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THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 28, 1922

THE ISSUE CLEARLY DEFINED

The statement of the Lexington Leader, the leading Republican newspaper in Kentucky, outside of Louisville, made in a recent editorial, that personality it could find no fault with Mr. Fields, is particularly gratifying, if it is intended as a recognition of personalities.

Mr. Fields has a record that is clean and that may not be roundly attacked. As farthe The Mercury is informed Mr. Bosman's record is clean.

This being the case, the campaign will and should be free of vituperation, of nasty flings and accusations. We can get down to the issue tacks of the issue as between the two parties.

To quote from the Democratic platform:

> Four years ago the Republican party of Kentucky came into power with an unusual campaign platform was full of promises. These promises lack fulfillment. They promised to execute great care in the expenditure of money, specifically stating the following:
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> We pledge, that, if elected, our nominee for this high office will not grant executive clemency in any case without first having required an ample public notice of the application and a careful investigation of the full statement of the facts and expression of opinion from the State's judicial and prosecuting officers, and in no case will this great right be prostituted for political consideration nor will any parole be granted save for just cause."
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> This was the promise. The Democratic platform that promise has been shamelessly broken in too many instances to mention in this brief outlook, but which will be specifically referred to throughout the campaign. The Republican party promised to reduce the State debt. They have increased same. The Republican party promised to reduce taxes. The tax receipt of every citizen in Kentucky gives this promise the lie. The entire record of the Morrow administration is one of unfulfilled or violated promises and upon these partisan grounds alone we propose to go before the people of Kentucky and try our case—Democratic platform.

The Republican platform evidence most heartily the record of Governor Morrow.

So, there you are. If you think the Morrow administration has made good; if you can look at your tax receipt and see where taxes have been reduced; if you approve of Mr. Morrow's parsimonious record; if you are willing to accept a candidate chosen by a convention dominated by Mr. Maurice Galvin, who sought the Blair position, and by Mr. Morrow, who granted that position, then you will cast your vote, our opponent, for Mr. Bosman.

If you think that Judge Barkley has turned the "rascals" which has existed for four years at Frankfort", should be tilted, you will vote for Mr. Fields. For one minute that Mr. Bosman is obligated to support an administration, of which he was a part, and the record of which his platform on thoroughly approves. If you believe that Kentucky must go forward, you will vote for William J. Fields, and you will give him a Democratic House and Senate, in order that an era of real accomplishment may be inaugurated at Frankfort.

THE MANLY ART OF FISTICUFFS

Thousands "went mad," when Lady Angel Firpo, the heretofore "untamed bull of the Pampas," knocked out even Mr. Jack Dempsey through the ropes and into the arms of the press, after having been knocked down himself by Dempsey every time in the first round. The crowd "went mad," as the South American, with blood streaming from his mouth, returned to the fight, until the superior skill of Dempsey finally told and an opponent less this huge hulk of a man on the floor, unable to rise, his "fake working in agony" as he struggled to regain his feet.

Because the editor of this paper can not see the "sport" in exhibitions like this, it does not mean that The Mercury would assume the role of reformer and seek to secure the prohibition of prize fights. We are not particularly squeamish about two big brawnies knocking the tripe, eyes and so forth off each other. It is not so brutal as ball fight, but as a chicken fight, for the balls and chickens have no choice in the matter, and the slugger knows what he wants—and usually gets it, too, in amounts running into many thousands. Many men have thought the prize-fight manly. Americans, average-breeding Americans will among them. There are thousands of others.

Perhaps they are right. We take no desire to interfere with their sport. We can not see, however, why devotees of the game should try to pretend that they are intended in the skill of the contestants, that they "go with," because a Dempsey shows such beautiful technique in his boxing. Why not confess that it is the old brute lust for blood that packed the Arena of ancient Rome, now breaking through the thin veneer of civilization? Attempts to camouflage the survival of this desire to witness the suffering one gladiator may inflict upon another by casting over it the cloak of "sportsmanship" and "scientific boxing," are hypocritical. The preliminaries to the Dempsey-Firpo bout, we are told, "dragged tediously along." Doubtless these lighter weight bangers showed no much skill and science as the heavy-weights. But there was unlikely to be any fierce slugging, any breakdown of bones, any knocking through the ropes for the paying customers, and the crowd knew it. And so they demanded their "going title" for the slugging match. Perhaps they knew that it as well as the best fellow. We hope to be able to see some day and determine whether it is real fun to get the blood-lust, turn thumbs down and yell for the death blow to be given. But we hope we will be enough to admit that we are indulging an instinct of our own ancestors, that we are indulging in sport, not enjoying a sport.

NEED FOR A "GO-GETTER"

"The Kiwanis Club has been in existence less than four months in Elizabethtown," says the Elizabethtown News, "and in that short time it has practically assured a filter plant for the city and secured a restoring plant with a payroll of more than $25,000.

If we count the outlying districts of Carlisle, which, though they may not be included within the corporate limits of the city, are really a part of the town, we have just four hundred less people than Elizabethtown.

We have had an opportunity to secure a co-operator, we need a filter plant; a county fair association is a possibility; natural gas might be secured, the line is run from Mt. Sterling, through Sharpsburg and Moorefield, a citizens suggested to us this week, and in fact, there are a number of possibilities for us to improve our town, if we had some organization to "go after" these things and get them.

The editor of The Mercury expressed the opinion some weeks ago that Carlisle is perhaps large enough to have a Commercial Club or a Kiwanis Club. We have always thought that a Commercial Club would be the more feasible organization. With the success of the Kiwanis Club at Elizabethtown in mind, however, we are disposed to think that the smaller organization would, after all, prove the best "go-getter" for Carlisle.

AN AGRICULTURAL FAIR

All signs point to a beautiful harvest this Fall. There will be bumper crops and necessarily fine individual specimens in each crop. That the grower finds a satisfying and a remunerative reward for his fruits of the soil, he is entitled to. The more he is rewarded, the more he will spend of his profits in the upbuilding of his home, in the improvement of his farm, in the public expenditures, and the failure of the Republican administration to make good the promises made at the Frankfort Inaugural, is not a good thing.

"In the conduct of affairs, state and nation, the Republican party of Kentucky invites a comparison between its performance in office and the promises entrusted with an administration of the Democratic party in its last inaugural address.

"Realizing that nothing can be said in its defense, it is preparing to mislead the unthinking and misinformed by his silence.

"Confronted by the record of the eminent and illustrious statesmen and the faithful public servants in whose hands the people of Kentucky put placed the banner of a civilized and we confidently believe a Democratic Congress. The same characteristic courage and zeal for honesty displayed in the first sentence of the bill of rights of the constitution. Nearly a century ago the democracy of this republic, in national convention assembled, then as now the champion of civil and religious liberty, declared that:

"The liberal principles embodied by Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence, and sanctioned in the constitution, which make every man the friend of liberty and the asylum of the oppressed of every nation, have received additional principles of the Democratic party.

"Whereas, since the foregoing declaration was authentically published as the manifesto of the nation, an adverse political and religious test has been recently organized, known as the Ku Klux Klan, claiming to be exclusively American, it is proper that the Democratic party should clearly define its sentiments opposition to this and all secret political societies, by whatever name they may be called.

"This Democracy, the proud descendant of Knowsthingism, true to its ancient faith, still maintains and proclaims it's adherence to inflexible opposition to all political, religious, and social proscription, and we reaffirm the sentiments and principles of our forefathers, and we propose to go before the people of Kentucky and try our case.

Education

"Realizing that one of the greatest causes of our state is the education of its youth, and believing that it is a crime against humanity to allow any child to grow up in ignorance, we pledge ourselves to support the state school system, and we pledge ourselves to the support of the common school system.

"Fresh—We favor the abolitionist of the present system of taxation, for efficiency and economy with a liberal policy toward the unfortunate, the aged and infirm, and a friendly, co-operative attitude toward organized labor, and a liberal policy of legislation for the betterment of anti-trust legislation, and we pledge ourselves to the enactment of laws to effectuate the same.

"We favor the building of good roads and the appropriation of a sufficient sum of money to complete the state highways, the extension of the forest and game reserve and the federal reserve and the farm banks and the rural credit system, and we pledge ourselves to the support of the rural life of America.

"The federal reserve system, the greatest public system, the greatest economic disaster which the Republican party has ever created, and the capital gains and excess profits tax, and all other taxes on the people, we pledge ourselves to the support of the federal reserve system, and we pledge ourselves to the support of the rural life of America.

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"The Democratic party, true to its mission for liberty, pledges to the people of Kentucky the adoption of a state tax commission bill, which will impose upon the people of the state a proper system of taxation for the benefit of the state.

"The man who toils for the right to organize, the man who toils for the right to organize, the man who toils for the right to organize, the