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IN DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Naturally enough, attention in the main has been given to national politics and candidates in the campaign so far. We must not forget, however, that certain local offices are to be filled, and that these are entitled to consideration. Douglas county voters will be asked to send senators and representatives to the legislature. To select a clerk of the district court and a county defender. To choose a county assessor, and to select two members of the Board of County Commissioners.

Members of the legislature should be chosen with due regard for the fact that Adam McMullen is to be the next governor, and that it will be for the benefit of the entire state to have a legislature in harmony with the governor. Omaha no longer is required to go to Lincoln to get permission to attend to her own business. She now enjoys home rule, and so is not at the capitol seeking special attention at any time. Omaha folks are deeply concerned in the great issues that affect the entire state. Taxation is quite as live a topic in Omaha as in the smallest village. Home owners here are just as alert to the necessity for economy as is any farmer. Therefore, while having no special axe to grind, the voters of Omaha and Douglas county are interested in the road-building program, the development of the resources of Nebraska, and the conservation of all the state's interests. For this reason it is essential that men of experience and capacity be sent to the legis-

John W. Cooper, candidate for the state senate from the Seventh senatorial district, is one of the veterans of the body. His service has eminently fitted him for the work of the lawmaker. His record has been good in all regards. Senator Cooper is much stronger on performance than he is on promises. We heartily commend him to the voters of his district.

John W. Robbins, candidate for the senate from the Sixth district, is also an experienced member of the upper house at Lincoln. Familiar with the details of work in the body, sincere and industrious, he, too, has an honorable record of performance, and deserves to be re-elected.

T. B. Dysart, from the Fifth, and William N. Chambers from the Fourth, have served in the house of representatives, and therefore are possessed of experience that will be valuable when they reach the senate. Charles W. Hoye, nominated in the Third district, has the confidence of the voters of his district, and his presence on the ticket gives assurance that the Douglas county delegation in the next senate will be solidly republican.

The nominees for the house of representatives from the twelve districts in Douglas county are clean, outstanding men. Among them are some who have had legislative experience, and others, Richard Wood of the 19th district, for example, are young men just making an entrance to public service. These were chosen at the primaries, and are surely entitled to the support of the voters at the polls. In the nature of things, it is not likely that a solid republican delegation will go to Lincoln from Douglas county next winter. Some of the representative districts are overwhelmingly democratic in their normal vote, and these will probably send democrats. But the majority from this county will be in line with the policies outlined by McMullen in his campaign.

Robert E. Smith is a candidate to succeed himself, and nobody has any idea that "Bob" will break his record and accept the short end of the count at the polls. He has served many years as clerk of the courts, and has established himself as a competent, courteous and obliging officer, a record that commends him to the voters.

Sam Greenleaf, long experienced in tax matters because of his service in the office of county clerk, is the republican nominee for county assessor. His proven ability is his best recommendation for the place, and we believe the voters will agree that Sam

is the man for the job. John N. Baldwin again seeks the onerous and honorable job of being public defender. "Jack" has made good in this place, and ought to be re-elected without any doubt.

Thomas Falconer is candidate for county commissioner from the Third district, with a record of real merit for service on the Board of Education and as city commissioner to recommend him. Falconer was chosen by the voters from among a notable group of candidates at the primary election. This may be accepted as an augury of his victory at the polls next week. He is capable, experienced,

and should be elected. Harry G. Counsman, running in the Fifth district for county commissioner, is just completing his term of office as county assessor with a record that any man might be proud of. In all the history of the office it has never had a cleaner administration than during the years it has been under Counsman's direction. Home owners know and appreciate his particular efforts in their behalf. He, Too. deserves to be given the place he seeks on the | Achievement's solid incolumity.

county board, where he can go on with his good

All in all, the ticket presented by the republicans this year will stand close inspection with its chief opposition. Seldom has such a group of candidates been offered. They have made a vigorous canvass, and have added much to the certainty of a real republican victory in Douglas county this fall.

NOT ON THE TAX LIST.

Robert Marion La Follette, reading the published income tax returns, pounced on certain items as positive proof of his assertions of all sorts of fraud are true. Why, he asks, does a man whom everybody knows is a millionaire, not show up with a millionaire's tax rating? Several very obvious answers might be made to "Bob's" inquiry, but none will suit his purpose. We await with interest his reaction to the information that the names of certain well known wealthy persons do not show up at all on the tax list.

Take J. Ogden Armour, for example. He looms high when the soap-box orator begins to call the roll. In searching the tax list at Chicago, the reporters failed to find his name. Nor did they find that of Edward F. Swift, A. Watson Armour, Edwin Morris, or the Levy Mayer estate. The big men of the "packing trust" missed out on the income tax. For the very good reason that they had no taxable in-

One phase of the game that gets little attention is that now and then the law of averages works. J. Ogden Armour alone is credited with a loss of \$30,-000,000 during the taxable year. Wilson & Co., packers, are in financial trouble. The Swifts and Morrises and Mayers all had to pocket heavy losses. Has any street corner resounded with cries of sympathy and appeal for these meat packers? Did the reds shed tears when the news that the Romanoff family had been butchered was told?

It is just a tragedy of business that each of these supposedly wealthy men fell into a bad deal and lost more money than they made. Their names are not on the tax list. Others may have similar reasons for their returns being low. La Follette could not tell his hearers that, though. They would not

USE AND ABUSE OF THE ROORBACK.

Voters of the United States are accustomed to the appearance of the roorback. No set date is fixed for the flight of this bird, but he usually shows up anywhere from a week to an hour before the closing of the polls. Sometimes he flies singly, sometimes in flocks. He can be determined by the zigzag course course he takes, and the raucous noise he makes. Sometimes it is a whisper, sometimes a shout, but always it is discordant.

Those who set the roorback affoat feel that his ong, however unpleasant it may be, will get response from the breast of some wavering voter. They calculate that no matter how absurd the bird may be in appearance, he will frighten somebody. If only enough can be put affoat a considerable group of votes may be affected. That is why the roorback never flies until just about time to close the campaign. It would not do to release him too soon, for somebody might capture him and find out that ne is like a prairie owl, principally feathers.

The use and abuse of the roorback are so nearly alike that it is not easy to tell one from the other. Fortunately, voters are wary as a rule, and about this season of a presidential year are on the lookout for the expected visit of the unsavory birds. Omaha s getting a fair dose of them just now. Old-timers wary are advised to use their common sense. That is the only known antidote to the bite of the roorget amusement out of the experience, and the unback. It works every time. Just watch him closely, and his absurdity will be plain.

A NEEDED RULE.

The traffic problem in Omaha has reached the stage where something more than a traffic cop at street intersections is needed. Due regard for safety of life and limb imperatively demand a more modern system of regulation. Other cities have tried out the "arterial street" system and found it very satisfactory. An arterial street is one that may not be crossed by any vehicle without first having come

The wisdom of such a rule will be at once apparent. It would work no hardship, but would safeguard life and property.

Better lost a moment than to spend eternity.

La Follette's Omaha speech, in which the world was told that he does not intend to buy the railroads right away, is being widely used by the democrats in the east. Bob never did intend to take over the railroads, he just talks that way. That is Victor Berger's idea, and he is backing Bob to get a toehold on government.

"Explosive Medicines" is a subject discussed by the Literary Digest between straw stacks. It probably has reference to the kind of stuff some people take for a cold these Volstead days. Clem Shaver has set November 1 as the "Demo-

cratic Victory Day." On the following Tuesday the voters will make it a Coolidge victory day with due emphasis on the Coolidge. Could there possibly be any connection between a failure to file a personal tax return and the publi-

cation of a letter more than eight years old-if it ever was written? Val Peter will probably be able to withstand the

onslaught of the Steuben society. He has had some experience in such matters. Cervantes laughed chivalry out of Spain, but it

emains to be seen whether Bill White can laugh he Kluxers out of Kansas. The mere fact that the new dirigible is a gas bag

vill explain why it has been christened Los Angeles. Brookhart admits he will carry every county in

owa but one. Why not make it unanimous? A lot of "duds" are being dropped by a desperate party now.

October certainly was a good month for Ne-

Homespun Verse

-By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

OUR STRENGTH BETRAYS OUR WEAKNESS. Our strength betrays our weakness! We are prone To cling unto the visions which display Assiduous rapidity our own.

We care not that for haste we need atone, But madly tread the unfamiliar way, Until the domes imaginary sway, And suddenly to nothingness are thrown.

At length the strength that fashioned them defies Futility like one who has from slumber come To lift his head, and open wide his eyes. And bathe them with divine collyrium— And through the haze of past imprudence see

Would Knocking Out the Traffic Cop Speed Up Traffic or Just Pile It Up at the Intersections?



Letters From Our Readers

Safety First With Coolidge.

Omaha-To the Editor of The Omaa Bee: The slogan should be, "Safe-y First, Coolidge," and not "Coolof Chaos;" nor "Common Hon-Davis." Or "The People, La esty, Davis." Or "The People, La Follette." We know what safety first means; we have to guess what common honesty means in democratic hands, and "the people" is a chimera announced that, so far as the build- ness. issues of the 20th century and it presented a problem of government that no other president—and I do not wish to speak disparagingly of those who have gone before—had the courage to rise and stand upon. He vetoed bill after bill, popular bills, bills which might have drawn to him hundreds of thousands of votes, bills which, as a mere politician, he would have signed. He vetoed them because he proposed to stand between the people of the country and those who were

away from Calvin Coolidge."
FRANK MARTIN.

Correcting History. Gibbon, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In Will Maupin's page of Sunday we notice his comments on the "car lines" of a a few of Nebraska's towns and winds up with these remarks, "Kearney never had horse cars," and then speaks of the when she boasted of electric We wish to say we knew Mr. Maupin when he ran a little in North Bend; we knew his father when he was preaching in North Bend, and know Mr. Maupin wished to be fairly accurate in his comments. But we can assure him Kearney did nave "horse-drawn cars," for we have ridden them. In 1889 we helped raise a field of corn just north from the present fair grounds and have ridden within a few rods of the corn field in "cars drawn by old Dobbin." We are not quite as old as Mr. Maupin, but we happened to be in Kearney, may-hap, just a little in advance of Mr. Maupin, and though the "horse-drawn cars" were, to say the least, crude affairs measured with present standards, dilapidated harness in some instances, and horse, too, in some cases had the appearance of at least know-ing better days, and it appeared to us a shame that we boarded the things under those conditions. How-

Abe Martin



"Ther may be more efficiency in onductin' business than ther ever wuz, but we think most concerns still waste too much money on circulars. Some folks seem t' know more about Mars than they do about makin' a livin'. (Copyright, 1924.)

common honesty means in democratic hands, and "the people" is a chimera honesty to well known. Senator Borah This year, as often before, the cambon homes are so dear to him, as he says, only too well known. Senator Borah This year, as often before, the cambra ways, "It was not long after Calvin paign has been carried on with all why did he not in his usual way go on the warpath against this organized States until he announced he must have economy and then more economy. It was not long until he announced that, so far as the buildness. And that smallness of soul And today the Wisconsin senator is announced that, so far as the buildness. And that smallness of soul and today the Wisconsin senator is considered.

proposed to stand between the people of the country and those who were attempting to make unjust and unnecessary demands upon the people. "And whatever you may do in this campaign you cannot take that issue throw force Calvin Coolidar." name of Jesus in a sneering way be would take no part in combined with that of Coolidge?

I draw the conclusion that, known

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Notary Public

ever they were there for that purpose, and we quietly looked out the window while old Dobbin trudged along the uneven footpath.

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We shall vote against the proposed Sorensen amendment to the state constitution—twice if it were permissible. We are averse to constitutional amendments as a general proposition, anyhow. But the proposed amendment is particularly ob-noxious. We know of but one submitted during late years that we deprecate so much. When we go to the polls to vote, and we never miss an opportunity, we want to know something we never miss an opportunity, we want to know something more about the candidates than merely their names. The mere fact that Sorensen proposed the amendment should be enough to cause its defeat, but the amendment is so vicious that it should be killed without regard to its proposer.

Time was when we would sit for two hours and listen to a political spellbinder, cheering our fool head off and believing everything we heard. Not so now. Information of a more re-liable kind is easily available, and we prefer to imbibe it while liable kind is easily available, and we prefer to imbibe it while sitting in the quiet of our own room, smoking the favorite old pipe and propping our feet up on the library table. We are always open to conviction, of course, but it is seldom that a political spellbinder shows up with evidence that he knows any more about issues and policies than we think we know. The futility of arguing about politics dawned upon us quite a while ago. Even before that we learned the futility of arguing with Lottie Clifford. Hence it is that of late years we have been moving along in an unruffled sea, privately and publicly.

We are moved to the above remarks by watching for a few moments while a fervent orator boosted for La Follette on courthouse square the other day. Being somewhat trained in the art of observation it was easy for us to see that the personnel of his audience changed three times in the 20 minutes of our observation.

If every knocker votes next Tuesday the possibility of ninority government will be relegated to the limbo of things

Notification has arrived to the effect that we have been put on the mailing list to receive the literature of the Near East Relief organization. This merely means less rest for an already overworked receptacle for propaganda. It would seem that the people of the Near East are possessed of hollow legs and a natural antipathy towards work.

The Ohio man who caused 18 deaths by selling denatured alcohol for beverage, has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. There may be those who complain of the inadequacy of the sentence. They should possess their souls in patience. Two years for that sort of thing would be far too short, but just think of the countless years that particular man is going to get his patier, be here been planted. is going to get his'n after he has been planted.

It is nobody's business who we vote for on election day, but we take our friends into our confidence far enough to say that we shall NOT vote for any man who thinks this country is going to hell, who insists that everybody but himself is dishonest, who wants to tear holes in the organic law, who trains with men seeking to destroy our form of government, who vio-lates every known law of loyalty and political decency, and who makes his appeal to prejudices and passions. And we Don't need to mention any names. WILL M. MAUPIN.

the Russian people to untold miseries. With a man of such spirit at the helm of the government the consequences cannot be other than chaos.

Furthermore, it is an acknowledged fact that in the whole political history of the United States there has never been a more shameful and disastrous influence in our public life than that of the liquor interests. Whole councils, legislatures and con-



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