

women voters of the state will not be out of place.

The capital city of your state has a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in the person of former Mayor Charles W. Bryan. It gives us pleasure to say to the Democratic women voters of the state that Mr. Bryan has actively and ably supported all of the progressive legislative reforms, municipal, state and national, that the women have taken an active interest in.

Mr. Bryan stands for law enforcement and for the provisions of the Sheppard-Towner maternity bill.

Mr. Bryan's efforts to reduce the cost of living and to curb the profiteer through the establishment of a municipally owned electric light plant, municipal coal yard, municipal gas plant, municipal ice plant and a municipal public market has resulted in a great saving to the people of Lincoln in the cost of the necessaries of life.

We believe that a man of Mr. Bryan's ability, courage and fidelity to the people's cause is needed in the governor's chair for the next two years to reduce taxes, to put the state's affairs on a business basis, and to prevent profiteering or graft in the construction of the new capitol building and to promote the interest of the farmers, the wage-earners and the masses of the people of this state.

Mr. Bryan's character and integrity as a citizen and his record as a public official of this city are such that we cheerfully commend him, and we appeal to the women voters of the state to join with us in nominating him on July 18 and electing him governor in November.

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| Mrs. A. J. Sawyer | Mrs. G. H. Walters |
| Mrs. Dr. P. L. Hall | Mrs. Dr. E. A. Carr |
| Mrs. E. F. Snavely | Mrs. J. H. Gardner |
| Mrs. Thos. J. Doyle | Mrs. J. R. Farris |
| Mrs. John S. McCarty | Ruth Case |
| Mrs. Sterling F. Mutz | Mrs. P. T. McGerr |
| Mrs. C. M. Skiles | Mrs. Dr. J. D. Case |
| Mrs. C. A. Lord | Mrs. Dr. P. J. Bentz |
| Mrs. Clara C. Clayton | Miss Anna Butt |
| Mrs. Henry H. Branch | Mrs. Dr. R. L. Bentley |
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| Mrs. H. Moran | Mrs. Dexter Barrett |
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| Mrs. Jacob H. North | |

HITCHCOCK PLEDGED TO DRY CAUSE

United States Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock issued a statement June 15 to the Democratic voters of Nebraska, following his filing for renomination. The statement in full is as follows:

"In submitting my name to the Democratic primaries for approval of my course in the United States Senate and for a renomination, an extended statement is not necessary. The men and women of Nebraska know my record and my opinions. I have never tried to hide them.

"My public acts have been dictated by my conscience and by my judgment: In the main I feel assured they have met the approval of a majority of the people of Nebraska who have been considerate during the past twelve years in passing on my mistakes and shortcomings, and generous in commendation where I have had success.

"Since I began my public service many advances have been made in affairs of government. It has been a progressive period. Railroad control, trust legislation, irrigation of arid lands, the federal reserve bank act, the federal farm loan bank, and other attempts to improve conditions have had my support and been enacted.

"Four great amendments of the constitution have been achieved; the election of senators by the people, the income tax, woman suffrage and prohibition. Each of these four must be accepted as settled issues—as questions that the people have decided.

"Prohibition, however, differs from the other three in this respect that it requires enforcement legislation and annual appropriations. From now on the question is chiefly one of enforcement.

"Six year ago, during the election, I said I was against prohibition, but that if it carried I would help enforce it. This I have done by supporting all appropriations and all legislation needed for the purpose, including my vote November 18 of last year for the bill amending and strengthening the enforcement act. I shall continue to support enforcement legislation and appropriations.

"I believe that the Esch-Cummins act has failed to operate satisfactorily and with fairness to all interests concerned. It has resulted in excessive rates, and I favor its amendment by new legislation that shall put the railroad owners on a parity with other citizens and meet the just

needs and rights of shippers, travelers and consumers.

"I favor an amendment to the farm loan act increasing the present loan limit, so that all needy and worthy borrowers on our farms and ranches may have the opportunity to join and receive the benefits of co-operative borrowing. I also favor such reduction in interest rates on federal farm loans as the financial condition of each bank may warrant.

"I stand squarely for the primary system, and for the extending and strengthening it, rather than limiting and weakening it.

"I favor adjusted compensation for the soldiers of our late war that will meet fairly and adequately their just claims upon our government.

"The pending tariff bill is in my opinion a great menace. It threatens to increase the cost of living, to promote trust formation and to curtail still further our falling commerce.

"The proposed ship subsidy bill means the sale of our great merchant marine to private interests at a fraction of its cost, and the payment from our treasury each year of millions in subsidies to favored interests. To both of these I am unalterably opposed.

"I submit my name to the Democratic primaries free from any entanglements or alliances for or against any other candidates, and in person and through my newspaper, the Omaha World-Herald, shall extend to all the same fair and considerate treatment that I myself hope for at the hands of my fellow Democrats."

DOUGLAS DEMOCRATS FORM HARMONY CLUB

(From the Omaha World-Herald, July 5.)

The Democratic Harmony club of Douglas county was formed at an enthusiastic gathering at the Omaha Athletic club Monday evening, when about fifty persons were present. The object of the new organization is to promote harmony among Democrats throughout Nebraska in furtherance of the election campaign next fall. Meetings will be held once a week.

The club endorsed the following candidates who are to be voted on at the primaries: G. M. Hitchcock for senator, C. W. Bryan for governor, William McNichols for lieutenant governor and Kenneth W. McDonald for attorney general.

Among the leading organizers were Ray Madden, who was elected president of the new organization; William Ramsey, Mrs. Beulah Sinclair, William Ritchie, jr., William Kavan, Harry Hough, Eugene O'Sullivan, Harry Easton, elected secretary-treasurer, Barney Gill, E. E. Howell, Mrs. J. Munroe, D. W. Sivarr, A. E. Royce, Wm. Lovely and Albert E. May.

In part the resolutions were as follows:

"Whereas, under the present Republican administration in both nation and state the people have suffered from unprecedented extravagance, inefficiency and misrule, and

"Whereas the present national administration by reason of its tariff policy, the exemption of corporation and other large incomes from just taxation, the seating of Senator Newberry, etc., has shown to the taxpayers of the United States that it is a tool of the predatory interests that so valiantly contributed to the Republican campaign fund of 1920; That, in the state of Nebraska, the extravagance of the present Republican administration stands out in disgraceful contrast to the traditional economy and efficiency of the state Democratic administration, as the records show that in the years 1919-21 the Republicans appropriated the sum of \$50,289,000 while in the years 1915-1917 of Democratic leadership but \$18,863,000 was appropriated.

"Whereas, in former years, the Democratic party has been a victim of factional differences over certain issues that are at present settled and disposed of, and as the rank and file of the Nebraska Democrats, thousands of progressive Republicans and other exhausted taxpayers are calling for a haven of refuge to escape further exposure to governmental incompetence, we issue a call for all Democrats to enter the camp of unity and harmony and return to economy and simplicity in government."

Similar clubs have been reported from Columbus, Norfolk, Plattsmouth, Tecumseh, David City, Bridgeport, Sidney, Fremont, Hastings, Lincoln and other cities.

WHY NOT M'SPARRIN?

The value of Pinchot's victory over the "machine" is greatly lessened by its enormous cost. Why not elect the Democratic candidate, Mr. McSparrin, and get an anti-machine man without a big campaign fund?

THE STRIKES

What a comfort it must be to feel secure. Here we have the coal strike with six hundred thousand miners idle; the coal supplies diminishing; the feeling between the employers and employees is growing more bitter and yet there seems to be no great interest felt in the situation. A few are murdered in southern Illinois in an outbreak of barbarism that makes us wonder how thick the veneer of civilization really is in this most favored land, but no efforts are being made to substitute reason for force in the settlement of industrial disputes.

A railroad strike is on; men are leaving their positions because of differences between them and their employers in the matter of wages. The railroads are advertising for new men to take the places of the strikers and the strikers, in one place at least—Slater, Missouri, take charge of the works and announce that new men shall not work. And yet the public sleeps. How far can these disputes in the industrial world be carried before the public will understand the necessity for some system of investigation that will protect that large third party, called the public, whose interests are disregarded by both sides in their warfare one against the other?

A labor court with compulsory findings will not meet the needs of the case; neither will compulsory arbitration. But why not compulsory investigation with independence of action after the investigation is concluded? If the people are to freeze this winter while labor and capital fight out their differences, why not let the public know what they are fighting about and on which side justice lies? If the railroads are to be tied up and transportation stopped, why not some information before the public is compelled to return to primitive methods of transportation? If investigation, with independence of action reserved, can settle international disputes, why not try it in the industrial world?

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SAMUEL ON THE SEA

What a pity some gifted writer of comic opera does not give us a new "Pinafore" with "Samuel on the Sea" for his subject. The idea of the United States selling liquor on its own boats in order "to make them pay" and at the same time punishing bootleggers on land for violating the law "because it pays to do so" is the height of comedy.

Three acts would be sufficient. The first would be on a stage lighted with dark lanterns, where masked conspirators inveigle Uncle Sam into experimenting with bootlegging on his boats. The second would show his exposure, with a brewer and a wet Congressman turning on the spot light, followed by consternation, explanation, etc. The third act would represent the "mopping-up" when Uncle Sam, sobered by his humiliating experience, would vent his wrath upon those who led him astray. The comedy should end with "Columbia the gem of the ocean."

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WOMEN IN POLITICS

With Mrs. Olesen, the Democratic candidate for Senator in Minnesota; Mrs. Hooper, Democratic candidate for Senator in Wisconsin; Mrs. Gault, Democratic candidate for Congress in one of the Minnesota districts, and Miss O'Keefe, Democratic candidate for Congress in an Indiana district—all dries—the Democratic party is doing its part in recognizing woman in politics. The candidates above named will not make their appeal on the ground that they are women but on the ground that they can better represent the constituencies for which they will speak than the Republican candidates opposing them.

THE SHIP SUBSIDY

The ship subsidy is simply a bald, bare-faced piece of piracy attempted by big business against the tax payers of the nation. It has no more virtue in it than any other piece of class legislation. It relies for its hope of success upon the ability of the predatory interests to control Congress. If it ever comes it will, like the protective tariff, develop its appetite as it grows in years and in size. The infant industry that is nourished by a tariff never reaches weaning age and it is never ashamed to nurse. We are getting away from the whisky bottle—why turn the country over to the nursing bottle?

A QUESTIONABLE EXCUSE

A Republican congress finally decided that it might look like lack of confidence to investigate the attorney general. That is the usual excuse when the majority is big enough, but is it big enough now?