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STRAIGHT TALK FROM A SINCERE MAN.
An absence of fuss and feathers marked the coming together of the commission of experts at Paris, which has set about its business by making General Dawes its chairman. These two signs indicate that the proceedings will be business like.

Whether Dr. Murphree's name will charm two out of each three of the delegates to the convention which is about to be called may be left for further developments, but that Mr. Bryan brings him forward seriously will get him attention from those who expect to control the proceedings. While the colonel left his heart in the grave at San Francisco, he has shown so often his remarkable power of recuperation that his opponents must ever be prepared to reckon with his influence in any gathering of the party for counsel.

LIQUIDS, HARD AND SOFT.
Omaha women who were foremost in opposition to hard liquor are now crusading against hard water. Having made soft drinks the rule, these good women are now demanding water that is softer.

THE RUSHING POLITICAL WATERS.
A Nebraska exchange that indulges in one of "Years Ago Today" departments gives the information that thirty years ago, January 11, Congressman McKelvie made his maiden speech in congress.

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single things. Then western Nebraska was almost wholly an open range country, whereas today it is the home of thousands of progressive farmers and the site of scores of prosperous towns and cities. So rapid and so many have been the changes during those thirty years that columns would not suffice to enumerate them. But the man who made his maiden congressional speech thirty years ago last Friday is still among the living, and doubtless enjoying many hours of indulgence in reminiscences of those stirring political days when partisanship was extreme and men took their politics very seriously.

COMMONER NAMES HIS MAN.

Mr. Bryan has again set his countrymen to looking through "Who's Who" and "Why's Why," and probably has engendered a lot of gibes from scoffers who are ever ready with ribaldry when the great commoner is presenting an issue or a man. Thoughtful members of his party will not poke fun at his selection, however. Dr. A. A. Murphree of Gainesville, Fla., is scarcely less known than was William Jennings Bryan of Lincoln, Neb., prior to the democratic convention of 1896. So much for fame or notoriety.

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Therefore, the announcement of the Bryan choice as nominee for president will have respectful consideration from his party. It offers nothing more remote than the chances for James M. Cox in 1920, or Woodrow Wilson in 1912, and it does give the democrats something to think about.

SHOULD LOOK OVER GROUND PERSONALLY.

Irrigated Nebraska naturally feels bitter disappointment over the fact finding commission's decision not to look over the irrigation projects personally, but to meet in Salt Lake City and merely take testimony on all of them. Such a hearing will simply be a wrangle between projects seeking priority completion, and individuals who seek redress from evident injustice will have little opportunity to be heard.

The fact finding commission is not serving the purpose for which it was created if it shall fail to visit each project, look it over carefully, and listen patiently to the complaints of the men and women who have been financially betrayed in the house of their supposed friends.

Politicians who attempt to play politics with the Mellon tax reduction plan are very likely to discover that they have only played thunder with their own political fortunes.

Uncle Sam reduced his indebtedness a half a billion last year. He will be able to reduce it more rapidly when he exercises his right to tax all kinds of securities.

Adam put up the plea that the woman tempted him and he fell. The modern woman offers her chauffeur as an excuse.

Police arrested a man because he had \$50 worth of silk underwear under his coat. Pray where should he have it?

Now you have one guess as to whether Dr. A. A. Murphree is a fundamentalist or a modernist.

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THE WHIRLING CRAZE OF BEAUTY.
The beauty contest schedule moves along with perfect chuggin'.
There is Sally, Winnie, Minnie, there is Katherine McGugin;
There are fairer ones preparing for the test—as one supposes—
Waiving time in beauty culture on their cheeks and lips and noses;
There are others sweetly smiling in their cradle beds and cooing—
They are dreaming of surpassing what the older ones are doing.

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to send us their views freely for expression on matters of public interest.

A Voice for Bok's Plan.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Something leads people to ask often, "Is the world growing better or is it growing worse?" It is not difficult to point out some bad indications; but there are also some good indications. One of the most gratifying of present world phenomena is the abundant seeking for a way to establish a concord of nations, through which law and order and peace would bring world-wide prosperity and happiness.

The time has arrived for laying the foundation for a world government, not for doing something in the way of building the superstructure. It is a necessity. We must have it. What seemed a mere idle dream a few years ago is now, with all the present and past world conditions, and transportation, looming up as a practical and attainable thing.

It would not be wise to presume that the world is ripe for a world government. It is not. It is not ripe for a world government. It is not ripe for a world government. It is not ripe for a world government.

Let us not follow those who advise that we keep open house for all people and let them come in as they please. Let us not go to the other extreme and agree with those who recognize no social ties or international obligations.

There is a right way that lies between the extremes of careless and indiscriminate generosity and the selfishness that forbids all friendly services and connections. The "peace plan" now widely published seems to be between the two extremes that have been advocated and it is a good one.

The British Labor Party's Program.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Preparing to take public office for the first time in history, the British labor party has reaffirmed its lofty purpose of just socialism which must mean the ending of the operation in the meantime with any other party along the lines of advancement in that direction.

With a courage born of the hope which sees in constructive, rather than in destructive, efforts, the nation of the world from its burden of hatred and jealousy left as a legacy of the war, Ramsay MacDonald, speaking before a vast throng that packed the Royal Albert hall in London, the man who probably has the greatest influence in the office as Britain's premier, thrilled his audience by declaring "the quarrel, if it can be called such, the misunderstanding, the ill-will, the animosity, the going on between France and ourselves are absolutely deplorable."

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A Public Responsibility.

From the St. Paul Dispatch.
Public ownership of a considerable part of the forest area is fundamental to a sound forest policy. That contention was emphasized at the hearing conducted by the United States senate select committee on forestry at the University of Minnesota, where private interests asserted frankly that it is impractical for them to undertake reforestation on the basis of a substantial timber supply.

Warms of the League.

Loomis, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I have been interested in the letters printed in your paper in regard to the Bok peace plan. I hope to see people of this great state will wake up and vote against this infamous piece of propaganda which is being forced on the people as an indirect way of ramming the League of Nations down the throat of congress.

We thought that the last election settled this question once and for good, but it seems that his friends are still trying to put it across. As the Harding and Coolidge plan is pending in congress at the present time, it is not necessary to promote another plan, and congress should be allowed to consider the question on its merits, untrammelled by clamor or forced by balloting which does not represent the sentiment of sentiment of the right people, who will not take the time to send in their ballots, so cunningly contrived that a man has really no choice.

A Willing Worker.

"Any unemployment in this part of the country," "Some answered Farmer Corn-tassel, "The only thing that's workin' in St. Simula's place is a barrel of cider."—Washington Star.

"From State and Nation"

Editorials from Other Newspapers

Personal Politics Against Public Business.

From the Lincoln Star.
The people of Nebraska who elected Charles W. Bryan governor by 59,000 majority do not look with approval on his using that office as a means of gratifying his personal political ambitions in other directions. They are disappointed in the fact that he is giving a large share of his time and attention to laying wires for his own election United States senator, and also to chasing the presidential nomination of his party, which necessarily detracts from the value of his services as the business executive of the state government.

Mr. Bryan's critics freely predicted, at the time he was a candidate for governor, that as soon as he got into that office he would begin to campaign for something higher. It must be admitted that his course has fulfilled this prophecy. It seems to be the type of politician who cannot even wait for a decent period of time to elapse after he has had one political honor conferred upon him, before he grows weary of it and starts in pursuit of another.

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It was hoped after this double rebuke that Mr. Bryan had learned to hold his ambitions in check, and that he would become a candidate for governor the third time, in 1922, on a platform promising to do away with the bureaucratic system built up under the code law, simplify the state government, and reduce taxes, his reentry into state politics met a more cordial reception.

Many of those who had been for years antagonists of Governor Bryan advocated his election. They did so relying upon his pledges that, if he were made governor, he would stay on the job and look after the state's interests. They believed that he possessed the capacity for and the experience in business affairs to give the people an efficient and commendable administration if he would apply himself to the task.

His actions are such as to throw in doubt upon his political sincerity. If the voters of Nebraska lose confidence in their governor, he will have no one but himself to blame. With the voters of Nebraska, he has no doubt, they would stand by him. But the faith of the taxpayers in their leader is badly shaken when he shows an inclination to quit the job, and the state would be left in a state of confusion.

Former Governor McKelvie made a similar trip to Washington on one occasion, and spoke to the republican national committee at its meeting held there. He also had "official business" in the national capital on the same trip, and the state would be left in a state of confusion.

Mr. Bryan can rest assured that if his following dwindles in the next campaign he has no one but himself to blame.

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They would find that you had made your will, putting your wishes for their welfare into the tangible form of directions to your executor.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1924.
W. H. QUIVERY,
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Cry of the Soul

Give me the blizzard's icy blast,
The north wind's sullen blow,
Let me meet you as you pass—
You are my friend—not foe.
I care not for the sheltered life,
Warm rooms and pampered joys,
I love the storm clouds' strife—
The lightning's flash—the thunder's noise.
My soul is only happy when
The elements clash and jar;
Sometimes it seems beyond my ken—
My soul—as it travels afar.
I go out through the endless space
That Omar called a bow;
We seem to meet—face to face—
Heaven and my soul.
My soul and heart they
Seem to always be at war,
Not joy or peace or play,
But just contentment striving far.

Center Shots

New York is preparing to padlock the front of its sidewalks, but patrons will doubtless be satisfied with the safe entrances.—Norfolk Ledger Dispatch.
Well, it might really be economy to have the navy chase the rum fleet. It would save the expense of going south for target practice.—Elizabeth Journal.

Newspapers report that the United States senate is deadlocked, but there is no news in the first article of the word.—Norfolk Ledger Dispatch.
A married man can tell a bachelor—but he can't make him believe it.—Muskegon Phoenix.

Just observe whether a man carries a baby like a lighted lamp or like an overcoat, and you'll know whether he's married or not.—Bay City Times Tribune.
President Coolidge ought to know by this time that he isn't vice president any longer and can talk right out.—Trenton Times.

Abe Martin



We allus feel kind o' lost, kind o' like we'd jest finished a good book, when we make a last payment. King Tut took no chances, but at that he finally lost ever'thing.

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