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ISSUE IN CITY ELECTION.

Always there is a question before the voters when an election is impending. It may be one thing, or it may be another, but there must be something on which to base judgment, to justify selection between the candidates, for each candidate stands for something.

In the present election the issue is a simple one. It is that we retain in office men who have made good on the job, who are devoted to the public interest, and are sincerely trying to discharge the duties that devolve upon them to the best of their ability and for the good of all.

The Omaha Bee last week gave a list of six commissioners who are deserving of re-election, and also gave reasons in support of that assertion. The chief business of the city commission is not political.

To do this more than 500 miles of streets and alleys are to be watched, kept in good condition for use. Many hundreds of street lights are to be provided and watched. Other hundreds of miles of sewers have to be cared for. Parks and playgrounds must be attended to. Refuse from thousands of homes has to be collected and disposed of.

How best to do this is the real issue in this as in other city elections. Omaha is really a great co-operative business concern, in which each citizen is a stockholder. It is not necessary to own property in order to have a share in the public business.

Governor Bryan starts in right where he began two years ago. He is opposed to the code law. We trust, however, he is better acquainted with it now than he was when he set about to mend it.

STATE RIGHTS AND THE TOURIST.

Arizona seems to have taken the president's remarks about state rights very seriously. At any rate, the embargo against California traffic has reached a point that affects the comfort of several hundred auto tourists.

Reasonable regulations to prevent the spread of disease from one house to another, or from city to city, or state to state, are demanded for safety at all times. Foot and mouth disease is prevalent in California, and so Arizona shuts off any communication that might carry the pestilence to its herds and flocks.

WHAT DOES THIS TEACH YOU?

Two items in current news deserve a little consideration. One tells of how a big investment concern has put a million dollars into corn land. This is taken as evidence not only of far-sighted vision on part of the concern making the purchase, but of the future for the corn crop.

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No fancy prices are recorded in any of these transactions. Values ranged from \$100 to \$250 per acre, and of course were governed by conditions that surrounded the land.

MAGNUS NOT A COMPETITOR.

Magnus Johnson is just now proving that not only are republics ungrateful, but that even third parties can be finicky. He finds at New Ulm, which is some town in Minnesota, a disposition to put out a rival for the farmer-labor nomination for United States senator.

What his constituents want is action. Make it snappy is their motto. We submit, however, that they are just a little bit unfair to Senator Magnus.

Examination of the Congressional Record for a period of approximately nine weeks shows that the seven leading democrats who have been chiefly engaged in conducting the many inquiries—Messrs. Ashurst, Caraway, Harrison, Heflin, Robinson, Walsh and Wheeler—made 358 speeches on the one subject of investigation and inquiry.

Assuming that the speeches averaged about 20 minutes each, the time consumed was approximately 7,160 minutes, or about 119 hours, in about nine weeks. Allotting about three hours each day for actual debate, 119 hours are the best part of about 39 days.

During the nine weeks referred to, the senate was in session 58 days. Allotting three hours for actual debate, the full time consumed in debate was about 174 hours. Of this number of hours, approximately 119 were consumed in talk from the seven leading inquirers.

Here is the personal list with their speeches on this one subject: Ashurst, 10 speeches; Caraway, 58 speeches; Harrison, 70 speeches; Heflin, 113 speeches; Robinson, 54 speeches; Walsh, 21 speeches; Wheeler, 22 speeches. These do not include the many short interruptions and interrogatories.

Two-thirds of the time for discussion in the senate devoted to bitter partisan talk by seven democratic inquirers!

How can a farmer, inexperienced in debate or finesse, hope to make headway against such masters of the gentle art of taking up time that might be expended at work? Magnus Johnson may be all right when it comes to preparing a field for the seed, but in the senate he stands confessed a tyro.

Senator Wheeler is a good friend of the public printer. He is filling up the record with speeches made by business men in favor of Calvin Coolidge.

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William Randolph Hearst also gave the investigating committees some good advice, which probably will not be taken. He suggested that no more time be wasted in listening to mere gossip.

If Council Bluffs' new dog catcher runs out of work at home, we know where we can employ his time to good advantage on this side of the creek.

One Hiram Johnson delegate was elected in Nebraska, and he is bound by the instructions for Coolidge. Another primary possibility.

Rev. "Billy" Sunday having consigned the modernists to the same place he sent the brewers, the discussion is now all over.

What we are waiting for is how the telegraph operator came to know what was in the code message he copied.

America has failed to maintain its ideals, says the president, and he told a sorrowful truth.

Judge Gary sees nothing but prosperity ahead, and a lot of other folks agree with him.

Marie Correll now knows all about a lot of things she speculated concerning.

Now, Arbor day having passed, keep right on planting trees.

Samson is after you, so you might as well give up.

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Foot— Robert Worthington Davis

OH, SOME DAY. Oh, some day when the violet is blooming in the vale, and dainty, dreamy mignonette is dancing in the gale...

Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but names will be withheld and requests for return of copy will be given preference.

Long Live Bill Maupin.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Ever since the writer was a mere stripling in the 18s, just back of Council Bluffs, in Iowa, he has most of the years watched the features inaugurated by The Omaha Bee to interest and inspire them; but if it is doubtful if ever it put on any thing of greater interest and inspiration than that old Uncle Bill Maupin.

Good old Bill Maupin! May he live to be a hundred if he wants to, provided he can hold and wield his pen. It may be that Bill has not gained broad fame as a poet yet, but he will Good old Bill Maupin, he harks us back 45 years when the horns had more allurement for our children than the cement walks and the dance, when men and women scarcely knew that courts could put asunder that which God joined together...

GEORGE B. CHILD.

Doom of the Modernists.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Now that Rev. Billy Sunday has hurled his anathema against the modernists, we expect that camp of thinkers to dissolve as a mist and disappear. Billy referred to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and adds: "I, Billy Sunday, say so!" That of course settles it. The fact that neither Matthew, Mark, Luke nor John was any-where around when Jesus was born, or when Joseph and Mary were wed, does not seem to trouble Billy. Nor does the other fact that it was Augustine, bishop of Hippo, who, in the fourth century gathered together out of the mass of writings the gospels as we now have them. How much of testimony he rejected is not known, but there was great destruction of written documents both before and after him, and only what he and those minded like him approved was preserved.

It is in this modernist conception that troubles now. Fundamentalists accept and modernists reject the notion. The latter do not detract from the divinity of Jesus, insisting His teachings are of divine origin, His morals as pure, no matter if He were born after the manner of men. "To hell with the modernists," says Rev. Billy. There is no grace that characterizes the bigot of all times. The first six centuries after Christ were marked by one authority of the church consigning another to hell. Some of the most cruel destruction of actual slaughter, in order that the curse might be the more immediately effective.

About that time Mohammed raised his cry, "There is no God, and the multitude, weary of the disputations among the Christian elders and divines as to the number and divisions of God, rallied to the banner of the career driver and very nearly swept the Christian church off the earth. Islam was weakened, gone backward, because it does not hold the vital spark that animates Christianity. Yet that vital spark kept alive against the contentions of sectaries, who prefer point of creed, niceties of doctrines, to the verities taught by Jesus.

Jesus said many times He was the Son of God; moreover, He told His disciples and other hearers they, too, were children of God. He taught us to pray "Our Father, which art in heaven." Just notice that "which." Modernists get a good deal of comfort out of that. It is not much, but it helps. Jesus knew nothing of the creed that is pronounced in church, Sunday after Sunday. He said, "Believe ye also in Me." And "Whosoever believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." But He did not ask any one to believe in the immaculate conception, in the virgin birth, or a lot of other things that are now deemed essentials.

Billy Sunday's offhand disposal of the modernists is not going to end the dispute or to materially forward the cause the eminent evangelist is engaged in. As a matter of fact, we think the Rev. Billy is far more interested in teaching the lesson of salvation as contained in the teachings of Jesus than he is in making folk believe the tale of the immaculate conception. That was a device common to pagan religions, and has not added either dignity or force to the Christian faith. HETERODOXY.

Abe Martin

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A Republican Creed

From the Minneapolis Journal. Dr. Milo B. Price of Owatonna, Minn., who has stood as a republican candidate for congress to succeed Bradley Anderson, also a republican, from the First Minnesota district, has issued the following platform under the guise of a "Republican Candidate's Creed."

"I believe in the constitution of the United States; in popular self-government as provided for in the fundamental laws of the United States; and in several states; that amendments to the federal constitution should be proposed only after the maturest consideration and in response to national demand; that the constitutions of the states should be revised and rewritten as changed economic, social or political conditions made such revision necessary or desirable.

"I believe in the traditional authority of the supreme court of the United States and of the other courts forming the federal judiciary; that any suggestion to impeach or curtail the historic constitutional prerogative of the supreme court is fraught with the most pernicious possibilities.

"I believe in government by political parties; that ardent partisanship need not be inconsistent with warmest patriotism; that loyalty to party should never supersede devotion to country; that sectionalism which tends to economic and political advantage through the agency of the national government will bear careful scrutiny and is usually wrong; that class legislation by any dominant party at any time is hostile to the general welfare of the country. I believe that Thomas Jefferson's dictum, 'Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed,' is as true today, and as wide in its application, as it was 150 years ago.

"I believe in the republican party, dominant first under Abraham Lincoln and beautifully triumphant when led by Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft and Harding; that the most laudable pages of American history since Washington's time are those that narrate its achievements during the 61 years of its existence; that its great heroes constitute a galaxy of statesmen that challenge comparison with any other group of party leaders since the foundation of the government; that the country's best hope for constructive, progressive and equitable government today lies with that party that has been in control of national policies three-quarters of the time since 1868.

"I believe in that modest, unassuming, fearless son of New England, President Coolidge; in the policies advocated by him in the presidential message to congress in December, 1923; that the application of reasonable economy is as necessary and sensible in the operation of government as in the operation of a private or a corporate business; that great national industries should be fostered by just and equitable laws; that agriculture is basic to all other business and should receive such governmental attention as is calculated to restore and perpetuate its prosperity.

"I believe that men in public life are generally honest and well meaning; that dishonesty and incompetence in public officials result in their removal from office as soon as such dishonesty or incompetency is clearly proved; that candidates for federal and state office should be characterized by whole-hearted Americanism; that the public service needs and should have the highest degree of intelligence, integrity, industry and initiative; that the safety of the republic is based in the last analysis on sound citizenship, and that sound citizenship is primarily not a thing of the head but of the heart."

LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press. Mrs. Marie O'Donnell Weeks, editor of the Norfolk Press and president of the Nebraska Press association, is getting her picture and biography into eastern magazines. She is the only woman ever elected to the presidency of a state press association, and the brethren and sisters joyfully admit that she is entitled to the honor and its honor to the office.

J. P. O'Furay, editor of the Hartington News, will be delegate from the Third Nebraska district to the democratic national convention. He will refrain from speechmaking unless the American Press association is attacked.

Fred Howard of the Clay Center Sun is in a Minnesota hospital having his mechanism overhauled and his carburator reset. But that doesn't prevent him from contributing his weekly column of caustic comment and scintillating wit.

At the summer meeting of the Nebraska Press association Emerson Purcell should tell other aspiring candidates in the profession how he does it. The democratic candidate for state senator from the Custer-Greeley district, and has no opposition.

The democrats of the north legislative district in Scotts Bluff county had no candidate in the primaries, but a couple of hundred democrats wrote in the name of George Mark, editor of the Girard Mirror, and he was nominated. He says he will accept and make a strenuous campaign.

Tom Palmer, formerly connected with the state engineering department, and later connected with a newspaper at North Platte, has leased the Girard Mirror. He is an experienced newspaper man and knows the irrigated country like a book. He will have a partner, Weldon F. Kelley, who will have charge of the mechanical end.

The Banner County News at Harriburg, the McPherson County Graphic at Tryon and the Arthur County News at Arthur are county seat newspapers published in counties that have no railroad mileage.

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SUNNY SIDE UP

Take Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet

MY COUNTRY. Out where the skies are the bluest, And faith still holds staunch and true, Out where the friends are the truest, And men are still daring to do, Out in the wide open places, Out 'midst the kind smiling faces, Out where they banish work's traces, I'm sending this message to you, Out where the sun shines the brightest, Out where the friendships are tightest, Out where the kind smiles are truest, Out where the soft winds are blowing, Out where the huge crops are growing, Out where the bright waters flowing, Out where you glad greetings again, Out where the water is so pure and fair, I'm sending this message to you, Out where the friends are the truest, And stars make the glorious night, Out where there's friendship to treasure, Out where there's joy without measure, Out where to live is a pleasure, And everything's right, all right.

Gothenburg has one of the oldest hydro-electric developments in Nebraska. For more than a quarter of a century the city, many of the farm homes round about, and several neighboring towns, have been supplied with "juice" for light and power by a plant operated by an irrigation and power company of which Colonel Hyron is the efficient manager. A huge irrigation canal leads the water of the Platte into a huge reservoir a mile north of town, providing not only an ample supply of water for power purposes, but providing also the water that irrigates several thousand of the most fertile acres in all the world.

Now and then the bed of the Platte may be as dry as a powder house in Gehenna, but there is always plenty of water in the huge reservoir, and for more than a quarter of a century the hydro-electric plant has been better than 95 per cent efficient.

Of course Gothenburg has a fine public school system. And, of course, it has several fine churches. But it probably has a larger proportion of beautiful homes than most cities of its size in the middle-west. They seem mighty proud of the appearance of their city, do those Gothenburgers.

The good people of Gothenburg are not content that the reservoir shall be a mere storage plant. They have made it a real pleasure resort. Bath houses are provided for the public, there is a dancing pavilion, an auditorium and provision made for tourists under the big trees along the shore.

One of the big features, perhaps the very biggest, in making Gothenburg a live, wide-awake city is the Kiwanis club. There is a dancing pavilion, an auditorium and provision made for tourists under the big trees along the shore.

Broadened Contact. "Wealth broadens a man's contact with life." "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "In some cases it enables him to range all the way from meetings with the most distinguished people to sessions of the grand jury."—Washington Star.

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