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COMMENT

AS ELECTION DRAWS NEARER

As primary election date draws nearer, the assertions of political aspirants become more pointed in their reference to each other. Hammill and Dickinson, republican seekers for senatorial honors, have been pointing out defects in each other's policies with considerable animation, until the innocent bystander, otherwise known as the voter, is liable to become somewhat confused, and perhaps dizzy, as he stands on the sidelines and watches the words go whizzing by.

Hammill concludes that Dickinson is no help to the farmers, and Dickinson's conclusion regarding Hammill is equally impressive. Farm Bureau men out this way seem to feel that Dickinson's vote has been proof that he is their friend, and they seem quite likely to support him.

In the governorship race the income tax and anti-income tax talk rages unabated. Dan Turner is for an Iowa income tax law and Ed Smith is opposed to it.

Smith, in a statement issued for release yesterday says: "Careful investigation reveals that the income tax has not lowered real estate taxes in Wisconsin. On the contrary, real estate taxes in Wisconsin have increased faster since the income tax was adopted than they have in Iowa during the same period. In 1910 Wisconsin levied a property tax of $30,000,000. Iowa levied $31,000,000. Wisconsin's first income tax was adopted in 1911. It has been amended several times in order to produce more and more revenue. In 1928 Wisconsin levied $117,000,000 in property tax, while Iowa levied $100,000,000. Wisconsin increased her land taxes faster than Iowa because the additional funds were on hand and easy to spend. . . The income tax has not been a replacement tax in Wisconsin. It would not be in Iowa. Tax spending boards and bodies, with additional funds at their disposal, spend more, not less money. Iowa needs more economy in public spending, not more public money to spend."

Dan Turner, on the other hand, is a strong advocate of the income tax plan. In Iowa, land and property carry 97% of the tax load, according to a circular distributed by the Farm Bureau Federation, money and credits 3%, while incomes amounting to $1,005,000,000 pay no taxes whatever. "There can be no real equalization of taxes until all of the net income of the state is taxed. The two-thirds of the net income of the state which is now escaping from any share of the tax burden must be taxed and then there must be the proper enforcement of all the taxes." (The quotation is from the Federation circular.)

Iowa's tax laws are declared by most students of taxation to be obsolete, although it is admitted that they would do much to relieve the burden on property if they were properly enforced. But the time when land was the only thing available for taxation has long since passed, and with taxes steadily mounting on farm and town property it is not surprising that there is an ever-increasing demand that there be a change.

With the strong farm organization composed of men who are most vitally interested favoring the state income tax, and Dan Turner advocating it, it seems certain that Turner is going to have a big following from this one source alone.

Many are not so certain that an income tax will relieve the situation, but they are just about desperate enough to give the system a trial.

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WHY IS THIS?

We wonder sometimes what is the basis for the assumption that small town newspaper editors should line up on one side or the other, editorially, in every local community squabble that arises. Just why is it supposed to be the function of a newspaper, (whose legitimate business is the presentation of news as fairly as possible), to assume the leadership in every petty wrangle that agitates a town?

Private citizens express their sentiments on the street, or elsewhere, as they see fit, but seldom do they care to prepare their arguments and present them over their own signature in cold black and white on the newspaper page. That is altogether too risky. Yet they seem to think that the newspaper man should involve himself in controversies which can only result in making needless enemies not only for himself but the cause he espouses; that he should do it gladly and fearlessly; and suffer the consequences with a smile.

Almost any newspaper editor is willing to take a stand on the major matters of public policy in state and nation, in so far as he believes himself competent to reach reasonable conclusions, but he is just as unwilling to stir up conflicts in his own little town, through his paper, as his readers are in signed articles.

It seems to us that there is no reason whatever in expecting a newspaper editor to attempt to "mold" public opinion in his little "burg." His opinion is just one man's opinion, and of no more value than that of any other citizen equally well informed. If he has a sense of his comparative importance he will be no more likely to force his views about strictly local disturbances upon his public than any other citizen would be.

RANDALIA NEWS

Gathered by Our Regular Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. VanSickle and children, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hack and children, also Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilbur of near Maynard attended a picnic dinner Sunday in the M. S. Schneider home at Oelwein in honor of Mrs. Schneider's 67th birthday. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Knos and Mary Knos, all of Oelwein.

W. B. Hall just completed a new 8x10 brooder house Saturday.

Hit by Sledge Hammer.

Harry Bright was seriously injured Friday a. m., while at work in the round-house at Oelwein. The sledge hammer he was using came off the handle, striking him on the head and rendering him unconscious for nearly 8 hours. He was taken to the Mercy hospital for treatment and is getting along as well as can be expected.

Barney Teepe has been ill for several days.

Five Center township women attended an all day "music appreciation" meeting at the college gym at Fayette Friday. Miss Fanny Buchanan was in charge of the meeting, whose object was to promote greater interest in, and appreciation of good music for our homes. About 30 were present.

There are 14 in the graduating class of 1930. The class colors are: orange and black; class flower, pansy; class motto, Love, Labor, Laugh. Commencement exercises will be held May 20. Bruce Gates of Waterloo Business College will give the address.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grimes, Oelwein, are the parents of a 9-lb. son, George Gorden, born at Mercy hospital, April 15. Mrs. Grimes formerly was Helen Orbell.

Miss Amelia Shierry returned home Friday after spending several days in the Adam Shafer home near Fayette.

April meeting of Center township Farm Bureau was postponed to Monday evening, April 28. County Agent B. W. Lodwick will give a talk. Music will be furnished by the school band. A one-act comedy, "Listening In", will be given. Members of the cast are Mrs. John Peterson, Mrs. Lester Arthur, John Peterson. The Girls' Glee club will take part in the program and moving pictures will be shown.

Fred Orbell attended a lumberman's meeting Thursday evening at Oelwein.

A meeting of township trustees was held Saturday evening to select the election board.

Hannah McComb of Fayette was a guest over Saturday night of her brother, Harland McComb, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schmidt and children of near Nashua were Sunday dinner guests at the parental D. Irvine home. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lenius and son.

Mrs. Roy Mayville and son of Minneapolis, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McSweeney of Fayette were visitors Friday at the James McSweeney home.

E. A. Boehmler trucked a load of hogs to Oelwein Wednesday for R. I. Claxton. Mr. Claxton accompanied him.

Little June Bennett is ill with an attack of asthma.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett and two children, accompanied by Mrs. Geo. Davis and Frances Carpenter, motored Saturday evening to Oelwein and were accompanied home by Mrs. Margaret Stogden, who had visited in the Elisha Strain home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Robb of Cedar Rapids were Sunday visitors in the parental T. E. Hockert home.

Everette Brenneman, Max Clark, D. S. Domer accompanied five boys to Cedar Falls Saturday to a track meet. They were George Orbell, William Llewellyn, Glen Peterson, Cecil Davis and Lloyd Strochein.

Misses Georgia and Ida Llewellyn of Sumner were Saturday evening visitors in the W. P. Llewellyn home.

Roy Freeman of Independence was a guest Thursday night and Friday in the Roy Odekirk home.

Mrs. F. C. Hoar went Saturday to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Duke, and family at Oelwein.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edel accompanied Walter Shaulis and wife to Waterloo Saturday.

Jennie Duggan of Dubuque was a week end visitor at the Mrs. Carrie Duggan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland McComb and Hannah were visitors Sunday in the S. W. McComb home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Horecka of Oelwein were Sunday visitors of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McFadden.

Glen Shafer motored to Waterloo on business Thursday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Shales were Waterloo visitors Monday.

Aubrey Story, who has been visiting his parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Story and Mrs. B. S. Bronn, spent the week end at Decorah.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frye and two children and Wilma Binning visited Mrs. Charlotte Fox at Fayette Thursday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Doss motored to Waterloo Wednesday on business.

Owen Whiteford barbered at Maynard Saturday for Anton Haas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Holmes, accompanied C. M. Holmes of Fayette to Charles City, Wednesday, to visit Mrs. Holmes' sister, Mrs. Hattie Jewett.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bacon and children visited at Oelwein Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shafer spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Shafer's mother, Mrs. Frank Chittenden, at Fayette.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Whiteford and daughter, Aletha, were visitors Sunday at Oelwein.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hack and two daughters, Fern and Clara Isabelle, were visitors at Fayette Tuesday p. m.

Walter Englage spent the week end at Chicago.

The M. E. Church is gathering eggs to send to St. Luke's hospital at Cedar Rapids.

Raymond Smith of Evanston, Ill., visited Wednesday and Thursday in the parental Ed Smith home, enroute to Clutier, Iowa, to visit his brother, Royal.

Miss Iola Robinson and Wayne Aiken of Tripoli were visitors in the Rev. Doss home Monday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Bronn, Jr., spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Vorhees, of near Sumner, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hall of near Oelwein spent Wednesday at W. B. Hall's. The former assisted his brother in building a new brooder house.

T. S. Briggs was a visitor at Fayette Thursday, his father, J. S. Briggs, accompanying him home.

W. B. Hall was pleasantly surprised Wednesday, when he received twenty-six Rhode Island Red chicks from Stillwater, Okla. His son, Lester, who sent them, is employed by V. O. Wilson, who is manager of the Stillwater breeding farm and hatchery.

Mrs. A. J. Vaughn returned Monday from the University hospital at Iowa City, where she has been receiving treatment on her face.

Passion week services were held last week at the Methodist church. Tuesday evening a sermon was preached by Rev. Virgil Welch of Fayette, Wednesday evening by Rev. Selden of West Union, Thursday evening by Rev. J. Felter of Hawkeye and also presented sacrament, and Friday evening Dr. Hall of Maynard conducted a wonderful service especially for the young people. There was special music every evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Binning and son, Clair, were visitors at Fayette Wednesday.

James McSweeney and son were visitors at Fayette Wednesday.

Clair Binning has been ill the past week.

Raymond Warner of Lima has been assisting W. Wilbur in the garage the past week.

Mrs. Glen Shafer was a business visitor at Fayette Wednesday.

Forrest Odekirk visited Harry Bright in the Oelwein hospital Saturday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frye and daughter, Loraine, and son, Robert, were visitors at Oelwein Friday p. m.

Mrs. Hugh Mahon was ill last week.

School Notes.

The 1st and 2nd grade pupils had an Easter party Friday p. m. * * Mrs. Ole Tokheim and sister, Mrs. Haussman, visited the Primary room Friday. * * The Primary pupils are much interested in the flower and vegetable gardens in their rooms. * * * Mrs. Frank Davis and Mrs. B. Severson visited the 3rd and 4th grade room this week; also Mrs. Fred Haussman and Mrs. Ole Tokheim. * * * Mildred Ishman, Bobby Bacon and Lorraine Frye surprised their school mates by birthday treats this week. * * 4th grade language class memorized the poem, "My Creed," by Howard Arnold Walter.

Mrs. Dr. Conrad of Decorah has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Myron Talcott, and family for several days.

DONNAN

(Special to The Leader)

George Perry of Cedar Rapids spent the week end with G. M. Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Knox were Sunday evening callers in the G. R. Holmes home.

Inez Peterson was an overnight guest of Cora Lee, at Hawkeye, Tuesday.

Mrs. Lillie Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crawford and family, West Union, were Sunday evening callers in the A. Sherman home.

George Sherman was a business caller in Oelwein, Saturday.

Mrs. Habel O'Brien's dog was shot Friday and died Saturday. The dog was a great pet. Some one has been shooting or poisoning several pet dogs in this vicinity the past year.

School Notes.

The 5th six weeks period ended Friday, April 12. Those who were not absent during the period were Otto Niemann, Lionel Begalske, Violet Walker, Grant Peterson, Roger Sherman, Harold Walker, Dorothy Sherman.

The Learn to Study Reading Series has been added to the reading program of the first four grades.

W. H. Simons of the state department of education, and county superintendent L. G. Meyer visited school Wednesday forenoon.

Lionel Begalske of the 3rd grade has scored nine in arithmetic work book tests for the entire period.

Grades three and four have completed their study of geography and will study history for the remainder of the year using as their text, Blaisdell & Ball's American History for Little Folks.

The children in the Wm. McIntyre home have returned to school after several weeks' absence on account of small pox. Every member of the family excepting Mrs. McIntyre had the disease.

Those who wrote perfect spelling papers for the six weeks' period were Lionel and Arlene Begalske.

The grades and high school are working on a minstrel to be given the latter part of May. Every pupil in school will take part.

During the past six weeks period the primary grades have made doll cradles from oatmeal boxes, cretonne and enamel; a health house from graham crackers, a pint milk bottle, lettuce leaves and dried fruits. They will begin work on an oilcloth doll project this period.

LIMA

(Special to The Leader.)

The first real rain of the season fell last Monday night and Tuesday with a few occasional showers the rest of the week. Then on Saturday night and Sunday it rained again, so now there is plenty of moisture but field work has been delayed several days. There is some seeding still to be done, and some fields are already showing green.

The Ladies' Aid and husbands will be entertained at the church Saturday evening.

On account of the rain Sunday the Easter program will be given next Sunday morning at 10:30.

Mrs. Philip Cox of Waterloo came Monday for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Earle.

Emory Doland and son, Floyd, of Waterloo spent Sunday with their father and grandfather, O. H. Doland, who is again very ill. Mrs. Doland is suffering from neuritis in her face.

Mrs. C. F. Oelberg and Mrs. R. M. Dickinson attended the township farm bureau meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. Harvey Toutsch, and held a follow-up meeting Saturday at Mrs. Reuben Jones'. Eight ladies were present, and several sets of bookends, portfolio covers and book covers were made and two waste baskets were finished.

Garfield Bass of Rochester, Minn., visited from Wednesday till Friday in the homes of his brother, Farrell, and sister, Miss Carrie Bass.

SMITHFIELD

(Special to the Leader)

Miss Verne Dixon arrived home Saturday evening from Chicago where she has been for some time.

Jess Welch and Charley Beltz were business callers in Oelwein Saturday.

The Arch Baker family and the Everett Odekirk family of Fayette spent Easter Sunday in the Ersie Clegg home.

The children in the Stranahan school enjoyed a week's vacation last week.

Donald Clegg spent the last of the week in the home of his uncle, Arch Baker.

Mrs. B. W. Dixon is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Wilson, of Volga City.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickols of Oelwein moved last week on the G. R. Abel farm.

The Helping Hand society meets Thursday afternoon of this week with Mrs. Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Payne and family of Fayette spent Easter Sunday in the parental Bert Spatcher home.

Roy Potter and wife spent Easter Sunday in the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Ida Burns, at Fayette.

MAYNARD

(Special to the Leader)

Belmont Kappmeyer returned to Iowa City Monday morning to resume his work at S. U. I., after spending the Easter recess here with relatives and friends.

A group of young people of the Lutheran Church of Oelwein gave an Easter pageant in the church here Friday evening.

The ladies auxiliary to the Farm Bureau held a meeting of project leaders at the home of Mrs. Henry Henniges Friday.

Tom Case visited his mother and other relatives in Harrison county last week.

The Ada Reading circle met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Buenneke Friday. In the prize essay contest on "Iowa" Mrs. Payne placed first, Ruby Buenneke second.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent Friday at the Manse when Mrs. Caldwell, assisted by Miss Zella, entertained at an Easter Tea. About 35 ladies were present.

Miss Emmer Maynard came up from Oelwein Saturday to attend the last services for Mrs. Schuyler Maynard. She remained with relatives here till Sunday evening.

Mrs. Dr. Conrad and Nicolas Samuelson and family were here Saturday in attendance at the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. S. Maynard.

Mrs. Schuyler Maynard, aged 86, passed away Thursday at her home here. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rich, early pioneers of this place. Mr. Maynard preceded her in death four years ago. She leaves to mourn, her only son, George, two sisters, Mrs. Bement of Minnesota and Mrs. Sargeant of Nebraska, a number of nephews and nieces and many other relatives and friends. Mrs. Maynard was a woman of innate refinement, of spiritual and educational attainments which gave to her life a sublimity which she transmitted to her friends. Truly the memory of her life rests with us as a benediction. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. P. Jennison assisted by Rev. Caldwell.

ELGIN

[From The Echo]

Last Friday's meeting of the Elgin Community Club was probably the best in attendance so far this year. There were over thirty present.

The main topic for discussion was roads, as a proposal had been made to Elgin whereby we might get a small slice of primary road and the meeting was called especially to determine what course Elgin should take. Visitors were invited and allowed to express their wishes as well as members. A committee was finally selected which will have full power to represent Elgin and meet with the commission. This probably will be done this week.

The matter of a suitable band stand was also brought up and everyone agreed that something should be done in regard to this. We have a real band, a good place for concerts and all that is lacking is the stand. Some have voluntarily offered donations of labor, others of cash and it should not be a matter of much expense to anyone to put this across. A committee was appointed to look into plans and estimate the expense before going any further.

Jim Kennedy moved his road outfit Monday morning to northwest of Clermont on the river road, where he has several miles of township grading. They made quite a parade as they left town that morning.

Mr. Kennedy's gang worked here about two months. They were here until late last fall and again this spring they put the finishing touches to the creamery hill. If some of the old timers should drive over this hill now they won't recognize the place as there isn't much of a hill left. Now when the bridge is built and one more curve taken out, the creamery hill will be nothing but an easy grade.

The date for the organization meeting for the Little Eight League has been set for Friday p. m., April 25, at 1:30 o'clock. The place of meeting will be at the court house in West Union.

HAWKEYE

(From The Beacon)

Granting of final citizenship papers to Chris Dueholm, 38, tester for Cow Test association No. 3, will start a train of events affecting lives both in the United States of America and the Kingdom of Denmark!

Mr. Dueholm was granted his final papers Tuesday morning at a naturalization hearing in West Union. Four others also became Americans.

Mr. Dueholm is a Dane and came to this country in 1923. This was his second immigration, however. He had spent some time prior to 1923 in this country. He has been No. 3's tester the last four and one-half years.

Protected by his new rights as an American, Mr. Dueholm now plans to return to Denmark on a romantic mission.

This will be his last return to the old country. He expects to bring back a wife—the girl who has been waiting for him!

The ship he now plans to sail on leaves New York the middle of June. He plans to apply for leave of absence from association work.

Otto Spray, Hawkeye tiler employed by the Collins Farm Co., expected to finish the laying of three carloads of tile on the former Carl Weitenhagen farm in Windsor township Monday.

President J. W. Dickman of Upper Iowa University, Fayette, championed the cause of youth in a talk before the Parent Teachers association meeting at the gymnasium Friday night.

"Youth today is no worse than it ever was," he said. "The hopes, ideals and ambitions of young people are today above what they used to be, although they have greater tests to meet than formerly."

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The first year of prohobition saw a 28% in crease in school attendance. To day we have two pupils in high school for every one we had in saloon days. We have four in the normal schools, colleges and universities for every one in the saloon days.

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Sad, Isn't It?

A writer in a Cincinnati daily paper declares that much of the unrest of the present day comes from the lack of an adequate supply of liquor. He writes:

"Since they no longer have good liquor to dull their senses, they don't care to live in slums any more, and many are striving to have homes of their own. Ignorance now is regarded as a disgrace, and many insist on sending their children to universities, even making sacrifices to do this. No longer having the saloon in which to pass their evenings and Sundays, they have become restless and seek the countrysides, buying automobiles for that purpose. Such are the results when you take drink away from the people."

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Stops Jokes on Prohibition.

Members of the editorial staff of the Western Newspaper Union, which provides "ready-prints" for 11,000 newspapers, chiefly rural, with an estimated 25,000,000 readers, will not use in any form any "so-called jokes" based on violation of the prohibition law, from now on, according to instructions issued by Wright A Patterson, editor-in-chief. Mr. Patterson's decision was made after he had received from one of the publishers a protest against a "prohibition joke" sent out with other material.

EAT, EAT, EAT

Los Angeles Soroptimist—Behold! The lodge lodgeth together and they eat. The club clubbeth together and they eat. The business men take counsel together and they eat. The church hath a social and they eat. The young people's society elects officers and they eat. And even when the missionary society meeteth together they eat. But this latter is in good cause, because they eat in remembrance of the poor heathen who have not much to eat.

Behold! Hath man's brains gone to his stomach, and doth he hold so little regard for intellectual dainties that thou canst get together a quorum, or even a baker's dozen, except thou holdest up the baker's dainties as a bait.

Be it true that the day cometh when, to get a crowd at a prayer meeting, the preacher must hold up a biscuit?

Yea, verily, thou hast heard of the childishness of the world. But behold it is nigh thee, even at the door. For as one who calleth unto the child and sayeth, "Come hither, little one, and I will give thee a stick of candy," even so must thou say to his grown-up papa and mama, "Assemble ye together and we will serve refreshments." And lo, they cometh like sheep in a pen.

Ain't it the truth?

The cucumber station for Oelwein is now assured, as more than 50 acres has already been signed for by nearby farmers. The company has limited the number of acres for this year to 60.—Oelwein Register.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR SUPERVISOR TERM COMMENCING JAN. 1, 1931

I wish to announce my candidacy for the nomination for member of the board of supervisors of Fayette county for the term commencing Jan. 1, 1931, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary, June 2, 1930.

W. K. HUMPHRY,
Fayette, Iowa.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

I shall be a candidate for representative in the legislature from Fayette county in the republican nominating primaries of June 2.

23-11 THORE THOMPSON.

FOR SHERIFF

I wish to announce that I am a candidate for the nomination for Sheriff of Fayette county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the June 2 primary election.

F. H. MARTIN, Oelwein, Iowa.

FOR SHERIFF

I wish to announce my candidacy for the nomination for sheriff of Fayette county, subject to the will of the democratic voters of the county at the June primaries.

24-10 A. A. ROBERTSON.

FOR SHERIFF

I am a candidate for sheriff of Fayette county, subject to the decision of the Republican party at the primaries June 2.

25-9 C. C. CARMICHAEL.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER

I wish to announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Recorder of Fayette County subject to the decision of the republican voters at the June 2nd Primary election.

F. A. HOYT,
26-8 Fayette, Iowa.

It isn't the navy in hand that we'll save the big money on but the one we shall not have to build.—Marshalltown Times-Republican.

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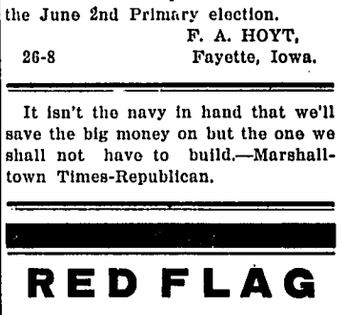

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