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Party Realignment Might Help Voting

Ever since the 1932 election the political seers and soothsayers have been scanning the skies for portents of that long-awaited realignment of political parties.

Just now the signs seem to be multiplying. In New York, the Daily News reports that Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia will run for re-election in 1937 as a Democrat, with full New Deal support—and, apparently, with the result that Tammany Hal may find itself, to the vast surprise of the boys in the ward clubs, a Republican outfit.

While all of this goes on, there are repeated reports of an attempt to establish an understanding between Republicans and conservative Democrats. How much fire there may be back of all this smoke is far from clear, but the rumors have even gone to the length of saying that Al Smith and Herbert Hoover will find themselves under the same banner in another year.

All of these reports may be quite groundless. But the frequency with which they are made does indicate that politics is in ferment, with an ever-increasing number of political leaders finding themselves dissatisfied with the existing line-up.

And from whatever angle you view the scene, you must admit that our political life would be in a more healthy condition if the two great parties could manage to swap about half of their adherents with each other.

A political party ought to be as nearly a homogeneous group as possible. Its major policies should command almost complete support from its members; its name should stand for a definite program, so that when a man uses the label the public would be able to classify him.

That doesn't begin to be true today. Senator Glass and President Roosevelt are both Democrats, as are Al Smith and Huey Long. Can anyone, without stretching the facts beyond recognition, say that these four constitute a like-minded group? And are Senator Norris, Ogden Mills, Senator LaFollette and Herbert Hoover members of the same party in anything but name?

During the next few years the American people must make fundamental decisions about their government and their social organization. It will not be easy to make those decisions; it will be almost impossible if the two parties remain formless and disunited, as they are now.

A regrouping, which would make one party definitely representative of one school of thought and the other party definitely representative of the opposing school, would make our task of charting our course for the coming generation infinitely simpler.

U. S. Rule Not So Bad As Against France's

When you let your gaze wander in the general direction of France, you are apt to conclude that there is a great deal to be said in favor of the somewhat stiff and cumbersome type of government which the United States enjoys.

The commonest criticism of the American form of government is that it is slow to respond to shifts in popular feeling. An administration has a four-year term of office, and there is no way on earth for the people to shorten that term no matter how greatly they may disagree with the administration's policies.

In France the situation is just the reverse. The government there is almost like a weather-vane, compelled to veer about in obedience to the slightest change in public opinion on penalty of being blown down if it fails to do so.

Since the formation of the Clemenceau cabinet in 1917, France has had upwards of 30 governments. A few have lasted as long as two years at a stretch; others have lasted only a few days. The recent government of Premier Fernand Bouisson endured exactly three days and 20 hours; Herriot once headed one which fell in 48 hours.

All of this indicates a degree of flexibility even more pernicious than the stiffness of the American system.

You can best understand how it works by remembering that the French premier must resign whenever he is defeated on an important vote in the chamber of deputies. That would be equivalent, over here, to having a president resign instead of using the veto.

When you recall that every recent president has used the veto a number of times, you can see what an extreme lack of stability the French system creates.

Installed in the United States, it would put every president completely at the mercy of congress. He could not fight congress, for if congress voted him down he would go out of office. He could hardly even lead. His chief function would be to follow; and when you consider the extreme diversity of opinions reflected in any large legislative body, you can see that in many cases even this would be impossible.

The peculiarities of parliamentary government in France are not, perhaps, of very great importance in the United States. But the inflexibility of the American form of government frequently comes under attack; and when it does, it is comforting to reflect that too much flexibility can be worse than not enough.

THE GREATER ISSUE



BEHIND THE SCENES IN WASHINGTON WITH RODNEY DUTCHER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER, NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Your correspondent asked a seasoned labor leader who had been mixed up with NRA from the beginning the same question that everybody in Washington seemed to be asking everybody else: "Well, where do we go from here?"

The labor leader replied promptly: "How old is Ann? Who struck Billy Patterson? What is the meaning of the Einstein theory?"

This dialog is cited because it so well sets forth the composite state of mind of the New Deal, from Papa Roosevelt down the line, following the U. S. Supreme Court's decision in the Schechter case.

ONE hopes historians will do justice to the period of utter confusion immediately following—and that they will not have to record its continuance.

Some of us previously had been wont to refer to the Washington scene under the New Deal as a "squirrel cage" and if we stick to the analogy we must now record that this "cage" increased its revolutions from 35 to 112 a minute, with occasional sudden reversals of the clockwise to a counter-clockwise movement.

The supreme court had scrambled up a jigsaw puzzle and some of the fellows who were trying to put it together again insisted the court had thrown away most of the pieces. You could find General Johnson, Attorney General Cummings, Felix Frankfurter, Donald Richberg, and General Counsel Blackwell Smith of NRA all with

Lone Star Is—

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surplus residue gas that the summer market cannot absorb under present conditions," said Mr. Chase. "If successful, it may prove practical on a much broader scope and be the means of complete conservation where excess production exists."

"Capacity for storing gas in the Cheaney reservoir is limited and no gas will be stored that can be marketed. Only excess gas that cannot be absorbed by the market under present conditions will be stored, making entire project a conservation program designed to benefit producers and royalty owners interested in casinghead gas. The company hopes to justify expenses of the project in order that the conservation program may be carried out as a regular operation."

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Slightly more than 15,000,000 cubic feet of gas has been produced from the Cheaney field prior to storage operations, bringing the reservoir to a stage of depletion that approached abandonment. Original well head gauge pressure was 1,230 pounds but has dropped to 140.

Casinghead gasoline plants remove gasoline content from natural gas produced with oil, expecting to market both gasoline and gas. When unable to find a market for the gas, it becomes neces-

sary to release the residue gas to the air or reduce operations with a resultant loss of revenue. It is this economic loss which the Lone Star conservation program is designed to eliminate.

Low price of gasoline during recent months has forced many smaller casinghead plants to shut down while others are struggling for existence. A market for their excess residue gas will be a lifesaver to such plants as these, the operators say, and will increase revenue to royalty owner and producer who also lose by the waste.

Advertisement for Hotel Paso del Norte in El Paso, Texas, featuring low rates and convenient facilities.

and will save them" (Psalms 145: 19). The lesson-sermon includes also the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The relations of God and man, divine Principle and idea, are indestructible in Science; and Science knows no lapse from nor return to harmony, but holds the divine order or spiritual law, in which God and all that he creates are perfect and eternal, to have remained unchanged in its eternal history" (page 470).

MARKETS

Table of market prices for various commodities including stocks, bonds, and agricultural products.

Noted Russian Musician

Answer to Previous Puzzle... 1 Famous Russian composer, Peter... 10 Regrets exceedingly... 11 Pertaining to wings... 12 Sea eagle... 13 Sand... 14 Spain... 15 Southeast... 16 To poke... 17 To immerse... 18 Hodgepodge... 19 Blood... 20 Coarse chaffy part of grain... 21 Liberated... 22 Fuel... 23 Vessel... 24 African farmers... 25 Full of bones... 26 Measure of cloth... 27 Assumed name... 28 Vision... 29 Pronoun... 32 Race of wheat... 33 Drop of eye fluid... 34 To encounter... 35 Antelope... 37 Exclamation... 38 Basketwork fillings... 40 Russian emperors... 41 Stir... 42 Sound... 43 Maxim... 44 Tribal group... 45 He... 46 Majestic... 47 Tanning vessel... 48 Senior... 49 Barked... 50 music... 51 Broad smile... 14 Male ancestor... 16 Chart... 17 Agents... 18 Verbal... 19 He was the... Russia ever produced... 20 Trunk... 21 To frustrate... 22 Walker... 23 Data... 24 He is famous for his (sing)... 25 Mandarins... 26 Fruit... 27 Nail... 28 Yarn... 29 His home... 30 Stitches... 33 Playing card... 34 Bill of fare... 36 Upright shaft... 37 Heritable... 39 Quantity... 40 Thick shrub... 41 Beer... 43 Myself... 44 Court.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and a small portrait of a man.

CURIOSITY KILLS BABY SWAN... BEND, Ore.—Disaster has struck the city's family of swans as baby cygnets swept over the malo Dam. The foolhardy youngsters swam too close to the spillway and were hurled over the brink.

Large advertisement for 'Dearest Daughter' featuring a letter from a mother to her daughter, with a decorative border.

Summer Sweethearts

By Mabel McElliott © 1935, NEA Service, Inc.

BEGIN HERE TODAY Sally Moon, local coquette, due to Michael Strykhurst, beautiful, falls in love with Michael Hea- Michael asks Katharine to marry him and, impulsively, she agrees. The marriage takes place in an ob- Katharine's father is rich and her Michael little town. Katharine and Michael become engaged to Michael each go to their homes. Almost immediately Michael learns he has inherited a fortune and t- He goes to New York to see the lawyer in charge and is injured in a traffic accident. Katharine, believing Michael has deserted her, is heart-broken. Vio-

Newfangles (Mom 'n' Pop)

By Cowen



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By HAMLIN



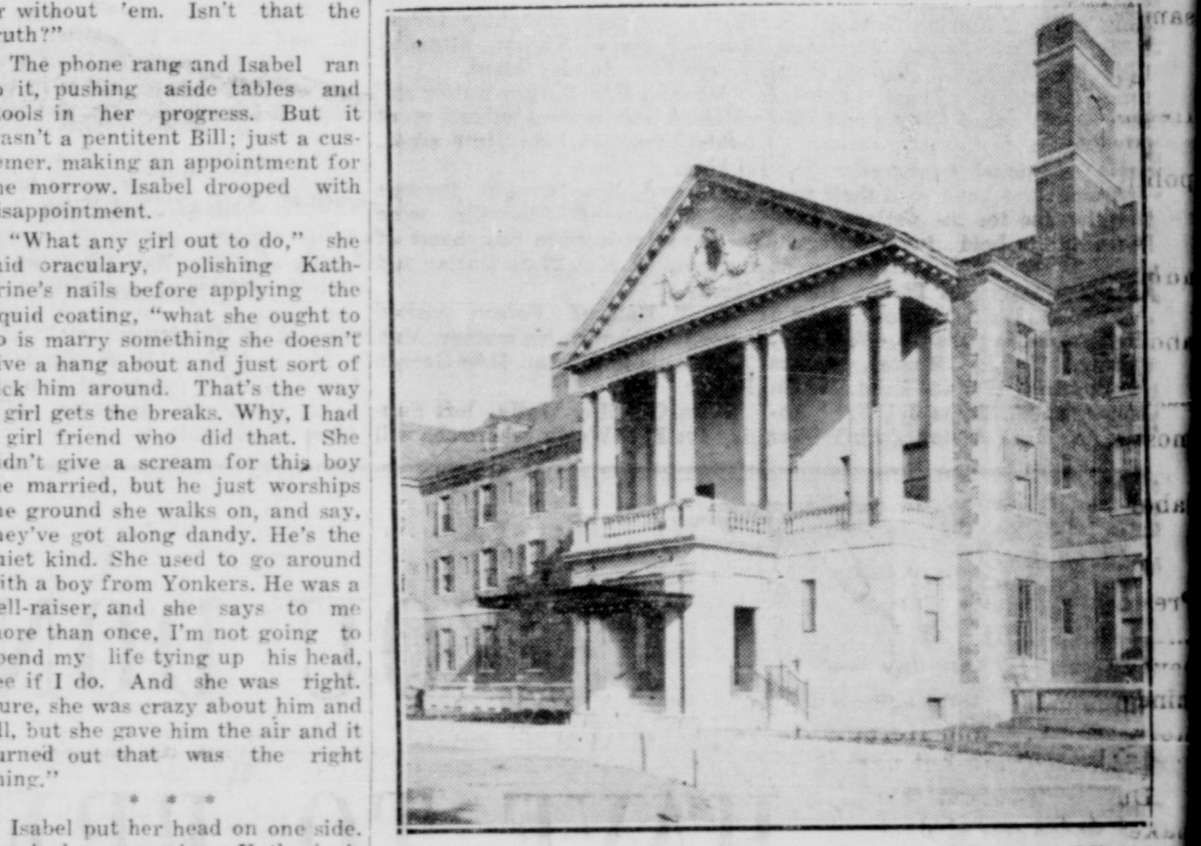
A smart young man, we'd say, knows when he needs a spare he needs a good one. But with Seiberlings on the ground he won't need it often. A good cheap used tire that will fill the bill and you can always get them from us.

JIM HORTON TIRE SERVICE
East Main Street Eastland

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS - By Blosser



"OUTOUR WAY" - By Williams



Michael Heatheroe. He was on foot and bareheaded, as usual. He had a newspaper in his hand. Katharine was not more than 50 yards from him when she caught sight of him. There was no possible way of avoiding him and she would not, even if she could have. She marched on, blind with anger and pride. The slate-gray eyes under the creast of red hair just grazed hers; looked aside. Michael, without a nod, without a glance of recognition, passed on. (To Be Continued) ZEBRA BORN AT ZOO By United Press LOS ANGELES.—Barber Pole, Jr., is the first blessed event of his kind at the California Zoological Gardens. The busy zoo stork blessed Barber Pole, Sr., and Patsy (thus rising the zebra population to) with a flash of terror she saw three.

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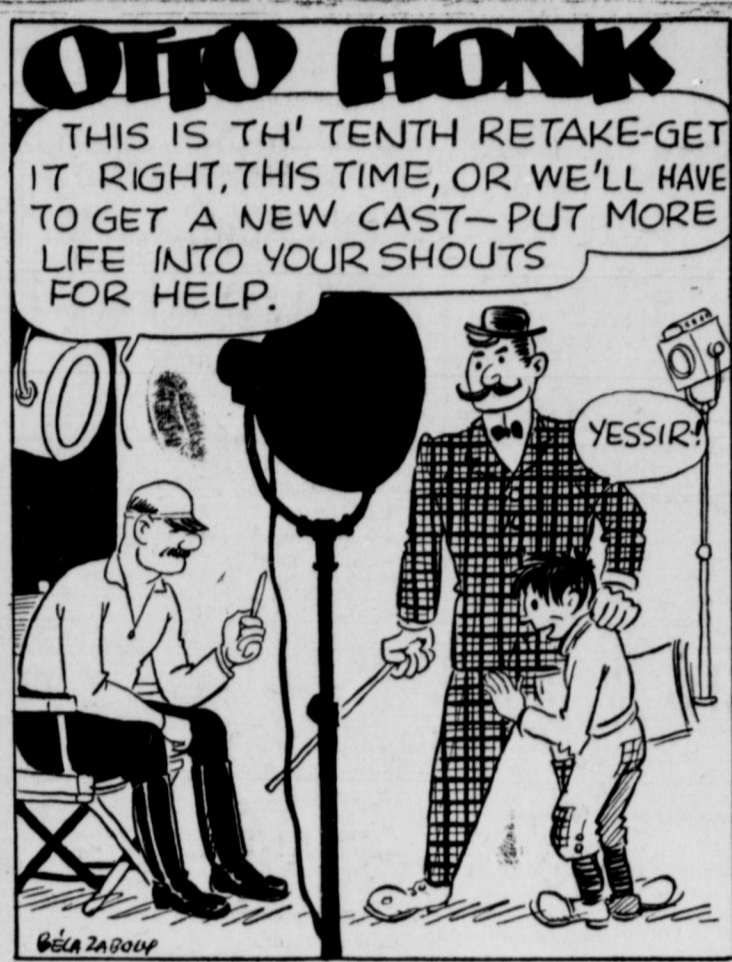
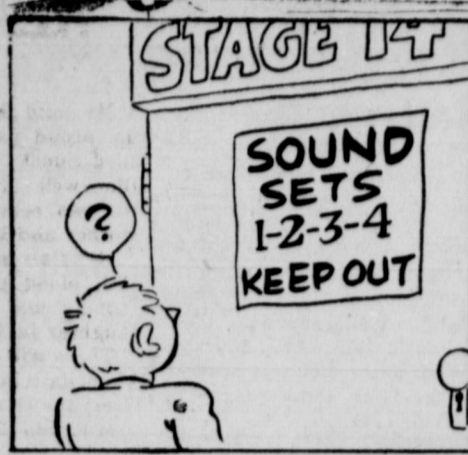
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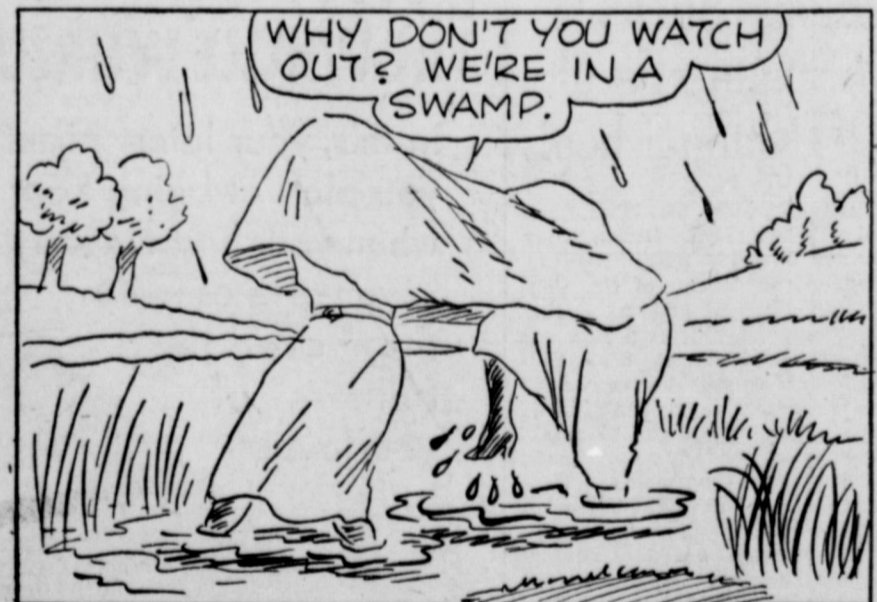
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