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GOVERNOR, DO YOUR STUFF.

Under the law, the governor is charged with the duty of filling all vacancies on the bench, as soon as they occur. In the past this has been performed expeditiously, to the end that no public interest might suffer in any respect through the lack of a judge. Governor Bryan has filled several such vacancies, and usually with commendable promptness.

This is why his reluctance to name a successor to the late Hon. William F. Wappich seems inexplicable. Judge Wappich died in April, and his successor has not yet been named. The existence of the vacancy is well known to Governor Bryan, having been called to his attention by the presiding judge of the Municipal court, on the bench of which the late Judge Wappich sat.

A number of names have been mentioned in connection with the place, and several aspirants have presented their claims to the office with the evidence of support that are deemed necessary at times to impress an executive when he comes to filling a nonpartisan position. Yet the governor resolutely declines to move.

The municipal court of Omaha is an important tribunal, far more so than is generally understood. Its judges are not occupied exclusively with cases arising under the Volstead act, nor with police court dockets. The court is of prime importance because it is "the poor man's court," established to take the place of the several justices of the peace that formerly functioned. Cases involving minor sums are quite as important to the parties as are those involving millions. It is not the amount of money or property involved, but the elements of justice and equity that give value to a case. These elements are present in all matter brought to the municipal court.

Many abuses that grew up under the old justice court practice have been corrected, many evils removed. Oppression of the weak is no longer possible, because the new court operates along different lines. It is a dignified tribunal, its judges not dependent on fees or favors for incomes, and its decisions are uniformly righteous and respected. Not from the justice and police courts alone has business come to the municipal court, but the county court has been greatly relieved, and even the district court has contributed to some extent.

The volume of business is always great, and just now is more than the judges available can properly take care of. So Governor Bryan's delay in naming a successor to Judge Wappich is hampering justice.

We expect Governor Bryan will select a democrat to fill the place, although the law provides that judicial places shall be filled by nonpartisan choice. This is a minor matter. So, also, is the question of whether the new judge be dry enough to suit the prohibition enforcement officials or wet enough to win approval from the bootleggers' union. Dockets in the municipal court are becoming clogged because the judges are unable to dispatch all the business laid before them. Governor Bryan is contributing to this state of affairs by neglecting to fulfill the duty laid upon him by the law.

Let him name the judge, as he is authorized and required to do, and give that much help to the public business.

WHEN "FAIR" PRICES ARE "FAIR."

Governor Bryan was very generous a week ago when he declared that 15 cents was a "fair" price to charge for gasoline.

In answer to this thoughtful decision by the governor the Standard Oil company continues to maintain that "fair" price and gasoline at the stations of this company in Omaha still costs 15 cents a gallon.

Across the river in Council Bluffs, however, the Standard Oil company is selling its product at 13 cents a gallon. Council Bluffs, though, is in Iowa and the governor of the state apparently lacks the foresight of Brother Charlie in protecting the interests of his constituents.

Perhaps, Brother Charlie, being a good and loyal Nebraskan, is engaged in the commendable and laudable cause of encouraging home industry. In Omaha, you know, the filling stations are operated by the Standard Oil Company of Nebraska, whereas in Iowa it's the Standard Oil company of Indiana.

EVADING THE NOOSE.

Clarence Darrow is a lawyer of experience, astute and full of resource. About 12 years ago he astounded the prosecution at Los Angeles by producing his clients, the McNamara brothers and McManigle, with a full confession of guilt. It was a sensational climax to a trial that had attracted much attention. Darrow's tactics still are considered good. Since the Los Angeles experience it has become generally known that Ortie McManigle was a detective and had supplied the prosecution with all the facts to which confession was made. By a change of plea Darrow at that time secured sentences for his clients much lighter than might have come at the hands of the jury.

Such is the background of experience which has led him to make the plea of "guilty" in the case of

Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb. The pleas expose both of the defendants to the death sentence. Notwithstanding the pleas of guilty the court, however, may decide to call a jury and hear evidence.

As a matter of public service, the action of Attorney Darrow is to be commended. We will be spared the recital of details of at least one and maybe other crimes of such a nature that they should be considered by scientists behind closed doors, not in public. Even if the extreme penalty be not exacted, and life sentence be inflicted, it will appear to many that justice has been substantially served.

In either event, Darrow has served his clients well. He has also added another bay to his laurels as a lawyer capable of making good defense in a desperate case. If Nathan and Richard can only be put away and forgotten, it will be well for all. It will be a long time, however, if ever, that their frightful crime fades from the record. They stand high in America's list of monsters.

LET'S BE FAIR ABOUT IT.

The Herman Record, noting that ex-Police Captain Wheeler is denouncing the Omaha police force as inefficient, says:

"If Captain Wheeler thinks his revelations will shock the people he is misinformed. The inefficiency of the police was known even when Wheeler was a member of it."

It may be true, probably is, that Omaha's police force is not the best in the world. It is doubtless true that it could easily be made more efficient. But that it is as inefficient as the Herman Record would have its readers believe is wholly untrue. Omaha with more than 200,000 inhabitants and a daily floating population of other thousands, naturally affords a goodly share to crime statistics. But did the Herman Record or other rural critics of Omaha's morals, ever stop to think that the crime statistics of enough smaller cities of the middle west to equal Omaha's population would probably show about as many crimes per day, or per week, as are chronicled in Omaha.

The metropolitan newspapers usually make note of the crimes committed in their cities, while the rural newspapers very often withhold names and particulars "out of consideration for the families" of the accused parties.

Denouncing the Omaha police for inefficiency is not calculated to make the task of the police department easier. On the contrary it makes the task more difficult by persuading the criminal element to flock to this city. It must be apparent to every right-thinking citizen that the police force of Omaha, and of every other metropolitan city, would be able to function more efficiently if it had the co-operation of good citizens instead of their continued criticism and nagging. The Omaha police department is handicapped by this lack of co-operation, by lack of proper financing, and by the politicians who are willing to sacrifice public safety if that seems to them the best method of advancing their own selfish interests.

Despite all assertions to the contrary, the average of safety for life and property in Omaha is above that of most cities of Omaha's size.

ANOTHER DREAM COMING TRUE.

When the McKean motor car was presented, it seemed as if a solution for the suburban traffic had been discovered. On light runs out of Omaha and elsewhere, this self-contained gasoline-propelled car did the work and did it well. Another experiment was to have the gasoline engine drive a generator to provide the current for an electric motor. This, too, was a success. But a serious drawback operated against both, the high cost of fuel.

Now the New York Central is experimenting with a locomotive built by the General Electric company. Crude oil is the fuel used and the current for the motor is generated by the engine. A 60-ton locomotive is being used in the experiment. Its greatest value so far shown is that it operates on about 5-7 of the amount of fuel consumed in the ordinary process of developing an equal amount of power. It has flexibility, responds readily to demands, and pulls its load as reliably as the old type of machine.

So enthusiastic are its promoters they assert that the end of the present day type of locomotive is at hand. Perhaps. Yet the old style has weathered many an onslaught. Even established advantages of electric locomotives with power generated at central stations have not been sufficient to run the "old kettles" to the scrap heap.

Managers with vision will watch all these experiments, and when it becomes clear that money will be saved by adopting the new methods, the change will come quick enough. One of the dreams of the men who handle the power for the railroads has been to harness electricity and fuel in a good working team, and the new oil-burner may provide the means.

An enthusiastic democrat exclaims the state committee did just as well as a primary. No doubt of it, so far as general results go, but what about consulting the voters?

Mike Endres learned how to keep books when he was county treasurer, and so he knows how as sheriff. The jail feeding secret still is safe.

Every little bit given to the Free Ice and Milk Fund helps make life easier for some baby who might otherwise suffer. Come on in.

A Maryland woman led a mob to tar and feather a girl she saw vamping her husband. How the husband fared is not reported.

Three million dollars is the upset price for the La Follette campaign. Some of those volunteers are going to do well.

Friday was not the 13th of the month, but the accident toll marks it as a pretty fair hoodoo date.

Omaha's welcome to the flyers should cap their experiences on the round-the-world flight.

Cal Coolidge's cat is missing, but the president still has his goat.

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie

ACHIEVEMENT IS WORK.
"It's probably true as it ever has been—
The fellow who study and toil—
Who weather the storm without flinching will win.
And rise in the face of turmoil.
The gradual turn to the easy come things
Is inclined to deprive us of thrift;
But we being born without motors or wings
Ourselves by exertion must lift.
An heritage tender no alms, though we claim
Both weal and cognizance through kin.
There's nothing, eh, nothing but pride in a name,
And pride offers naught to begin.
Though nearer and greater the luxuries grow—
And they may induce us to shirk—
We will ever learn as observing we go
That honest achievement is work."

Why More Folks Don't Have Their Papers Follow Them on Their Vacations

TEN KILLED AS TRAIN HITS PICKUP MOTOR BUS - AUTO DRIVER KILLS FOUR - FLEES -

MOTHER CUTS THROAT OF DAUGHTER AND INFANT SON TO SPITE HUSBAND

YOUTH SHOT THROUGH STOMACH BY PLAYMATE DIES

"THRILL SLAYERS" LAUGH AS VICTIM'S MOTHER WEEPS

FATHER KILLS FAMILY OF SEVEN WITH BUTCHER KNIFE

DEMENTED MOTHER DROWNS BABY AND TAKES POISON - ETC. ETC.

Letters From Our Readers

Simple Home Remedy.
Omaha.—To the Editor of the Omaha Bee: I would not feel it were doing my duty to mankind if I were not to tell at this time what to do when you step on a nail, rusty tin, or, in fact, get a cut on any part of your body from which you might expect infection; in fact, the injured part usually does not hurt you at first, but a day or two later the infection starts, and even then I believe if taken in time, life can be saved. I believe the death of the two boys here in Omaha, as well as Calvin Coolidge, Jr., could have been averted if attended to in the following manner: I have seen this demonstrated for many years over and over again: On getting the blister, cut, etc., immediately bathe the part in quite warm water, to remove any dirt; then take a piece of fat bacon, the older the better, saturate it with spirits of turpentine, and bind on the wound. This will probably take out all the poison, and I wish to assure you that it is a sure cure, as I have seen it done even when the top of a foot has turned to dark purple from the infection. Do not wait as a last resort to try this simple home remedy. READER.

Farmer's View of La Follette.
Sheridan County, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The enclosure clipping is one of the planks of the La Follette platform and I wonder if the arch objectors, dog-in-the-manger, rule or ruin maligners of the best country on earth really believe such rotten bunk. If so, instead of his drawing some \$10,000 salary as United States senator and using Uncle Sam's time to stir up strife and contention among our own people, such a one is a more fit candidate for a mad house than for the greatest office on earth. If the author of that plank could have attended our Fourth of July celebration up here in the wild and woolly west, in the newest part of our state, and supposed by such as he to be peopled by a class steeped in the depths of poverty, he would have seen from 2,000 to 4,000 well dressed, well behaved, well fed, patriotic, intelligent American citizens, and could have heard our worthy congressman, Bob Simpson, of the Big Sixth, deliver that patriotic oration, filled with optimism and faith in our country. Nine out of ten of the people came in autos, and most of them were those "poverty stricken" farmers, and at the ball game the cash receipts were \$700. And then, four days later, we had with us four days the Savage Carpal company; then July 11 began our five days of Chautauqua, all of which were liberally patronized. All these things giving the lie to the pessimistic demagogues who brazenly aim to deceive the people with their un-American propaganda. SUBSCRIBER.

The Hero Soft Pedals.
Jobling was a man whom his fellow clerks mentally dubbed as being a braggart. According to himself he was always having the most extraordinary adventures, and has been the hero of innumerable thrilling episodes. One morning he came to the office and described how he had captured a burglar who had broken into his house on the previous night. "Of course, he gave in to the end,"

SUNNY SIDE UP

Take Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet
Cuba Thaler

When we get ready to organize our own personal and independent political party, which we shall proceed to do shortly, we purpose being our own preferred candidate, writing our own platform and selecting our own campaign manager. We know who will be our candidate, having already selected us, and our platform is already formulated, so all we have left is to announce we will offer the campaign management to our old friend Mike Harrington.

We have no doubts about Mike accepting the post, and our judgment in making the selection is based upon Mike's experience with political parties of diverse and sundry kinds. He has been successfully, and sometimes successfully, democrat, populist, democrat, populist, bull mooser, and is now fronting for La Follette. No matter what the party he is affiliating with for the moment, Mike is always the crusader. We will hold our political party launching in abeyance until Mike has finished his work for La Follette, because we shall insist that he give his undivided attention to our candidacy.

We claim that Jerry Howard was the only attendant upon the recent democratic gathering at Lincoln who came through with a clean political side. Jerry was there for the dual purpose of nominating Harley Morehead and throwing the hooks into Brother Charley. Jerry's candidate did not get a vote and Brother Charley seems well satisfied with his successor on the ticket.

We have it on the authority of Frank Carey that a man approached a clerk in one of the local 5 and 10 stores and inquired for the rug and carpet department.

Little Clifford has gone west and done it, taking advantage of our temporary absence from the family domicile. We have made no protest thereof, but we have issued the Ultimatum. Any application of henna tea to the shorn locks will be followed by a disruption of what has heretofore been a more or less happy family circle. And if there is even a slight symptom of a lipstick we shall forget ourself and reach for a bedstiff.

The information that all the notification speeches and acceptance addresses will be broadcasted disturbs us not a bit. Firstly, because we have no radio apparatus in our apartment. Secondly, because we never expect to have. Thirdly, because we've heard too many of them in days gone by and would instantly tune out and pick up something lively, as for instance a Bed Time Story. And to our mind the acme of piffle is the average Bed Time Story.

It appears that while the governor is trying to prevent the gasoline dealers making a big financial profit he is not a bit averse to making a lot of political profit.

Loeb and Leopold are said to be very natty dressers and especially picky in the matter of neckwear. A perfectly lovely pair of neckties await them. WILL M. MAUPIN.

Abe Martin



Mr. Lemmie Peters, who graduated with such high honors a few years ago, an' whose essay, "We've Left th' Bay an' th' Ocean Lies Before Us," wuz th' talk o' th' town, has finally found himself an' is mowin' lawns at 40 cents an hour. Rosco Moon wuz arrested t'day on suspicion o' being a boy bandit, but he proved he wuz born in 1898. (Copyright, 1924.)



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