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#### Omaha-Where the West is at its Best

#### BROOKHART, THE PROTEST.

Smith W Brookhart we still have with us. What has he done to merit renomination? Chiefly he succeeded in keeping his name on the front page of the newspapers during the pre-primary weeks. He was not particularly careful about the methods he employed, but whether through the use of the slimy Gaston B. Means or the recital of hearsay against dead men, he kept his name in the head lines.

Unfortunately a great many believe that noise means action. Truth is Brookhart has done nothing constructive, and what is more never will. He has one of those peculiar minds that does not know the toil and tears it takes to build an organization. He sees a ghost in everything he does not understand. Therefore his delight is in tearing down.

Brookhart is a protest. In his person Iowa in supporting him is also a protest. And, too, it is a protest that somehow must be heeded.

Politics, particularly in the west, has fallen upon strange days. It groans and creaks under a weary load. Chiefly this is true because politics has ceased to be politics-it has become economics. That is, our problems are economic. As we have no method of unit expression save through politics, we seek to distill all our economic woes in the alembic of political action.

Laws and more laws-curbing of business, and more curbing-government as the savior. These are the things men turn to and seek through them to solve their problems. It is a groping in the dark. Brookhart is the blind leader of the blind.

President Coolidge, who is the very antithesis of Brookhart, carried the west triumphantly because he stands definitely for principle, He will carry the west in November for the same reason. And yet we will doubtless have at the same time the paradox of Brookhart and Coolidge winning together by the suffrage of the same voters. Surely politics has fallen upon strange days.

Confused, inexplicable! The great work of the future is to provide a forum wherein we can solve our economic problems through unit action.

Until that day comes the tides of politics will continue to be inexplicable, Brookharts and Coolidges will continue to win on the same ticket. Until that day comes business-big business and little business, the boast of our American system of individual initiative-will continue to be buffeted about by government interference. It is the natural result of trying to solve economic questions through political action.

Until that day comes, however, it is well to remember Brookhart, the protest. There he stands and he can not be ignored. In himself he means little, as an expression of the protest of Iowa, he means much.

#### COLLECTING A LIVING FROM THE WORLD.

A foolish adventure has just come to a sorry ending in New Jersey. A young woman, garbed in an evening gown, silk stockings and pumps, set out with a male companion, to wrest a living from nature with their bare hands. The girl had been told she could not even catch a rabbit, and so she wanted to demonstrate her prowess in woodcraft. However, when a man accustomed to life in the woods, found the pair hovering around a small fire, the girl was barefooted, her dress was torn to rags, and she sobbingly asked to be taken to the nearest telephone. She is now resting in the comforts of civilization to which she was accustomed.

It is all well enough to talk of the untutored savage. He knows little of books, but much of nature. His earliest lessons are those that will serve him well in life, and all his days he is taught how to provide from the wilds for his creature needs. He learns how to outwit the birds and the beasts, what plants, roots, berries and bark are good for food, and a lot of other things civilized man has no need to learn. Many a traveler in the Australian waste died from thirst, because the unfriendly natives kept the secret of the eucalyptus tree, in whose bole a store of water is carried. Only recently has any proper method of preparing acorns for food become known, yet Indians ate them for many generations.

So the tale might be extended. Stefansson may thrive in the Arctic region, because he knows how to take the game found there, but he has not had many imitators among white men. One who knows how can collect a living from the world almost anywhere, but the true secret of savage life is not taught in Greenwich Village.

#### OLD SETTLERS' PICNICS.

The season for Old Settlers' picnics is at hand, and Palmyra, down in old Otoe county, leads off on June 12, weather permitting. Senator Norris has been asked to officiate as orator of the day, which invitation may or may not meet with the approval of the unusually large number of kissable Nebraska maidens resident of that section. If Senator Norris finds that his official duties prevent acceptance, or he fears dire political results from facing the ruby red lips of the handsome cornfed maidens of Otoe, we understand that Governor Bryan will be invited. It is not likely that the governor would allow official duties to prevent him from an opportunity to make political hay, and still less likely that he would falter

before a battery of sweetly puckered feminine lips. There should be more interest shown in the or-Tanization of Old Settlers' societies, more interest

taken by the pioneers in getting together to talk over the old days when the land was young, more cultivation of the social side of life. One day in the year is little enough time to give to living over the old days, cementing old friendships and making new ones. The younger generation needs to know more about the toil and sacrifices that have made possible the comforts and advantages of today.

Whether it be Senator Norris or Governor Bryan who addresses the old timers at the Palmyra piculc, we hope the weather is propitious, the old timers feeling good and everything in line for a grand time.

Knowing more than a few things about the culinary ability of the good housewives down Palmyra way, we feel at liberty to remark at this time that we know one or two, in fact three or four, newspaper workers in Omaha who are merely waiting for personal invitations to attend and demonstrate their good judgment in the matter of edibles, to say nothing of their capacity.

#### COME ON WITH THE BRIDGE.

Whatever the obstacle may be that is holding back the bridge over the Platte river between Saunders and Douglas county, it should be removed or overriden. People of both counties want the bridge. It means an outlet to market for the farmers of a considerable part of Saunders county. It means an outlet to trade for Omaha business men. Both counties are agreed on the need for the bridge, and stand ready to meet the share of the cost that falls to each.

That would seem to be a simple proposition, one easily enough adjusted. Yet a dispute over which of two possible sites is to be preferred has held back the construction for many months. Douglas county has paved a highway leading to the water's edge, on the supposition that one site would be chosen. Saunders county authorities favored the other. Each has supported its position with dignity and some insistence, until the deadlock has reached a point where it is likely to result in forfeiture of the state aid, which amounts to half the cost of the bridge.

Now, the state engineer declines to settle the dispute without time to consider. This might be all right, but the merits of the case have been very generally discussed, and any arguments one way or the other have been answered by either side. A decision is called for, and should be forthcoming. All who are interested in the bridge, even remotely, are anxious to have it built. Somebody ought to decide without any further parley as to where the bridge is to be built, and then set in motion the machinery for building it as soon as possible. Personal interests should not pe permitted to longer delay a sadly needed public convenience.

#### IS SWAPPING A LOST ART?

Two young women and a boy, claiming to be horse traders, but held for investigation by Dodge county authorities suspected of stealing animals in their possession, recall memories of a day when the interesting vocation of swapping was almost an art. In early times, particularly in newer communities, cash was scarce, and payment of debts was almost universally made in kind. This practice developed into a considerable industry. It was not only the country editor who took his pay in stove wood, edibles and such, but professional men, doctors, lawyers and ministers, were similarly compensated. The donation party may easily be recalled by some preachers who have not yet reached the retirement age.

Merchandising involved much of swapping. Groceries and supplies of various kinds were exchanged for butter, eggs and the like. Peddlers made periodical journeys over regular routes, trading tinproduce. Even dry goods and cloth for clothing. boots and other necessaries were handled by these peripatetic merchants. Naturally, this form of doing business sharpened wits on both sides, and the chaffering that accompanied a trade was a most essential part of the transaction.

One of the outstanding features of the custom was that of trading horses, which soon came to be something entirely apart, and amounted almost to a separate industry. Some, like David Harum's prototype, had great success, but others gained their reward chiefly from the excitement the game afforded. Plenitude of currency has effected such a great change in the methods of doing business that barter is almost forgotten. The market report and the bank check have taken the place of the old-time swapping meets, so that the presence of two girls who hope to revive an ancient custom is interesting if not a hopeful sign.

Democrats who for years sneezed when Mr. Bryan took snuff are scandalized by the rumor that Presi-dent Coolidge will be nominated without opposition and allowed a considerable voice in the making of

As usual the democrats are building their hopes upon the lack of harmony in republican ranks, which fact should be sufficient to close up republican ranks without further loss of time.

Poincare's Position" is editorially discussed by the Milwaukee Journal, although we have been laboring under the delusion that it was recumbent and somewhat bruised.

Congressman Jost of Missouri, who declines re-nomination because he is tired of blocs and combines, may be a man of discernment, but he strikes us as being a quitter.

California will not object to hari-kari as a protest against Japanese exclusion, provided it is Japanese and not California doorsteps that are all

One way to stop the growing disrespect for law is to stop the enactment of so many laws of the damphool variety.

#### Homespun Verse By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

#### OBSERVATION.

Little ones I name them now, But my dream portrays them when There is gray above my brow, And the little ones are men.

Little ones whose wholesome joys Takes the cares of life away, And they are the little boys Who will be big men some day.

And their whims and gestures bring Pleasures numberless and dear, While their ceaseless rollicking Fashions life delightful here.

Oh! the bliss that they endow. And achievements promised when They have grown, enthuse me now, And I picture them as men

## The Ineligible Daughter



#### Letters From Our Readers All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Com-munications of 200 words and less will be given preference.

From the Toledo Blade,

About the Nicene Creed.

ers they do not understand, or, possinot insert the words—The Holy Methodist church?" May I say to our friend Many circumstances made the scene templative rather than the active life

form does not make the man.

J. A. JOHNSON.

Must Have Em.

"Ps, what's the difference between luxury and a necessity? "Very little, my boy, these days-they are considered about the same thing."-Boston Transcript.

#### Abe Martin



ert golfer, then what? It takes : feller quite a while t' act natural in an automobile, but his women folks sink int' th' cushions like they wuz born an' raised in a car. (Copyright, 1924.)

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## "From State and Nation"

The Coming Campaign.

A few days ago congress laid aside Occupation and Longevity. Omaha .- To the Editor of The business in order to pay tribute to From the Columbus Dispatch. maha Bee: Often men discuss mat- the memory of Warren G. Harding. There is an old saying that it is Very many beautiful things were better to wear out than to rust out better to wear out than to rust out only, we may be "lopsided" in our said of the late president. His manli-ly views. For instance, in The Omaha ness was praised and his simplicity. Morning Bee of May 31 someone, it was told how he was without ar- couraging to be told that the rusting signing himself. "The Truth Distribution of identification of iden 125 supposed to represent

of "Truth:" We could honestly say touching and impressive. And yet, in "artists, authors, scientists and that, in like manner, could the Bap the case of numbers of persons who saints"—shows an average of little tist, Presbyterian and other churches, were present, it is like to be forgot over 64. not be "catholic." ten. We have entered upon a political rather, it would be narrow, sectarian campaign which promises to be and possibly selfish. The word "cath-marked by little good temper and few olic," according to an old book I refer scruples. Already, the oil scandal has to sometimes, usually called "Web been seized upon to ruin the reputato sometimes, usually called "Web ster's Dictionary," means "universal or general, not narrow-minded, partial or bigoted; liberal . . a percon who accepts the creeds which are received in common by all parts of the orthodox Christian church."

Methodists do not say. "I believe only by the ugliest of inferences, may Methodists do not say. "I believe only by the ugliest of inferences, may in the Holy Roman Catholic church," go farther than any one now may though we believe there are many guess. There are even hints today good folk in that church and in other churches as well. The Christian man of the dead. Mr. Frank Vanderlin has a pure heart, clean hands and is indicated what passions may contro a man of love, service and sacrifice, men who engage in such pursuits and he may be found in any denominal after evil. To them, the most innotion, and sometimes none. The uni centractions may come to seem to be

proof of the devil's mastery.

The end of the campaign in Novem ber will be also the end of the frantiscramble to get "something" on polit ical opponents and opposing political parties. Then there will be a sober separating of rumor from fact, of guiltlessness from guilt of wild guess-ing and wilder charges from that nich deserves the prison cell.

The strong common sense of the people can prevent this campaign from becoming merely a period filthy muck-raking. It can do this by checking the fervor of those politi

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## SUNNY SIDE UP Pake Comfort, nor forget Phat sunrise never failed us yet Celia Thaiter

Removal of the Union Pacific ticket office to the neighborhood of Sixteenth and Farnan is only of passing interest to us now. In times agone we could drop into any of the city ticket offices and exchange a pleasant smile for a ticket to anywhere within reason. Now only dire necessity or a desire to recall anished memories impels us to visit them.

We never realized just how rapidly Omaha is growing until we read in a down-hill contemporary of a visitor from "Argentina, South Omaha."

We will not be satisfied that the Ak-Sar-Ben races are all that they should be until the two Charleys, Irwin and Gardner, render vocal duets between sprints.

. We give it out cold, right here and now, that if the two national platforms contain all the theories and personal opinions voiced during the present session of congress, we are going to write one of our own and be the sole candidate thereon. It will be brief and to the point: "To Shoel with the whole

After mature deliberation we have decided that this nation can not jazz, joy ride and gin ricky its way back to prosperity. Neither can it bridge, bootleg and borrow itself out of debt. Neither can it weep, wail and whine itself out of its gloom and depression. Intelligent industry and tirel ess thrift are foremost factors and must be utilized.

At the risk of being called a "corporation tool" by those who never have a good word to say for a public utility, we make mention of the fact that recently we rode from Fortythird and Leavenworth to Flor ence, and back to Fifteenth and Farnam for the sum of 14 cents. This was considerably less than 1 cent a mile, which, everything considered, strikes us as being the cheapest transportation possible, barring riding on a pass, which would be illegal. We have it figured out that we could not buy enough gas for the family flivver to carry us

A was a retired farmer, B a retired merchant, and C a retired banket. All were wealthy, and individually they were pointed to as exemplary citizens who had honestly earned their wealth and were entitled to spend the rest of their lives in leisure. But inaction palled upon men who had led active lives and they decided to get back into the business game. It struck them that by combining their fortunes they could improve their little city and surrounding country by building an interurban railroad, installing a fine light and power plant and putting in a telephone system. This they proceeded to do, and no sooner were their great enterprises running than by common consent they were three of the oneriest, crookedest and most dangerous citizens that ever infested the community. This is exactly what has happened in hundreds of instances all over this country. The only moral we can think of in this connection is this: "Invest your money in tax-free securities and hold the respect of the people."

A friend informs us that the most enjoyable vacation he has had in years was when he went to a local picture house and slept through "Three Weeks."

cians who have the habit when speaking of working themselves into the hydrophobiac emotionalism of the flying dervish. There will be need of at it. Men who, judged by their but a rebuking word. If this be not achievements, must be classified as done, the campaign may be something to hark back to only with shame—the scene in congress when the tale of Warren Harding was told by the word "action." On the other luse of gymnasium appliances.

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