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BROOKHART ASSUMES TO BE BOSS.

In his not unexpected attitude of opposition to the republican ticket, Smith W. Brookhart has placed himself in a peculiar position. He says he will not leave the republican party. At the same time declares he will not accept the nomination of the republican convention.

At Columbus, Neb., on September 25, Senator Capper urged that all vote for President Coolidge.

While I think at times President Coolidge is a little too conservative from a western viewpoint, I also think all impartial considerations point to him as the type of man these troubled times demand. He is capable, absolutely honest, safe and sincere. Politically, and as a private citizen, he has a good record straight through.

There is the frank statement of a republican whose course in the senate has the approval of the farmers of Kansas. No man in either house fought and worked as earnestly as did Arthur W. Capper for what he feels is good for agriculture.

On the other hand, it is known that others of the farm bloc who are now supporting La Follette and Wheeler engaged in defeating measures supported by Capper.

Contrast his action with that of Brookhart. The Iowa senator has set himself up to dictate to the republican party, clinging to the title because it involves his candidacy, but rejecting the action of the great majority of the convention that nominated Coolidge and Dawes.

No candidate for president of the United States ever received a heartier endorsement at the primaries than did Calvin Coolidge. Nor is there any sign of diminution in the enthusiasm then exhibited.

What sort of a figure does Smith W. Brookhart cut, demanding that all the work of the voters of the republican party be undone, because it does not meet his personal approval? King Canute forbidding the tide to rise is a dignified spectacle alongside that of the "big boss" from Iowa.

Three college heads have declared for Coolidge to one of Davis, if that fact means anything. "Democratic speeches prevented by wind."—Headline. Can you beat that?

A billion-dollar wheat crop beats a billion-bushel one.

THE DAIRY SPECIAL.

That dairying in Nebraska has received a new impetus by reason of the recent excursion into Wisconsin, promoted by the Nebraska Dairy Development Society, can not be gainsaid. The promoters of that society have not made any spectacular showing. They have raised a considerable sum of money for the purchase of purebred cows and bulls, and have conducted an exhaustive investigation for the purpose of locating the right persons to assist in the work of dairy development.

The party of 100 farm men and women who visited Wisconsin have returned with much valuable information, and with a greatly increased interest in dairying. Visible demonstration is better than word pictures, and these people have not only seen the results of scientific dairying, but have come back to Nebraska "dairy minded."

There are men and women in Nebraska who are interested in dairying, and who are financially able to erect huge modern barns and install a herd of 150 or 200 purebred cows. But that is not the way to develop the dairy industry in Nebraska. It is not so much a question of huge barns and large herds as it is a question of gradual development, of building up on the knowledge gained by experience, and inculcating into the minds of the farm boys and farm girls a love for dairying.

Nebraska with its wonderful ability to produce, its fine climate and its pure water, is potentially the greatest dairying state in the Union. The Nebraska Dairy Development Society has already justified its existence by furthering the recent excursion into the state where dairying has reached its highest development.

The greatest obstacle that lies in the path of dairy development in Nebraska is the prevalent desire of the average Nebraskan to do the big thing all at once. It has taken Wisconsin 50 years to reach its present dairy development. It would be foolish for Nebraskans to think they can accomplish in a few years what it has taken Wisconsin a half century to accomplish.

But Nebraska has made a splendid beginning, and from now on the development will be rapid and along permanent lines. The recent excursion will be fruitful of good results. Following that excursion the Burlington has organized a special "Pure bred sires" train, and that will give an added impetus to the dairy movement.

Forecasters of election results have an ample field for their talents in the poll taken by the Literary Digest. With only 689,019 votes recorded out of a possible 60,000,000, conclusions resting on the showing made may not be absolutely accurate.

At the end of the second week of tabulation, the poll shows that Coolidge is 4,664 behind the Harding total of 1920; Davis is 23,609 behind the Cox vote, while the scattering vote of 1924 exceeds that of 1920, including the socialists, by 1,213.

Interest is chiefly in the record in California, where the race between Coolidge and La Follette is close enough to be exciting. Coolidge is 9,183 behind the Harding vote, and Davis is 8,944 behind the Cox vote.

This cuts no figure, however. Neither is it especially impressive that Coolidge has a good lead in all the states he is expected to carry. The outstanding feature of the poll so far is that 20 per cent more of the voters are taking part in this test than actually went to the polls four years ago.

Sounds like old times to hear the base ball magnates going after one another. Remember when Chris von der Ahe, Garry Herrman, Barney Dreyfuss and Andy Friedman used to make Indian summer delightful and then some by their wrangling?

"Davis Takes Off His Coat to Help Smith," reads a headline in a democratic paper. We thought Smith was to help Davis. However, they both need help.

One of the troubles with a lot of prophets is they remember so many things that never happened. Brother Charlie's influence is spreading. Gasoline prices all over New England have been reduced.

"Keep your shirt on!" said Landis to Ban Johnson. And it is good advice at any time.

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet— Robert Worthington Davie

THE THRENODY OF FALL. Have you heard the threnody of Fall?— Soft, solemn and symmetrical— Unconsciously delectable— Consoling the dead flowers all, And grass which the grim Fates enthrall. While night-time frosts their vengeance cast On that which lingers till the last Like castaways proverbial.

Some Folks Are So Forgetful About Such Things



Letters From Our Readers

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

Constitution and the People. Grand Island, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The issues of the present campaign have brought to the front the question as to the right of the supreme court of the United States to declare a law passed by congress as unconstitutional.

The constitution of the United States, as well as the constitution of the state of Nebraska is the people's law. In the enactment in both cases it is provided: "We, the people, do declare and ordain the constitution of the United States to be the supreme law of the land; it creates laws, and those laws are fundamental in controlling all matters to which they apply."

The supreme court of the United States has never assumed to arbitrarily declare a law unconstitutional. It has only assumed to determine what the law is, not what it should be. Let us illustrate. By article 1 of the amendments to the constitution of the United States it is provided that congress "shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Now, supposing that congress or a legislature of the state should provide for the establishment of a state religion, or as was done by the legislature in this state, abridge the use of the German language, and the question of the validity of that law should go before the court for consideration.

Stanberry, Mo.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Just a letter written by a Protestant soldier that I'd be pleased to have you publish in the editorials by the readers.

What Was His Religion? "Sleeping in the National cemetery of Arlington, honored as the first of our national heroes, bearing the decorations for gallantry on the battlefield accorded only to the president, lies the body of the Unknown Soldier. He was selected from a number of unidentified men who fell in France. It was enough that he had served and fallen. He represented the very essence of America's sacrifice. His anonymity is the vital circumstance."

Advertisement for Abe Martin featuring a cartoon of a man with a sign that says 'HORSES, WOMEN & DOGS CLIPPED'. Below the cartoon is text: 'Hooray! Th' Ina (Ill) preacher, who poisoned a whole neighborhood, is over 19. Ther's an ole sayin', 'He who runs may read,' but th' 'Ina' 'read' is when they're talkin' about runnin' you.' (Copyright, 1924.)' Below this is an advertisement for 'This Will Fix Your ASTHMA' with details about Dr. Platt's Rinser and a testimonial from a man named VATER.

SUNNY SIDE UP

Take comfort, nor forget, That sunrise never failed us yet. Celia Thaxter

This glorious October morning we are starting on a three weeks' tour of Nebraska, accompanying the Burlington's "Pure bred Sires Train." That trip is going to be an epoch in dairy development in Nebraska. Not because John Lamson and Val Kuska and the writer are on the train, but because of the fact that 33 pure bred dairy sires are going to be traded for as many scrub bulls. If you have a chance you really should visit the train. You can tell Lamson, Kuska and the writer from the star attractions because we will be wearing hats.

The Burlington runs the train, and interested breeders men who are willing to make some sacrifice to advance dairying in Nebraska, will furnish the pure bred sires. All they will get out of it is what the scrubs sell for as beef at Omaha. There will be good speakers at every stopping point, special demonstrations, some amusing exhibitions and plenty of literature for perusal during the long winter evenings.

We are going to enjoy this trip because we know a lot of people in each community to be visited. It is going to give us an opportunity to write things about the state we love so well, and to learn more about it so we can write more, and better, in the future. We are especially interested in this trip because it will be so different from our first trips about Nebraska.

We can remember when the western two-thirds of the state was filled up with long-horned feeders brought up from Texas. Their horns weighed almost as much as their beef. It took a long while for the cattlemen to learn that it didn't cost any more to raise a good beef steer than to raise a poor one. And we have lived in Nebraska long enough to see the longhorns give way to the whitefaces. We hope to live to see the day when the dairy cow that more than pays her board replaces the boarders, and when Nebraska takes her rightful place at the head of the dairying states.

The Burlington's "Bull Train" is going to be a powerful help in bringing that very thing about. We are becoming an expert on dairy cattle. Now we can readily tell the difference between a Holstein and a Jersey, and you couldn't make us believe that a Guernsey was an Ayrshire. We can talk learnedly about chest development, milk strains, tuberculin tests and butterfat content. The only thing that prevents us from going into the dairy business from the promotion end of the game, for which two things let us be doubly grateful.

Our idea of a glorious hour's entertainment is to get National Committeemen McCloud and Mullen together and listen while they carried Nebraska for their respective candidates. WILL M. MAUPIN.

LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press. Noting the claim that sugar may probably be made from corn, Jack Kroh of the Ogallala News points out that something else can be made from corn, while sugar is the only thing the sugar beet is good for. And Jack wasn't thinking about meal, either. How sad it is to raise and educate a boy who can't even shift gears without a rattle—Louisville Courier-Journal. Noting that 50 per cent of corporations never pay dividends, George Burr of the Aurora Register says he always has doubts when some glib stock salesman assures him that he "just can't lose."

Charles Cross of the Scottbluff Star-Herald is not wasting any time watching Comptroller McCarll's battle with the married women who want to have the government pay checks made out in their maiden names. Charles knows just what's going to happen to McCarll. The Fremont Tribune opines that if Charles Bryan stirs up as much enthusiasm in favor of his opponents in the election as he did in the defense day controversy, it will hardly be necessary for him to count the votes.

The Albion News remarks that the democratic promise to reduce the tariff on farm implements would be worth something were it not for the fact that there is no tariff on farm implements. But what has that to do with democrats making promises?

Editor Tobias of the Sterling Sun, noting the number of wandering boys and girls who have taken leave of the city, suggests that parents should

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