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N. Z. SMELL; President A NEBRASKA COMPANY First National Bank Building Lincoln, Neb Town Topics.

BRYAN AND PRIVILEGE

Secretary of State Bryan is a distinct disappointment-to the kept papers and hired men of privilege. Those prophets of evil pretended to see dire disaster overwhelm the Wilson administration if Bryan was given the portfolio of state. Bryan would be dictator. Caesar in the heydey of his autocracy was only a Piker compared to what Bryan would develop into when once he had his portly person and splendid genius installed in the office of secretary of state. They were vastly concerned for poor President Wilson-and the future of their masters. In rather querulous fashion they continue their concern. They are puzzled to find out why it is that Bryan has not jumped to share the party leadership with the president in the tariff revision policy, why he is not browsing on the fringe of the presidential pasture and, generally, so to speak, "butting in" and disturbing things. One point they forget. Bryan is not now playing, no more than he ever has played, the game of privilege. He is no freshman in the university of politics. His aim, since he first went to congress from Nebraska, has been for the broader effort of patriotism and of statesmanship, and on this campus he has been the heroic, the conquering figure.

Were he of the petty, the quibbling sort, privilege would find ways other than persistent and unjust criticism to reach him. They clutter at his heels now because, in the exercise of his splendid patriotism, he wisely and properly leaves a clear field of action to the president. The responsibility for success or failure of the administration rests with President Wilson. Mr. Bryan is working with all of his great energy for success. That is why he is such a disappointment to the powers that prey.—Denver News.

A LINE ON MCREYNOLDS

What manner of man is McReynolds, attorney general in President Wilson's cabinet? A friend of the trusts or a foe? One who believes that criminal law is for rich and poor or poor alone?

Here's a straw?

Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific board, submitted to the attorney general his new plan for the dissolution, in accordance with court decree of the U. P.-S. P. merger. McReynolds studied it over and handed it back with the statement that it wouldn't do. Lovett nevertheless will submit the plan to the court, but McReynolds will fight it there. He is determined to have a dissolution that will dissolve, and result in real competition.

So far, so good.

Comes now Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific's board of directors, with an offer to sell back to the government 6,300 acres of California land at the prevailing price for agricultural and grazing land, for obtaining which from the government through al-"The government will not withdraw the charges of fraud so far as they concern the men in the conspiracy in the obtaining of these lands."

Attorney General McReynolds is

HIS WAY

Visitor (to facetious farmer)-"I'd like to know why on earth you call that white pig 'Ink.'?"

Facetious Farmer-"Because he's always running from the pen!"-

A Remarkable New Book by Woodrow Wilson

THE NEW FREEDOM

The publication on Monday, February 17, of a book by Woodrow Wilson, is the most important political event of the spring. It is one of the most striking events of the political history of the nation. Never before had a president-elect, on the eve of his inauguration, addressed to the country a profession of faith and a statement of his intentions.

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