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PLAIN POLITICAL PETTYFOGGING.

John W. Davis is a lawyer. Good enough to be employed by J. P. Morgan. Morgan employs only the best available when it comes to hiring lawyers. We want to be understood as meaning this as a compliment to Mr. Davis. It may, in the mind of W. J. Bryan, disqualify him as a candidate for president. Indeed, Mr. Bryan has definitely expressed himself to that effect. But, if the American people want a lawyer, they ought to be as smart as Mr. Morgan, and employ the best they can get. Ability

should not debar a man from serving the public.

Some of Mr. Davis' recent maneuvers throw a little doubt on the judgment of Wall Street magnates on whose payroll he was so very recently. We can imagine the misgivings of his employers, should he go into court with one of their important cases and try it after the fashion he has adopted for presenting his own affairs to the public. Far be it from us to prescribe to Mr. Davis a course of conduct. He has the great American privilege of carrying on his campaign in any way he wishes, or maybe we ought to say, in any way his committee wil! let him.

Mr. Davis seems to be convinced that he will make a lot of votes by accusing the republican party of being corrupt, of conniving at official misconduct, and insinuating that Calvin Coolidge has blinked at party rottenness in and out of office. Not to put too fine a point on the matter, Mr. Davis lends the respectability of his standing to the slanders of Gaston B. Means, self-confessed former German spy, and Roxie Stinson. As a lawyer he knows that their tales would not stand a minute before a self-respecting court. But as a candidate for president he feels he must give them credence. Not only credence, but rough his veiled and carefully worded utterance, he comes before the public as a character witness for irresponsible gossip-mongers and reputation assassins for whom he can not help but have the utmost contempt, just as all decent people do.

A year ago the nation was bowed with sorrow because of the loss of a president who had worn himself out in public service. Today the memory of that president is besmirched with utter recklessness by the candidate of a party seeking to ride into office through wrecking the good name of a

As a preliminary to the campaign of 1924 democrats in the senate launched a great crusade against the administration. Cabinet officers were attacked, and one senator from the south boasted they had carried the trail of corruption to the White House, and would drag it through. Edwin M. Denby, secretary of the navy, was singled out in connection with the leasing of oil lands. He was first to be impeached, and then his resignation was demanded. Finally he did resign. When at last the report of the committee on leases upon naval oil reserves was submitted by Senator T. J. Walsh of Montana, it contained this language:

"It should be stated in this connection that neither the secretary of the navy nor the assistant secretary had any part whatever in the negotiations resulting in the execution of the leases here being canvassed, nor, for that matter, in those culminating in the Sinclair lease.'

That statement from a committee frankly at enmity with the administration should not be considered as an attempt to whitewash anybody. It is a belated admission of truth. Head hunters were bent on having a victim. Denby was singled out. When the committee came to make its report, the admission is made that Denby had no part in the matters that were being investigated. This ought to satisfy even Judge Davis.

So far as Albert B. Fall is concerned, his case is in the hands of the federal court. Indictments have been secured by attorneys chosen by the president, approved by the senate, and working for the public. That should also content any reasonable man that justice is being done and guilt punished.

So far Mr. Davis has confined himself to innuendo, but the nod from the throne is apt to become the royal mandate by the time it reaches the street, and he knows it. He is too good, a lawyer to be ignorant of the effect he produces. Does he want to do what the oil committee did, whoop and yell in pursuit of a victim, and finally come out and acknowledge that the victim was innocent? Or does he want to give the law its chance, let the matter go before the court to be tried on its merits?

If no democrat had ever been guilty of anything involving moral turpitude, the course of the candidate might be excusable. When one assumes to be immaculate, one ought to be very sure of his facts. The Walsh report on the oil matter finally concludes that the whole thing turns on a question of opinion. If the policy of leasing was right, says the report, and it may be, then the chief offense was in not asking permission from congress. Candidate Davis may find himself in that fix if he keeps on.

If New York republicans are looking for a real man to be governor, "Bill" Hayward is at their service. Nebraska knows and recommends him.

Very likely President Coolidge did not expect to please Senator Walsh, so the senator's disappointment need surprise nobody.

WHICH WAY ARE WE GOING?

In the news dispatches is an account of how an armored mail car was tried out in a test simulating a real robbery as nearly as possible. The robbers were repulsed with the loss of two killed, six captured and one missing. That is, theoretically. How it will work in practice is to be determined. Some of the older members of the community may recall how the "iron clad" treasure coach fared. It was the boast of the Wells-Fargo people that no road agents would do business with that contrivance. On its very first trip out of Deadwood "Laughing Sam," Charlie Carey and three other determined men staged a reception for the iron-clad coach at Cold Springs. Boone May, Gale Hill, "Little Bill" Wilson and two more guards were with the coach, but when the battle was over the road agents had the loot, nobody ever knew how much, and were away.

In those days anything marked "U. S." was immune. Robbers had a wholesome respect for the federal government. They knew that pursuit was relentless, and that conviction would be followed by severe punishment, mail train robbery was rewarded with a life sentence and sometimes hanging. The sentence, too, was usually carried out. Once in awhile some daring or desperate soul essayed a trial on a postoffice. Almost invariably, however, he paid the penalty.

The iron-clad treasure coach has vanished from service, and along with it has gone the regard of the highwaymen for the label, "U. S." No game has paid better of late years than robbing the mails Immense sums of money and large quantities of other valuables are carried in mail sacks nowadays. One recent robbery, not far from Chicago, gave the pandits possession of \$2,600,000. It was carried out with all the precision of a military attack. Gaz bombs were used. Mail clerks, fighting to protect the mails, were overcome by fumes in their cars. The robbers were gas masks. To be sure, most of them are now in custody. The larger part of the loot has been recovered. The Postoffice department records, however, that more than \$6,000,000 has been lost since the modern road agent has turned his attention to the mails.

Now it is reported 3,000 armored cars have been contracted for, to carry our mails in safety across the country. Wherein resides a sad but eloquent commentary on our civilization. King Alfred caused purses of gold to be exposed along highways, to prove the honesty of his people. What would he say if he were told that the most enlightened government in all history had to adopt bomb-proof. armor-clad vehicles to carry letters and packages entrusted to its care?

POLITICS AND PEACE TERMS.

When the London conference had reached an agreement, and all hands were content with the terms, it was pointed out that the big job still was ahead of Herriot and Marx. They had to go back home and satisfy the cabinets and the legislatures of France and Germany. Marx has succeeded. He put the matter up to the reichsrat, which is the Ger-

the support she had at London. The premiers are section of the state. thinking clearly and talking frankly. We wonder, though, if the politicians will understand this. In France the group that overpowered Briand and set Poincare on the driver's seat is willing to do the same for Herriot. Not, perhaps, that its members do not desire peace, but that they long for more

The nationalist-communist combination in Germany has but one thing in common, the destruction of the republic. Marx is fortunate in being able to split this alliance long enough to get a majority for the London agreement. Herriot will very likely succeed in Paris, but the interpellations will disclose a spirit that is far from reassuring to those who cornestly desire a tranquil future. The statesman who prefers glory to peace still exists in Europe. and can make a lot of trouble.

"Blots of dark colored surface material, believed to be vegetation, are now developing" on Mars, according to the astronomers. Wonder if the Martians worry over crops as much as Nebraskans?

Candidate Norton says the republican party is not credited with the present good times. The demo-cratic party has been responsible for the bread lines every time it has been in power since 1860.

Add gas story: Governor Bryan has at last met the cut made by John D. Rockefeller two weeks ago, and is now selling gasoline at 13 cents at the corner of Sixth and South streets.

Pat Harrison is sitting pretty once more. He has the democratic nomination, and that is enough in Mississippi. If he were running in Nebraska, he would have to go out and get elected.

The fact that Brother Charlie lived in Omaha several years before he went to Lincoln lends emphasis to his statement that he is just beginning to get acquainted with the metropolis.

Old George White prophesies that Davis and Bryan will have 346 electoral votes. What makes this most interesting is that old George made the same prophesy for Cox four years ago.

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Post-Robert Worthington Davie

VACATION. Away from the toil for a little while, And across the open lea To gain again the fervid smile

That the gods expect of me; To the tranquil wood where Nature lies Arrayed in her garments fair, Where the wren revolts and the peewee flies, And the flowers nod in prayer.

Away from mart for a little while-

Sun-clad days and boon-moon beams-

To the calm of a calmer land, Where silence rests and winds beguile And the earth is rapture spanned. Away to rest for a week or so Where the breadth of the free world brings To heart the faith and grace that grow In the wild and rugged things.

Gifts of the gods of old; Thoughts long waiting to change to dreams-Thoughts that the work days held. Away from toll for a little while, And across the open lea. To gain again the fervid smile That the gods expect of me.

Courage Men, There's a Sail on the Horizon.



Letters From Our Readers

man senate, on what amounted to a take it or leave it basis. Germany did not get all that might have been wished for, but Germany was likely to get far less if the present pact were rejected. In France Herriot has followed much the same plan. "I have to the Yellowstone park and less if the present pact were rejected. In France Herriot has followed much the same plan. "I have to the Yellowstone park and less if the present pact were rejected. In France was rejected and a government of the same plan and the proper sphere within the union's orbit that there are some wasting time there are some sensing that there are some wasting time they against it. There are some rough spots, but there are some swasting time trying the base to the union in the same believe prohibition as fiscally. The comban Bee: The tourists of the eastern part of the state do not real ize that the potash highway, through the state and federal adjustment machinery to the fulfillment of making their respective enterprises a success, it becomes a tremendous task to keep each state of the union in the same strange that there are some wasting time there are some severy day.

Mon "Common Sense." Some of their respective enterprises a success, it becomes a tremendous task to keep each state of the union in the same believe prohibition is a great their several and collective integrity.

Marx bluntly told the nationalists what they might expect if the pact was rejected and a government of the sate of their interference with state and federal adjustment of making their respective enterprises a success. The combine the sand fill interference with state and federal adjustment machinery to the fulfillment of making their respective enterprises a success. The seams strange that there are some wasting time there are some seating drunkeness than combined in their respective enterprises a success. Windam their several and collective integrity.

Realizing these obstacles, every in tells in their respective enterprises a success. Windam their several and collect The Omaha Bee: The tourists of the zations, because of their interference

ection of the state.

Mr. Tourist, why not try the Potash of the United States, conflicting legi-Mr. Tourist, why not try the Potash on your next trip? The people appreciate your coming and our garages will not hold you up. When you get to Halsey, make a detour through the Halsey forest reserve, where Jay Higgins, the superintendent, will welcome you. The reserve road consists of easy grades, 5 per cent, winding through nearly 14 miles of Bessy national forest reserve.

tions. We wish that the people could be come better acquainted with this part of the state. They will not find the Potash highway equal at all times tions for whom the United States has the Lincoln, but, as I said, in wet become too small. And because inter weather the sandhills are passable when the Lincoln needs a tractor to pull them out of the mud. Then, too, there are lots of good things to see up here. Possibly, even yourself, would be surprised to know that our to 40 and sometimes 45 bushels of corn to the acre. Land that sells for from \$5 to \$75. We will appreclate any interest you might show through your paper for our part of

JOHN M. TURNER.

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League Is Unnecessary.

Columbus, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Unless purely philanthropic and patriotic, every organization except matrimonial and perhaps some religious organizations, are antagonistic to the organization by whose grace they exist and thrive. Further, when organizations within an organized constitutional govern-ment like the United States thrive, they individually and collectively thrive of the substance that of right belongs to the nation and to all the people comprising such government In any event, whether organization do or do not thrive, besides being an unnecessary tax burden they are the greatest possible menace to co-stituted government. Any one wi looks over the situation may easily observe that it is difficult to keep running smoothly the political and economic machinery of the United

Abe Martin



Lem Beasley's wife walked out on him, t'day, leavin' two idle cars in th' garage. Who don't remem-ber when a family used t' die off one at a time instead o' wiped out in a group?

carry on world commerce.
On the whole, the league of na All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words and less will be given preference.

Boost for the Sandhills.

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That sunrise never failed us yet Coha Thalter

Near the main exit at Krug park, in company with Jim Bulla, we were passed by a bevy of dusky damsels who had just finished serving a delightful dinner to the editorial brethren. And we heard one of them say: "My cah is pahked ova there. You girls come on an ride with me." Jim paid both our fares on the street car.

E. Buckingham's reputation as an orator is 100 per cent among the newspaper folk of Nebraska and Iowa. He makes short speeches, full of entertainment and information. He makes the same speech once a year, always just preceding the annual dinner served to the editors by the Union Stock Yards company. Clearing his throat, "Buck" steps out in front of the brethren and sisters, and says: "Come and

Members of the I Knew Him When club will shove over and make room for Ol' Doc Frye, caterer in chief and chef extraordinary to the Union Stock Yards company. Doc has a trained flivver. It barbecues meat, tea and coffee, and refrigerates fruit juices for salads. The blooming thing not only roasts the meat on spits, but actually turns the spits. All Doc has to do is to jack up a hind wheel and put the wheels into action. Doc says he has hopes of being able to teach the contraption to talk so it can call him when it is necessary to replenish the charcoal fire or baste the meat.

"Twice-a-Week" Graham, one of Iowa's veteran editors, never misses a summer meeting of the editors. He calls attention to the fact that he has but one eye, and does so for the purpose of explaining why he always looks twice as long at a pretty woman, although he can see a chance for refreshments as quickly as a man with two good eyes.

A number of people sought to gain political information from the newspaper folk while they were here. They were greeted with raucous laughter. The editors were here for fun. Even efforts to get group meetings of republican and demo-cratic editors proved futile. The only business considered was to make the most of an opportunity to forget business and

President Coolidge says he carried a sap bucket when a boy. In that particular he has nothing on us. We, too, have carried a sap bucket. We have also provided wood for boiling the sap, and we have sugared off and packed maple sugar. Unless Cal has attended a sugaring off party, pouring the syrup into fantastic shapes on the snow, there to congeal, he ain't seen nothing. Wonder what Cal made his sprouts from? We made ours out of elderberry bushes.

Sign on Farnam street: "Pocket Flasks, Glass Lined." A wise provision. The stuff they sell for pocket flasks these days would eat a hole through all-metal flasks.

What is most needed now is an automatic kadukey that will shut off the gas and water when the householder goes away on a vacation. It seems that our municipally owned utilities shove more water and gas through the pipes when there is nobody home, than at any other time.

WILL M. MAUPIN.

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further states that railroads refuse to hire drinking men, while the facts are ness very long. But they do ask their men to be sober while on duty. He also says drunken men are rarity. If he will go to the troub

and look over the records, he will note there are more arrested now for

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