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WALL FACED BY THE DEMOCRATS.

The boy who whistled as he passed the graveyard now has his imitator in the wonder workers of the democratic party. They are going through the motions of preparing for a national campaign, and spend much time telling each other about the sorrowful predicament of the republican party. One of the things they enlarge upon is the election of Magnus Johnson in Minnesota, forgetting or ignoring the fact that the result of that election was as much a setback to the democrats as to the republicans; some folks profess to believe that it was most disastrous to the minority party, for whatever else it did, it ended any hope the sachems may have entertained for winning the North Star state.

Another sign of victory for them is seen in the election of a democratic governor in Kentucky, a state that has been democratic almost continuously for longer than half a century. Purely local issues decided the choice of the voters there last year, and the outcome has only the remotest bearing on the questions of national politics.

Whenever the democrats turn from contemplating these and a few other similar spectacles, they are confronted by the most hopeless of situations. The years of greatest unemployment in the history of the nation have come when the democratic party was in power. Under Wilson we had the depression of 1913-14, when millions of men sought for work in vain; again it came with the enforced deflation of 1920-21, with all the distress that follows idle factories and interrupted industry.

Read the reports of prosperity that come from all parts of the land, incident to the recovery that came with republican victory and the re-establishment of republican policies. The readjustment of war debts, the reduction of the general debt by billions of dollars, lower cost of government, steady reduction of taxes, all the manifold items of improvement in conditions that have taken place in the time since a republican president and congress came into office. Contrast this with the attitude of the democrats, who, for partisan purposes solely, have desperately and continually opposed everything the republicans have sought to do to relieve the

Even now we are told that a democratic congressman from Nebraska has discarded a democratic senator from New York because the latter is in favor of the administration plan for reducing the tax bill by more than \$300,000,000 a year. Of course the democrats want to reduce taxes, we take their word for that, but they will not join the republicans in an honest effort to bring about that result. In simple terms, the old party of the donkey is playing politics, addressing its efforts to the prejudices and passions of the people and not to their common sense. We can not tell what congress will do, but the record of the last two years is made up, and it shows that the republicans have made good on the promises of the Chicago platform.

Prosperity has been restored, debt has been reduced, exasperating and onerous tax levies have been done away with, and further cuts in the schedule are certain to be made. Our democratic brethren will find it difficult to get under, over, or around that wall of actual achievement.

NOMINATION IN SEARCH OF A TALKER.

Next to passing the buck, picking the candidate for vice president is the greatest of American indoor sports. Just now it is going at high speed. No trouble to decide who will run for president. The backers of each of the several aspirants so far named feel certain their man is going over at the convention, and so they want to make sure that the tail of the ticket is one who will give support to the head. One of the specifications for the present is that the man must be an orator. In the case of Cal Coolidge, this may be understood, but why should it be necessary to get a speaker to second Hiram Johnson? He can talk for himself and for the vice president, too, and not half try.

So now they are picking on Henry J. Allen, late governor of Kansas and public speaker extraordinary. Senator Capper has been turned down, because he does not talk, and that brings the Kansas equation up to Allen, who can talk, and will talk, and may even talk too much. When James Hamilton Lewis dawned on Omaha, invited to address the bar association, he put out a feeler in favor of Senator Norris, who also can talk, and will talk, and sometimes talk too much. Jim Watson of Indiana is another talker who has been referred to, and there are others. All of these mentioned ought to tickle the vanity of each who has been named.

Wouldn't it be a heavenly relief if the candidate for vice president were as silent as the president? A campaign without oratory has never really been tried in America, but there must always be a first time. Why not let the voters have a chance to talk over the men and the measures among themselves, and come to their own conclusions once?

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie ENJOYMENT.

I like to watch them as they grow And talk and laugh and smile;

- I like to watch them as they go About and me beguile;
- I like to hear the things they say
- With ecstasy and pride: I like to watch them as they play
- Completely satisfied. I like to have them come to me
- When day's drear course is run I like to list attentively
- To all they say they've done; I like to rock them as they ask,
- And see their blue eyes gleam Until-if rocking is a task-I wonder what is dream.
- I like to hear their welcome home When evening comes, and I Rejoice as I go forth to roam
- With their sincere goodby; I like to please them as I can-
- And all in all I'm glad To be a common working man Because I am their dad

NEBRASKA DELEGATION COULD DO IT.

Scotts Bluff national monument in the extreme western part of the state is one of the historic spots of the commonwealth. It is deserving of more consideration at the hands of the federal government than it is getting. As a national monument it shares in a biennial appropriation of \$10,000, and as there are 30 of these national monuments the share received by the Nebraska monument is about \$150 a year. But it has never yet received even one-half of that amount.

The Scotts Bluff national monument comprises about 2,300 acres of rugged beauty, the peak of Scotts Bluff, rising 4,666 feet above sea level, being the central point of interest. Instead of being a national monument this spot should be made a national park, with an annual appropriation for its maintenance and improvement. It is really the eastern end of the foothills of the Rocky mountains, and the dividing line between the plains and mountain country. Of easy access, this scenic spot could easily be made one of the great pleasure resorts of the middle west. It affords a wonderful opportunity for the establishment of a national preserve wherein might be preserved the bird and animal life now so rapidly disappearing.

If the Nebraska delegation in congress would make a concerted effort to change the status of this scenic resort from that of a national monument to that of a national park, the desired result would not be hard to obtain. The national monument was established by presidential proclamation, but an act of of congress is required to establish a national park. Because of its beauty and its historic importance, Scotts Bluff, which is really a mountain and not a bluff, should be designated as a national park, and the Nebraska delegation would merit praise were it to get busy and see that this is done at the earliest possible date.

REAL TEST OF THE PUDDING.

Some Homer of the future was furnished material for an epic down at Washington on Saturday. On many an occasion has Magnus Johnson, dirt farmer extraordinary, snorted in high derision at the pretensions of Henry Cantwell Wallace to the title of farmer. A dirt farmer is one who really farms, who jocund drives his team afield, and with his share turns the stubborn glebe, as Gray puts it, and in the evening "homeward plods his weary way." Many a time and oft has Magnus done this, watching the sun that arose over Duluth in the morning sink to rest behind Moorhead. What Magnus knows of Dalry communities and states show farming he gained by honest sweat and much of hard

On the other hand, Mr. Wallace got his training in agriculture at Ames, a mighty good school, and one that stands high in the list of colleges. He has been a stock breeder and an editor, and has made something of a success in both lines of endeavor. Yet Senator Johnson questions whether Secretary Wallace knows anything about farming, and has not hesitated to say as much. The issue being thus joined, a trial must follow.

So the contestants adjourned to the farm atached to the soldiers' home near Washington, and there proceeded to establish each his claim to the honorable title of farmer. Some farmers may question whether the test was a fair one, but it was adopted, and on its outcome the settlement depended. A nice gentle cow was provided for Henry and another for Magnus, and they set about to milk in feverish competition. At the end of ten minutes a halt was called, and each found to have extracted the same amount of milk from the impassive cows. | material which would be wasted is turned into a

This is supposed to establish that Henry is a dirt product and the soil is built up and farmer, or that Magnus is not. Either way, the result is impressive. What the cows had to say about the affair is not reported. We will wager that one good active dairy hand could milk more with one hand in the same time than both the honorable gentlemen did with two.

A change in the rules of the house is being worked out to meet requirements of the progressives. What the people would like to see is some sort of rule that will keep congress on the job till something is done.

Last year the Pacific belied its name by causing more disasters than ever on its record. Not all of this can be blamed on the ocean, as for example, the loss of the seven torpedo boats.

When a deputy sheriff can not get the jail open to receive prisoners it must be a sign of something. On the face it looks as if a wideawake night watchman might get a job there.

A hen down in Jersey has laid an egg with "W"

on it, and the sooth sayers insist it stands for "Wil-

son." Maybe, but why not for war, as it did in years gone by? What about the poor bootlegger, caught on the

way from Canada with a cargo of cheer for the New Year celebration? The blizzard was not well timed. Henry Dunn says that Omaha is the best be-

haved city in the world, and he is right. But he doesn't dismiss his police force on that account. Nineteen-twenty-three was not such a bad old

year after all, but its gone to join all the others,

so let it rest, and dig for a better year in 1924. Figures on the number of tram passengers for 1922 read like the amount in rubles one would have

to pay for his fare downtown on a street car. Camden (N. J.) police have discovered a brand of hootch that will remove acid stains. Does it burn

with a bright blue flame? Council Bluffs set one mark Omaha can well

afford to shoot at; its fire losses in 1923 were less than half those of 1922. Henry Ford may be a maker of bogies, but he

knows also how to make something else which is more worth while.

And the money to pay for the roads was there all the time, just waiting for the governor to say the word.

When agricultural imports exceed exports in the United States balance sheet, it is time to begin an

An Omaha detective can talk in three languages, but the best man is he who can keep his mouth shut

say, Roy's heart is true to Hennery. Joe Hummell is stocking Riverview park with

'possums. Whose vote is he after?

Ice crop is next to be harvested.

When Cider Tastes the Best

When autumn paints its ruddy glow across each hill and dale, And Jack Frost plays at hide-and-seek through orchard,

wood and vale, Then comes the cider-making time—the old horse walking

The apples crunching in the cogs, a mellow soothing sound, The press with rye straw mingled with the pulp of red and

The luscious cheeses dripping with a cadence yet untold; And then the foaming tub of juice, with boys and bees about. And, too, the straw with which we draw the mellow liquid

Oh, that is when it tastes the best, a straw poked in the

And we upon our bended knees to draw the cider home! A golden goblet if you will, or cut-glass and the rest, But when we draw it through a straw is when it tastes the

Then, later, when the cogs are stilled and all the cider's

With 20 barrels in a row behind the old mill's shade, With 20 bung-holes waiting there to make a youngster smile.

I'd give a heap to take a straw and linger there awhile. I'd like to straddle every cask and sample every one, And sozzle in that apple juice until the day was done; And sozzle in that apple juice until the day was done;

And then I'd like to go to bed and dream that I were still garded as the messenger or interpreter of some dominant or guiding person-For that is when it tastes the best, a straw poked in the foam,

Humped over on a cider cask to draw that sweetness home. A golden goblet if you will, or cut-glass and the rest, But when we draw it through a straw is when it tastes the

"THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

Lincoln.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The dairy industry has

nany of our states. The dairy industry has proven to ral business. Because of this fact

there must be cows, and the etter the cows are the more subantial will be the business. It reare not producing our own requireuires money to buy cows. cans either cash or credit, and the butter from many foreign lands and farming community that is changing rom wheat and grain growing to tairying has a real financial problem. The banker as a rule is sold to the dairy industry. He knows of its stability and reward. He realizes where farmers keep a goo grade of cows they have a sure and ependable income and are able to ay cash for most of their necessities. uch farmers market a part of their crop through their cows. Much raw material which would otherwise be their farms increased in value. There is steady employment for their men and boys throughout the year and

and will give a cow buyer the prefer stand the necessity of feeding a bal-The cow keeper's success is most aportant, for if he cannot make his ows pay a profit he will quit, and his will discourage others from going in; therefore it is very important that very cow keeper understands the rincipal economic features connected with the care and management of

He should realize first that the most profitable cow in the dairy is the dairy cow, and to get the best returns from a cow she must be given good care and liberally fed. The greatest to our cow keepers is due to the fact that they fail to supply their cows with necessary nourishment. cows with necessary nourishment. Under feeding a dairy cow is a sure way to lose profit in the business, because an animal first of all will main-tain life and will take life's requirements first from the food. A thou-sand-pound cow needs considerable food each day to maintain the thousand pounds, and as a rule the more she will make, because she will have so much more food for production.
This, of course, is on the ground that
the cow is a dairy animal. A beef

heap as well as nutritious. biggest bill of experse in the dairy business is the feed of the cow, and the second is labor. Both Items are important, but the feeding is the lest one to handle. The simple problem of furnishing an animal with its requirements can be mastered easily. There is a large list of food stuffs to choose from and their price and their nutritive value should determine their selection. As a rule will be found the best and cheapest

In promoting this branch of agriculture then, we must keep in mind that if we wish to really build a great dairy industry in our community we

Daily Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, we are Thy children, redeemed by Christ our Savior and Elder Brother, and we come to Thee in His Name. Forgive our sins. Deliver us from all the guilt and power of sin. Take the love of it out of our hearts. Make our love of Thee to glow. Let it burn out all the oss of evil, and impel us constantly to gracious acts of kindly ministry done to others in the Master's name and for His sake. Give us a clear vision of our ever-present Savior as an abiding Friend. Grant that we may be transformed by thus beholding Him, growing daily more and more like Him in the desire of our hearts, the words of our lips, and the things we do and refrain from doing. Bless with us all others, supplyin their every need, and giving then grace and guidance. pel light shine out brightly in all lands, bringing peace and spiritual prosperity, and drawing all men to Christ, and together in the bonds of No matter what a cold and cruel democrat may Christian unity and protherliness, We ask all this, as we pray for grateful hearts, in the name of Him Who died on Calvary. Amen. J. H. BOMBERGER, D. D., Cleveland, O.

tle and the right kind of feeding first of all. A good many people worry Omaha Bee: The dairy industry has been favored, perhaps above other lines, by free advertising. During the last two years this publicity has increased and it is now conspicuous in linear amount of our states.

A good many people worry which is so generally apparent. The new publisher of the Evening Post is not entering upon an experimental adventure in journalism. He has no need to define his policies, be never seen anyone have trouble in finding a market for dairy products. finding a market for dairy products.

No farmer is so independent when it ance that the old traditions will be obbe dependable and sure of profit cream to scores of factories within Dalry communities and states show more prosperity, larger bank accounts butter or chees on the farm, and if farmer. He can sell either milk or er capita and are not easily stamit be good get a fancy price. He can is room in New York for a newspaper are agreed, especially those in other out up his milk in fancy packages which will tell the daily news "withand ship it half way across the con-tinent to a steady trade that will pay there is a growing sentiment in favor of dairying and all classes of business are joining in, for they know the farmer must lead when prosperity and analysis and the farmer must lead when prosperity and the farmer must lead when prosperity and the farmer must lead when prosperity and the sentiment in favor timent to a steady trade that will pay timent to a steady trade that will pay a good price for a high grade product. There is room everywhere for such a newspaper, and it is encouraging that this fact is becoming more and more loans to cover deficits in the budget. of course it takes more than ad-Of course it takes more than ad-certising and publicity by speech or they will condense their products. The dairy business, for in this way more than the identifying name of a was justified while waiting the pay-ment of German reparations; but the be the distinguishing trade mark of a result has been to pyramid the inproduced on the farm and can be shipped to all parts of the world. We

mportant item. The poor animals must be discarded and good ones put in their places. Improvements will be needed in the way of better barns, siles and milk be only two ways to provide way of better barns, silos and milk houses. The man who complains that dairying doesn't pay nine times out of ten has near unprofitable cows in they always have something to sell. his dairy. You will not find a sile on So we note today that the banker, the place, neither will you find a milk of ten has poor, unprofitable cows in so we note today that the place, neither will job not under as a rule, favors the dairy industry house. This farmer does not under

> anced ration. The chances are he will be keeping poor cows and giving them insufficient rations, which make profit impossible. Nature has been generous with Ne braska and has given us a land favorable to dairying. We have the raw material, the climate, good water and splendid means of transporta The biggest expense connected with the dairy business is the cost of feeding the cow. Here we find stock food as cheap or cheaper than in any other section. A great surplus each year of hay and grain are shipped to nany markets east, north and south Alfalfa and corn are our leading crops. and those two make the base and the best of stock foods. We will have no

doing a good work for all A. L. HAECKER.

Divinity of Christ.

trouble competing with other sections

when it comes to producing dairy

products cheaply, so we can promote dairying here and feel that we are

Gibbon, Neb .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In the discussion going animal will get fat if fed a large on in regard to the virgin birth of amount of food. Christ it would be well for the disbut also cheaply. The wise feeder of St. Mathew, where Christ's lineage is cheap as well as well as the state of the state eph, (not Mary). So the writers of that day evidently considered that Joseph was the verifable father of Christ's physical body, whatever they nay have thought about his spiritua Otherwise they would raced his geneology down to Mary If Joseph was not Christ's own fath er, as far as we know Joseph was n relation, as kin, to Christ except through King David, 28 generations

And again in Acts, third chapter 23d verse, it says: "And Jesus Him-self began to be about 30 years of of Joseph, etc. Now," as was su; being in parenthesis, would ndicate that those three words were ot in the original text, but was pro ibly an interpolation by some later

And there you will see Christ's neage traced from Joseph back to God through Adam. So if Joseph was not the physical father of Christ. there was plainly an error in both of these lineages. ELLIOTT LOOMIS.

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V. A. BRIDGE, Cir. Mgr. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December, 1923.

W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal)

Notary Public.

"From State and

Nation"

-Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Personality in Journalism.

Mr. Cyrus H. K. Curtis to convince wnership and management the New With wild strawberry garnish. Shin-York Evening Post, which will be se none of its prestige or traditions. present name about a century and a quarter ago, occupies an inique position in American journalhampion of the federalists, form an interesting chapter, not only in newspaper making but in national development, politically, socially and indus-trially. It has maintained a high standard, from which there has been no serious departure, no matter how strong the inducement. Courageously Hid round our necks to scare disease and consistently that newspaper has away, stood as a rock against the surging Wee bags of asafetida safe lay. tide of yellow journalism, faithful to 'Neath pinafores with neck bands' deals which have been held sacred. high and tight newspapers in the American metronalism when a newspaper was reounded and edited by Holacy and the cold playhouse, again I but it will at least demonstrate that ey; the Sun, the fearless exponent fo view the old playhouse, again I but it will at least demonstrate that of the scholarly Dana; of the Herald, the courageous spokesman for the Bennetts, father and son, it was itself for many years the tablet upon And cling to them with joy as ivy thich the venerable Willian Cullen Bryant wrote. In those days news- fo oaks. papers were identified closely with the know, or care to inquire, the name of

men who edited and published them.

It is not so now. Few outside the to be! of newspaper making the person who stands in the position of sponsor for a newspaper's editorial ing. But the latter, asserted the min just what measure this loss of the further inflation and pushing up the dentifying mark is responsible for the undeniable change in standards which is so generally apparent.

comes to a market as the dairy served and the old standards main-farmer. He can sell either milk or tained. Those who for years regarded will do especially well to engage in generally recognized. That, perhaps The excuse has been that this recourse

ments and this country is importing From the New York Times. It is reassuring news from Paris figure. paying the 8 cents per pound tariff. The market is not a question, but the market is not a question, but the ing a program of economy and of cost of production is a very big and sound public finance a question of confidence with the chamber. By so It requires considerable time to es. doing on Saturday Premier Poincare ablish the dairy industry in a country, so we must not be discouraged by slow progress. Most men have to learn from experience, expensive and the ground of the rise in prices. The poor animals must be disconsiderable time to test out the herd. The poor animals must be disconsiderable time to test out the herd. total sum involved was about a billion ister of finance bluntly informed the ensure such an addition. There would

The Old Playhouse

Beneath a blooming haw tree's becking shade, One-half a century ago 'twas made. The kitchenette, we called it "dining

Was where we loved to be the best of all. A match box boasted proudly in itself,

It requires no reassurance from Cute acorn saucers on a pasteboard an interested public that under his An upturned fish kit flaunted rich

ublished by him after January 1, will of little cousin guests stared at Su That newspaper, established under its My wax doll, throned on a corn-cob almost Such curtseys we did make at her

sm. Its history and the story of its In linsey-woolsey gowns by grandma progress since the days of Alexander spun.

Hamilton, when it was launched as a Brand new she was. For her sake raggedy Eliza and Samantha came to tea.

Our pantalettes, of linen, stiff and Gleamed over fabric gaiters, black as night.

right

Sweet child contentment in earth's bark upon unlimited inflation with a simple things.

Your young fire takes age

-Alta Wrenwick Brown.

ister of finance, would infallibly mean the government was against it. If the chamber persisted in granting the Pester?"

Exchange has been running heavily against France for some time, and the ninister of finance warned the chamterest on old loans partly by issuing est payment to a dangerously high

That the French themselves clearly on indefinitely, and that the govern ment is resolved to stop it short where it is, should help in restoring abroad confidence in French finance. It may

A Handy Place to Eat **Hotel Conant**

Abe Martin



When a wile gulp down a breakfast an' light a deals which have been held sacred.

But it has, like all other larger My, oh; but we were in the style, all leavin' th' dishes, it hain't t' be big cigar an' tear out fer tawn. wondered at she'd like t' be a man. olis, passed from that stage in jour- The games our minds constructed and Th' law regulatin' th' use o' fire-

> not at once stop the fall of the franc, the French government is not to em order to meet deficits in the public revenue.

The Spice of Life

He-Hey, there's no swimming alwed here. She-Why didn't you tell me before I got undressed? -Well, there's no law against

that .- Medley. "What! You don't know me, Mr.

"Well-ha! ha!-that's funny. I "That is nothing. I know myself. Ring off!-Kansas City Star.

"And what," asked the Sunday school teacher, "Is the lesson taught us in the parable of the seven wise

Nine-year-old Ruth held up her "That we should always be on the lookout for a bridegroom, answered.—Boston Transcript. hridegroom.

Sherwin-Williams' Paints VARNISHES, ENAMELS COMPLETE STOCK Barker Bros. Paint Co. 1609 1/2 Farnam

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Illinois Central System Tells of Achievements

of American Railroads in 1923

The railroads of the country have a number of oustanding achievements to their credit for 1923. They handled promptly and efficiently, with no shortage of transportation, the heaviest freight traffic ever known. Notwithstanding that they performed this service at lowered rates, they materially strengthened their credit by improved net earnings as a result of reduced costs of operation. They stimulated business activity in all lines by extensive expenditures for labor and

materials. They made substantial improvements to their properties. The freight traffic handled by the railroads in 1923 (with December estimated) was 27 per cent greater than in 1922 and 5 per cent greater than in 1920, the previous record year. The following table shows the growth in freight traffic by 10-year periods in the last forty years:

		Tons Carried One Mile	Per Cent Increase Over 1883
			112
1893		173,221,278.993	293
1913	(December estimated)	297,722,528,693 430,000,000,000	576 876

The demand for freight transportation will increase in the future as it has in the past. Certainly no one believes that the United States has reached the limit of its commercial growth. That growth, however, can continue only if the railroads are able to obtain the funds to increase their facilities to handle the larger

A great deal has been said about the necessity for restoring and maintaining the credit of the railroads. That can be done only by permitting the railroads to earn a fair return. The net return on tentative valuation realized by the railroads in 1923 was about 5 per cent, which was a substantial improvement over the 3.33 per cent in 1921 and the 4.14 per cent in 1922. But 5 per cent is still short of the return set by the Interstate Commerce Commission as fair and

Business in all lines was active during the year, and labor was fully employed at good wages. The railroads contributed greatly to these conditions by their extensive expenditures. In 1923 they paid out more than three billion dollars for labor employed in railway operation. For materials and supplies they spent nearly two billion dollars. More than one billion dollars were devoted to improving and extending their facilities. These large sums, passing into the channels of trade, increased the demand for the products of all industries, including

During 1923 the public supported railroads heartily in their plans for increasing and bettering their service. We believe that this support will be continued in 1924. Public confidence is necessary in order to enable the railroads to do their full part toward giving the country adequate transportation service.

The achievements of the railroads during 1923 should be a source of pride to the nation. The people of the United States are served by the most efficient railway transportation in the world and at rates that are remarkably low in comparison with the rates charged by the railroads of the other principal countries of

Constructive criticism and suggestions are invited.

C. H. MARKHAM, President, Illinois Central System