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goldarned governor Kansas or any state ever had, and that he will make a whale of a president for the United States. Also, Arthur Capper is warned that he must come through. "Take 'em off, Arthur; we know you," say the democrats to the senator.

You can not fool a real Kansas man when it comes to reading a sign.

LET THE RADIO GO UNTAXED.

A proposal by the senate finance committee to lay another nuisance tax has been promptly rebuked by the president. In the search for new or novel sources of revenue, it was proposed to put a tax on radio. In that way the long arm of federal power would reach into millions of homes and snatch a few pennies from each, for the purpose of swelling the income of the government, and making possible a little reduction somewhere else.

The only thing that can be compared to this was the democratic device, adopted in 1918, by which a tax was laid on hokypopy and chewing gum, so that each infantile purchaser of these childish solaces became a contributor to the warbag of the United States of America. The democrats, however, had the thin excuse of the war. Nothing of the sort exists today.

Something should remain untaxed. Indeed, an effort has been made to do away with the nuisance taxes entirely. That motive should prevail all the way through. Instead of allying the joy the radio bug has by mingling with it a federal tax, he should be left to tune in each night or day with a glad thought in his heart that at least the ether still is free in America.

CHILD LABOR BEFORE CONGRESS.

Two reports have gone into the house from the judiciary committee on the resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution to prohibit child labor. Representative Foster of Ohio, author of the resolution, presents the majority report. The minority report, signed by Chairman Graham of Pennsylvania, and three democrats, Montague of Virginia, Dominick of South Carolina, and Weller of New York, oppose the plan as an "unnecessary invasion of state's rights."

The majority report favors the resolution as being necessary to protect children "from the educational, spiritual and physical losses" caused by premature labor. That there is need for some such legislation is amply proved. It was not merely spiritual exaltation incident to the war that brought about the passage of the two laws that have been declared invalid by the supreme court. Nor is it sentiment alone that supports the present demand for such prohibition.

Many states already have passed laws carefully regulating the employment of children of tender years, but some have no such restrictions. In 1920, when the last census was taken, there were in the United States 1,060,858 persons between the ages of 10 and 15 years engaged in gainful occupations. Of these 647,309 were employed in agriculture. Mainly these were the children on farms, working for their parents. Others were engaged in mines, mills, factories, workshops, offices, stores and the like. Since the decision of the supreme court in June, 1922, annulling the law, the number employed has greatly increased, especially in the northern states where much manufacturing is done.

In Philadelphia is reported an increase of 20 per cent for 1923 over 1922. In Pittsburgh the increase is reported as 67.5 per cent. In Waterbury, Conn., it is 139 per cent, and in Yonkers, N. Y., it is 103 per cent. Little workers are in demand. Fathers and mothers are willing they should be employed, and employers are willing to take them on.

These are the facts. This is the question to be decided: Will Americans submit to having the boys and girls under the age of 16 fed to the Moloch of industry? Or will the constitution be amended to take from the states their right to permit a parent to exploit his own child by selling its immature years to the owner of a factory or a workshop, or any other form of employment?

It is a permanent policy that is now to be adopted, one that affects the future. The right of a parent to the labor of a child is not disputed, nor does anyone dispute the absolute necessity for a certain amount of work within the scope of the child's ability for proper physical and mental development. Work is essential to growth, to bringing out self-reliance and responsibility. But steady employment dwarfs the child, mentally and physically. Robbed of the rights of childhood, the victims of such an industrial system grow up stunted in mind and body, morally deficient as well, and incapable of the discharge of the duties of citizenship.

It is against the existence of such evils, and they are not imaginary, the amendment to forbid child labor is aimed. It is significant that the report against the resolution is signed by representatives of states wherein child labor is most employed.

A Nebraska man is reported up in the clouds, searching for rain signs. He left a lot behind him, who are up in the clouds searching for something that will bring them to earth on Tuesday.

Wonder what the White House cook puts in the coffee that makes all those statesmen who take breakfast with the president so eager to go to work?

"Earthquakes shakes down tons of coconuts in Luzon," says news item. That's letting Nature do the work.

Children will play in the streets. Two were hurt in one day. It is up to the drivers to be on the watch all the time.

Those traffic directors are working better, now that the drivers have discovered what they are for.

Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words and less will be given preference.

Walsh on Norris. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Recently I received from United States Senator Norris a copy of his speech delivered in the senate.

On the Tea Pot Dome Oil Lease. I wired Senator Norris last week asking him how he voted on the general leasing law passed February 25, 1926. Under and by virtue of this law 15,000 acres of oil land were leased to 150 different corporations and persons.

Senator Norris has failed to reply as how he voted. He has lived in Nebraska for over 50 years. Fifty years of which was spent farming. I have always been affiliated with the republican party and worked hard in the rebuilding of farm industries. I have followed closely the official acts of the senator and have failed to discover wherein he has accomplished anything for the state of Nebraska or the nation. Norris claims to belong to no party, has no party to apologize for, but persists in asking the party he defies to keep him in office.

He shall not receive my vote and does not deserve the support of any voter who believes in the republican party. JAMES WALSH.

The Voter and the Party. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: As a taxpayer, I should like to have the opportunity to call the attention of my fellow-voters to the candidacy of W. G. Hastings for the position of judge of the district court.

The average person knows but little about the candidates for judicial positions. Rarely, however, is there accorded an occasion to vote for a man of so eminent qualification as Judge Hastings. He is scholarly and diligent, his years of experience, and his modest, retiring disposition present so strong an appeal that every one who knows Judge Hastings is desirous of seeing him returned to the district bench.

I trust that this short article may at least cause some of those who do not know Judge Hastings to make further inquiry about him from his friends. H. A. WILLIAMS.

Strong For Norris. Sutton, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In answer to an editorial in your issue of April 5, 1924, I am glad to see that you have given record of Senator Norris, allow me to say: That Norris voted against our entrance into the world war, but having taken that step (almost unmanipulated) he voted in favor of all the measures in support of prosecuting that war to a successful conclusion.

This included the draft, the appropriation of money, life insurance for soldiers, increase of pay for soldiers, and was particularly active in the revenue measures for raising money to carry on the war in a fight to increase the tax on war profits and large incomes. I don't know where the North Bend soldier derived his misinformation. My information is from Fred J. Haskin's, Washington Bureau of Information, taken from the congressional record. Norris voted against the espionage measure, and he was right. I was in favor of our entrance into the war to put down militarism in a nation which solemnly swore to protect its citizens and killing innocent women and children as in the case of the Lusitania. I am not a republican but we can not afford to defeat a man like Senator Norris whose proven ability and honesty is acknowledged by friends and foes alike. A. G. GROH.

Bryan and the Workers. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Several articles have appeared in press recently wanting to know what President Coolidge thinks of corporations working men 12 hours a day. I would like to know what the governor of our state thinks about it. I am sure he has known about it ever since these men were changed from 8 to 12 hours, but have never heard of him doing anything to get these men their 8 hours back. The laboring men elected him for governor thinking he was a friend to labor, but this far he has not shown himself as such. G. PETERSON.

Religion and the Schools. Missouri Valley, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Your editorial "Religion, The Home, and The Schools" was very, very, good. Keep religion out of the school. We send the children to school to learn to think, not to believe anything. A lot of "blue law" advocates "belly-ache" about the younger generation going to the bad, but you cannot slip much over on the school vult of today. Home is the place to teach a child to believe, not a schoolhouse. If religion fails to hold the older folks of mature judgment there is something wrong with either the religion or the church's manner of putting out the dope. Don't tam your doctrine down the throats of the children in the public school. The church and religion has its place, but that place is not in the schools. You're right. I. T. DUZZENMATTER.

Service Man for Sloan. Lexington, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: We who voluntarily made our own food in 1917 really shouldn't be allowed to express an opinion. Even congress feels that "our sense of patriotic duty" does not offset those shiftless, spending gambling and drinking habits acquired drinking chlorided coffee and shooting craps for Bill Durham, on a mud snow in Le Mans or the trenches and make our heirs are better qualified to handle our adjusted compensation, than we.

Personally I got home late in 1919 just in time to borrow about \$5,000 of that 10 per cent war time money to get back in business (those shiftless habits were overlooked then) and then of course got in on the "down" market. I expect to pay this off by farming.

My only hope to do this is with legislative help. I was 26 years old before I realized that Mr. Norris was our senator (and he had been senator 19 years) and then only because he had written a friend stating that he was going to retire and spend his dotage making a one-house legislature in Luzon, and then only because he had written a friend stating that he was going to retire and spend his dotage making a one-house legislature in Luzon, and then only because he had written a friend stating that he was going to retire and spend his dotage making a one-house legislature in Luzon.

Mr. Sloan is a republican. His record in congress shows his ability and desire to serve both my agriculture and my service needs. He is the man we need. I understand that he had three sons in the army one of whom is still in a French cemetery. Certainly

Abbe Martin

Col. W. F. Stoecker (Republican) for GOVERNOR

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LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press.

Editor Brown of the Arnold Sentinel has been investigating. As a result he reports that many fellows who scold their daughter for using face powder will wrap a 20 about a roll of ones.

The Blue Hill Leader urges democrats to line up behind W. H. Thompson for supreme judge, whereupon the Holdrege Citizen wants to know what has become of the democratic demand for a nonpartisan judiciary.

"America likes a fighting man, and Daugherty carries a horseshoe in each glove," remarks Bob Rice of the Central City Republican.

"It is an open question whether advertisements on moving picture screens make the people cure more or buy more," says the Chadron Journal.

"Keep your eyes on the fellows who are making the most noise in proclaiming their innocence in connection with the oil scandal," is the sage advice handed out by Editor Blackman of the Tilden Citizen.

"Most of our letters come from the local bank," sorrowfully admits Ed Curran of the Greeley Citizen.

"An editorial writer," says Fred Young of the Genoa Leader, exercising care thought and judgment, "is a man who knows he displeases a lot of people and suspects that sometimes he pleases others."

The Beaver City Times-Tribune is certain sure that Tax Commissioner Smith hasn't seen any tax receipts from Furnas county.

Noting that some wives treat their husbands coldly, while others make it hot for them, Editor Holkin of the Cotenburgh Independent admits that the kind of a wife that appeals of him is the lukewarm one.

Noting that Mayor Thompson of Chicago is going to sail the South sea in search of queer fish, the Hastings Tribune wonders why he need leave the Windy City.

The Pender Republic asserts that the people who want the government to begin a price fixing policy should tell us where they expect it to stop.

The Grand Island Independent asserts that if the farmers could cash in on the advice handed them they'd be able to pave all the country roads and ride in Rolls-Royce cars.

The Scottsbluff Star-Herald declares that the function of lawmaking should be put on an expert basis. But, may we ask, who will select the experts?

"An expert is an ordinary fellow away from home," observes the Silver Creek Sand.

Editor Bruce Wilcox of the Bridgeport News-Blade asserts that "a little more legislating at Washington and a little less campaigning would quiet a voters."

"Next month," remarks Editor Barnes of the Madison Star-Mail, "is the time for the people to guard the good deal of unrest among the public cry by making wise choice at the primary election."

Editor Buck of the Harvard Courier admits that he is old-fashioned enough to feel a weariness of the flesh when he hears so much about the evils of child labor in the beet fields. He asserts that he worked like a thunder when he was a boy, and it didn't hurt him a bit.

Vote for Harry R. Follmer

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

"DOOD MORNING" Each morning when the sun comes up To tint the east with red...

What tickles an oldtimer who has known a thing or two about politics and politicians, is to see a fellow oldtimer like Judge Tash of Alliance running for office on a nonpartisan ticket.

In the old days when a man stepped from a train bearing in his hand anything that looked like a sample case, he was accosted by two or three men in on the ticket. About two-thirds of the women who wrote in the names of the women candidates forgot to make the cross in the square to the left.

Joe Oberfelder of Sidney, usually good natured enough, grouches to the effect that the new fashion of lipsticking has added a lot of disagreeable flavors to a once favorite pastime.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT. POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT.

VOTE ONCE FOR L. N. BUNCE (OMAHA'S LAST JUSTICE OF THE PEACE) FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

REPUBLICAN VOTERS!

WHOMEVER YOU ARE? WHEREVER YOU MAY LIVE—WHETHER IT BE IN OMAHA, SOUTH OMAHA, NORTH OMAHA, DUNDEE, BENSON, FLORENCE, RALSTON, MILLARD, IRVINGTON, BENNINGTON, "ELK CITY," ELKHORN, VALLEY, WATERLOO, OR ON A FARM IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, ON TUESDAY WHEN YOU ARE VOTING FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR,

RESOLVE NOW! FOR GOOD REASON, TO

SEARCH OUT! MARK A CROSS!

BEFORE THE NAME OF L. N. BUNCE

"GLAD HANDING" NO ONE, MAKING NO "TIE UPS" OR "PROMISES," REFUSING TO HAVE "WORKERS," "DECORATING" NO POLES WITH HIS POSTERS, FAWNING NOT FOR FAVOR, BELIEVING IT'S WHAT YOU ARE AND DO THAT COUNTS BUNCE, RELYING ON YOU AND HIS FRIENDS, THUS PLAYS THE GAME.

NOW VOTER, YOU MAY HAVE BEEN UNDECIDED, OR, FOR ASSESSOR, HAD NO CHOICE AT ALL.

BY MEANS OF THIS APPEAL, AT THIS CRUCIAL MOMENT, HERE COMES BUNCE—ALL BUSINESS—INTO OFFICE, STORE, SHOP AND PLANT, INTO THE STREET CAR ON WHICH YOU RIDE, INTO THE QUIET OF YOUR HOME, FRANKLY ASKING YOU, RIGHT NOW, VOTER, TO

HELP HIM THRU THIS CRISIS! THEN, BECAUSE OF YOUR SOUND JUDGMENT, ON WEDNESDAY THE GLAD WORD SHALL GO FORTH

BUNCE WINS NOMINATION! AGAIN MAKE THIS POSSIBLE FOR BUNCE

BECAUSE! BUNCE SINCERELY MEANS WHAT HE SAYS. BUNCE IS CLEAR OF "INCUMBRANCE." BUNCE FAVORS LOWER TAXES. BUNCE KNOWS REAL ESTATE—IN IT NOW 11 YEARS.

BUNCE HAS REAL BUSINESS EXPERIENCE. BUNCE SERVED WELL AS LAST JUSTICE. BUNCE DOES APPRECIATE SUPPORT.

AND BECAUSE! OF THE FOREGOING, FROM THE VERY DAY HE FILED, IT HAS NATURALLY DEVELOPED

THAT! "BUNCE IS THE LOGICAL SUCCESSOR TO THE OFFICE OF COUNTY ASSESSOR"

Homespun Verse —By Omaha's Own Poet— Robert Worthington Davis WE HAVE OUR FAULTS.

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For Commissioner Public Lands and Buildings Character His experience, success and dependable business ability assures the more intelligent handling of Nebraska's Real Estate Holdings.



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