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#### BRYAN'S TANGLED WEB

In advocating his new code law Governor Bryan attempts to outlaw all other plans designed to simplify the form and lessen the cost of government in Nebraska. His weapon is not calm reason, but wild propaganda. How little reliance is to be placed upon his claims is indicated in his recent appeal in which he states that if any other plan except his is adopted sinister special interests will take control of the

He refers particularly to the tri-department plan drawn up by Representative Dysart and a group of republican legislators. Under this proposal the governor would appoint the heads of the departments of finance, trade and commerce and public welfare, in which latter would be combined the labor, agricultural and inspection forces of the state. Confirmation by the senate would be necessary, although the governor would have a free hand to discharge the head of any department at any time.

The difference between this system and the Bryan code plan is that under the governor's outline he would make himself head all the departments and make every appointment, without the advice or consent of the senate. Under the tri-department plan, however, the governor would appoint the department chiefs and these would choose their own assistants. The governor maintains that he should have the power to name all these state employes, down to the least stenographer. The other view is that the men directly in charge of the work should be able best to judge of the qualifications of their assistants. Whereas a governor's appointments might be purely on political grounds, the men who actually conducted the departments would be more keenly interested in getting the work done. The governor's charge that these would be free to add any new activities that they saw fit, at great cost to the taxpayers, is not valid, because each department is required by law to live within the limits of its appro-

Yet here is where the governor gets in his propaganda. In spite of the fact that he would be empowered to remove any department head, he makes the assertion that the bill would allow "outside special interests to deal with the employes of the government without any person who is responsible to the taxpayers knowing anything about such dealings." What is the matter here? Does the governor feel that he could not trust his own appointees?

Under the tri-department system, if the conduct of banking affairs or of any inspection force did not suit the governor, he would have a free hand to dismiss the head of the department and start which is full of a spirit which breathes more and new. There is no more chance of corruption under | more of brotherhood and less of class distinction all one plan than under the other.

The facts about these rival proposals, when they are made known, confound the governor's propament plan there would be four governors instead of one is made in the face of the fact that these three department heads would be men who received their jobs from him, and whom he could dismiss at will. Another statement from the governor is due, explaining how he arrived at his remarkable misconception.

# SPOTLIGHT ON NATION'S HEAD.

"The fierce white light that beats upon the throne" is not missing in republics, either. Democratic folks may pretend a lofty indifference as to the manners or doings of any save their own, but just the same they do like to keep track of their neighbors. And when it comes to the president of the United States, then they want to know all about him every moment of the day. His home at the White House is a shrine, for there is the gathering place of all the majesty, the might, the power and the dignity of 110,000,000 people, centered in one man and one household. Patriotic Americans reverence it, and accordingly they love to wander through it, prying into each nook and corner, peering into each closet and cupboard, and scrutinizing every detail of domestic economy connected with the president's home.

Just now Mr. Harding is away on a vacation taking a sadly needed rest from official routine and vexations. His good wife, recovering from a serious illness, is with him, out of the house for the first time in six months. Only a few intimate friends and about a million press reporters and photographers accompany them. Each time the houseboat stops to let the president off for a round of golf he runs the gauntlet of cameras and note books; Mrs. Harding graciously poses for new photos, and day by day the American people is kept posted on the doings of the simple couple who have been exalted to the high position of first lady and gentleman of the land.

When Roosevelt went into the canebrake to hunt bears, he was well attended by a corps of reporters; when Grover Cleveland wed with Frankie Folsom and they went to stay in the mountains of Virginia for a honeymoon, a reporter lurked behind every tree, to keep the world informed of the doings of the lovers. And so it was with Taft and with Wilson, and will be with every president. They will be followed in all their downsitting and uprisings by the curious interest of their fellow countrymen.

It is not that our people mean to be impudent or impertinent. They have a reverence for the high office and for the man who fills it. Their desire to know about him in every possible way grows out of the fact that he is their representative, their servant, their president, and the president who is left to enjoy privacy, undisturbed by public or personal inspection, will do so realizing that he is a dead one, forgotten while yet alive.

Pitiless publicity is all right, until there is something to publish; then the inquiry takes place behind closed doors at Lincoln.

The Seattle bear that smashed a phonograph playing a jazz record showed both human intelligence and justifiable resentment.

As far as that goes, the capitol might be built

without either Johnson or Goodhue. Nebraska poets sing all the year rour IF WARS ARE TO CEASE.

Intense national fears, as much as any other one thing, are responsible for the chaos that exists in the world today. It is to this dangerous, disquieting spirit that Senator Hiram Johnson directs his criticism of President Harding's proposal that the United States enter the permanent court of international justice at The Hague.

There does not seem to be much logic in his numerous objections. Certainly America will not enter any entangling alliances, and his claim that membership in this arbitral court is but a step toward joining the League of Nations is without basis. In his speech in New York Senator Johnson first declared that the international court is little more than now exists in our arbitration treaties. If it be so small a change, why object? Then he points out that the tribunal has no power to force nations to submit their disputes, and that only those questions which the parties themselves agree to submit can be heard. In other words, it is not equipped with arbitrary, mandatory powers. Though the California senator objects to these qualities in the League of Nations, he now puts himself in the position of objecting to their absence in the interna-

To many Americans it seems that the court of justice lacks all the disadvantages of the League of Nations proper. While the league is a political device to carry out and maintain the arrangements made in the Treaty of Versailles, the court is purely nonpolitical, designed to examine into disputes between nations and announce its findings so that the people of the world can have more than prejudice and propaganda on which to base their judgment. This court stands for the modern conception that force should not be the first resort of nations whose interests clash. If this principle of deciding disputes according to the law and justice of the case is upheld by popular opinion, a great step toward peace will have been taken. If, however, any large section of American opinion inclines toward the suspicious views of Senator Johnson, no possible good could come from any grudging entry into the in- Brother, Brother, let me rest! ternational court. The support of the organized, informed opinion of the people of the world, determined on preventing war and maintaining a peace of justice, is necessary to the success of this court plan.

#### "AN HONEST MAN'S ABOON HIS MIGHT."

Labor leaders in parliament have sat down to dine with the king of England, and other great ones of the realm, which reminds one of the perturbation expressed by the Kansas City Star, when "Sockless Jerry Simpson took part in

"a plutocratic feast And that Jerry ordered sherry, And was erstwhile gay and merry, While the poor oppressed were very Much perturbed to say the least."

Lady Nancy Astor had some amusement, poking fun at Clynes and Thomas and the others about their unaccustomed knee breeches and stockings, and teaching them when to say "Yes, sir," and "Yes, your majesty." But the affair has a more serious side. Democracy in England is working out the effects of the leaven. Top and bottom are getting a little closer together, and the middle class is being absorbed almost to the point of extinction. The Bonar Law tory government is falling to pieces because per it does not truly represent the new life of England, the time.

The king's dinner party denotes, if anything, the broader aspect of British politics, no longer ganda. His declaration that under the tri-depart- controlled exclusively by the intelligentsia, but parman who renewed my loan at a charge of 1 per cent, \$70. But many taking of a truly national representative form, in which all the people have a voice, reminding us of and the more ignorant, can't do this. 'Bobby" Burns' famous statement:

"A prince may make a belted knight, A marquis, duke, and a' that, But an honest man's aboon his might, Gude falth, he mauna fa' that."

A few more such dinner gatherings, and the Jacobites of England will again be driven to cover, as they were when they passed the wine glass over the water when they drank the king's health.

We trust that when that murderer now held in Cleveland is returned to Omaha for trial twelve men can be secured for the jury who will take him at his word and give him the full benefit of the law.

What a lot of us lowbrows would like to know is how the Russians proceeded when they set about "jazzing up" French and Italian operas to make a Russian potpouri for Chicago.

No more pinochle, no more pitch; no more high dice or any sich wicked games for the seegars in Omaha. We certainly are day by day in every way getting better and better.

The legislature may not seem to be doing much, and perhaps will yet win medals for what it does not do, yet judgment should be reserved till after final adjournment.

Returning from a winter in the south, Mr. and Mrs. C. Robin are now looking about for summer

Have you planned your little garden yet?

# Homespun Verse By Robert Worthington Davie

IN THE VALLEY OF ADAIR.

There's a little streamlet flowing through the valley of With a constant, rhymic ripple like a song;

There's a cozy lane beside it, maples 'twixt it and the

Nod a welcome to the folk who come along

O, what happy dreams I treasure of that singing rivu-And the maples, and the lane that winds to town.

There a little maid named Nancy and a bashful lover When the blue-red sun of summer had gone down.

There they dreamed and listened deeply to the ripples and the breeze. Heard the whippoorwill a-calling for his mate, Watched the stars in beauty twinkling far above the

maple trees. Walked along the lane and parted-at her gate. There the bashful lover lingered to behold her till the

Hence in silence and in happiness to room-Fondly fashioning the future on the meetings of the Down the lane beside the rivulet-and home.

O, the lane remains as ever and the stream and maples Other Nancies, other lovers come and go; Stars enhance the distant heavens and a smile

And the gleaming with contentment is aglow.

Songs of Courage
John G. Neihardt Nebraska's Poet Laureate



You shall hear my haunting cry,

Thralled awhile by dust and din-

See me rising like a ghost.

I am all that you have been,

Brother, Brother, follow me!

Like a shadow, you pursue

Leaving only half the bliss.

Do I conquer? You are there,

In the sighing of the rain.

Happy in a narrow trust,

Let me serve the lesser will

Oh, the dead are very still!

Brother, Brother, follow hence!

Follow, follow, where I lead!

Cast by the eternal Gleam!

You shall lift the veil at last,

You shall look upon my face:

Look upon my face and die,

am you and you are I-

Brother, Brother, follow me!

Solver of the Mystery!

Follow, follow, follow fast-

'Tis the geocentric dream!

Only shadows linger here.

De I love? You share the kiss.

I am weary; I would rest.

Tis a lonesome, endless quest

Though I seek to fly from you

Claiming half the victor's share

Your voice goads me like a pain.

One brief hour-and then to dust!

Ours the wild, unflagging speed!

Through the outer walls of sense,

Love and hate and grief and fear-

Somewhere out of Time and Place,

When the night-shades fray and lift,

The history of this poem is the history of Neihardt's spiritual. Her. Since 12 years old he has been haunted with the sense of a Presence that people who are continually finding speaks through him in his poetry. This alter ego, this ghostly brother, is the artist in Neihardt, his poetic holy ghost.

#### THE GHOSTLY BROTHER.

Brother, Brother, calling me Like a distant surfy sea, Like a wind that moans and grieves All night long about the eaves; Let me rest a little span; long I've followed, followed fast: Now I wish to be a man, Disconnected from the Vast! Let me stop a little while, Feel this snug world's pulses beat, Glory in a baby's smile, Hear it prattle round my feet Eat and sleep and love and live, Thankful ever for the dawn; Wanting what the world can give-With the cosmic curtains drawn!

Brother, Brother, break the gyves! Burst the prison, Son of Power! Product of forgotten lives. Seedling of the final flower! What to you are nights and days, Drifting snow or rainy flaw, Love or hate or blame or praise-Heir unto the Outer Awe!

I am breathless from the flight Through the speed-cleft, awful night! Panting, let me rest a while In this pleasant aether isle. Here, content with transient things, Rears his brood and steers his plow. Nursing at the breasts of Now. Here the meanest, yea, the slave Claims the heirloom of a grave! Oh, this little world is blest-

I am you and you are I! When the world is cherished most

"The People's Voice"

Omaha Bee recently about how the

I wrote to a loan com

DIRT FARMER.

latter are so hard put to it nowadays

that they are on the verge of bank

Where Was the Lassie?

Omaha Bee: I note a question in the

"People's Voice" in regard to "Com-

ng Thro' the Rye." Tradition has

t that the "Rye" is a small river in

the river that is only wide enough

tleman meets a lady on the bridge, the tale says that the gentleman may

collect a kiss from the lady. CLYDE RATEKIN.

Keep the Party Circle.

Daily Prayer

The Lord is good to the soul that seek eth Him.-Lam. 2:25.

and light, our hope and redemption. We have tried the world and found

it a great emptiness; we come back to Thee Who art eager to fill our

souls with everlasting truth and

We come with a song in our hearts, for the list of Thy benefits is beyond

our counting. We thank Thee for the stirring, stimulating days of the present, with their opportunities for

improvement and service, their con-cern for the poor and ignorant. We thank Thee for the mysterious, invit-

ing days which are to come, laden

with secret stores for our replenishing, hidden delights, and dark experi-

ences for our training.
We thank Thee for the silent hero-

isms of the home; for the hallowed drudgeries of hospital and sick cham-

cleverness of wicked men and the foolishness of good men, the Kingdom

makes steady advance. Thy bounty unto us is without boundaries. And yet we baffle Thy plans, thwart Thy love, and wander wretchedly from the way of Jesus. We return unto Thee this morning to have our stains

removed, our petty shams stripped away, and our hearts fortified. Have

compassion upon us, and bring us all by and by to our Father's home,

brough the riches of grace in Christ

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Jesus. Amen.

We thank Thee that, despite the

Infinite Father, Thou art our life

one to cross at a time. If a gen-

Omaha.-To the Editor of The

per cent commissions.

bankers were renewing farmers' mort-

time saver to make a cross in the party circle, after which the voter can make a cross before the names of the candidates of any other party for whom he or she may wish to vote.

It is also a money saver to the one can vote without using the circle that which is based on dollars and if they so prefer, but as a very large cents? Commissions on Farm Loans.

Wisner, Neb.—To the Editor of The discarded. Let us hope that the leg-Omaha Bee: I saw an article in The islature will not take up any of its time in trying to change the form of the ballot, which would be hard to tainly a little heretical on the subject. J. R. AMMON.

#### Evidently a Bachelor.

gages March I, when so many of them come due. But I wonder how many people realize how many of Omaha .- To the Editor of The by these companies bleed the poor farmer their charges for making these Omaha Bee: This is in answer to inferring that that time will mark the "Married Man." Most bachelors do trust companies and not about loan want any sympathy. Man' has got that turned around. A During February I tried to get a poor man who raises a family is a hero, but he gets no credit for it. rtgage of \$7.000 renewed on my Bachelors consider married bliss next pany, of Omaha and got back an anto heavenly bliss and they do not swer in a very short time saying they would be very glad to make the loan want to spoil the illusion by married. As for being freaks or wo and the commission would be 71/2 per cent. Think of it! They wanted man haters, the percentage troubled that way is very small. bigger-hearted than married men, and if a damsel is in distress they are the this five-year loan. This in addition the yearly interest, you understand. first to extend a helping hand.
TIMOTHY M'CLUSKEY, That is the way loan companies are gouging the farmers, although the

# Common Sense

You Can't Hide in the Dark-Turn Your Face to the Sun. farmers, especially the poorer ones You have done a dirty, dishonest

They are at the mercy of these gen-tlemen who bleed them for 5 and 7% thing and it refuses to stay under forget it, the thing springs up again in another guise, from another source,

an unexpected manner.
You are not willing to come out in the open and admit your mistake. So you carry in your heart, sleeping and waking, a guilty knowledge

which some day may get so strong that it will be your ruination Why are you so unwilling to acknowledge your error? Why are you so anxious to cover up what is bound to be found out and

be your undoing just when you least expect it? Are you falling short of being the really big man you want to be just because you have allowed yourself to be drawn into a dishonest transac-

Hammond, Neb .- To the Editor of Do you ever realize that your face The Omaha Bee: Some people advois gradually developing into an open book to those who study such things? That the little, deceitful, tricky, evil cate the abolishment of the party circle, which certainly would be a great mistake. Nearly every one wishes to vote for most of the candidates of one or the other of the political parrenius which you have permitted to actuate your motives and your actions is every day and night of your life photographing your dishonesty on

It is not too late to turn your face to the gun and be honest. (Copyright, 1922.)

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#### Jailed for Poverty.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Walter Forshee is out of luck. Be cause he was unable to dig up \$500 he must go to the workhouse and end of the country paper. The city "work out" a fine of that amount at papers now are delivered with notathe rate of \$1 a day. Had he pos-sessed or been able to raise the amount of the fine and costs, he would have gone free, despite the fact that he was convicted of reckless automobile driving that cost the death of a baby.

Of the city newspaper and the country

kind it would prove the injustice of the fine system as a preventive of reckless driving. Most owners of au-tomobiles can beg or borrow \$500 or \$600 if need be, to pay fines for recklessly running down men, women or children. Therefore most owners of automobiles can escape the dreadful penalty of spending months in the The poorest man, who can find no one to lend him the taxpayers, as it takes less time for is he not then in effect, jailed for the boards to count the ballots. Any his poverty? What sort of justice is his poverty? What sort of justice is

> of country newspapers. He warns them that the time may come when the city newspapers will be delivered

The Country Newspaper. From the Ohio State Journa



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# Pop Tells 'Em



try towns, but to the individual country homes, but they do not undermine the verge of starvation.—Washington the prosperity of the intelligently con- istar. If this were the only case of the newspaper are different, as the wise not try to compete with the city news-paper. He aims in his paper to prothe surrounding countryside, leaving the city paper to record important happenings in the city where it is published and in the world at large. No city newspaper can print all the minor news of every village lates, and yet this news, relating keen interest to those who know the people mentioned. The wide-awake resident and his family need the city paper, but they need their own parcular country paper, too. The more diligent the country paper is in col-lecting strictly local news and presenting it in interesting form, the less has to fear from the wide circulation of the city paper in its territory.

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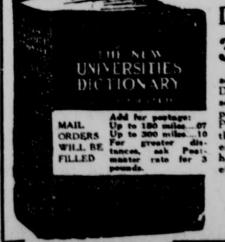
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