

All of the candidates agree to reduce the cost of living, but none of them agree to resign and let some one else try it in case they are unsuccessful.

The newspaper man is deeply touched by the affectionate greeting of the people who are working for free space or who want their political campaigns boosted.

OPEN LETTER FROM LOCAL ATHLETIC CLUB

Disputes Criticisms Made by Misinformed Persons. Purposes of Club Are Explained

In view of the fact that there has been either intentional misrepresentation or a mistaken idea of the objects of the formation of the Highland Park Athletic Club, it authorized me, as secretary, at its meeting in the City Hall on the evening of March 25th, to have inserted in the columns of The Press the following statement:

The objects of the formation of the Club were very plainly set forth in an article inserted in The Press under date of March 4th. It would be an utter impossibility to construe that article to mean that we aimed at wiping out of existence any other organization in the city unless it be a construction originating in the mind of an "I told you so" or some person who has been misinformed not having read the article in question.

The primary object was to foster, develop and promote athletics for all seasons of the year and to attain that end we should aim to promote social intercourse among the members and to provide an accommodation for same.

Now in the face of this declaration of principles it would seem impossible for any self-respecting person to question the motives of the club in view of the fact that there are several hundreds of both young and middle-aged men in the city whom we propose to be able to interest for their own benefit, the major portion of whom we already have on the roster.

As a matter of common courtesy, in case of further criticism of its motives, the club wishes to be informed as to the name of anyone giving expression to such criticisms whether they are a member of the club or not.

Yours respectfully,
T. P. CLARK,
Secretary.

AN EXPERIMENT WITH POTATOES

By Herbert R. Smith

In any community one may ask his neighbors about crops or chickens and get statements of results that are quite contradictory. The neighbors may be honest enough, but usually they have not tried to get all the evidence necessary for accurate judgment.

The writer appealed the case concerning which varieties of potato were best for Highland Park to the court of last resort, nature, and the decision may be found in the following statement of results:

The potato is our most favored vegetable. It appears on the family table at least once a day for practically every family and for some families it furnishes a large share of the daily food. The potato merits its place in public favor not only because of its low comparative cost, but also for its mineral content which is alkaline in nature. This latter property enables it to counteract the acid tendency of the other chief items of food such as meats and some of the cereals.

Five varieties of potatoes were selected in the spring of 1919 and planted in parallel 300 foot rows across the garden. The tubers used as seed were medium sized, and were cut the day before planting. At least two eyes were left to each cutting. The cuttings were soaked for an hour in a diluted formaldehyde solution (1 pint of 40 per cent formaldehyde to 3 gals. water). The rows were given the same care and culture.

The value of the formaldehyde treatment was shown by the fact that all the potatoes so treated produced smooth tubers, while some volunteer potatoes which grew near by were badly infected with potato scab and were about half the value of others weight for weight.

Variety	size	yield
Early Ohio, medium to small		40 lb.
Early Rose, medium		60 lb.
Irish Cobbler, medium to large		78 lb.

Rural New Yorker No. 2, medium small 60 lb.
Sir Walter Raleigh, medium to small 56 lb.
Since these potatoes were grown under practically the same conditions the difference in yield must be due to the variety.

The Early Rose seed seemed to lack the vitality that the others had, yet it ranks high in yield. Had it been equal to the others in vitality, its yield might have been equalled by the Irish Cobbler.

The poor yield of the Early Ohio was forecasted by its shorter season of growth. The vines were dead by Sept. 1, while the others continued to be green until the end of October.

This variety sets more potatoes on the vines than the others but the shorter season does not suffice to give them all usable size. These two points make this potato unsuited for this locality where at the best the conditions in general are unfavorable to potatoes. So distinctly unfavorable is the soil and weather conditions of this locality that if reasonable care is not given the potato during the growing season, the crop will not repay the cost of seed and labor. Plant diseases and insect enemies are the next factors to decrease the yield. To prevent blight and to destroy the beetles a combined spray of bordeaux mixture and arsenate of lead was used about every ten days for July and August. If one is not careful about the proportions, the Paris green spray—if too concentrated—will burn the foliage and thereby induce blight. The arsenate of lead will not do this.

This year the writer plans to use two of the best varieties as shown above and experiment on different methods of culture. One idea that seems quite common among potato

growers is to "hill them up good." It seems certain that this will be detrimental during dry seasons as last year, since the "hilling up" process lowers the level of water in the soil and makes a greater surface from which evaporation can take place. It might not affect the yield for an average season, while it is likely that "hilling up" would be a positive help if the season were very wet.

SAVING SMOKE

The American people complain of coal shortage, and then they throw away millions of tons of fuel in the form of smoke.

Many progressive towns and cities are making a concerted effort for better coal consumption and smoke prevention. In Dayton, O., for instance, about 75 per cent of the boilers are now operated by mechanical stokers, and it is figured that the annual saving in that city is 67,364 tons of coal. There is of course an added expense for the stokers, but it would seem that the fuel saving would soon pay this cost.

If manufacturing plants, railroads, apartment houses, hotels, etc., would all put in smoke consuming devices, manufacturing and transportation expense would be saved, and less would be heard about coal shortage. Also the dirty coal smoke that now spoils house paint and furnishings would disappear.

Much of the enthusiasm for the Russian form of government evaporated when it was learned that the Bolsheviks had been ordered to go to work.

Senators who can't agree to get together and do anything are very likely to find the people agreeing to leave them at home.

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—The Chicago Tribune, Editorial, March 25, 1920

THE whole United States of America is watching the Illinois Preference Primary, Tuesday, April 13th.

And this is the reason: There is a great question before the people of this country, a question so great that it outrides any petty idea of favoritism for any favorite son and goes infinitely beyond state politics.

The question is just this: Which of the two men is big enough and broad enough to be President of the United States? Which, in your honest opinion?

It begins to look as if the country had made up its mind that no matter what may be thought of other candidates, Leonard Wood has done so much more and greater work for the nation, that there is no comparison between them.

We must not think of Leonard Wood as a soldier only, but as the greatest administrator of this age and generation, for his record proves it beyond all controversy.

Do you realize what this man has done? Do you realize for instance the mighty work he did in Cuba?

Cuba was a nation with its face in the dust after two centuries of tyrannical despotism—a land of misery and destitution, prostrated by anarchy, famine and pestilence. Its streets were open sewers, its population exploited by bandits and brigands; profiteering rampant and the people helpless to resist—until Leonard Wood was sent out to them by President McKinley to bind up their wounds and make them free and safe and strong.

Leonard Wood's work in Cuba will live as long as history stands. It won for him the praise of the world. He rid the land of yellow fever, buried the dead, cleaned the streets, laid sewers and built roads; stopped profiteering with an iron hand, established schools, restored industry and agriculture, gave the nation a constitution, organized its finances, paid its debts and turned its government over to the people of Cuba with a million dollars in the treasury.

It required the mind and grasp of a great statesman and a great administrator to do such work as that; and it was Leonard Wood who did it.

He was sent to the Philippines to establish order and restore another "lost land," and he did it. He handled Moro savages and Chinese pirates like children, and made good citizens of them.



Leonard Wood

Roosevelt was his friend; and praised his work. And now Leonard Wood stands to be judged by you on his record—by you and by all his countrymen of this and other States; whether he has made good in your eyes, or whether he hasn't. Whether he is fit and qualified by character and achievement for the Presidency of the United States.

You are the judge, you and your fellow voters at the great Preference Primary, Tuesday, April 13th.

Go to the polls and let the country know what you think and where you stand. Vote for Leonard Wood for President. It is your one chance to name the man you think should be in the White House for the next four years to come. Remember, also, that the need for a strong hand at the helm is greater now than it has been since Lincoln.

Whose hand shall it be? Vote for Leonard Wood and do not be misled. Do your duty as an American citizen as well as a citizen of Illinois.

Nathan William MacChesney
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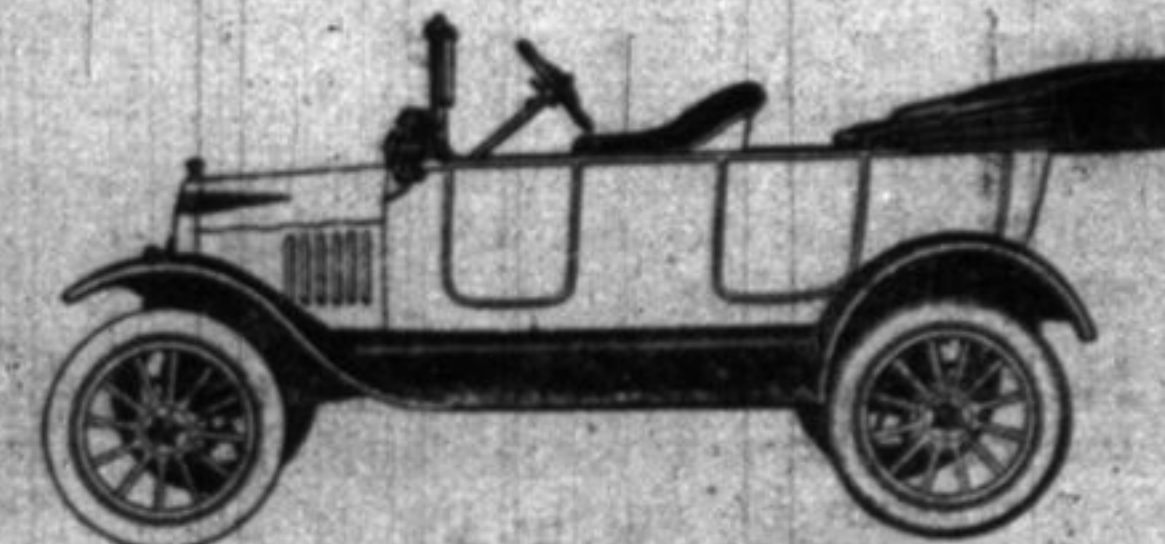
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