

# Norris Will Not Stump State in Behalf of Party

## Senior Senator Deplores Partisan Ballot—Omahans Take Issue With Him.

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feeling of criticism or ill will toward such persons, and I think it is fair, if I want the rule applied to everybody else.

"This kind of a campaign will, of course, be unsatisfactory to the man who places party before everything else. I wish the great bulk of the people could be brought to realize that most of these men who are yelling that the ticket should be voted straight, do not themselves vote it straight. They never practice what they preach. They never vote the ticket straight when they have not controlled the nominations.

"If I had my way about it, I would abolish the party circle and make it impossible thus to vote a straight ticket. I would elect every officer in the state on a nonpartisan ballot, and I would be perfectly willing to have that same rule applied to candidates for congress, although I presume the party virus is so firmly established in the hearts of many of our people that it would be impossible at this time to carry the reform that far.

"I would like to abolish party responsibility and in its stead establish personal responsibility."

"Sincerely, G. W. NORRIS."

Omahans Take Issue.  
Among prominent Omahans who take issue with the senator are Albert W. Jeffers, former congressman; Judge Ben S. Baker and Robert Smith, clerk of the district court. Others who were seen were similarly opposed to the views of the senator, but for reasons which they explained did not deem it wise at this time to release their views for publication.

Walter W. Head and A. V. Shottwell were among those who declined to be quoted.

He Should Resign.  
A. W. Jeffers, former congressman, said: "It seems that the senator has reached a point in his life where he can't be a consistent republican with other republicans, he should resign from the ticket and take his chances with any party he wants to join. Affairs in this country are such that party responsibility has been the main factor in guiding policies of the nation, and always will continue in some manner or form.

"At present, the party in power in the legislative department consists of representatives and senators from the stronghold of democracy, supplemented by a few so-called republicans from this section of the country, and if the coalition of partisans now directing legislation is to continue, it should be done under the name of the democratic party, rather than through a misnomer.

"The republicans of this state endorsed President Coolidge and nominated Senator Norris, with the hope that the republican party is still big enough to utilize the talent and work of both; and that President Coolidge, who is willing to be called a republican and carry out the policies of the republican party as expressed by a majority, should have hearty co-operation of senators known and designated as republicans."

Judge Ben S. Baker said: "The nature and kind of our government requires, if not demands, political parties, and political parties should carry the responsibility of their principles whether enunciated in platform or not, and any candidate and office holder elected by any political party owes a duty to such party and its principles. If the principles and platform of a party are not in accord with any candidate, he should not accept a nomination from such party.

Reformation Not Destruction.  
"I don't mean by this that any officer, particularly a legislative officer, is bound by every bill introduced by his fellow partisans, unless such measure enunciated the principles of his party. Some members of the legislative bodies feel that the reformation of their party rests entirely upon their shoulders, but this is not a one-man country nor a one-man party.

"When a man is elected to an office by his party and is not in harmony with the principles of his party, he should relinquish the trust imposed in him. Reformation of a party does not mean destruction of a party. I do not believe in quarreling with any man on account of his political views, but if he holds a position of election from the people of his party, he holds it on account of a trust imposed—that he will support and uphold sincerely the principles of his party."

Nebraska News Nubbins

Oshkosh.—The contract for building a steel and concrete state aid bridge across the North Platte river at this place was let to the Westover Steel and Iron works of Lincoln. Work is to begin not later than June 1 and to be completed by December 1. The bridge will cost \$74,500.

Beatrice.—J. W. McFarland, 56, formerly of this city, died at his home in Cheyenne county, Colorado, according to word received here by his father-in-law, T. V. Rhodes, of Beatrice. Mr. McFarland leaves his wife and nine children. He was a son of the late James McFarland, Gage county pioneer.

Beatrice.—Announcement has been received here of the marriage of Rutgers Van Brunt, son of W. M. Van Brunt of this city, and Miss Cecile Clarity, at Minneapolis. Mr. Van Brunt is a graduate of Beatrice High school and the Nebraska State university. He is employed as a civil engineer with the Trucon Steel company of Youngstown, O., with headquarters in St. Louis.

Fairbury.—The Fairbury board of education reorganized by electing Dr. J. H. Bond, president; Mrs. Belle Jenkins, vice president; and C. H. McGee, secretary. Frank L. Spear and C. A. Ewers were the retiring members and C. F. White and Dr. Blair are the new ones.

cles of his party. If he fails or refuses to do that, he is not of his party."  
Robert Smith said: "I supported Senator Norris because I believe in his honesty and his devotion to a cause, I do not coincide with him in his position on party government. I believe in party government, in voting for principles, and if I had it in my power I would bring about such a change in our political forms and procedure as would enable the average citizen to fix responsibility upon a political party for failure or success, and at the same time give to the party unquestioned power to carry out its pledges.

"The great game of 'passing the buck' is being practiced in American politics today as never before. The time has come for bringing about a change and I see no better way out than the adoption of the responsible ministry or managerial form of government, which is party government, pure and simple."

Harry O. Palmer declared, "Senator Norris' letter shows that he is a sincere and honest man, but the thing he speaks of—personal rather than party responsibility—just won't work out. The big things of the future, as in the past, will be accomplished through party solidarity."

# Farmers' Lobby Urged by Bryan

## Vote Trading System in Legislative Bodies Attacked by Governor in Address.

Central City, Neb., May 8.—Governor Bryan was principal speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Merrick County Farmers' club here.

Mrs. C. G. Ryan of Grand Island, president of the Nebraska League of Women Voters, also addressed the meeting.

Governor Bryan's subject was "Business Affairs of State." He made a plea for better government, explained what he termed the pernicious system of vote trading in legislative bodies, and suggested that the farmers, for their own protection, should maintain a lobby at Lincoln during the session to look after their interests.

The governor congratulated the League of Women Voters on getting out questionnaire to the several candidates for various offices before the recent primaries, and added that candidates without opinions on these questions were not qualified and those with opinions who would not express them were not safe.

Mrs. Ryan declared that the objective of women in politics must be more than mere office holding. She thought it better for women to refrain from political office seeking until they had demonstrated their fitness to fill official positions better than the men.

Rational for the present, she said, should woman's sphere be to educate herself and her sisters in a crusade service and preach politics as a gospel of service to their country.

The next meeting of the Merrick County Farmers' club will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rice in this city on June 4.

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Some jokes submitted have merit but do not get within the prize class. Of this class some are selected for this column. Today's three are:

"I suppose the name of that umbrella indicates that it belongs to you."  
"Which, the name of the umbrella?"  
"The name, of course."—Mrs. Charles Matthal, Council Bluffs.

"Did you see Oliver Twist, auntie?"  
"Hush, child! You know I never attend those modern dances."—C. W. Nelson, 2325 Dear Park boulevard.

"Ladies in audience, who are willing to mother their husbands, raise their hands."  
"I will," replied one.  
"That's right, go home and mother him."—Lavinia Calder, South Bend, Neb.

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# WORK AUTHORIZES SALE OF TIMBER

Washington, May 8.—Secretary Work today authorized the sale under new regulations, of 20,000,000,000 feet of timber on 1,000,000 acres of land embraced in the former Oregon and California railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road land grants in Western Oregon.

The timberlands, most of which are located in Coos, Douglas and Lane counties, have been re-vested in the government as part of the public domain and the sale will be conducted by auction by general land office branches in Lakeview, Portland and Roseburg on dates to be announced later.

# Girl, 14, Admits Poisoning Mate

## "Only Wanted to Make Him Sick," She Tells Police When Held.

Tampa, Fla., May 8.—Held on a charge of slaying her husband, Mrs. Daisy Milton, a 14-year-old girl, was said by officers to have confessed at Barlow that she placed a poison tablet in a cup of coffee which her husband, Levi Milton, drank. He died last Thursday.

The girl wife told the authorities that she had quarreled with her husband and desired only to "make him sick."

The couple had been married only a few months.

Callaway—A car driven by Walter Milligan of Oconto ran off a bridge here. Mr. Milligan sustained several broken ribs and other injuries.

Oh, dear! oh, dear! Why doesn't that boat turn and go the other way?

"I don't see but one," said the young Chuck.

Jerry Muskrat looked in the direction of the boat. "There was only one," said he. "That one probably has a terrible case. I'm not going to wait for him to get any nearer. It is a pity you can't swim under water the way I can. If you lie flat on that log perhaps he won't see you. Here is hoping you have luck."

With this Jerry slipped into the water, dived and swam under water

as far as he could. The young Chuck turned anxiously to watch the boat. It was still some distance away. Perhaps it wouldn't come near enough for him to be seen. He took Jerry's advice and lay flat down on that log. He made himself just as flat as he could.

"Can you guess how he felt? I don't believe you can. There he was perfectly helpless. There wasn't a thing he could do. He could swim, but only for a short distance and in a slow and clumsy way. There was no place to swim to. He couldn't dive and swim under water as Jerry Muskrat did. There was nothing to do but stay on that old log and hope and hope and hope that he wouldn't be seen."

Was it a friend or a foe in the boat? The young Chuck was sure it was a foe. It must be a hunter, one of those unfair hunters. He didn't have

a bit of doubt of this. Nearer the boat came, and nearer. Then it turned off. "The young Chuck gave a sigh of relief. But his relief didn't last long. Presently the boat turned again, and began coming straight towards him. He could hear the splash of the oars, and every splash made his heart jump. He had had narrow escapes in his short life before, but never had he been in such a dreadful situation as this. He tried shutting his eyes so as not to see that boat draw nearer and nearer. But he couldn't keep them shut.

"I wish I could swim like Jerry Muskrat. I wish I could swim like Jerry Muskrat," he kept saying over and over to himself. "If I could I might have a chance. But I can't swim like Jerry, and if that hunter sees me I won't have any chance at all. I wonder if I have escaped being

drowned just to be shot. Oh, dear! Oh, dear! Why doesn't that boat turn and go the other way?"

But the boat didn't turn. It came straight on. The one who was rowing it was back to the young Chuck, and the latter knew he hadn't been seen yet. His one hope was that he wouldn't be seen. Every once in a while the rower turned to see where he was going. He saw the two old logs floating side by side, the one on which the young Chuck was lying flat and the other one which Jerry Muskrat had left. But so far he hadn't noticed the young Chuck. He turned his boat so as to go past the logs and not bump into them. It was then for the first time that he saw the young Chuck. The latter knew he had been seen. He shook all over. (Copyright, 1924.)

The next story: "The Fortunate Young Chuck."

# Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON BURGESS.

Friend or Foe?  
Also for those who cannot know if they are meeting friend or foe.—Youngs Chuck.

"Hello, what's that coming?" exclaimed the young Chuck.

Jerry Muskrat looked in the direction in which the young Chuck was looking. "It's a boat," he exclaimed.

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