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THE HAT OR THE ROBE?

Dr. Rosewater takes the bull by the horns and declares himself and the republican party of Nebraska for Hughes. In double leaded type, speaking through the columns of his newspaper, the Omaha Bee, he makes this significant statement:

"The rapidly focusing sentiment in Nebraska, as throughout the nation, is formulating a demand for Hughes, which is sure to be pressed with increasing insistence and persistence * * * We believe a way will be found in due time by which Nebraska will be lined up for Hughes before we commission our delegates to the Chicago convention."

In a word, Mr. Rosewater takes it upon himself to enter Mr. Justice Hughes in the lists as an aspirant for the presidency, and to pledge him the support of Nebraska in the convention. "A way will be found," he is confident, to defeat the purposes of the presidential primary law and send a Hughes delegation from Nebraska to Chicago, in spite of the fact that Hughes' name will not appear on the primary ballot and that the delegation will be under instructions to support another aspirant.

This is of more than ordinary interest and importance. To no one, we fancy will it appeal more forcibly as something demanding attention than to Justice Hughes himself.

Mr. Rosewater, thanks to the position he occupies in the party and thanks to the extreme candor of his statement, has taken Mr. Hughes finally and entirely out of the "dark horse" category. He points out that "throughout the nation" the "demand" for Hughes is formulating, declares that Nebraska republicans are for him "by an overwhelming majority," and asserts his belief that Nebraska will support him in the convention.

Such a statement puts the situation squarely up to Hughes. He can no longer continue to serve in the supreme court of the United States or it is his purpose and intention to accept the presidential nomination should it be tendered him. Highly as Justice Hughes is regarded, his place in the confidence of the people could not survive his remaining on the supreme bench while his candidacy for the presidency was being pushed as energetically as Dr. Rosewater says it is and will be.

No one, incidentally, knows this better than Dr. Rosewater. Either Dr. Rosewater is confident that Justice Hughes will resign his judicial position to enter the political field, or he is deliberately acting with a view of making it impossible for the Chicago convention to draft him from the bench. Such a draft could properly be made, and submitted to, only if there had been no campaign waged for the judicial officer in advance of the event. The entire American people would realize and resent the impropriety of any man acting as a member of the supreme court, the most powerful branch of our government, participating in its ruling and decisions, while at the same time his candidacy for the chief magistracy of the republic was being prosecuted.

Dr. Rosewater has grabbed the Hughes hat and thrown it into the presidential ring. What will Justice Hughes do about it? Will he reclaim the hat, or will he allow the judicial robe to drop from his shoulders and follow the hat?—World-Herald.

Its a poor resolution that won't hold water.

Remember the democratic banquet February 10.

Wheat prices are somewhat lower.

Mexico now comes back with a request that we suppress the riots in our churches.

The next thing in the dance order should be a leap year ball.

The man who hasn't the gripe these days is not "in it" a little bit.

Dr. Aked is opposed to the muzzling of the ox that treadeth out the corn.

A man's phenomenal success always a surprise to him, as well as his friends.

The garden seed campaign is on again. And as this is election year, they will flow as free as water.

Love may be a dream, my dear girlies, but remember that marriage is the alarm clock that wakes you up.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand," and when the bricks begin to fall they are certain to hit the under dog.

The kaiser is or isn't well, and has or hasn't been operated upon. It all depends upon whether the censor got hold of the item first.

No one reported the condition of the goose bones last fall, but it certainly must have had a blue, yea, a dark purple streak in it along about the middle.

First, last and always, the Journal is for Plattsmouth and her activities. We want to see the spring open with everyone with his coat off and pulling for the old town.

What's the matter with getting Judge W. D. Oldham here for the banquet? He has a great many friends in Cass county and they would all be pleased to hear him talk.

The newest battleship building for the United States will be 1,400 tons larger than Japan's largest, 3,400 tons larger than Germany's, 3,900 tons larger than Great Britain's, and 6,500 tons larger than anything France has.

The republican mass convention which met in Lincoln last Tuesday to select four republicans for delegates for the state at large, abandoned their plan, and the balance of the 150 leaders present patted each other on the back, concluding that it would be best to "Let the People Rule" in the matter.

There will probably be no opposition to Miss Eda Marquardt for re-election to the office of county superintendent, and we can't see any reason why there should be. She has filled the position to perfection, the office is non-political and Miss Eda has won many new friends by her excellent business and social qualities.

Hon. John Mattes will probably have no opposition for a re-nomination on the democratic ticket, and really shouldn't have. He surely filled the bill in the last legislature, and his record in the senate will even up with any member of that body. He is a man in whom the common people will always find a friend.

George E. Hall is determined to try it again for state treasurer. He has so stated. George has enjoyed various tangles with democratic state officials, including the governor and his pet food commissioner, during his term of office. In fact, he has tried to run everything democratic around the state house, and by his egotism came very near doing up the democratic party. No, we are not for George, if there is any other democratic candidate for treasurer.

Former Senator Banning of Union was in the city Tuesday on business, and to get a little whiff of the democratic air that was supposed to be on tap that day. He gave the Herald a pleasant call. Up to date, Mr. Banning says he is not in the political running for anything the deer peeps have to give out and he is pretty well content to attend to his own business and let the country savers take care of the country. Mr. Banning would make a good state official on any old job there is up there, but none of them for Willie.—Lincoln Herald.

THE APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

The announcement that President Wilson will undertake a speaking trip to carry the national defense fight before the country is welcome and timely news.

The situation is such as imperatively demands that the President put on his fighting clothes and submit his cause to the people. When he enters the lists it will be primarily and notably for the purpose of gaining public support for the plan to put the army and navy on a basis to discourage armed aggression by foreign foes by proving to the world that we have the means and the spirit to defend ourselves if attacked. Second only to that great object, however, the President, when he takes the stump, will be doing battle to save his administration from shipwreck and the democratic party from disaster. The President, as the official and actual leader of his party, is being subjected to a most violent and unscrupulous campaign of destruction and misrepresentation. It is a campaign that comes not only from republicans and progressive sources that assail him because he is the resolute champion of peace. It is a campaign aided and abetted within the democratic party by whilom leaders who make a flank attack with the preposterous accusation that he is the champion of militarism.

It is up to the President to defend himself, to stand up for his country and its vital interests, and to assert the continued usefulness and capacity of the democratic party as the servant of the people.

As a sample of the campaign of misrepresentation against which the President finds it necessary to defend himself, the following paragraphs, from a circular letter sent out from the Commoner office under date of January 14, and signed "Charles W. Bryan, Associate Editor," are submitted:

"The question of 'Preparedness' that is now being considered by congress is fraught with more danger to this republic than any question that the United States has been confronted with since the civil war. The big army and navy program now being urged by munitions manufacturers and other interests who will profit through the misfortunes of the rest of the people, means greatly increased taxation, it means compulsory enlistment in the army, and it means the substitution of brute force for the civilized methods of arbitration. Do you realize that the adoption of the army and navy program means an increase in taxation of about \$25 per family and an ever increasing army expense thereafter? Do you want your sons and relatives to be compelled to enlist in the army and loaf in army camps and be subject to military duty for years to come to fight an imaginary foe? Do you believe in militarism in this country—the same policy that has driven millions to our shores to avoid military duty and the same policy of so-called 'preparedness' that has brought about the bloodshed, starvation and misery that the nations of Europe are now prostrated with?"

"Mr. Bryan is now doing all in his power to arouse the American people to the danger that is confronting them. He is using the Commoner to convey a warning to the country, and he has asked me to write you and if possible enlist your help. * * * For the purpose of getting the Commoner into the homes of your neighbors to enlist their aid to help protect the interests of their families and assist in preventing this country being forced into war, the low subscription rate of 60 cents a year is made on the Commoner, and you are urged to give this matter your earnest and early attention."

Inclosed with this delectable effusion is a subscription blank headed: "Warn the People Against Preparedness or Militarism," which reads:

"The Commoner, Lincoln, Neb.: I am opposed to the undemocratic and un-American military policy proposed in the 'preparedness' program now before congress, and complying with your suggestion as to the importance of getting the facts against militarism and heavy taxes into the hands of as many voters as possible, I am sending you the following list of readers of your special rate of 60 cents a year."

It is, indeed, high time for President Wilson to go before the people and tell them the plain truth as to the policy that he, together with the large majority of democrats in both the house and senate, are supporting.

When Charles W. Bryan charges that the administration stands for militarism and compulsory service, let

him tell the people that the program calls only for an increase of 40,000 men in the army, and for a volunteer citizen soldiery that in time shall aggregate 400,000 men, giving six months of their time in three years to be trained for military duty, retaining at the same time their accustomed civic avocations.

When Mr. Bryan charges that the cost will be \$25 per family, or about one billion dollars a year, let the President tell the people that the increased cost proposed for the navy is about \$60,000,000 a year, and for the army an average of about \$80,000,000 a year, or a total of \$140,000,000. This represents about \$1.40 per capita, or \$7 for the average family of five, instead of \$25 as alleged by Mr. Bryan.

Let the President make it plain to the people that the policy favored by himself and the democratic party, a policy of moderate and reasonable provision for the national defense, stands as the great barrier in the way of the propaganda of the militarists who, headed by Colonel Roosevelt, are assailing this administration for its devotion to peace and for its refusal to dictate the military policy of the republic.

The democratic policy, instead of being "undemocratic and un-American," is the essence of democracy and the blood and bone of Americanism. The more it is discussed, the better it is understood, the more it will appeal to the American people as the only safe and sane solution of the problem presented by militarism on the one hand and the doctrine of unpreparedness and non-resistance on the other.—World-Herald.

In a long distance fight the pen has the best of the sword.

An organization may remain neutral on prohibition, but an individual cannot.

A heap of people are good simply because they regard religion as a good fire escape.

The fellow who insists on standing upon his dignity is toying with a mighty hard pill.

Get your "name in the pot" by buying a ticket to the banquet Thursday night, February 10.

Next to the epidemic of gripe is the epidemic of reminiscences; that's the enjoyable part of it.

Granting that there will be no marriages in heaven, are there no assurances against other kin.

The banquet committee on speakers should endeavor to get Judge W. D. Oldham here for a talk. He is a favorite of the Cass county democracy.

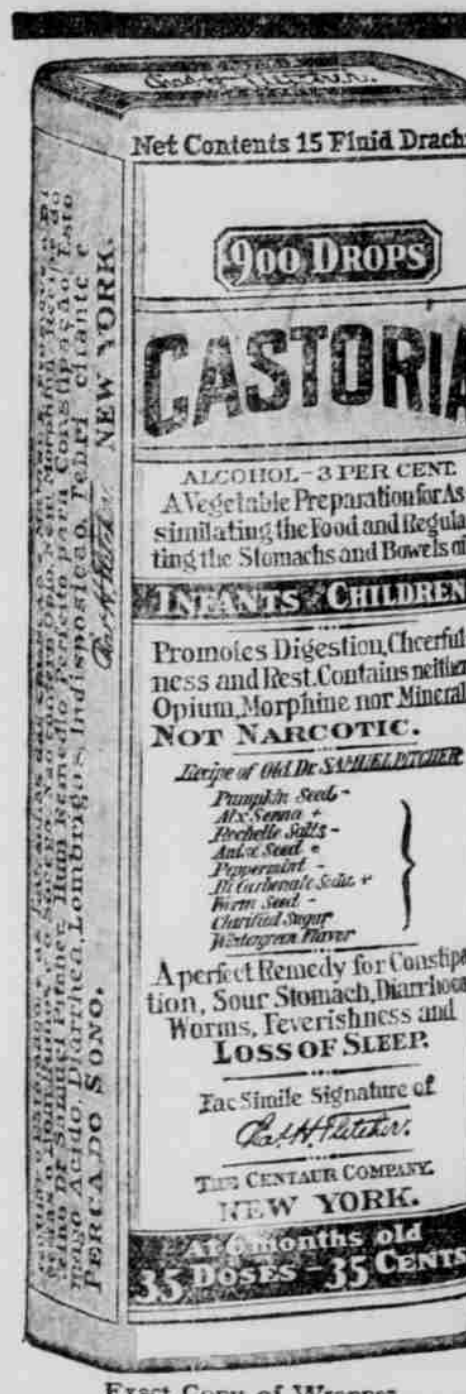
The slate and slate pencil are banished from the modern sanitary school, but the children can still get their lead pencils to make them mark better.

Our army hasn't guns enough, "guns" in military parlance, meaning cannon, but building a large crop of postoffices may seem more important to congress.

When a man gives his wife a deed to his real estate, it may not be so much the desire to give her a present as to get his property where his creditors can't levy on it.

Some republicans in Nebraska don't know just what they want, and wait till the question is settled—whether they are standpatters, bull moosers, or trailing in the footsteps of Roosevelt.

The "America First" slogan is sweeping over the country like wild fire. It is a sentiment that every patriot welcomes. Americans, regardless of former old country affiliations, are for "America First," and now is the time to say so. It is all right to sympathize with the fatherland across the sea, but when it comes to loyalty to America every free man should lift his hat to "Old Glory."



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- 4—Head of Horses—4. One bay mare, 4 years old, weight about 1,300 pounds. One sorrel mare, 7 years old, weight about 1,350 pounds. One bay gelding, 2 years old, weight about 1,200 pounds. One bay gelding, 10 years old, weight about 1,250 pounds. (Exact weights will be given on sale day).
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One 1-H. P. International engine with meadow washer. Three 50-gallon oil tanks. One 5-shovel garden cultivator. Two large galvanized stock tanks. Two sets work harness. Other articles too numerous to mention.

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You see ten autos with blankets on in cold weather where you see one horse protected. Why? The auto is a machine and refuses to work unless properly cared for. The horse—well, he is just a horse.

Now there is going to be more society barriers to stumble against. The young girl asked her mother if she thought it proper for her to associate with the girl next door, as we have a six-cylinder and they only a four-cylinder car?

W. F. Moran, present county attorney of Otoe county, would like to be a delegate to the democratic national convention from the First congressional district. Mr. Moran is a splendid democrat, and one thing certain, he is a man that if he goes to the convention instructed for a certain man, he will follow those instructions and not right at the time that his favorite needs a very few votes to be nominated, allow himself to be sold out to the man who was nominated by the treachery of the Nebraska delegation. No, you can bet your life that Bill Moran is not that kind of a man.

January Travel Specialties

Some of the biggest and most important conventions of the year will be held in Lincoln in January. These conventions will interest thousands of Nebraskans.

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