

did have some part therein, certainly has some bearing upon the case. If Mr. Aldrich is guilty he is unworthy of any position of trust. If he is innocent somebody ought to be made to suffer for an attempt to smirch his character.

The violent anti-union leaders who promised us the arrest of the union men who blew up the Los Angeles Times building within twenty-four hours, have, after three weeks or more, confessed that they are unable to locate the men. They do not admit it, but it is equally true that they are unable to produce one iota of proof that the explosion was due to the act of any man, let alone union men. The cause of the horror may never be known, but that it was due to accident and not design is much more apparent than that it was due to design and not accident.

Gilbert M. Hitchcock, democratic candidate for United States Senator, has made reply to the charges preferred against him by Edgar Howard. Naturally one's decision is influenced by personal or partisan bias. But no one will have the temerity to charge that it is a crime to borrow money of a man simply because that man happens to be a public official. Mr. Hitchcock admits that he borrowed money of Joseph S. Bartley, but denies that it was, to his knowledge, state money, or that the state lost a penny by the transaction. We believe Mr. Hitchcock has demonstrated that claim beyond dispute. The atmosphere might be cleared somewhat if it was made generally known what motive lay behind the preferment of the charges by Mr. Howard.

The only change observable in the political situation during the week has been the intensifying of the uncertainty of the outcome. Both gubernatorial candidates are busy, and all candidates seem to be prosecuting a vigorous and independent campaign. The state committees are complaining of lack of funds, and polls and enumerations are admittedly worthless. Nebraska has had some queer campaigns in days gone by, but never a campaign with quite so many complications and unusual features as this one. The futility of a county option campaign at this time is daily becoming more apparent. If the "wets" lose they will appeal to the referendum. If the "drys" lose they will appeal to the referendum, and we'll have the fight all over again, continuing the turmoil and increasing animosities already too strong.

Louis F. Post asserts, and with good reason, that the special interests are making preparations so as to be ready to transfer their baggage to the democratic household in the event of democratic victory in the congressional fight this fall. Men who are not blinded by partisanship are rapidly coming to see that so far as party success is concerned nothing is to be gained, for the reason that the special interests are ready and willing and able to transfer their affections at a moment's notice.

POLITICAL BUT NOT PARTISAN

We take especial satisfaction in calling attention to the straightforward letter written by Silas A. Barton auditor of public accounts, who is a candidate for re-election. Mr. Barton has made good. That is the plain English of it. What he says in his letter is easily verified, and it rings true. Mr. Barton has made an efficient official in every sense of the term. He has played no favorites, and there has been not the slightest rumor of mismanagement of the department. The auditor of public accounts is not only the head of the insurance department of the state and a member of the state banking board, but he is the man through whom every dollar paid out by the state must be certified before it may legally be paid. Mr. Barton's first move was to put a stop to many practices, not wholly bad in themselves, but to say the least unbusiness-like to a high degree. He inaugurated strict business methods and has kept them up. He has saved the people of the state thousands of dollars by making it impossible for "fly-by-night" insurance companies to do business within the state. Personally Mr. Barton is one of the most genial of men, but his geniality stops at the point where good business demands strictness. He does not allow good fellowship to influence him against the public welfare. His knowledge of fraternal insurance has been a vast benefit to the general public. And by no means least of all, the organized workers of the state have in him a friend who is always ready and willing to go further than mere lip service. Mr. Barton's record in the important office he has filled so well clearly entitles him to the support of all who be-

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