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**INCOMPETENT.**

That the democratic party is incompetent is the statement made by Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi in an address to the United States Senate.

"The poor, dear, old foolish Democratic party is going through the same game that she can be generally trusted to go through," said Senator Williams to his democratic colleagues. "You cannot govern the country. You are incompetent."

Some measures of that incompetency has been referred to hitherto in stories pointing errors in the tariff bill due to inexcusable blundering. Mistakes in other laws have been discussed in more recent articles. A brief resume of these mistakes is given herewith, to be followed later by instances of other faculty democratic legislation.

No. 8. The provision enacted by the democratic congress to build up the American merchant marine utterly failed to achieve its purpose, and conferred the proposed benefit instead upon competing vessels of other countries, giving to foreigners the profits from high freight rates, according to the decision of the court of customs Appeals in the five per cent rebate case.

No. 9. The democratic congress blundered in enacting the law to provide greater safety and comfort at sea for passengers and seamen by naming two conflicting dates for the time it should take effect.

No. 10. The "war tax" law was inaccurately drawn; was not based upon correct estimates and failed to provide the money needed; and adequate preparation for its enforcement was not made, causing great delay, annoyance and confusion.

No. 11. The executive branch of the democratic administration is at war with the legislative branch, and has asked the supreme court to declare inoperative the law allowing a five per cent reduction in the tariff on goods imported in American bottoms.

No. 12. The most vital error a legislative body can make was incorporated in the "war tax" law, congress having given two conflicting dates as to the time Schedule B should begin to operate.

No. 13. Congress invited litigation over Schedule B of the "war tax" law by failing to clearly express the meaning of the provision to tax "cosmetics," and the matter is now in the courts.

No. 14. Thousands of dollars collected from trust companies under the "war tax" law may have to be refunded because congress failed to make clear whether or not they are subject to the tax, a question that has been taken to the courts for determination.

While Secretary Redfield and the others are exulting over the high trade balance growing out of the "war orders" boom, it may be unkind to remind them that the number of business failures reported in this country during the past six months was the largest on record for a similar period and the total liabilities were close to a record figure also. The record of failures for June was the worst ever made in a single month. There is great prosperity at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and at other points where "war orders" are concentrated; and it is a large pity that we do not all own large blocks of Bethlehem stock. But, while war factories prosper because of European conditions with which we have nothing to do, other enterprises have slackened or suffered disaster because of policies put into operation by a democratic congress urged on by a democratic president.

Why does not all this prosperity, which the democrats talk about, show some reflection in the transactions of the federal treasury? The government is now running behind in its expenses nearly a million dollars a day.

Surely, if the country is so "prosperous" because of the mushroom development of "war orders," that prosperity ought to show itself for the benefit of others than the owners of or speculators in "war stocks."

The federal treasury statement for Saturday, July 17, showed a balance of \$71,051,288.96 in the general fund compared with \$126,133,585.69 on the same date two years previous, under republican laws. The deficit for the first 15 working days of the new fiscal year was \$13,142,587.94, showing that the administration is running behind at the rate of \$876,000 per day.

The amount of building in Chicago the first half of 1915, as indicated by permits issued, was \$37,000,000, against \$44,000,000 for the corresponding period of 1914. This is a pretty poor showing for a city which in 1911 ran above \$100,000,000 in its building expenditures and in other years has been more than \$90,000,000. Real estate transfers for the first half of this year foot up \$56,000,000, against \$66,000,000 the first half of 1914.

The local merchant pays his taxes in this town and assists in defraying the community expenses. He is doing his part toward building up your home. The mail order man pays no taxes here and is doing more than his share toward destroying the community. Who are you supporting?

Scientists having proven that Nebraska once lay at the bottom of the sea, the Boston Transcript finds confirmation of the diagnosis that the Platte was the original Salt Creek.

A machine has been devised which will turn out 1,800 pies an hour. This beats Mr. Bryan at his best when the "deserving democrats" were thronging about the pie counter.

**THE CHURCHES.**

**Swedish**

Regular services at the church Sunday, Aug. 1. Preaching both morning and evening by the pastor. Come and hear.

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**LET'S EVERYBODY RESOLVE.**

We cannot make this town what it ought to be unless we all work in harmony to the same end.

Pulling and pickering and knocking will only drag our house down over our heads, and it is about time we looked the fact in the face and turned over a new leaf for the better.

We can do much to improve our social and commercial conditions, if we want to.

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What Can I Do to Help Loup City?**

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One man argued not to remodel the school house because, "My children are all grown up now."

Another man discouraged the proposed City Library because, "I have a good one in my own house."

And still another man voted to give no money for fire protection because, "My property can't burn; it's vacant lots."

But some men said: The streets are dark, let's put up lights! The school house is crowded, let's remodel it! Folks ought to read, let's have a library! There's danger of fire, let's organize to fight it!

These same men said: Our children are delighted with the Chautauqua entertainment. Our young people enjoy the music. We are all inspired by the lectures.

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**ANSWER ME!**

**Who Are The Boosters!**

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**Circus at Grand Island.**

The Barnum and Bailey Great-est Show on earth, which comes to Grand Island on Monday August 2nd claim to present this year "A Circus of all Nations," meaning one that is filled with all new features shown now for the first time and presented by 480 world-famed artists who represent every nation in the world. The entire world has been scoured by special Barnum and Bailey agents so that practically all the arenic stars that are really worth seeing take part.

The time-honored custom has always been to refer to each successive year's circus as "bigger and better than ever," but the phrase has become so hackneyed that, this year, Barnum and Bailey hesitate to use it, despite the fact that it adequately describes the entertainment. More railroad cars are required to transport the show, bigger tents are raised, more area is needed to accommodate the show than ever before. In fact, the circus has reached a point where it is the despair of many of the smaller railroads and taxes their facilities to the limit, for eighty-five cars are needed to convey the gigantic canvas city from town to town.

There's material enough in this year's circus to make a dozen circuses of the old days. A "big top" 680 feet long, nearly 1,500 employees, three rings, four elevated platforms, acres of aerial apparatus, the biggest stage ever erected for a dramatic presentation, a 110-cage menagerie, 750 horses, forty elephants, a street parade three miles long.

Among the novelties offered this season are the "Six Riding Hannafords," "The Paldrens," balancing, pyramiding and head jumping on the tops of burning lamps, "Pallenberg's Wonder Bears," "Adgie" and her den of nine performing African lions, Barnum and Bailey statue horses, Madam Bradna's Angel Horses. Three great herds of war elephants, trained and shown by the first and only lady elephant trainers. Besides these, are 60 aerialists, 60 acrobats and 60 clowns.

A wonderful prelude to this great circus is the presentation of the new, magnificent spectacular pageant, "Lalla Rookh" in which more than 1,000 characters take part. Everyone should get an early start on circus day in order to be there in time for the parade which starts at 10 a. m., and which is said to be three miles long.

One of the largest threshing machine manufacturing concerns in the entire country has made arrangements for a superb exhibit at the next state fair. It is believed that other large companies will follow the example and secure space. One of the officials of this threshing machine concern declared that the implement men had lost money by failing to exhibit in Nebraska last fall, and his company had decided to make an up-to-date

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