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GUILT IS PERSONAL.

People will do well to remember, in connection with the oil scandal, that, to quote the words of the Kansas City Times, "it is men, and not parties, that are guilty, and it will be men and not parties that will be punished." Partisan agitators are seeking with all zeal to make it appear that the republican party is culpable, and that President Coolidge will be repudiated by the people as a result.

Whatever the political future of Calvin Coolidge may be, it will be to the everlasting shame of the American people if his prospects turn on the misdecds of men for whose presence in high position he is only indirectly responsible. He inherited the cabinet. Rather than upset internal party arrangements he asked the members to retain their offices. But he has done more than that. He has set about energetically to run down and fix the blame for any corruption that may exist in government.

More than this no man in any party could do. Less than this no honest man would think of doing. Calvin Coolidge will do his duty, regardless of any clamor that may be raised by any group.

Votes taken in the senate and in the house show that the republican party as such is not in control of either branch of congress. Men who were elected to office as republicans are voting with the democrats in sufficient number to carry through democratic plans. These so-called insurgents or progressives are clearly within their personal rights. It is a fact to keep in mind, however, they are opposing the policies of the party with which they at least pretended to affiliate when seeking votes.

We have no mind to impugn their motives. They doubtless regard themselves as patriots, and feel they have done right in lining up with the democrats as against the president. The democrats were bound by caucus agreement to oppose whatever Mr. Coolidge sought or recommended. This course is expected from the opposition party. It is one of those features of partisan government that has in it both good and bad. It is regretted at this time that the majority can not also present a solid front. The democrats are planning for a national campaign, and the insurgent republicans are assisting them, just as they have in other days.

Having "lynched" Secretary Denby, the senators are now bent on applying the same course to At torney General Daugherty. We hold no brief for the attorney general. He has been under fire more or less ever since he was named as campaign manager for Warren G. Harding in the Ohio primaries four years ago. An investigation of the affairs of the Department of Justice is demanded. It might be well to have one. Perhaps it would be better to pass the Wheeler resolution without further debate. This would allow the inquiry to proceed as expeditiously as thoroughness will permit. If reasonable grounds for suspicion exist, the good of all requires that examinations be made so that truth will be brought

The animus of the Wheeler resolution is clear. As in the Denby case, the shot is not aimed at the attorney general. It is directed at a far more worthy target. Calvin Coolidge again is the man against whom the effort is aimed. He is the republican president, the head of the government, a candidate for the nomination, and must be discredited if possible for the good of the democratic campaign.

Before many weeks are passed the hot indignation of the people, aroused by the disgraceful disclosures, will give way to calm counsel. Then the demand for justice will rest on an estimate of the facts, not gossip. It will not take the form of indiscriminate condemnation of parties or of individuals. Men in or out of office will not be censured without cause. Their reputations will not be blasted through passions that do not reason. Our nation stands for justice, and it will be done.

No guilty man should be permitted to escape. No innocent man ought to be compelled to suffer. The president is going ahead, firm in his determination to see that the good name of America be vindicated. This will be done by discovering and branding the felons who have secretly sought to debauch it. Crime is not partisan, and politics has no part in determining the course of the president. It should not sway in other circles.

THE HOUSE THAT FACES BOTH WAYS.

We wonder how the house of representatives must appear to itself. One of the great clamors in the United States is for capital to be put into productive enterprise. Billions of dollars are hiding in tax-exempt nonproductive securities.

Proposals have been put before the house looking, first to the shutting the tax-exempt door. Through this door many millions of wealth escape each year from the tax collector. Second, it was proposed to induce this wealth to go into industrious occupation to produce other wealth. Both were re-

jected by the same group of congressmen. High surtax rates on big incomes will be retained. Tax-exempt securities will continue to offer safe refuge for money that seeks to evade taxes. That is the sum and substance of the house action on the proposals made to it from the Treasury de-

partment and from the White House. If, as has been admitted, the Mellon tax plan was rejected because Mr. Mellon himself would benefit by it, why was the plan for abolishing tax free securities also rejected? Uncle Andy will not worry about the high surtax on his big income so long as he may safely invest most of it where neither federal nor state tax collectors can get at it. Wholly or partly tax-free securities outstanding December. 21, 1923, produce a yearly revenue of more than

\$1,200,000,000. From this only a small part goes to the government. This loss does not seem to worry the opponents. It surely does not worry the men who enjoy it, and they are not all millionaires.

It will be interesting to follow the senate in its action on the measure. When the present revenue law was before that body in 1921, the surtax rate fixed by the house was increased. In the perversity of its nature, the senate may cut the rate this time.

HIGHER TARIFF ON WHEAT.

Prospects seem bright for an early proclamation by the president, increasing the tariff duty on Canadian wheat imported into the United States. Under the law, the president has the power, on proper showing, to increase by 50 per cent any scheduled impost. This will amount to an addition of 15 cents per bushel, making the total protection given the wheat growers of the United States 45 cents per bushel.

The disparity in cost of production, developed by inquiry of the tariff commission, shows that the Canadian farmer has an advantage of 50 per cent or more, according to location. The Omaha Bee's special wheat edition gave careful tabulations of stemper rates, showing how much less it costs the Canadian | garded farmer to reach his market. All these factors, and they bulk huge in the general problem, are in favor of the Canadians. United States wheat growers can not meet them fairly under existing conditions.

How extensively the Canadian competition enters into American consumption is shown by the federal government's report on wheat in sight at the end of December, 1923. Quoting the figures given by the Dominion bureau of statistics, our government reports that there were held in the United States at the date mentioned, 28,520,481 bushels of Canadian wheat. The total Canadian crop still held for market in elevators in Canada and the United States is 127,312,540 bushels.

It is to stem the flood of wheat pouring over the northern border, at least to save the home market for the home grower, the increase in tariff is proposed. No single step will bring quicker relief to the distressed wheat regions of the west and northwest. Prompt action by President Coolidge on this matter will be worth a great deal to the farmers.

TAKING THE AIR FOR CAMPAIGN PURPOSES.

It had to come, and William Gibbs McAdoo might as well be the one to put it into effect. The recently deodorized candidate for president will conduct his preliminary campaign by radio. He has asked permission to install the set at his home in California, and if permission be granted, he will shortly bombard the midnight skies with reasons why he should

This opens a vista down which other candidates will look long and on looking will act quickly. Instead of the oldtime stump speaker, or the spellbinder holding forth from the tailend of a wagon, we will get a new brand in campaign talks. "WXYZ speaking. Hon. Ebeneezer Squildig, people's choice for pound keeper, will now address you." And then

for pound keeper, will now address you." And then it will begin. All over this broad land of the free and home of the brave, little wavelets will chase one another through the air, across lakes and rivers, over plain and mountain top, bearing glad tidings of great joy. Each candidate will have full opportunity to explain and exploit himself.

Then, what a chance for hecklers! A democrat, for example, who is not pleased with what a republican candidate is saying, need not listen. He can also stop the show any time he wants to jazz up the air. When the big fellow takes the air, he puts the little one out of business. Also, when the "fishers" get busy, how charmed they will be to hear first from get busy, how charmed they will be to hear first from Painted Post, Ariz., and then from Podunk, Vt. Next he will get Skeneateles, N. Y., and then Round Point, Ga., and so on.

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Campaigning by radio surely holds possibilities. Not the least of which is that the home owner can turn off the switch and go to bed any time he wants

With the franc under a nickle in value, the French government is apprised of what is expected of it. Something will have to be done and before very long if another nation's currency does not reach the vanishing point in purchasing power.

Mr. McAdoo's supporters having given him a clean bill of health, his case is now up to the voters. A two-thirds majority is hard for any one to get in

Hudson Maxim says he believes that tea and coffee are intoxicants within the meaning of the Volstead act. What, "the cup that cheers but does not intoxicate?" Perish the thought.

Having just finished a honeymoon and a breach of promise suit, the pop king is about to take on a divorce proceedings. Nothing like keeping one's

Army aviation bombers are looking forward to a little target practice on Nebraska ice gorges. This ought to be exciting, especially if a bridge is hit now and then.

President Coolidge is exhibiting some of the characteristics that made old Andy Jackson a considerable figure in American history.

We hope that the old western rule, requiring that "hardware" be checked at the doors does not have

Omaha is to entertain one of a number of tax congresses. We have with us always the tax collec-

Radium should be cured of its bad habit of getting into the sewer drains.

Gas at 17 cents is popular whether it is political

The tramway company is finding out what some

of its patrons want in the way of service, if nothing

If Jack Dempsey runs out of rivals, he might find a match down in Saunders county.

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

EQUALITY.

I've lived in the country where living was free; I've toiled in the heat of the Sun; 've followed the pavement, and hankered to be

Where the rivers with melody run. I've sought my subsistence as country folk must, And met with the failures they meet; I've labored for wages-for recompense just-

And dreamed of retirement sweet. I've shared the enjoyment of country and town-The woes and the burdens I've known: I've smiled or reluctantly viewed with a frown The tasks that were chosen my own.

And were I to choose, if riches is King. Betwixt the Shut-In and the Free-I'd say they are equal, and ask you to bring Your negative answers to me.



By EDWIN G. PINKHAM.

The whole of your political conduct has been one continued series of weakness, temerity, despotism, ignorance, futility, negligence, blundering, and the most notorious servility, incapacity and corruption. - The earl of Chatham to the British ministry.

The Shot That Was Heard Round the World.

HE result of the coercive mea- ish continued to Concord where the sures taken by the crown was a continental congress that met in Philadelphia in September, 1774; and its soon showed the colonies reflect. Volleys rolled from both the cause of Massachusetts sides; the British fell back leaving the continued to Concord and Action withstood them at "the rude bridge that arched the soon showed the colonies reflect." Volleys rolled from both the cause of Massachusetts sides; the British fell back leaving

as their own. The congress strength-ened the nonimportation agreements, But now the countryside was up. ened the nonimportation agreements.

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adopted a declaration of rights in which it was again insisted that the British line of retreat to Lexington colonies stood on the English con-and poured in on the column a steady stitution, and drew up addresses to and accurate fire. At Lexington rethe king and the people of Great enforcements met the column, but Britain, in which firmness was blend the Americans still gathered and the

on was uttered. But a new parliamentary election troops from Boston, succeeded in placwere triumphant, as to give brief That is to say, the prices for seat in it had been agreed upon between the day the British retreated and the sellers and the purchasers. The op- fighting continued, Percy's men suffer was sent out with a fleet, and Wil- British reached haven at Boston, the liam Howe. Burgoyne and Clinton retreat was a rout. As it was, the were commissioned to take command survivors barely escaped being cut off were commissioned to take command of the land forces. Lord Howe also was to have the role of negotiator and present some proposals Lord not been within the British lines half an hour when a large body of militia from Salem and Marblehead appeared ment's more warlike orders. But nothing at a point where they must have coming was to come of these last minute pletely cut off the entire British force laid, and there was wanting only the

During the winter of 1774-5 Boston, closed to trade and under military rule, was but the ghost of a town. Food and fuel were scarce, though the British offered en ment on barracks and fortifications they were erecting the citizens refused it and lived on a ration of rice and salt fish distributed by the Amercan committee. The British officers were confident and provocative. Reenforcements arrived steadily and the roops were frequently paraded on the Editorials from readers of The Morning common to give the townspeople an object lesson in Britain's might. The atriots were watched closely. When the people gathered to commemorate the anniversary of the Boston massacre, as had been their annual custom, British officers attended and jeered and hooted the speakers. On the day of prayer and fasting ordered by the continental congress the British bands were turned out and basendeavored to find work for many

morning, the church congregations wait for people to call, but three or turned out, raised a drawbridge that four hours each day are spent in the gave entrance to the town and thus field calling upon the various indusgave entrance to the town and thus harred the path of the troops. There was parley and some show of force, but in the end the British officer, a little uncertain of his orders, gave the word to retire.

The slogan of the employment department is "to furnish the best colored help in the city," because we make therough investigation of each

But in April Gage decided on a show of greater firmness. Prepara-tions were made to send a strong column to Concord where stores were employer as well as the employes. We supposed to be collected. Secrecy was feel this is absolutely necessary beobserved and swiftness enjoined. The column moved out at midnight and becan its march of 20 miles through largest industries in the city. Middlesex. But secret and swift as the troops were a word more secret the Colored Commercial club has his and swift went before them. Joseph interest at heart and will do every Warren who had information of the thing possible to send him the very expedition had stationed Paul Revere cest help we can obtain, in fact, when expedition had stationed Paul Revere on the Middlesex side, and when the employes are sent from this office, route of the troops was known, this they are instructed that they are gostout patriot with his horse as stout, had only to wait the signal flashed order to make good, they need not fear of furnishment of the Colombian to from the tower of the Old North church. When it came he galloped away to Lexington where Hancock and Sam Adams, the proscribed patriots, were in hiding, rousing the minutemen as he sped. The British column marched all night, but everywhere ahead of them the word had flown and the minutemen were concentrating at Lexington, six miles from Concord and in the path of the

Some 70 of the militia had gathered there on the town common when, at 4 o'clock in the morning, the British marched in and for the first time in the executive committee of Omaha history the armed forces of the mother country and the colonies con-iron cafe:

There, in the half light of dawn on the morning of April 19, 1775, a crash of musketry ushered in the American revolution. Seven Americans fell dead, and a

Abe Martin



You don't have t' be married t' notice th' days gittin' longer. "Why Married Men Leave Home" has deided t' stay another week at (Copyright, 1924.)

are being spent to promote rival or-ganizations of ex-service men, to keep the former soldiers from banding to-

gether in one big outfit.
"In the east big business has put
the screws on and the big newspapers
and news associations have been this same press is filled with the 'antibonus propaganda ordered by 'big business.' Thank God the press of the middlewest is still able to control its own editorial policy and for the most part is standing with the exservice man in his fight for economic iustice. A tremendous propaganda has been carried on, but it has been overplayed. Congressmen are tired of receiving form letters and stereo yped phrases, which indicate the stereo. of receiving form letters and stereo-typed phrases, which indicate that the And if I can, the future's fate anti-bonus' sentiment is made to order. They are asking the ex-service men to speak for themselves. It is up to every legionaire to write, talk, work for adjusted compensation. Write to Senator Howell, to Senator Norris and Congressman Sears at Washington. They want to know I can help banish fears. Washington. They want to know what you think about it and get your friends to write. Do it now.

If while I pass along the write I can help banish fears, and dry, with cheery word or A few of sorrow's tears. what you think about friends to write. Do it now. "S-515232."

Warns Against Walsh. Omaha.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The World-Herald in an extended editorial says: "The country has full confidence in the fear-lessness, public devotion and ability of Senator Walsh, thanks to whom light is breaking in dark places. Senator Walsh is such a wonderful defender he has been a long time finding himself. Twelve years ago, when the republicans had passed through the Ballinger scandal and with loyalty. No word of separa-British seemed doomed when Lord the radical democrats were grilling the was uttered.

British seemed doomed when Lord the radical democrats were grilling Percy, who had brought up the fresh them at every corner, Senator Walsh was ringing the political fire bell

as to give brief respite from close pressure of the Americans. When, however, the democrats came into full power and responsibility, this senator from the copper fields of Montana became a cooing dove when position was stilled; the American petitions were rejected; the elated king water throughout the march. At dark was to have his blows. Lord Howe when the beaten and demoralized monopolies. Walsh represents the special inter-

out, either.

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interest.

ests, but, of course, being a very ca-pable trick lawyer, he is permitted to exhibit his whole stock in trade as a when the opposition have partisan

neglected their political fences.

The plunderbund does not under write political mistakes, each party must carry their own liabilities. must carry their own liabilities. The writer did not wait until he got 1,600 miles away from the senator from Montana to senator from The impression the English people received of these battles that opened the revolution, may be inferred from the fact that the London Gazette in Montana to accuse him of playing the plunderbund game. We accused him its account of them reported that the across his own desk in the senate of-Americans had scalped the British fice building and we were not thrown across his own desk in the senate of-

> . If the people put their trust for house cleaning—one that will stay cleaned—in the hands of Walsh, Robinson, Glass and some of those other political side steppers, they will discover that they have bought a political gold brick.
> For 150 miles along the main line

of the Milwaukee road in Montana the sued. sople are without a bank. Senator Walsh was one of the Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are Senator Walsh was one of the annointed when Paul Warburg, Woodinvited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public row Wilson, Carter Glass and others

were creating this financial institu-tion that was to cure panics and take he people out of bondage. Walsh thunders about Daughertyha Bee: The employment depart and he cannot say enough—but how ment of the Colored Commercial club about Mitchell Palmer?

We would be interested in reading

"I have resolved to try to think the front.

SUNNY SIDE UP Jake Comfort, nor forget Jhat Sunrise never failed us yet "

The future does not worry me As on my way I go; I only ask that flowers bright

Nor build undying fame.

'Twill be enough for me if I
Can squarely play life's game;

care not what the future holds. My sole concern's today. Let me but do its every task Let me look out upon this life, Meet each day with a smile And I shall be content to take My chances after while.

I waste no time in idle thought Of what the fates may give. I only hope to do my best Each day that I may live. To scatter smiles, to banish gloon To lift some load of care-Let me do this I'll gladly take

Hudson Maxim's declaration that coffee is intoxicating, therefore he is Name of Coolidge Closely Connected minds us of one of Opie Read's stories. from a terrific hang-over, wandered into the r one morning and called for a drink. It didn't taste good. Noting Opic drinking a glass of but-termilk the colonel inquired: "May I inquiah, suh, what that is

you all air drinkin'? milk the colonel ordered a glass of it and drank with great relish. Smack-

drink won't make a man drunk."

How Times Have Changed. Speaking of old times in the print-

old hand-set days caught on at the minute. shop of an Omaha morning paper. They secured a room in residence, where lived a vidow and her two daughters. by, and one morning a daughter met one of the printers in the hall for the first time, and conversation en-

"You gentlemen are gamblers, aren't you?" asked the daughter.
"No, we are printers working on the
Morning Bee," was the reply.
"My goodness," exclaimed the daughter; "mamma thought you were gambling gentlemen. If she had known you were printers she wouldn't have rented you the room."

Jay E. House, who columns for the Philadelphia Ledger, asserts that no man is at his oratorical best when one of his hose supporters is dangling down around his ankle. From which statement of fact we make no dissent. Neither is he at his best in a banquet address when the cold and His Resolution.
do you think Senator conveys the sad message that he has permitted the deposit of a conspicuous chunk of salad dressing on his shirt-

Bec. It has helped me, and I am sure many others will benefit by read-ing it.—H. A. S.

A visit to the auto show results in our great mental disturbance. What make of car shall we negotiate for? How may we be able to impress the salesman with the idea that we have plenty of money, but are asking for terms merely because we are loath to realize on some valuable tax-free securities? Shall it be a touring car, a coupe, or a sedan? Somehow or other we are reminded of the fate of the nonplussed animile that starved to death while trying to decide which of the two haystacks to approach.

Another Government Mistake. We are rapidly losing all faith in the correctness of governmental sta-tistics and reports. Comes now word from Washington to the effect that the geographic center of the con-

inental United States, exclusive of Alaska, is in the eastern part of Smith county, Kansas. Just how these geography sharps can make such an error is beyond our comprehension. The exact geographic center of the continental United States is on S street, South Side, beween Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Gering, Scotts Pluff coun-

HORRIBLE SCANDAL.

With Odorous Oil Mess. Will Be Made Subject of Investigation

Without Undue Delay. Omaha, Neb., Feb. 20 .- An investigator employed by the Amsigamated Order of Pestiferous Political Snoop-

ers for Partisan Purposes has been working in this city for several days This morning he submitted a repor and drank with great relish. Smack-ing his lips he turned to Opic and ex-president with the oil scandal. The Nebraska headquarters of the "What a pity, suh, that such a fine Coolidge for President organization

are located in the Standard Oil build-When the attention of Hiram John son was called to this horrible situaing game, a couple of printers in the tion he was speechless, for almost

"No woman can keep from looking old when the time comes for her to be old," snarls a Kansas newspaper. thinks to keep from thinking she is looking old when the time comes for her to be old, and that helps a lot to prevent looking old when the time

omes to be old WILL M. MAUPIN.



When in Omaha Omaha. Feb. 17.—I want to thank four for the "prayer" at the head of Sunny Side Up" column in today's



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