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Roosevelt Not Regular

In these shifting political times and lines, every community has its irregulars when it comes to voting the party ticket. Personally, we think it is a good sign for the nation. We are old that after both Republican and Democratic parties in Nebraska had nominated regulars, and independents, 40,000 strong put Senator Geo. W. Norris back in the race, President Roosevelt was highly pleased and went so far as to congratulate the senator. All of which would lead one to believe that if the President lived out in Nebraska, he would unhesitatingly support Senator Norris in spite of the fact that the Democrats have a good and true regular as candidate.

This leads us to say we do not blame the president. If we were of that state, probably we would also vote for Norris. But what we can't understand is that the President of the United States may give his moral support to a Republican, putting the man above the party without criticism, when here in North Carolina if a citizen should, for example, vote for Gilliam Grissom for Governor, the party leaders would consign him to the Democratic hades. We believe the President's attitude is a healthy sign in political life. In the past independent voters have directly or indirectly saved the state by rising above or going beyond the party, and it may occur again. This is one of the best harbingers of pure democracy we see in the present political situation. Let every man vote for himself and for whom he believes will best represent his ideas and ideals of what this country should be. Let no man say him nay.

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Raleigh Wins to Lose

Great gratification is expressed that through a year Raleigh has had, almost without criticism or opposition, Sunday movies. We are told that there is no sign of a moral debacle resulting and that the people of Raleigh know how to take or let alone. Then we are told again that the magnificent sum of nearly \$6,000 has been contributed from the revenue of the movies for charitable purposes. And an editorial concludes: "The whole matter has worked deconously and there has been no thunderbolt from On High."

Zebulon has contributed a reasonable share to the crowds and proceeds of these Sunday movies. Other towns and country communities have also added their presence and the price of the shows. As to what is not seen or will result from these Sunday desecrations, as the unrecon-

cilables see them, no one knows now and may never know in this life. If they are good then no harm will follow here or hereafter. The christian's "Jove" will not even frown on Sunday shows, much less hurl his thunderbolts. However, as to what we see and hear now and our conclusions therefrom reminds us of the words of a man who doubted the wisdom of breaking any of God's commandments: "God does not always settle his accounts in October."

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THE CONSTITUTION HAS A BIRTHDAY

(The Courier-Journal, Raleigh)

September 17 rather than July 4 is the real birthday of the United States of America. For it was on September 17 one hundred and forty nine years ago that the document was signed which made of the thirteen colonies a unified nation. When the representatives of the colonies during the late summer and fall of 1776 signed the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain, these colonies were engaged in war. The war continued five more years and the preservation of their very life depended upon cooperative effort. After Yorktown came a period of reconstruction. Colonial jealousies appeared and threatened to spoil the fruits of victory. The wise men of that day, James Madison more clearly than most of the others, recognized the need for a closer bond among the colonies than the existing Articles of Federation. Came then the long hard battle over the form of the constitutional government. Alexander Hamilton wanted a limited monarchy, with the president elected for life and charged with power to appoint governors of the several states. Thomas Jefferson demanded a democracy with frequent elections, universal suffrage and state sovereignty. The debate was long and bitter. Finally the Jeffersonian concept was adopted, with some concessions to Hamilton in longer terms for Senators.

The result of that debate, participated in by such giants as Hamilton and Jefferson, George Washington and Benjamin Franklin, James Madison and Robert Morris was the sublimest document that ever came from the mind or the hand of man—the Constitution of the United States of America.

Fine as it was it was not perfect. Its authors recognized the imperfection and provided for amendment by orderly process of popular will. Within five years ten amendements were proposed and adopted, the purport of which was to clarify constitutional guaranties of personal liberties and the sovereign status of the states. These amendements presentd and adopted as a group, became known as the Bill of Rights. Each one of them and all of the others adopted since, except two, clarified the limitations of federal power and emphasized the rights of individual citizens and sovereign states. The two exceptions were the amendment denying to states the right to withdraw from the union, and the amendment prohibiting individuals or states from any traffic in alcoholic beverages. Recognizing the alien nature of this amendement and its incongruity to the spirit of the constitution, it was by subsequent amendement stricken out.

The constitution is neither infallible nor immutable; it may be wrong, it can be changed. But under its guidance this nation grew to stature never before attained by any other, and became an example and a light to guide other nations into ways of liberty and progress. And with such gradual changes as the necessities of changing times may demand, this constitution amply provides for continuous growth and development of our national entity and the happiness and freedom of our citizens.

and his method were so original that the mayor called a special meeting of the town board to consider it, it is reported.

Our Duffel Bag

And there's the half-way measure that's all wrong as far as it goes.

What bothers me is that wrong people are so often right.

Laborer: "Boss, will you give me 25 cents advance on my time? Our preacher is gwine away and we wants to give him a little momentum."

Minister: Johnny, do you say your prayers every night?"

Johnny: "Well, no, some nights I don't want anything."

He who finds nothing of Heaven on earth would find nothing but earth in Heaven, should he get there.

What this country needs is not more liberty, but fewer people to take liberties with liberty.

Ever since Lot's wife, women have been the salt of the earth.

Have you any children, Mr. Jones?

Three daughters.

Do they live at home with you?

No, they aren't married yet.

A well written life is almost as fare as a well spent one.

The best thing you can do is give up cigarettes, liquor and women.

What's the next best thing?

The hardest tumble a man can take is to fall over his own bluff.

First Farmer—I've got a freak on my farm. It's a two-legged calf.

Second Farmer— Yes, I konw. He came over to see my daughter last night.

Kitchinette—Why did you marry such a homely man?

Humidorcas—Because he asked me, dearie.

Soapbox Spouter—I'm a self-made man, that's what I am, a self made man.

Voice from somewhere—You knocked off work too soon.

Pleasant Hill News

Mrs. H. G. Hood and little daughter, Geraldine, left last Wednesday for New York where she will visit her sister.

Miss Savon Starnes of Durham visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Starnes Sunday.

Mr. Frank Liles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Liles, was married a few weeks ago to Miss Cleo Wade of Wendell.

Mrs. Powell Puryear is spending some time with her son at Manners.

Visitors at T. Y. Puryear's Sunday were Mr. R. A. Puryear and family and Eldridge O'Quinn of Manners.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones and daughter of Durham, Mrs. O. W. Thorne and children, C. D. Puryear and family, Mrs. Ennis Puryear and little daughters of Morris ville, G. L. Puryear and family of Wendell, Mrs. J. R. Moody and sons D. L. and Joseph and Grand daughter Mary Bell of Rolesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Willowgrouped in the hall and were in-

Mrs. A. O. Puryear spent last Wednesday with Mrs. C. M. Rhodes near Wakefield.

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Tues. October 13th 1936

SEEN and HEARD

WHO WOULDN'T?

A Mr. Vick down in the New Hope community was telling me the other day that he always made his own meat and usually made more than enough to supply his family needs. We asked if he had any hams to sell. He replied: "I still have two or three, but don't expect to sell any of them. Yoution: "I know the Bible says we

see after I do what I have done for those hogs, I feel that I ought to keep the best parts for myself.

UNCALLEDFOR GOODNESS

W. O. Blackley, one of our subscribers was explaining to the editor the other day why he had not paid his subscription to the Record and in discussing the general subject of honesty and dishonesty he made this very practical observa-

ought to return good for evil, but I don't believe that God expects me to do that in a way to encourage people in their meanness and dishonesty.

ONE WAY OF DOING IT

Had you heard about the town drayman getting so — that he decided he knew an improved way of dumping garbage, so proceeded to turn the whole truck over. And they say it worked, too. His means