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CHAS. W. BRYAN, Publisher,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of April, 1920.

J. R. FARRIS, Notary Public.
(My commission expires July 19, 1924.)

"Some say Hiram Johnson hain't got no style, but he's style all the while, all the while."

What nice little boys, the Democratic candidates—no quarreling, no fighting. "After you, dear Alfonso."

President Nicholas Murray Butler blew the foam off his candidacy when he came out for wine and beer.

The Republicans are putting everything over until after the election—they will be too sore to do anything then.

But for the storm in Western Nebraska the dries would have done still better; it was a victory, however, in spite of the weather.

Hoover is right on the treaty question and he can do more for this country by aiding ratification than he could as a candidate.

What a wealth of affection is going to be bestowed on the Republican candidates if they are "loved for the enemies they have made!"

Hoover, Pershing and Harding (in concert)—"What shall it profit a candidate if he gain a whole lot of straw ballots and lose his own state?"

The Democratic senators voted 3 to 1 for the prohibition amendment; the Democratic congressman voted over 2 to 1 for submission, and EVERY DEMOCRATIC STATE RATIFIED! And still Governor Cox has the audacity to ask for the nomination.

Is Suicide Right?

If any Democrat is expecting to deliver a speech at San Francisco in support of a plank favoring "ratification without reservations" as a campaign issue, he should be prepared to defend the wisdom of suicide as a party policy, for no one who knows the temper of the American people can believe that the party could carry the election on such an issue. The vote cast for Senator Johnson is conclusive proof that a great many voters either approve of his fight against the treaty or are quite indifferent to the treaty as an issue. The other Republican candidates, including Mr. Hoover, are for the treaty with the reservations agreed upon. The combined Republican vote, therefore, represents opposition to the treaty without reservations. It can not escape notice that the Democratic vote is, as a rule, smaller than the Republican vote, and the Democratic vote is not all for ratification without reservations (see Georgia, Massachusetts and Nebraska). In Missouri, the fight was against an opponent of the treaty, not against one who had favored the treaty with reservations. The same is true of the fight in Texas. Mr. Bailey's personality entered into the fight, as did his opposition to prohibition and his opposition to woman suffrage.

The various polls that have been taken indicate an overwhelming opposition to the treaty without reservations. Only twenty Democratic senators voted on the final ballot against accepting reservations. Twenty-three voted for reservations and four voted against the treaty on any terms.

Is suicide right? Shall the Democratic party strangle the League of Nations by insisting upon conditions that have been rejected by the people as well as by the Senate?

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WOMAN WARNS DEMOCRATS

A Milwaukee dispatch carried by the Associated Press, under date of May 5, says: Threatening the Democratic party with the loss of the women's vote in Wisconsin if the men leaders of the party dared to temporize in any degree with the "wets," Mrs. Clinton M. Barr, state vice chairman of Wisconsin women Democrats, created a sensation at the meeting of Wisconsin Democratic National Convention delegates and women this afternoon.

Her speech was frequently interrupted with applause by the women, while the men looked astounded. Old politicians on the men's side had carefully avoided mentioning anything of the dry and wet question in speeches which preceded her.

"The Democratic party now has the opportunity to gather to it almost the solid woman's vote," said Mrs. Barr. "Even Republican women are disgusted at the antics of the Republican Senate."

"But there are things in the Democratic party which the women of Wisconsin will not stand for. If you put a plank in the platform at San Francisco which gives light beer and wine or makes other concessions to the wets, the women will not vote for the Democratic party."

A canvass of the women indicated that they were a unit against a "wet" plank.

The men composing the delegation proper did not discuss "wet" or "dry" specifically, but adopted a resolution to be governed by a majority vote on resolutions.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM MISSOURI

Joplin, Mo., April 22, 1920.—The Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb. The Democracy of Missouri in convention assembled congratulate the people of Nebraska in selecting you to represent them as a delegate at large to the national Democratic convention at San Francisco. You gave us Woodrow Wilson, the best president we have ever had. May God guide your hand, for we know your heart is right. Adopted by ninety per cent of all delegates.—Frank H. Lee, Joplin State Committeeman. Roy Goldsey, Webb City.

FORCEFUL CARTOONS

Elsewhere will be found two cartoons that forcefully illustrate pending problems. The efforts to stop profiteering are met with the protest that it will disturb business to interfere with the highway robbery that is going on. The other problem is to find a method of raising

taxes that won't hurt. The Republicans prefer the chloroform method, a tariff hidden in the price.

WINE AND BEER

Cowards that they are, the wets dare not meet the issue. They talk about "wine and beer," but what they want is INTOXICATING LIQUOR. They can now have all the wine and beer they want if they will be content with wine and beer containing NOT MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF ONE PER CENT OF ALCOHOL. They can have everything in wine and beer EXCEPT ALCOHOL, but alcohol is what they want and the only thing they want. In Michigan, the wets tried a year ago to bring back wine and beer, and they were careful not to limit the alcohol in it. They never suggest a limit except when they are compelled to, and then they fix it as high as possible. The wets want alcohol—ENOUGH TO INTOXICATE—the more they can get the happier they are. They are willing to have the alcoholic habit fastened on men and women, and on children, too, if they were permitted. And why are they so indifferent to the welfare of their fellows? Some want to make money, and for money are willing to sell their brothers into bondage to drink; some are so diseased by drink that they put their thirst above the lives of others; some, and they are worst of all, want office and are willing to purchase it by selling their souls to a wicked traffic.

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HITCHCOCK'S WITHDRAWAL

Senator Hitchcock's withdrawal from the contest for minority leadership leaves the field clear to Underwood. Hitchcock's attempt to prevent Bryan from sitting in the San Francisco convention resulted disastrously and must have influenced the senator's decision to abandon the Washington contest. Bryan has eleven of the sixteen Nebraska delegates—a sufficient number to discourage the wets and to assure the commoner of leadership in the convention and pre-eminence in the party in his state.—Hartford, Conn., Times.

ARTHUR MULLEN

The following lines were written by Mr. A. L. Bixby ("Bix") in the Lincoln, Nebraska, State Journal, in memory of Arthur Mullen, Democratic national committeeman of Nebraska, who was defeated for re-election in a contest with Mr. Bryan and the dry forces:

A power in politics, he rose
To sun-kist heights of glory;
He led his party by the nose—
The young, the old and hoary.

He never practiced to deceive,
His manner firm, not sullen;
No party boss, I will believe,
Had much the edge on Mullen.

Alas, he stoutly stood for stout,
While others favored water;
And that's why fate beyond a doubt
Marked Mullen for the slaughter.

For King Gambrius, Art went bail
On many a sad occasion;
He fought the women tooth and nail,
And that without evasion.

For his offenses anyhow
He's paid in fullest measure;
He's no more boss than I am now,
And finds in life no pleasure.

Ambition lured—I see it all—
It spurred him on to action;
That's why I note in Mullen's fall
Great cause for satisfaction.

Did not proud Caesar for this fault,
Lose all that friendship gave him,
So after Brutus called a halt
Saltpetre wouldn't save him?

Assertiveness was never shy
With Art, say those who knew him;
That he must feed on humble pie
Will tame him and subdue him.

And this suggests a closing thought
Of glory from disaster;
Someday he may come back, but not
As party lord and master.