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On Choosing Candidates

The candidates for nomination for member of the Constitutional Convention are busy waging their campaigns. They are going about it in different ways, to be sure, each after the fashion that he believes will win the desired votes, but the purpose is the same. Method only differs.

Campaigning ought not to be left entirely to the candidates, particularly in an election that is as important to every citizen as this which is to provide the material from which the final choice may be made for the personnel of the body which is to draft a new basic law for the state of Illinois. Every citizen should be as busy determining the best material for the work that is to be done, as the men themselves are to secure nomination, in fact, more so, for the success of the right men means more to the individual citizen than his own success means to the individual candidate. What character of constitution is to be drawn by these men who are to be chosen for that duty is a matter of the utmost importance to the people who are to live under that law.

Some of the candidates are taking upon their souls the burden of campaign promises, pledges to stand for this or that, definitely aligning themselves under the banner of set reforms, assuming a position that they will find it impossible, perhaps, to maintain.

The new constitution of the state should be made as simple as such a document may be made. What is left out is quite as important as what is left in. To draw such a document is not a task for small men, men who are not possessed of vision and capacity to see things in their relation to other existing or probable conditions. And just in proportion as the several candidates realize this necessity and possess this quality they are refraining from seeking to win votes by the process of pre-election promises, promises that they know they will be able to perform only under certain definite conditions.

What the public should seek to find in the candidates who are to be voted upon in the primaries next month is their general qualification for the work that is to be done. A little man who promises all sorts of reform and lacks the capacity to make that promise good, is not the man who should be given place in the convention.

The quality of a man's capacity is to be measured by what he has already done, by the record that he has made in other activities with which he has been connected. His intention should be measured by the quality of citizenship that he has shown in the community in which he has lived. It is to the past of the men who are standing as candidates for nomination that we should look, not to their promises for the future.

The sixth district as a whole wishes to send the very best men that it can find to represent its people in the convention. To find who is best we must turn the pages of the records of the past, scan the character of the men as citizens, study the motives that are persuading them to be willing to give their time and energy to this public work, and base our choice upon the results that are obtained. Pledges and promises sound well but they are a poor basis

upon which to choose a man for such a task as that which will be performed by the members of the Constitutional Convention.

HOME ECONOMY EXPERT ADVISES HOUSEWIVES

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upon to do a lot of additional work merely for the purpose of being kept busy, she will be encouraged, and she will realize that the reward for her good work is not additional work.

Must Be Courteous

We must treat our assistants courteously and we must appreciate their efforts. If you are working together, I suggest that you do not talk about cleaning, scrubbing or cooking, but talk about something else; but, if you must talk about the housework, talk about it as being something to be done as a pleasure and not something unpleasant.

Act human to those who serve you. We need them and we should show that we need them and appreciate them, and if we do we will be repaid by loyalty and faithfulness. We should have our children understand that the maid is not an inferior person, but is some one in the home helping the mother, and the children should be taught to assist and respect the work being done and the helpers doing it.

The children should be taught to help. They should take care of their own closets; keep their clothes and shoes in place; keep their rooms neat, and it would not do them any harm if they had to make their own beds and also occasionally help with the dishes.

Apply Efficiency

The war had made us all more efficient than we were and we must apply this efficiency to our homes. The war has so equalized social conditions and we must recognize this in our homes.

To summarize, I think we will help solve the problem if we:

Recognize the importance of the home.
Equip ourselves to run our homes efficiently.
Give proper recognition to our co-laborers.

Quit talking against your work and start boosting. Now one wants to do work which you consider abhorrent. Every one is willing to do work which is pleasant.

Let us quit discussing the "servant problem," but let us continue discussing in a proper manner the

question of how to make our work attractive so that our fellow women will be glad to help us.

Discontinue the publication of stories which accentuate the difference in station between employer and employe.

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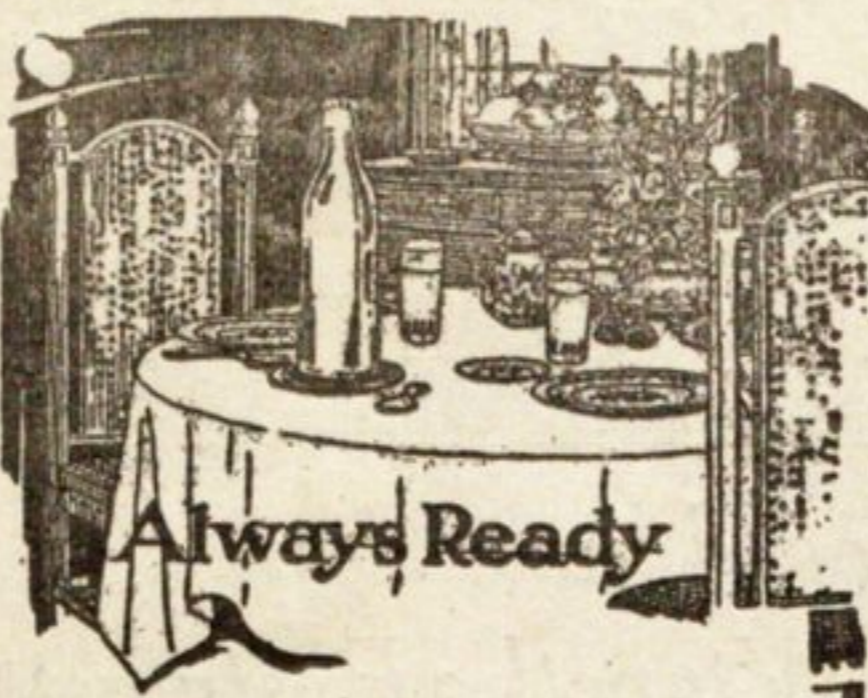
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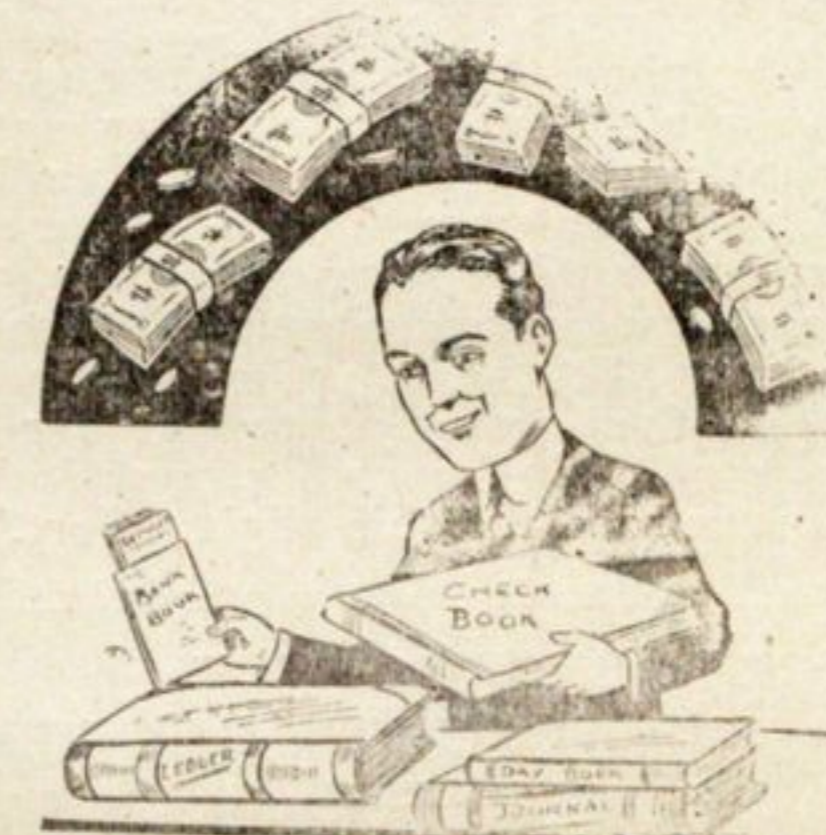
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