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BRYAN VS. HITCHCOCK.

The press dispatches telling of the resignation of Secretary Bryan conveyed the further information that he would keep a firm grip upon the dispensing of Federal patronage in Nebraska. No doubt the statement was inspired by him, and if so, does it mean that he intends to run for the United States senate?

W. J. Bryan's determination to retain the dictatorship of his party in Nebraska is manifest nearly every day. The newspaper dispatches tell of this or that democrat, who, having secured many endorsements for a Federal office, has abandoned the quest in disgust. Any man acceptable to Senator Hitchcock is for that reason highly objectionable to Mr. Bryan. Democrats on the inside say that Hitchcock has been very patient, but is about ready to turn his batteries upon Bryan and his active agents.

Why should Bryan seek to prevent Hitchcock's gaining party leadership? The latter helped Bryan to get control of the party twenty years ago, and was his faithful servant until the time came some years ago for a democratic governor (Poynter) to appoint a United States Senator for a short term. Bryan vetoed Hitchcock's appointment, and ever since has looked with disfavor upon the latter's ascendancy.

Now it is coming to a show-down, and the two factions are forming for open warfare. Hitchcock has prevented confirmation of appointees made by the president at Bryan's behest, and Bryan will try to induce the president to decline to appoint members of the Hitchcock faction. This makes monkeys out of the scores of good democrats who have done yeoman service for both Bryan and Hitchcock, and who have implored their friends to endorse them for high appointive office. They realize that the time has come to abandon the watchful waiting policy and get out into the arena and fight. They say that one faction or the other ought to force its way into the saddle, get busy, and do something. They are sick of the bushwhacking tactics.

Hitchcock's course in opposing administration measures in the senate gave Bryan an excuse for standing in with the president to prevent Hitchcock from building up a machine in Nebraska. They may both try to defeat Hitchcock for re-election to the senate. Bryan having already espoused prohibition, his helpers are accusing the faction opposed to Bryan of being hand-in-glove with the liquor interests. This turn of affairs is causing some funny misfits. Dahlman, for instance, has sided with Bryan (who has provided for his son-in-law), while Dahlman has never been accused of being a prohibitionist, and for years as State Chairman and as National Committeeman handled campaign contributions from the liquor men in the interest of democracy and of Bryan's partisan plans.

The rank and file, the men who have done the hard work in the party struggles, are holding the sack while Bryan and Hitchcock are contesting for leadership. Each faction is gaining strength day by day as the time approaches for throwing shrapnel. While factional strife among the democrats is thus intensified, the republicans are getting together, and will present a solid front in the next state election.

"This is no time to talk politics," shout democratic leaders who desire to use the foreign situation to evade discussion of bad legislation and worse administration. Then these same leaders proceed to send a circular letter to local party managers asking for a report on public sentiment toward President Wilson and his policies. Possibly some few republicans will be deluded into the notion that this administration is above taking partisan advantage of every incident and situation, but the

number of those thus deceived will be small. This is undoubtedly the psychological moment to sound public opinion of the Wilson administration for sympathy has overshadowed judgement and tempered criticism. And democratic leaders are crafty enough to turn it to partisan advantage.

Can a dog without teeth fight? Can a cat without claws scratch? And isn't the United States just about in the position of the toothless dog and the clawless cat? It would seem that many nations of today have descended to the plane of the dog and the cat, for when they want a thing they go after it, if their teeth and claws are sharp. This is so because humanity is on the decline and brute force is in the ascendant. And America as a nation is without teeth or claws, courageous to a degree, but impotent because its teeth and its claws are non-existent, or at best are stunted and blunted from perpetual neglect. Do a little thinking, brother, and consider what is best for the future security of our country, least the time come when it ceases to be our country.

A piece of refuse in the street, or yard, or elsewhere, is just one piece and is easily picked up. But when it is allowed to remain from day to day and is joined by others and still others it soon becomes an unsightly, dirty and filthy collection of rubbish, a detriment to the good name of the town and a menace to the health of our people. Who's for picking them up this summer? Who's for improvement, and progress, and more sanitary measures? If left for one or two persons to do, it will never be done. If every body does it, there will soon be nothing left to be done.

Though aided by receipts from income and stamp taxes, the balance in the Federal treasury at the close of business for the week ending June 5, was only \$16,457,498.70 as compared with a balance of \$136,861,995.94 on the same date two years ago, when republican revenue laws and republican appropriations were in control of Federal finances. The excess of all expenditures over receipts for this fiscal year up to June 5 was nearly \$130,000,000, the exact amount of the democratic deficit being \$129,733,634.11.

"The past was necessary to the present, and was a sure prediction of the future", said president Wilson in his Indianapolis speech. In other words, too much prosperity under republican administration was necessary to produce the change to the lean years of democracy, but a sure prediction of return to the full dinner pail. So it was prior to the Cleveland administration, which was followed by many years of republican supremacy.

MAVERICKS.

Divorce in high life: The president and the secretary of state have parted.

The sun continues to shine upon Europe. But then Old Sol always was a neutral cuss.

June is trotting out its quota of brides, with the bridegrooms trailing meekly along in leash.

"Till death do us part," says the marriage rite. And that's where "a living death" gets in its work.

Everybody is ready to tell what he would do if he were at the front. But we note that he is not at the front.

Americans are proverbially courageous, but courage alone will not stop a chunk of lead. We need more stoppers.

General Huerta opened his mouth and made a strong bid for the first page the other day. But we've forgotten what he said. Poor Devil!

Many people solemnly declare that they are neutral, but we doubt if any of us are so in reality. As long as the brain works we will have our likes and dislikes, and our ideas and beliefs, and you can't find a cork big enough to fit the mouth of the bottle.

Using the Good Book as their authority, many people predict that this war is ushering in the end of the world. But even that dire possibility fails to ruffle the dignified calm of our editorial person. Since we were not here at the beginning, it will at least be some consolation to have the unique experience of sliding out at the end.

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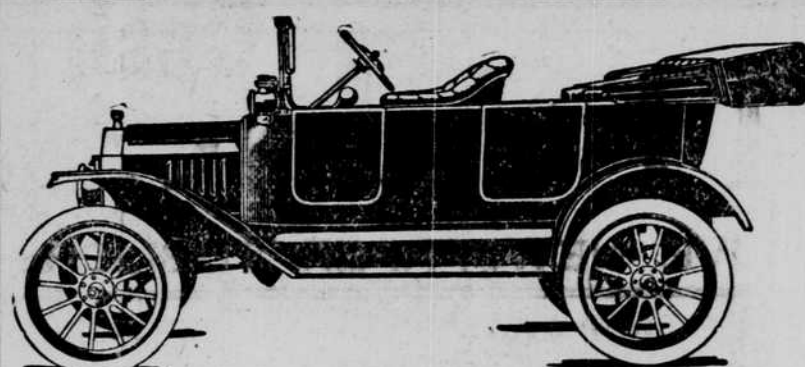
The most elaborate function of the year was the reception the Woman's club gave its P. E. O. sisters Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. S. Main. The appreciation of the guests, together with the notable personages represented by the hostesses society, gave the occasion unusual charm.

Pocahontas (Miss Adeline Leininger) was a most creditable daughter of a great chieftain. Martha Washington (Mrs. A. L. Zimmerman) looked as if she had just stepped from a picture, and her reminiscences of a visit to Mount Vernon were very interesting. The persona grata of the occasion was Mrs. Lincoln (Mrs. E. B. Corning). She wore the rich silk wedding dress that Mr. Corning's mother wore fifty-five years ago. She had the dainty hand-embroidered petticoat worn on the same occasion. This petticoat took the premium exhibited at the state fair in Lincoln a few years ago. Mrs. Caudle (Mrs. F. M. Henry) wore a beautiful polonaise dress that belonged to Lawrence Smith's mother more than thirty years ago. A man ought to enjoy even a curtain lecture from a wife who looked as charming as Mrs. Caudle. Dear Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch (Mrs. J. P. Leininger) came in with her plain dress, gingham apron and sunbonnet back on her shoulder. Her fine, quaint philosophy was very pathetic.

Julia Ward Howe (Mrs. A. B. Outhouse) brought us "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Carrie Nation (Mrs. Chariton) seemed her earnest forceful self come back to life. Harriet Beecher Stowe (Mrs. Marcy) with her curls on her temples, told us of the great stress of family life during the time she wrote the wonderful book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," told of receiving \$10,000 royalty, of the book being translated into ten different languages, and the homage paid her by persons of every rank and station all during its first year. Frances Willard (Mrs. Oltjenbruns), with her white ribbon bow, told of her life and work, also of the country's appreciation, inasmuch that that her name heads the list of notable women in the Hall of Fame and that hers is the only statue of a woman in Statuary Hall of the capitol at Washington.

Josiah Allen's wife (Mrs. Barwell) looked every inch her part and her localization of the characters by substituting some of the neighbor's names, gave added piquancy. Clara Barton (Mrs. S. N. Sweetland), in her costume of a Red Cross nurse, gave a short sketch of her great work. Mrs. Sweetland may not look like Clara Barton, but it would be very fitting to have a woman as earnest and philanthropic as Miss Barton, look like Mrs. Sweetland. Betsy Ross (Mrs. Edgar Foster), sewing the stars on a beautiful flag, gave us something of the fine spirit of patriotism that gave birth to our nation, something of the deep significance of our flag and its high mission in the world's crisis of today. Anabel Lee (Mrs. Edwin Angier) gave a beautiful pantomime of the poem bearing her name.

It will readily be seen that such a group of notables, together with the P. E. O. ladies and the special guests, Mrs. W. R. Mellor of Lincoln, Mrs. E. M. Steen, and Mrs. J. L. Dunn, seated at an elegant dinner with Mrs. Main and Mrs. Tracy as hostesses, the occasion would be lifted quite above the ordinary.



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