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THE COMMONER, LINCOLN, NEB.

"It was a welcome relief to the representatives and senators to get away from Washington," runs a dispatch commenting on the adjournment of congress. It is not always that congress does something where both the members and the people generally are equally well satisfied and free to say so.

The newspapers have been carrying stories to the effect that somebody or some group is cornering diamonds, as there is a scarcity of them in the market and the production of the mines does not apparently meet the demand. It certainly will take a lot of them to supply the needs of the coal profiteers after they have taken this winter's gouge out of the people.

Last May the federal supreme court told the manufacturers of this country that they must stop lying about the merchandise upon which they place their labels. It said that the federal trade commission was right in requiring that such labels tell nothing but the truth. Which reminds us, have you noticed any changes in the labels or any prosecutions of manufacturers since that date?

Despite the efforts of attendants to prevent it, an insane man who had escaped from the Lincoln hospital, lay down on the railroad tracks in front of an approaching train and let it cut off his head. The incident created a sensation. Yet, as we recall it, not a single person seemed alarmed or terrified last July, when the Republican party of Nebraska deliberately endorsed the civil administrative code, equally as deliberate an attempt at suicide.

Every time we see a dark cloud mounting the sky we start to wonder if it isn't a sign that another thirsty wet has just discovered that even if congress should vote to amend the Volstead law to provide for the making of light wines and beers it would be still unlawful to make or sell any light wine or beer that contained enough kick to intoxicate. The biggest crop of boobs is that which was gathered by the various anti-associations when they started selling memberships in a light wines and beer campaign combination.

Did you know that in making his income tax return the owner of coal lands or oil wells is permitted to deduct for the depreciation of capital that results from the extraction of the minerals, and also that there is nothing in the law that permits a farmer to make a similar reduction for the soil plant food that each of his yearly crops takes away? Dr. H. J. Waters, agricultural expert, says that this amounts to \$10 to \$12 a year for corn produced. Why was one class of business men exempted and another not? Do the farmers believe that such things just happen?

### DILL FOR SENATOR

The Democracy of the State of Washington is fortunate in having ex-Congressman Dill for its senatorial candidate. He won distinction as a congressman and just the kind of man the people of the west need in the Senate.

## Worshipping the Beer God

The New York Democrats are again worshipping an idol—this time it is the Beer-God. They have declared for wine and beer, knowing that the constitution will not permit the manufacture and sale of any wine and beer that will intoxicate. They are impotent to get what they ask for, but they can, if successful, put the great state of New York on the side of lawlessness. It is a bid for the vote of the underworld. They are doing what they can to discredit the Democratic party in the nation, as they have in the past by worshipping Wall Street.

W. J. BRYAN.

### ARIZONA'S GREAT TRIO

The Democrats certainly ought to carry Arizona this year. They have Senator Ashurst, a candidate for re-election; Congressman Hayden, a candidate for election, and ex-Governor Hunt, a candidate for re-election. It is a great trio.

Ashurst has made a remarkable record as a senator. Hayden has won high distinction in congress and Governor Hunt has endeared himself to the voters by his fearless defense of the people's interests. Would that our party were in as good position in all the other states.

### A TYPICAL DEMOCRAT

Ex-Congressman Ayres of the Wichita district will be returned to the House this year. He is a typical progressive Democrat—sound on every subject. He led the fight against universal compulsory military training in 1920 and urged the payment of the soldiers' bonus out of war made fortunes. He ran sixteen thousand ahead of his ticket in 1920 and was defeated by only one hundred by a candidate who spent twice as much as the law permits. He will be elected this year.

### WHITE'S POOR APOLOGY

What would the Republican party do without Wm. Allen White to apologize for it. In picturesque language he pleads for mercy on the ground that "it wasn't so bad." "It might be a lot worse."

But could it have been "a lot worse"? How could it have done more that was bad and less that was good?

White resigned from Judge because he could not stand for its wetness—and yet he continues with the Republican party. He is straining at a knot and swallowing a camel.

### THE LIGHT IN NEW MEXICO

Senator Jones of New Mexico seems to be making a winning fight for re-election. His personal popularity and his deserved prominence have brought great prestige to the state. New Mexico can not afford to lose such an asset. The Democrats also have excellent candidates for governor and congressman. The tide of reaction against Republicans in power promises to elect the entire Democratic ticket.

### KENDRICK OF WYOMING

Senator Kendrick of Wyoming is a candidate for re-election and should be returned. Few senators have made so good a record during the first term. If he had done nothing else than share in the preparation and passage of the bill to regulate the packers, he would have earned a second term, but he has been prominently identified with many measures.

### PEARSON FOR THE SENATE

Every California reader of The Commoner should work from now until the polls close to elect Pearson, the Democratic candidate, to the United States Senate. He is sound on the prohibition question and on all the economic issues. Vote for him and urge others to vote.

### KANSAS TAXES DEVOURING FARMS

|      | Tax          | Farm Production |
|------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1914 | \$30,988,121 | \$376,297,713   |
| 1915 | 30,849,566   | 342,843,467     |
| 1916 | 38,253,735   | 371,188,476     |
| 1917 | 43,645,163   | 507,483,787     |
| 1918 | 47,106,519   | 592,017,250     |
| 1919 | 58,483,777   | 746,619,135     |
| 1920 | 68,026,738   | 699,170,341     |
| 1921 | 75,962,537   | 351,121,242     |

Taxes now twenty per cent of farm products.—Candidate Davis.

### THIRTY-EIGHTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On the 1st of October, Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings Bryan celebrated the 38th anniversary of their marriage informally at the home of their daughter, Grace (Mrs. R. L. Hargreaves), 1520 Ogden Drive, Hollywood, Los Angeles, W. J. Bryan, Jr., assisting. Mr. Hargreaves is manager of one of the branches of the Hellman bank, and their son, William, is practising law in Los Angeles. Mrs. Bryan has been spending the summer with Mrs. Hargreaves; Mr. Bryan went to Los Angeles after finishing his chautauqua season.

About a hundred friends called to offer congratulations, among whom were ex-Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, Mr. Marco Hellman, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Dockweiler (Mr. Dockweiler is a member of the Los Angeles bar and Democratic national committeeman), Dr. and Mrs. Von Kleinsmid (Dr. Von Kleinsmid is president of the University of Southern California), Captain and Mrs. Richmond Pearson Hobson, Dr. and Mrs. S. P. McLennon of the Hollywood Presbyterian church, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Nash of the Hollywood Congregational church, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Haywood of the Hollywood Methodist church, Dr. and Mrs. Montgomery of the Anti-Saloon League, Mr. Will D. Wood, Dr. Hill and others interested in the temperance cause, Judge Anderson, Mr. T. H. Pickford of Washington, Mrs. John Vardaman of Mississippi, Mr. Harry Berger and daughter, and Miss Nellie Allen, a classmate of Mrs. Bryan's. Their youngest grandchild, Evelyn Mary Hargreaves, was christened just before the reception.

Mr. Bryan left the next day on a campaign tour which will take him into eight states—Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Minnesota, Wyoming and Utah—in six of which senators are to be elected. On October 28 Mr. and Mrs. Bryan sail from Los Angeles to Miami, Florida, via Panama.

### EULOGIZING THE BAR-MAID

On another page will be found a wet woman's tribute to the English bar-maid. "NOWHERE" we are told is "woman's refining influence so acutely felt as behind the saloon bar." This was the language of Mrs. Gladis Marshall, "speaking for the 1,100 members of the organization who have taken up the fight to keep the age old institution of the rose cheeked English bar-maid from going into the discard."

"Can you beat it?"

### M'KELLAR OF TENNESSEE

United States Senator Kenneth D. McKellar has been re-nominated by the Democrats of Tennessee. He should be elected by an overwhelming majority. His high character, his sound Democracy, and his faithful service to the people of that state entitle him to the support of the voters of all parties.

### A FARMER FOR GOVERNOR

The Kansas Democrats are running a farmer for governor. He is a sure enough "dirt farmer" and has a university education. He has served in the Kansas legislature for many years and is just the man to lead the farmers out of bondage to plutocracy.

### CANDIDATE O'CONNOR

The division in the Republican ranks in North Dakota makes possible the election of O'Connor, the Democratic candidate. He has behind him a united Democracy and receive the support of many Republicans.

### MR. BRYAN AT WICHITA

Four thousand persons, one of the largest morning audiences in Wichita history, filled the Forum this morning to hear William Jennings Bryan, in a political address.

Mr. Bryan delivered his entire address, with the exception of a moment or two at a climax, sitting in a chair, and so effectively was it done the audience forgot the situation completely. He suffered, he explained, a painful accident the other night when a porter let fall a Pullman berth ladder on his toe.

Applause, and at times cheers, filled the Forum at frequent intervals as the orator, who is no stranger to Wichita, approached and passed climax after climax in his address, and hundreds of persons went to the stage following the program to shake his hand.

Mr. Bryan came, he told the audience, in the interest of W. A. Ayres, who is the Democratic candidate for congress from this, the Eighth District.—Wichita Beacon, Oct. 7.