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In His classic work on American politics,
In American Commonsealth, Lord
Brice wrote more than 70 years ago that
"no 'radical' Republican can be elected to
the Presidenty and no 'conservative' Democrate can be elected to that office." It now
is a commonjace that if the nation wants
a conservative it will go all the way and get
the "real thing" in a Republican, and if it
is ready for a liberal the country will turn
to the party of Jefterson and Jackson.
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the static Refeld Byree's law in 1840 when
they nominated the liberal Wendell Willtle. The Democrate still remember sadiy
what happened in 1924 when they ignored
Bryce and nominated John W. Davis.
Bob Hannegan, as Truman's Postmaster
Geineral and Democratic chairman, tried to
sell the Brycian idea to our conservative
President from Missouri but Wir. Truman
didn't digest enough o'it to do himself and
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Board's Mistake In Fritz Case

In voting to restore the teaching certifi-cate of R. L. Fritz Jr., former principal of the Hudson School, the State Board of Education has worked itself out of a diffi-cult hole into an awkward and confusing

position.

The Board split 6 to 3 in reversing its unanimous decision of last August, when it revoked Mr. Fritz's certificate upon the showing that he was responsible for payroll padding at the Hudeon School.

This reversal of the Board's stand comes shortly after Mr. Fritz's release in Superior Court, which found no evidence of criminal intent and dismissed charges that the school principal had obtained State school funds by false pretenses.

Issues or lake precessed.

As we read its decision, the Board now is saying that it was waiting for the Court to pass judgment on Mr. Frits before making a final determination of his right to hold a teaching certificate, and that it was guided by the Court's finding. If that is so, why did the Board unanimously conquides so, why did the Board unanimously conquided to the court of the court of

erve as a teacher in North Carolina?
The Board states it is restoring Mr.
ritz's certificate because "of the opinion
hat he has been sufficiently punished."
sufficiently punished for what? Is the
loard's order an exoneration or a conemmation of irregular payroll practices?

Mr. Fitts obviously was subject to disci-plinary action but both he and the public were entitled to have this conducted in a manner that left room for no doubt over the Board's motives and intentions and produced a decision that stood on its own merits. The Board either should have de-ferred its "punishment" until after the Court acted or closed its part of the case in August. It nessed up an opportunity to do so. a day after it revoked the teacher's tion of the \$1.541 involved in the payroll padding. That was the time to fix clearly the discipline for a school official who handles State funds irregularly without criminal intent.

As the matter now stands, Mr. Fritz has been out of his regular job since August and his re-employment still is uncertain, so the Board's action amounts to an indefinite suspension. The school man stands in the anomalous position of having explated for his offense but he still is being penalized for it, and that manifestly is unfair. The Board has established a precident which prejudices orderly and uniform disciplinary procedure. The public interest suffers from a vague and softradictory decision on a question of conduct by our teachers that demands crystal clear clarification.

Taft, Santa Claus And Stalin

COMEONE should start editing Senator
Tatt's speeches before he dashes to the
microphone, or someone else should take
over the role of GOP pobseman in answering the Administration for the duration of
the campaign if the Republicans expect to
win this contest.

take two samples from Taft's answer week to the President's State of the

this week to the President's State of the Union message.
"In this picture," said the GOP policy-maker, "the Federal Government comes forward again as Santa Claus himself, with a rich present for every special group in the United States . . . If anyone has expressed a desire in a letter to Santa Claus, that desire is to be promptly filled." A little later, in the same speech, he said: "A ten-year Truman plan would leave as much freedom in this country as Stailin's five-year plan has left in Russia."

Both statements are so extravegant, and so puerle, that it will take a very blind or unthinking voter indexent manufactures and the state of the sta

it will lead to bankruptcy am an arrian police state.

It seems to us that the greatest political mistake the Republicans are making at this moment is in underestimating the intelligence of the American voter.

From The Louisville Courier-Journal

A Demagogue's Device

NEVER has Negro-baiting been shown up in sa sheer political depravity more clearly than in Herman Taimades' new proposal to keep Georgia's ballot lily-white. Old Gene's son is a bright young man, and doubtless sees the trend of the times as well as anybody else. But he knows when well as anybody else. But he knows when the see that the same way to be the same to be the same to be the knowledge.

the most of the knowledge.

It is now as plain as day that Federal courts will throw out, as fast as the points are raised, any and all devices of the white supremacy boys to keep the Negroes from voting. The rule has been made. The death blow has been laid upon the white primary and through it upon all laws which would restrict the suffrage. These have been properly described as subterfuges to evade constitutional guarantees. And in proposing for Georgia an educational test for voters, Talmadge merely selzes upon another subterfuge.

madge proposes a law to make would-oters answer "satisfactorily" certain ions propounded by a group of regis-This is an obvious dodg. It is ciple of Alabama's iniquitous "Boswell

registrars can simply say the answers are not satisfactory.

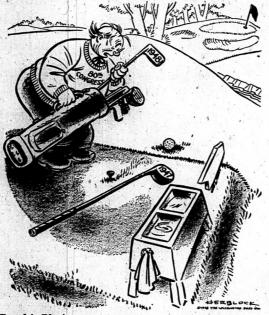
not satisfactory.

The point is that Taimadge is running for Governor of Georgia, and the primary election is only about six months off. Thus his proposal is betrayed as campaign thunder. It is the old game of playing to local prejudice to gain an immediate, advantage. The law cannot be passed until after the election. Indeed, it may never be passed. And if it were passed, it is almost certain to be invalidated, as the un-American thing it is, by the Supreme Court. Taimadge's own words, confessing that the thing is aimed at keeping Negroes from voiting, is the best evidence of undemocratic intent that any court could ask.

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However, the purpose will then have been served. Talmadge, being his fathers' son, knows the incendiary nature of the issue he has raised. He will, he fancies, have won, and the race issue will not have been the least of the factors of victory. But the secret is out. This is why demagoues and we, 'sechooled sons of demagogues keep.

Now For A Hell Of A Putt'



People's Platform

Invitations To Charlotte

Lunacy explained in the above terms gives us sar meaning, and not as a slur, that was intended the "Silver-Tongued Qrator" from North Carolina

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To further explain why you can apply the term
limatic fringe to our entire population is that we believe with frankle seal in "Our party" - Our policias,
there was not been supported to the seal of the following quotation: "Reason in the terms of the following quotation: "Reason is nothing else but a portion of
Divine Spirit set in a human body." In other word
we must have spiritual reasoning.

Giving other famous quotations, "Reason is our soul's left hand, Paith her right," by these we reach divinity - Towns

a "Reason is not measured by size or height but by principle."—Epictatus, Cira 60 R.D.

Another quotation that should be in neon lights in the halls of Congress, is "Give no bounties; make equal laws, secure life and property and you need not give alms."—Emerson.

Quote; Unquote

Marquis Childs

State Of The Union

THE few definite recommendations in the President's State
than the Presid

Inside Labor

Mr. Hartley Is Tough

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Jimmie has promised to be on
hand Monday. Jan. 19, 11,
the first bit has been been been been
labor hearings. In the three months
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the Congressman hopes to put into
the record (that's one Petrillo
can't ban), enough evidence to back
up his 1948 program for tougher
labor laws.

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As I gathered from a conversa-tion with him today, Hartley wants three new laws, each enough to give the labor leaders high blood pressure.

Drew Pearson's: Friendship Food Well Publicized Abroad Merry-Go-Round:

DFORM I left the United States, many newspaper editors and even a greater number of Friendship Trans duties asked me to report on the distribution of their carefully collected food and how it was received by the French and I read to the state of the st

YMCA Sounds Sour Note

THE one sour note was sounded by Don L Paris YMCA who, when Mrs. Alice Period