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#### HARMONY AND THE DEMOCRATS.

Looking across the borders of Nebraska for a moment, it is possible to descry some things that serve to emphasize the importance of the approaching campaign in Nebraska. Our democratic brethren are putting forth mighty efforts to regain control of congress, in one or both branches, that they may more effectually hamper President Harding in his work of restoring the nation to its prosperous path. In states like Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and North Dakota, they are putting up a front of uncertainty, relying on the fact that they have everything to gain and nothing to lose, and that their one hope is to divide the republicans.

In Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi, and other states where the democrats have a good working control of local affairs, the fight is one to amuse the gods. In Texas and Oklahoma the "Klan" is reputed to be taking a decisive part, and the democrats who expect to win there are pointed out as the especial favorites of "the invisible empire." In Mississippi James K. Vardaman, who gained such notoriety a few years ago when a member of the United States senate, is again after a place, hoping or chiseled from marble. Baseball is the game of to succeed John Sharp Williams, who is retiring be- the American people. It belongs to all, from earliest cause he no longer cares to serve the public. Governor Vardaman is making so much headway that Woodrow Wilson has trained his guns on him, and expects to bring him down to defeat.

Down in Missouri the Long campaign against Reed has taken on a most acute form, and from St. Louis comes report that "Rid-us-of-Reed" clubs have vowed that unless Long is nominated they will bolt the ticket. The Reed men are retaliating vigorously, and the campaign that is now coming to a close there is the warmest that has stirred the aristocracy of Old Missoo since Claiborne Jackson's time. Tennessee, too. is enduring one of the most interesting preliminary contests exhibited in many years. Senator McKellar, who, like Senator Reed, incurred Woodrow Wilson's displeasure, is fighting against heavy odds for renomination. The fact that Missouri and Tennessee are on the border line of the doubtful class gives reason to think that the prospects for the republicans to elect successors to both McKellar and Reed are

not hurt any by the internal strife of the democrats. In Ohio the progressives are opposing Atlee Pomerene for renomination, while Simon D. Fess appears to be assured of the republican chance to oppose the democratic nominee. In whatever way the glance is directed, signs of the strife between the Wilson and anti-Wilson groups is seen. November, 1922, is to be the curtain raiser for June, 1924, and the control of congress is of less immediate importance to the sachems than control of the convention which will name the party's leader in the next presidential race. That is why the game is worth watching.

# NEXT WINTER AT THE THEATER.

It may or may not make any difference to Omaha what the New York managers are planning for the coming season. Under some contingencies, howeverit is possible that those of us who like to gather at the Brandeis from time to time will have the pleasure of seeing some worth while pieces enacted there, and by really good companies.

When "Gus" Thomas was installed as executive head of the Producing Managers association a few days ago, he told the reporters his "favorite flower is a mazuma bush." This is not news, at least as applied to the New York producing managers, nor are they alone in their choice of floral emblem. The main point is that Mr. Thomas is expected to do a little something for the speaking stage along the lines Will Hays is working on with the movies. If this is true, the new executive has work ahead.

More to the point is the news that Al H. Wood frankly told a lot of actors the other day that salaries would have to come down to a place where activity at the theater would again be possible. Fancy figures based on war inflation can not be sustained. Mr. Wood, as well as some others, hopes to be able to send a few companies on tour, but can not do so unless the ventures can be made to pay expenses, and only a few of them will with salaries at the peak. The

answer is yet to come. Some softening is noted in railroad fares, which will enable companies to make the jumps lots cheaper than of late, and this too is in favor of the outlying theaters. However, it is too early to get excited about the prospects. October, November and December will tell the tale, but we do want to remind the managers that Patricia O'Brien was right when she said, "It's always a bad season for a bad show."

## THE BOON OF ICING.

Food was first put up in tins to meet the need of the forty-niners for a compact diet that would not spoil. Today the world could scarcely do without it. Much less could it carry on without the process of refrigeration.

The cold storage system which preserves perishable products receives more brickbats than boquets because of the popular idea that speculation plays too large a part in what is strictly speaking a publie utility. Unquestionably there are profits there are losses, too-but the service is a very necessary

R. M. Birdsall, an aged produce merchant of Chicago, who is credited with the invention of the cold storage system, has just died. If the claim is correct that he invented the railway refrigerator car, all praise be to him. Distant regions that now prosper by the production of fruit and vegetables could never have been developed without some such system of keeping them fresh in transit. Meat that now hangs without spoiling in the coolers of the great packing houses would have had to be secured from taught.

small slaughter houses in each locality. The application of the principles of refrigeration to ocean vessels has further widened the market.

And so has the diet of the people varied and cheapened. In seasons of surplus production articles of food such as eggs and butter are stored away for a time of shortage. The earliest fruits and vegetables are brought to the table from distant southern orchards and fields. The greatest blessing of cold storage, however, is that it eliminates waste-the greatest enemy of civilization and progress.

#### AK-SAR-BEN'S WISEST MOVE.

A definite announcement comes from Ak-Sar-Ben that there will be no street show in connection with the carnival season this year. This is the wisest move the Board of Governors has made in a long time.

The street show had only one excuse for existence-it produced a certain amount of revenue. However, in order to secure that money it was expedient to permit certain things to go unchecked that in ordinary times would be sternly repressed. Long ago the spirit of fun deteriorated, and became such rowdyiam that the police were required to be continually on the alert to keep it in check. Exhibitions of a low order were permitted to show, and other things unseemly and below the dignity of the great institution that sponsored the affair marred he occasion.

The substitution of a pageant for the street fair s a long step in advance, and should be so recognized by everybody. It is leading up to the ultimate purpose of Ak-Sar-Ben, and when the great industrial exposition is finally added to the program, as it eventually will be, then the knights will have completed a perfect cycle of wholesome amusements. With the spring and autumn race meets, the summer entertainment at the Den, an exposition, daylight and night pageants and parades, and the coronation ball, the king will have provided his subjects with such divertisement as even the most generous of monarcha might envy.

All this will cost money, however, and it is up to the public to see that Samson's coffers do not suffer because he has given over the street fair, which did bring in the coin that is needed. The substituted show at Ak-Sar-Ben Field must be made a success in Every way.

#### MONUMENT TO BASEBALL.

Now it is proposed by the American League magnates that a monument to baseball be created in one of the Washington city parks. That will be a fine thing, from one viewpoint, but a greater monument could be built by that same group of magnates, of less expensive and more durable material than anything that will be modeled in clay, cast in bronze youth to latest age. Within recent years it has suffered immensely, and, but for the great hold it has on the hearts of Americans, it would have shriveled and died, even as did horse racing.

The racing sport in this country was done to death by the men who commercialized it, by the gamblers who fattened on it, until the public wearied of the infliction and with little or no protest submitted to the laws that all but exterminated it. Baseball can encounter the same fate, and in very truth has invited it. Such exposures as that of the crooked Chicago players are not the worst things that happen to baseball; those men were expelled from the game, and the incident passed as an inevitable, regrettable, but removable evil. Deals like the one that transferred two strong players from the Boston to the New York team one day recently do more harm than ever the "black sox" could.

Such transactions, while they bear the outward semblance of integrity, support the growing charge of pure commercialism. They give the championship to the team with the longer purse, and make dollars rather than managerial ability the measure of success. If Ban Johnson and his associate want to erect a monument to baseball, let them begin by legislating against trades that cast suspicion on the game's honesty.

## NATURE DOES ITS PART.

The greatest mackerel catch in the memory of the oldest fisherman is reported from Frederikstad, on the east coast of Norway. A fleet of thirty smacks came into port one morning, loaded to the water's edge with 250,000 mackerel.

"He who plants a seed in the earth is recompensed forty fold, but he who draws a fish out of the water draws up a piece of silver," Poor Richard announced. But in this case it was copper instead of silver that was drawn up. The American consul reports that fish retailed at 2 cents each and sold in quantities for less than a cent. They were very fat and unsually large, too. The people did not know what to do with them all.

Nature's generosity may have broken the local market, but at all events the poor people of that village were assured of plenty to eat. If any were wasted, it was not because there were no hungry persons in that part of the world, but only because of the faulty methods of distribution. This is a manmade world, but it would be a better one if only we could meet nature half way.

## BEYOND THE QUEEN'S POWER.

It was raining in London; the prince of Wales turned up the bottom of his trousers-thus a style that swept the world was created.

Queen Mary dislikes jazz; she requests an orchestra not to play it at a dance-will she thereby deliver the death blow to the demoniacal style of music?

Probably not. For one thing, the world today stubbornly refuses to sneeze when its great ones take snuff. For another, the British royal pair are regarded as rather stodgy relics of the Victorian age.

Prince Edward introduced something new in dress. His royal daughter-in-law strives to make fashionable a sort of music that has been discarded. There is no novelty in that to catch the vulgar fancy. The only way she can send jazz to the block is to sponsor something new.

Will Hays says he can not discover the "horrors of Hollywood." We wonder if he has seen all the films sent out of there?

President Harding certainly let the gas out of one of the biggest balloons the radicals have yet sent up.

An Omaha man complains his wife is posing as widow, but doesn't say if it is golf, poker or radio. Being an Obenchain juror in Los Angeles is al-

Fair weather is promised for the week; now, let

the weather man deliver the goods. The German mark is nearly the zero mark.

nost equivalent to having a steady job.

On Second Thought

Br H. M. STANSDER.

# What About the Primary Law?

Editors of Nebraska Far From Being Unanimous as to Benefits of System

Neligh Leader.

C. J. Best: The primary law the convention system which made has failed to accomplish what its manipulation possible because of lack of interest by the mass of votfriends hoped for it, at least for statewide offices. The expense of a statewide campaign is more than a poor man can pay. This often results in the nomination of a minority candidate frequently absolutely distasteful to the majority. Voters as a rule know little of most of the candidates. A shorter ballot, for leading officers only, would help this situation. Then require a mathematical manual county tick congressment, judges, governors, sarmy advocating "credit" for agritude and full county tick culture and business. Credit is a demand for manual for credit is a demand for money, if there is sufficient money, if there is sufficient mary an elimination contest. case no candidate receives a maminority nominee.

Grand Island Independent. A. F. Buechler: Especially has the intelligent interest taken by the new element in voting, the women, again emphasized the benefits of the primary. The election law, rather than the primary law, should be changed to add all county officers The primary method of nominatto the nonpolitical list, assuring a final majority selection.

Wayne Herald. E. W. Huse: The primary is undoubtedly here to stay, notwith-standing that its operation is not altogether feasible. Amended to candidates for governor, district were again clearly demonstrated to and county officers, yielding to a convention the naming of nominees for state officers below the governor, would be less fascinating in theory, but quite as successful and choice of the people has tweek. About two-state officers below the governor, would be less fascinating in the choice of the people but the obelow. ernor, would be less fascinating in choice of the people, but the choice of the people, but the choice of those who had time and interest of the affairs of their counmere economical in practice. People generally do not become acquainted try to vote. Outside of two or with candidates for state offices below the governor, and as a conse quence picking favorites is usually mere guess work. It is apparent that this plan of getting close to the people in the making of nominations removes the practic ability of office-seeking on the part of those who lack capital to invest in a rather risky preprimary speculation.

Beatrice Express.

Clark Perkins: Primary law should be repealed or modified. Its adoption in Nebraska resulted from revolt against railroad domination but the same legislature (1907) broke the railroad grip and made it unnecessary. The direct primary is inconsistent with the principle of representative government. It weakens party organization which is necessary to healthy interest in public affairs. House roll 62 is a step in the right direction because it abolishes the farce of electing delegates by direct vote (county chairman really appoints) and places selection in hands of men and women who take enough in terest to attend precinct caucus The next legislature should go

#### Hastings Tribune.

Adam Breede: The result of the beyond any question of doubt that the people of this state are in harmony and sympathy with th primary. It is quite patent that any effort made to change to the convention system will fail.

Wahoo Wasp.
T. J. Pickett: While in our opinion the primary system is here to stay, there should be changes in the law that would be beneficial to the candidates and to the voters The two campaigns required of the candidates is an expense that should be lessened in some way The recent primary for state nominations has shown that practically unknown men were nominated for office. In county nominations the primary, while not en-tirely a success, has proven satis-factory to a majority of the voters. In state nominations there should be some way devised that would require something more of a person who wanted an office. A petition setting forth that he is worthy and well qualified, signed by one hundred or more of his neighbors might keep many names from the ticket of people who wanted simply a little publicity.

Auburn Republican. J. C. Davis: Although some of the old wheel horses of both parties seem to favor the old caucus system of nominations, it is apparent that of nominations, it is apparent the rank and file of voters in Nemaha county seem to favor the primary system. Rather a peculiar circumstance existed here this prinary, however, as many of the old time democrats called for repub-lican ballots. One of the objections raised to the present system is that there is no requirement as to the cent of votes required for nomination, thus allowing an op-portunity of a candidate being nominated by a small faction where there are several entries. in some states of requiring say 35 per cent of the votes cast or going to the state convention, has been suggested as a safety valve, and this would automatically reduce the number of aspirants for certain offices.

## McCook Tribune.

F. M. Kimmell: Referring to Red Willow county and to McCook, as touching the Nebraska primary election law, and as operating in the last primary election, clearly there is nothing to be desired other than a more patriotic, intelligent and general use of its merits and blessings. The system is safe, sound and sane. Lack of intelligent, general use is its only demerit.

Kearney Hub.

M. A. Brown: The recent pri-mary election had little bearing on the primary system either as to the interest shown or not shown, or

# SAID TO BE FUNNY.

Motives are usually mixed, and we note that numerous congregations are prepar-ing to send their preachers away for a rest.—Minneapolis Star.

"Don't talk to me about colleges." scoff-ed the selfmade man. "Look at me! Do you suppose I would have been any more successful than I am if I'd had a col-lege education?"
"No." admitted the professor, "but you "No," admitted the professor, "but you might have been less inclined to brag about it."—Judge.

A man walked into a garage where his car was being repaired and was heard to reprimand the garage owner for telling him how to run his own car. Saying: This is my car, and what I say goes." A moment later a tired, greasy mechanic looked up from under the car and said: "For goodness" sake, say 'engine." —Western Christian Advocate.

The parents of two Chicago girls were searly distracted when the girls disappeared, but they have been found in Omsha, married to two automobile thieves. Which proves again that it is foolish to worry—The American Lumberman (Chicago).

A shopkeeper had in his employ a man so lazy as to be utterly worthless. One day, his patience exhausted, he "Will you give me a character?" asked the lazy one. The employer sat down to write a non-committal letter. His effort resulted as

## Readers' Opinions

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Credit and Currency. Omaha, July 25 .- To the Editor of

cate increase of national income sults in the nomination of a minor-ity candidate frequently absolutely distasteful to the majority. Voters ably did not cast a 50 per cent av-increase of production is the real money, if there is sufficient money to exchange for commodities J. R. Sutherland: The result of the primary in Burt county was artificial medium of exchange placed in control of banks with nower that the people came out and registered in control of banks with nower than the people came out and registered in control of banks with nower than the people came out and registered in control of banks with nower than the people came out and registered in control of banks with nower than the people came out and registered in control of banks with nower than the people came out and registered in control of banks with nower than the people came out and registered in control of banks with now the people came out and registered in control of banks with now the people came out and registered in control of banks with now the people came out and registered in control of banks with now the people came out and registered in control of banks with now the people came out and registered in control of banks with now the people came out and registered in control of banks with now the people came out and registered in control of banks with now the people came out and registered in control of banks with now the people came out and registered in control of banks with now the people came out and registered in control of banks with now the people came out and registered in control of banks with the people came out and registered in control of banks with the people came out and registered in control of banks with the people came out and registered in control of banks with the people came out and registered in control of banks with the people came out and registered in control of banks with the people came out and registered in control of banks with the people came out and registered in control of banks with the people came out and registered in control of banks with the people came out and registered in control of banks with the people came out and registered in control of banks with the people came out and registered in control of banks with the people came out and registered in control of banks with their choice for public officials, ing bank currency. Statesmen atThe law should be amended to tributed the high cost of living to
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at the last general election, also the
make no answer to the federal reprecipt delegates and committee. Serve heard's recent statement serve precinct delegates and committee- serve board's recent statement conmen should be kept off the ballot. tradicting them absolutely. The The primary method of nominat-board says: "The increased volume ing candidates is here to stay, but of federal reserve notes in circulation from 1917 to the end of the year and not by its enemies, as was done 1920 was, in so far as it was not the at the recent legislative sessions of result of direct exchange for gold 1919 and 1921. advancing wages and prices, and not The follies of the primary law which has taken place during last

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Federal Reserve Board Report to Congress for Year 1921. The board choice says inflation of currency did not terest says inflation of currency did not the says inflation of currency d raise prices and that deflation of enough in the affairs of their councurrency did not lower prices. ditors and statesmen are flatly conof the board; the public is left guessing.
When Still the demand for "credit," and years preaching to girls not to get offices less than 5 per cent of the people voted intelligently. When ed down your ballot did you know a thing in the world about over thaif of the men you voted for on the state ticket? We'll wager you did not know whether thehy were white or black.

Loup City People's Standard.

A. E. Brunsdow: We find the primary here had a poor showing as only about a fourth of the voters voted and those who did, voted for man and not for party. Only a few candidates were really nomi-

Who Remembers When



News. The chances are she might stop a clock if she could not stop

primary here had a poor showing as only about a fourth of the voted and those who did, voted for man and not for party. Only a few candidates were really nominated as a great many had no party opposition, making a heavy expense for nothing which makes a hardship on candidate as well as taxpayer.

T. S. FENLON,

Girls and Passing Motors.

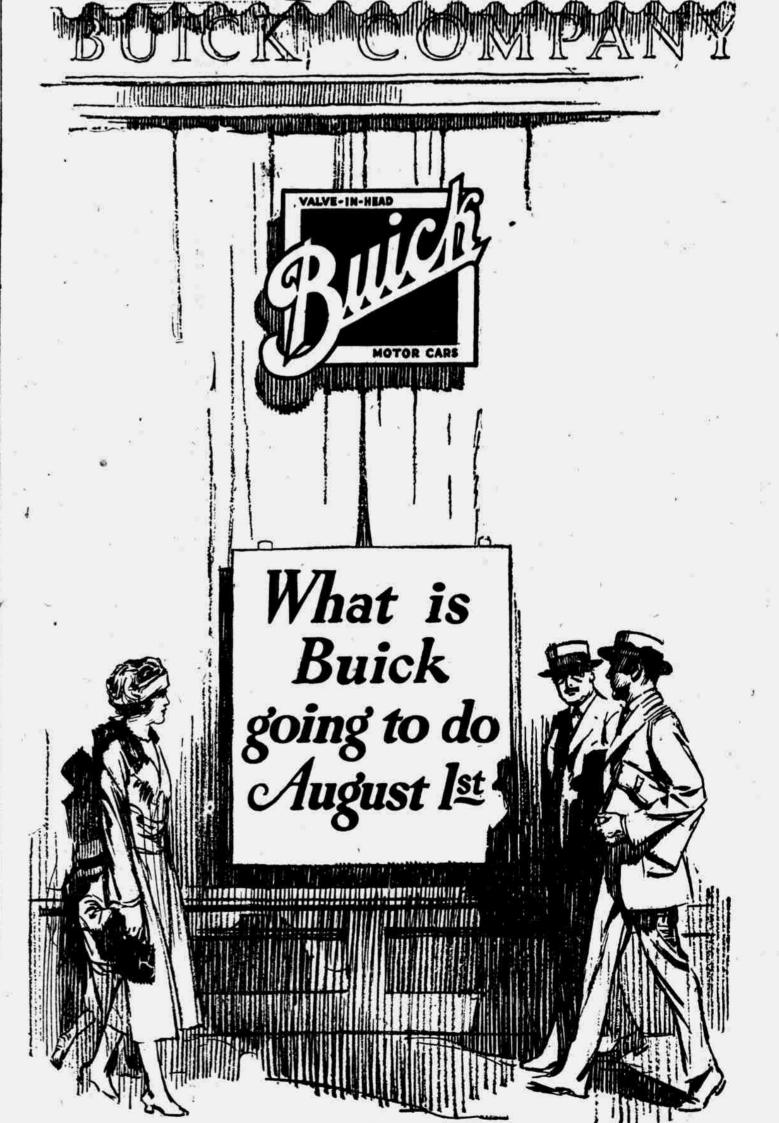
Omaha, July 26.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: What is the for a tricle of 176 autoists passfor nothing which makes a hardship on candidate as well as taxpayer.

T. S. FENLON,

As a mere man I have often been to cause it is going to encourage ment to pick up waiting girls because the street cars out there are few and they need no encouragement now, and it is going to justify the girls motives would be misconstrued and in their minds to accept these invitations, which is dangerous and may lead to trouble.

SUBURBANITE.

old enough to be the grandfather of many of the young girls whom The decent newspapers of this and other towns have been for years preaching to girls not.



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