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## Omaha Where the West is at its Best

### PARTY RESPONSIBILITY.

Man's instinct for organization is primal, fundamental. So long ago that the first attempt is hidden with the debris of ages, men found out that success in any venture of magnitude required cooperation. Order is nature's first law, and order includes discipline. It is order and discipline that distinguishes the army from the mob.

These things are fundamental. Out of them flow political parties. In earlier times when governments were of men and not of law, parties revolved around personalities. With developing experience, and a consequent growth in the ideas reflected in government, principles came to the front, and these have gradually, but completely replaced personality as a basis for political action. A party held together simply by allegiance to an individual falls to pieces when that individual passes, if it does not disintegrate through the diminishing attraction of the man who first called it into being. It can have no successor, and its members must form new alliances as often as a leader passes or fails.

A political party, however, rests on a different foundation, the substantial support of fundamental principles. So long as it remains true to those principles, earnestly seeking to carry them into practice for the benefit of the people, it holds together its adherents. Leadership may pass from one individual to another, popular favor or approval may vary from time to time with the fortunes of elections, but the party will remain. This is what President Coolidge had in mind when he said to a group of Washington women who are studying politics:

"It is necessary to have party organization if we are to have effective and efficient government," the president said. "The only difference between a mob and a trained army is organization, and the only difference between a disorganized country and one that has the advantage of a wise and sound government is fundamentally a question of organization."

I don't mean by that a narrow and bigoted partisanship, but one that recognizes the necessity to cooperate one with another if we are in any way to secure the result that we desire. That has been the model of our country from the time when it was established down to the present day."

Together with this must go party responsibility. Unless a party is to be held responsible, it is relieved of whatever purpose called it into activity, and no longer deserves attention from the people. To have a responsible party, there must be loyalty to its principles on the part of its members. This does not require that each member at all times accept everything that is set out in a party platform, or that support be given to every nominee, whoever he may be. Party discipline can not be made so rigid or restrictive as that. Individual conscience must have its outlet for expression at all times, or the party becomes a tyrant and oppressor, instead of the agency through which free men find means for realizing their aspirations.

Reforms in party methods should come from within. Indeed, they can not come from without. A political party is always subject to rebuke from the voters. Knowing this, party leaders are always alert to see that party fortunes are not jeopardized by unwise or imprudent policies, or actions.

On rare occasions a single individual has been able to dominate a party, but never for a great length of time. Modern instances of this are Roosevelt and Bryan. Mr. Wilson, too, ruled his party with a rod of iron, but such cases are not many. It has been a long time since a single individual has secured such an overwhelming and all but unanimous endorsement from his party as has been given to President Coolidge, whose strength reflects devotion to the principles of the party to which he gives unfeigned loyalty. Wilson was such a man, so was Grant, Cleveland, Taft, McKinley, Lincoln, Garfield, Jackson, and a long list of great men. In Nebraska William Jennings Bryan, however much he might differ in detail with the other leaders of the democratic party, so moved that he never left a shadow of doubt as to his regularity as a democrat.

Our advice to voters, especially to first voters, is to study the history of the United States, especially the last seven decades. Make careful examination of the records of the political parties, analyze the principles on which they rest, and decide with which to affiliate. Then, having made the choice, unite with that party and help to further its aims. When you feel you can no longer go on with it, get out, and, if need be, assist in organizing a new party that will meet your requirements. But remember that our institutions rest on party government, and that parties must be responsible for the government when entrusted with power.

### ANNIVERSARY OF AN ACCIDENT.

The Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Company has just celebrated a happy anniversary. The company called it the birthday of the electric-driven trolley, but back of that is one of the pleasant little traditions of the science of electricity.

Back in the '80s of the last century a great mechanical exposition was being held in Berlin. Part of it was devoted to devices for generating and utilizing electricity. In those days the belief was entertained that a dynamo or generator was one thing, and a motor to drive wheels by energy supplied by the current was another. Workmen were engaged at the task of installing electric machinery, when it

was suddenly discovered that a dynamo was whirring merrily with no visible attachment to any power. This mystifying performance demanded immediate investigation, and it was discovered that somebody had inadvertently connected the dynamo in question with another that was actuated by a steam engine. Naturally the discovery was carefully examined. It was soon determined that a dynamo is either a generator or a motor, as it may be needed. Out of this such progress was made as actually revolutionized the mechanical uses of electricity, and made the street car of today possible.

A long distance has been traveled by the electricians since that workman in Berlin showed the way to something he knew little or nothing about. The advance is reflected in the trolley as well as elsewhere. No better proof could be had than by recalling the ancient Sprague or Thomson-Houston motor of 35 years ago and comparing its performance with that in use today. The birthday was one worth celebrating.

### A GREAT PUBLIC SERVICE.

Omaha has numerous organizations that are rendering valuable service to the public along many lines, and by no means the least of these is the Advertising-Selling league. This is said to be the largest single organization of buyers and sellers of advertising in the world. However that may be, it is a fact that the Ad-Sell league is performing a distinct public service by bringing to Omaha speakers of international fame to discuss topics that are of vital concern to all the people.

Race and creed are not considered in the selection of these speakers. The only question is: "Has he a message worth while?" And in the delivery of that message the speaker is allowed the widest latitude of opinion. The discussions aroused by these addresses can but result in broader and better thinking and a better knowledge of men and affairs. Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, republicans and democrats, ministers and laymen, have appeared before the Ad-Sell league with their messages. Humor, wit and philosophy; radicals and conservatives, uplifters and standpatters, all have come and gone, leaving behind discussion and comment that make for a broader outlook upon social and business life.

It is impossible to measure the good that these great business organizations are doing. They are making for better business, for better citizenship and for better home life. They are making neighbors out of mere near dwellers, and making for a broader brotherhood. In these things they are more than justifying their existence and are winning for themselves the commendation of every citizen interested in the development of the better things of life.

### MR. DRIVER, IT'S UP TO YOU.

Water runs down hill; so does an automobile when its brakes are not tightly set. The law of gravity works in both cases. A law to get a careless driver into police court ought also to work as unerringly.

Police now have instructions to inspect automobile brake. We hope this will be enforced with more of certainty than some other rules governing the traffic on the city streets are applied.

Chiefly, however, it is up to the driver. The man who goes about the streets of the city, or anywhere else, with brakes that are not in 100 per cent working order, is doing himself a bad favor. He is just as much in danger as anyone else.

Mr. Driver, it is up to you. Do not wait for the police to find you out in your carelessness. Look after your own brakes, and make sure they are working and dependable at all times and under all conditions. You may avoid getting into trouble. No amount of explanation will ever excuse a wreck caused by brakes failing.

Paris politicians still cling to the theory that Uncle Sam ought to pay the bulk of the European war debt by cancelling claims against nations who borrowed money for the fun of fighting. It is well to remember that the United States offered several times to mediate and try to effect a settlement, and that each time the offer was refused. Our attitude now is that Europe should be left to "stew in its own juice," but that those who dance should pay the fiddler. If Europe works out of debt, a future war will be postponed that much longer.

Copies of Senator Wheeler's own letters are offered the investigating committee to support the indictment found against him. These mute witnesses ought to offset some of the assertions made by the other side. Grand juries are not always moved by gossip.

The ideal candidate seems to be the man who has as many opinions as there are individual voters, and the ability to make each individual voter believe that his opinion is the best one of the lot.

It ought to be apparent to Hiram by this time that the G. O. P. is not greatly interested in a man whose only qualification seems to be that he can double in brass.

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## Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—  
Robert Worthington Davis

### THERE IS VIRTUE IN TRYING.

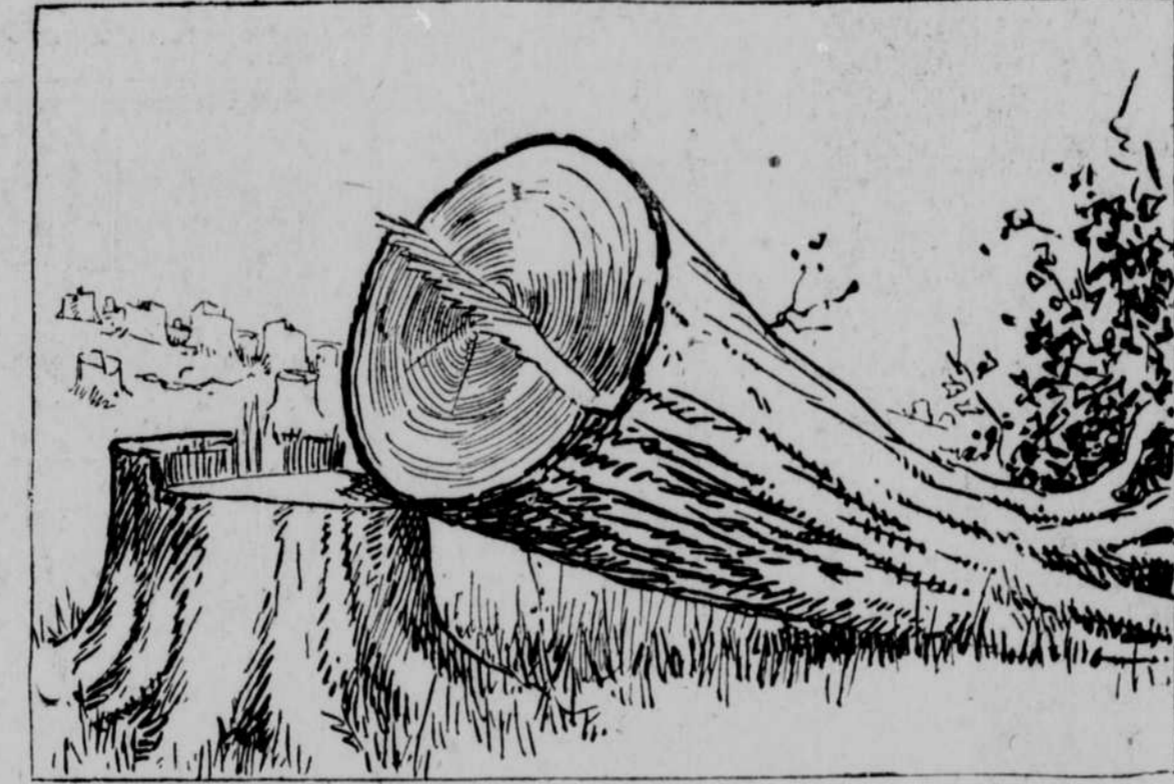
We can not learn until we try—  
In other words was spoken;  
To dream a dream and let it die  
Is like a promise broken.

And yet—to idly live our years  
Brings neither gain nor glory,  
Nor fervid smiles, nor honest tears,  
Nor words consolatory.

Achievement is no more, no less  
Than blind desire directed—  
With hope, incentive, thoughtfulness—  
Toward all that is expected.

But failure wrought by effort true  
Embodies more than wending  
Existence calmly, idly through  
To unambiguous ending.

## Isn't It About Time for Us to Plant the Trees for Our Great, Great, Etc., Grandson's Bungalow



SINCE WE'RE CUTTING DOWN OUR TIMBER EACH YEAR SIX TIMES AS FAST AS IT CAN GROW, AND IT TAKES 300 YEARS TO GROW A GOOD SAWLOG

## 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.

**What Else Does a Crow Do?**  
O'Neill, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The editorial capped, "Crows and the Cut Worms," which appeared recently, was clipped and given to me by a neighbor who lost 40 acres of corn last spring by some crows that were looking for worms for luncheon. It seems very strange for us of the wind-raked prairies to find a man of the city who takes up the defense of the flying skunk. Of course you look at nature from a different tangent.

Perhaps the crows are of different nature in other sections, but here in Holt county they are 100 per cent pest. Perhaps Mr. Crow likes cut-worm sauce, but there is not enough cut worms here to go around. It is common here to see a river of crows passing in unbroken procession from sunup until sunset—certainly more than a million soldiers, bottomless stomachs, and so rank that a dog will starve before he will eat one.

What do you fellows of the avian chair district think of thousands of farmers and ranchers who leave their work to war on the black imp of the wildwood? Do you think they are killing the goose that laid the golden egg? Do you know that down in Oklahoma they pay 25 cents bounty on crows? Do you know that 22 state game wardens say the crow or the same birds must go? Do you know

side the passenger pigeon. Young birds, such as baby ducks and quail, are choosier eaters. Prof. Crow, so you see we of the blue stem plains doubt very much if ever a crow came home with his belly upholstered with cut worm preserves or grasshopper sausage.

Perhaps crows are beneficial in some localities. Water is wonderful to put out fire and to drink. But when one finds one's self in a sea of a hundred fathoms and miles to land it loses its virtues.

In your editorial you say: "In the years before man came around in great numbers there were more prairie chickens, meadow larks, robins, bluebirds, and there were more crows, too. The inference is plain." etc.

Mr. Editorial Writer, I beg your pardon for asking you to come get your inference and gimme a new one. There never was a crow around here

**Abbe Martin**  
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Mrs. Min Nugent is still livin' with her husband, as she's an orphan. How soon we are forgotten—by th' fellers we voted fer. (Copyright, 1924.)

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of April, 1924.  
W. H. QUIVEY,  
Notary Public  
(Seal)

## SUNNY SIDE UP

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

### THE LEGION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

He was my buddy in trench and camp,  
We marched in the ranks together;  
We shared our blankets in dews and damps,  
Pals in all kinds of weather.  
We followed the flag o'er the bloody track  
Of our comrades gone before us;  
We'd do it again to hell and back  
To keep it floating o'er us.

We followed it back to the ways of peace,  
To the homes we'd left behind us;  
Some with the pains that will never cease,  
Some with the wounds that blind us.  
But let me say, by the living God,  
We are buddies and comrades ever,  
And till we're buried beneath the sod,  
Our ties you can never sever.

My buddy! God! blyme my bleedin' soul,  
We've been through hell, I reckon,  
We've shivered and sweated in the same shell hole  
Just waiting for death to beckon.  
My buddy! The gal swanged old roughneck,  
Through sunny or stormy weather,  
I'll help him carry, his pack, by heck,  
Till we're mustered out together!

Omaha Post No. 1, American Legion, the largest legion post in the world, concludes its annual membership drive with the big rally tonight. The ambition of the membership committee is to bring the roster up to 5,000.

"Help Carry a Buddy's Pack" is the rallying cry of the American Legion. It should interest every man eligible to membership. And, by the way, eligibility to membership in the American Legion is something to be proud of, let us say. We know a lot of fellows who ducked the Big Things seven years ago who would give anything they have if they were now eligible to membership in the legion. And some of us oldsters who could only remain behind the lines and back the boys up as best we could, would be the proudest fellows in the world if we, too, could wear the button of the legion.

Every man who joined the colors during the World War should be eager to join the legion. Not for what the legion can give them, but for what they can give their buddies, their country and their God. It should not be necessary to make membership drives. Rather it should be necessary to call out the guard to keep the recruits from mobbing the post secretary.

Omaha is proud of Post No. 1. Proud that it is the biggest post in the world. Proud of the records it members made between April of 1917 and November of 1918. And prouder still of the post's record of service to the sick and helpless fellows who risked all, dared all, and in many cases gave all, for their country.

Here's hoping the drive for 5,000 members of Omaha Post No. 1, American Legion, goes over with a whoop.  
WILL M. MAUPIN.

until the timber the homesteaders had planted reached maturity. A farm with a big mortgage on his farm was charged \$15 for a plain coffin for his son. This, to my mind, is one of the rottenest deals imposed on the public, robbing the dead, the orphan and widow, and is a type of the lowest kind of criminality. Is there no law to reach this class of criminals? DAN GREER.

**In Terms of Money.**  
One slot for the time being is worth 800,000 Polish marks, which, of course, determine the value of the mark as one eight-hundred-thousandth of the zloty. There is thrown a flood of light upon the state of Polish finance.—Boston Transcript.

**After the Undertaker.**  
Beaver City, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I see letters written to you on different subjects, and I would like to ask why there is no effort made to stop the graft practiced now by the undertaker. A profit of from \$50 to \$100 made on every coffin sold. A short time ago a poor

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## OWES TANLAC LASTING DEBT OF GRATITUDE

**Mrs. Dikeman Says Medicine Relieved Her of Stomach Trouble That Had Lasted Five Years.**

"Five years of stomach trouble had brought my weight down to only 90 pounds and I had lost hope of ever getting any better, but Tanlac has given me complete relief and built up my weight to 105 pounds," is the striking statement of Mrs. Bert Dikeman, 151 30th Ave., S. Minneapolis, Minn.

"In 1919, influenza left my stomach terribly disordered and treatment after treatment failed to help a par-

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## Mother's Day

Sunday, May Eleventh

WHILE Mother's Day is a reminder that we constantly owe her a debt of gratitude, it naturally follows that we should be ever mindful of the fact that we should

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