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method of extracting sunshine from cucumbers had an easy task compared with the one Franklin D. Roosevelt has elected himself to perform.

Mr. Roosevelt's suggestion that the party's leaders should meet frequently "to exchange views and to plan for united party action," is worthy of national approbation. It would add greatly to the gaiety of the nation. But wouldn't it be about as tough on the aforesaid leaders as the recent democratic national convention was on the delegates?

Imagine, if you can, the results of a conference between the Bryans, Al Smith, Underwood, Reed, Harrison, Heffin, Taggart, Connors, Mack, Ryan, Wheeler, and other democratic leaders. Donnybrook fair would be a Sunday school picnic by comparison. And that, gentle reader, is what's the matter with the once powerful democratic party. Too many leaders and not enough followers. Too many policies and not enough principles.

Franklin D. Roosevelt is to be wished joy in his self-imposed task. He is also deserving of sympathy.

THE DOG POISONER.

There may be a man lower than the man who deliberately spreads poison for dogs. We say there may be a man lower, but it is extremely doubtful. It is to be hoped there are none, for a man has fallen pretty low when he sneaks around in the stillly watches of the night to spread poison for the purpose of venting his spleen against dogs, or dog owners.

It is true that dogs are often a nuisance, but there are legal methods of abating them. The man who would sneakily poison dogs, no matter how much he may hate them, was probably the boy who pulled the wings from one side of a fly and then chortled with glee while watching the insect's agonized gyrations. More than likely he is the school bully who delighted in making life miserable for smaller boys and girls. A study of his life would probably reveal the fact that his boyish delight was to cripple cattle, whip the horses to frenzy, tie tin cans to dogs' tails and do other little things of like nature. He was a moron as a boy, he is a moron now.

The dog poisoner is the kind of a fellow who would taunt the cripple and experience delight in watching for the victim of an epileptic fit. How funny it must be for such a man to sneak back to his room after spreading a lot of dog poison and gloat over the paroxysms of the canine playfellow of some little boy or girl. How his sides must shake with laughter when he contemplates the tears streaming down the cheeks of some little boy who watches the dying agonies of his dog.

It is not for us to discuss whether there is or is not a hell. That is a question each individual must decide for himself. But it will be generally agreed that if there isn't such a place for dog poisoners, there really should be.

IF MAINE, WHY NOT NEBRASKA?

The Maine legislature has just passed and Governor Brewster has signed the so-called Maine publicity bill. It appropriates \$25,000 annually for the next two years for advertising the resources of the state.

If Maine, why not Nebraska? Nine years ago the Nebraska legislature made an appropriation of \$12,500 for the biennium to advertise the resources of the state, but before the department could become properly organized the country became involved in the World War. The entire appropriation was not expended and the department was discontinued. There never was a time when a state publicity department was more needed, or when such a department properly conducted could accomplish so much for the development of the state. Recently a number of Nebraska daily newspapers inaugurated a campaign for publicity for their state, and it has performed a splendid work for them and for the commonwealth. But there is no reason why the daily newspapers, or any other single industry, should be called upon to defray the expenses of a campaign that is beneficial to every industry within the state. It is properly a function of the entire commonwealth.

Maine has less than half the area of Nebraska, only two-fifths as much taxable wealth, less than one-tenth the annual wheat production, only one city the size of Lincoln, and no five cities that equal Omaha in population. Maine has not one one-hundredth the development possibilities possessed by Nebraska. If Nebraska appropriated \$25,000 a biennium for advertising the resources and advantages of Nebraska it would mean less than one cent per capita per year. What it would mean in advantages to the commonwealth at large is beyond computation.

We congratulate the American Legion boys on their choice of chairman to succeed Everett Buckingham. If anyone can carry out the plans for a successful meeting here, it will be A. H. Richardson.

That film fire was a warning to movie patrons. It disclosed what might have led to a terrible disaster. Too bad the theater operators waited for such a happening to force needed repairs.

Twenty-five speeders in police court on Monday morning is another sign of returning spring. Twenty-five speeders in jail would be a sign of returning reason.

Honeymooners in a stolen auto have been overhauled by Grand Island police. Such an expedition is well stopped anywhere.

Maybe if the hose were actually turned on, that fire in the city council would not blaze so merrily.

One way to help Omaha grow is to spend Omaha money in supporting Omaha institutions.

Homespun Verse

By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie

SHUN LIFE'S IDLENESS.

Shun life's idleness, young fellow—
There is work awaiting you;
What you gain depends entirely
On the useful things you do;
There's no lazy way to riches—
Shiftlessness will never win,
For success is just exactly
As it has forever been.

Our concession is not given
Till we earn it as we go
Often groping, but with courage,
Through the vales of strife and woe.
Don't sit down and watch another
While he slowly plods along,
And because he climbs ahead of you
Think that there is something wrong.

If you have the true ambition
That has made our men of old,
You will not be weak and hapless,
You will suffer not from cold—
You will know that one who grumbles
For the chance you have today,
Has—while you were plodding onward—
Just been fooling time away.

Good Suggestion.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I read in the newspapers that the M. E. Smith company was sold to the Byrne-Hammer Dry Goods company for \$1,830,000, and that this sale means the closing of the M. E. Smith company's plant.

This is the second blow to our city's welfare and prosperity.

The closing of the Burgess-Nash company and the M. E. Smith company throws some 1,500 employees out of work, and probably 3,000 of their dependents will have to suffer on that account.

The real men of our city did nobly, bidly, within \$5,000 of the sale price of the M. E. Smith company.

However, if these good men could raise \$1,825,000 to buy an old plant, that amount will start a new plant and a pretty good one; raise another million and open the Burgess-Nash store, and another half million advertising their enterprises to Omaha and this western country, and the people will soon know where to buy their merchandise. Destroy competition and we pay higher prices for what we buy, and our city and the whole western country will suffer.

Oh, that our beloved city would have a few more men like the late Mr. Buckingham. Imagine Mr. Buckingham leading a group of men and bidding in the Union Stockyards company for the purpose of profiting to the extent of a few dollars, closing the yards and moving them to Gretna or Bellevue and throwing thousands of people out of employment. He gave his all for Omaha and our western country, but "Buck" was a real man.

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A Political Maze.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Mr. William Hard defines "a democrat" as a person who gets elected to office on the Jeffersonian principle of local self-government, but who stays in office with the help of the "Hamiltonian principle of federal subsidies to localities." A republican senator defines a republican as a person who believes in a high tariff against foreign commodities, but will not restrict internal competition in prices. A progressive is a person who criticizes every department of the government. He will tell you that all government activities are corrupt. He would establish all kinds of so-called reforms, which if approved he would criticize.

There are men in congress now who got elected as democrats, but are republicans as often as they are democrats. There are others who are elected as republicans, but are either radicals or progressive or what not, and cannot be relied upon as loyal republicans after election. This makes a political maze, confusing to

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.

Stand by Silent Cal.

Chadron, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Silent Cal has been come president of these United States by virtue of the electorate. Until March 4, 1925, he will preside as chief executive over the grandest nation that the sun ever shines upon, regardless of our political prejudices, our religious beliefs, our social standing or financial condition, he is our president. Calvin Coolidge was fairly chosen by the will of a majority. He should now receive the unanimous support of all.

Yet, sorry to say, he will not. Men who pose as loyal Americans, gifted men, influential men, will seek to crucify him that their own selfish desires may be gratified. They will not attack the weaknesses of his administration, but center their forces upon every act, however righteous, that bids fair to meet with popular approval. The motto of these opposing forces will be as it ever has been: "This administration must not succeed."

Voters of America, we cannot prevent this antagonism. We cannot even presume that the leopard's spots will change or can be changed. But we may counteract the evil effects of such base designs. We as jurors in the court of public opinion, should at least give the defendant's case worthy consideration. We should not carefully every selfish motive that prompts the plaintiff's plea. We should seek to render a verdict impartial and free from prejudice. Is this not fair? Is this not just?

A DEMOCRAT.

Democracy of Bell System Owners Is Nation-Wide

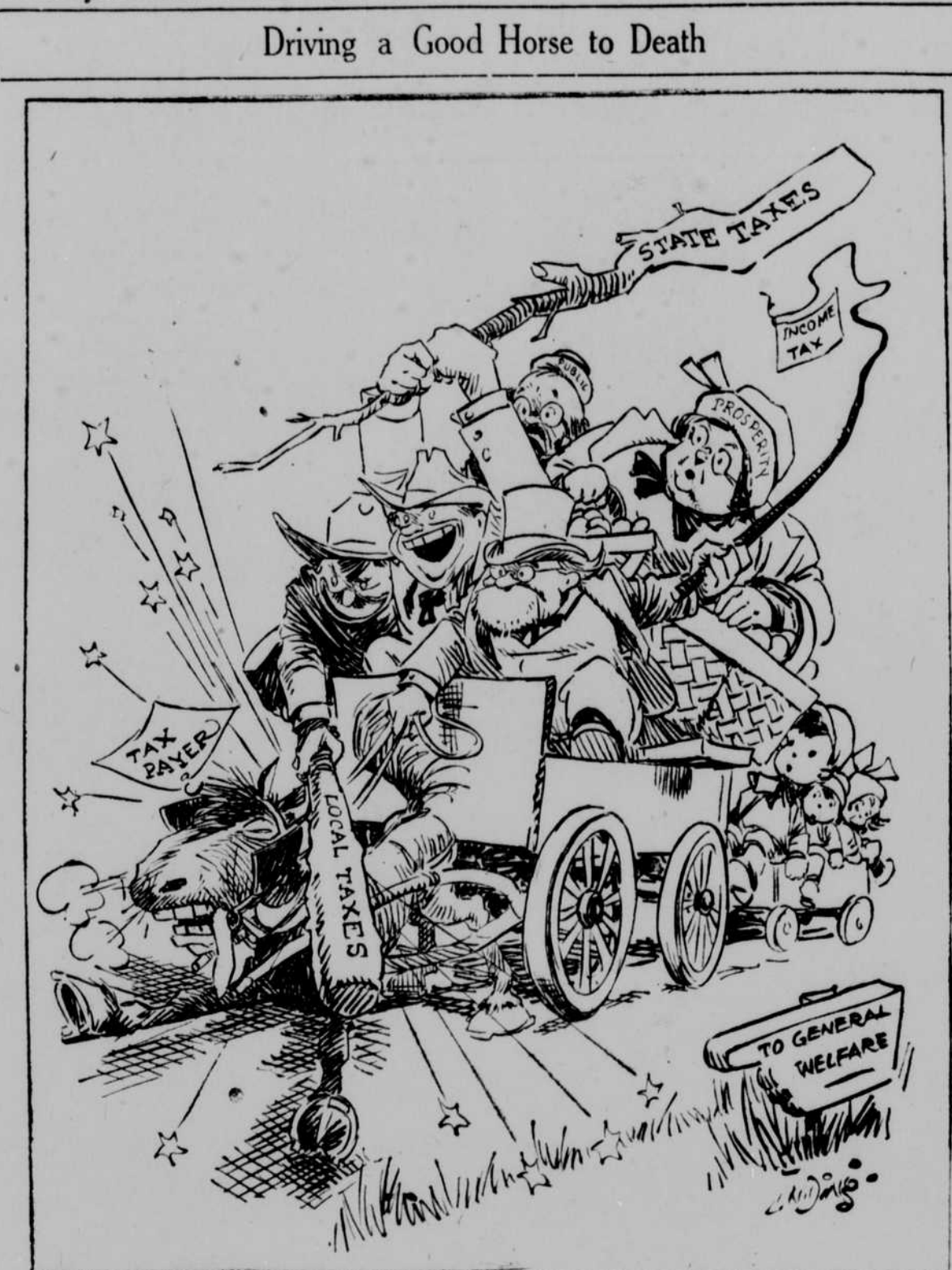
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Take Comfort, nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet.
Celia Thayer

NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Dr. Victor Rosewater, formerly connected with this Household Comfort and Daily Guide to the faithful, now of the effete east, dropped into our sanctum for a few moments yesterday. Come again, Doctor, the latching is always out.

Several of our enterprising merchants are making unusual view displays this week. They are winning deserved commendation from local and visiting lovers of the artistic.

Several of our citizens are driving new cars this week, an evidence that our local dealers are on the job all the time.

Charley Black, our accommodating Nasby, informs us that business at the postoffice is picking up. This is a sure indication of prosperity, and we are glad to make note of it.

A number of our leading local musicians have been practicing together for several weeks, and will give a concert at the City auditorium this evening. Having heard several rehearsals we have no hesitancy in saying that they play fine music and will afford a rare treat to musical people who attend their concert.

Matt McHenry of Gering, the genial clerk of the courts of Scotts Bluff county, has been in a local hospital for several weeks. He is now able to be out and expects to return home in a few days. We are glad to note his improved condition.

Benjamin S. Baker, one of our rising young attorneys, had business before the supreme court at Lincoln one day this week.

Robert Smith, our surferous-haired clerk of the courts, went to Lincoln Monday to interview some legislators relative to a bill in which he is deeply interested.

Henry Dunn, who looks after the protection of life and property in our city, as head of the police department, reports that automobiles are becoming so numerous in these parts that the parking rules must be strictly enforced. Go to it, Henry, the public is behind you in your efforts for the common good.

Manager Hartung, manager of the ever popular Orpheum theater, informs us that line of bookings promises greater treats for his patrons. He is constantly on the lookout for novelties, and the people appreciate his efforts.

Our "Want Ads" produce results. This department of The Daily Fireside Helper and Solace for the weary is growing in popularity by leaps and bounds.

Secretary Carlson of Ak-Sar-Ben reports the membership campaign coming along nicely. This is our city's most progressive and popular housing organization, and we bespeak for it the hearty support of all our people.

Ed Flynn, one of the popular officials of the Burlington, has just returned from a tour of inspection over the lines west of the Missouri river. He reports things in fine condition.

Correspondence.

Dear Editor: I notice by your paper that Mr. Wright and Mr. Webster had a case before the supreme court at the capital last week. I just knew these boys would make good. Our family is all well and enjoy the Neighborhood News very much. Hoping you are the same.

FRANK CAREY.
P. S. I will pay our subscription the next time I go to town.

Notice.

The Ad-Sell club will hold another meeting next Monday evening. President MacDiarmid informs us that a prominent speaker has been engaged for the occasion. These meetings are proving increasingly popular, owing to the inspiring addresses presented.

The local post of the American Legion reports its membership at present to be the largest in its history. The boys are hustling to get ready for the annual convention next October.

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Abe Martin

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