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GOOD GOVERNMENT FOR NEBRASKA.

A political party that is only a name, and has nothing definite and constructive to offer as a program, does not deserve support. The republican party of Nebraska confidently asks support from the voters this year because it has something definite and constructive to offer.

The ticket chosen at the primary last month is not recommended to the people solely because it is the choice of the republican voters. Other reasons far more potent should control, and judgment resting on these reasons commends the republican candidates.

In 1906 the republicans went before the people of Nebraska with a definite program of reformatory legislation. Successful at the election, the legislature controlled by the republicans passed and a republican governor signed laws redeeming each of these promises.

The one great outstanding issue of the present campaign is that of taxation. No matter what other questions may come up, they all turn on this one. Each republican candidate has pledged himself publicly to do all that can be done to lower the cost of government.

Democratic success in any part of Nebraska this year will be made possible by republican division only. The patched-up harmony arrangement between the Bryans and Hitchcock, between the wets and the dries, the suffragists and anti-suffragists of the democratic party is a coalition of selfish leaders, bent on achieving individual success.

is one that begets confidence in the solidarity of the republican organization.

A convention will assemble at Lincoln on August 15, to formulate the platform for the coming campaign. No effort will be made here to anticipate the contents of that document, beyond the assertion that it will be one in keeping with the purpose of the party, making provision for the preservation of good government under the law.

With such a platform and the strongest ticket presented in years, the republican party can safely expect the assault of a political combination organized for the one and only object of capturing what state offices it may and returning a democratic senator to the United States senate for a third term.

THE PUBLIC'S "SENIORITY."

Following their rejection of President Harding's plan for settlement of the railway strike, the executives announce, in the language of the dispatch from Washington, the president has been informed that the door is still open for negotiations.

This is not a fitting way in which to reply to the head of the nation. When it is learned that these executives considered the opening lines of the president's note much like an ultimatum, their calm refusal to accept his proposal appears to array them against the national administration.

It does not meet the requirements of the situation for the railroads to say, "Let us alone and we can handle this ourselves." Transportation is an industry in which the public has vital concern.

Moreover, it was not to the opinion of a single man that the disputants were asked to yield, but to considerations of urgent public need. What is offered is a compromise that will restore transportation, reduce the peril of a coal shortage, and establish the principle of peaceful adjudication of industrial disputes.

Merely because the railway managers issued a statement that strikers would lose their seniority rights—a matter involving pensions and promotions—is no good reason why the American public should be made to suffer.

Not in behalf of the unions, and not in behalf of the owners of the railroads, but for the sake of public welfare, President Harding has intervened to end this deadlock. The stubborn stand of the railroads, taken together with their previous legal maneuvers in defiance of the power of the Federal Labor Board, provides a perilous example to labor organizations.

ONE LESSON OF THE FLOOD.

A report from the courthouse says that roads and bridges in Douglas county were damaged to the extent of \$20,000 by the freshets of last week.

Before Douglas county entered upon its campaign of permanent construction, freshets were accompaniments of the summer. The Elkhorn and the Big and Little Pappios came tumbling down just as they do now, mad torrents of muddy waters, swirling and dashing, and sweeping away all they could move.

Now roads and bridges have a permanent character. Many thousands of dollars have been expended to reach a place where the disaster of a big runoff of rainfall, carried along the streams that course the county, and which drain the state for many miles, does not sweep away all the work done on the highways.

BLOOD THICKER THAN WATER.

Americans have long admired the most outstanding characteristic of William Jennings Bryan, his earnest advocacy of moral reforms, whether popular or not. He has fearlessly championed the cause of religion, of peace, of morality, and especially of prohibition.

What do we now discover? Mr. Bryan's brother has been named as a candidate for governor of Nebraska, by reason of a bargain made with the avowed enemies of prohibition and the personal foes of William Jennings Bryan. The Peerless Leader, whose public life has been one of stern opposition to moral wrong, finds the ties of consanguinity too much for his resistance.

State taxes are coming down, much to the disgust of the democrats, who thus are deprived of another campaign cry.

The ever ready pistol is making a lot of trouble again.

On Second Thought By H. M. STANFORD. Whether or not life is worth living depends greatly upon the liver.

What Other Readers Say

The Wheat Harvest Is On.

The stalk of wheat has become the breadfruit tree of the world. Southern Minnesota and South Dakota begin cutting it this week. The stand everywhere is magnificent.

Through July and August the busy harvest hands work their way up through the cuttings in South Dakota, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, where great harvests are promised.

Let us follow the harvest further and by months. The record is a wonderful one. In November the harvest begins in South Africa, in Peru, Argentina and other parts of South America.

Then in the February and March of the new year harvest time reaches the West. In Japan, the Philippines, Persia, Mexico, Asia Minor and Lower Egypt cut their wheat in April.

Thus the circle is complete, and Puck has placed his girle of plenty upon the globe. The world is a wonderful panorama, when seen with the eyes of the mind.

Songs of Summer.

From the Cincinnati Times-Star. "Where are the songs of summer?" Tom Hood once asked. The query still has pertinence and timeliness.

Writers of prose have done better by summer than writers of verse. Entire chapters in Hardy's novels are the very embodiment of summer.

Shakespeare's references directly to summer are relatively few, but his exhaustless magic indirectly creates a hundred of summer days. Again and again he gives the breath and body of a day in June, and Lowell likewise did so when he asked and answered his own question.

Population.

From the Cincinnati Times-Star. What does a city exist for, anyhow? Is it its chief function to gather together in one place the largest possible number of people, speaking different languages?

It is curious the hold mere population figures have on a certain type of mind. You hear people predicting that the United States will have two hundred millions of people twenty or thirty or forty years from now.

Women as "Bosses."

From the Kickerbocker Press. During your working hours, would you rather have a man or a woman for a boss? This question has been asked with replies that are unanimous in their tenor.

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complain about, while a man will simply let it go for what it's worth—perhaps, though she does not say so, in resigned despair of getting anything better.

"Doomed to Spinstershood." From the Louisville Post. The Berlin correspondent informs us that "25,000,000 women in Europe are doomed to lifelong spinstershood."

Unofficial Diplomats. From the New York Tribune. The hotels of London and Paris are thronged with American guests.

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Readers' Opinions

(This department is designed as a broadening station through which readers of The Omaha Bee may speak to an audience numbering well above 100,000 subjects of public interest.)

Why He Wonders. Omaha, July 29.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: A quick-sighted thought, I wonder why the tendency to exaggerate in thought the evils of life.

Herrin and Other Crimes. Lincoln, Aug. 1.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: As a professional man whose interests are neither for labor nor capital when their activities are against the public welfare,

What is Detroit's Secret? Detroit reports that it is making money on its municipally owned street car lines on which the fare is 3 cents.

Where Restraint Is Needed. It is equally necessary to restrain those coal operators who are inclined to jump prices and those panicky buyers who are beginning to offer high prices.—Buffalo Express.

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In this week's issue the tabulation of more than 480,000 votes is presented; and numerous publicists are ready with estimates of the state of public opinion which the ballots show.

"It has been amusing, when not distressing, to read the wild statements of the 'wets' and the more rabid 'dries.' Each camp has assured the patient public a thousand times it holds 90 per cent. of all American citizens.

Quaint Customs and Methods of the Ku Klux Klan

Also a Review of the Ku Klux Political Victory in Texas To Keep the Coal Strike from Hurting—What Was Settled at the Hague—The Howell from Nebraska—Uncle Sam No "Joiner"—A New Party Hat in the Ring—The Supreme Effort for Europe's Redemption—India's Fight Political, Not Racial—Substitutes for Gasoline—Air as a Steel Cutter—Radio on Your Pleasure Boat—The Rising Tide of Religion—A Plea for More Open Air Preaching—Healing Religious Rifts in Canada—Topics of the Day—Many Interesting Illustrations, Including Cartoons.

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