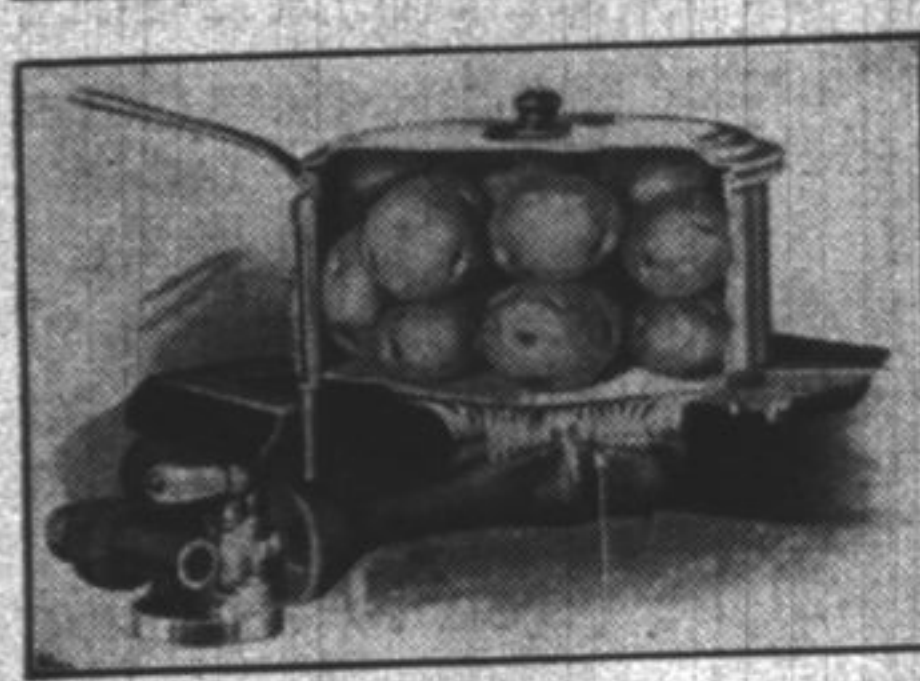
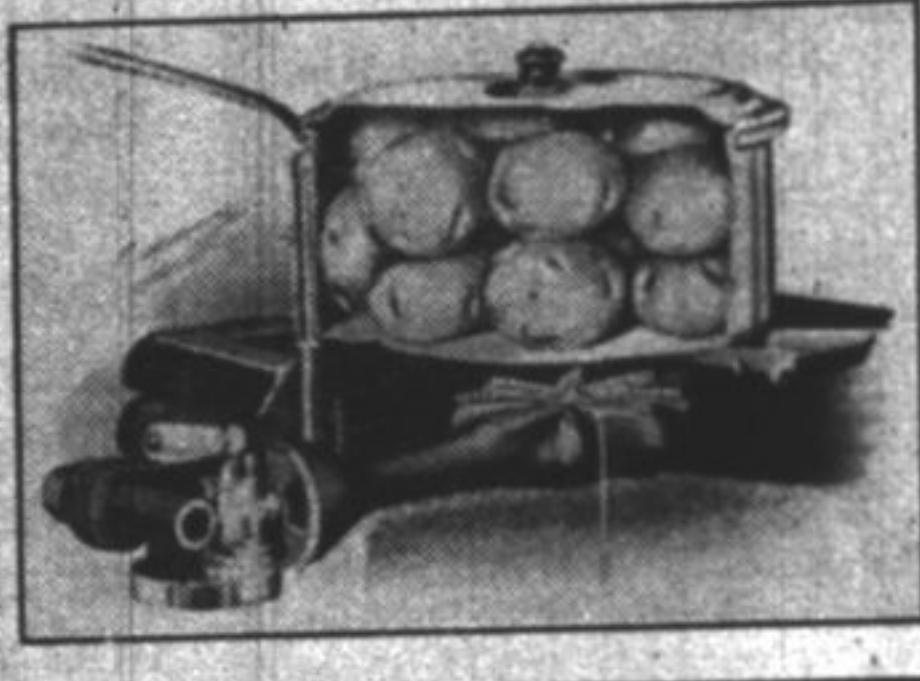


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An Open Letter

Because of charges made by James G. Welch that Martin C. Decker was being boomed for the county judgeship two years hence are declared without any foundation, and for other insinuations, Mr. Decker has caused the publication of the following open letter to Mr. Welch in which he states his reasons for opposing the latter in his state's attorneyship campaign:

MR. JAMES G. WELCH,

Waukegan, Ill.

Dear Sir:—You have taken the liberty to inject my name into the present state's attorney campaign, when I am not a candidate for office or a prospective candidate for any office. I am not a candidate for county judge and no one has ever even suggested such a thing to me. This statement has been manufactured out of whole cloth by you to antagonize Judge Persons and his friends against me and against Mr. Dady.

What you have been quoted as saying about me personally in some of your speeches forces me to accept your challenge and to state why I am against you for state's attorney.

I am against you for the following reasons:

1. I consider it a reflection on every home in Lake county and an insult to the manhood and womanhood of this county, that a man who has so cruelly wronged a sweet little woman as you wronged your wife, compelling her to divorce you on the grounds that you had been an habitual drunkard from October 2, 1913, to October 2, 1915, should so soon seek the stamp of approval by asking people to elect you to the best office in the county.

2. A state's attorney should be neither wet nor dry. You are a partisan wet. You have been one of their campaign orators. You are credited with writing newspaper articles for them. The men who do not want the liquor laws enforced are behind you. Until the saloons of Waukegan were closed, you stood before their bars abusing men who did not idolize the saloon as you did. Now you are appealing to the dry voters to elect you. I do not consider you a safe man for either side.

3. I consider it a reflection on our bar that you should seek this office. I cannot recall a single case you have ever won in our circuit court here where you were not associated with some other attorney.

You came to Lake county only a few years ago. Since coming here you have not been true to your family or to your friends. Is the state's attorney's oath of office any more sacred?

Mr. Welch, you have invited this letter. I wish to state to you that I am financially responsible and you can get redress for whatever is stated in this letter which is not true.

MARTIN C. DECKER.

SACRED TREE OF SPAIN.

And Its Connection With the Ancient Euskarian Language.

You all know about the Charter oak, that tree that figured in the fight for independence of the American colonies, and perhaps you have heard of other trees with national significance.

Did you ever hear of the sacred tree of Spain and the means by which it is perpetuated? It stands close to the town of Guernica, in Biscay, and under its spreading foliage the general juntas are inaugurated. Several centuries ago, when Spain was a loosely tied bundle of more or less independent states, the lords of Biscay took their oath under one of the parents of this same tree, where a stone bench was provided for their use, as a symbol of the enduring solidity of their reign. In some respects the tree shows a deeper symbolism than is to be found in the bench of hewn stone, for both the family dignity and the Euskarian language are handed from father to son.

In that isolated region a form of speech that is utterly different from both French and Spanish has been maintained since the beginnings of European civilization because each father made it his business to instill into his eldest son the idea that it was his duty to perpetuate his language and the peculiar institutions of his race.

The tree of the Basques is one of the hardest of all the hardy things to be found around the bay of Biscay and the Pyrenees mountains. The one that is now standing was taken from the parent tree in 1780 and had been growing for thirty years when its 300-year-old progenitor succumbed to age and a hard windstorm. Another shoot was started from this one forty years ago.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Dickens and Women's Clubs.

There is a certain connection between Dickens and the origin of the "women's club" movement in the United States which will interest his admirers. The New York Press club in 1868 ventured to give a dinner to him and to exclude all women workers on the newspapers of the city. The affront was felt keenly. It led straightway to the organization of a women's club called Sorosis, of which the chief members were press women, among them Jenny June Croly, Kate Field and Alice and Phoebe Cary. The success of Sorosis was such and its influence in expanding the range of women's interest and influence was so marked that it at once had imitators.—Christian Science Monitor.

Difference of Opinion.

"I have nothing to live for," said Slowpaw at table.
"Well, you'll find out soon that you can't live here for nothing," snapped his landlady.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Lake County Man for State Senator

To the Voters of Lake County:

In asking your support for State Senator I am seeking political office for the first time.

Heretofore my entire interest has been given up to business and farming.

My candidacy has not been urged by any politician or group of politicians. I do not, fortunately, need the salary of state senator. I do not desire the office as a stepping stone to higher office.

As President of the Milk Producer Association and as a director of the Illinois Farmers' Institute, I have had a complete opportunity to observe the pitiful representation of A. J. Olson and the crying needs of Lake County for constructive state legislation.

The history of the Illinois Legislature has, for the past few years, been blotched with scandal and extravagance. The sky has been the limit. Useless appointments, fanciful commissions with boundless appropriation have been the watchword.

A few able and sincere men in that body have stood out for economic government, but their protests have been unheard in the howl for spoils.

Among this few, sustained by the old fashioned idea that public office is a public trust, has at no time been found the present incumbent, A. J. Olson.

OLSON'S POLITICAL HISTORY

His record in the Chicago City Council as a representative of the infamous Market Street Gang became so intolerable that he moved to Woodstock to start his political future anew.

By lavish outlays of money and, by spurious good fellowship he has managed to attract to himself gentlemen of little civic interest but of intense financial appetite.

These gentlemen, active in his cause, have heretofore succeeded in electing him senator.

His record at Springfield has been as noxious as his record in Chicago.

Mr. Olson, among others, instructed by the preferential primaries to appoint Albert J. Hopkins as U. S. Senator, voted against him and caused the election of Lorimer—a man whose record and whose method of appointment was too raw to be sanctioned by the United States Senate.

To Olson the wishes of this district meant nothing then and mean nothing now.

It is Mr. Olson, among others, whom the farmers of Lake County may censure for the defeat of House Bill No. 55—a bill which provided for the tubercular inspection of all cattle COMING INTO THIS STATE.

HIS DESPERATION

The buffoon statesmanship of A. J. Olson has made this district a laughing stock of the state.

His former constituents in Boone and McHenry counties are repudiating him to his face.

His only hope is in Lake County and against a Lake County candidate.

Of the three counties composing the district, Lake County has the largest interest. Sincere and able representation can accomplish much in its behalf.

If Mr. Olson of Chicago and Woodstock has so failed to represent his home county that his former supporters have forsaken him, is it likely that he has any greater interest in Lake?

WET AND DRY OLSON

Four years ago Mr. Olson sought the Anti-saloon League for endorsement. Mr. Olson was dry. Then he, none was more devoid of damp. Believing in him, he was endorsed by that body and his candidacy was urged by them throughout the district.

At the same time, Mr. Olson was playing the bar-room hero in every saloon he could enter.

His subsequent election was the result of his excellent rendition of both parts.

This year he has again sought their endorsement. It has been refused.

HIS MISREPRESENTATIONS

Never is his voice heard on behalf of the people of this District. His time is too well taken up with entertaining and ingratiating himself with the gentlemen of the party in power. From them only, can he hope to gain the political patronage to feed the peanut politicians who are now frantically clamoring in his behalf.

In the last session of the legislature—six months of extravagance and scandal—countless opportunities have existed for protest. Great need has existed for progressive and protective legislation. In all that time the voice of Mr. Olson has only been heard for twenty minutes.

HIS STRATEGY

The present state senator, fearing that the spotlight of publicity may be turned on his record of indifference and inefficiency, attempts to poison the minds of the voters by inferring faithlessness on my part.

He refers to a civil suit started against me twelve years ago by a powerful trust—a suit which they shortly dismissed and out of which has grown a prosecution for its dissolution by the United States Government.

I did not lack the courage to stand out against monopoly.

I will not lack the courage to stand out against the spoilers and crackmen of the Illinois State Senate.

Rodney B. Swift of Libertyville
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