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TWINKLES

Alfred E. Smith's speech in Missouri was one of the best in the campaign, and in all campaigns, as we see it. The manner in which that man brushes away minor sentiments and by-play on the emotion as he gets down to the real facts is painful—to the Republican party.

As you prepare for the election, remember that at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, November 6, a telegraph instrument will begin clicking in The Star office as it brings in the election returns from all sections of the state and nation. Be on hand for The Star's election party.

It is to be hoped that fake letters scattered about the textile plants of Shelby will have its effects counteracted as the truth is known—that there is no such person in Lexington as signed the letter which was another one of those camouflaged attacks on Smith. However, the truth seldom gets around as far as a lie or a dirty attack once the lie gets a step ahead.

HARROWING MEMORIES

READERS OF THE STAR, in our opinion, will pass up some of the most interesting items in the paper today if they do not read the "Five and Ten Years Ago" column. Ten years ago the "flu" struck. Doctors, nurses were overworked and it was one of the most trying times through which this country ever passed. Those days will bring harrowing memories to the mind every time they are recalled so long as this generation lives. Furthermore, the World War was on then.

BE FAIR ABOUT IT

WEDNESDAY THE STAR published several political news stories on the front page. As it happened a headline over one of these items read "Hoover Favorite in Election Betting." Another read "Jonas To Speak in County Twice"; and still another was "Antis to Meet."

Inoffensive, and ordinary news items of an election year, we would say. Yet on the street yesterday a Democrat bustled up and remarked: "Looks like The Star is getting Republican; carrying all those news stories about Hoover leading in the betting, about Jonas speaking and about the anti-Smith meeting."

What do you know about that?

Debating a subject with such a person is only wasting time. Still we wonder if he thinks we should publish only Democratic news? Do such people not realize that Republicans as well as Democrats read The Star and that news is news regardless of the party or candidate it is about?

The Star is Democratic but our expressions of loyalty to our party are to be found in these columns—the editorials. The news columns are for news and there is just as much news to one side of the campaign as there is to the other. No creditable newspaper today publishes the news of one side only no matter how strong that paper may be for one party on its editorial pages. In Cleveland county there are many fine citizens who vote the Republican ticket. They subscribe to The Star to get the news events of the county. Have they not the right to see the announcements, of their campaign speeches in the paper just as much as the Democrats? Pity one so narrow-minded! The day is gone when newspapers devoted every column to criticising the other side and boosting their own. That day passed because newspaper readers demanded news in their newspapers.

Our questioner, who didn't want anything Republican in the paper, perhaps might tell us why we shouldn't publish a news article saying that Hoover is a favorite in the election betting. The information assembled showing that he is was assembled by America's largest Democratic paper, the New York World. Very few people in the near 5,000 homes where The Star goes failed to read that story—because it was interesting news. Mr. Jonas will speak in the county and the anti-Smiths are to hold a meeting. Republicans and anti-Smiths have just as much right to have their meetings and their speakings announced as do Democrats. We make that statement as a loyal Democratic paper and we know that all fair-minded Democrats will agree. We write our own editorials. They express our opinion, which is a Democratic opinion, but events as they happen, so to speak, write the news stories.

If the man who was troubled about the Republican announcements does not care to read such he may overlook them, or he might do without the paper. By working on our credit a bit at the bank we might be able to do without him. Democrats who hold such views should be particular about calling members of the other party and their own party "narrow-minded."

We hope we have made ourselves plain. We remain, as we have always been, Democratic on the editorial page, and a newspaper on the other pages. Which is to say if other Republican speakings and meetings are held in the county, they will be published in this paper if we hear about them. If we have done anything it has been to publish more Smith news in the news columns than about any other. One reason is that Al Smith is without doubt the most colorful figure living; he is of the type that makes news. Again space has

been given to speakers who defend him because he has been lied about and slandered more than any man in public life. If Mr. Hoover were being painted as to dirty to be in a clean jail we would feel from a sense of fair-mindedness that he, too, should deserve more space for defense against such assaults.

TAMMANY HALL AND BAPTISTS

SUPPOSE SOME disturbed Democrat would rise up and say "I will not vote for O. Max Gardner because he is a member of the Baptist church, and this fellow Carnes, treasurer of the Baptist church missions, stole one million dollars, therefore the whole business is corrupt"? Wouldn't there be a furore?

Well, it seems to us as we borrow the thought, that a Democrat has just as much right to say that as he does to say that "I will not vote for Al Smith because he is a member of Tammany Hall and years ago Boss Tweed, the corrupt, left a trail of corruption in Tammany Hall by his thievery." Are we not right?

Speaking in Danville, Va., recently Judge Turner Clement declared: "If Tweed contaminated Tammany Hall back in 1872 (Before Al Smith was born) has not Treasurer Carnes contaminated the whole Baptist church"? Think it over.

Of course, and be sure to get us straight, no right-thinking, fair-minded person would for a moment condemn the Baptist church because a crook like Carnes misappropriated church money. Under no process could the Baptist church be held at fault. The most narrow-minded, evil-thinking man in the world could not have the heart to declare that Dr. Zeno Wall, Rev. John Suttle, or any other Baptists were not fine men just because one man in the Baptist church turned thief. You know that. Well, is there any more reason for calling Al Smith a crook and a scoundrel and being scared of him because more than a half century ago there was a crook in the organization to which he belongs today? Be fair. Think it over.

One of the greatest cries raised against the Democratic nominee for President of these United States is that he came from "that corrupt Tammany Hall." The Republicans throw up their hands in horror, and some Democrats, never questioning what is behind the smoke screen, join in.

No one has any criticism of the Baptist church because of a thief found in official church circles, yet there are those, and many of them we believe, who hold it against Al Smith because Tweed marched into Tammany and began stealing long before Al Smith ever started out.

What a cry the Republicans raise about Tammany Hall! Tweed did his dirt about the time some Republican corruption was going on in Washington, yet we hear nothing about that. Why go back to Tweed to damn Al Smith? Why not bring the charges up to the present day? If Al Smith is responsible for what Tweed did before Smith knew what Tammany Hall was, is Herbert Hoover not responsible, or not to be criticised because he sat in the same cabinet that made the Teapot Dome oil-land stealing the talk of the world? That is a more recent event.

Use your own head: If Al Smith is responsible for the black deeds in Tammany's past, then any member of the Baptist church would likewise be responsible for the stealing of Treasurer Carnes, and Mr. Hoover, the engineer, should not be able to engineer himself out of all the responsibility of being in Harding's cabinet when Secretary Fall carried his little, black burglar's kit about.

Democrats, do not be misled so readily by Republican propaganda!

SMITH'S WINNING "HUNCH"

WHEN GOV. AL SMITH and his brown derby made their famous tour through North Carolina members of the nominee's party on the train and newspapermen accompanying him told of Gov. Smith's "hunch" that he would carry Republican Pennsylvania. Furthermore, the newspapermen declared Smith had similar "hunches" about other states listed in the Hoover column.

Added to that information was a little observation on the part of the newspapermen themselves, newspapermen who were selected for their star tasks because of their ability to see and write the news without showing favoritism to either candidate.

"We've followed Smith around considerably in campaigns," they said, "and never yet as we recall has he felt that famous winning 'hunch' and lost."

In other words, if Al's "hunch" is working this time he will be elected, and the odd part about this "hunch" business is that scores and scores of his supporters can be heard saying the same thing. Any where about Shelby and North Carolina one frequently hears a Smith supporter say: "Never before, not even when Wilson ran, did I think we Democrats had a chance to elect a President. Of course, I kept hoping something would happen. You know Wall Street laid big odds against Wilson and yet Wilson won, but I felt much like Wall Street—that he didn't have a chance. But, this year it's different. Way back at the beginning of the campaign I had a 'hunch' that Gov. Smith would win. I don't know what caused it, but I had the 'hunch,' so watch out for a surprise."

Dozen and dozens of Smith supporters are saying that.

We do not know the philosophy of the mental working or the psychology behind a hunch, but since querying Webster's New International Dictionary as to the meaning of the word and not altogether pool-room slang, and at the same time aver that probably 75 percent of the people believe in hunches to a certain extent. Some deride a hunch as superstition, but old and young oftentimes fall back upon a hunch concerning an anticipated event or something wherein there is chance.

The dictionary defines "hunch," the noun, as follows: "A strong, intuitive impression that something will happen;—from the gambler's superstition that it brings luck to touch the hump of a hunchback."

There are numerous types of hunches, some that distract, disconcert and worry the hunched person, while there are others that bring on enthusiasm. There is the death-watch hunch, perhaps better known than any other. Just recall, if you will, the times you have heard people tell of death hunches, an intuition that death was preparing to lay cold hands upon a relative or a friend. Even shrewd, calculating business men occasionally play hunches; gamblers follow their hunches regularly; and one of the major assets of woman's wisdom is her power of intuition.


And Al Smith has a hunch, a strong one, that he will carry Pennsylvania and other normal Republican states. Meantime his supporters have a hunch that he will be the next President. And we have a hunch practically all those who read this, Smith or anti-Smith in view, have hunches themselves. The hunch usually builds itself about the unexpected. For that reason, perchance, Smith supporters are feeling the intuitive jostle in their mentality more than are the Smith enemies.

All of which, incidentally, means very little, but we say again that if every person who has at some time in the past followed a hunch were to vote for the man who believes in hunches, then his hunch would undoubtedly be correct.

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