

church and private schools. To the uninitiated it looks like a victory for cleaner morals in the capital city.

**Tekamah (Neb.) Journal:** Charles Bryan won his race for the mayoralty of Lincoln. The question of Sunday theatres was voted upon and the playhouses will not be allowed to run wide open on Sunday, and the country people in general will be glad that Mr. Bryan won his fight.

**College View (Neb.) Gazette.**—Mayor C. W. Bryan of Lincoln proved himself a big man when he appointed to the office of city attorney a leading republican, Mr. C. Petrus Petersen. The office of the city attorney is considered "the choicest one" in the gift of the mayor, and to be able to cross party lines and select a republican for that office is the surprise Mr. Bryan has given his enemies, but it is simply a recognition of the fact that he was elected by the people and Mr. Bryan will continue to serve the people.

**Crete (Neb.) Democrat:** C. W. Bryan entered upon the duties as mayor of Lincoln the 10th and promises to give that city one of the best administrations she ever had. It was a great victory for Mr. Bryan and we congratulate him upon his splendid success.

**Pender (Neb.) Times:** It is no longer "Brother Charley," but Mayor C. W. Bryan of Lincoln. He was elected last Tuesday a city commissioner and will be selected as mayor. He made a whirlwind campaign and put to flight the choicest bunch of enemies that any man ever faced in Nebraska. Heretofore, those enemies have refused to give him credit for being anything more than "Brother Charley," but a Honorable, as the title is in this instance, he has proven to be something more—he has won his spurs.

**Helena (Mont.) Independent:** Down in Lincoln, Nebraska, the standpatters insisted upon making a national campaign in the city election, the result being that Charley Bryan, brother of the secretary of state, was elected mayor.

**Aurora (Neb.) Register:** Charley Bryan is elected commissioner of Lincoln, his name being second on the list. His success is remarkable in view of the democratic opposition he undoubtedly had, some of which was richly merited. He deserved to win in the contest waged for the reason that he drafted a progressive, business-like platform and proffered to support any of the other candidates who would stand for these things, keeping out himself. He gave notice that if no one else undertook the accomplishments mentioned, he would do so himself. The others hesitated and temporized and he entered the field. The gas company, like Crockett's coon, came down before the shot, and he got credit of having accomplished the result, as doubtless he did. This alone entitled him to the consideration received, and he was elected to second place. We do not like his methods, which are those of a small boss. We can not admire his disposition, nor some of his associates, but he does stand for many good things; is admirably fearless, and has fair ability united with boundless energy and self-confidence—not to say egotism. If he can be held to a subordinate place, he will be a valuable city official.

**Hastings (Neb.) Daily Republican:** The election returns in Lincoln show that Charley Bryan got there but that he was not the first one under the wire. The results of the municipal contest in that city is simply another demonstration that the

people in most cities are ready to back up and elect any man who stands for all that is best in government. Mr. Bryan stood on a platform that read so plain that it required no expert to figure out just what he meant and would strive to accomplish if he should be elected commissioner. There were no vague promises in Bryan's platform. His platform was conspicuously progressive and this was an important feature with the Lincoln voters.

**Valentine (Neb.) Democrat:** Chas. W. Bryan was elected mayor of Lincoln in Tuesday's election. We are glad to see it, and believe it is a well deserved honor for Mr. Bryan, who we believe will take up his duties as he sees them and accomplish good work. Bonds carried, Sunday theatres lost.

**Creighton (Neb.) Liberal:** Even as partisan a paper as the Lincoln Star has to admit that Chas. W. Bryan in compelling the Lincoln Gas company to settle a nine years law suit and give that city dollar gas, which the city council ordered nine years ago, has performed a political feat not surpassed in the political history of the state.

Mr. Bryan gave the gas company the choice either to settle the law suit at the city's terms or he would open a campaign for a municipal gas plant. The New York stock holders of the gas company know Chas. Bryan better than most of the democratic petty office holders of Nebraska.

Right at this time, especially in the so-called wet counties of Nebraska, there is antagonism to the Bryans that borders almost on political insanity.

This paper is under no obligations to the Bryans. No publication in Nebraska is more at liberty to join the rabble if we could see rhyme or reason for the campaign.

If we were a democratic officeholder we would consider that W. J. Bryan was doing the greatest political service that any one individual ever performed.

The Bryans are the best waiters in the political arena.

Abuse, villification and misrepresentation never cause them to lose their poise.

**Waterloo (Neb.) Gazette:** In Lincoln two new men placed on city commission. Charlie Bryan is one of them and will be mayor of Lincoln. We rather like to see it this way and hope to see "Brother Charlie" make good in this new role.

**Heredity Tells**

One day two laborers were discussing the wisdom of the present generation. Said one:

"We be wiser than our fathers was, and they was wiser than their fathers was."

The second one, after pondering a while and gazing at his companion, replied:

"Well, Garge, what a fule thy grandfather must 'a' been!"—New York Globe.

**The Real Truth About 'Possum**

Most of this stuff about the delights of baked 'possum is bunc, pure and simple. Few of the men who write paragraphs about 'possum, have ever tasted a bit of 'possum, and many of those who have never will taste it again. We took a bite of 'possum once and then went into the kitchen and gnawed on a bar of soap to put a better taste in our mouth.—Little Rock Gazette.

If religion was good for the complexion men would seldom get their share of beauty.—Ex.

**GERMAN VIEW OF WAR**

From the Staats-Zeitung, New York, May 11: The speech which President Wilson delivered at Philadelphia on Monday night should work more effectually than any one other factor or combination of factors to bring the press of the United States to a clear appreciation of our national duties at the present time and to a saner point of view from which we regard them.

It is comparatively an easy matter for the press of this country to inflame public opinion. The crisis through which we are passing holds all of the combustibles necessary to a great and hideous conflagration. The newspapers of New York and, to a lesser degree, of the country in general stood ready to plunge the nation into the European conflict.

These have indeed been momentous hours. The issue of war or peace has rested in the hands of the president. The words uttered by him at Philadelphia constitute in no sense the last word in the clarifications of our relations with the belligerents of Europe. They are, however, the first he has spoken since the fall of last Friday's tragedy fell upon the nation, and so may be taken as pointing the way along which he is striving to bring the country through the difficult waters in which it finds itself.

We have been peculiarly blessed in every great crisis which as a nation we have been called upon to face by having in the executive mansion men who have risen nobly and ably to the needs of the hour. This good fortune has not forsaken us in the present crisis. I am convinced that in the soberer moments which must succeed to the heated passions of today they will realize the wisdom of the course which he is so steadfastly following.

The president's words were addressed primarily to 4,000 recently naturalized American citizens, the majority of whom were of German birth. They bear a lesson to all Americans, however—a lesson sadly needed at the present moment when the American people, from the descendants of the Mayflower to the latest arrivals through Ellis Island, seem to be under the spell of some great centrifugal force, compelling an abandonment of true loyalty and of the correct ideals of our fathers and grouping them about separate and more or less foreign theories and institutions.

These words may well be taken to heart by every man, woman and child throughout the length and breadth of the United States, for there is not a soul among us which has not responded in some degree to the call of blood in these unsettled times. Years can not make us deaf to that call, though we know it to be but the voice of the siren. We are compelled to listen, but we are not compelled to obey. Our first thought and our last prayer must ever be completely and without reservation for the country which we have adopted in our own persons or in those of our fathers.

With a world in arms about us, with our eyes full of its horrors and our ears drummed by the shrieks of the dying and the sobs of those who live to weep, these words come like a cooling breeze to a fever-wracked brow. We know what war is. We have escaped its ravages thus far, and, with God's help, may we escape them through all time. We touch elbows with all the world, and all war for us means, in a degree, civil war. The president spoke for the nation when he elevated peace, in the American ideal, above strife.—Herman Ridder.

Day by day evidence of the force of the prohibition wave accumulates. Two old-time Kentucky distilleries have filed voluntary petitions in bankruptcy.—Indianapolis News.

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