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TWO REQUISITES—PEACE AND A PLATFORM

The year of our Lord 1928 is an election year, and the June primary is barely more than two months away; but judging by a general apathy that prevails among the citizens of this county, one would never realize these truths. In fact, the only appearance of any kind of a political ripple that we have thus far observed was the assembling of a small sprinkling of the Republican office holders of two years ago and a few would-be office holders at the present time who were seen here in conference last week. Of course other meetings may be taking place from time to time, but they have not come to public notice.

It is time that public attention should be awakening to the work before our people between now and the November election. Johnston County is no longer a mere handful of people who require little or no government outside of that which it would receive as a natural result of the orderly movements of the state and national government. The county has grown and grown until it is past the fifty thousand poll, and any kind of a government instituted for such a mass of people should be carefully and cautiously devised and administered. And now that the shaping of a campaign is nigh at hand it behooves the best thinkers as well as the best actors to get together and formulate some definite platform upon which the party will ask the support of the people at the polls at the next election. The Democrats in the last election were so busily engaged in ousting the Republicans, who were then in power in Johnston County, that they did not devote as much time and attention to a platform and to needed changes in county government as perhaps they should have done, and this is a condition that should not be allowed to occur again this year. There will be time a plenty, and time should be taken to prepare carefully a platform for our people. The people have a right to know, and they ought to know, what the party expects to do by way of legislation when the representatives meet in Raleigh early in next year. No doubt there are numerous other things that should have the careful consideration of the people, all of which should be thoroughly outlined and discussed during the days between this and election day.

The Herald has always strived and it is still striving to be a thoroughly Democratic paper, and no individual would deplore the defeat of the party at the coming election with more sincere regret than would this publication. We now, therefore, return to the same stand we took two years ago when the Democratic party was out of power in Johnston County and the Republican party was in control of public affairs. We preached then and so we again preach the gospel of harmony among our ranks. We believe that the defeat of the party four years ago was caused primarily by dissension among members of the Democratic party, and we believe that the hope of success in the coming campaign will depend more largely upon peace and harmony than upon any other one ingredient that can become a factor in the campaign. We are not, directly or indirectly, championing the cause of any candidate or set of candidates, but we are going to contend for our convictions on one point. If within the coming two months the Democrats are to work up a strong feeling of rivalry against this office holder or that office holder, or if the ones themselves who enter the primary for nominations to any one of the various offices become embittered or estranged from the united ranks of the Democratic party, the cause will be weakened and the ticket that is named by the June primary will enter the lists against the Republicans in a badly crippled plight. However, one of the tenets of democracy is that elections should be free and this applies as much to primaries as it does to general elections. Therefore, every man and every woman throughout the county, if he or she has any of the common qualifications for offices is certainly entitled to put his hat or her bonnet into the ring for whatever office he or she may desire; and this paper guarantees to such a candidate that no word of opposition to their decision will ever find place in these columns.

We want to see the Democratic party win the coming election, and this desire has moved us to take the stand

that we took two years ago when we were on the offensive instead of the defensive as we must appear this year. The best route to success is by the adoption of a sensible, workable platform strictly adjusted to our needs and by the maintenance of peace among our ranks.

The Letter Box

ANOTHER INTERESTING LETTER FROM R. H. ALFORD

To the Editor:
 I haven't written you in quite a while for fear you and your readers would tire of seeing so much from my versatile (?) pen. However, I will venture again, as I have a few items that might be of interest. I haven't been keeping notes, so if I should tell something twice, you can attribute it to bad memory. Some time ago we visited the museum of science and arts. Like the National Museum at Washington. It would take days to see it all in detail; they have quite a collection of oriental tapestry, rugs, Egyptian mummies, etc., also a collection of beautiful sculptural work. Later we went to the Museum of Natural History, it being also very interesting. It is used principally by the schools while the children are studying history. You can see teachers taking whole grades through it which must be very helpful to the children while studying this subject.

Another thing that might be of interest to the American Legion, is the way they have memorialized the Cleveland boys who died or were killed during service. They have three beautiful parks, (in fact it is really one large park but the different sections are known by different names). Bordering on Lake Erie is Gordon, then Wade and Rockefeller. They extend about three miles from the Lake and running through them is a pretty brook, with its banks walled up with rock to a uniform width, following the windings of this stream is a beautiful boulevard and along by this boulevard they have set trees; one for each soldier that was killed in action or died in the service. By each tree is a block of granite about seven inches square above the ground, and a bronze plate about three inches in diameter on top with the soldier's name engraved on it. You often see wreaths of flowers around the tree, or leaning against it, placed there by relatives or friends.

We saw and heard Ruth Elder several weeks ago, when she appeared in one of the theatres here. We had seats close-up and could hear all she said, describing the flight, and giving her experience. She said before the flight she had been a little negligent about saying her prayers, but that night she caught up, and must have quite a number to her credit in advance. She is very attractive, but was suffering from stagefright. She appeared to be very timid. She is a typical Southern girl.

I wonder if you are having nice spring weather as usual at this time of year, while we are still in dead of winter, in snow and ice and burning coal? I saw a nice load of wood yesterday, the first I have seen here. It looked good, seemed like I ought to go out and buy it, or make him an offer at least. It "kinder" makes me homesick to think of the pretty sunny days you are having and planting gardens, flowers, etc.

With best wishes,
 R. H. ALFORD,
 Cleveland, O., March 19.

REGARDING EIGHT MONTHS' SCHOOLS

It may seem paradoxical for a teacher who has reared in the country, who has the interest of the country community at heart, and who wants the country children to have opportunities equally as good as the town children to write against an eight-months school. However, after reading all this article, possibly many will agree with the writer.

First, many children cannot attend eight months. How can a crop be made and housed in four months? Where there are large families the children have to do much of the farm work. When circumstances require it the welfare officer allows the children to stay out a few weeks, possibly a month or more. This causes much loss of time by the regular attendants. The teacher has to take time to help those who enter late, and thus cause the whole class to move more slowly, unless the late ones are unusually bright or ambitious and voluntarily make up the ground covered by the others. Even in these cases they need help.

Another difficulty caused by the irregularity of attendance is that it lowers the yearly average so

Dr. Frank Crane Says



ETERNAL CHILDREN

Somebody said that a man has four ambitions: to plant a tree, to write a book, to build a house and to beget a son.

There is something peculiarly satisfying to a man when he has a son. It may be a survival of the old feeling that one must have an heir to inherit his estate.

In China they sometimes drown the girl babies because they do not want so many girls around, and prefer boys.

The affection between a man and his son is peculiarly tender. It is not the same kind of feeling that he has for his wife or for his daughter.

Somehow the son seems to carry on his own personality and when he looks at him he feels that his life has not been in vain.

A man at a banquet the other day got up and said:

"I am lonely. Nearly every man here tonight has his son with him. I have only the memory of mine." Then he disclosed the fact that his son was somewhere in France

and that the school doesn't get enough teachers to do justice to the pupils when all do enter. Even in cases where extra teachers are employed when the attendance increases, there has to be a shifting around and re-classification of pupils which is not at all satisfactory, nor best for their steady progress.

Not only are the brighter pupils losing time while the teacher tries to help the late comers, but they are acquiring habits of idleness and inattention. The supervisors say give them extra work. But with a class of forty or more, some regular attendants, some not, and with all degrees of mental ability, ambition, and interest, it requires more genius and ingenuity than most of us possess to keep all properly occupied.

If all the pupils could come regularly for six months and have a sufficient number of conscientious teachers who would teach the required hours and eliminate the nonessentials, more and better work could be done in six months than is in many cases, being done in eight. Some things needed in city schools are not only useless in country schools but detrimental. For instance, a few days ago I heard a mother say her girls came home so tired and sore from the exercises in school that they did not feel like doing some easy work which was needed to be done on the farm after school hours.

If, in the same school, some must go eight months, some seven, and some only six, there should be a different system of promotions. As it now stands the child who stops a month or two before school closes or enters a month later, has either to miss much of the grade work and enter a higher grade poorly prepared, or repeat the previous year's work at a great loss of time. Many lack only a little of finishing the work, and while not prepared for a higher class, are far ahead of the ones who will come up from a lower grade.

In some cities they have promotions every two or three months, allowing the bright pupils to progress steadily, and the backward ones or the regular ones to repeat only a few months' work unless necessary to be further retarded. Of course, we could not have such an elastic system in the smaller schools, but there might be some arrangements made whereby promotions could be made oftener than once a year without a pupil having to leave out so much of the course or repeat the same work every year after year. Why not require every grade in schools where the attendance is so irregular to have two sections, one beginning at the first of school and the other three or four months later? Some teachers insist on having only one section. When the present scholars and leaders were in school their teachers had many grades and sections and did efficient work as is evidenced by the great men taught by them. Why can't good work be done in our schools of today with smaller and better classified grades? More individual attention could be given and better results obtained.

Let the country schools have more teachers and the best teachers that can be secured, if you have to shorten our terms to do so.

TEACHER.
 She: "Are you very busy right now, Mr. Barber?"
 He: "Yes, I'm scraping an acquaintance."
 "He-male voters will smell no powder of dey don't see any mo' bloodshed in pollyticks."

either in an unmarked grave or lying unidentified near some wire fence or in a ditch.

The father wanted to go, he was too old; they wanted young men, the son never came back.

It may be a faint consolation, but this boy has one advantage in that he will always be a boy.

We lose our children in two ways. They either die or grow up. In either case they separate from us.

The eternal children are the ones who die. They always linger in our memory as children. We expect to see them in the next world as children. They will always be children.

But those who grow up and develop their own personality and individuality swing away from us.

Perhaps after all the loneliest person is the one who has seen his loved ones grow away from him, rather than the one who has lost them by death.

The latter has them always with him in his memory, but to the former memory is clouded by the reality.

RE-INTRODUCING AN OLD FRIEND OF THE FAMILY

Radio Talk Given By National Dairy Council

Did you know that they are going to add a new animal to the zoo in New York City? No, it is not a longer boar constrictor from South America, or a new kind of ant-eater from Africa or a baby seal from the Arctic Ocean, but it is a naturalized American who has never been included in a zoo collection before. It's family name on the zoo records will be BOS. Although the new resident may not know just what will be expected of her in the way of etiquette, being used to green pastures and plenty of grassy spaces, she probably will get some "asides" on the subject from her distant relatives—the bison and yak.

In being recognized by scientists as a zoo specimen, the ordinary every day cow assumes new interest, and we begin to ask ourselves a lot of questions, to see just how well we do know her.

I wonder how many of you could get 100 on these ten questions which have been compiled by the National Dairy Council. Because I won't be able to hear any answers and because I am rather sure a few of your answers, at least, would be wrong, I am going to answer each question myself.

First, what is the average age of the cow?

Ans. The cow does not live quite as long as the horse; 13 or 15 years is the average age.

Q. What cow lived the longest?
 A. The bovine wonder of the world is old Grannie, recorded as No. 1 in the Aberdeen-Angus Herd Book. She had 25 calves, the last one in her 29th year, and finally died at the old age of 36.

Q. How is the cow like the deer and unlike the sheep in her food habits?

A. When the ground is snow-covered, the cow eats twigs like the deer and does not paw the snow away like the sheep, trying to reach the grass underneath.

Q. What cow produced the most milk?

A. The world's record is held by Segis Pieterje Prospect, a Holstein cow, who in three years produced more than 56 times her own weight in milk. In one year she produced 430 gallons.

Q. What cows are named for the islands from which they come?

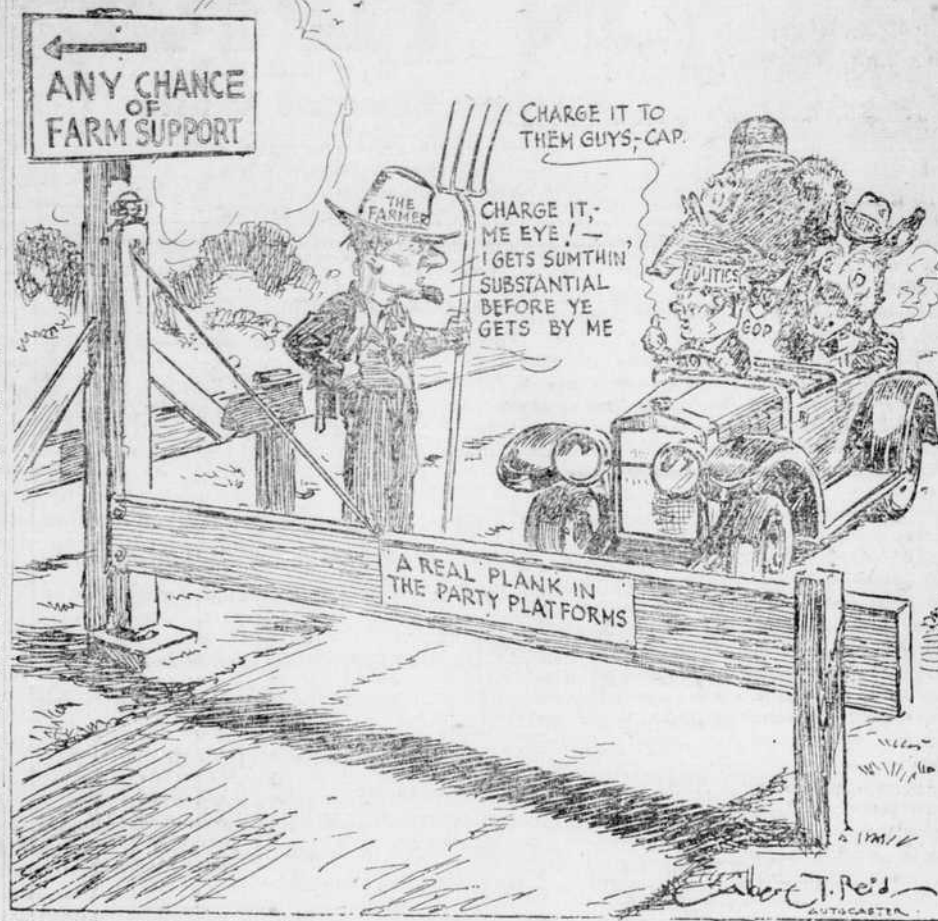
A. Jersey and Guernsey. These are two lovely little islands off the coast of Great Britain.

Q. What color were the first cows?

A. A few specimens of wild cattle still seen in Europe show that they are larger than the domesticated cows and usually pure white with brown or black ears. (I guess no zoologist has yet discovered a purple cow in spite of the poetry

He Means Business

By Albert T. Reid



written about her.)

And thinking how she keeps her ears clean gives us our next question:

Q. How does the cow wash her face?

A. She doesn't. Her best cow friend does it for her. A cooperative arrangement for face washing seems to be arranged by mutual consent, enjoyed by both the owner of the face and the user of the tongue.

Q. Do the horse and the cow get up from the ground in the same way?

A. No. The horse gets up directly on his front hoofs first. The cow lifts her forequarters on the elbows, places her hind feet on the ground, and lifts her back, and then gets up on her front feet.

Q. How long does the cow chew her cud?

A. Each cud or regurgitation of an unchewed grass is given 50 to 75 strokes of the teeth before swallowed and replaced by a new portion. The younger the cow the faster she chews. Several hours a day are consumed in this task.

Q. Why is the cow man's best animal friend?

A. From her world gets the nearest perfect food for grown-ups as well as children. Straight bones and strong teeth, as well as energy for work and play depend on our drinking milk. Cheese, butter and ice cream are important and good tasting foods which could not be enjoyed without the milk the cow gives.

In view of the cow's being man's best animal friend, it is a fitting tribute that she should be given a little advertising by the zoo authorities to that city children can learn that the quart bottle of milk left on their doorsteps did not come from the Milky Way. Can't you imagine little Johnny who has been born and raised in the shadow of skyscrapers and the rumble of elevators far away from green pasture lands where cows graze, being quite excited when he sees his first cow? You are probably familiar with that poem, which might have been written to describe this meeting:

"My pa held me up to the Moo-Cow-Moo.

So close I could almost touch, And I fed her a couple or two, And I wasn't a scardy cat—much".

IS CANCER CONTAGIOUS?

In spite of the fact that physicians and nurses have come into intimate contact with cancer patients for so many years and taken no precautions against infecting themselves there is no recorded instance of one case of cancer giving rise to another. This is not to say that microbes

are never found in cancers. Dis-

coveries are announced from time to time that bacteria have been identified with cancer, but upon full and impartial investigation it is always found that these parasites have been invaders of the cancer growth, followers rather than producers of the malignant condition.

Cancers often become infected with such microbes as infect the wounds of any kind and the unpleasant odors which are sometimes associated with cancer are due to these accidental contaminations. Consequently the precautions to be taken by those who come in contact with cancer patients are only such as should be followed with infected wounds.

There is no occasion to shun a person who has cancer, so far as danger of contracting the disease is concerned. The victims need all the sympathy and tenderness that can be shown them. Fear that cancer is contagious has some times led to unnecessary and uncharitable action toward the sick.

CAN "BATTILING NELL" REFORM POLITICIANS?

Some of the newspapers expressed fear that the political he would tend to take from "Battiling Nell" Lewis some of the boldness

which she had heretofore shown in her "incidental" remarks in the Raleigh News and Observer. And one of her readers rises to remark that it already has happened. "Miss Lewis has tamed down considerably since she became a candidate for political office," said a Dunn man recently.

Commenting on the campaign of Miss Lewis, the Fayetteville Observer ends an editorial by saying, "It remains to be seen whether 'Battiling Nell' will stand by her guns or join the time-worn and weather-beaten office seekers, whose words mean one thing and whose actions mean another."

In the past Miss Lewis has displayed more nerve than is usually shown by one politically inclined. She has not hesitated to "sting" the political leaders when they did not do just as Miss Lewis would have them do, and they seldom have seen fit to meet her demands. And even should "Battiling Nell" succeed in gaining a seat in the Legislature, we doubt that she would be able to "reform" the politicians. If she did, then the power of women in politics would be firmly established in North Carolina.—Dunn Dispatch.

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