

# The Spirit That Built the Bridge Will Build the Railroad



THE OMAHA BEE extends congratulations to the people of Yankton upon the completion of their great bridge across the Missouri river. We join the business men of Omaha and of the many Nebraska towns, who assembled in Yankton on Thursday, in expressing the conviction that immediate steps will be taken to tie up the bridge with railroad connections.

It is a splendid spirit that has seen the final reward of years of labor. It is a spirit, too, that will not rest.

The Yankton bridge is complete—it has been dedicated. The next step will be to construct the short piece of railroad that will make the bridge the vital link it is destined to be. But the men of Yankton will not stop, they will not stand still. When the railroad is built it will

mean that their work has just begun. They are determined to make of Yankton the great city it is destined to be—the city at the crossroads.

History is full of proof that great emergencies make great men. The emergency at Yankton has made some big men there. They have already left their mark upon the history of the middle west—they will be heard from continually as the years pass. Their work will broaden as their opportunities broaden.

They have crossed the great river, they are ready now to reach out over the prairies of Nebraska. Omaha extends its hands in welcome. These men of Yankton will always be at home in Omaha. We are pleased to have such men come among us.

It will be interesting now to watch for the building of the railroad to the bridge. Who will build it?

The Chicago & Northwestern is the logical builder. Omaha business men trust that it will be the "Northwestern."

"One thing certain may be said—the railroad will be built, if the men of Yankton and of Omaha must build it themselves.

The Omaha Bee extends its greetings to the "Northwestern," and trusts that we may look forward to an early day when the business men of Nebraska and of South Dakota can join with them in another dedication—the dedication of the Yankton railroad.

It has brought much pleasure to The Omaha Bee to take part in the opening of the Yankton bridge. We

expressed our appreciation in the publication of a special edition, which was sent to Yankton by automobile.

It was our pleasure, too, to present to Mayor Wyman of Yankton a handsome water color painting of the new bridge. This painting is the work of Henri Domshyte, artist of Omaha. Mr. Domshyte is a member of the Omaha Artists' society. He has done some genuinely creditable work, not the least of which is the painting of the Yankton bridge. The painting was made from the Yankton side of the river and it looks across the "Big Muddy" toward Nebraska and the glorious colors of a Nebraska sunset.

In the spirit of the painting of the Yankton bridge, The Omaha Bee extends its greetings to the people of Yankton.

## Conservatives and Liberals to Work Together to Defeat Labor at Next Election in England, Ex-Premier Lloyd George Indicates

By DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, Ex-Premier of Great Britain, LONDON, Oct. 18. (By Cable.)—It is difficult for those who are engaged in a battle to present a clear, and almost impossible for them ever to give an impartial account of it, even after the fight is fought and won. How can one be expected to do so when the struggle is raging and he himself is one of the combatants? Nevertheless, there are certain features of this combat which may be recorded with confidence, even now, before the issue is determined.

One is the bewildering effect of the three-party system on the grouping of the belligerent parties. At the last election liberal and labor directed the heaviest fire on the conservative position. The dominant issue of that election was free trade or protection. If the Tories had won a general tariff would have been set up and Britain would, for at least a generation, have become a protectionist country. Then the last citadel of free trade would have been stormed and the world would have presented the spectacle of an unbroken series of nations engaged in a tariff war against each other.

Tariff Would Have Remained. It is easy to say that the follow-

ing election would have resulted in a verdict which would have ensured the reversal of this policy. There is no example of such revocation. Once the tariffs had been set up, industry would have done its best to adapt itself to the new conditions—the old industries, build on the free trade basis, would have collapsed and new industries, reared under the shelter of the tariff wall, would have grown. New vested interests would have been thus arrayed against change and the nation, as a whole, would have been left to face a new upset of business.

From this contingency, the liberal and labor defense of free trade saved the country. It was by means a combined operation, for whilst they both attacked the Tory lines at the same time, liberal and labor waged fierce warfare against each other in hundreds of constituencies. But on the main issue of the struggle they were in accord and the consequence was that, in constituencies where only liberal or a labor candidate stood, in one case labor voted liberal and in the other liberal voted labor.

Issues Different Now. Now the process is reversed. This time, the main issue upon which the labor party challenged the verdict of the country arrays against them both

the older parties. On the Russian loan and interference with the course of justice in the prosecution of a communist editor for inciting army mutiny, liberals and conservatives are united. They both regard the act as one of pernicious folly and the latter as a peril to the social order. The result will be that, in constituencies where the conservatives have no chance of winning the seat, they will be more inclined to stand aside and vote liberal, in order to defeat the socialist; and similarly, in constituencies where a liberal has no chance of being elected, the party will be disposed this time not to contest the seat and vote conservative, rather than labor.

Unless I am mistaken in my estimate of the state of mind of the nation, it profoundly dislikes the idea of lending money to the Russian communists; and interference with the course of justice, owing to pressure of a political character, outrages the traditions and instincts which arise from the historical struggles that once rent this country into warring factions and ultimately led to civil war. The fight for emancipation of the judiciary from the control and direction of the executive lasted for generations and is associated with some of the most creditable, but also with some of the most glorious episodes in English history.

Forced to Go Through. It is a far cry to the days of the Stuarts, but national memories are proverbially long and it is well that they should be so. The fight for independence of the judicial administration and the final triumph are associated with the greatest names in the annals of British liberalism. Hence the attitude adopted by the liberals of today towards the government action in the Campbell case. Had the attorney general, after due reflection, decided not to institute prosecution on the ground that it was not worth while giving this wretched communist priest the advertisement inseparable from a state trial, then no liberal would have questioned his discretion. The circulation of the offending paper is, or was, only 3,000 a week. A prosecution would have distributed its mischief among millions of readers. There was, therefore, much to be said for ignoring the obnoxious paragraph. But once the attorney general had issued his warrant and the widest publicity had been given to the case, to withdraw it under pressure from politicians was to revert to the spirit of the Stuarts and to subordinate justice to political expediency. It was creating a dangerous precedent. Hence the feeling excited amongst the liberals by the action of the government in this case.

But the real electoral struggle will center around the Anglo-Russian loan and the conspicuous failure of the government to deal with the problem of unemployment. The country does not much relish the idea of making arrangements to lend Germany 12,000,000 pounds, to enable her to extricate herself out of her currency difficulties and to place herself in a position to regain competitive prowess in the world markets. But it is, on the whole, prepared to acquiesce in that loan, seeing that it is part of an international compact to which all the

great powers have agreed. At any rate, no one doubts that Germany will repay the money advanced her.

No Collateral. But the Russian loan is on quite a different footing. The loan will be made on the basis of the German loan and Britain is to stand alone in finding and guaranteeing the whole of this money. The advance, however, is to be made to a government whose fundamental policy is the repudiation of all obligations entered into with capitalists and capitalist governments. There is no security that the money which reaches Russia will not be spent on strengthening the Bolshevik army or in some way tightening the grip of that ruthless despotism on the millions it now holds in bondage.

Both the Liberal and Conservative parties are as deeply committed to legitimate trading with the Russian people as the Labor party is. And as to the question of recognition, the Soviet government is no worse, in many respects, than the Czarist regime. On the whole, it is less corrupt. During the war, it is true, huge advances had to be made to Russia by France and ourselves to keep the Russian armies from utter collapse in the early days of the war. But no British government would ever have dared to suggest in previous days, that Britain should guarantee a loan of any kind to the government of the czar.

Unemployment Problem. Which of the three parties will win first place in this election and which second? It is too early to predict, but I feel confident that the Russian loan will not secure the majority. On unemployment, the government has also a bad case to submit to the electorate. Here they had for years pitched their promises at an altitude which was beyond the height of a normal electioneering platform. They unquestionably led the working class to believe that the high school schemes that would solve this problem. They have failed to produce one of these ambitious plans. They have lived exclusively on the ideas of their predecessors. During their term of office, the numbers of unemployed have increased. Their handling of the question has lacked vision, imagination and courage. They will pay heavily at the polls for this failure. Here the contrast between promise and performance is yawning to be bridged over by any acceptable explanation.

These are some of the reasons why I am of the opinion that the high hopes of labor will be dashed in this election. (Copyright, 1924.)

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**Rediscovering OMAHA**

GAS FITTING FIXTURES

AK-SAR-BEN has ever been a popular monarch. Not always, however, may his exchequer bulge with ready coin. In the beginning it frequently happened the income did not cover the outgo, and the keeper of the king's wampum faced a red ink balance many a season. Gus Renze, who has been high court artist from the first, can easily recall the time when he enjoyed a privileged grant to no other subject of the merry monarch. After having provided amusement for those knights who gathered on Monday nights at the Den, and then gorgeous spectacles to entertain the multitudes that thronged the streets, and topped off a strenuous season with preparing and supervising the coronation festivities, Gus could amuse himself by collecting his salary for the season. This job usually took all winter, but as he had nothing else to do through the cold months, aside from planning next summer's show and next fall's spectacle, gathering the wages did him no harm when he otherwise would have been idle.

Many a time Gus Renze came away from the Den after the ball and confided to his close companions downtown that he was through. He was going back to sign painting. That didn't pay so well, maybe, but when the job was done he knew where he was going to get his money. But he never did go back to sign painting. He was a good sign painter, too, before he took up float building. Omaha did not call for the exercise of a great deal of skill from sign painters when Ak-Sar-BEN was in existence. The most frequently encountered sign in those days was "For Rent." Usually it was drawn with a marking brush on the bottom of a pasteboard box.

It is well for Gus and the rest of us that the float building business finally caught on. Ak-Sar-BEN has weathered those days of adversity and uncertainty, and Gus Renze has followed the example of Jesus.

Sometimes Gus finds time to foregather with his cronies. Then the conversation naturally falls into reminiscence. On such occasions the roll is called of a number of shining lights of the realm of Quivera who have crossed the Styx. "Dad" Weaver's name easily heads the list. For Ak-Sar-BEN never had a more efficient or enthusiastic worker. He was one thing or another around the Den for many years before he was made full-time secretary. He has been "Doc" Ramacciotti, and LeRoy Lucas, and George Powell, whose services were beyond price. Judge Wapich succeeded Ramacciotti, but the places of Lucas and Powell were never filled. "Billy" Bennett and "Ed" Allen will never be forgotten, for such

presiding officers are seldom found. St. William Kennedy and Carl Reiter were another pair never duplicated for their quality of "work." These two are still in the land of the living, but they have been lost to Ak-Sar-BEN for many years.

After the roll is called, somebody will try to get Gus to tell which was the best show ever given out there. He will promptly say the one just over. Which was the funniest prank ever played, opens a long discussion of episodes that were the cause of great glee. Most will admit, though, that the most hilarious joy ever had at the expense of a dignified gentleman was the night Rev. Edward Frederick Trefz was the speaker of the evening. It was some time before the eminent pulpit orator could overcome his indignation at the interruption afforded by the stentorian clamor of Ramacciotti's incessant demand, "Mr. Chairman, I object!" When Trefz did realize what was coming off, however, he stayed and had as much fun as anyone. The nearest approach to this came that same season, when Victor Rosewater was made chairman of the ritual committee, and sent out to prepare an immediate report.

Another amusing episode, enjoyed for a few moments by those who were in it, turned out to be not so much fun after all. It never got much publicity. In those old days, it was customary to arrange so that on the closing night everybody got some remembrance of the season. Mel Uhl, then publisher of the Daily News, was a member of the board of governors. He had provided himself with a toupee, to cover a balding spot on his head. He was rather sensitive on the subject. Weaver, Renze and another of the ungenerous crew fixed to get Uhl's hat, and in the carrying out of the project got his toupee as well. Uhl could not see fun in that, however, and his rage reached such a pitch that the plotters were afraid to give him back his property. They returned it to him by way of the United States mail.

No knights were more regular in their attendance than the late Samuel Rees, sr., and Maj. R. L. Wilcox. They rarely if ever were missing when the doors of the Den were opened. Henry Ehrenport and Perle were standbys among the guards. And finally, George West, who has provided the literature for the court of the king, and made the "rituals" year after year, must not be overlooked. Nor Walt Jardine, who has been master of the king's horses from the first, and has directed the movement of the pageants with patient skill year after year.

Ak-Sar-BEN may devise a decoration of merit some day, and these are a few of those who will deserve to receive it.

### Our Public Servants

#### The Electrical Worker.

THIS is about the most hazardous occupation in the world of industry. He deals with the most mysterious agent within mortal ken. Although he works with it every day he doesn't know what it is. And that he knows just as much as the most advanced scientist. He calls it "juice," and that is as good as any other name. He knows what it will do, but his trouble is that he doesn't always know when it is going to do it; sometimes with fatal results to himself. Naturally he is a devil-may-care sort of fellow. How could he be otherwise, flirting with danger every minute of his working hours?

His is no easy job, nor a job for mental lightweights. Clinging to the top of a lofty pole in blizzards, picking up broken wires when the thermometer is trying to hide in a hole in the ground, battling the elements to keep your lights going or your telephone connected, requires physical courage of a high order. It also requires brains. A blizzard strikes you and the wires go down, you get all hot up because you can't get a telephone call through or the lights won't burn. Then you raise thunder about it, forgetful of the fact that while you are comfortably housed and only temporarily disconnected, the electrical worker is out working. You would have more sympathy for him, and a whole lot more respect, if you did to work alongside him for 18 or 20 hours at a stretch under those conditions. He does it all willingly, even if he does say things. That's his job and he hops to it. The better you know him and his work the greater respect you will have for him and his job.

W. M. M.

## Twenty Years Ago

Women's Skirts Reached to the Ground. Fears of British-Russian War Were Felt.

Little Kountze Boys Had a Party. They Laughed Over "Samantha at Exposition."

By A. R. GROH.

There was a story out that the Union Pacific was going to buy the Chicago Great Western railroad, giving it a road on from Omaha to Chicago and Minneapolis.

Mrs. Luther and Charles T. Kountze gave a party for their little sons, Harkness and Charles.

Carrie Nation, an eccentric woman in Kansas, who actually thought saloons should be put out of business, entered the High Life saloon in San Antonio, Tex. A group of cowboys, knowing her proclivities for heaving hatchets through the mirrors back of the bar, ordered her to dance, enforcing their request by shots from their revolver in the vicinity of their feet. She danced and lived to chop up many another saloon.

"War Panic in London" said a black headline. It was because the Russian fleet had fired on some British trawlers in the North sea. The dispatches reported that the

Russ fleet had left Vigo and that tremendous activities were going on at Gibraltar.

"Samantha at the St. Louis Exposition," by Josiah Allen's wife, was advertised at \$1.50 the copy. It was considered a very funny book and was of the b'gosh variety of humor.

The latest styles in women's clothes as depicted in the advertisements showed big hats sitting on top of the head and flaring up in front like a hood shawl, long gloves, tiny waists and wide skirts reaching to the floor or a little farther. Not even a sign of a shoe toe.

Lucy Page Gaston was touring the country trying to wipe out cigarets. Terry McGovern was floored by Edna Hanlon in a fight at Philadelphia, whereupon he arose and kicked Hanlon so completely that police interfered to save Hanlon's life. At the ringside were Tom Sharkey, Kid McCoy, Tom O'Rourke and Young Corbett, champions.

Hogs were selling around \$5, less than half what they are worth today.

### Close-Ups INTERESTING OMAHANS

By J. T. ARMSTRONG.

APPEARANCE: Youthful of countenance, despite graying hair and tiny facial lines denoting responsibility. Even white teeth which flash into frequent smiles. Small of stature and usually clad in gray, patch-pocket suits.

Mannerisms: Quickness and precision most noticeable traits. Voice always carries the impression of good nature, which is usually correct impression, despite the fact that his position in a great financial institution frequently makes it necessary to say "no" and mean it. Is frequently seen smoking a pipe and enjoys it.

Hobby: Any and all kinds of conventions.

First job: Messenger in the Union National bank of Omaha in 1898.

Identity: Fred W. Thomas, vice president of the First National bank.

### PLANS MADE FOR COURT CEREMONY

Nebraska City, Neb., Oct. 18.—Arrangements have been completed for the presentation of pictures of the deceased judges of the Second judicial district at the Otoe county courthouse, Saturday morning, October 25, at 10:30. The program consists of five-minute talks of reminiscence by attorneys from adjoining counties, a historic address by Judge Paul Jessup who sat on the bench for nine years—a short address by Chief Justice Andrew F. Morrissey of the state supreme court; formal presentation by William F. Moran, first attorney admitted to practice in this court, and formal acceptance by Judge James T. Begley, present district judge of the Second district.

These pictures, 16 in all, have been obtained after patient search by the officers of the Otoe Bar association. They are enlarged photographs of uniform size and in many instances made from small daguerotypes. The pictures will be hung on a special railing, just placed in the court room.

The Second judicial district, was organized in 1854, with Nebraska City the central point for the holding of court. Otoe and Cass counties are still in the Second district—the other counties in Nebraska which have remained in one district for the last 70 years.

### PERU HOMECOMING TO BE HELD OCT. 24

Peru, Oct. 18.—The annual Peru college homecoming is to be held Friday, October 24, and is to be in charge of the senior class, who are making plans for an interesting celebration.

The program for the day is to begin with a special morning convocation, followed by a football rally.

The chief event, which will attract many visitors, will take place in the afternoon when the Peru Bobcats and the Doane college football team meet in their yearly scrimmage.

In the evening the dramatic club will present three one-act plays, at which all alumni and out-of-town visitors will be guests of honor. Following this, a reception will be held at the Mount Vernon hall.

### Farmer Given Three Years for Assault on Wife

Audubon, Ia., Oct. 18.—O. C. Freeman, farmer, residing near Gray, was fined \$100 and sentenced to three years in prison on the charge of assaulting his wife.

### Cement Shipments Heavy

Superior, Neb., Oct. 18.—The Nebraska Cement company filled orders for 26 carloads of cement Wednesday and 17 Thursday and 15 Friday. The heavy business indicates increased building activities. The cement is consigned to Lincoln, Omaha, and points in eastern Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota.

### Burglars at Ravenna

Ravenna, Neb., Oct. 18.—Burglars entered the clothing store of Harrison & Southman last night with tools stolen from the Joe Bush blacksmith shop. Two suitcases filled with miscellaneous merchandise were taken.

## What You Should Know about a baby's care

Illness is usually due to constipation. Quickly give half a teaspoonful of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

THE young mother should watch which foods the baby relishes most, which foods and their quantity cause distress, and act accordingly.

The good health of a baby is largely a matter of intelligent attention to diet. Nevertheless, in spite of your efforts you will sometimes notice belching, flatulence, wind and symptoms of colicky pain.

Give half a teaspoonful of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, and thereafter vary the offending food. Syrup Pepsin is a laxative admirably suited to infants and children, as it is mild and wholly free from opiates and narcotics.

If you delay in giving it you will soon find the baby suffering from constipation, and that may lead to more serious illness. Half a teaspoonful promptly given will avoid trouble.

Many thousands of mothers have never given their babies any other medicine but Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and they have successfully raised large and sturdy families. The formula is not a secret, being a combination of Egyptian senna with pepsin, and agreeable aromatics. The ingredients are stated on the package. Mrs. Dewey Walker, Elida, N. M., and Mrs. B. Higginbotham, Otter Creek, Fla., are among the many who are firm believers that Syrup Pepsin has kept their families and themselves in good health.

No family with young children can afford to be without it.

Free Sample Bottle Coupon

There are people who very rightly prefer to try a thing before they buy it. Let them slip this coupon, pin their name and address to it, and send it to the Pepsin Syrup Co., 318 Washington Street, Monticello, Illinois, and a free sample bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will be sent them postpaid by mail. Do not include postage. It is free.

Every druggist sells it, and the cost on the average is less than a cent a dose. It is guaranteed to be effective in these symptoms or your money will be refunded.

It is effective, beneficial and safe regardless of your age and has been considered so for over thirty years. In consequence it is today the largest selling liquid laxative in the world, over 10 million bottles being sold annually.

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### Students' Hiking Club to Be Formed at Harvard

HARVARD, Oct. 18.—In order to stimulate interest in the rapidly waning exercise of walking, school authorities are considering organizing a hiking club among the high school students. The present idea is to award a numeral to each pupil walking 300 miles under the direction of the club sponsor. Faculty members say a large number are interested.

### Injuries Fatal to School Girl

MADISON, Neb., Oct. 18.—The 7-year-old daughter of Guy L. Bickley, residing near this city, who was struck by an automobile driven by H. J. Douthitt, traveling salesman, Omaha, recently, died this morning from her injuries.

The child never recovered consciousness, having sustained a fracture of her skull. She was struck by the bumper of the Douthitt car as she attempted to cross the street.