connect your house with the sewer, carry away the piles of manure and rubbish before we have a city full of flies to give us typhoid fever, then wonder why your neighbor's child died.

Well-kept premises pay higher dividends than well-kept cemeteries. Screen your houses, but traps around them, then sweep the fly. Pour kerosene in all drains, until sewer connection is made.

I earnestly beg our citizens to use the lawnmower and scythe more freely than ever before, for mosquitos thrive in damp, cool weeds. But we expect to keep a watch on that.

Please expropriate into the street, for there is a fine for using the sidewalk for this purpose. Every man must sweep in front of his place of business once daily and place sweepings in a garbage can or box. Sidewalks cannot be used for advertising goods. No automobiles can be repaired on the streets. The greatest desire of most of our citizens is to take Monroe with a fine-tooth comb and be able to swear nothing to the health authorities, and we intend to satisfy you.

"This is the world, the Willis, the Wovels and the Fovels." The former affect everything, the others oppose everything, and the latter fall in everything. To which class do you belong?

"In this world of ours, we must not dream."

There's nothing to do but live And snatch the joys of the world so bright.

Nothing in return to give, For folks who live in the world today Just as our God had planned.

Live by the Golden Rule you must know.

The rule of a helping hand."

MRS. H. R. LANEY, Health and Safety Officer.

GARBAGE INSTRUCTIONS.

The city wagons are not supposed to haul dead trees, roots, old lumber and brick from private lots in the city. Will you kindly place your daily sweepings in boxes or cans with lids, when possible, just beyond the sidewalk, so that this work may be dispatched more rapidly? This five dollars fine to throw or sweep papers on the streets of Monroe, I hope the house-keepers will burn them. I trust you will co-operate in the obliteration of this nuisance.

J. B. SIMPSON, Chairman of Street Improvements.

SEWER INFORMATION.

We have a city law that obliges all stores, stables and residences on the sewer line to connect at once or as early as arrangements can be made with a plumber. The state law demands the bucket and can system until sewer connection is made. Several new branches of the sewers will be added as soon as materials arrive. After connecting with the sewer surface toilets cannot be used.

W. E. LEMMOND, Chairman Sanitary Department.

FIRES.

Cleanliness, sanitation, beautification, conservation and safety are all civic synonyms. They symbolize good citizenship, and good citizenship is good business. All accumulations of trash, decaying lumber, limbs of trees, etc., must be cleaned up and carried out of the city limits as a prevention against fires, which cost the nation \$250,000,000 annually. Mr. Young, State fire commissioner, has ordered a clean-up week, wherein all this shall be done, and we expect our citizens to respond willingly. It is a great deal cheaper to clean up and repair before fires occur, than afterwards. This campaign rids homes and business houses of accumulations of rubbish that are fire menaces to every community. There are a number of fire traps in our city which need repairing, and still more trashy corners which need the rake and shovel. Remember that all fires are the same at the start. At the same time, alleys should be cleaned and cleared of vehicles, old fences and sheds removed, vacant lots should be cleaned of tin cans, papers and dead weeds done away with. Beginning Monday, April 5th, this campaign will begin, but it will not end until all the above requests are complied with.

T. L. CROWELL, Chief of Fire Department.

A romance which began at Camp Greene was rudely shattered in Charlotte yesterday when Mrs. Essie McCarroll was granted a divorce from her husband, B. A. McCarroll, whom she has not seen since last August. The soldier was said to have been from Knoxville, Tenn., and the marriage took place early last year when the girl was only fourteen years old.

W. H. BELK & BRO.'S DEPARTMENT STORE. Spring Showing of Voils, Organdies, Gingham, Etc. 40-inch Plain Voiles, all Pretty Shades, Solid Colors, 69c value, price 48c. 44-inch Fine White Voiles, 75c quality, 59c. This is an exceptionally good value, 44-inch beautiful quality cloth, only 59c. \$1.50 VALUE IN VOILES AT 98c. See this wonderful line of Spring Voiles, all Georgette Patterns, Exquisite Designs, 98c. SKIRTS, SKIRTINGS. 80 cent Value in Skirting at 59c. \$1.00 Value in Skirting, 75c. A large assortment of Skirting, bought last fall, now on sale at 75c. VOILES, VOILES. 39 cent values at 29 cents. A large assortment of good voiles, values up to 39 cents, new patterns, at 29c. BELK BROS. 30 BIG DEPARTMENT STORES IS ONE REASON WHY WE "SELL IT FOR LESS". It's good business and good citizenship to clean our town.

Proclamation Clean Up and Paint Up and Keep it Up! Know all Men, Women and Children by These Presents: That, whereas the National Clean Up and Paint Up campaign has resulted in many advantages to community life in the United States, In safeguarding the Health In promoting Thrift, In furthering Fire Prevention In stimulating Civic Pride, and In making "Home and City Beautiful" Now, therefore, be it known that plans have been perfected for a thorough Clean Up and Paint Up campaign in Monroe, beginning Monday, April 5, This date to mark the opening of a real campaign of persistent and constructive effort in cleaning up and keeping it up. In this worthy movement we urge each citizen to do his or her part to make our community Clean, Healthy, Thrifty, Safe and Beautiful. (Signed) MRS. H. R. LANEY. Monroe Hardware Co. RETAIL DEPARTMENT.