

SIDELINES

By Sydney M. Miner

THE RECENT ELECTION has placed the Democratic Party in a truly unique position, a position which has not been faced, at least to so marked a degree, by any modern political party. Because of the action of one strong member of the party a rift occurred in the ranks and in the course of a bitter primary campaign, the rift widened to an actual abyss which may even yet prove to be the pitfall of the party. The victory of Horner over the Kelly-Nash organization, while not a landslide is certainly indicative of the sentiment of the voting public. In light of this revelation, what can the stand of the "organization" be? They seem to be faced with a choice between the proverbial frying pan and fire. Two courses are open: support of the party's candidate, in spite of his open defiance; or "desertion of the deserter" and support of the opposition's candidate. either course is strewn with death traps, and from a non-partisan point of view, will lead the organization to its inevitable end.

SHOULD THE ORGANIZATION choose to support the Republican candidate, they face doom because of the accompanying lack of their support, or at least its limitation, of the national party. Furthermore, they will be contributing to the comeback of their opponents, who will then probably be able to take over the whip-hand which has been held from them for so long.

ON THE OTHER HAND, the more logical step, support of the party candidate, is not so easy a move. In spite of the overwhelming Democratic vote, it is impossible to overlook the fact that many of the Horner votes were not cast for Horner, but were cast as missiles, aimed at the "organization." Furthermore, a complete reversal of policy in face of the atrocious mud-slinging campaign will only serve to incite still more of the growing distaste for the activities of one of Cook County's biggest political syndicates. All in all, the situation is a distressing one as far as the Democratic Party is concerned.

ONE POINT that this election has served to bring forward bears upon the question of "Home Rule" for Chicago. The atrocities of this last political revolution have certainly set the idea of "Home Rule" back almost to its starting point. One should almost shudder at the possibilities placed in the hands of these politicians by the passage of the "Traction Bill."

IMMEDIATELY after the election, one of the city's leading newspapers came forth with headlines, blaring the fact that the city had faced one of its most fraudulent and corrupt elections in years. They certainly could not have been far wrong when squad cars were seen following a group of campaigners and systematically removing each sign which the campaigners had placed. Or even worse, is the story which can be told by any householder. Precinct workers, after knocking at a door and being apprised of the voting intentions of the resident, would feign allegiance to the same candidate, inform the resident of the terrific fight that the candidate must put up, and suggest that the resident mark some such notation as "Be sure to count this ballot" at the bottom of the ballot. In this way, while the worker did not gain a vote for his candidate, he did succeed in the equivalent, nullification of the opponent's vote.

IN LIGHT of these and other abominable tricks rampant in the city, and over which the city had no, or did not desire, control, is it reasonable to believe that Chicago or Cook County are capable of self-government?

Lyman Speaks Before Meeting of A.S.M.E.

"Versatility and Ingenuity in the Young Engineer" was presented last Friday in a talk by Mr. K. E. Lyman at a meeting of the Armour student chapter of A. S. M. E. in science hall. Mr. Lyman is technical assistant to the President of the Borg-Warner Corporation and has had wide experience as a research advisor. He was a professor at the Kansas State Agricultural College.

He stated that the young engineer should use ingenious methods and devices in solving many problems rather than depend entirely on book knowledge, especially in problems of investigation that are not solvable by formulae. A note of optimism was voiced for graduating seniors by Mr. Lyman in that present graduates will be given preference over graduates of the past few years in many engineering opportunities now being developed.

Players—

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In that play several girl actors from Hull House took part. The one act plays he directed during the last year were *In the Zone*, *The Bear*, *Dress Reversal*, *House of Juke*, and *Dust of the Road*.

The Armour Players will present a one act play, *Falstaff*, by William Shakespeare next Wednesday, April 29, in the Mission. Mr. W. B. Fulghum, the new sponsor, is directing the play, and the group will later compete in the N. Y. A. play competition for amateur organizations with this play.

Research—

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ity of the Institute indicates a definite decision to cultivate our relations with industry." It is expected that fellowships will be offered for graduate study with the foundation.

The foundation's organization will be limited to fifty active members from the faculty, alumni, and trustees of Armour. In addition provisions have been made for a maximum of 150 associate members. The scientific work of the foundation will be controlled by a research director and activity will be started as soon as negotiations have been completed with the cooperating companies.

W.S.E.—

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crease of one inch in thickness in the slabs used in highway construction made it possible to increase the traffic by 400% without producing failure.

At another meeting held by the society at four o'clock on Friday the speaker was H. E. Babbitt, professor of Sanitary Engineering at the University of Illinois, speaking on "Sanitary Engineering Abroad". Considered a national authority in this field, Professor Babbitt is also the author of the text, "Sewerage and Sewage Disposal", which the seniors are using in the course in Sanitary Engineering.

Announced for May 1, the next meeting of the W. S. E. will include a talk on "Engineering and Public Works", by Mr. F. C. Herring of the American Association of Municipal Engineering.

KALEIDOSCOPE

Happy Easter Egg

I guess I'm just a romantic devil at heart after all. No foolin', listen: Tonight as I wended my way homeward, oft my gaze fell upon the gorgeous panorama spread before me in the light of the full moon. How high leaped my heart in ecstasy at the sight of that spiritually uplifting magnificent heavenly body, on this particular evening rather cold and heartless in appearance itself, but bathing all objects within its scope in a soft, mellow, friendly glow. It really makes one feel as if the world were made for pure enjoyment—love and laughter. Tomorrow, yes tomorrow, in the early morning sunlight I shall ride about to my daily tasks, enhanced and enthralled by the naked beauty of the countryside. When I arrive at my final destination I shall be greeted by the merry voice of my fellow students at work. Happy Easter! Go to hell!

Fog

STEALING INTO doorways, around corners, seizing all before it in its great gray maw, comes this misshapen monster, making the walks and buildings vague, shadowy, dread; making the streets glisten evilly as if reflecting its personality. It crawls slowly and yet surely it does its work of making a dull and gloomy world in which mortals

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The American Repertoire Company, a Federal theatre unit directed by Harry Minton, is now presenting revivals of well-known American plays at the Blackstone. "Three Wise Fools" is the production now playing.

move as misty outlines against a gray background filled with the unrest of the ever advancing all enveloping fog. And the world dons the character flung upon it and becomes a bit morose, a bit sullen, and growls at the invader. Unhearing, and still creeping stealthily forward, the unbidden visitor engulfs more and more, leaving behind it only drabness, and a dripping sodden populace.

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RACKET SWINGERS PREP FOR INDIANA TEACHERS MATCH

With the indoor practice sessions completed, the tennis team is busy making preparations for the beginning of their outdoor season on Friday against Indiana State Teachers College. This is a home meet but the scene of play has not yet been decided upon.

Up to the present, team positions have not yet been awarded, but places will depend on the players respective rankings. As the season progresses, these positions will be determined by challenge matches in which each man may challenge the two men preceding him in the rankings. If he succeeds in defeating the challenged, he takes the position of the latter, who in turn drops down one place.

The addition of two freshmen has bolstered the squad greatly and given Coach Colvert new hopes for the coming season. Both men, Swanson and Natinchek, have played on high school teams, the former having been on the Tilden Tech team that won the city championship last year. A tentative schedule includes matches with Wheaton, North Central, George Williams, and Loyola.

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