

Today

Good Law, Bad Democracy. 14 Muscles and 64 Muscles. Lignite 600 Billion Tons. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

The United States supreme court decides that Judge Mayer of the federal court may sentence Comptroller Craig of New York city to 60 days in jail because Mr. Craig, a public servant, criticized Judge Mayer, another public servant. The accuracy of Mr. Craig's criticism is not discussed. The highest court sustains the right of a judge to act as judge and jury, in a case affecting his own dignity. That is the law, since the court says so, but if it is good law it is not good democracy.

Judges may say they could not uphold the court's dignity without such power. Ancient rulers, similarly, would have said they could not uphold their dignity without the instant power of life and death. That which is really respectable, needs no especial protection.

A baker, in his shop, has this sign. In smiling we use 14 muscles, in frowning, 64 muscles. Smile and save your muscles. That sounds reasonable. But more real work has been done by frowning men than by chronic smilers. The smile is mere relaxation. The frown means action, concentration. You do not think of Newton, Archimedes, Shakespeare, Beethoven, Michael Angelo, five of the world's seven greatest men, as smiling. When you think you frown.

Vegetarians and meat packers are far apart, but this interests both. Germany, lacking meat, put all animals in the zoo on a vegetarian diet. All the nice oatmeal they could eat was given to lions, tigers, leopards and wolves. But they all howled, before and after taking. They all stopped producing children, grew thin and have not been able to grow their usual thick coats of winter fur. They did not have the protein from milk, eggs and butter with which some enthusiasts deceive themselves as to the value of a vegetable diet.

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But vegetables alone will not do for animals or men, obliged to fight, physically or mentally, for a living.

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By the way, what a fortune for the man who discovers a way to carry electric power long distances, without excessive loss on the wires. When that discovery comes, the 600,000,000 tons of lignite turned into electricity at the mouth of the mines in the northwest will be distributed throughout the country, at a small fraction of the power cost, when coal is mined and then burned at a distance. The great lignite deposits in western Texas will also play their part in the game when that distribution comes.

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If women were prudent, however, they would not for a showy summer's swim, destroy illusions built up through centuries. Modesty, mystery, morality are three useful words in woman's chief job, which, according to Schopenhauer, is to entrap each man into a hard and fast bargain to support some one woman all her life.

Harvey Wolfe held. Harvey Wolfe, who gave his address as Ninety-fifth and Dodge streets, arrested Tuesday in connection with the theft of an automobile belonging to Dr. H. Wiggins, 2833 Franklin street, from in front of 1105 North Nineteenth street, was bound over to district court in municipal court on \$10,000 bond Wednesday.

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Progressives to Join Third Party

Nebraska Executive Committee Endorses National Convention Call.

The progressive party of Nebraska stands committed to an endorsement of a national convention to be held in St. Paul or Minneapolis on May 30, to nominate presidential and vice presidential candidates and to adopt a platform. The third party of this state is also committed to the basic principle of the proposed national progressive platform, arranged at a meeting in Chicago.

This action was taken Tuesday afternoon at a conference of the executive committee of the progressive party of Nebraska in Hotel Castle. Rev. J. L. Beebe, state chairman, presided, and W. H. Green, state secretary, was present in his official capacity.

J. A. H. Hopkins, national chairman of the committee of 48, addressed the meeting and received the signature of Chairman Beebe and Secretary Green to a call for the national convention in May. The basic principles to which the Nebraska progressives have subscribed include public control of natural resources, public ownership of railroads and governmental banking.

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War-Time Savior of Cotton Farmers in Omaha for Convention

Mrs. G. H. Mathis, Woman Plantation Owner, Pulled South Out of Financial Crisis.



Mrs. G. H. Mathis

Mrs. G. H. Mathis, the woman who led the movement that added 300,000,000 annually to the income of cotton farmers of Alabama, is in Omaha to attend the national convention of the Farmer's Educational and Co-Operative union as a delegate from Alabama.

Frank, warm-hearted, executive, practical, it was she to whom the appalled bankers and bewildered governor turned when the price of cotton dropped out of sight at the beginning of the war in 1914, and it was she who worked out the scheme which saved a million southern farmers from starvation, without having to call in aid.

It was no accident, but long and sound experience, which brought Mrs. Mathis to the front in that crisis.

The men of her acquaintance laughed long and loud when, at the death of her father Mrs. Mathis put all of her inheritance into 1,000 acres of cheap farm land and announced her decision to manage the plantation herself. The idea of a mere woman thinking she could run a business of that size! But she met \$30,000 on her first deal, and after that they stopped laughing and began to watch.

What they saw is best expressed in the words of an old negro woman who had picked fruit on one of Mrs. Mathis' farms.

"Law, Mis' Mathis you took the land they didn't think was no 'count, and, and you made it bear better than all. And you took the folks they didn't think was no 'count, and you made somethin' decent out of 'em. You 's allus pickin' up what other folks throw down."

There were 25 mountain whites working Mrs. Mathis' property whose sole ambition appeared to be to get drunk.

"Seemed like somebody ought to care about those folks, and I didn't see who 'would be unless 'twas I," says she in her southern accent. "So I set out to make a better set of men out of 'em."

She talked to them and laughed at them, trying to get them to save money for land of their own. But they argued it was better to rent than to own, for if one owned land one had to pay taxes. However, she kept on devising schemes by which they could earn money for themselves on the side by new farming methods.

When the drop in cotton prices came James Keith, then president of the Alabama State Bankers' association, sent for Mrs. Mathis and asked her what could be done for the ruined cotton farmers.

"I should think there were plenty of men in Alabama that could settle that," protested the woman farmer. "Plenty nothin'" retorted the banker. "The men in this state have done nothing but work for themselves, and they don't know how to go about it to help others."

"Well, it will be easy," she finally said, "if you bankers will quit being the mistletoe up on the boughs of the trees and get down on the ground where you belong."

She outlined a scheme by which loans could be made to needy people payable at the next harvest, if they would agree to plant their land, one-third in corn and beans, one-third in hay and legumes and only one-third in cotton. Most of the farmers had been raising little but cotton. Seeds were to be supplied free and the loan would be enough to keep them fed and clothed until harvest.

This system not only tided over the crisis, but added \$90,000,000 annually to the value of the state's crops. Two years later the national convention of the farm mortgage bank was at St. Louis sent for Mrs. Mathis to hear of her experiences. In consequence of her conference with John S. Williams, comptroller of currency, and William Gibbs McAdoo the three-crop plan was accepted by all banks as the basis for farm loans throughout the south.

Sears-Roebuck Seeks Farm Data

Chicago, Nov. 21.—The establishment of the Sears-Roebuck agricultural research foundation, set up for the purpose of determining essential facts relating to the farming industry was announced today by Julius Rosenwald, president of the Sears-Roebuck company.

He declared that the foundation will be headed by "the most capable men to be found in the agricultural research field," a field force is also said to be contemplated with headquarters in Chicago. The announcement set out that every phase of agricultural economics is to be studied.

"As business men," Mr. Rosenwald said, "we feel under a direct obligation to do everything we can to improve the farmer's condition. A careful survey has revealed to us that where the farmer needs help is in economics, in marketing his products. 'The American farmer stands today as the most efficient farmer in the world. On production per man he has no equal. His problem at the present time is the disposal of the surplus which he has piled up through better farming methods and it is essential that he reap the full reward for the use of these improved methods."

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"Tories Take to Tariffs." London, Nov. 21.—"Some people, when they are worried take alcohol, but the Tories always take to tariffs," declared former Premier David Lloyd George in a campaign speech here today.

The Tories are making their campaign fight for a protective tariff; the Liberals and Laborites are supporting a free trade platform.

U. S. Frees German Spy. Leavenworth, Kan., Nov. 21.—Lothar Wazke, convicted German spy, was released from the federal penitentiary here today. He was met by Henry J. Wilde, German consul, Kansas City, from Kansas City he goes to St. Louis and then to New York for deportation.

Johnson Forces Ready to "Move"

Nebraska Friends of California Senator Prepare for Local Organization.

The activity of friends of President Coolidge in bringing him forward as a possible presidential nominee, is arousing the interest of Nebraska followers of Hiram Johnson, whose entrance into the presidential ring again has been announced.

Johnson petitions are being broadcast in Nebraska from headquarters in Lincoln. The Johnson group in this state point with pride to the showing made by the California senator at the Nebraska presidential primaries four years ago. They believe it is Johnson weather, or at least will be when the "idea" of next April are upon the Antelope state.

E. L. Bradley, Omaha friend of Hiram Johnson, stated this morning that he expects to receive word soon to "move," meaning to proceed with a local Johnson organization. He intimated that the Johnson forces are playing their cards "close" at present. He likewise made it known that the state will be thoroughly organized.

In the meantime, Ross L. Showell and others are preparing for a statewide Coolidge conference to be held on the evening of December 3 in Gardner hall, for the launching of a Coolidge League of Nebraska.

Parody on Banana Lyric Written by Nebraska Woman Song for Farmers

With the National Farmers' union and the Nebraska Farmers Co-operative Grain and Live Stock State association meeting in Omaha, Mrs. Cora Hancock of Lexington, Neb., has written especially for these meetings a parody on the famous (or infamous) banana song, as follows:

Yes, we live in Nebraska—Nebraska, the golden state, We grow corn, alfalfa, sugarbeet and wheat, All kinds of things to eat. We raise Herefords, Holsteins and Short-horns, Sheep and swine of all kinds—Oh, yes, we live in Nebraska, Nebraska, the golden state. Mrs. Hancock sent the song to the Omaha Evening Bee and it was delivered to J. W. Shortill, secretary of the co-operative association.



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Independent Farmer-Labor Group Here Opposed to Third Party, Claim.

The national conference of independent farmer, labor, progressive and liberal groups will be aligned with the Ford-for-president movement and against the third party plan endorsed Tuesday afternoon at Hotel Castle by the regular progressive leaders of Nebraska.

Roy M. Harrop, 201 Lyric building, who engineered the national conference, which is in executive session today in the Lyric building, announced Wednesday that his conferees are solidly with the Ford movement and will not recognize the plan of J. A. H. Hopkins, chairman of the committee of 48, who is promoting a national third party convention to be held in St. Paul or Minneapolis on May 30.

"The action of our organization means that we will be represented at Detroit on December 12, when Ford leaders from various states will meet to decide on a plan of action," Mr. Harrop stated. He added that 14 states were represented at his conference, and declined to give a list of the attendants.

The situation is further involved on account of the fact that Mr. Harrop has been one of the leaders of the progressive party of Nebraska as launched at Grand Island a few years ago.

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