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WOODROW WILSON.

Woodrow Wilson's place in history is secure. More than that, it will be large. The eight years he spent at the White House are among the most momentous of the country's history.

It was this very positive quality of Mr. Wilson's character that gave him his greatest influence, and brought to him his greatest defeat. Unable to modify his views to meet the opinions of others, he preferred seeing the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations covenant go to defeat rather than to compromise with those who would not adopt his plan in toto.

Mr. Wilson's fame, however, does not rest exclusively on what he did in connection with the war or the efforts to establish peace. His motives in those trying days were of the highest. His noble idealism was exhibited in all his public acts and utterances. He showed himself a devoted and patriotic leader of a great people.

Student, professor, college president, governor, president of the United States, a wonderful journey it was that Woodrow Wilson took. He was followed in his public career by the unquestioning approval of a group of staunch friends, by the equally devoted opposition of men as staunch who did not agree with him.

It is not possible here to assess the life of this man, who did so much for what he conceived to be the public good, who strove so manfully to establish his ideas and to gain the world to accept his ideals. He had high honor living, attested throughout the world as a great leader.

What were the American people may feel about the propriety of joining the League of Nations, the league is itself a fact. The credit for its establishment belongs to Woodrow Wilson.

In days to come the debate he set in motion will continue. It turns on principles as well as policies of government. Such contentions are never settled. Yet through all this debate no challenge will ever be made to the probity, the patriotism, the philanthropy of the man who braved the storm of adverse opinion because he thought he was right, and felt he was bringing to a sorely stricken world the cure for the worst of its evils.

AK-SAR-BEN CHANGES HEADS.

Visitors watching the pageant of Ak-Sar-Ben in Omaha next fall will miss something. They will look long and hard, but will not see Everett Buckingham leading the parade, for he is no longer president of the Ak-Sar-Ben Board of Governors.

Never has the place on the Board of Governors been a sinecure. In connection with planning for the parades, for the performance at the Den, and for other features, the members of the board must assume duties that call for especial fitness.

Postmaster General New has just broken one of the bonds that have fettered the newspapers of the United States since Claude Kitchin set out to get even with a New York journal that had offended him.

One of these regulations provided for the omission of newspaper packages when space allotted to mail was filled, and another was that such mail, being

second class, was to have second class treatment at all times. It was mingled with third class, and parcels post shipments and newspapers moved along about the same.

Now, the postmaster general has ordered, that beginning with February 1 newspaper mail, both daily and weekly, is to be treated as first class mail. Sacks are to be segregated, worked as speedily as possible, and papers contained dispatched by the earliest trips to their destination.

Publishers and patrons alike will appreciate this order of the postmaster general. It means that the readers will get their papers in the country earlier, and with more certainty than heretofore. It will relieve the publishers of much anxiety and worry over the delivery of their papers, and generally will improve the service. Moreover, it adds nothing to the cost of service.

MISS ALICE NOW A FREE AGENT.

Miss Alice has just received another lesson in government. She has been dismissed by the Veterans bureau from her position as welfare director at the soldiers' hospital at Muskogee.

Miss Alice Mary Robertson was one of the surprises of the 1920 election. She was elected to congress in a strongly democratic district of Oklahoma on her straightforward, simple platform: "I am a Christian, I am an American, I am a republican."

Most of us feel admiration for this fine old lady—she is now at three-score and ten—standing out for the principles she has espoused, doing her bit in her own forceful way, trying to make her community and those around her happier and better.

Miss Alice could not so content herself, it seems, and falls therefore under the law she helped to make. The hospital will miss her, but the campaign in Oklahoma will be livelier because she is now a free agent.

It is reported that Germany demands return of the lost African colonies as the price of a recently discovered remedy for sleeping sickness.

Attorney Dowling of Madison is not the only citizen of Nebraska who is of the opinion that the supreme court of the state should drain its crank case, fill up with new oil and fuel and get into high gear.

Four physicians say that Fall is too sick to take their word for it. Senatorial suspicions are hard to arouse, but once aroused they simply will not down.

It appears that Mr. Anderson of antislavery league fame was much more interested in the morals of others than in his own. That, however, is often characteristic of reformers of a certain class.

Governor Bryan's determination to be a candidate for re-election does not deprive Nebraska of a vice presidential candidate. Roy Harrop has blithely stepped into the breach.

The cotton crop of 1923 was worth \$400,000,000 more than that of 1922, but Pat Harrison insists on demanding \$25,000,000 for the relief of the cotton growers.

Senator Reed's candidacy may add greatly to the gaiety of the nation, but it certainly will pile up grief for some democratic dictators.

The realtors are going to sponsor a garden contest again. One of the best things Omahans do is to raise "sass" in the summer time.

A quarter of a million tons of ice cut in Omaha during January has nothing to do with the ice Omaha is cutting in the world of affairs.

Signal lights are suggested to take the place of local traffic cops. Why not add them and secure that good better service?

Neighborhood improvement clubs are doing their share to help the rest of us make Omaha a better place to live in.

Do not worry about what will happen next. Several other investigating committees are still to be heard from.

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie
YOUR FAME AND MINE.
There is within our minds a thought of those who came and went their way.

There is within our hearts a fire that burns incessant day by day,
And we who live to see the change and feel the loss and yearn.

There is a way to Fame that leads us through resourceful years;
There are a thousand dividends in one or two careers.

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"From State and Nation"

—Editorials from Other Newspapers—

For Fewer Boards and Bureaus.

From the Kansas City Star.
A proposal of apparent merit is that of Secretary Hoover calling for a commission with authority to reorganize the government departments at Washington in the interest of economy and more effective service.

The government's concern with education for example, is displayed in some 29 bureaus, distributed through several departments. There is overlapping and duplication of functions. It is that condition, along with others, that has brought the demand for a reorganization of the government.

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Bryan in Usual Form.

From the Washington Star.
William J. Bryan runs true to form. He has been in his custom since 1896 to appear annually every four years with a "platform" for his party.

So now he is on hand prepared and "well heeled." At a dinner given in New York by the American ambassador Gerard he produced his line of wares. There is nothing particularly startling in his proposals this time.

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One-Crop Farming and Weeds.

From the Minneapolis Tribune.
There are some rather startling figures in a report by the United States Department of Agriculture on the weeds and pests of the northwestern states.

It is estimated that farmers of Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana are spending \$475,000 to crush the dockage in their 1923 wheat crop, and that they paid \$500,000 to have this dockage hauled to central markets.

The bulletin informs us that farmers of the northwest shipped to the Minneapolis mills in 1922, 7,500,000 bushels of dockage, using the equivalent of 5,800 cars for the purpose.

Under the one-crop system there is a minimum of soil cultivation. Weeds favor that condition and thrive under it. They have been thriving increasingly in the great spring wheat areas of the northwest. They not only have helped to impoverish the soil, but they have introduced a high percentage of harmful foreign matter into wheat.

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Riot Over Sugar.

From the Detroit News.
Frederick S. Wallis, former commissioner, recently told some interesting experiences at Ellis Island in his administration. Every immigrant thought that the island was suffering from sugar, some of them were being tested every year.

The first man to enter the dining room was a big Czechoslovakian and when he saw the little boy filled with white cubes he first made a test with his tongue. Then with a wild cry he emptied the bowl in his pocket.

Behind him was an Italian woman wearing "at least 10 skirts." But

SUNNY SIDE UP

"Take Comfort, nor forget That Sunrise never failed us yet"
Celia Thaxter

MAKING GARDEN.

When the catalog is handy and the pipe is going right,
I can make a dandy garden with great ease.

When the furnace gives no trouble and the kiddie is in bed,
I can raise the luscious radish and tomato in his yard.

When the wind of February brings along the snow and sleet,
I can sit in shirt-sleeve comfort with my pipe.

When the moon is waxing or waning or whether they should be planted immediately before or after St. Patrick's, no longer bothers us.

Whether potatoes should be planted in the dark of the moon, or otherwise, whether they should be planted immediately before or after St. Patrick's, no longer bothers us.

Neither do we vie with our neighbors in seeing who can harvest the first mess of roasting ears, or the first crop of radishes.

Every community boasting of a 10 skirts were no handicap as the Italian got her bowl of sugar also. Then came a stampede that wrecked the dining room.

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Answer to Teapot Dome.

Yes Bob you're right, it's mighty hard to come up short like that, An' hev to empty yer wallet.

But, Bob, there's one thing 'bout this deal That, ye see, ain't quite so sad— The whitewash seems to've run out too.

For politicians bad, Time was ya know, not long ago, Before our heads were waded. Whichever was disgraced Would 'whitewash wrong things right.

We're sorry, Bob, for Mr. Fall, Or airy other lout - Who fails to heed the Book that sees "Your sin will find you out."

None but themselves to blame, ELLEN S. WATSON, Albion, Neb.

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LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press

Numerous Nebraska newspapers are recording the appearance at church services of masked and robed clergymen who advance to the altar to perform the Lord's prayer and then hand the minister an envelope containing money.

Fred Kimmell asserts in the Mead Cook Tribune that Nebraskaans are too dumfounded modest in press and speech about their state, its productive possibilities, climate, roads, etc.

The Bennett Sun claims to be published in the driest town in the state. J. E. Tobias of the Sterling Sun explains that W. A. Sellick as the republican candidate for congress from the First district would suit him mighty fine.

"Only four weeks of February—spring will soon be here," chortles the Shelton Clipper. In the interests of accuracy we insist that there are four and one-seventh week in this February.

Fleth Merwin of the Beaver City Times-Tribune describes a hick town as a place where a barn fire gets more space in the local paper than a divorce suit.

Mentor Brown, who edits the Hub in the town where the Sinclair Pipe company has its Nebraska headquarters, has cause for rejoicing. "Any way, the investigators can not tear up or probe the use of the Sinclair oil pipe line, no matter if the lid of Teapot Dome flies so high it never comes down."

The Wakenfield Republican slugs heads the story that the local electric light plant will hereafter give 20-hour service. "And it is only a matter of time until it is a 24-hour service," asserts the Republican.

"Most of us make fools of ourselves occasionally," confesses Adam Breede of the Hastings Tribune. The Fremont Tribune has inside information that a Fremont girl is of the opinion that the state press meeting on a grand island this month will be a petting party.

The Tekamah Herald declares with emphasis that a man is not necessarily a progressive because he wishes to try every fool scheme anybody suggests. "I am satisfied with the spirit of America," says General Haller of Poland. Still, some of the stuff isn't anything to brag of, adds the Grand Island Independent.

Noting that Hiram Johnson has a lot to say about the Teapot Dome scandal now, the Seward Blade wonders why he didn't tell the world about it sooner. "Some folks rejoice over the return of the robins," says Fred Howard in the Clay Center Sun, "but more of them will have their fears allayed by the fact that warm weather will see the removal of the deadly side curtains from many cars."

Law Shelley of the Fairbury News wonders where the candidates throw their hats when they are running for the vice presidency. Ole Buck of the Harvard Courier, courageous to the point of rashness, still claims the superiority of the male over the female. "You often see a dead hen in the road, victim of an auto, but did you ever see a dead rooster?" is his way of proving his contention.

Running true to form, California has produced a shouting fish—Vancouver World.

Abe Martin

THE BIRD'S SAFETY IN IT'S NEST



Who recalls when we had t'break a couple of eggs in a pair of well boots before we could git 'em on? "If she comes in t'nigh' I'll try to catch her in th' mornin' an' tell her," said Mrs. Tipton Bud, when somebody left a message for her daughter.

Kewpie Craze Explained. Kewpie dolls were becoming amazingly popular here this week, the police observed. Scores of citizens were totting them home with other Christmas purchases.

In a raid on the warehouse of a "specialty" salesman, the police found several crates of these dolls, each kewpie being filled with a pill of fine grain alcohol. The "specialty" salesman "escaped." —Les Moines Leader.

Safety for Savings

The CONSERVATIVE Loan Association Loans for Homes

When in Omaha Hotel Conant

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1924. W. H. QUINCY, Notary Public



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