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THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 13, 1923

## DEMOCRACY'S CANDIDATE

In the selection of William J. Fields as the Democratic leader in the approaching campaign, The Mercury believes that a wise choice has been made.

Though Mr. Fields may be lacking in the ability to mount the roaring stump and split the ears of the groundlings, with fine phrase and rounded periods, he has other qualities of mind more substantial, if not so ostentatious.

Will Fields is an honest man. He is sincere and stands up for what he believes to be right. He has proven himself a conscientious public servant. He has that rare quality of plain, everyday common-sense so vitally necessary to real accomplishment in business and politics. What measure of success he has already achieved has been won by hard work, by persistent effort. When one considers that the handicaps of comparative poverty and lack of early educational opportunities have been surmounted by him, one begins to realize that his record of accomplishment is no ordinary record; one begins to feel that this man has a rugged strength and a determination that would make him not only an acceptable executive, but a most able one.

Mr. Fields is a Mountain man, and the people of the Mountains like him. They have shown that repeatedly. We were told recently of a Republican who walked eighteen miles to vote for Will Fields. He said he had split logs with Will, years before. That speaks well for Mr. Fields. A man who makes friends and then holds them is more than apt to be all right. That he can be a friend and that he is not afraid to "speak right out" for a friend and for a cause he believes to be right was proven by his open support of the late Campbell Cantrill.

John Fox, the novelist, used to say that the only difference between those who came on through the mountains of Kentucky to found the settlements and those who remained in the highlands was "the slipping of a linchpin." And we have noticed, through our association with men of the Mountains, while in college, that given the opportunity, the Kentucky Highlander more than often outstrips his brother of the Lowlands.

The Mercury is willing to make the prediction that, given the opportunity, William J. Fields will make not only a good governor, but an extraordinarily good one.

## THE AMERICAN FARMER

(The Louisville Post)

In the current issue of the magazine, "Good Housekeeping," the following appears as a leading editorial:

The backbone of the country is being slowly broken; the backbone realizes it, but the rest of the country does not. Lulled by reports from the Department of Agriculture stating that farm products are worth so many billions of dollars each year, and by newspaper comments that the farmer's lot is thus shown to be a happy and prosperous one, the city dweller goes complacently on without giving one thought to the man upon whose industry all other intries depend. We think of him only when a food shortage comes, and there is plenty of food now. Prices are much too high when they are compared to prices paid to the producer, but again he is the victim of the impression that prosperity prevails on the farm. As a matter of fact, depression, ruin, disaster, are stalking about under the open skies of America. Labor is at a pemium everywhere; but farm products are bringing the producers the lowest prices in many years, making it impossible for farmers to employ labor at the prevailing price. The result is that the rural districts are being drained of their man-power. This is leaving the farmer, both owner and renter, in a situation that is full of grave peril—a peril which most of us dismiss as a mere bogey. The tide of prosperity is running high in the cities, but in the country are countless idle farms and farms half run that will not pay the taxes.

There are exceptions to this broad statement, but those exceptions aside, there is no reason to believe that sombrely as the situation is painted, the drawing is much overdone. Here in Kentucky, largely, the Post believes, through the work of the co-operative societies, it has been possible during the last few years to grow tobacco and make money. The cotton of the South still demands a good price. But the bottom was long ago shot out of the market for wheat and corn and dozens of other products of the farm. The simple, inescapable facts are that the farmers are making money, and a great many of them are losing money. That such a situation is bad no thinking person will deny. What, then, is possible in the way of remedy?

Before attempting to point the finger to the real fundamental trouble, something should be said of the quack nostrums that are being offered by the radical Republicans of the West—Lafollette, Brookhart, and the rest of them. These gentry are trying to delude the American farmer into the belief that his condition can be helped by wrecking the railroads, and by destructive raids upon the banking capital of the nation. The fact is that the Lafollette remedies, although they would injure everybody, would injure the farmer most of all.

It is perfectly true that freight rates are oppressively high. How they can be lowered in the face of existing railroad costs is not easy to determine. As for "credit facilities" for the farmer, the majority of farmers realise by this time that what they need is better prices for what they sell and not additional borrowing power.

The real source of the malady is easy to find. The farmers of this country are able to produce from thirty to [illegible] per cent more foodstuffs than the people of this country can consume. If this surplus can be marketed abroad, the farmer is certain to be prosperous—nothing can keep him from being prosperous. But if this surplus cannot be sold abroad, it is simply inevitable that a part of the production cannot be sold at all, and that portion which is sold will bring ruinously low prices.

This is the whole story. There exists in the whole situation not one other essential fact. Of course our government may not assure to our farmers customers abroad with money to pay for what they want. But at least our government can refrain from interposing obstacles. And yet our government has done that very thing. The Fordney-McCumber tariff bill functions chiefly to keep American farm products out of the markets of the world. There is simply no doubt of the truth of this.

We say to the nations that would take our wheat and corn and pork that they are free to buy in America, but they may not sell in America. Of course they cannot buy if they do not sell.

The existing tariff iniquity is, then, the main stumbling block in the way of the economic recovery of the farmer. But the American farmer is profoundly interested in the economic recovery of Europe. And yet the party now governing America insists in "isolation." If the American farmer may be made to grasp the meaning of these facts before this November a year, a Democratic candidate for President may sweep this country as decisively as Harding did in 1920.

## SHINNY ON YOUR OWN SIDE.

The Lexington Leader says: "It will soon become very apparent that the affairs of the Democratic party in Kentucky are again absolutely in the hands of men who are committed to the spoilsman system of conducting political and public affairs."

In the name of Frank Blair and your Galvinized party, Leader, why shed crocodile tears over us? If you have tears to shed, prepare to shed them, when your own gubernatorial candidate, carefully hand-picked by men definitely committed to the spoilsman system, takes to the stump to defend, explain and attempt to extol the Morrow administration.

## SECRETARY WALLACE "SPILLS THE BEANS."

(Elizabethtown News)

The Democratic party is indebted to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace for the confirmation of all that the National organization has been saying about the distressing condition of agriculture and the causes of the same.

The most pertinent thing that Secretary Wallace says is that "The farmer could get along fairly well with the present prices of what he had to sell, if prices of what he must buy were down accordingly. But prices of other things remain high. That is what hurts."

Secretary Wallace, however, fails to state the cause which produced this discrepancy between the present prices the farmer gets for his products and the prices he pays for what he has to buy. He does not tell that the policy of the Republican party has destroyed the foreign market for the farmers' surplus which fixes the price of his products. He does not tell the farmers that the McCumber-Fordney tariff bill passed by the Republican party was passed for the benefit of the manufacturers and that it would not have been passed unless it enabled those manufacturers to increase the price of their products. It has had the desired and intended results and has put up from fifteen to fifty per cent what the farmer must buy. He does not tell how the members of the farmers' bloc in Congress deceived the farmrs by putting a duty on agricultural products with the promise that it would raise the price thereof, in order to allay their oposition to the other tariff rates imposed upon them in the sole interest of the manufacturers, and which the Reublican farm bloc supported.

He does not tell them that wheat, the main money crop of the Western farmer, on which a duty of thirty cents a bushel was placed, is selling lower now than for ten years and that the machinery with which the farmer cultivates and harvests his wheat costs him thirty per cent more than it did before the McCumber-Fordney bill was passed.

He tells them enough when he says they can't get along because what they have to buy is not on the low level of what they have to sell. The farmers know this as well or even better than Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. They have made this diagnosis. That is, they know what has produced this condition. The question is will they save $300,000,000 a year by electing a Congress next year who will repeal this iniquitous tariff law which puts an unnecessary burden on them to enrich a class of Republican pets.

The Williamstown News says:

President J. C. Stone, of the Burley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative, who addressed the tobacco growers here last Saturday, is of the opinion that talk of a cut-out of next year's crop is premature and cannot at present be sanctioned by the association. A census is being taken of all the burley tobacco grown this year and until this is completed it will not be possible to determine whether there is an overproduction or not. He says that a cut-out proposition would probably conflict with federal laws and cause disruption of the association. He advises growers to keep quiet on the cut-out proposal for the present.

We are republishing an editorial written by Mr. A. A. Bomar, in his Woodford Sun, in which he discusses the proposed "cut-out" of the tobacco crop. Mr. Bomar is one of the sanest thinkers, as well as one of the most able editors of a country newspaper in Kentucky, and we hope that every reader of The Mercury who raises tobacco will read what he has to say in regard to passing a crop. You will find it well worth while.

The Mercury hopes that our neighbors of the Ashland District will look with favor upon the candidacy of Virgil Chapman to succeed Mr Cantrill in Congress. Mr. Chapman is a young man of marked ability and gifted with a remarkable grace as a public speaker. He would represent this famous old district with the distinction that it deserves.

This from an ardent Barkley supporter and the dean of the Kentucky press:

If the Committee decides to take the responsibility for the nomination of a candidate for Governor and names Congressman William Fields of the Ninth district they will have made the best possible selection from the Cantrill forces.—Elizabethtown News.

Battling Siki, the negro pugilist, has come to this country to see the Dempsey-Firpo fight and challenge the winner. Siki is "hard-boiled" and a terror to the white patrons of Paris cafes. To parody the advice of Horace Greeley: Stay North, nigger; stay North!

The Lexington Leader fears that Mr. Fields, if elected will find himself helpless in the "hands of men absolutely committed to the spoils system." Say, did you ever see anybody successfully dictate to a native Kentucky mountain-man?

A Chicago girl left her husband who was earning $200 a week, and without waiting for the formality of a divorce, married a plumber. Gosh! Young men entering upon a career should learn to plumb.

Had the Psalmist who wrote: "Children are a heritage of the Lord: Hapy is the man who has his quiver full of them," lived in this automotive era, he would have written it "flivver full of them."

An advertisement in the Mt. Olivet Tribune-Democrat says. "For Sale—Ford roadster for sale of trade. Quiet and gentle to drive. It is being disposed of because of no fault." This is a case of being gentle, but unbroken.

## THE PROPOSED "CUT-OUT"

(A. A. Bomar in The Woodford Sun)

## THIS IS MY CITY

## SHALL WE RAISE TOBACCO NEXT YEAR?

## DECREASE IN MARRIAGES, SAME NUMBER DIVORCES

## DOGS OUTSELL HOGS

At the sale F. S. Gooch's effects at Waynesburg, two good, fat hogs sold $18 and two ordinary looking hound dogs brought $31. Bidding on swine was very slow, but on canines it was fast and furious.—Stanford Journal.

In spite of the great cost of radium half the treatments with it are given free.

There are about 2,829,276 persons of Canadian origin in the United States.

## AGAINST BOND ISSUE

(Falmouth Outlook)


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