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Which Is Your Party.

An old woman in the Kentucky mountains broke into a political discussion in a Presidential campaign with the pertinent question, "What do you 'spose she cares whether Bryant or McKinley is 'elected? Don't she know Whisky is 'elected every time?"

Didn't she understand the situation? What about you, voter? Mr. Bryan, in an afternoon dinner address at Chattanooga, Tenn., December 18th, 1909, confessed:

"There is one question upon which for nineteen long years I have kept silent, but I propose to keep silent no longer. The day has come when the corrupt liquor interest must be driven out of the Democratic party and out of power. It is the liquor interest that furnished money to debauch and corrupt your laws, and those laws are used to corrupt and debauch your States. It is time for the Democratic party to unbind the liquor interest onto the Republican party."

One cannot refrain from wondering why Mr. Bryan did not suggest that in as much as the liquor interest must be thrown out of power, that the Democratic party undertake to see it done. However, the Democratic party preferred to share the load with the Republican party.

This "binding the liquor interest" from one party to the other, was not, however, an original inspiration of Mr. Bryan's. History will bear out the following:

(1) In 1884 the Democratic party executed "sanitary plank" which vex the citizen and interfere with individual liberty, and Mr. Cleveland was elected on the ticket.

(2) The St. Louis platform in '88 did not "oppose sumptuary laws," and in spite of Mr. Bryan's popularity, the Democratic party was defeated.

(3) The Republican platform, however, said: "We reaffirm our unswerving devotion to the personal rights and liberties of the citizens throughout the states and territories of the union" — and Mr. Harrison was elected.

(4) In '92 Mr. Cleveland and the Democratic platform again opposed sumptuary laws, and Mr. Cleveland was elected on the presidential chair.

(5) Taft "dissents" is the gentleman who recommended that Congress pass a bill appropriating thirty thousand dollars to pay the liquor men for losses sustained by the earthquake at San Francisco. It is on record, also, that he signified the State of Oklahoma against prohibition when the people put it in the Constitution.—Kentucky White Ribbon.

County Court Days.

The following is a list of the days County Courts are held in counties tributary to Carlisle. Monday is the day in which the courts convene:

Anderson, Lawrenceburg, 3d. Bath, Owensville, 2d.
Bourbon, Paris, 1st.
Boyle, Danville, 2d.
Breathitt, Jackson, 1st.
Bath, Winchester, 4th.
Estill, Irvine, 3d.
Fayette, Lexington, 2d.
Fleming, Flemingsburg, 4th.
Franklin, Frankfort, 1st.
Garrard, Lancaster, 4th.
Grant, Williamstown, 2d.
Harrison, Cynthiana, 3d.
Henry, New Castle, 1st.
Jessamine, Nicholasville, 3d.
Lee, Beattyville, 4th.
Lincoln, Stanford, 3d.
Madison, Richmond, 1st.
Mason, Maysville, 2d.
Montgomery, Mt. Sterling, 2d.
Morgan, Owingsville, 2d.
Nicholas, Carlisle, 2d.
Owen, Owenton, 4th.
Owsley, Booneville, 4th.
Pendleton, Falmouth, 1st.
Powell, Stanton, 1st.
Pulaski, Somerset, 2d.
Robertson, Mt. Olivet, 4th.
Scott, Georgetown, 2d.
Shelby, Shelbyville, 2d.
Warren, Bowling Green, 4th.
Woodford, Versailles, 4th.

Kentucky Mules.

In South Africa the American mule is considered far superior to the animals bred there, and, it is said, according to consular reports, Missouri or Kentucky mules make the best suited for South Africa. Two hundred mules were recently imported from the United States and they have established a reputation for themselves as a contract for two hundred more has just been closed. The mules must be fourteen and one-half hands, short coupled, long bodied and short legged and must be between four and seven years old.

The price paid for American mules in South Africa is slightly less than $200.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected at the Masonic Lodge for the year 1911:

I. R. Rose, W. M.; W. T. Herndon, S. W.; H. B. Veach, J. W.; W. T. Norton, S. D.; Geo. Duncan, J. D.; H. J. Metcalfe Sec'y.; James Dooley, Treasurer; Chas. Holderman, J. T. Simms, Stewarts; J. T. McCann, Tyler.

The Good Roads Congress.

A large and earnest meeting of Kentuckians interested in the question of good roads assembled in Louisville last week and after a full and free discussion agreed to submit a bill to the next Legislature.

A synopsis of the bill, as approved by the congress, is as follows:

Section 1. "Provides for the appointment of a State highway commissioner, who shall be a civil engineer, for a term of four years, subject to removal for cause by the same power which appoints him. His salary will be fixed in the completed draft. The commissioner of highways shall have the right to appoint two assistants.

Section 2. The duty of the state highway commissioner shall be to provide plans and specifications for the building of metal-stone and gravel roads in Kentucky, where State aid is granted. He shall provide a form of application for State aid which he shall furnish upon application to the various fiscal courts of the counties. In the specifications of roads he shall establish the grade and he shall also have advisory power in regard to the maintenance of roads in the various counties of the Commonwealth. He shall keep a record of all roads built and the cost of same under the provisions of this act. It shall be the duty of the highway commissioner to inspect all roads built under this act and approve the same before the State aid money for the construction is paid. The State commissioner shall give a bond, the amount and character of same to be fixed by the Governor of the State of Kentucky.

Section 3. There shall be a tax levy not to exceed 5 cents on the $100 of the assessable property of Kentucky for the purpose of aiding the several counties in the building of metal, stone and gravel roads or the reconstruction of same.

Section 4. No county shall receive State aid for the building of metal, stone and gravel roads in the said county until the Fiscal Court of said county shall make application for same to the highway commissioner.

Section 5. The State shall pay one-half of the cost of the construction of said metal, stone and gravel highways built by State aid and the county shall pay the other half.

Section 6. No county under this act shall be entitled in any one year to over 2 per cent of the total amount collected in the State for the building of metal roads in said year.

Section 7. No county shall receive the benefit of State aid in the building of metal, stone and gravel highways unless said county has first levied and provided for a county tax for the maintenance of roads in the county of not less than 10 cents on the $100 and each Fiscal Court in the State of Kentucky shall have the right to make a levy of not exceeding 40 cents on the $100 for the maintenance of the roads of the several counties.

Section 8. That the State highway commissioner shall draw his warrant on the State Treasurer in the disbursement of this fund, and the same shall be paid by the State Treasurer to the County Treasurer of the several counties, and counties where there is no County Treasurer to a person appointed by the Fiscal Court to receive the same. The person so designated shall be required to give bond fixed and approved by the County Judge for the amount he receives.

Section 9. In the event that the applications for State aid exceed the amount collected by the tax, and as restricted by previous sections of this act, then the State highway commissioner shall equalize the funds between the counties applying.

Section 10. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

Tobacco Too Costly for Missouri.

The Owensville correspondent of the Lexington Herald, writes:

"A gentleman of more than ordinary intelligence and habits of observation, who spent the past year in the tobacco raising portion of Missouri, has returned to his old home here to remain, being fully convinced that Burley raising in that state will soon be demonstrated to be a costly failure, even if they could raise the same quality of this product that the Blue Grass raises, which, he says, cannot be done. Among his reasons for his conclusions are: The soil will not stand the wear for any considerable length of time; the leaves of the Burley tobacco here will not grow to sufficient length nor color properly, and that the exceptionally high price of labor there prevents them from competing with the Kentucky article."

The correspondent adds that less than one-sixth of the Burley county tobacco has been sold, and that the owners will hold for better prices.

Letter From China

BATANG, Sept. 15, 1910.

Dear Folks:

We have just been to our union prayer meeting and we did have a good meeting. Prayer was the subject. We met at Mr. Muirs; he was the leader. We had communion and it seemed so nice.

Our mail came in last night with good news from all. We got a nice package; two books, "Christ Invisible"and "The Shut-in." Both a string of beads, and a picture apron, also little silk flag. They were from Mrs. Graves in Kansas. She certainly has been nice to us.

The Los Angeles church is sending us a box by Dr. Harris. The Seward church is also. Won't that be nice? We are like children along that line.

Dr. and Mrs. Shelton haven't a month with us now. Dr. Harris is in Jehanig today, so telegram said. Poor Mrs. Shelton has had a time lately. When they came down from the mountain the horse fell down in a big gully, washed out bole and cracked the bone in her left leg. She cannot use it at all yet, and is almost helpless. The road gave way and the horse fell and threw her right down under him. Dr. O pulled her out and she was carried to Batang on a chair. She is well but that and that is bad enough. She is so lame yet and seems to gain strength slowly.

Glad Alice has a nice baby. Clarence and Ruth and Lois must. They stay at home asleep while we go to meeting. They are such good babies. I certainly would have my hands full if they were not. Love to all.

MINNIE OGDEN.

BATANG, CHINA, Sept. 17 1910

My dear parents:

Your letter of June 21st came in two days ago. It found us all well. Glad Arthur won his contest. We send him congratulations.

We are just now thinking a great deal about the Sheltons' leaving us. If Mrs. Shelton gets well in time. She got her left leg cracked and has been in bed three weeks now. Dr. Harris has passed Ichang, I believe, and we expect him in November.

You must thank the Bald Hill church for the $20 for the Boys' Home of Guas Yin. I feel sure he will not disagreen you. He is a promising boy.

I am sending you some little pictures of Tibetans I know. A man send you some more soon. We are sending a picture of the boy. He is a fat fine fellow.

Excuse this short letter. I have actually been working at night lately to keep up my work.

Your loving son,

J. S. OGDEN.

Origin of the Taxation System.

Our system of taxation had its origin in the period of feudalism, when the tax was based upon those and those only, who could meet the payment of it.

The plan then was earnestly argued in those days that it was a proper distribution of the burdens of government that the clergy should pray for the government, the knights should fight and the common people should pay the taxes. Such was the basis of that system, and the first modification of that system were had during that economic and moral convulsion which shook the moral universe from end to end, the reverence the French Revolution. Historians dispute today as to the cause of the French Revolution. If you would know the cause, you need not look into the days transpiring in the fall of the Bastile; you will not find it in the days when Robespierre drunk with blood, turned hotly against the pillars of the assembly, as he listened to his doom. It is back of that. It is in those immediate years preceding, when the burden of government had become intolerable, when the stipends paid to the miserable satellites of royalty had become criminal; and when bureaucracy reached out into every part of the nation and bore down upon the industries and energies of the common man; and when 85 per cent of that fearful burden was collected from the peasantry of France, which forced them from their homes and into the sinks and dives of Paris, where the French Revolution was born. - [U. S. Senator William E. Borah, in "Concerning the Income Tax Bill," in National Magazine.

Counter Case

Upon being called to the police court at Asheville, N. C., charged with an assault upon a clerk at a soda water fountain, the defendant in his own behalf said: "Your honor, I am guilty, but I plead a counter case." Whereupon the aforesaid clerk arose and testified: "Your honor, the counter didn't have anything to do with it. I walked around the counter before I struck him."—Ease and Comment.

An Emergency.

An emergency is something that every man should be ready for, but usually never is.—Detroit Free Press.

Odds and Ends.

Poor for Doubt.

The cookies were laid four chirped the half-hour before midnight, and the girl in the parlor was wearied. Mr. Dearborn," she said, as she rallied strength enough to rise from the sofa, "I heard something about you the other day that I do not believe."

"Indeed!" he exclaimed. "What was it?"

"I heard some one say you were an easy-going chap," she answered.

The Tabernacle.

The tabernacle was the holy place of the Israelites, and the scientific of Solomon's temple. It is said that the tabernacle was constructed about B. C. 1491. The tabernacle set up by Joshua, at Shiloh, B. C. 1444, was the head center of the Jewish religious life until the year B. C. 1004, when the ark of the covenant was finally placed at Jerusalem.

Dreams—Awakening.

He had been told his fortune. She told it. She told it to him, and the tale took the form of candy, books, flowers, theater tickets, carriage rides and the other emotional effervescences of a young man's dream.

One event, as he told his love, he omitted. He also failed to mention, and rightly, all she had coming to her were mysterious undistributions on the cost of living.

Making Their Own.

What about a thin young man for the world's good? Why, he is probably preached to the great moral heights by his mother every Sunday. Only a few days ago as 58-year-old mother was telling me that her son would not take him as a partner, and now a 30-year-old clergyman gets near that—Milwaukee Daily News.

Some Lovers of Fat Men.

They say that nobody loves a fat man. Well, I am a fat man myself. I once knew a very fat old gentle man. When his horse began to trot, he would not take him as a partner, and now a 30-year-old clergyman gets near that.—Milwaukee Daily News.

All She Wanted Was the Man.

My wife didn't ask me to make perseverance your bosom friend, or perhaps your wife wouldn't consider your elder brother and hope your guardian genius—Addison

Mutter Troubles.

The automobile being out of order, the head of the family took the children out in the old family carriage to bind a bag the was to meet of exercise. When his horse began to balk and cavort, the younger boy said: "Mother, you better shut off the gas, papa and Bobby like a relaxing fire."—Everybody's

Bloodthirsty "Sportsman."

Mr. Will Hamm in 1886 had himself out to fire exactly 1,000 cartridges at live birds. This feat he accomplished in the day's shooting, firing more than the due from the right, and during the other half from his left shoulder, and causing no fewer than 500 corpses of the rabbit clan to bite the dust.

Hard Test for Most Men.

Let the man who complains that his wife is foolish be compelled to show that he has no foolish habits—that he never smokes or drinks or wears his hat indoors—that he never loses his temper or believes in other men's wives—that he never tells the same story more than once, or loses his self-control and every temper.

Another Novelty.

It was after the store-keeping care body, and a wife was sent to the builder with the news. "Some kid has a girl at it," the builder shouted, rising an awful oath, muttered: "An other novelty. Say, tell Sam Bung to use the fellows from him is passionate dugout."

Complimentary Evidence.

What shall I say if clergyman proposes to me?" said the coddling young lady.

Tell him you want time to think it over," replied Farmer Cornstalk. "Oh, we replied Farmer Cornstalk. "Oh, we replied Farmer Cornstalk. "Oh, we