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PARTY GOOD, OR PUBLIC SERVICE?

A Minnesota divine, delivering himself of sentence sermons, inquires, "Are you a skyscraper man, whose politics is above partisanship?" Such men may be found on the ways and means committee of the house of representatives. One of them answers when the name of Hull of Tennessee is called, and another when Garner of Texas is asked for.

Judge Cordell Hull is genial, affable, a deep student of the theory and practice of taxation, and also national chairman of the democratic party. Naturally, he is concerned in the prospects of that organization. John E. Garner of Texas is the ranking democrat on the committee, and a valiant fighter for the party to which he adheres. Also, they are both patriotic citizens.

This may explain why, when Chairman Green of Iowa offered to lay aside the Mellon proposal and proceed with the active participation of the democrats to form a nonpartisan revenue bill, Mr. Garner, after consulting with Judge Hull, announced that the democrats would adhere to the measure they had already proposed. This is putting politics above partisanship with a vengeance.

Reduction in taxes will come, because the majority party in congress is pledged to that course. The democrats will not help to bring it about, unless the confessedly partisan plan they have presented is adopted by the majority. Republicans are anxious to give relief to the country, and have offered to accept a compromise between the administration bill and that proposed by the opposition, but the latter will have none of it.

Persisting in the foolish promise to relieve the poor by taxing the rich, the democrats are striving to make political capital out of a public necessity. Taking the tax off the lower brackets and putting it on the higher is but a shift that gives no relief, and really lays a heavier burden on the millions who pay no income tax directly, but contribute most extensively to the indirect collection.

Messrs. Hull and Garner know this, and they also know that in the campaign that will follow during the summer any act of a republican congress will be assailed and criticized by the democratic spellbinders. Willing as they are to relieve the taxpayers, they are not willing to do so if in any way the act deprives the minority party of an opportunity for partisan advantage.

No statesmanship can be seen in this. Any political party that relies on such tactics deserves defeat. Politics may never rise above partisanship in this country, but patriotism should be above either. Service from congress should be on the basis of what is good for the people without question of the

PUBLICITY AND OTHER MATTERS.

Propaganda is one thing, and publicity is another. The line between them is not so clearly nor sharply drawn as to make the division boundary absolutely plain at all times. For illustration, Henry Ford has secured more publicity within the last few years than any of his compeers. He has done those things which attract more attention and make better reading than his rivals accomplish. Edward Bok is just now accused of carrying on propaganda for the peace plan. The result is about the same as that achieved by Mr. Ford. Each has secured an enormous amount of advertising of a sort no money

Something like this has just taken place in England. Over there, in interest of outdoor scenery, the great oil companies have ceased a generous but active rivalry in bill board display. Taking down the great signs that cluttered up the scenery along the highways, these oil concerns have seen that, according to the view of the New York Times,

"by the simple expedient of announcing their determination to desecrate scenery no more forever they not only would cut down overhead appreciably, but would turn animosity into enthusiastic approval and get of 'publicity' great quantities of the very best and most profitable kind."

Women's clubs and other similar organizations long conducted a futile campaign against the bill board in the United States. It brought no relief, and today the sign board is the most conspicuous thing on the American landscape, no matter where one goes. Such display has become a great industry, allied with other great industries, and so firmly intrenched that it has smiled at all efforts to dislodge it. British oil companies have set a noteworthy example. Would American outdoors look queer if that example were to be followed on this

The people would surely be glad to see the landscape once again. Maybe some big advertiser, who now uses bill boards, will realize the excellent plan of his British fellows, and go and do likewise. The Omaha Bee stands ready to give its share of publicity.

GETTING OUT THE NATION'S VOTE.

Woman's share in practical politics is to be exhibited this year in an effort to get out a larger percentage of the vote of the country than ever before. We can see no good reason why this should not be successful and serviceable as well. One of the ever-present dangers to our free institutions is the neglect of the voters to attend the polls. This danger has grown steadily for a number of years. Even before the women were clothed with the suffrage, the number of votes cast at each election was but a fraction, and generally a minor fraction, of the possible total. With the addition of the women to the voters' roll, the discrepancy has become much greater.

Organized effort to induce women to give attention to the greatest of all privileges, that of assisting in the selection of the officers of the government, is as important as anything the women leaders can undertake. Little good will come from scolding at the politicians, or criticizing the nominations or

the result of elections, if the complaining voter does not take a full part in the proceedings. Politicians rule only by consent of the voters, either active or

Election this year will be of first magnitude. President and vice president, one-third of the senators and all of the house of representatives, governors of states, legislatures, county officers, and in fact the entire government from top to bottom will depend on the will of the people. Every citizen should accept a full share of the responsibility, and make certain by voting that nothing has been left to the choice of a minority.

SCOTLAND'S SWEETEST SINGER.

Robert Burns left to the world a legacy of song, simple, sweet, and homely. As days go by, and year after year his natal day returns, added lustre glows around his memory. Newer understanding comes with time, and the gentle philosophy of the man, his the blistering sun and our work be humor and his melody, are better known to all of us. Critical re-examination of his character in the light of modern knowledge and experience gives to him a standing that was denied while he was living. But to one who truly has come under the spell, Burns needs no apology nor defense.

He was out of line with much of the sentiment of his time. He rebelled against the narrowness of the dogma that was accepted as religion, but he devoutly worshipped God, esteemed Him as the source of all things. He was grateful for the blessings he enjoyed. Society's shams were not to his taste. He could not abide the little hypocrisies that passed current among men of his day. He was a moralist, but not of the canting sort. Against the pretenses of man and woman, the smug, the selfrighteous, the snobbish, the insincere, Burns loosed shafts of ridicule, irony and satire. He burned the unworthy with brands that endure forever. Those who are truly pious, honest and clean find their lives reflected in poetry that is sublime and tender as

Happy the man who loves as Burns loved, toils as he toiled, suffers and sings as he suffered and sang! Called a scoffer, abhorred as a ribald and ungodly roysterer, scorned as an unlettered boor, he bore it all, and gave the world some of its most beautiful poetry, wherein majesty of thought is wedded to ingold tyrannies, raising up new and simplicity of language; songs whose sweetness and charm is not excelled by any, and bits of philosophy as powerful and as sage in their truth as if they had been clothed in the formal words of an Epictetus instead of the laughing rhyme of a plowman.

Now that he is dead 128 years, a world is beginning to realize in some degree his worth. Truly a poet of the people, his hold is on the popular heart. The freshness and truth of his thought and expression never lessens in its appeal. That is why around the world tonight glasses will be lifted to the "Immortal Memory," while Bobby Burns and his songs are toasted wherever Scots are gathered to celebrate his birthday, one that deserves to live while issues in fretful complaining of petty men have hearts to love, to sing, to sorrow, and to discomfort, nor of innocent school

CURTAINS FOR A GALLANT PAIR.

Gen. Lee Christmas is dead at New Orleans; the old revenue cutter Bear has sailed its last voyage.

The hero of so many filibustering expeditions, eader of more forlorn hopes than he could count, soldier of fortune, and fighter for the fun of it, died in bed, as peacefully as though his life had been spent in monastic seclusion. No history of the Central American or South American republics can be written that does not hold a chapter on Lee Christmas; no maker of fiction concerning the mutations of power in those regions feels his job complete if which you proceed by quoting Rephe has not drawn a prototype of the greatest of adressentative C. A. Newton and like of prosperity. he has not drawn a prototype of the greatest of adventurers, whose story exceeds any romance ever put together. Yet his end came quietly, prosaically, with only slight notice.

The Northeast Nebrassociation will meet a day, January 25.

The Bear braved for years every terror of the northern Pacific and Arctic oceans. Whalers in peril, sealers caught in the ice, any sort of quest that had for its mission the rescue of somebody, whether befor its mission the rescue of somebody, whether beleagured seamen or outpushed settlements threatened by starvation—it was all the same to the Bear and its gallant crew. Its nose was thrust into the ice, and its frozen sails slatted in the blizzard that howled and roared with deadly cold, but the Bear are seven adorns its history. It, leagured seamen or outpushed settlements threattoo, is brought home from all the danger of adventure in the frozen oceans, to be broken up by junk men.

clean meat?

According to the Encyclopedia that the trouble with the average towns is that "we talk a great deal about what ought to be done, but

Was it providence or just luck that carried these gallants, man and ship, through the vicissitudes they endured, to the quiet end?

Formerly they organized "armies" and marched to Washington to voice their complaints. Now they get elected to congress and waste the public's time

A casual reading of Arthur Brisbane's column will convince you that Arthur is not in favor of any plan for world peace that is not of his own |

Accepting pay for coining the word "scofflaw" really ought to come under the statute penalizing the securing of money under false pretenses.

Henry Huddleston Rogers having forgiven his daughter and her count, the rest of the world may declare a moratorium or an armistice.

will eat a lot of home-grown hay that now has trouble finding a market. Another soft coal miners' strike is being talked

Another item in favor of dairy herds is that they

of. But why? At least one-third of the miners are

Hi Johnson does not see much to encourage him these days, but he should remember that if winter comes spring is not far behind.

Homespun Verse Robert Worthington Davie

THE ANSWER.

Some folks have asked the reason why I sit up writing rhymes

When I could go to sleep and get the rest I sadly need, Or sally forth to shows and have some truly splendid times. And share the fine enjoyment of the life the others

Some folks have asked me why I waste these entertain-

Which will soon leave sweet youth behind, while I grow old and gray; Some have suggested that I go to dances, feeds and

And live the life of others who go gally on their way. But here I hide myself and see yon joys and taste yon

And feel the thrill of strolling where the gala beacons While verse and books and little ones, along with soli-

Give faith and charm and fervor to the schedule which

"The People's Voice"

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

Appreciation of Letter Carriers.

York, Neb .- To the Editor of The omaha Bee: As president of the State Association of Letter carriers I desire to express to you our appreciation of your kind editorial in the December 28 and former issues of the Bee.

As is often the case, such kindnesses are not responded to verbally, nevertheless we appreciate your

When we know such a spirit i present it lightens our loads, melts the snow drifts and shades us from comes a pleasure. CLARK S. PINE.

A Tribute to Lenin.

Omaha-To the Editor of The Omaa Bee: A short time ago I began naking a list of the world's most renarkable men. One was Jesus, one Socrates, one Galileo, one Christopher Columbus, and one Abraham Lincoln The last in the list, as in time, was o be Nikolai Lenin. Now Lenin is dead. At last

seems possible to grant his death with a fair degree of certainty. No Not umor nor malice nor imaginative news writing, but Old Nature itself, closed this career.

We know that Lenin had his faults, that he made mistakes, could be intolerant, at times appeared to be careless of human lite. It not striking to behold, dressed plainly not striking to behold, dressed plainly careless of human life. He was and even carelessly, was extraor dinarily detached from the common concerns of life. are in sorrow, not a formal, placid, patriotic sorrow limited to Russia, but a deep feeling of bereft love and real loss that leaps over boundary lines and attains international scope
The only explanation is that Lenin

was and is the personification of an idea. He earned the distinction by amazing ability and devotion, but others have been able and devoted The idea made Lenin, the idea of a world of workers uniting, overthrowrevolutionary conceptions of life, ac nothing to fear, judging by other tually creating a new social order, congressional investigations. instead of uselessly, endlessly discuss ing the theoretical aspects of pro letarian revolt

"I am nothing; the idea is every thing:" Lenin said repeatedly in effect. He was not modest, but truth-He was not anxious for praise and neither did he avoid it; he was simply not thinking of praise. Probonfidence of his comrades in the one of the suspects into hiding.

He was hated. Even now that hatred is manifested. I do not refer to those who shrank from the rigors of a revolution and forgot great children who are having their minds maimed by the misinformation of socalled "Americanization" courses in this country. The hatred that is significant comes from those who have lost precious privileges or who fear the losing of privileges was the idea that spreads and permeates.
"Truth looks into the pit of hell all to him.

and is not afraid." writes Bertrand Russell. For Lenin in our day, as or others in other days, truth and all Mexican revolutions the side that courage paved the way to glory. EDMUND R. BRUMBAUGH.

Harness the Missouri.

Council Bluffs-To the Editor of Bee: Your editorial, farmers of that state are beginning The Omaha Bee: Why not make the Missouri do mechanical work as well! The an crack this nut and give us the

making it 90,000 feet per second, and in flood stages it swells this amount affairs that we fail to do them to 250,000 cubic feet, while the velocity is greatly increased so that yield approximately 90,000 to 100,000 horse power. The question naturally bobs up, who can make a river har-ness that the old Missouri will be able to pull in. A \$100,000 "Bok" prize might bring results.

If the Omaha Chamber of Com-merce or another Mr. Bok would hang Tribune. up a \$100,000 prize for obtaining 100,-000 horse power with maximum cost I think it would bring results. The main outline of such a finding would to be governed by a perfectly as a fad for some time to come. have to be governed by a perfectly working mechanism automatically governed, and also to develop all energy or force from the initial or natbe made, and I wager my own best Times. judgment, with odds of 10 to 1, that within one year the whole ground-work of a solution for obtaining, not only an abundance, but a superabund-Money talks; but it will take skill ville Courier-Journal. the sturdy old stream. Hang out your prize money! Also, be prepared

Harness the Missouri. D. R. OLMSTED.

Save the Trees. From The Kansas City Post. The total annual timber production in the United States barely equals the loss from decay, an expert tells mem-bers of the American Wood Preserv-

rs association in session here. The condition is one of commentar; n the great wood waste throughout

the entire nation and betokens a fu-There can be no more important conomy than that of forest conserva

ion and its opportunities are near at

The slaughter of trees in re claming lands from the timber was ruthless and extravagant. Cho walnut was split into rails and stove wood and the rule was one of timber waste. Trees were not viewed as things of beauty and of use, but merey regarded as obstacles to the ploy ind barriers to land development. Nor can the townsman shift to his ountry cousin the duty of saving trees. There is opportunity and plenty to conserve trees on the city lots, not

otherwise drear and mechanical in appearance Save trees everywhere.

for the possibilities of timber, but for

the beauty they lend to landscapes

LISTENING IN On the Nebraska Press

The Central City Republican is in lined to believe that President Wil on had the Bok plan in mind when he advocated peace at any price.

The Pierce Call warns Trenmore Cone that he may talk himself out of senatorial nomination.

Editor Cass Barnes of the Madiso Star-Mail, warns Governor Bryan that between the different things he is trying to choose he is likely to fall to the ground.

The Wayne Herald notices that while Governor Bryan was quick to claim credit for tax reduction in connection with the operation of the state university, he was a whole lot quicker to disclaim responsibility for the increased fees laid on the students attending.

Admitting that Nebraska occasion ally experiences away below zero weather, the Aurora Sun gleefully shouts that we never have any earth-quakes to shake us up and make us

Feeling in a philosophical mood Fred Howard recently sat down and dashed off the following column-in-asentence editorial: "So long as right and wrong are displaced by gain or mushing.

The Aurora Republican opines that the citizenry would become considerably more exercised over the Mellon plan to cut the income tax if there were more incomes to cut.

Ole Buck of the Harvard Courier says that a place that had nothing to sell but common sense would soon go broke. Mentor Brown of the Kearney Hub

insists that taxation is nonpartisan. But isn't bi-partisan the word Mentor Noting that Governor General Wood willing to have a congressional in-

York News-Times remarks that Governor Wood certainly would "Girls," blurbs Adam Breede of the

Hastings Tribune, "may be growing lopsided from playing golf and tennis, but none of them get that way from washing dishes."

The Grand Island Independent gleefully reports that one of the investiably he was human enough to be gations of numerous scandals in deeply grateful for the support and Washington has succeeded in running

Ed Curran of the Greeley Citizer

assures a feminine subscriber that the

Greeley Commercial club will prosper in spite of its new president. Ed is the modest boy. He is the new presi-Noting that Brother Charley had such a hard time deciding whether he wanted to be governor, senator or

The Fairbury News says that in

gets to the telegraph office first always wins. The Kearney Hub claims that since pig and calf clubs have exceeded Townley clubs in North Dakota the

The Northeast Nebraska Editorial association will meet at Wayne Fri-

to glimpse the surprise of a new era

The Kearney Hub grows captious

Center Shots

and the Filene peace prize ultimately may have to settle the championship with a trial by combat .- New York

A scientist asserts that ships and ural flow of the stream without a trains 'n' everything weigh more when dam as an aid for such achievement. they are journeying west. That is antrains 'n' everything weigh more when If Omaha, Kansas City or St. Joe other reason for the movement toward want water power, let them hang out California. Even a prominent citizen the \$100,000 prize and state their case (conditions) on which the award will westward journey.—Los Angeles

The Chicago youth whose mother recently shot him to reform him has been arrested on a holdup charge. If ance of mechanical energy from the the cure wasn't effective the mother's Missouri river, will be disclosed.

The German government has dismissed 400,000 employes "in order that the state may survive." And just 400,000 are convinced that the state will go forthwith to the dogs
-Tacoma Ledger.

Henry Ford, observing how a presi dent proposes and congress disposes, decides that he doesn't want to be president of anything in which he doesn't own a controlling interest.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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W. H. QUIVEY,
(Seal) Notary Public

"From State and Three Women Nation"

-Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Hits Those Free From Income Taxes

The great majority of voters are ree from income taxes. nose who are not subject to these That ever shines and guides us on; xes may fancy they are not contaxes may fancy they are not con-cerned in the proposed reduction in serned in the proposed reduction income tax rates. They will be little affected, it is true, by changes in the affected, it is true, by changes in the By placing in her window there, A tiny candle that might guide normal rates. They are, however, A tiny candle that might guide vitally concerned in the surtaxes, for Her boy back to her love and care. whatever affects the cost of living

affects them. The Mellon plan, recommended by Have pity on her in the mire, President Coolidge, includes substan- Enslaved, degraded, and defiled ial cuts in the surtaxes, first of all To such a level! Misery dire to reduce the cost of living to everybody, but also to stimulate business, plan, while making generous cuts in shame, all incomes, but giving more than And if they're lost, the fault is ours!

per cent of the benefits to those ditional cuts on incomes from wages and salaries, not only helps income

With radiant mercy in her eyes.

She walks with steps serene and calm taxpayers, but every consumer, man, woman or child. This plan is the only source of real relief for those farmers or others who do not pay income taxes but are burdened by the With head bowed in reverent prayer

high cost of living.

The opposition tax plan, which makes little change in the higher rates, offers no real relief from burdensome living costs. In this plan the surtaxes are left substantially as they are now, on the specious theory that they tax the rich. They do not tax the rich, most of whom have adjusted themselves to the present tax system by passing their surtax costs on to the consumer. High surtaxes affect everybody, but especially the ome taxes at all. The only way this class can get any relief general tax reduction is through a

measure providing for lower surtaxes. Diplomatic Habiliments.

from the Wyoming Tribune. cannot be displeased at the demoratic start which Ambassador Keilogg made in London. Mr. Kellogg illustrated by the present attitude of and all the members of his staff paid their official call on his imperial matches their official call on his imperial matches the period of Great Britain, and it will not countenance the period of the period of

Johnson cannot possibly detest plain, has as a major purpose a check to black evening clothes quite as much French aspirations in the Mediterranas he does knickerbockers. And if ean basin. Especially does it menace they ever induce Mr. Johnson to join her communication with the a golf club in Washington, he may can colonies where exists the man learn to like kneecut pants and to power on which her whole military

distening silver tape over the outer the victor. Finally, Mussolini and his seams of the trousers legs. That followers have been aroused to would be too great a concession, not pitch of bitter resentment over so much to royalty as to wealth and new treaty just negotiated by MM. Mr. Johnson was technically right, owever, in maintaining that our rep-

Diplomatically, it is good judgment to follow the custom of the country to which an ambassador based on the country to expresses regret that they can not fuse the three offices and give them all to him.

Hollow the custom of the country to which an ambassador happens to be accredited. Yet, official agents of foreign governments at Washington wear habiliment symbolic of the potentates or states from which they come, and

By CATHERINE ELIZABETH HANSON A mother with a sad, sweet face: Another, was a nun whose feet Traversed the paths of love and grace The other was a wretched soul— A cast-off woman of the street!

of The woman of the home—a star The sweetest face to look upon! And nightly she consoles herself

Shows on her haggard, hungry face.

Oh, God, such souls are like crushed increase employment and make more flowers; active markets. Thus, the Mellon They've felt the blight of sin and And there's a woman veiled and pure, And when the evening chapel bell Rings clear upon the silent air,

> One was a woman of the home, Another, was a nun whose feet Traversed the paths of love and grace The other, was a wretched soul A cast-off woman of the street.

fashion

Since the foundation of the republic there have been controversies over the garb which our representative should any such procedure. If the Italian wear. At times there has been bitter are candid they must admit that the arguments regarding the proper mode of living of our presidents and cab-

Italy Turns Against France.

From The New Republic. To how slight an extent the entente remains a reality in Europe is well illustrated by the present attitude of they established the precedent of wear-ing dignified evening dress. manent occupation of the Ruhr. It has concluded an agreement with the Since buying a new \$40 suit, Mr. Rivera government in Spain which scheme is predicated. Rome is also We hope that Mr. Kellogg did not running a race with Paris in the insult the democratic sentiment of favor of the Moscow government, a America by allowing his tailor to set race in which Italy will probably be Benes and Poincare.

Abe Martin



We don't see how th' flappers stand winter weather. Little Goldie grocery t'day Moots came in th' shiverin' like a Ford fender. Joe Kite hit a vein o' white mule this mornin' while drillin' fer horse radish.

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that the "little entente" should have beeen formed under Italian, not French auspices—in the heat of its disappointment quite overlooking the quarrel with Jugoslavia which would have presented a grave obstacle to French have beaten them. France is mistress of the continent today. inet members, senators and representatives. We should eat, drink, live as long as she can juggle her finances to maintain the appearance of solto maintain the appearance of solvency, she can stay where she is.

Perfectly Reasonable. Trust Magnate—So you have at last succeeded in tracing my ancestry.

What is your fee?" Genealogist-Five thousand for keeping it quiet.-Exchange.

A T the urgent request of numerous Cadillac owners we will repair their various makes of cars in our Cadillac shop as an accommodation, however-

Cadillac Service First See Alexander

CADILLAC BLDG.

The SERVICE that must not FAIL

TILE temperatures trop and snowstorms age little do we realize what is going on to maintain the conveniences we enjoy every day.

As we eat our toast, prepared electrically in the morning, we don't know that at that very minute, men, belted to poles, are battling in the storm to make it possible for us to enjoy our breakfast.

Electricity is a service that must not fail. Upon it depends home necessities and conveniences; the power of factory and industry; the operating rooms at the various hospitals; the elevators of downtown buildings; X-ray machines; light for offices and stores, and much else.

It is tied up with the very life of th community, every hour, every minute. every day of the year.

In the switch room of the power plant at the foot of Jones street, silent men, ever on the alert, keep a careful eye on the multitude of switches. Every move of the thermometer interests them.

In order that our service "must not fail" we must keep pace with growing Omaha. To maintain our present high standard of service and to join in the further development of our city, we are now expending more than \$3,000,000 for im-

provements and additions.

Omaha Is a Great Place in Which to Live!

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