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SIX DIRECTORS AND THE ELECTION.

A great stockholders' meeting is about to be held. Members of a corporation owning several hundred million dollars worth of property, carrying on activities that touch the active life of all the stockholders in every possible way, at an expense of $4,000,000 a year, are about to select directors who will manage the business for the next three years.

Men who have been conducting this important work for a long time are asking that they be given approval on what they have done by being selected to carry on for another term of office.

Six of these men have rendered particularly efficient service. They have already been given the endorsement of the voters, through receiving the highest votes at the recent primaries. We believe these six men should be given the further endorsement of an election. Our reasons for this position are as follows:

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James C. Dahlman, Mayor,
Department of Public Affairs.

"Mayor Jim" has been elected by the citizens of Omaha so often it may almost be said to have become a habit with them. He knows his stuff, with wisdom born of long experience in the important job of city executive. Under him are the legal department, the health department, and a few other activities of the city's housekeeping, and all are functioning well. No complaint is made that the city is not protected in all its rights under the law, that the health of the community is not well cared for, or that any loose ends are flying about for which the mayor is responsible. "Jim" Dahlman can confidently go to the people on his record, asking for another term in office. One of his greatest assets is that long continued holding of the high place has not made him arrogant.

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Joseph B. Hummel,
Park Department.

One of Omaha's greatest possessions is the park and boulevard system, which includes the public playgrounds. It is not merely the expanse of acreage that is included in these splendid recreation centers, but the service they afford to all who seek them for rest and enjoyment. No park system in the land is better maintained at a less cost. One of Joe Hummel's big problems has been how to stretch a little bit of money each year so that all may be done that he hopes to do in the parks. He has accomplished much. Playgrounds are not for the children alone. Muny golf links, baseball grounds, football grounds, swimming holes, and rest camps for auto tourists all come under this head. Those who use them know whether Hummel is efficient, and that is the best reason for thinking he will be re-elected by a big majority.

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Joseph Koutsky,
Public Improvements.

Here is a place where the stockholders of the City of Omaha are vitally concerned. A rapidly growing community like this lays heavy burdens on the man who is charged with the responsibility of looking after the public improvements. Streets are being opened, graded, paved, curbed and guttered. Sewers are being put down; old sewers being enlarged, repaving to take the place of old, and all manner of such work is going on. The man who is in charge must be alert at all times. He is there not only to serve but to protect the public. Difference of view between property owners must be harmonized, selection of material be made, plans for the future scrutinized and passed upon, and with it all is the never-ending combat with the contractors. Koutsky has been through all of this. His business training stood him in good stead at the outset and his initiative led him to adopt a course that has saved the taxpayers and property owners many thousands of dollars. His recent victory over a combination of paving contractors is but one of his achievements in the office, and only one of many reasons why Joe Koutsky should go back on the job.

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Dean Noyes,
Street Cleaning and Maintenance.

A man to properly fill the requirements of this department should be a trained engineer. Dean Noyes is that man. His long service in the engineering department of the city gives him a familiarity not only with the city's street and alley system, but with the peculiar conditions that govern each. He knows his business thoroughly, and while he does not make much of a fuss about it, he gets results. If admitted capability is to have weight, then there should be no question as to Dean Noyes, for he is capable and deserves to be elected on that score.

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John Hopkins,
Fire Protection and Water Supply.

While the second section of this title is rather formal than otherwise, the first part means something. Omaha is spread over a considerable expanse of territory, with many millions of dollars in property exposed. Fire protection is a vital thing. Under John Hopkins the fire department is maintained at a high standard of efficiency. He has kept up the morale and discipline of the men, and heads a force of which any city might be proud. Another case where efficiency of service deserves endorsement from the voters.

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Henry Dunn,
Police, Sanitation and Public Safety.

Commissioner Dunn fell heir to a sadly demoralized department. He has worked hard to reorganize the police force, to bring it up to a really effective standard. During his term he has been subject to a great deal of criticism, much of it unmerited, and at one time the council decided to let one of Mr. Dunn's severest critics take hold to show what he could do. The experiment ended in the restoration of Henry Dunn to the place. Public safety includes the management of street traffic, in itself a difficult problem, but as handled in Omaha showing a high degree of success in combating some of its most dangerous phases. Housewives know and can testify to how well the sanitation work is carried out. Dunn's re-election will be the best possible answer to those who have carped at him in season and out.

MODERN VIEW OF STATE'S RIGHTS.

Students of American government, as well as citizens in general, should thank Calvin Coolidge for the lucid exposition he gave of the theory of state's rights when he addressed the Arizonians. No one feature or principle of our republic has been more discussed or hazily misunderstood than this. It rests on the belief that prevailed at the close of the Revolutionary war, that each of the colonies, by achieving its independence, had become a sovereign state. This belief hampered the formation of the republic. Mutual weakness drove the newly formed states into the Confederation, and weakness of that organization led to the ultimate adoption of the Constitution of the United States, and the erection of a federal government under it.

Serious disputes, the civil war, followed because of the failure to perfectly understand the basis on which rest the relations between the states themselves and between them and the republic. One of the clearest statements of this is found in these words of the president:

> "First, the principle of local self-government in harmony with the needs of each state. This means that in general the states should not surrender, but retain their own sovereignty, and keep control of their own government.
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> "Second, a policy of local reflection of nation-wide public opinion. Each state must shape its course to conform to the generally accepted sanctions of society and to the needs of the nation. It must provide a workable similarity of economic and industrial relations. It must protect the health and provide for the education of its own citizens. This policy is already well recognized in the association of the states for the promotion and adoption of uniform laws. Unless this policy be adopted by the states, interference by the nation cannot be resisted."

A great deal remains to be done before the conditions outlined in the foregoing are realized, but it is a goal worth working to. State pride as well as state sovereignty may be maintained, and yet state uniformity of laws and customs be achieved. If the advocates of state sovereignty are in earnest, and we believe they are, they will modify some of the views, alter in some respects their course, and give heed to the thoughts Mr. Coolidge has expressed.

BROADCASTING PAUL REVERE.

"Listen, my children, and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere," only this time it will be by radio, airplane, and other of the modern devices. A rider will dash from Boston on Friday night, horseback, and accoutered as was the messenger of the Minute Men on that famous "18th of April, '75." He will cover the route, "to spread the alarm through every Middlesex village and farm."

But he will be preceded, followed, and accompanied by such agencies as no man had dreamed of in Paul Revere's day. Movements of the British troops today would be flashed not only through Middlesex but around the world in less time than it took Paul Revere's friend to light the second lantern. Radio would arouse the farmers who next stood "By the rude bridge that spanned the flood," and there "Fired the shot heard round the world." That shot actually could be heard round the world today, were it fired close enough to a microphone.

Paul Revere deserves all the credit that has been showered on him in prose or poetry. The farmers who fought at Concord bridge, and harassed the retreating soldiers of his gracious majesty, King George III, did their work well. We doubt if it could be done better today, for it was in the high spirit of courageous, conscientious men, something no mechanical aid could intensify or improve. It takes more than mere arms to make an army.

The exhibition on Friday will contrast the methods of 150 years ago and those of today, but will add nothing to the glory of that ride. The spark struck out by the steed still warms the world, and the voice that spoke in the night then will awaken a response in free souls today. The radio can add nothing to this.

Charles Gates Dawes was young enough to enlist during the world war, which means that he will not be too old for consideration as a presidential candidate in 1928. He might well be drafted for vice president in 1924.

Mr. McAdoo said the democrats do not want a colorless candidate. If he is thinking of himself, maybe he is right.

Secretary Davis says Languid Luke is right. "A man can't ask for work any more without the danger of getting it."

The time has come to relegate the hasbeens and neverwasers to the rear and give the izzers a chance to perform.

Wonder if Heflin carries a gun into the senate chamber, as he used to do when he was in the house?

However, that was not the first time a "nut" drove a car. Just the first time one admitted the fact.

Lancaster county is reported to be the driest in the state. Sustaining a well deserved reputation.

Now, let's all get together and boost for Barney Burch and his ball club.

Democrats still talk a lot about Al Smith, but it does not mean anything.

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie

GOD AIN'T HERE TO TELL US IN WORDS.

God ain't here to tell us in words
The dream o' the wind an' the song o' the birds—
The symbols the flowers in meddarland bring
O' kindness an' fervor when cometh the Spring.

We've got to see things an' imagine a part
To git within reach o' the daffodil's heart;
We've got to be sort o' love goggled to see
The soul thet is deep in the trunk o' a tree.

It's orful to say things ain't when they are,
An' cowardly like to illusion a star,
An' ruther off hand to say love doesn't glow
In petals o' beauty o' flowers thet grow.

God ain't here to tell us in words
The dream o' the wind an' the song o' the birds—
But sadly it seems thet we hev to stay dumb
Till God gits disgusted an' jes' has to come.

Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 300 words and less will be given preference.

About Political Letters.

Indianola, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Did I hear or read or did I dream that The Omaha Bee prided itself on being fair? That your columns were open to discussion of all topics of interest to its patrons? If so, please explain this: For several weeks prior to the late primary I noticed a great number of letters from Sloan's friends, belittling and defaming Senator Norris. So on April 3 I tried to reply to some of them. I sent it out on night mail Wednesday night, April 9. Would reach Omaha Thursday morning. I expected to see it in Friday's paper. Nothing doing. Nor Saturday, nor Monday, nor Tuesday, nor any time since. Does it mean that you are fair only to your friends? I wonder if you will publish this along with your explanation?

W. A. McCOOL.

Editor's Note.—For the information of Mr. McCool and several others who have made similar complaint, the editor wishes to state that more than 100 letters boosting for various candidates were not published, solely for the reason that we had no place to put them. An avalanche of letters always descends just before election day, and it is physically impossible to print them all. Each candidate has friends in different parts of the state, eager to champion his cause, and when these all write letters for or against, they should do so with the full understanding that not all can be printed. As to being fair, a glance at the files of The Omaha Bee will disclose as many letters favoring Norris as were published favoring Sloan, and the number that were not printed would show nearly equal proportions.

Hiram and the Third Party.

Winnipeg, Man.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The wrecking crew who are out to put the republican administration out of business, so they can lower the United States tariff and get some of the European made goods on to the United States market, have too much money invested in Johnson to let him quit now. But they are grooming him for the third party movement. It is not at all likely that La Follette will risk his reputation to ride a losing horse, as he must well know that a third party candidate has not the slightest chance of winning. The only thing a third party candidate can do is to take out enough votes to split the republican ballot and let a democrat walk into the White House amid the smiles of these crafty old country politicians who are the unseen hand underneath the surface.

While La Follette understands this, Johnson is not able to see it. This man Johnson is one of the queerest species of the human race in a senate filled with all sorts of queer people. There are senators there who are all jawbone and have no backbone; there are senators with all backbone, who even pay out of their own pocket to smear the reputations of decent men by hiring shyster lawyers to foul the nest which they themselves do not dare to touch; there are senators who think more of party than of their country, but this man Johnson is a species hard to understand. He does not see when he is licked and cannot understand why he is not more appreciated. Like a man who walks in his sleep he is going around holding up a lamp which he believes will light the whole world. But, like a man walking in his sleep, he is a dangerous proposition to be carrying a lamp, because if anything unusual happens and he falls down, then the whole house is going to burn up. It will be a sorry day for those who failed to appreciate this when the democrats succeed in getting to Washington over the burned republican house that was allowed to burn down because of this third party movement.

The third party movement should be stepped on before it starts to get into the people's minds. If these clever propagandists get an atmosphere created for their third party, then they can say goodby to their present prosperity. They may try to find an excuse in this new loan to Germany. Nobody with an ounce of sense believes the loan is strictly a good "business" loan; it is a loan to a people who are starving, who are torn by internal revolution and do not know which way to turn. If America ever gets a red rent of it back; if a revolution cuts them off from ever paying it, then America will still feel they have done something for humanity by staving off even for a little while starvation and ruin. It is still more blessed to give, in a sin cursed world, than to receive. It is nothing more or less than a "humanity" loan and should be understood as such from the very start.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Twenty-fourth Street Speedway.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I noticed in last evening's paper where you referred to Twenty-fourth street, from Leavenworth south to Vinton as being a Sunday speedway for automobiles. Really, I would liked to have seen the race on that paticular stretch of pavement. It must have been interesting in the extreme. One would have go look a long time to find a rougher street to drive on, whether the pavement inside of the street car tracks or outside, and then when the Twenty-fourth viaduct would be reached with its old and new boards, some low and some high, thrills must have been added.

It might not be a bad thing for the city to set apart this particular stretch for a speedway. It might be good punishment to sentence reckless drivers to several hours' driving there. It would help curb the reckless drivers, for no car can long stand up over that stretch of pavement and viaduct at any speed.

A TWENTY-FOURTH STREET DRIVER.

Real Fundamentals.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Our friend, Mr. George B. Child, seems to be greatly disturbed over the tendencies of our modern ministers to think for themselves upon the very fascinating subject of religion.

There seems to be three types of people who are interested in religion, fundamentalists, progressives and liberals, and it is a very simple matter to find out what the different groups believe and then classify ourselves.

Dr. Frank Smith has suggested a platform for a United Christian church, and I would like to see Omaha take some definite action with reference to the establishment of such an organization.

The three great needs in the religious world are inter-religious fellowship, inter-racial sympathy and international brotherhood.

Speaking from the standpoint of one who is not interested in any form of denominationalism, but vitally interested in the great problem of religion, I would like to suggest the following four planks as a basis for religious brotherhood.

They are: The fatherhood of God; the brotherhood of man; the authority of truth and love wherever found and heaven and hell in the sweet here and here. DR. EDGAR ROBERTS.

Plant Explorers.

Plant explorers, searching in the far places of the earth, have brought to the American farmer durum wheat, worth $50,000,000 annually; Japanese rice, worth $21,000,000 annually, Egyptian cotton, worth $20,000,000 annually, and Sudan grass, worth $10,000,000 annually, to mention only a few.—American Lumberman.

Abe Martin

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W. H. QUIVEY, Notary Public
(Seal)

"From State and Nation"

Japanese Immigration.

From the Kansas City Journal.

The representatives of Japan constantly remind America that the Japanese are a proud people. Is it not time to suggest to them that Americans are also a proud people, and to point out to them, courteously but plainly, that their attitude toward our immigration laws is in no way justified according to western ways of thinking?

The fact that we do not wish to give domicile to an Asiatic population, with the inevitable mingling of blood and close social relations which would result, ought not to be offensive to Asiatics.

The assumption that our unwillingness to permit such mixture implies something insulting to the Japanese is wholly gratuitous. Each race may be very well as it is, and yet their mixture might be undesirable. We desire to keep our breed very much as it is, and who shall gainsay us?

According to western standards of thought each nation has a right to determine for itself, without any reason stated, what racial strains it will admit to close fellowship with its own upon its own territory, and the exclusion by it of any race constitutes no just cause of offense to the excluded race or races.

Black-Shirt Tact.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin.

American creditors of Rumania among whom are said to be the Baldwin locomotive builders of this city, have new and intimate cause to respect the fascisti premier of Italy, Mussolini, and his black-shirt methods.

The Bratiano cabinet of Rumania has been offering private creditors of the government settlement of claims which involved a mark-off of about 40 per cent and a 40-year term for the payment of the balance. Some of the foreigners are said to have accepted. A dispatch from Bucharest says that the Italians and some Americans, including the Philadelphia enterprise, refused, the latter reported to have begun suit for its claims.

But now comes Mussolini with his strategy. Queen Marie of Rumania has been planning for a royal visit to the Quirinal, and it is said has had something more than the courtesies of royal folks up her sleeve. The queen, who had already arranged royal marriage for three of her children, was understood to be bent on arranging for her second son, Prince Nicholas, with the Italian Princess Mafalda, daughter of Victor Emmanuel.

Mussolini abruptly and unprecedentedly had pronounced the royal visit inadmissible until Rumania has straightened out her peculiar financing.

Bluffly, the black shirt premier declares that the queen of Rumania will be non persona grata in Italy until her government pays its bills, or at least makes settlement satisfactory to its creditors. And the royal matchmaker is expected to accept the most comfortable horn of the dilemma and tell her ministers that they must find the cash.

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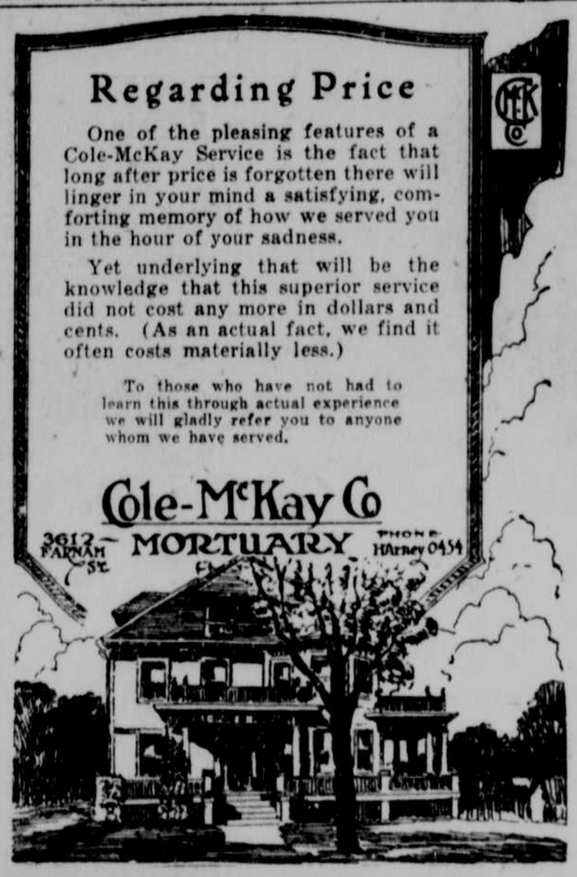

SUNNY SIDE UP

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

KEEP COOL!

If the politicians roar,
Keep cool!
When they holler more and more,
Keep cool!
Don't get worked into a fret;
Don't mill 'round until you sweat;
Country's pretty solid yet—
Keep cool!

Don't get mad in politics,
Keep cool!
Good sense with your thinking mix,
Keep cool!
And no matter where or when,
Study principles and men,
Keep your thinker straight, and then
Keep cool!

If the other fellows win,
Keep cool!
Then dig in and try again,
Keep cool!
Don't get hot around the neck;
Keep your temper well in check;
Country isn't going to wreck
Keep cool!

Other men are honest, too,
Keep cool!
Others think as well as you,
Keep cool!
Show up strong beneath defeat;
That makes victory taste more sweet.
And amidst the campaign's heat,
Keep cool!

We rejoice that the Nebraska Press association has decided to hold its summer meeting in Omaha. In addition to enjoying the good things that will be provided, a number of us can get together and reminisce about the old days when divers and sundry delectable liquid concoctions graced the dinner table when the Union Stockyards company entertained.

By the way, what has become of all the sweet singers who were wont to assemble just prior to the eats and indulge in barber shop melodies? Warbling is not yet under ban of the law, is it?

The Whiner.

The Chronic Whiner roams the earth and spreads his gobs of grief and gloom. He tries to banish joy and mirth by always spreading grief and doom. About the time I'm squared around to tackle work with joyful zest, the Chronic Whiner comes to pound himself upon his sobbing breast.

He says the world is going wrong with not a thing in sight to save. All day he sings his doleful song, and misses sleep that he may rave. The Chronic Whiner is a geek who should be skinned down to the raw. So I suggest we kill the freak by Passage of Another Law.

When we have little or nothing to do we spend our time wondering how they find names for all the new trashy and flashy magazines that appear with such startling regularity.

WILL M. MAUPIN.

Their Single Thought.

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