

REFLECTIONS

By The Editor

In last week's "reflections" we closed with the query, "When is a Republican a Democrat?"

If one-hundredth of what we hear at the present time is true, our answer would be—

In the year 1932.

Of course, there is always a lot of conversation in a campaign year.

But, when it all seems to be so one-sided you begin to wonder.

First, you wonder how much of what a person says he really means.

Then you wonder, if he will vote the way he talks.

Who is to blame for present conditions does not enter into the argument, necessarily.

Who is in power at the present time does enter into the picture very definitely.

The fact that during the past three or four years we have seen more than one "apple cart" upset makes us a little bit charitable.

Many of the wizards of business and finance have gone under.

Many men who were credited with super-minds have been sadly discredited.

And simply because they were riding on the crest of a wave of prosperity that washed them higher and higher with little or no effort on their part.

Now that the tide is running out they are being carried along with it unable to successfully fight back.

You say conditions are against them.

Yes. And who is there that doesn't have to face an inverted setup in the economic life of the present time.

They were men with more than ordinary ability, no doubt. But now helpless, as it were, to more than mark time and make the best of present day conditions.

Just who is to blame, we don't know.

Perhaps, you do.

But this we are positive of.

All of us are in a measure responsible.

For most of us in '28 and '29 were living in a false paradise.

We had built on a shallow foundation casting aside all sense of reason in a mad desire to get rich over night.

That doesn't apply to everyone.

But it does to most of those who have frozen assets in their safety deposit boxes.

BRINGS IN TWO-POUND RED RIPE TOMATO

R. T. Harper, who is marketing an unusually large quantity of tomatoes this season despite the dry weather, brought in a 2-pound tomato to The Times office Monday. He also brought a companion tomato along that weighed a pound and a half as he had quite a number this size. The next morning he discovered a 20 ounce black radish in his garden and we have it also on display.

CHICKEN SUPPER AT CORNLAND AUGUST 9

The Loyal Ladies of the Cornland Christian church will serve a chicken supper on Tuesday evening, August 9th in the basement of the church. Supper will be served cafeteria style beginning at 5 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

INJURES HAND IN THRESHING MACHINE

J. O. Leonard had the first joint of the middle finger of his right hand almost severed on Monday evening, when it caught in the elevator of a threshing machine. The accident occurred just about quitting time for the day, when Jeff who is employed in the Copeland threshing ring south of the city, attempted to make some minor adjustment.

A BIRTH

A daughter, their first child, was born on Monday July 18 to Mr. and Mrs. John Welch, living south of the city. The mother is the former Miss Dora Ellen Cooper.

Hope for luck, but don't expect it.

Win Both Games In Doubleheader

Strong K. C. Team of Lincoln Lost Two Hard-fought Games

Kitten ball fans were treated to a doubleheader last Friday evening when the strong K. C. team of Lincoln lost both ends of the double bill in two hardfought games.

The first game went the full nine innings with the locals on the long end of the score of 8 to 5.

The locals opened up with a two run lead in the third on four clean hits. Five more runs were added in the sixth on three hits and three errors, while the final run was scored on two hits and an error.

The K. C.'s labored in vain against the pitching of Romer and the defensive work of the rest of the team. Two hits were all that they were able to secure up until the blow up in the seventh inning when three hits and four errors enabled them to push across 5 runs before they were retired. This ended their scoring activity although they threatened again in the eighth inning with two hits.

Second Game 3 to 2

The first game was played so quickly that the visitors wanted to make it a doubleheader which was called at the end of the fifth on account of darkness.

Mt. Pulaski still had the hitting bug, however, and scored three runs in the first inning after which they were scoreless. The K. C.'s scored a run in the second and one in the third for their share of the run getting, the game ending 3 to 2 in favor of the locals.

Romer and Blackford worked as batteries in both games while Maloney replaced Plut in the second.

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC AT HACKBERRY

The Zion Lutheran Church picnic sponsored by the Walther League, will be held at Hackberry Lodge Sunday, July 31. The former plans were to have the picnic at Downing's Cabin but the grounds were not available for that date.

All members are urgently requested to attend service in the morning, bring their dinner with them, and after service take their filled baskets to Hackberry and enjoy a picnic dinner. Entertainment will be furnished for both young and old in the afternoon.

Refreshments will be served on the grounds.

Prince Electro Here Saturday

Prince Electro, the wax mechanical man, is to appear here on next Saturday, representing the Unland Chevrolet Sales of this city.

The Prince will make a shopping tour of the business district and will visit several stores which are cooperating and offering special bargains on that day.

Prince Electro's act is so realistic that many people are firmly convinced that it was really a waxed figure they saw. He will make his start from The Times office and visit various downtown stores and in the evening at 9:00 o'clock he will appear at the Mt. Pulaski Theatre between shows and reveal his secret to the public.

This act was formerly an advance exploitation for the Hilton Sisters, famous Siamese Twins. He has also impersonated Frankenstein, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Dracula.

Prince Electro will visit the following places of business Saturday in a new Chevrolet car; Curtis Dry Goods Co., K & S Grocery, First National Bank, Standard Oil Station, and West Side Cafe.

Birks School District To Have Homecoming

The annual homecoming for former teachers and pupils of Birks school and former residents of the school district, will be held at the school house southeast of the city on Wednesday, Aug. 10. This date was selected because it does not conflict with either the Lincoln Chautauqua or the Illinois State Fair at Springfield.

The members of the program committee, Miss Agnes Bowers, Mrs. Herbert Shellhammer and Mrs. W. C. Musser met with Mrs. Lorah Z. Lipp recently to arrange entertainment features and other committees too, are busy arranging details for the annual gathering.

The officers of the association for this year are: President, Mrs. Lorah Z. Lipp; secretary, Fred Bellatti; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Herbert Birks; treasurer, Frank Copeland.

THE TIMES-NEWS....

HAVING purchased the MT. PULASKI NEWS from Rell C. and Paul E. Beidler, we take pleasure in announcing that starting with next week's issue, this publication will be known as The MT. PULASKI TIMES-NEWS, and will be conducted from the plant of The TIMES.

Paul Beidler, who has been editor of The NEWS for the past 30 years, will become a member of The TIMES-NEWS family, to which we are very happy to welcome him.

Rell Beidler, the other partner, will retire from active newspaper service, having served steadily in that field for many years. To him we extend our best wishes and friendship.

The policy of The TIMES-NEWS will remain practically the same, and with the joining of these two newspapers, we are confident that this transaction will be a welcome one to both subscriber and advertiser.

The first issue of The TIMES-NEWS which will be placed in the mails next week, will go to all the subscribers of both papers.

THE MT. PULASKI TIMES
H. J. Wible, Publisher

Political Situation As Seen By Washington Correspondent

Legion Band To Play At Fair

There is one day at the State Fair this year that local people should not miss, and that is Veteran's Day on Sunday, August 21.

Last year this day and its ceremonies were the outstanding programs of the entire fair week.

The Logan Legion band is planning on being present to take part in the ceremonies the same as they did last year.

Bands, drum and bugle corps, and drill teams all over Illinois have an eye on the prizes to be awarded on Veterans' Day. Bands and drum corps have competed at the fairs of the past two years. The drill team competition, however, is a new feature. In addition, clown bands from numerous cities and town will enliven the day.

The most impressive of the day's galaxy of events will be "Retreat" at 5 p. m. and again at 10 p. m. Aligned in mass formation before the grandstand, the massed bands, bugle corps and drill teams will present a pageant of color and maneuvers of machine-like precision for the entertainment and wonderment of the throngs.

While the massed military units stand at "Retreat" for lowering of colors, a quartet of war-time buglers will sound "Retreat" and "To The Colors." The national anthem will be played by the massed bands.

HEAVY RAIN BENEFITS CORN AND GARDENS

A heavy rain early Monday morning soaked the ground with enough moisture to save the corn crop from further loss at the present. The price of grain the next morning was a half cent off. Gardens badly in need of rain looked like they had been given a new lease on life.

GRAVEL ROAD COMPLETED

Stretching out to the southwest and joining the Lake Fork and Primmm gravel road, is a fine gravel road of four miles.

Work on this stretch was completed last week under the direction of George Suedmeier, township highway commissioner. George Awe and Geo. Jackson of Lincoln, who had the hauling contracts, completed their work in splendid time and will start to work on the completion of the Primmm road into Lake Fork as sub-contractors of the Hoffman Construction company.

The cost of hauling and graveling was approximately \$1,000 per mile. The gravel was spread 5 and 1-2 inches thick and 8 feet wide.

MEXICO BOUND

Darwin Downing and Roy Becken left for Mexico last Monday. They are expecting to be gone for possibly ten days.

Interesting Sidelights As Viewed from an Un-biased Standpoint

(Washington Correspondent, Washington, D. C.)—July 28—With the end of the first session of the Seventy-second Congress Washington is surveying the wreckage and preparing plans for the Presidential campaign.

Unprejudiced observers here are a unit in calling the work of this Congress a good deal of a mess. The session started out harmoniously, with leaders and members of both parties working shoulder to shoulder to try to enact legislation which would tend to stimulate business and industry. But as the political situation grew more intense the session developed into a cat-and-dog fight. Neither party had a large enough majority in either House to force its party measures through.

Now For The Election

With the adjournment of Congress, most of the Democrats in Washington have gone home. Washington's point of view as to the campaign, therefore, is almost overwhelmingly Republican. It is still too early for even the most experienced political observers to make any serious predictions, but the feeling in Washington is that when the election is over both sides will know they have been in a fight.

Mr. Hoover has personally taken no steps as yet toward shaping up his part in the campaign. He is leaving the complete direction of political maneuvering to Everett Saunders, the new chairman of the Republican National Committee, who has a freer hand than any of his predecessors have ever had. The same is true of ex-Senator Henry Allen of Kansas, who will be in complete charge of Republican campaign publicity. Senator Allen accepted the publicity chairmanship this year only on condition that he was to have an absolutely free hand and be the supreme boss. Mr. Allen is an able newspaper man, as well as an experienced and astute politician, and it is to be expected, therefore, that the Republican publicity efforts will be as effective as it is possible to make them.

The Hoover Notification

There has been some talk of making the occasion of Mr. Hoover's acceptance of the Presidential nomination a big celebration, with tens of thousands of Republicans coming to Washington from all parts of the country and having, as it were, a mass-meeting on the Capitol Plaza. The indications are, however, that it will be a rather simple ceremony with only a few party leaders present, in the White House or on the White House grounds.

During the campaign Mr. Hoover does not plan to make more than six or seven speeches. The principal

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Lincoln Clerk Bitten By Viper

John Hopp Has Narrow Escape From Fatal Snake Bite Monday

John Hopp, a clerk at the Dummer store in Lincoln, was bitten by a venomous Central American viper, Monday, while helping hang up a bunch of bananas.

Carl Dummer, proprietor of the store, had a close call from himself being bitten by the reptile. He had dragged the crate of bananas to the front of the store, where Hopp helped him lift the bunch from the crate up onto a hook. As Hopp let his hand rest on the crate he felt a sharp jab, and exclaimed, "Something bit me." Looking down he saw blood spurting from his finger, and there coiled on the side of the crate was a dark colored snake some three feet long.

Dummer killed the snake and Charles Dummer rushed Hopp by truck to Dr. Drummy's office. After the injections he was given further treatment an hour later, and then was removed to the hospital.

Immediately after he was bitten, Hopp sucked much of the poison from the open wound.

Monday night he began to have pains, his temperature rose and his heart action weakened slightly from the effects of the poison. He became violently sick at his stomach and his arm became numb. Tuesday he was greatly improved.

One single dose of the anti-venom serum was found at Springfield; otherwise the nearest supply was Chicago. This special serum counteracts venom of any known snake except that of the coral snake.

Dr. C. S. Oglevee identified the snake as a member of the Pit Viper family. Snakes of this species include the deadly copperhead, rattlesnake and water moccasin.

The snake measured three inches, was dark bluish green color with faint brown markings along the sides were a few white spots. It was slender, measuring only about an inch in diameter in the middle and its body, unlike the usual round bodied snake, was compressed, being thicker up and down than sideways.

Fire Department Responds Quickly

When the fire alarm sounds and minutes seem like hours, most people have no idea how long or short a time it takes the fire department to respond to a call. In order to satisfy his own mind and unbeknown to the firemen, one of our citizens timed the boys on Saturday morning when the alarm was sounded for the Christmann fire on South Washington St.

They were timed from the sound of the siren until the fire apparatus and men were at the scene of the fire, four blocks from fire department headquarters, ready to throw water if needed and the time consumed was exactly six minutes.

The time would not be remarkable if the boys were stationed at headquarters ready to go, as soon as the alarm came in, but it is fast work when it is taken into consideration that members of the volunteer fire department are employed in various occupations in scattered parts of the city and many of them travel several blocks to headquarters, after the alarm sounds. The speed and promptness of the firemen in answering a day or night, is one of the reasons why fire losses in Mt. Pulaski have been kept down to a low figure.

The fire at the Louis Christmann barber shop was caused by a defective flue. The blaze started beneath the roof and was extinguished with chemicals. The loss was small.

HOME COMING AT FRENCH'S CHAPEL

At French's Chapel next Sunday we have that big Home Coming we have been announcing for some time. Following is the program of the Eighth Annual Home Coming at French's Chapel:

10:30 Preaching service, Doctor W. D. Fairchild, our District Supt., is to be the preacher. As a special to this service Byron Blout will sing "Going Home."

11:45 to 1:45—Basket dinner in the basement. Hot coffee and extras will be provided by the ladies of The Chapel.

1:45—Afternoon program as at present arranged:

The Little Brown Church in The Wildwood—Congregation. Selection by Mt. Pulaski Junior Choir.

The Methodist Album—Members of Community.

Mt. Pulaski Male Quartette. Reading—Alice French.

Reading, Mrs. James Reynolds. Business meeting.

Solo—David Humphreys.

Playlet, "Summer Sundays", Members of Chapel S. S.

Reading—Mrs. A. A. Smith. Open meeting for everybody, testimony, experience reminiscence, etc.

Male Quartette of Mt. Pulaski. Solo, Miss Carolyn Snyder.

Methodist Church

Doctor Fairchild will hold the Fourth Quarterly Conference in Mt. Pulaski church next Sunday at 7:30. Since the Pastor's vacation time has come we have no preaching on the charge until August 21st. The pastor may not leave town but just rest up in order to collect some ideas.

The A. V. Class is desirous of disposing of The Friendship Name Quilt, which was recently displayed at the Downing & Tomlinson Clothing Store. Mrs. Ethel Vail will be glad to receive sealed bids before August 8th.

Gap On Route 121 Is Now In Good Condition

Just who is to be given credit for the reconditioning of the route 121 entrance into Lincoln from the south, we do not know. But we do know that it is a wonderful improvement over the chuck holes that have been a terror to all motorists in and out on this route.

The work was done by the county altho the state is supposed to maintain this gap. The road was scarified and bladed and is now in fine shape.

LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED DURING AUGUST

Patrons of the Mt. Pulaski Library are notified that the library will be closed during the month of August. Books issued on Saturday July 30 can be held until the re-opening of the library on the first Saturday in September.

Political Static

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"Say that Republican who was blaming the 18th amendment on the Democrat party was all wet himself. He probably conveniently forgot that Woodrow Wilson, a democratic president vetoed that amendment. Then Congress made up or controlled by the Republicans, passed it over his veto."

"I can't see where it makes much difference which way the election goes. Times are tough but I can't see where one party is any better than the other when it comes to remedying the situation."

"It's too bad we haven't a man like Grover Cleveland to handle the situation at the present time."

Love may be blind, but the average mother-in-law is an eye opener.