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For the year 1923, railroad properties in Nebraska, except terminals, were valued for taxation at \$315,644,618.

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COOLIDGE PICKS THE GROUND.

Ordinarily, the challenged party in any contest has something to say about conditions of the match. John W. Davis appears to hold a different view.

If he really wants to know where Mr. Coolidge stands on any matters that are really vital to the present and future of the American people, he may find out by reading the president's speech of acceptance.

The president first declares that the affairs of our country are our chief concern. Mr. Davis would seem to hold they come second, that the League of Nations is first.

In the Coolidge speech, as well as the platform, is a frank declaration for the protective tariff. In the Davis speech and democratic platform is an equally frank proposal to repeal the republican tariff.

Wages and working conditions in America are better than anywhere under the sun. The policy of the republican party has brought this about. It will maintain the standard of living established under its management of public affairs.

tion. Collective bargaining and voluntary arbitration have ever been encouraged.

What better conditions can be offered than are contained in the Coolidge and Dawes declarations, and the platform of their party? If Mr. Davis wants to find other issues, it will be his privilege, but the real battle will be on the platform pronouncements.

"SKOAL!"

Folks are apt to forget that Eric the Red did not put out from Norway because he hoped to find a new country. He was impelled to take a journey and take it suddenly because he had fallen into disfavour with the king.

A little later a similar mischance sent Leif the Lucky down along the coast to Vinland. We have not yet settled just where this was. Neither Leif nor Eric was especially strong on geography, and the skald who immortalized their names was rather sketchy in his topographical descriptions.

For the better part of 900 years the exploits of Eric and Leif were lost to the world. Now they are serving to support claims in opposition to those of Christobal Colombo. Just at the moment they are in the mind, because the American flyers have followed the track from Iceland to Greenland which must have been pursued by the vikings in that far-off time.

It is the same spirit, though. Eric set out on a venture and made land. Smith and the others were equally venturesome, and they, too, have made land. What an epic! What a story, waiting for someone to weave the two ends together! To Eric, to Smith, to all those gallant adventurers: "Skool!"

"MA" FERGUSON IN TRIUMPH.

Texas voters had the choice between a klan-backed candidate and a woman as the democratic nominee for governor. They chose the woman. If no sign fails, "Ma" Miriam Ferguson will be the next governor of Texas.

The point that will get most attention is not that Mrs. Ferguson is the first woman to be nominated for the office of governor by a major party. Overshadowing this is the out and out defeat for the klan. All its strength was put behind the aspirations of Judge Felix D. Robertson.

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Now comes the real test for the Dawes plan. Whatever else it may accomplish, it will not make the democrats feel any better, because it is the fruit of republican policies.

The meeting between Coolidge and Dawes was extra effusive. "Hello," said the vice presidential candidate, and the president smiled.

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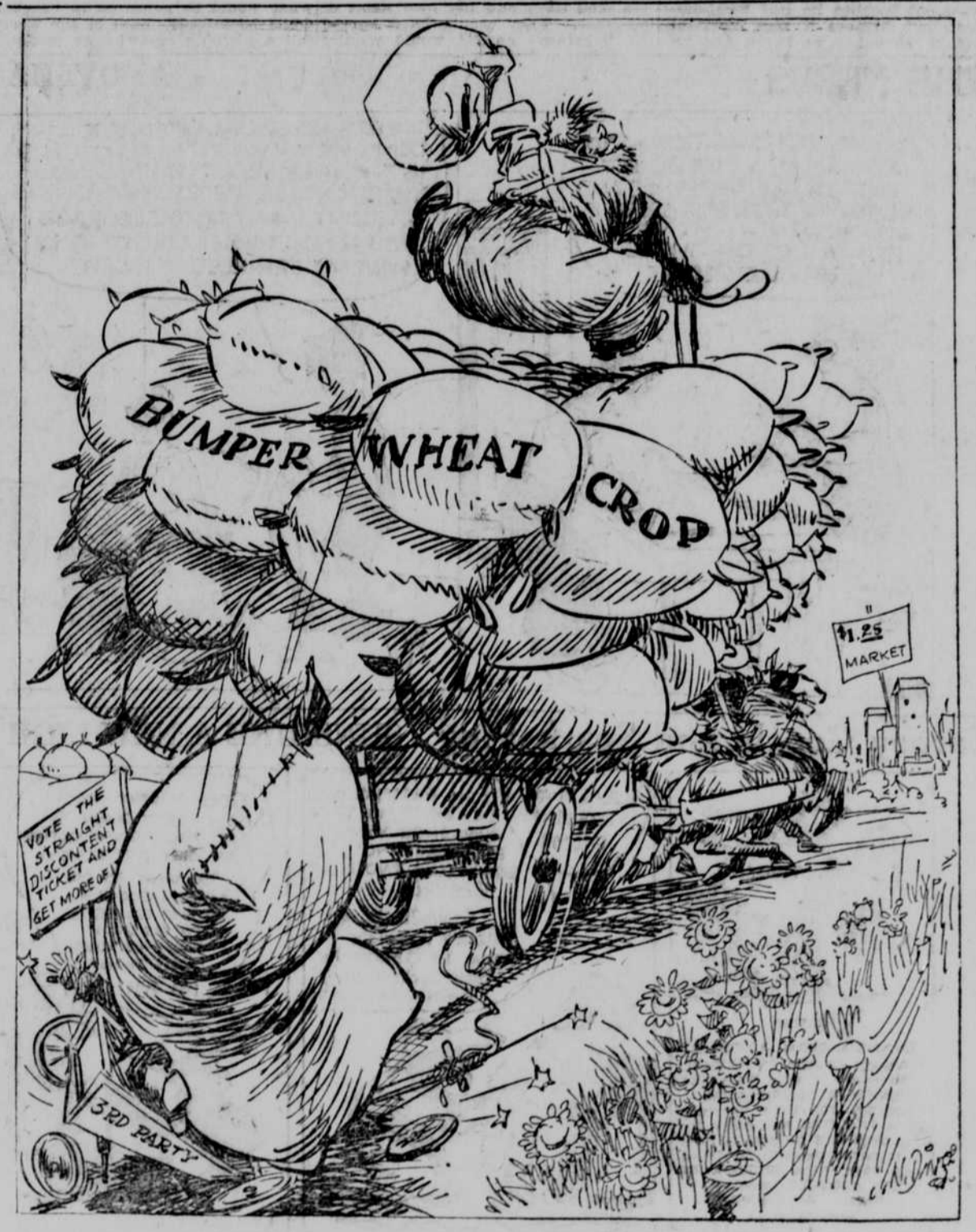
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Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie
RECOLLECTIONS.
Once said Isaac (And my mem'ry trembles like an apple tree Laden with delicious apples when the wind stirs tenderly)—

In Smiling Nebraska



Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Commentations of 200 words and less will be given preference.

Laurels for Schläfer. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I want to congratulate the Omaha Bee on having a sport writer who seemed to be able to see the boxing bout of last evening through uncolored glasses.

Mickey Walker, in an article in a boxing publication published in the east, says the hottest fight of his career was with Morris Schläfer, who, Walker says, had him out in the second round of their bout at Chicago but didn't realize it and thereby lost an opportunity to bring a world's championship to Omaha.

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Getting Skinnier Every Day

Tens of thousands of thin-run-down men—yes, and women too—are getting thinner and thinner every day because they are unable to take on flesh and look healthy and strong.

Advertisement for McCoys' Cod Liver Oil Tablets. Includes text: 'NET AVERAGE PAID CIRCULATION for July, 1924, of THE OMAHA BEE Daily 74,010 Sunday 74,792'

Why should the leading welterweights of the country lose to Morris Schläfer? A defeat at his hands proves more costly in purses lost than any monetary consideration that might be offered.

I noticed, in Wednesday's bout, one of the characteristic features of Schläfer's fighting which many overlook. In most of his big fights, he has been outboxed and outpunched in the early rounds.

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SUNNY SIDE UP

Take Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet

When the Burlington was buying right-of-way between Grand Island and Broken Bow, one of its purchasing agents conceived the idea of engaging in a little townsite speculation on the side.

Frank H. Spearman, whose railroad novels struck the popular fancy a number of years ago, was formerly a resident of McCook, and it was here that he wrote his first stories.

When Cleveland was elected in 1892 Spearman applied for the position of register of the McCook land office. But his appointment was blocked by Pat Walsh, who said Spearman was a "damned aristocrat."

Lounging back at ease in our private car, we sped through Minden last Sunday. Minden was one of our first stops in Nebraska in those early days when we were gathering material for a book as yet unpublished.

A visitor from the south tells this story: A Boston man who was staying over night at the house of a certain colonel in Louisiana was so pestered by mosquitoes that he couldn't sleep.

The moral conditions of sixteenth street from Davenport to Webster street are worth investigation by the press and the police department.

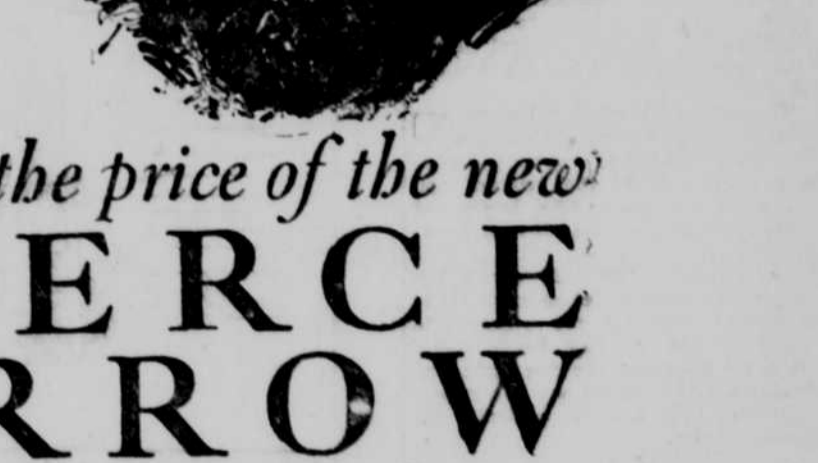
The Albert law is an act of the state and the same should fulfill its function. If the city authorities are unable to enforce that law, then the sheriff or the state should take action if either refuse to act.

W. J. B. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Billy Bryan is acting strangely—

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