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THE "DEAD" LIQUOR ISSUE.

In seven states there are candidates for the United States Senate who are running as avowed "wets."

Edwards, New Jersey, democrat; Reed, Missouri, democrat; Pomeroy, Ohio, democrat; Gerry, Rhode Island, democrat; LaFollette, Wisconsin, republican; McLean, Connecticut, republican; Calder, New York, republican.

With these candidates, there is no pretense at the liquor question being a dead issue.

If these candidates are elected, along with the more than 100 candidates for the house of representatives, who are running on wet platforms also, there will be a prospect for the repeal of the Volstead act.

Senator Hitchcock has not taken a frank stand on prohibition or the Volstead law.

Senator Hitchcock has now switched to a peculiarly worded and possibly ambiguous statement as follows:

"No change in the Volstead act can modify the Nebraska law and I shall not vote for any such change."

If this statement means what it seems to mean, and Hitchcock keeps his promise, it is a desertion or a double-cross on the part of Hitchcock of the "wet" voters who have been the backbone of his support since he came into public life.

On occasion, a motorcycle officer is expected to drive faster than the rate prescribed by law, as when answering an emergency call or giving chase to a violator of the speed regulations.

But his uniform and his badge give him no license to make a practice of fast and daring driving on downtown streets.

In March, 1920, when Hitchcock wired Shallenberger at Omaha stating that he favored the repeal of the Volstead act to permit the sale of wine and beer, there were no "wet" candidates for the senate running in the seven states above mentioned.

Now, with his colleagues running for the senate on "wet" platforms and with the sentiment for light wines and beer undoubtedly growing stronger in many states, Hitchcock climbs aboard the "dry" platform.

As he passed the street car he played his throttle to make the screech on his machine bark noisily.

Brakes screeched as motorists sought to halt to keep out of his path. Passengers on the street car craned their necks out the windows, expecting a crash.

Visions of some demon attacking a beautiful woman screaming for succor and a gallant, khaki-clad Omaha motorcycle officer risking not only his own life and limb, but those of scores of others as well, in his mad dash to her aid, arose to the imagination of passengers in the street car.

But when the tram slowed down to a stop at the boulevard, there was the same officer, astride his motorcycle with his barracks cap pushed jauntily back on his head, indisputably enjoying himself in the glaring headlights of passing automobiles as "citizen traffic officers" feverishly jotted down license numbers of petty violators.

Chief Dempsey, in his vigorous campaign against speeders, might well remind this daring member of his motorcycle squad that he should obey the law as well as enforce it.

Something more than a political event is the coming of Theodore Roosevelt, jr., to Omaha.

Young Teddy, like his father before him, is as much at home in the great plains country as at his home in New York or in his office as assistant secretary of war.

Colonel Roosevelt is to speak in the Omaha Auditorium at 8 o'clock tonight.

Thomas W. Lawson has provided another thrill for the world of finance, and for some of the rest of us.

All this intrigues the imagination. It holds the elements of a plot far more interesting than "Frenchie Finance," of which the gifted Lawson is the author.

It is not easy to believe that this man, whose genius and daring were expressed in so many sensational and profitable ways is really down and out at last.

Beautiful and dumb is a phrase that will go ringing through the movie world.

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and set his own price on settlement day, and then wound up his career running a peanut stand, suggest that one be cautious in expectations.

THE CRIME OF 1920.

It must have been with a sense of relief that the Wilson administration turned over the conduct of national affairs to the republicans.

Speaking to the voters of the Fifth district last week, R. B. Howell expressed the opinion that the democrats did not deliberately take steps to ruin and dissatisfy the farmers, but he censured them for laying the blame for deflation on the administration that followed them.

Mr. Howell has quoted Senator Heflin of Alabama, one of the leaders of the southern democratic bloc with which Hitchcock is allied, to the effect that deflation had been foisted on the nation in 1920, and that farmers had been induced to plant immense crops while prices were high, only to have the currency deflated and thousands of farmers bankrupted before they had a chance to market their harvest.

Heads for the Chautauques.

Chief Dempsey, Sunday, Senator Hitchcock was here Tuesday afternoon and in spite of the fact that he was only one of the many attractions on the fair grounds, was greeted by a very complimentary audience and gave a most respectful hearing.

Do you, my friends, realize that during the year 1920 the deflation of the currency and the decline in prices which followed caused a loss to the farmers of the nation in an sum equal to nearly one-half of the value of all the railroads of the nation?

No wonder the nation is in a serious condition, with our most important industry suffering so much. We must save the farmers if we desire to save our nation and make it steadfast and secure.

Senator Heflin and Representative Lankford were not speaking as partisans, but in the interest of the national welfare.

When Chief Dempsey gives instructions to his motorcycle squad to "bring in the speeders," it would not be amiss to caution them, too, against speeding.

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NEBRASKA POLITICS

Howell's Sincere Personality.

Goring Courier: The visit of R. B. Howell to the valley, despite the fact that it came during a strenuous week because of fair conditions disclosed beyond a reasonable doubt that the republican party, whether intentionally or not, chose a real campaigner.

He is in favor of amending the law as experience suggests, but he is not in favor of abolishing it.

The Tax Question.

Nebraska City Press: Mr. Howell hits the nail on the head when he declares that the whole problem of the state or the nation waving a wand over the tax looks and wiping out the indebtedness which has been assessed against each one of us; it is a matter of the people taking a little more interest in the administration of public affairs, insisting that luxuries be eliminated, fads and fashions cut out, and the state and the nation get down to the rock bottom of administrative economy.

If we want to save money in Nebraska we can easily eliminate good roads, good education, good care of the public wards and good watchfulness over our welfare.

Why play petty politics by blaming the other fellow for what we have committed in our own behalf, with our eyes wide open and with a laudable desire to live more comfortably, more happily and with less exertion on our part?

Neleigh Leader: Mr. Hitchcock's paper is making a desperate effort to convert the people that the senator is a real progressive and in line with the expressed sentiment of the people of the state.

The Senator Is Back.

Nebraska City Press: Senator Hitchcock is back in Nebraska making a speech at 2:55. A majority of these voters—those who actually cast a ballot on that day—was 151,343.

That supporting vote was 25,422 greater than the vote cast against prohibition but was not a majority, by 4,675, of the voters casting a vote in Nebraska that day.

Fairbury News: The republican publicity committee is just now wasting considerable space to controvert the statements of W. J. Bryan.

Hartington Herald: "Read Randall's Record" still goes for the general election day. The Randolph man, running on his record and not ashamed of it. It is on that record, also, that he will be elected in November.

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"The People's Voice"

Editorial from readers of The Morning Bee.

Arthur County for Figs.

Arthur, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The calf club editorial in yesterday's Omaha Bee, about the Albin boy's \$125 calf, sounds rather tame to us.

Are There More "Drys" Today?

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Usually I am "strong" for the Omaha Bee in its outlook on public questions.

Where Do They Go?

The census of manufacturers, with figures for 1919, reveals that 264,860,000 needles were produced in that year, and 4,431,625,949 pins—New York Herald.

ONE FELLOW WE DIDN'T MEET THIS SUMMER



A Book of Today

THREE BLACK BAGS by Marion Pelt Angelotti. The Century company, New York.

This is a love-mystery romance, with a setting in France and Germany shortly after the signing of the armistice, and with American characters dominating the plot.

On the way to Treves a man in the uniform of a major and believed to have been an intelligence officer suffers a tragic death.

More timely and vital than it would have been in the age of its originals, Josephine Preston Peabody has written a remarkable play about

Advertisement for Pianos, featuring the text 'PIANOS' and 'TUNED AND REPAIRED'.

Advertisement for The Conservative Savings & Loan Association, offering a 6% interest rate on loans.

Large advertisement for 'do this TODAY' featuring a telephone and the text 'phone your Want Ad'.