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SHALL SLANDER OR RIGHT PREVAIL?

"Good name in man or woman, dear my lord,

Is the immediate jewel of their souls. We would like to impress that thought on the minds of all our readers. At this moment, when many good men are losing their balance, saying things that hurt, and admitting they can not prove what they have repeated, it becomes all to stand for a moment and take thought. There is danger lest everybody be caught in the swirling tides of gossip, rumor and slander and civilization itself be set on the path of destruction.

Fortunate, indeed, we are that at the White House sits a man who can keep calm, whose mind is balanced, whose temper is judicial, and whose purpose it is to get at the truth. Not that Calvin Coolidge is superhuman in any of his attributes. We believe him to be sincere in his quest for facts, and we believe he will be stern in his administration of justice. He has taken the most solemn obligation put upon mortal man, that of president of the United States. Before God and the world he has sworn to "faithfully execute the office of president of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

No right-minded man thinks that Calvin Coolidge will be recreatnt to that vow. No right-minded man thinks that Warren G. Harding failed in it in any sense. The assertion that it was inevitable that Mr. Harding's name would be dragged into the mess, accompanied by the innuendo that his good name has been spared solely because men hesitate "to look under the edge of a shroud," is contemptible. Born in the lowest, most miserable depths of partisan politics, it creeps out at a time when all parties should be united in the one great effort to clear away the rotten mess that afflicts our sense of public decency. Such shameless attempts to besmirch the good name of any man deserve the sternest of rebuke at any time, but when applied to the honored dead, the become unspeakable despicable.

Bear in mind that President Coolidge anticipated the action of the snate, in his announced determination to prosecute all who are in any way connected with thes candal that has developed. He has not in anything faltered. Just now he is waiting for the senate of the United States to give him authority to proceed, to provide the funds needed and to approve his selection of men to carry on the prosecution in the name of the government. He is not moved by the hysteria that surrounds him, by. "the stark shrill cry of a soul aroused and alarmed," what-

The senators, however, are not so eager to assist the president. They demand that he proceed without authority to carry out their will. To condemn without hearing and to execute without trial. The Constitution of the United States provides and guarantees to every man accused of a crime a fair trial before a jury of his peers. That is all the president asks, and in asking that he is preserving the Constitution, as he has sworn to do.

Every rumor should be investigated, every tale, no matter how idle, should be examined in all its details. Only in this way may the truth be made known. The facts be brought out. The guilty reached. And the guilty in this case are not only those who by corrupt methods and criminal means sought and did debauch high office and defraud the government, but also those who have for any reason whatsoever set floating libelous rumors and unfounded scandal to the defamation and detriment of good men, living or dead. Rumors, gossip, idle tales should be inquired into as they are inquired into by a grand jury, under the protection of confidence, until they have been proven to be true.

The inquiry should be in such orderly fashion that at the end there can be no cavil or taint of partisanship. For, to complete the words of Iago:

"Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something,

nothing; Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thou-

But he who fliches from me my good name Robs me of that which not enriches him And makes me poor indeed."

## ONE OLD, FAMILIAR ACT.

Again the appropriation for the air mail service has been cut out of the postoffice supply bill by the house. The point of order, made this time by a representative from Michigan, has been sustained. The bill will go over to the senate without the item. In the senate it will be restored, and in conference it will be sustained.

This little farce has been re-enacted each year nince the air mail was established. No very good reason for it has ever been discovered. Once it was thought Steenerson of Minnesota was peeved just a little because of the route of the service. Then the objection came from Tincher of Kansas, and the same reason was ascribed. Crampton of Michigan now comes forward with the same old point of order, and the act so familiar to the country is under way

Had the air mail failed to justify its existence, the objection would be well taken, and probably would be applauded. But the air mail has not failed. Its extension, rather than its suppression, is demanded by the growing requirements of the country.

Only in the air mail has the United States undertaken to keep in line with the development of aviation. Army and navy are limited alike to a very narrow range of operations. Soldiers and sailors have done wonders with the limited means at their disposal, but their achievements, brilliant as they are, awaken no response in the breasts of the congressmen, who see only an opportunity to practice

what they regard as economy. That it is a minor saving at great public expense does not occur to

The air mail will not fail. Some time congress will recognize the need of encouraging aviation as a means of communication other than by mail. The danger is, though, that this will not come until the United States has dropped so far behind that it will cost a great deal more to catch up than it would to

#### WOAW AND THE SMALL SET.

The petition now being circulated among owners of radio receiving sets in Omaha covers more than the question of "hogging air."

The owners of crystal sets and other small-powered receivers are interested in getting a splendid near-by program. This this WOAW station supplies them. If the wonderful station on the Woodmen of the World building is to be curtailed in its sending these smaller set users will feel it. They make up the large majority of radio fans. New inventions Englishmen on their backs." They are available to those who own large sets, by which brought with them the English comthey can tune out if they wish. \*

Further, the WOAW station is one of the outstanding institutions in Omaha. It is one of the They set up on these shores, not one, truly great sending stations in the country. Its voice speaks for Omaha six nights in the week. There are those who contend its activities should be extended instead of curtailed. Suppose that each night some particularly important civic development in Omaha was added to the present programs- were bolder in these contests than would it not be a worth while outcome of the "Know Omaha" sentiment?

Other cities have powerful sending stations. To mention a few of them—there are five in Chicago, at a safe distance from the throne and the Tower of London, and those three in Kansas City, four in Detroit, six in Pitts- who governed them for the crown who governed them for the crown burgh and receive a score in New York. From the were little more than hostages in the day of its installation WOAW has been a decided addition to the city's contact with the world, and of the world with the city.

The Omaha Bee feels that it would be a mistake send choice grain over into this wilto curtail this powerful voice that speaks for Omaha. We believe, too, the great majority of radio fans feel likewise.

#### BOSSIE AND THE OLD HOME TOWN.

Mr. Claude Bossie, about to enter on the last leg of his round trip from Omaha to Paris and back, waives preliminary hearing at New York on a charge of violating the Mann act. On his own behalf, and that of his companion, he insists they are legally

Against this assertion stands that of the Omaha judge from whom Bossie says he secured a divorce. The judge says he granted no such divorce. Issue so joined will be settled by the record and by the

In the meantime, the approach of Mr. Bossie to his old home town revives some interest in the political aspects of the incident. The late city clerk and former milk inspector did not secure his public prominence solely on account of his good looks. He was a capable and hard working lieutenant for the leaders of the democratic party in this vicinity, and his jobs were the reward for effective service.

The local demand for Mr. Bossie comes first from the woman he deserted here. Second, from city officials, who would like to have his assistance in a check of books that are reported to be all right in every regard. Third, from the public, which just

Taking Mr. Bossie at his word, that he wanted Resents Reflection on Chiropractors. | that chir o get back to Omaha with the least possible delay. we trust the federal authorities, in whose custody he is just now, will not long thwart his desire. He may not be received at the depot with a brass band and other signs of tumultuous joy, but he will get attention from a reception committee when he comes.

Mr. McAdoo is probably correct in his surmise that if he had not been "mentioned in connection with high office," he would not have been dragged into the oil scandal. It was that mention that made him worth looking into.

We feel sure that Prince Viggo will never pull anything about royal blood when his fiancee is around, for anyone who comes from Culpepper Court House, Culpepper county, Virginia, knows all about long descent.

Sven Hedin thinks America is a wonderful country, and that Henry Ford is a wonderful man. And Sven has seen about all there is to see.

Hudson Maxim announces that he is going to bring about prohibition of tea and coffee. What Mr. Hudson needs is a silencer.

Dudley Malone is having a lot of fun with Mc-Adoo, but wait till Mac finds time to go after The house, having received the revenue bill re-ports, has something to play with as well as the

Old Bossy Cow is one of the best little mortgage lifters known, if you just give her half a chance

The approach of auto show week should not be the signal for the speeders to get busy again.

It is pretty well established that if a girl wants her hair bobbed, it will be bobbed. The world knows what the South Carolina legisature said to the Missouri senator.

Pennsylvania's penitentiaries seem to call for some sort of inquiry.

Wonder if King Tut noted the changes around the old place.

Efforts to plug the Mellon continue without inter-

### Homespun Verse By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

WHAT CONSTITUTES A KING? You'd rule the world to your desire if you were only

king. And I, of course, would govern it to my own reasoning. And your success to me would seem a failure through and through. And what I did would simply be deplorable to you.

You'd solve the problems which so often test the strength of mine-If they were yours, you'd master them with prudence swift and fine And I, likewise, would do with ease the tasks that you

forsake. And prove my worth and rectify your miserable mis-

From lofty thrones to hovels low the selfsame words are said-The man alive does not compare with predecessor dead: The Is and Yous can not agree upon the major flaws,

Complexity its subtle webs of puzzling coma throw Across the realms of right and wrong until we can not

And there is something sadly wrong about the current

Which proffers which, and will at length our needs and virtues bring, And we are left to ask in vain, what constitutes a king.

By EDWIN G. PINKHAM.

Institutions containing in substance all that ages had done for human government were organized in a forest.—Daniel Webster.

tury came, as they believed and asserted, "with all the non law; they brought Magna Charta ernment. and the representative principle.

and, was continued. were Englishmen at home, for the colonists were not within immediate reach of the king's arm. They were had a pretty good idea of themselves,

The choice grain produced an early harvest of representative assemblies and self-governing institutions that have astonished the Stuart kings had they witnessed the same English his divine authority and warning his bardiament not to "meddle with the by a few high words," he was sent rliament not to meddle with to the tower.

steries of state," a young parliator to the tower.

But the colonial assemblies were in this nent of Virginians at Jamestown was state or the authority of kings. - Sir from a strictly constitutional point heavens with their protests.

of view probably was usurping the While that English parli unctions of the English parliament. In the Massachusetts Bay colony, them that Winthrop and his coun-If were the legal government. In and wishes of the authority representutsiders demanded to be let in, on and wishes of the authority representing the crown.

Increase Mather spoke the truth.

THE colonists who came to ly determined in favor of the gov-America in the 17th centerned. In 1639 the "Orders of Connecti- but not now." sagely observes the cut," the first of American written Hastings Tribune. constitutions, was adopted first great privilege of towns of Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield, and this document, too,

The colonial constitution was simply getting ahead of the Engand the representative principle.

They set up on these shores, not one, but a group of little Englands, and in every one of them the contest between people and prerogative, as it their government into their own. tween people and prerogative, as it had been going on in the mother Eng-The slower processes of constitutional ever could be. But the Englishmen in America growth in England did not meet the necessity of these wilderness com-

they wanted. The second generation

It was true, and the cup was a lit

the king. No reproof from a gover-nor would cause a Virginia burgess place or to sit down and burst into tears, as did Sir John Eliot in the English parliament. Because a kings had they witnessed the same English parliament. Because a phenomena at home. While James I member of the English parliament was talking his kingly nonsense about had said of a royal speech, "We are

passing laws without the slightest apparent fear either of the mysteries of respect all that the English parliament merely claimed to be. They ruled the colonies and left little more George Yeardley's house of burgesses ruled the colonies and left little more was functioning as early as 1619, and for the governors to do than rend the

view probably was usurping the nctions of the English parliament. In the Massachusetts Bay colony, o, the settlers speedily took charge their own affairs. It was nothing them that Winthrop and his countered the color of the their own affairs. It was nothing them that Winthrop and his countered to the color of the color of the English parliament in which men like Eliot and Prynne sat helpless and saw it dissolved; and all through that long period when no partiament sat in England, assemblies in ments. It was Sarah poor unbelieved. America were legislating, but usually

hreat of going eisewhere and setting pa colony of their own. They were at in, exactly as the ancient kings of England had been compelled to let heir subjects in on the government. There are very was," he said, "a generation that did so perfectly shake of the same contest was going on that ecclesiastical and civil constitution, as and gone on them, only in the colondary was carried into this land." less the resistance of authority was came into this land."
less and the contest was more guick-

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Abe Martin



What gits us is why a feller hat's married, an' all set, an' got ever'thing, wants t' spend so much time tryin' t' hide a bald spot. A voman may fergit, but it don't take her no time t' remember if you git her ruffled.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Oma-ha Bee: It is said that confidence in profession.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It is said that confidence in present day newspapers is nil because of propaganda diffused through the news columns. If the "leased wire" section hands, blacksmiths," etc., if the omaha Bee: Is is right that the presente chiropractors being former of propaganda diffused through the news columns. If the "leased wire" is sorilly in the practice chiropractic after learn, in gir, what difference does it make the propaganda diffused through the sample of the sater states should the propaganda diffused through the sample of the propaganda diffused through the sample of propaganda diffused through the sater states should the propaganda diffused through the sater should a discuss the practice of the propaganda diffused through the sample of the propaganda diffused through the sample of the propaganda diffused through the sater should the propaganda diffused through the sater should the propaganda diffused through the sater should discuss the propaganda diffused through the sater should the propaganda diffused through the sater should discuss the propaganda diffused through the sater should the propaganda diffused through the sater should discuss the last of formerly sticking types does not be sater should and correct so the United States, was a former M. D. Deep the propaganda diffused to discuss the propaganda diffused to discuss the propaganda diffused through the sater should the propaganda diffused the propaganda diffused through the sater should the propaganda diffused through the propaga

some particular curative profession by jealous or ignorant competitors desiring its downfail.

Chiropractic is a blessing to humanity. I personally was greatly helped by chiropractic during a nervous breakdown two years ago. My wife was cured of anemia and is now well and strong. Another member of my immediate family was cured of a large goitre and an inciplent cancer (so pronounced by M. Ds.), which failed to yield to drugs.

Jibe all you want to about "sprained fingers and smallpox." I would rather, a thousand times, have a chiropractor at the bedside of a loved one who is ill than 90 per cent of any other profession.

During the awful days of the flue pidemic, when people died by thomsands, government statistics show

A by January and watch them swear that black is white. There is a movement on foot to have a representative of the trust sit in the president's cabinet.

Such articles as the one referred to are sent the newspapers to turn to ward certain "orthodox" curative agencies, which, God knows, harbor more quacks, more inefficient and ignorant practitioners than any other profession, and which, so far from being an exact science, is 90 per cent guesswork from diagnosis to the gate the rush of preparing a daily newspaper caused the editor of the World-Herald to hurriedly scan this story and pass it as unbipsed news.

If the World-Herald, as a newspaper, is against chiropractic, let it come out on the editorial page and say so. Turning the nublic story and pass it as unbipsed news.

say so. Turning the public stomach say so. Turning the public stomach with filthy, prejudiced rot, poorly disguised as news, which some hack writer is paid to spew broadcast, does not increase the public's respect for newspapers in general.

HARRY B. POTTER. come out on the editorial page and say so. Turning the public stomach

A Critic of a Critic. n. Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: A "critic of fundamen-talists" constrains us to once more cry out: "Oh, why will not men read for themselves the Book of Life and not pick up such garbled stories as the critic gives of Abraham." The Bible does not say nor infer that God told Abraham in a dream or other-wise to break one of His command-

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V. A. BRIDGE, Cir. Mgr. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of February, 1924. W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public

# LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press

Noting that Senator Howell show an inclination to be "progressive but moderate," the Kearney Hub declares this to be the course that will win in

the long run. Bob Rice of the Central City Repub lican rejoices because Mr. Doheny mentioned the name of George Creek "It has given us all a chance to enjoy another literary gem from the pen of that master of the fine art of publicity," chortles Bob. The

The York Democrat says that Doheny spilled the beans, but to others it looks very much like he br upset the oil can.

"There was a time when it was quite a distinction to be done in oil-

ple never mind their own business. "They either lack business or mind." fundamentalists are modern enough in their ways to appreciate the value Here's to the man so well worth seems so to us.

of publicity. their government into their own as it might be, but is a whole lot hands and putting things in writing, bigger than some folks thought it I bet this time I put it o'er!"

"It must be terrible to be

of them could boast:

"We'd have tax reduction in 15 game
"Whe'd have tax reduction in 15 game
as great liberties as any people that we can hear of under the whole heaven."

It was true, and the cup was a lift.

As one method of reducing taxes The colonial assembles made much shorter work of the royal governors than the English parliament made of the king. No repress from "When it comes to convincing him

to stand silent and abashed in his there is no limit to the ordinary man's power of persuasion," says the York News-Times.

a tax reduction plan which was not grabbed by the opposition and labelled as a Dirty Political issue," says John Sweet of the Nebraska City Press, using a tone of voice that reveals considerable disgust. considerable disgust. "When you were paying with your

health and the respect of decent people for what you think to be a good chased by Armenian experts in the time, you describe it with more truth rug con game, aged by a secret proctan vulgarity when you say that you ess, and then sold from house to

ments. It was Sarah, poor, unbeliev- mention the "smuggled cigars" those campaign-B ing Sarah (was Sarah a modernist?) husbands recently purchased. who could not believe God's promises and who so hated the reproach of being childless that she was willing to rob another woman of her child, desimply will not, under any circumcided to take matters out of God's stances nor in any place, wear pleated hands into her own and gave her maid to Abraham for a wife that siderable personal inconvenience, to caused this complication. This was

caused this complication. This was the law at the time.

If friend critic will stop to think he will remember the commandments were not given at that time, nor for years after. As for the preacher of whom he speaks, our law holds a man innocent until he is proven guilty, and besides, it is only the unusualness of such a thing that gives interest to the case ELLEN S. WATSON.

inted in California.

Long Beach, Cal.-To the Editor of



# SUNNY SIDE UP Jake Comfort, nor forget That Sunrise never failed us yet

A REAL FELLOW.

Here's to the man with cheerful smile, Who keeps good-natured all the while; Who gives a nod and a "howdy-do" That brighter makes the world for you.

man whose smile's a gleam light makes the darkest day grow bright; Who says "Hello!" in a tone of voice That makes the faintest heart re-

Here's to the man who bucks the line And won't sit down to moan and whine

Frank Kimmell of the McCook The man who has his job to do Tribune has discovered why some peo-ple never mind their own business. The man who smiles and says 'Hello' And grabs right on and won't let go Until he's done his level best The Fremont Tribune notes that the To stand four-square to ev'ry test.

Who greets bad luck with pleasant

The man whose handclasp always called every time we see a cageful of When old misfortune's face appears.

monwealths. They could not wait to ressional radical and go to heaven megotiate with the king; instead of asking they took, and far better than Englishmen at home they knew what Here's to the man unknown to fame Who loves all men and plays the

> A profit big from a friend's mistake; Whose eyes light up when he comes ness, caring for his family as well as And passes a pleasant time o' day: Who says, "Hello," or "Howdy-do."

to you. All our long and rather uneventful him. life we have yearned to secure a big contract that would yield us a handsome fortune. Right now it seems that a contract at good prices for

'imported Turkish rugs."

Perhaps the husbands of the victim-

We hereby serve notice upo arbiters of male fashions that we simply will not, under any circum wearing 'em creased to a knife's edge,

If crowded too hard, we'll quit having 'em creased and courageously turn down the cuffs at the bottom.

Unless we hurl a defi in the face of these fashion mongers the first thing we know they'll have us wearing ruffles around the lower hems.

If we were asked to locate the blame for some of the country's pres-ent financial conditions, we would unhesitatingly declare it lies with the financial genius who invented the term "frozen securities." As we understand it, and admission

is freely made that our knowledge of finance is woefully limited, a "frozer security" is one you want to sidestep so as to invest in something that will pay bigger returns. A "liquid secur ity" is one you desire to dispose of to your own great advantage. may be mistaken, of course, but

Perhaps you are old enough to re-The Arnold Sentinel admits that for a 4-year-old prohibition isn't as big as it might be, but is a whole lot bigger than some folks thought it I bet this time I put it o'er!"

Who greets bad luck with pleasant smile as luck with pleasant smile and set them free and set them free. That story is repuppy dogs in a window.

Speaking of "Men Who Are Making Omaha," we have in mind one who is doing a mighty big share of it. He may be a bricklayer, or a printer, a carpenter, or some other kind tradesman. In fact, he may not a tradesman at all, only a man doing unskilled daily labor. But he is paying his bills with reasonable prompt he can without thought of self, edu-cating his children, obeying the laws of his country, and taking an intelli-And smiles, and gives new strength gent interest in public affairs. Omaha, and every other city in America would be in a mighty bad fix without

> J. Adam Bede and Hiram Johnson Johnson and J. Adam Bede, but that is a matter the two eminent states men may settle between themselves -are to address the Ad-Sell league Monday evening. That is a combina-tion equaling something or other, but Monday evening. just now we can not say definitel;

While the Retail Clothiers were meeting at the Fontenelle the Retail Lumbermen were meeting at the Rome. The Retail Clothiers sent word ess, and then sold from house to house over the country.

to the effect that they hoped the Retail Lumbermen would spruce up, sartorially speaking. The Retail Lumbermen would spruce up, sartorially speaking. bermen sent word to the effect that ized women would laugh anyhow. If they hoped the Retail Clothiers would they weren't afraid the wives would B. V. D. in urging the home building mention the "smuggled cigars" those campaign—B. V. D. being short for "Be Very Diligent." WILL M. MAUPIN.

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