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ENFRANCHISED WOMEN SHOULD VOTE PRIMARY DAY

Now that the full franchise by the grace of the nineteenth amendment has been granted to Illinois women, it only remains for them to visit the polls next Wednesday, September 15, and there demonstrate their fitness to share in the ballot privileges.

To most of the Downers Grove women, voting is no new thing. Occasionally in the past twenty years there have been elections, principally school district affairs, which have called out a big vote of women. But next Tuesday is the first opportunity accorded our women voters to exercise a free and untrammelled ballot.

Many a man has been accused of being too lazy to vote. It is to be hoped that women voters will set the erstwhile "lords of creation" a good example in this regard.

There is no lack of incentive. There are issues enough to suit any taste and new ones appear with each succeeding day.

So ladies, here's to you. Vote and help usher in the brighter, better day for which we have waited.

SMITH FOR THE LEGISLATURE

It has been a long time since the Reporter staff was as hot under the collar as they are this week, and all over an election.

The reason is not hard to find. It is in the action of the Anti-Saloon League in their efforts to defeat Geo. M. Smith, of Wheaton, candidate from DuPage County for the legislature. Rather we should say as they do, their efforts to secure the nomination of Bentley and McCabe, simply because these two gentlemen have "supported the cause." They forget that Smith supported the cause and is a REAL dry, not a POLITICAL dry.

But that cause is a dead issue insofar as it pertains to the state legislature. The enforcement is primarily in the hands of Federal agents. In Downers Grove the work of the members is to be directed at the women. The men are too old hands at the political game to swallow whole the statements of the league. So we would say to the women, don't take everything that is told you regarding the "wet" and "dry" situation in this state without finding out just how powerless the state is with the 18th amendment in full force.

And don't take the Anti-Saloon's recommendation too seriously until you learn just what they did to Mr. Verdenius, your neighbor, two years ago, when he was just about to make the race for the legislature.

SMITH CAN WIN! The league says he can't. Smith has many friends in Will County. He will get a large vote there, the league says he won't.

SMITH can win! All that is necessary is that his neighbors of DuPage County vote ONLY for Smith.

Smith CAN win! "Plump" your vote for the DuPage county candidate. The man who is capable of representing this district, the man who is mentally and morally clean, the man who when his country called. ANSWERED.

Smith can WIN!! Vote ONLY for SMITH on next Wednesday, September 15th.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

We are taking this means to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all our good friends for their many acts of kindness during the long illness and after the death of our loved one. We wish in particular to extend our thanks to the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters, the Catholic Woman's League and the Highland ave. Neighborhood Club, an organization made up of neighbors, the very best in the world, and to whom we owe an everlasting debt of gratitude. We also extend our thanks to those of our friends who joined us on different occasions in humble supplication (prayers) for the recovery of our parent.

In the taking away of our dearly beloved one, death has robbed her children of a kind and considerate mother, her husband of a good and devoted wife and her neighbors of a true and worthy friend.

P. Grenier and children.

OUR CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF STATES ATTORNEY

The most important office in DuPage County to be filled at the coming election, is the office of State's Attorney. This office costs the County, in salary and expenses, about \$10,000 a year. While DuPage County is, territorially speaking, a small County, it has wealth and by far a larger population than many of the larger counties in the State. Its proximity to Cook County has been, to a great extent, responsible for the large number of crimes committed in our County for several years past. Automobiles, horses, calves, sheep and other property has been stolen in large quantities in our County and to such thefts may be added bank robberies, automobile hold-ups, burglary and even murder. It is the duty of our State's Attorney, in conjunction with the sheriff of our County, to apprehend and prosecute those guilty of such crimes. In addition to this, it is the duty of our State's Attorney, to render advice in connection with County matters to all our County officials, which involves annually the expenditure of many thousands of dollars of the tax payers money. The construction of roads, now contemplated, and additional taxes voted for the construction and maintenance of township and community high schools will greatly increase the annual expenditure of the County. A large number of important contracts for road construction and other public improvements, will have to be prepared, let and supervised by our State's Attorney in the near future.

It is therefore of the utmost importance to the tax payers of DuPage County to elect a man to that office who possesses the necessary qualifications. None of us would, in our private affairs, think for a moment of hiring a man for so important an office, without carefully looking into the qualifications of the applicants. It should be so in public affairs. It is, as a rule, impossible for the average voter to obtain the necessary information concerning the qualifications of candidates for public office and hence we must either trust to luck or second hand information, when casting our ballots, for those who seek our suffrage. It need not however, be so with our candidates for County offices; the full measure of their fitness for office can readily be ascertained by a little effort on our part. We have three candidates for the office of State's Attorney:

C. B. Reed, Naperville, Ill.
John Prendergast, Wheaton, Ill.
John W. Leedle, West Chicago, Ill.

Careful investigation reveals the following state of facts:

Mr. Reed is a young man, about 20 years old, born at West Chicago, Ill., and admitted to practice law a few years ago, and since his admission to the bar, has practiced law, in a limited way, in Naperville. There is no question about the character and integrity of this young man. Investigation shows he has had no cases in our Federal or State Courts with the exception of a few minor cases in our Probate and Circuit Courts; his experience is limited mainly to a small office practice at Naperville and Justice Court cases. His general business experience also appears to be of a limited character. He claims the support of the American Legion and a few well known County politicians.

Concerning Mr. Prendergast, we have clipped the following from the Chicago Daily News:

(Daily News, Chicago, Feb. 23, 1916) "Democrat"

(Vote for Prendergast)
"John Prendergast, 1035 Kush st.; lawyer, First National Bank Bldg; born, Chicago; son of late Judge Richard Prendergast; attended public and parochial schools; graduate of St. Ignatius College, 1903; two years at Harvard University; graduate North Western Law School 1909; a clerk in Edward F. Dunn's law office four months; began practice of law in 1910; has practiced alone ever since, except for two years when he was connected with the Prendergast-Trumbull Co., dealers in cocoa; has lived in his ward almost continuously since 1903; able, vigorous and ambitious."

"Democrats by all means should

support Prendergast." It appears from this clipping that Mr. Prendergast is a democrat seeking election on the Republican ticket in DuPage County and that he also has been a resident of Chicago continuously up to February 23, 1916; has practiced law eight years and only two years in DuPage County. Investigation shows that he ran for alderman in Chicago in February, 1916, and hence only a resident of DuPage County for two years. Mr. Prendergast's ability as a lawyer is good and he has considerable forensic ability. From the foregoing however, we must conclude that his experience in DuPage County matters is very limited.

Mr. John W. Leedle has resided and practiced law continuously in DuPage County for about 20 years. The Court records show that he has had an extensive practice in the Federal and State Courts including our State Appellate and Supreme Courts. Our County records show that he has conducted and has been connected with a large number of important cases in our Circuit and County Courts. He is considered, by the legal profession, as a lawyer of ability and of unquestionable character and integrity. We also find, from investigation, that he has often been hired, by the County, to assist our present State's At-

torney in the prosecution of important criminal cases. He has a large business clientele and enjoys a lucrative practice in DuPage County and adjoining counties. From a fair consideration of the foregoing concise state of facts, it must be apparent that Mr. Leedle is the candidate deserving the support of the voters of DuPage County, at the polls on September 15, 1920. It may also be said that in prosecuting criminals in DuPage County, our State's Attorney is generally confronted by the best criminal lawyers of Cook County and hence the best legal talent is necessary in our State's Attorney's office to cope with such cases. There is no question but that men who have served our County during the war are entitled to consideration, and the writer has the highest regard for the members of the American Legion, for the Legion stands for obedience to law and order and for good government, and that being so, its members should, in this and other elections, look carefully to the qualifications of candidates for public office and especially not permit the Legion to be used for the purpose of furthering the personal ambition of politicians.

There is only one ticket in the field for the Office of State's Attorney for DuPage County, namely, the Republican ticket, therefore whatever candidate receives the nomination on the Republican ticket on September 15th next, is elected to the office.

A VOTER AND TAXPAYER.
Advertisement.
St. Paul's picnic which was held at Bunge's Subdivision on Labor Day was well attended. Young and old spent a delightful afternoon in the open air.

G. H. BUNGE Lawyer

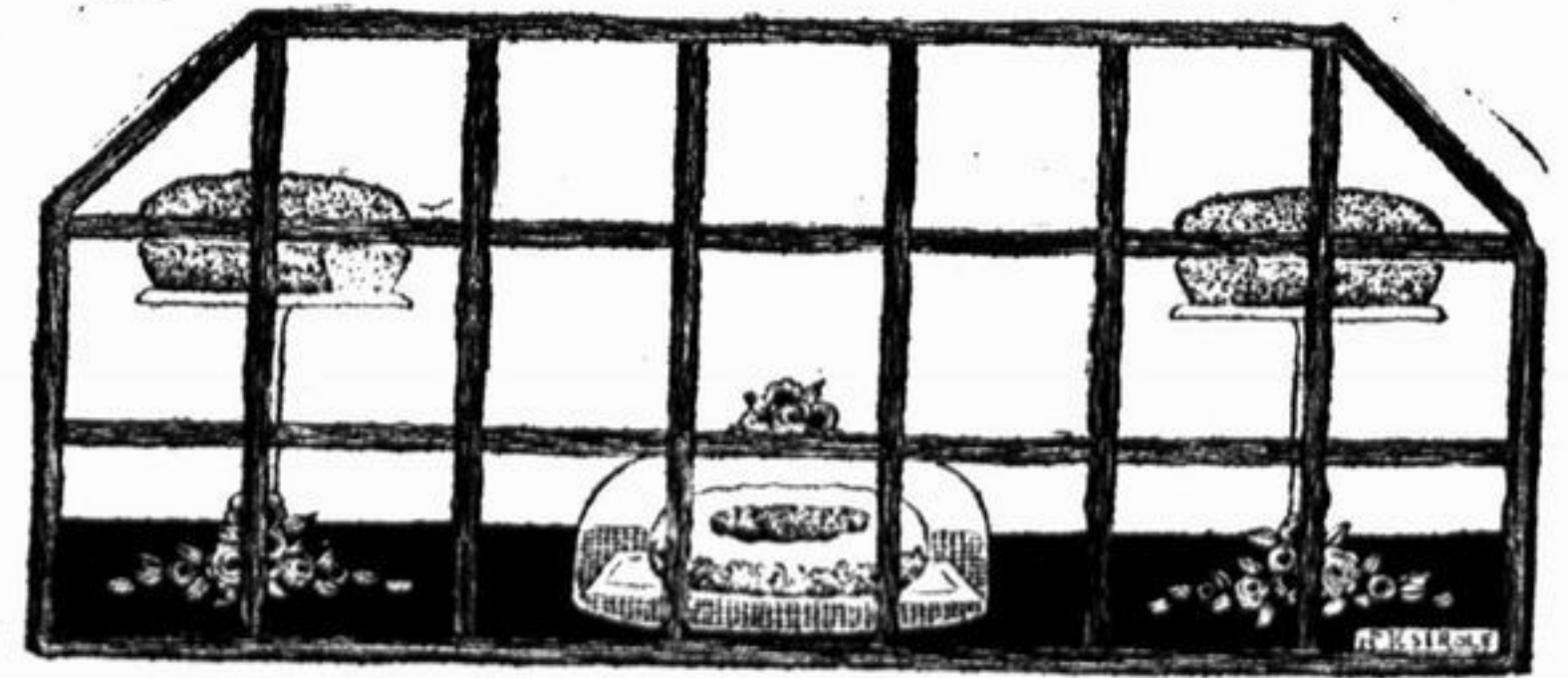
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