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### COMPARING THE KEYNOTES.—II.

Senator Harrison, as had been expected, claims for the democrats all credit for reducing taxes: "Under the leadership of Simmons in the senate and Garner in the house we triumphed, not because we were numerically strong, but because we were assuredly right." The administration said that if we would increase taxes on 3,589,555 income taxpayers and reduce the taxes on 5,400 it would release money for productive enterprises and increase the prosperity of all.

The fact that President Coolidge urged tax reduction, and that the secretary of the treasury offered a plan whereby that end might be achieved does not seem to trouble the senator, especially when he says the administration sought to increase taxes. Garner in the house reported a substitute for the ways and means committee's report, which in turn was rejected, and the Longworth compromise was adopted. In the senate this was rejected, and Simmons presented a substitute for the finance committee's report, which also was rejected, and a compromise measure was passed, to be worked over by a conference committee, on which the republicans had a majority. Why, then, should Simmons and Garner have credit for anything, save that with the assistance of a group of insurgent republicans they were able to block the administration measure?

### Representative Burton shows little consideration for the intelligence or ability of his hearers or the public to discriminate when he says:

"Amid all this deceptive cry of economy let it be remembered that the republican party, during its less than four years of control, has expended \$9,522,000,000 more than did the democratic administration during the whole five years immediately preceding the war."

It should be remembered that a considerable portion of that expenditure was to pay for democratic mistakes, made during the war. It will also be remembered that twice since the democrats went out of power taxes have been reduced, and government in every direction has been lowered. Mr. Burton points out:

"As an illustration of present conditions, the per capita expenses of the United States government in the fiscal year of 1919 were \$7.74; in 1919, the year of the peak of expenses, they were \$173.54, and for the last year they were \$33.44, more than four-fold those of 1919."

Yet the per capita reduction in favor of the republican administration looks like \$140.10. Not until the war debt is paid, and the last democratic blunder is settled for, will there be any chance for getting back to where we were in 1910. However, it is too much to expect that a democratic keynote orator will be entirely frank with those he addresses. We shall follow Senator Harrison a little further in his course.

### ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

From the sick bed in which Woodrow Wilson lay through the winter of 1919 comes a story that gets some color of support from the address of Chairman Walsh to the democratic convention. It is to the effect that Mr. Wilson was at one time ready to accept the League reservations, that the Treaty of Versailles might be ratified, and the United States become a member of the League of Nations. Advisers to the president opposed this, as a surrender to the republican senate. The matter was carried to the "great and solemn referendum," and there overwhelmingly defeated.

Senator Walsh now says, "It is not so necessary that we immediately join the league as it is that we abandon any foolish antagonism to any world movement, however commendable in itself, merely because it is in some way connected with the league." This undoubtedly refers especially to the World Court. Senator Walsh must be familiar with the plank of the republican platform adopted at Cleveland:

"The republican party reaffirms its stand for agreement among the nations to prevent war and preserve peace. As an important step in this direction, we endorse the permanent court of international justice and favor the adherence of the United States to this tribunal as recommended by President Coolidge. This government definitely refused membership in the League of Nations and to assume any obligation under the covenant of the league. On this we stand."

Let the democrats make as square a declaration, either way, and the issue will be fairly joined. What likely will occur at New York will be a straddle of the question, for the men in control of the convention are not willing to again try the question before the bar of public opinion. They prefer to adopt the Machiavellian strategy so frankly endorsed by "Pat" Harrison, and win by trickery if possible.

### ANOTHER SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD.

Saturday, June 28, Serbians all around the world will celebrate Kossova day. It is the anniversary of the defeat by the Turks of the Serbian army on the "Field of the Blackbird" in 1389, and for centuries was observed as a day of mourning. Now it is their Fourth of July. Ten years ago the change was wrought by a group of conspirators. Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, heir apparent to the throne, and his wife were visitors at Sarajevo, in lower Bosnia, their presence inflaming the patriots who resented Austrian domination.

On June 28, 1914, seven young men were armed and stationed along the route through which the archducal party was to drive. They first tossed a bomb into the motor car in which the archduke and duchess sat. Franz Ferdinand tossed it out, and it exploded under the car following. A few moments later Prinzip sprang on the running board of the motor car, as it slowed up at a corner, and fired with deadly aim. The archduke and his wife were dead, and the road to freedom for Serbia was opened.

It led through five years of the most stupendously destructive war the world ever knew. Millions of lives and billions of treasure paid the price of freedom for the Serbs, Croats and Slovaks, for the Poles, the Czechs, Slovaks, Moravians, Letts, Lithuanians and others of the submerged peoples. Their liberty was dearly bought, and should be the more highly prized because of that.

The celebration of Kossova day by the Serbs, wherever they may be, should be joyous, but they ought not to forget that more than their freedom was accomplished by the shot fired that day by Prinzip. That bullet shattered old institutions till they crumbled, and empires that seemed founded to endure fell before its echoes. Europe is rebuilding, but has not yet heard the last of that shot.

### LET US ROAR TO THE LIONS.

Omaha has listened to the roar of the Lions since the first of the week, and has enjoyed the sound thereof. It means the Lions are well pleased with what they found here. Now, it will be in order for the citizens of Omaha to do a little roaring, while the Lions of the local Den stand at attention and receive the plaudits of their fellow citizens.

It was no mean undertaking the Lions club of Omaha set on foot a little over a year ago, when it determined to go after the 1924 international convention. Courage that is typical of the great king of beasts inspired them, and wisdom, too, for their plans were well laid. When the time came, the Omaha delegates went to Atlantic City, where the 1923 gathering assembled. Omaha's attractions were recited, Omaha's hospitality was extolled, and Omaha's advantages were emphasized, to the end that all other claimants were driven to a corner and the prize was Omaha's.

Then the real work of getting ready for the meeting was up to the local group. How well they contrived and managed is shown by the success of the greatest convention the Lions have yet held. Visitors have been well taken care of, and are going home, content that the delegates from Omaha to the Atlantic City convention did not promise anything that was not delivered. Also, that only half was told them, and the rest has been shown them.

Enterprise such as that which animated the Lions club of Omaha is the stuff that builds a city. The community really owes to these men a debt for a service well performed. The city comes in for a priceless lot of advertising, for all of which the Lions club is to be thanked. In the name of their fellow citizens, The Omaha Bee congratulates the Lions on their worth while achievement.

### WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The devoted, single-minded patriots now gathered at Madison Square Garden afford a most interesting study. They are devoted to the great enterprise of defeating the republican party. They are single-minded as to that purpose. When they pass this point, then it is something different.

For example, one group says if the klan is not specifically named and soundly denounced, the whole party will be wrecked and ruined. On the other hand, another group says if the klan is so mentioned and so denounced, the party will be smashed so flat the remains will have to be taken up with a blotting pad. Likewise as to prohibition. Ditto on some other points. The immigration law will be touched most gingerly, child labor not at all.

"Where do we go from here?" is the question uppermost in the minds of the delegates. The party is ruled from below, so its leaders say, but each of the rulers is watching for a sign. Who will give it none can say, but the way ahead just now is enveloped in something more than a mist.

Mr. McAdoo built some big tunnels under the Hudson, but it remains to be seen whether he can bore through the Smith-Taggart-Brennan-Tammany wall.

Doug Fairbanks discovered that he was not as well known in Denmark as Doc Cook, but Doug is touring Europe and Doc is thinking it over in a federal prison.

Incidentally the men who pick W. J. Taylor of Merna as an easy victim for gold brick artists are going to meet up with surprise and sharp disappointment.

The "red menace" at Minneapolis was that some of the reddest delegates may leave without remembering the cashier at the hotel desk.

Another good thing about flying across the country in less than 24 hours is that the aviator does not have time to stop and make political speeches.

This is going to be a campaign in which those who suck political eggs are going to find it increasingly difficult to hide the shells.

A Chicago physician talked in his sleep, and now he is in jail for bigamy. Beware of sleeping with the muffer open.

The days are growing shorter, but the same may not truthfully be said of campaign speeches and promises.

It seems that our dry navy is having a rum time of it.

## Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—  
Robert Worthington Davies

APPRECIATION.

In stream the trout are nesting,  
 In tree the sparrow sings,  
 In tea the bees are resting—  
 Drunk with the dews of Spring.

In sky the clouds are soaring,  
 On earth the flowers flaunt,  
 And white and red are pouring  
 Their fragrance through the grove.

And life is all a glimmer,  
 And life is all aglow,  
 Entrancing and a-shimmer  
 With things that live and grow;

With excellence prevailing  
 In symbol as in truth,  
 And graceful nature sailing  
 The fervid sea of youth.

By night the scenes I ponder,  
 By day I am beguiled—  
 Enhanced as life grows fonder,  
 Sweetened with incense wild.

## Are Anybody's Ears Burning?



## "From State and Nation"

—Editorials from Other Newspapers—

### Mr. McAdoo Is Mad.

From the Chicago Tribune.

Mr. McAdoo complains in New York that he is the victim of a breach of hospitality. New York democratic newspapers do not think he is an available candidate and their criticism makes Mr. McAdoo mad. Probably in the New York democratic ought to wait until after the convention and then, if Mr. McAdoo is the candidate and has gone home, start criticizing him. The republicans would be satisfied with that.

We do not as yet view Mr. McAdoo with the critical interest which would be aroused if Mr. Brennan had had luck in the convention and got the candidate he does not want, but if his availability is an issue among the democrats it is at least explainable, strange as the candidate may regard it.

Mr. McAdoo was in a position of influence in Washington. He was the son-in-law of the president and a member of the cabinet. He chose to resign his government position and resume practice as a private citizen. Men frequently do that because they feel they are not justified in sacrificing the future of their family to their own preference for politics and government service. Such service honestly given does not mean much revenue.

Mr. McAdoo or his firm took the cases of corporations having claims against the government. He took the

### claims of Mr. Doherty in Mexico.

shrewd corporations wanting the most favorable consideration of their demands would want just such a man as Mr. McAdoo. He was not recommended to them, we believe, by any superiority except in Washington connections. Doherty knew he was the man to press the Mexican claims because he was the son-in-law of a president who had been indulgent of Mexican outrages.

A sensitive man would have said that he was unable to take cases in which his personal and political associations might prejudice the interests of the government in favor of his clients. Mr. McAdoo had a legal right to do so, but he need not be astonished if the propriety of it is questioned when he seeks to turn from the private practice again and re-enter politics and become the chief of the nation.

It indicates a flexibility of code which will hardly escape the comment of critics either before the convention or, if Mr. McAdoo should be nominated, after it.

### When It Was Not Oregon.

From the Portland Oregonian.

As every Oregon schoolboy knows, the river already had been named "Columbia" by Capt. Robert Gray, its latest discoverer, when "Thanatopsis" appeared. But it had been designated variously as "Ouragon," "Oregon," even before the voyage of Gray. It was an easy transition from the river to the region through which it flowed, and though the latter was destined to bear the designation of the ship that first entered its mouth, the sonorous quality of the supposed Indian word, its novelty and, above all, the mystery that enveloped it gave it a peculiar literary utility.

These attributes were seized on by Bryant, and the instant fame of "Thanatopsis," its wide publication, and particularly its quotability, spread the word "Oregon" to the farthest corners of the English-speaking world. But it is interesting now to recall the form in which the Oregon passage appeared in 1817:

All that tread the globe are but a handful of the tribes that slumber in its bosom. Take the wings of morning—and the Borean desert pierce—Or thence thyself in the continuous words that veil Oregon, where he bears no sound. Save his own dashings—yet—the dead are there.

The agencies of meter here plainly throw the accent to the second syllable, and conceding the influence of the poem in giving vitality to the word in the literature of the day it is a fair inference that it would have so

### continued if Bryant had not later changed it to read:

Where rolls the Oregon and bears no Save his own dashings—yet the dead are there!

It is not likely that the mystery of the inception of the name long applied to the entire Pacific northwest and now borne by the state will ever be resolved to the complete satisfaction of all disputants; but it is universally conceded that the poet—and incidentally the North American Review—did more to make it permanent than all the dusty charts and musty government archives in the world.

### Power of Compound Interest.

We often hear that Peter Minut in 1626 paid the Indians only \$24 for Manhattan island. We are apt to think of this as a ridiculously small

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# SUNNY SIDE UP

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

### HIS PREFERENCE.

The preacher in the pulpit stood and talked of many things. Of golden streets and Jasper walls and harps with golden strings. He told about the angel choir that spent the happy days in winging 'bout a golden throne with joyful songs of praise. Of peace and rest through endless years with never thought of care;

Of long white robes and golden crowns that all the angels wear. And then he shouted: "All who wish to go to that fair land Beyond the Jordan's sullen flow will please arise and stand!"

The congregation all arose and stood upon its feet All except a stranger who sat tight in his seat. He minded not the wondrous looks the people turned his way. Nor did he seem to care a whoop about what they might say. He merely sat there with a smile while all the rest arose To signify they'd like to be beyond dark Jordan's flow. The wondering preacher in amazement said: "Friends, you may sit down."

And, turning to the stranger, said with something like a frown: "My good sir, you who kept your seat, must I now understand You've no desire to go with us to that fair happy land? Do you admit 'tis your desire through future years to dwell With hosts of evil who are doomed to live and move in hell?" The stranger listened for a time, a smile upon his face. And when the preacher closed his talk he stood up in his place And made reply: "My parson friend, it's just this way, you see, I much prefer Nebraska, which is good enough for me!"

The family car, still being dismantled with little hope of repair, we are unable to enthrone over the gasoline war. The price of gasoline does not intrigue us even a little bit. But if you want to enlist our enthusiastic and unflinching support just start a crusade to bring the price of our favorite brand of cigaret back to 10 cents, where it used to be.

Nebraska Limerick.  
 There was a young fellow in Valley  
 Who found a fair maiden named Sally.  
 But Sally was cold  
 And very soon told  
 The fellow she wouldn't be pally.

We may be a poor mathematician. On the other hand, our friends may merely take us for an easy mark. But we have it figured out by means of the pari-mutuel machines something like \$2,564,784 was won at the races, and less than \$56 lost.

Our British friends will have none of steer roping and bulldogging. We confess that we have often wondered how Americans who shudder at the Mexican sport of bull fighting can applaud the spectacle of the steeplechase roping and bulldogging.

We are authorized to announce to the visiting Lions that the skeleton steel framework at Seventeenth and Dodge will be a completed building when next they hold their annual convention in Omaha.  
 WILL M. MAUPIN.

sum for what is today the most valuable piece of land of its size in the world; but we do not stop to think that if this original \$24 had been invested by Peter Minut at the rate of 7 per cent per annum and compounded every six months to date, it would have earned a sum equivalent to the assessed value of the entire city of New York, so it is said, including its

streets, sewers, railroads, subways, theaters, hotels, skyscrapers and palatial homes.—The Thrift Magazine.

Mistaken Identity.  
 "So Bill got nipped in the stock market. How did it happen?"  
 "Oh, the usual case of a lamb mistaking himself for a fox."—Boston Transcript.

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## Abe Martin



Mr. and Mrs. Lefe Bud have moved out of the Acme apartments as the cocktail shakers kept 'em awake. It must be awful 't reach the age when women don't reach anything of kissin' you.  
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