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THE DEMOCRATIC POSITION

The democratic party looks forward with confident hope to the election in November of the splendid ticket it has nominated at San Francisco. It presents its candidates to the people with positive assurance that they will measure up to every test, that their sterling Americanism, their progressive spirit, and their executive capacity, will lead the country safely through the trying days ahead.

The democratic platform will give the thoughtful voter the feeling that the party has a sound and constructive program for meeting the perplexing problems of these times. It will command the support of intelligent people particularly for the following reasons, among many others that could be mentioned:

1. It has a clear, definite plan for assuring peace, by entering a League of Nations, with such reservations as are necessary to clarify any doubtful points in that document. The republican party does not even promise to agree to the treaty even amended by the Lodge reservations, but leaves the whole question up in the air, with the world exposed to the peril of another frightful war.

2. It presents a wonderful record of work accomplished by three democratic congresses, representing a body of legislation never before equalled as measures of social and economic advance.

3. It looks to peaceful and reasonable means of helping Mexico to regain stable government. The republican platform tells Mexico that we shall go to war with her unless she meets our conditions.

4. It tells the story of the wonderful help the democratic administration has given to rural progress, and rightly condemns the republican party for failure to do anything to promote the development of country life.

5. Its program of exact justice between labor and capital will harmonize existing industrial troubles. The platform is a great declaration of progressive Americanism, and shapes out a line of policy that the country can safely follow.

THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE COMMUNITY.

The modern industrial community is a vast and complicated machine. In order for it to operate well, every part of it must be doing its work well. If one thing goes wrong, the whole machine goes bad.

So it is in operating the industrial activities of the modern community. Every person has his work to do. If he fails to do it, he throws the whole machine into confusion and causes suffering and disaster to every one.

Such a state of confusion and loss has been caused during the past two years by the industrial quarrels that have held up business. Perhaps the most destructive of all these was the outlaw railroad strike of last spring, which held up delivery of goods to factories, prevented supplies from reaching the farms, and thus checked production of food and all other necessities. It increased the cost of

living for everyone, and its effects are still severely felt at this date.

The railroad strikers of last spring would claim that it was necessary to create this confusion and loss to all the people, in order that attention might be attracted to their just demands. But the country is not going to be run that way. You can catch more flies with molasses than with vinegar. The whole nation is anxious to see justice done to every worker, but it will not be driven and bulldozed into granting anyone's demands.

These struggles between different elements check production, and thus increase cost of living, and make conditions hard for everyone. The people must find some line of policy on which they will unite, or living conditions will get worse and worse. We need a get-together movement to take in both labor and capital and all elements of the producing and consuming public.

SCHOOL PRIZES.

The best scholar is applauded by the gentle patter of gloved hands at the commencement exercises, while the winning athlete is carried off the field by worshipping schoolmates.

Yet it is more vitally important to be a good scholar. To show young people which the community really values more highly, school prizes are useful. When the faithful student is handed out some attractive award, he begins to realize that ability to throw a ball is not the only thing that will count.

If some good citizens of Tarboro would offer a few such rewards for special success in the local schools for the coming term, it would greatly promote interest in scholarship. The honor of winning counts more than the money or other prize won, and it makes a scholarship seem an end worth striving for.

POLITICAL TOLERANCE.

Some people can hardly talk politics five minutes without showing a temper. If you venture to express any different opinion, they being to shout and insinuate that everyone who differs from them is a fool or a knave.

It has never yet proved possible to divide people so that all the honest men shall be on one side and all the rascals on the other. It is permissible to consider that your own party includes more intelligence than the other, but it is not intelligent to feel that your neighbors who differ from you are any less honest.

People of small minds rant and rave when comparing their views. The really big men of the two parties are good friends. They exchange views with good temper, knowing that much can be said on both sides of any big question.

Anyway the Bachelor of Arts deserve their title when they get to flirting with the girls.

It's all right to jail all the little profiteers who get away with a few cents, but the government should be very careful not to get too close to the big fellows who gather in millions.

And when the newspaper publisher gets in, the first thing he does should be to assign a lot of people to report in jail.

The people who used to be interested in better iron tires for their work carts, are now spending their energy looking for better rubber tires for their pleasure cars.

You can't prove that you have massive brains, simply by brushing your hair straight back from your forehead.

Formerly they build water troughs along the roads of Tarboro for the tired horses, but now they need an emergency hospital for the smashed up motorists.

Being warned against the evils of mal-nutrition, some folks in Tarboro start in to consume more ice cream sodas.

The conventions always come out with ringing declarations on points which everyone agrees upon.

Some of the people who look with contempt on the business ability of the new graduates will be complaining in a few years because these intelligent young men are jumped over their heads.

CAROLINA GIRL WON THE ESSAY CONTEST

"Ten Ways in Which I Practiced Thrift" is the title of a prize-winning essay written by Miss Annie M. Cole, a student of the East Carolina Teachers' Training School, in a recent contest held at the school, which is now making thrift a part of the daily class room work, and is also introducing it in a systematic way at the general assemblies of the summer session. According to Miss Miriam McFadyen, who has been appointed to take charge of the work of putting courses in thrift instruction in the summer schools of this state, practically every school now in session in both the Carolinas is doing class room work in this subject.

The ten prize-winning points mentioned by Miss Cole are the making of a spring suit for \$15, which it would cost \$45 to buy; canning vegetables to supply a family of three for the winter and selling the surplus; raising-Irish potatoes; buying a hat late in the season at a reduction of \$4; remaking old clothes; having shoes half-soled; saving on summer-school tuition; installing a fireless cooker to save fuel; buying books and magazines with a friend, each paying half the purchase price and both reading them saving labor by having the pump moved from the yard to the back porch.

Miss Cole's essay was awarded the prize at an assembly held at the end of a week when chapel exercises each day featured the practice of thrift as an essential to good citizenship. Miss Mary G. Shotwell, director of the educational division of the War Loan organization for this district, was present at the exercises and made a talk to the students, congratulating them on their work.

"HARD TIMES" WOMEN SEEKING MATRIMONY

Tokio, July 10.—Japanese find a close connection between money and marriage by reading the lessons of the existing financial depression in Japan.

The passing of easy money-making has caused a rush to the Japanese matrimonial agencies and women are leading in the rush. In prosperous times the agency customers are men looking for wives, but now, say matrimonial managers, the old order is reversed. In view of the approaching "hard times" women are apparently seeking safety in the protection of husbands.

One result of the feminine advances is a marked increase in marriages.

"POPULAR THEATRE" ORDERED BY FRANCE

Paris, July 10.—A "popular theatre" where plays and operas will be given under government direction has been definitely agreed upon by the chamber of deputies and it is believed by its supporters that the senate will agree. The plan has long been contemplated.

A temporary appropriation of 100,000 francs was voted to start the new theatre in the Trocadero Palace and the Comedie Francaise subsidy of 250,000 francs was doubled to enable it to present plays there.

Plays will be given nightly with two matinees at the Trocadero which seats 5,000.

A feature of the plan is the decision to make it a producing playhouse for the government conservatory for the training of actors and musicians.

JAPANESE SOCIETY ON LEAGUE-NATIONS

Tokio, July 10.—A Japan Society of the League of Nations has been organized here with Baron Shibusawa as president of the society and Baron Sakatani vice president.

The society aims at the realization of the spirit underlying the League of Nations and for this purpose will undertake the following:

Investigation of subjects relative to the League of Nations.

Establishment of connections between Japanese and foreign public bodies organized with similar objects.

Despatch of Japanese delegates to all kinds of international conventions to be held abroad.

If an editor gets elected president, the office seekers will have to boil down their letters.

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