

Arthur G. Wray, candidate for the nomination for United States senator on the progressive third party ticket, makes this decisive announcement:

I stand squarely on the Grand Island platform of the new progressive party, which I helped formulate.

That is definite. Third party voters know that Mr. Wray is for the party principles officially outlined by a convention of party members.

The question which must now disturb the new party is: How about our other candidates? Some are seeking nominations in other parties as well as on the progressive ticket.

The Grand Island platform is an unusually specific document. Among other things it favors government ownership of railroads, telephones and telegraphs; a referendum upon any declaration of war; initiative and referendum of national legislation; recall of national and state officials; abolition of the party circle on the ballot; state ownership and development of water power.

The New State, principal newspaper organ of the new party, says it will support no candidate who does not support the Grand Island platform, unless in certain cases there be no candidates running.

Omaha street railway fares are not to be increased "at this time."

That is the effect of the street railway company's announcement to the state railway commission that it will not press its request for higher rates.

Nevertheless, the company declared there is little doubt but that the complete valuation of its property now under way will show increased rates justified under the law.

If the company's interpretation of the valuation situation is correct, it is to be congratulated on a magnanimous act. The fact remains, however, that even if the company lets its rate request lie dormant, the valuation of its property should be taken with just as much care as though the rate question were being pressed.

It is the commission's job to spend a million dollars, or such part as it finds necessary, to give the United States representation at the South American exposition. Nebraskans who know Harrison will guarantee that, if he controls the purse strings, very little of the million will be wasted.

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INTERNATIONAL SLANDER

In condemning hatred of other nations, in his speech at the University of Michigan, Secretary of State Hughes attempts to clamp the brake on a vehicle that in time would surely bring America into warlike relations with its neighbors.

The chief enemies of peace," said Mr. Hughes, "are those who constantly indulge in abuse of foreign peoples and their governments, who asperse their motives and visit them with ridicule and insult."

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DANGERS OF UPSETTING THE BALANCE

In the opinion of Benjamin M. Anderson, economist of the Chase National bank of New York, the recent reduction in railway rates and railway wages ought to help substantially toward the revival of business.

"It is to be regretted," Mr. Chase said before the National Association of Credit Men, "that the Interstate Commerce commission felt itself obliged to use the rough and ready method of horizontal reduction instead of making a discriminatory reduction, greatest on articles where bulk is large and value is low, and least on articles where bulk is small and value is great."

This is a point that appeals to the middle west, not only to the farmers who ship bulky and cheap consignments of hay, corn and other raw products, but also to consumers of coal, lumber and other bulky freight.

Public opinion coincides with the view of this economist, who asserts that wholesale changes in prices, wages or anything else can not have as much beneficial influence as would piecemeal changes, worked out carefully and gradually, not arbitrarily and suddenly.

UNIFORM TAXATION NEEDED

A uniform scale of assessment is prerequisite to justice in taxation. In other words, if the valuation for taxing purposes is low on one piece of property or in one county, additional burden is cast on the others.

L. D. Richards of Fremont has taken up the question of equalization, asserting that Nebraska's system of taxation rests on the guess of the county and township assessors, and that with ninety-four counties we have ninety-four guesses, and as many others as there are precincts.

Assuming that there is something in spiritualism, what good does it do? Where does any benefit to the human family come from the spirit world?

STOPPING CRIME AT ITS SOURCE

The recently reported decline in the price of bootleg liquor was attributed to an oversupply which promises to be absorbed by the raids of federal agents and police.

To most this shutdown of volunteer distilleries will look like the elimination of crime at its source. There can be no question that a good many robbers, prowlers and disorderly characters obtain their inspiration and courage by swigging from jug or bottle.

There is about as much fire hazard in an ordinary radio receiving set as in a white enamel bathtub. Fire insurance underwriters are said to admit that antennas installed wholly inside of buildings represent no fire hazard, but proposed rulings say that there is a lightning hazard to the antenna that extend outside the building.

That was a meaningful phrase, the demand of the churches for "organization of the coal industry on the basis of the maximum service to the nation."

One of the least serious atrocities in Ireland was the raid by republicans on the whiskers of Darrel Figgis. It is hard to understand the phenomena of politics, but it is claimed that public disapproval of this outrage will bring many votes to his side.

A Norwegian engineer has completed successful trial with his new motor car for running on snow. The front skate-gliders are replaceable by wheels for summer use.

Improvements in the gas plant to cost \$500,000 and water plant extensions costing \$1,740,000 have a formidable look until it is remembered that this does not enter into the tax bill

The Bee's LETTER BOX

Ford's Bid for the Shoals. Omaha, June 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have just read in The Bee of this afternoon a Washington dispatch with headlines as follows: "Real Facts About Ford Shoals Offered to 'Keep'."

Not in a century has so important a proposition been proposed that means as much to agriculture and the common day laborer as Ford's offer to purchase and lease the government's power and nitrate projects at Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

The big interests are fighting this proposition through their henchmen in congress.

The attack of Representative Kearns on agriculture and the arrogant assumption that they are giving the real facts in the matter, is grotesquely absurd.

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A Skeptic on Spiritualism. Omaha, June 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: Mr. Reed's rebuke regarding your editorial on spiritualism proves nothing. Spiritualism, if anything, proves that evil predominates over righteousness, and can in no way be of any benefit to those who profess the essence of Christ's teachings, which is doing good whenever we have the opportunity.

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OPINION What Editors Elsewhere Are Saying

Making a Sacrament a Farce. From the Buffalo Express. The world has seen weddings performed in airplanes, by telephone and more lately by radio, weddings in the water, parsons and all, but it remained for Knoxville, Tenn., to spring the latest and most foolish sort of wedding yet recorded.

Mercantile Business Standards. From the Vancouver Sun. British world trade was built on mercantile standards, and it is living up to representations in respect to goods.

Bluejays and Cowbirds. From the Ohio State Journal. The author's society is opposed to the bluejay, who is an egotist, a smart aleck, a disturber of the peace, a thief and a cannibal.

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Child Labor and the Constitution. From the Chicago Daily News. President Harding sympathizes with the essential object of the newly formed national committee on child labor and at an early day will send a special message to congress urging the submission of a constitutional amendment that would confer upon congress the power to regulate or abolish child labor throughout the country.

La Follette and His Foes. From the Chicago Herald and Examiner. Once again, according to newspaper headlines, "Wisconsin loses his La Follette."

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