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#### SLANDER BY SILENCE.

A. Mitchell Palmer, sometimes called the "Fighting Quaker," has gone into action. Stung by the charges made by Gaston B. Means before the senate Daugherty inquiry committee, he protests his innocence. "As for my conference with Mr. Daugherty, the version of Means is a lie out of whole cloth," exclaims Mr. Palmer, who holds:

"It is an amazing thing that a committee of the United States senate would allow itself to become the medium of broadcasting to the world the false and ridiculous charges of a witness of the character of Gaston B. Means, designed to blacken the reputation of honest and conscientious public officials.

Addressing himself to the fact that certain allegations had been examined by a grand jury and found to be baseless, Mr. Palmer unloads his righteous indignation on the committee:

"In the face of these findings, which must be within the knowledge of the senate committee, for that committee to allow a witness like Means to repeat his unfounded charge, long since disproved. is well calculated to discount the sincerity of this present investigation, and to justify the widespread criticism of the senate for becoming a mere distributor of slander and slinger of mud."

And yet some wonder may be expressed that Mr. Palmer waited until his own good name was called into question before he took occasion to denounce the proceedings. He knew from the beginning as well as now the character of Gaston B. Means, and his credibility as a witness. So long as the attack was on Harry Daugherty and other republicans, as a democratic partisan, Mr. Palmer remained silent. He knew the source and the nature of the slander, but did not raise his voice. The only conclusion is that the Means' stories might serve his party.

Of course Mr. Palmer deprecates the fact, as do many other good democrats, that such despicable methods are resorted to in politics. They are careful however, to restrain themselves from protesting. Even in the senate democrats like Underwood of Alabama, Simmons of North Carolina, Overman of North Carolina, Stanley of Kentucky, and Ransdell of Louisiana, sit quietly and by their silence approve the course of their slandering fellow partisans, pipe bowl, are dead before being discarded. Above rather than rise to the defense of good government.

President Coolidge sought to arouse the dormant sense of decency and responsibility. Among the democrats he succeeded only in giving such senators as Reed of Missouri, Glass of Virginia, Harrison of Mississippi and Carraway of Arkansas fresh excuse for further tirades. Insinuation and innuendo from democrats has followed the president's efforts to restore order, and to secure government by law instead of slander.

Honest democrats all over the land must feel a sense of shame that their leaders should step aside and let the Wheelers, the Walshes and the rest spread the slime from the lowest pits of infamy over good men's names, not sparing even the dead. By their silence they are parties to the crime of turning loose self-confessed spies, courtesans, dive keepers, train-robbers, drug fiends, discharged employes and the like to retail absurd yarns, parading themselves as confidential advisers and trusted instruments of men in highest office.

Only when one of them is touched, as was A. Mitchell Palmer, by the venemous tongue of a slanderer, is protest made. The rest are willing to see reputations besmirched, characters destroyed, usefulness impaired, and even confidence in the institutions of America challenged. For what? That it may bring their party a possible chance of victory. By their silence they join in the slander, tactitly approving a course that should cause them to blush for shame. They do not believe Gaston B. Means, nor Roxie Stinson, nor Al Jennings, nor others who have testified. They secretly hope that the world will not believe that the government of the United States has become the reeking mess of corruption and bad faith it has been painted. Yet they lack the moral courage to assert their own sense of decency and force the pack back into the kennel,

Such hypocrisy will get the reward it deserves. Success can not be built on the slime that is now being poured out by the "witnesses" who are being called in Washington. Foundations for victory cannot be laid on filth. Americans have faith in the cause of America. They will find the way to rebuke those who now wrap their cloaks of self-rightcousness about them, and rejoice in the prospect of another's downfall, because through it they hope to win political profit.

#### BONUS BILL IN THE SENATE

Early passage by the senate of the adjusted compensation bill substantially in the form it came from the house is assured. A number of amendments are being considered, but none that materially modifies the measure that is approved by the American Legion and others most concerned is likely to be adopted. The democrats have pursued the tactics that has marked their course since the opening of congress, proposing the substitution of cash payments for insurance features, and other similar changes, solely for the purpose of embarrassing the administration. None of these has yet rallied sufficlent support to make it impressive.

Republicans have sought to put through a measure that will be satisfactory to the men who served in the army during the war. It is not a political expedient, but a question of justice. A general feeling exists that some provision should be made to compensate these men for the service they gave. No effort is made to measure that service in terms of

money, for that is out of the question. Yet it becomes the republic to make sure its defenders are not exposed to want at any time. That this may be done in a comprehensive and practical way, the insurance feature has been adopted. It is a form of deferred payment, in lieu of a cash settlement.

Democrats are said to be willing to abandon their stand for a cash bonus if they are assured that the president will sign the bill with the insurance feature. Whether they get this or not, their opposition is weakened by what amounts to an admission that the sole purpose is to make trouble for the republicans. Legionnaires have pleaded with them to get behind the insurance feature, and if they do not it will be because they would rather play politics than honestly give the service men what they ask for.

Intimations have been made that the president will approve the bill endorsed by the Legion, despite his announcement in his message, that he is opposed to a bonus. President Harding vetoed the measure passed by the last congress because it had no provision for raising the money needed to carry it into effect. The present bill does not ask a special levy, but its passage ahead of the revenue measure will indicate a purpose on part of congress to make the needed arrangements for paying what is necessary to care for the cost of compensated adjustment.

#### TREE PLANTING AND PROTECTION.

Arbor Day will be observed in Nebraska, this year, as it has been in all the years since it was instituted. Through this observance our people have earned the honorable and distinctive title of "Tree Planters." More than ever this year the oceasion is of significance. Plans are being laid for the celebration of the centennial of Arbor Day, in 1972. Trees that go into the ground as saplings this year and for the next few years to come will be giants then, fit emblems of the enterprise of today, a wonderful tribute to the foresight and patriotism of the Nebraskans of this generation.

Tree planting is one certain method of uniting sentiment with the practical. Nothing is more beautiful than a tree, nothing more useful. Experience is demonstrating more and more the need for systematic tree culture, not alone for the protection that comes from standing timber, but for the use that will be made of it. A forest is a crop, not a mine, and should be so treated.

More than the mere planting of trees is being observed this week. Beginning with today "Forest Protection Week" opens, and will be devoted to the dissemination of information and advice with regard to care of the forests. Principally, this instruction will take the form of urging care to prevent forest fires. Millions of dollars worth of timber has been sacrificed to carelessness through forest fires. Thousands of lives have gone out in the breath of the monster that sweeps through the woods, loosed by a carelessly tossed match, or cigaret butt, or the failure properly to guard a camp fire.

The Forestry service of the United States welcomes visitors to the forest reserves. Accommodations in the way of well-kept roads and camping places are provided.

Privileges amounting to absolute freedom are extended. In return, the visitors are asked to be careful about fire, to treat the government property as they would their private possessions. When all do this, the danger of destructive fires in the timber will be reduced materially.

When traveling through the timber make sure you do not expose the woods to the danger of fire. Put out carefully every match you light, make certain that each cigaret or cigar, or the ashes from the when a fire is built, see that it is extinguished before it is abandoned. Pour water on it and all around it. Be certain. That is the message the Forestry service has for the tourists. It should be in the mind of every one,

Carter Glass, senator from Virginia and democrat, is amazed that the president should impute anything to the senate. Of course, what the senator imputes to the president does not count.

Mr. McAdoo's managers ought to get together. One in Washington claims 500 delegates, and the one in New York says it is 156. As only 410 have been chosen, it is plain which is wrong.

A youth who stole \$14,000 and spent it among the "white lights," says he did not have much fun, because he was drunk all the time. He will be sober enough by the time he gets out.

The woman who has to murder a man in her home to "save her honor" bobs up every now and then. She may have honor, but usually she also has

March whirled up a total of \$341,000,000 exports and \$319,000,000 imports, and still the democrats insist on having the markets of the world

Now the Smith bread law has been found "repugnant to the Fourteenth amendment to the constitution." Hard to get anything over that hurdle.

Cordell Hull declines to be consoled by the turn things are taking, but he will have to put up with the outcome of what his party colleagues started.

New York police have broken up a plant where counterfeit money was printed to pay rum runners for liquor. At that it would be about a standoff.

A New York doctor tells us "a kiss without a kick is no kiss at all." Wonder how he found out what everybody else knew all the time?

Auto accidents cost a billion dollars and 27,000 lives in the United States in 1923. A fairly steep price to pay for carelessness.

Another world cruise for the navy is being planned. "Travel and learn."

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

ISAAC, AND OTHER DAYS. I remember Isaac clearly

When he asked me for a match On a Sunday while we rested In his watermelon patch, And enjoyed the luxdous flavor Of his melons big and fine, And discussed the branching virtues Of the watermelon vine.

When we mosted through his orchard Where the crimson ovals were, And the slightest wispy zephyr Set the weighted twigs astir. I was awed and I was grateful-Even more than I could know-When we mosted through his orchard Twenty-seven -years ago.

And my heart gets sort of thumpy When in visions I portray Neighbor Isaac's gorgeous apples. And his orchard far away; And I feel intensely hungry When at evening I recline And recall our conversation On the watermelon vine.

#### Letters From Our Readers All fethers mines be eighted, but name util for withherid spice beginned. Two-ministrations of give movids and less util he given perference.

"Inspiring, Hold John Barleycorn," Onnha .- To the Editor of The Omaha live: Now and then some sem-blance of truth creeps out at Washing

was discreet and prodent normally, has floated away on two or three drinks of Scotch to heights undream-

convention days. I have always been gratitude. In dollars and cents the docfors were peddling too much par a firm believer and advocate of the difference between what he has done aceas."

licans alike appoint each a committee zen in the pay of a single senator of three, from each county in the who has had a public quarrel with the state, if possible, the time is now very Secretary of the Treasury. short, and that these committees meet in Lincoln or Omaha the day before the state conventions are held and Prof. submit recommendations to the state to the old convention days, with prop-er safeguards and penalties against

dare to turn down a George Norris written, too, is one that aims at bet or an R. B. Howell. This hurriedly ter government, better public ser or an R. B. Howell. This hurriedly written scrawl is only at the most just some suggestions. We have got to do something to get started. If we can't simplify matters with safety, by returning to the old convention system, why then we had better stick to the primary. But everybody knows that smething ought to be done. The primary makes a double campaign for the candidate, and it takes a man with money, and lots of it, to make two campaigns in order ft, to make two campaigns in order to go to Washington as a United States senator or congressman. Democrats call for republican ballots and

## Abe Martin



A thorn in th' side hain't in it with th' glistenin' barrel of a 42. If it's as hard t' git President Coolidge's goat as it is his ear, he's purty safe.

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### "From State and Nation" -Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Mr. Melion as Political Quarry | torest, and the reduction of commod

sar, "the evil that he did lives after Hamilton, not excepting John Sher-him." while the good is interred with man, who was the outstanding na-

ing of the voters everywhere that found faithless to his oath of office. In the investigation of his administration to date no trace of wrong-do—that is the question. Talk a few days about it and then go to sleep as usual?

As the primary exists today it is the playground for quacks. The door is open—any counterfeit may enter. Any fool can walk in—we have absent-mindedly stepped in once or twice ourselves. We talked about the poor man not having a chance at the poor man not having a chance at the poor man has no chance in the primary, financially speaking. We might suggest that at the county conventions to be held by both parties on April 27 that a proper resolution be passed, and the democrats and republicans alike appoint each a committee of these from each a committee of these from each a county in the shad a suplic question of a single senator.

#### Taxing Rich Burdens Poor.

No convention in the future would to write this article, which is poorly

# Safe

Unless you take Nebrin you are tive remedy that science has given you for the relief of colds, grippe, headache, neuralgia, rheymatism and pains in general. Nebrin tablets are positively saf-er and more effective than Aspirin

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Whether Recreases Metter meant in the rest defense of modern capital say in his letter to the president that he would feel obliged to resign if tendency toward cheap grade and dear bruness J. Henry, California lawyer men the multiplication of the mature permitted to pay user and terial conveniences of life and the proton. Jake Harmon's less and most trusted friend, the room who was by the records of the fateronic greative raising of the standard of its bis side during the last 30 hours of his life, who varried his farewell note to President Harding, tentifies:

"Anyway, Jake was a great laker after two or three drinks of Scotch."

There are men in the senate who live community. For they serve to Communication.

There are men in the senate who tire community. Jake Hamon was not alone in this would pretty nearly give their right prevent what would otherwise be a rail. Many another good man, who hands if thereby they could bring rise of wages and a reduction of intended discrect and prodent normally, about the retirement of the present terest. This is indeed different from the following party of the tax; it

ury department. If these interpret does not mean higher wages, but it

ed of in his sober moments. As Frank Moulan used to sing of the cocktall, "My wealth increased, I swelled with pride." All who ever came under the spell know that "Il smoothes the crinkies out of care, And makes are high look like two pair." It would be a great loss to the counted on him.

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It would be a great loss to the counted for him. Jake Hamon spent imaginary mil-try if it were deprived of the active tually no effect upon prices; but an lions, "to bolster up the boys", and counsel and public service of Mr. excessive income tax so far as it his idle, boastful chatter is now being Melion, even if it be granted that the reaches business profits exerts a delparaded by the scandal mongers to defame him in his death, as well as part of his post-war task is now a to cast a stigma on a well beloved president. What shame should the nation feel for this:

Jake Hamon is dead, and his account is closed. As was said of Castron a guished and capable head of the count is closed. As was said of Castron a guished and capable head of the taken in the assumption that they do not pay.

his bones. We are not told of the tional financier after the civil war.

many kind acts that marked the life of this man, of his generous impulses, unusual talents assiduously to the job of the help he extended to those who needed it, of his really honorable ambitions to serve. Such a recital would ever favorable it might be. He makes of senators headed by Senator Caput serve the nursuan of those who are public uterance only when the per who designated themselves the not serve the purpose of those who a public utterance only when the per who designated frankly are looking for the worst they occasion requires and when he has a only true friends of the farmer. "The can uncover. But they will have their reward.

OLD FOGY.

Would Revise the Primary.

Dunbar, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: As a friend of the primary, not as a foe, do I submit the ciples into the conduct of public after the public as the primary of the primary.

One of the primary statement that it ought to be revised fairs, have made the American people farmer. Paternalism was becoming and revert to the old county and state his debtor and earned their unsparing overarrogant and the high grass snake

primary. But the recent state primary held just this month. April 8, interested might have done in the proposition of the propo

convention days, as they were, controlled in many instances by political bosses, railroads, grafters and the like. No, sir. But let us go back with safeguards and penalties severe enough to protect the honest and punish the dishonest.

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They apparently get their idea of the farmer from the street peddler who pushes a cart past their homes; and they cling to the notion that the farm er is the same sort of chap he was in the nineties—satisfied if he has an on the altar of partisan politics and personal animate of partisan politics and personal animate of its fiscal affairs for who has heard a vice presidential becometry that the farmer has decided to give up his fight against the manufacturiers, railroad, financial and other specific conventions.

will have to have effective help of the In other words, if the manufactur-ing east must have its profiteers' tar-iffs, the farmer demands enactment News. There is one point in which the of some of the price-fixing farm bills adversaries of surtax reduction also before congress, even though the template a mistake. While it is true ple comes crashing down about our that an income tax cannot be shifted.

# SUNNY SIDE UP

A rought very pleasant stay at the Cornland hotel in Lexington recalls some juyful memories. It is now alreast he year-since the Cornland was formally opened, and we were privileged to participate in the reremonies as the guest of Jack Mittell There was no finer hotel in the middlewest, not even in Omaha. than the Cornland when dedicated. The occasion of its forms dedication was a Great Social Event, but there are old timers in Lexington who admit that their recollections thereof are The Cornland boasted one of the finest bars in the west for a number of years, and it was never better patron ised than on the night of that dedication.

Incidentally, although the Cornland is now almost 24 years old, it still remains one of the best small city hotels within our knowledge, and we've patronized them from one coast to the other during the last quarter of a century

There are a few Ford telephone exchanges left in Nebraska. A Ford telephone is one you have to crank before you

And what satisfaction is there in enying naughty words when you work the automatic phone dial and get the busy signal? Nobedy hears you.

Has your mother bobbed her hair yet?" No, but she's commenced complaining about how terribly

By the way, are you old enough to remember when the boys began hiding out eggs about two weeks before Easter, then snuck off into the woods Easter morning and had a conto see which fellow could consume the greatest number of

Gee, dem was th' happy days!

A movie house in Lexington gave an admission ticket to every boy and girl bringing 10 empty tin cans tied on a string to the theater on a certain date. More than a mile of cans were gathered, the kiddles had a glorious time, and the alleys and back lots cenuded of cans. Now J. M. Neff and Judge Gillen complain that they've got to carry their fishworms in their pockets when they go fishing.

A scientist claims that he has invented a dingus to attach to a radio outfit that will convert the squeaks, squawks and whistles into the softest music. Dean Swift found a man who was spending all his time trying to invent a process that would enable him to extract sunshine from cucumbers.

History sure does repeat itself. Noah sent out a dove, and the dove finally found dry land. · Now it's a mighty dry land again, but we don't need a dove to bring us the news.

#### Pass Another Law.

The Wise Guy gets upon my nerves when he declares he knows it all. Boiled down in oil's what he deserves, then hid from sight beyond recall. He's always right and will despite, no matter how or where or when. I'd like to bust him in the snoot and banish him from sight of men.

He butts in ev'ry chance he sees and then the talk monopolize.
I'd like to break him at the knees and blacken both his bloomin' eyes. The Wise Guy is a nuisance great, with empty head and wagging jaw. I'd like to run the Ship of State-you bet I'd Pass Another Law.

We hold some laws in the utmost respect because they are just and reasonable, and founded on good sense, and gladly obey them. Other laws we hold in the utmost disrespect because they are founded on fanaticism and have no basis of reason or good sense. But we obey them nevertheless, because we strive earnestly to be a good citizen. However, we would like a chance to run and jump for their repeal. So, too, we obey all the orders and dictums of the courts, not because we hold all of them in respect, but because of our desire to remain classed as a good citizen. We trust the explanation will be

#### The Gifted Son.

Father-I don't know what I'll ever against world competition, agriculture Friend-Isn't he gifted in any way? Father-Gifted? Well, I should say

Dora-Why so sad? how destroyed this afternoon Flora-Well, he didn't seem to like

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the he did convention days, with proper sufegurate and penaltics against and whereaver it may be the conventions, and whereaver it was. What we want to do is to guard against old corporation influences that used to prevail at times at these conventions, and white the street of the proper it was these conventions and white the street of the proper it was the street of the proper to attend the state convention. The progress of civilization influences that used to prevail at times at these conventions, and white the state conventions and white the state conventions, and white the state conventions and white the state conventions, and white the state conventions and the state that the state tha 250 Rooms-250 Baths-Rates \$2 to \$3 Cash, \$7,967,729.84

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> The Assets of THE OMAHA NATIONAL BANK are greater-by \$2,247,072.24-than the sum of all its liabilities, this amount being the stockholders' investment for the additional protection of its depositors.

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