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Omaha Where the West is at its Best

OMAHANS, IT IS NOW UP TO YOU.

The American Legion has accepted the invitation of Omaha to hold its 1925 national convention in this city. Fort Worth pressed her claim so strongly that only a few votes separated the two rival bidders when the roll was called.

We have no doubt that when the Legionnaires come hither, they will find the welcome that has made the word "west" a symbol for hospitality, so generous and open-handed that recipients sometimes marvel at the spirit.

However, the caring for such a gathering as that of the American Legion is not a venture to be lightly entered upon. It will require much careful planning, the organization of committees to handle details, the provision of money and other means for making good to the Legion.

The year that will intervene before the coming of the hosts will give none too much time for preparation. In the name of Omaha the American Legion has been asked to come here.

LET US FORGET IT.

A great many things have been done under the excitement of the war that would not have done in ordinary times. Nebraska unfortunately felt the effects of a situation that could not have been foreseen, maybe, but which it was impossible to avoid.

Whether mistaken or not, those acts were done with what was conceived to be a patriotic purpose. The war has passed, although it has left scars and some wounds scarcely healed.

In Nebraska many races and nationalities are represented. All must unite if the destiny of the great state is to be realized. Such union requires that in politics at least we seek the least common multiple, and in that find opportunity to work for the good of all, and not the private vendetta of any.

LET US HOPE FOR THE BEST.

When we look for the worst, still we cherish the fond hope that it will be for the best. Reference is made to the marriage of the Misses Emily and Kate Winthrop. The Winthrops of Lenox, Mass., are very rich and very exclusive.

No blame may rightfully be attached to them for that. It is only what might be expected of red-blooded American girls who decline to worship at the shrine of Mammon and prefer the company of males who are something more than glided and animated he-dolls.

of a pair of stalwart American mechanics. Perhaps Emily and Kate have made a mistake. But somehow or other we think more of them than we do of the feminine contingent that is chasing the prince of Wales from pillar to post.

SPIRIT OF THE LEGION.

Ten generals of the army marched in the parade of the American Legion at St. Paul. Neither they nor the organization itself will take any special credit for this fact. It is an association of soldiers who served their country in a time of great emergency.

In any great enterprise there must be direction. Of nothing is this more true than of an army. A single head contains the final authority, and this radiates down through the various gradations of rank until it comes to the great mass of the troops.

And that is the spirit of the Legion. Its leaders, like those of the army, are but chiefs among their equals. All are in harmony for the patriotic service of the nation, and through the nation to the world.

UNCLE SAM A PROFITEER.

Slowly enough the business end of the war is being sifted down to facts, and the public is being told how much the whole thing cost. One of the unexpected accompaniments of the entrance into war was the plunge the federal government took into business.

When the British taxpayer found out how much he was being taxed to carry on commerce by water, he was amazed and indignant. Likewise, his American cousins had to put up with considerable in order to induce those who go down to the sea to keep on in the orderly pursuit of their vocation.

Accordingly the United States government, together with that of Great Britain, took up the business of insuring cargoes and vessels. It turns out now that this business actually returned a profit. The marine insurance business carried on by the federal government for war risks only totalled rather over \$2,000,000,000.

A little windfall like \$67,000,000 is respectable at any time, and when it is contrasted alongside the billions that were charged off as "war cost," and really were waste, the sum is eloquent. Not many of the government's business undertakings returned a profit; so this should be carefully remarked by all.

HE'S AT IT AGAIN.

Marooned in a farm house in Nemaha county over night, Governor Bryan emerged next morning with the tale of catfish. To be more explicit, it is the story of a big catfish that the governor speared, skinned and prepared for breakfast.

The aforesaid catfish had been caught some time prior to the governor's arrival and kept in a tank on the farmstead. Spearing it was about as exciting as shooting a can of sardines on a grocer's shelf. The governor's fishing exploit is on a par with his claim of having reduced state expenditures by more millions than we are levied in taxes, and equally as interesting as his claim that he has saved gasoline users more money than they have spent for that fuel.

It is doubtless true that the governor speared that big catfish—after it had been captured and confined in a small tank. It is undoubtedly true that a republican legislature is responsible for saving the people money, for it refused to appropriate as much as Governor Bryan asked for.

Claiming credit for what others have done, as in the case of the confined catfish, is one of the best things the governor does.

One thing Charles Gates Dawes can do that neither of his opponents for the vice presidency can. He can march with the American Legion parade as a Legionnaire. And he meets the boys "on the hoof."

A German astronomer caught what he thinks is a signal from Mars. If somebody ever there hadn't got the high sign from Mars about ten years ago, the world would have been saved a lot of trouble.

"Buncheon" seems quite an appropriate place for the democratic candidate to start from in Missouri. He started with bunk.

Having been held up by bad roads, Governor Bryan is probably a convert to "Get Nebraska out of the mud."

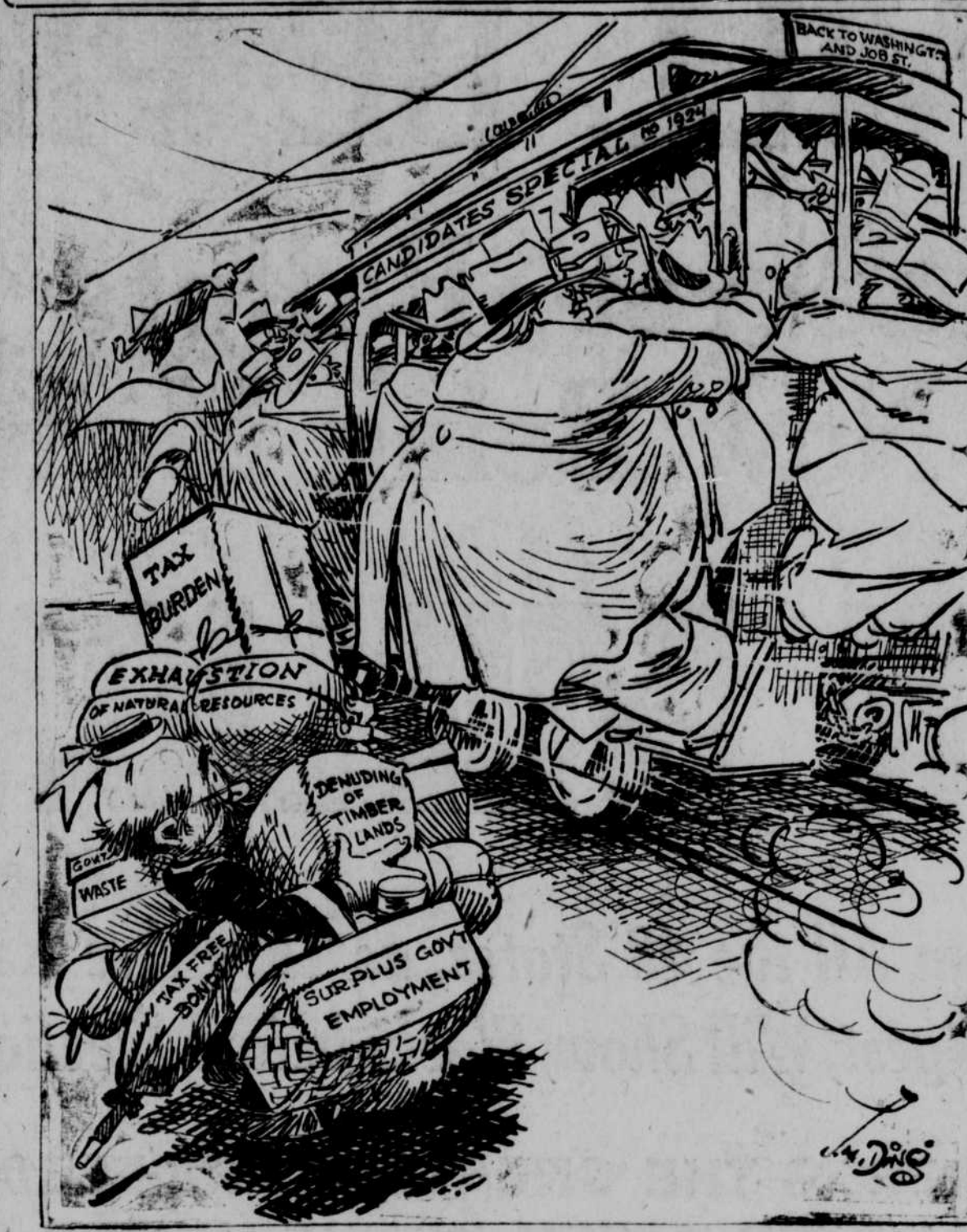
What right has Chicago to thrust its lake front fogs in the path of folks out this far?

Homespun Verse
—By Omaha's Own Foot—
Robert Worthington Davie

TWO MEN.

Two men there were,—
One, yawning, died;
One, laughing, climbed
The mountain side.

Doesn't Look as If They Were Going to Stop for the Little Man With the Bundles This Trip



Letters From Our Readers

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

Considering the Farmer.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Here is the reaction of Mr. Davis' speech on me. The first part, which set out in detail the actual plight of the farmer was enlightening, although I could feel through the whole of the recital that it all came from second and third hand information and not from actual contact with the problem.

Gravel for Good Roads. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In your columns today Mr. James E. Ralitt would build 1,000 miles of hard-surfaced roads with a state bond of \$30,000,000. How would he have a bond issue of \$30,000,000 when our state constitution permits only an issue of \$100,000 in bonds and those only in the event of war, pestilence or calamity?

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government, which I don't, and can get the work under local supervision, he would have \$2,000,000, which will spill four inches of gravel 16 feet wide, on six 1,000 miles of road, all with his first annual interest payment alone. Each successive year he could do it and stay out of debt without any day.

The Mahogany Supply. Mahogany is a popular name for the timber of several unrelated trees, among which are various species of eucalyptus, native of Australia; being known as valley mahogany and as mountain mahogany in the Rocky mountain region, they are native and are mainly used as fuel. Cuba and Santo Domingo formerly supplied the choicest mahogany. Honduras, the low grades, now practically all comes from Central America. The trees sometimes attain heights exceeding 100 feet and diameter of six feet.—Capper's Weekly.

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SUNNY SIDE UP
Take Comfort, nor forget,
That Sunrise never failed us yet.
Celia Thaxter

SEPTEMBER IN NEBRASKA.

September in Nebraska! Corn blades rustling in the breeze, Pumpkins shining yellow 'tween the rows; Autumn tints in all their splendor painting pictures on the trees. And the sun when the sun near setting glows. Blackbirds flying to the southward and the wild geese honking high.

Some of these nights we are going to a picture show and see the name of the author of the novel displayed on the screen in larger type than the name of the photographer, or the name of the fellow who wrote alleged art titles, or the name of the bloke who directed the picture, or the name of the hack who butchered the story to make the scenario—and when it happens we will probably shriek loudly, tear our gray hairs wildly and rush out madly.

Speaking of optimists, there is the ex-liquor dispenser who Not all the geese will fly south. A lot of them will remain in Nebraska and vote for candidates who promise them prosperity without work.

GLAD TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE

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Abe Martin
HE KICKED AWAY, BUT I HAD IT SHIMMED ANYHOW
"Get away from them bill boards before you get 't' smokin' cigars," yelled Lib Push at her little boy today. Wouldn't it be fine if a fellow drezes off as ole as his wife drezes? (Copyright, 1924.)

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