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OPEN SEASON FOR HAT CHUCKING.

William Gibbs McAdoo, passing through Omaha, coyly declined to flatter himself on the subject of his presidential aspirations. He left no impression, however, that he would decline to accept support of the Nebraska democrats, which he very likely will receive.

Another announcement that will have much interest for the home folks is that Hiram Johnson of California will today make formal announcement of his candidacy. This, too, has been anticipated, but a display of confidence on part of the California senator will have a reassuring effect on his supporters, who are especially active in Nebraska.

With the open season for chucking hats into the ring now fairly under way, we may expect some busier times in the political camps. A great stake is up for competition, the direction of the destiny of the American nation for another four-year period.

HOW LONG CAN WE STAND IT?

A rather grim and sardonic answer is returned to the fire prevention week effort of October. Total figures on fire losses for the month shows an increase in property destruction over that of 1921, and for the 10 months an increase over the 1922 record, which was regarded as especially bad.

October showed up with fire loss of \$31,398,450, and for the 10 months up to date of the year 1923 the aggregate is \$334,153,260, or something more than \$1,000,000 a day sacrificed to the god of flames, chiefly through American carelessness.

No good of minding matters. Nine-tenths of all the fire loss is due to preventable causes. Much of this is due to intention. The firebug, most despicable of all malefactors, is busy all the time. He has able coadjutors in the property owners who neglect ordinary precautions or take unwise chances.

It is wrong to think this property is replaced by insurance. That loss so incurred is ever replaced. Every fire that destroys property wipes out that much of wealth that man has accumulated through his productive efforts.

WHY A FARNAM CAR WAS LATE.

Motorman 908 of the Farnam street line was a little behind hand on one of his trips Wednesday afternoon. However, when the boss gets the explanation for the delay, he probably will not be very hard on the offender, if such he be.

Motorman 908 was coming down the Tenth street hill, with his car under control, as good motormen always do, when he saw something that interested him. Out on the track was a dog, acting very queerly. As the car came along, the motorman saw the dog had his head fast in an old sprinkling can.

The largest flag in the world was unfurled at Detroit on Armistice day, but even it is not big enough to cover the fellow who comes here from a foreign land, prospers because of the protection and benefits afforded by this country, and then not only refuses to become an American citizen in heart and soul but seeks to profit by flagrantly violating the country's laws.

A pianist of international fame died while playing a classical number. Had it been a piece of jazz we could have drawn a wholesome moral.

ENGLAND ON A NEW TACK.

The impending dissolution of the English parliament holds something of more than passing interest to Americans. Premier Baldwin proposes to go to the country on a question of financial policy, the need for some reduction in the heavy tax levy and a continuance of the extraordinary revenue compelling a departure from a time-honored system of producing income.

In defense of this the prevalent unemployment situation is held up alongside the demands of farmers for some sort of subsidy. By putting a tariff on all sorts of importations, and this includes raw materials as well as manufactured goods and food products, it is hoped by the government to relieve a situation that can not much longer be borne by the British taxpayer, who is rapidly losing some of the patience for which he has long been held up as an example to others throughout the world.

Naturally, the free traders of long standing are shocked at the suggestion, and are raising ghosts of the past to confront the premier at the outset of his campaign. Lloyd George is heading one branch of the opposition, recalling the fact that he rode into prominence 14 years ago on his then startling proposal. The answer is that the sources of revenue which Mr. Lloyd George then tapped for, the first time have pretty well been drained, and others must be found.

Some objection is heard from the dominions, from whence a large part of the raw materials and food-stuffs are sent to the mother land. Some of this is not quite sincere. Canada, for example, has built up its prosperity through a high protective tariff, the bulk of the manufacturing in that country being carried on by firms from the United States, who have found it cheaper to set up branch factories than to meet the tariff.

Chiefly, our interest in the situation is in the endorsement given by England to the traditional policy of the republican party, a tariff that secures the home market for the home manufacturer. Since this has been properly extended to protect the farmer as well, its soundness is challenged only on theory, or by the opposition party, whose several experiments at introducing free trade have invariably resulted in havoc to American industry.

ONLY GOD CAN MAKE A TREE. Some thanks are due Grace LaRue (Mrs. Hale Hamilton) who is singing at the Orpheum this week Joyce Kilmer's beautiful poem, "A Tree." Those who "commune with nature in her visible forms," particularly in the presence of the majestic trees, are familiar enough with the poem, yet many do not grasp its full meaning.

"I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree. A tree whose hungry mouth is prest Against the Earth's sweet-smelling breast: A tree that looks at God all day, And lifts her leafy arms to pray; A tree that may in summer wear A nest of robins in her hair; Upon whose bosom snow has lain, Who intimately lives with rain. Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree."

And God has made many trees for man's uses and delight, and will be sure to make more. Men are prone to forget this, when going forth to cut down trees; they leave ruin and havoc in the wake of the cutting, and it takes too long to reproduce the miracle of growth. "Upon whose bosom snow has lain, who intimately lives with rain."

Kilmer's lines should be in the mind of everyone who goes forth, "under the wide and starry sky," because they translate into easily understood words the sermon that waves in the leafy branches that are lifted in prayer. Trees are meant to be used, but should not be wasted, for "Only God can make a tree."

Reports are that President Coolidge gets up at 5 o'clock every morning. Pity those job hunters don't have some respect for presidential slumber time.

The new president of Angola has issued a Thanksgiving day proclamation. Doubtless boast goat will be piece de resistance.

It appears that the German crown prince is, in a manner of speaking, ranking pretty closely alongside the German mark.

Speaking of dark horses in the presidential race, let it not be forgotten that not all of the entries are horses of any color.

Mr. McAdoo admits that he is a poor politician. And a lot of people admit that he was a mighty poor railroad manager.

Senator Couzens seems to think that as presidential timber Mr. Ford is a mighty good flivver maker. We wouldn't mind French menus quite so much if the prices would keep in touch with the franc.

In the matter of the Ludendorff revolution, somebody seems to have spit on the fuse.

Homespun Verse

Along the street a couple came and paused before a sign Which read: This cottage is for rent—It's cozy and it's fine. A lovely little bungalow it seemed from every side. Designed to prove a blissful hearth for modest groom and bride. And every room was fashioned for convenience and for space. And everything was fitted with precision in its place. "Let us explore the home," said she. He answered, "That we shall. It surely seems a nice abode and fits my fancy well." "It's modern?" "Not exactly," spoke the owner with regret. "I haven't got around to put a furnace in it yet. But that is all the better, and it's cheaper on the whole— A furnace is expensive when it comes to buying coal." She sighed the bride demurely. "It wouldn't do for me." And so agreed the husband their home it couldn't be. True thinking takes us backward to the days of long ago. When people weren't able to enjoy life so and so. A home was mighty precious though humble, crude and small. And young folk couldn't start along life's way with all— But further on convenience and wealth and leisure lay To be their own possessions some joyous distant day. And sacrifice was foremost—an sacred as a vow— And some of us might name it an absent virtue now.

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"The People's Voice"

Editorial from readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

Seed Corn in Peril.

Waterloo, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The agricultural public may not be generally aware of the serious situation in respect to seed corn. The whole season in the central west has averaged at least two weeks late with the corn crop this year. The latter part of September, and October, has given us very unusual weather, less drying wind, more rain, with cloudy and damp weather. The result is that the grain has not dried out so rapidly as usual and is nowhere near as dry at this date as our corn crop usually is. The recent cold weather has caught this corn and apparently the grains have become frosted through. With a heavy moisture content and a very heavy, wet, soggy cob, the result has been that a considerable portion of the corn has lost its vitality and the corn today contains sufficient moisture so that zero weather, or even 10 degrees above zero, would be disastrous to the remaining crop.

A careful selection at the present time will undoubtedly give the farmers sufficient seed corn for their requirements next spring, and we believe that every farmer should be urged to get busy in saving his corn for planting. Each year a large percentage of the farmers go into their fields, select and harvest their corn, and then store it in their barns or otherwise artificially. A considerable portion of the farming public depend on going to their cribs in the spring and taking away their seed corn. A considerable portion of the farming public do not get busy in saving his corn for planting. Each year a large percentage of the farmers go into their fields, select and harvest their corn, and then store it in their barns or otherwise artificially. A considerable portion of the farming public depend on going to their cribs in the spring and taking away their seed corn.

Realizing the seriousness of the situation, and the vast acreage that might be jeopardized by poor seed, we feel that the newspapers of the state should call attention to the situation and urge every one to secure his requirements at the first moment possible. Thoroughly corn, which can be kept and stored in a dry, airy atmosphere.

A Voice for Butler.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I wonder if the mayor and balance of the commissioners think they are helping themselves politically by taking away from Commissioner Dan B. Butler the department of weights and measures.

In the resolution making the transfer Commissioner Koutsky's introduction of the Volstead act is a landmark. It is considered that said department of weights and measures naturally falls within the duties of the department of public affairs or mayor's office. It is inefficiently and inconveniently administered. Such language is indeed amusing "efficiently administered."

You are not fooling the public, Mr. Koutsky by your cheap petty political opposition to the Volstead act. It has disappeared within 10 years, the Davenport Times opines that the Volstead act must be of the kind that moves mountains.

Daily Prayer

This is His commandment, that we believe in His Son, Jesus Christ the Son of God. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. We thank Thee for the day that is before us, with its opportunities, its privileges, its unexpected pleasures and its disappointments as well. We rejoice in the opportunity to serve Thee, to witness for Thee in our intercourse with men. May we be ever ready to do all His bidding for Him and just what He follows you like a couple of school boys playing "Follow the Leader." Mr. Koutsky, you are "riding to a fall" and the rumbling sounds that I hear from day to day as I walk up and down our streets mean what I think they do you will soon be back at the old stand.

Progressive Party Conference.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Omaha is to be blessed with national and state meetings of progressive thinking people on November 20 to 22. A national convention of the Farmers' Union will be held at the Castle hotel on above dates at the same time members of the progressive party of Nebraska will meet for the purpose of considering the future of the party, the kind of a campaign to be made and whether or not it is advisable to affiliate with some political national organization for the coming campaign. It is understood that all progressive people are invited to this conference.

The common people have the key to all good things. The key, as Lindbergh says, is in the human mind. People are inclined to use this key in solving the problems. It will be a good time to use this key at the coming conference.

First on Record.

"Who was Delilah?" "The original lady barber."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Where the Tall Corn Grows

The Denison Bulletin says the average boy of today expects about \$1.50 for eight hours' work a day. Perhaps the Bulletin meant to say the average boy expects to earn that, but insists on having about twice that much.

The Tabor Beacon admits that it has failed to notice any military candidates for the presidency. General Wood having troubles of his own and General Pershing not interested. Has the Beacon taken a glance toward old General Apathy?

Speaking of miles per gallon, the Silver City Times says it has known of men who went plumb to hades on a pint.

The Webster City Freeman-Journal does not seem to think kindly of the little game of reciprocity played by the government. The plea of resident Coolidge. The president and his cabinet over the governor the matter of enforcing prohibition in Pennsylvania, and the governor kindly hands enforcement back to the federal government.

The Toledo Chronicle, after listening to Senator Cummings talk about the railroad situation, admits that the majority of people are entirely satisfied with the trial of government operation under the McAdoo regime. The Chronicle fails to submit a program with the declaration, and we are in doubt. Did the Chronicle like it, or otherwise?

Evidently having no investments in tax exempt securities, the Anita Record voices the opinion that the \$100,000,000 invested in such securities merely means that it will be just that much harder on the poor devils who have no means of hiding their possessions from the eagle eye of the tax collector.

Noting that Charles Darwin always knooled off work at noon, the Keokuk Gate City announces his belief in that particular part of the Darwinian theory.

The Carroll Herald insists that Governor Pinchot is presidential size. And there are others of presidential size. Anxious to correct an oversight, the Waterloo Tribune admits that it has been wrong in not publicly acknowledging that Senator La Follette has won his fight against \$1 gasoline.

Observing Senator La Follette claims that his only ambition is to bring the government back to the people, the Davenport Brookhart daily remarks that it is time the senator turned over a new leaf, having done as much as anybody to take government away from the people.

The Sac City Bulletin opines that Burton Sweet has pronounced some questions to Senator Brookhart that the senator will find difficulty in answering without committing himself. It is possible that there is no such thing as senatorial courtesy to be observed in Iowa?

The Clinton Herald, after careful investigation, reveals the interesting fact that most of the farmers do fairly well in agricultural pursuits, in spite of the advice given them by city men, United States senators and such.

Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania having expressed the opinion that opposition to the Volstead act will have disappeared within 10 years, the Davenport Times opines that the Pepper faith must be of the kind that moves mountains.

The Spice of Life

She—"How is it that widows generally manage to marry again?" He—"Because dead men tell no tales."—Harper's Magazine.

She—"You went shooting with Smith?" He—"Yes." She—"Shoot anything?" He—"Only Smith."—London Mail.

"Don't they ever have a clean-up week in completely for those art galleries that some of our points seem to have just entered with his suitcase." "Yes," replied the departing guest, "as he sorrowfully paid his bill." "The hotels seem to be conducting one now."—The American Legion Weekly.

"No man is a hero to his valet," remarked the ready-made philosopher.

"It's not to be wondered at," rejoined Miss Cayenne. "Anybody who wants to be considered a hero ought at least to be man enough to dress himself."—Washington Star.

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"From State and Nation"

Editorials from Other Newspapers

Railroads Standing Pat.

President Coolidge has been acting with earnestness and good faith in an effort to induce the railroads to reduce freight rates on grain for export, and although getting a square rebuff at the outset, he does not appear to be disposed to discontinue his efforts. The president is apparently convinced that the rates are too high, and that even though it may not be possible to secure a general reduction, this railway cent will afford to make this concession on shipments for exports.

What the railway managers fear, evidently, is that an export concession would be an opening wedge for a general reduction, and this they are opposing with a solid front and with all the ingenuity and resources at their command. The plea of resident Coolidge, that lowering rates on grain for export will not create an increased market for wheat in Europe and therefore can not lift the farmer out of the slough of overproduction. But even if this is entirely true, no harm can come from a sincere effort by the railroads to co-operate in the agricultural interest.

The railroads' heavy attorneys and smooth talkers and high priced experts in the art of "stalling," by means of which an issue may be talked along until it is talked to death, and the entire subject is completely and entirely disappeared or been lost sight of. This is evidently the game now. Producers and shippers are simply to be outtalked, and that is not a difficult matter in the field of their investigation. But one of these days congress will convene. If the issue is not met and settled sooner, it will be a delightful political grab for congressmen and a warrantable excuse for taking a hand in railway regulation as a whole. The congressman is duly licensed as the official talker of the people, and no railway expert or shrewd lawyer has a thing on him when it comes to vocal windstorms. So we should say that the railway executives might do worse than think again, and possibly make a concession to business demands and public opinion before the congressional storm breaks.

There is a widely prevailing sentiment that there should be a general reduction of freight rates on grain. It can be made without injury to the railway corporations. This is not the spirit of the railroad baiters, but is the dispassionate judgment of reasonable men of various occupations. But, after all, it is probably true, as suggested by the Lincoln Journal, that "if railroad freights are to be reduced somebody besides the railways themselves will have to do the reducing."

Quill Pen's Last Gasp.

A decision by the treasury to dispense with the use of the quill pen at the Southwark county court, London, where the old goose feather has been used long after it has been replaced by fountain pens and typewriters almost everywhere else in England, is the last step toward complete modernity—and like most such steps it is rather a pity.

About a century ago a single firm of quill cutters in London used to send two or three million pens at a time to the Indian government, and it is only 30 years since the quill pen was used by traveling men used to bring back orders aggregating from 10,000 to 20,000 pens once or twice a month. He sold them mostly in the fashionable West end of London for the English nobility and their imitators clung hard to some of the old ways, but as time went on one old standby after another dropped off and orders languished.

The quills were for the old duke. The new duke doesn't use them. The salesman would be told as the years brought on change of title after another. Part of the success of the steel pen is due to its cheapness. Even in the old days, when prices were lower than they are at present, quill pens were sold at a price of from 12 to 14 shillings a 100, which would probably mean five or six shillings for a bundle of 25 at retail. Steel pens at a few pence naturally were popular.

Not every one carries a good quill pen. There is not great risk in cutting the pen, but the process of "dutching" requires special training. This consists in extracting the pith from the pen and removing the tough outer membranes. The workman plunges the feather into a little fire and then draws it adroitly across the blade of a special knife, but before this can be done the quill must be prepared by being kept in a damp cellar. There are different sorts of quills and each requires just the proper amount of treatment. As an expert quill cutter told an English reporter, "it's where the art comes in."

Stay and Naturalize, Doctor.

From the Detroit News. Israel Zangwill believes it would require three hours of rapid speech to enumerate the various shortcomings of America. To New York students the other night he cited in less time than that our more conspicuous faults, and in all fairness it must be admitted that some of his points seem sound, but with a most decided exception in one particular.

"Years ago," he complains, "America went to war because of taxation without representation, yet I can tax 8 per cent of what I earn here and I can not vote."

Few aliens possess in as great degree as Dr. Zangwill the sense of humor which permits the molding of an American parrot, particularly the vision made manifest long ago in that sentimental classic, "The Melting Pot." Doubtless if Dr. Zangwill had been here in the beginning he would have fought for the representation he now claims to be without. In that case, however, he would have been a colonist staking his life, his property and his destiny in America, not a transient lecturer worrying over gate receipts. If he will linger here long enough now, and make known his intention to remain, America will gladly permit him the suffrage.

After all, our levy on proceeds of lectures by foreigners may be less a personal tax than an import duty on goods which we receive in abundance.

Abe Martin



Jest 't be mentioned for some good office is glory enough without takin' any further chances. Women are 't goin' to the bazaar. If they ride in 't' back seat they want 't drive, an' if they ride in front they want 't hug us.

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the church program of today, and one to lift to God, the palm of that hand written over with the names of souls? Let us pay no attention to mere prestige. It will survive in the grave. We will count it fifty tags in the judgment day. Let us pay attention more than ever to the plan of duty and to souls—to the plan of the church to which we belong, to her welfare, her expansion, her vaster achievement, and at the same time take all the time we need for closet meditation, for pondering that uplifts the soul, for thought for our people, name by name, for the last of the flock, and the true, unburied, inspired feeding of Christ's sheep with the word of life. And verily the time is short. Where our fathers are, we soon shall follow.

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