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MAKING EDUCATION BETTER.

President Coolidge, addressing the assembled teachers at Washington, spoke strongly for improvements in education. He had, in his message to congress and in other addresses, endorsed the move for a Department of Education with its head a cabinet officer. In this later address he gives approval to the principle if not the text of the so-called Sterling-Reed bill, which has been before congress since 1919.

This provides for federal aid for education, not exactly on the dollar-matching plan, but requiring that no sum can be obtained by a state from the federal treasury greater than the state itself expends for the specific purpose. The law contemplates the eradication of illiteracy by the improvement of school facilities and compulsory attendance. Attention will be given to the Americanization of immigrants, so far as instruction in the language and fundamentals of the nation are concerned. Special efforts will be made to improve the physical status of the boys and girls. Defects now common will be attended to, and it is hoped eradicated by proper courses in exercise. State laws and state authority will, however, control the schools in all matters. The federal effort will be merely to assist such states as need the help and apply for it, complying with certain definite requirements.

President Coolidge may cling to the "Little Red School House" as an emblem, but he is looking forward and not backward. He realizes the shortcomings and deficiencies of the old-fashioned one-room building, and has this to say about the district school:

"The old one-roomed school such as I attended ought to give way to the consolidated school, with a modern building, and adequate teaching force commensurate with the best advantages that are provided for our urban population. While life in the open country has many advantages that are denied to those reared on the pavements and among crowded buildings, it ought no longer to be handicapped by poor school facilities. The resources exist with which they can be provided, if they are adequately marshaled and employed."

This should not be regarded as an encouragement to extravagance in the schools, but as a stimulus to advance in methods. Primitive habits and customs in other ways have passed. The primitive school should follow them.

Nebraska is very directly concerned in this. Second in the nation in point of low percentage of adult illiteracy, Nebraska has some of the finest and some of the poorest schools on the continent. The Omaha Technical High school, costing \$5,000,000, is admittedly the finest of its kind in the world. We are proud of it. At the same time we know in some parts of Nebraska school is maintained in the sod-house of a bygone pioneer day, and in other districts no school is held. The district is too poor to employ a teacher.

of the state at the November election in 1922, when 407,673 ballots were cast. That was about 70 per cent of the possible vote of the state. Those who argue against the primary system may find a little consolation in the light vote. In the end it discloses an unhealthy disposition on part of the voters to disregard their duty on election day. Enough politics is talked in Nebraska year after year to justify expectation of a full vote. Such anticipation is seldom realized.

What the primary does not disclose is more important than what it does. One thing, the totals afford no basis for judging the strength of any party or movement. A warrantable inference is that candidates will have to keep moving until "sugaring off" time comes, near the end of October. Republicans have every reason for confidence, but that is not an excuse for indolence.

AT THE BOY'S BEDSIDE.

It is but natural that the American people have turned their chief inquiry from Madison Square Garden to the Walter Reed General Hospital, in Washington, where Calvin Coolidge, Jr., is fighting for life. A very simple thing is a blister on the heel. Many a lad has one, perhaps none ever escaped one. This one provided an open door through which a deadly germ entered the body.

The staphylococcus is defined as being one of a number of micrococci that form in clusters. In young Coolidge it met little resistance, and swiftly ran through all his veins and arteries. Almost before any one knew it, the lad was sick unto death. All that medical science or surgical skill can do is being done for the sufferer. By his bedside father and mother watch, anxiously noting the changes as they pass, for good or evil. Praying that the son of their loving hearts be spared.

So all fathers and mothers, nay, all Americans pray, hoping the fine lad will come out of the Valley of the Shadow, into which he has descended, and that he may grow to manhood.

America's heart is again in Washington, beside a sick bed, that of a boy whose passing would bring much sorrow to the nation, because his father is our chief magistrate. It is the touch that makes all men and all women kin. All look eagerly for good news from the sick room.

RAIN AND THE GOOD ROAD.

Nebraskans will very soon be taking stock of what the big rains left of the highway system. They will discover washouts, great gullies across dirt roads. Embankments will have disappeared in many places. A lot of work on which time and money has been spent will have to be done over. Not a few piers are standing alongside creeks and small rivers, with the superstructure gone down stream. Generally havoc has been wrought.

One thing is certain, though. The well built, properly drained, hard surfaced road is still there, giving its service. It served during the worst of the rains, just as it does through the hottest of droughts. So, too, with the permanent bridge. It stood the floods, and was safe when the freshet was most threatening. The good road and the good bridge are a comfort in time of storm as well as a great help to business all the year through.

Nebraskans have had plenty of experience. They ought to be ready to seriously take up the highway problem. Right now \$4,000,000 is waiting in the United States treasury for Nebraska. We only have to appropriate \$983,000 to get it. This is at the rate of 24 cents on the dollar. The problem is one for the next legislature.

Will the people of the state continue to emulate the backwoodsman, who couldn't fix the roof when it was raining, and let it go because it wasn't necessary when there was no rain? Or will they go after the federal money that is waiting, and see that it is used for good roads?

Remember, Nebraska contributes proportionately to the federal fund whether any of it comes back to the state or not. How long will our people be content to hold rank as forty-fifth in the matter of highways?

JAMES W. METCALFE.

It is said that every man in the world has his special work, but some never find it. James W. Metcalfe, whose body was laid to rest at St. Louis by his brother, Richard Lee Metcalfe, on Monday, found his. It was a singular sort of service, one that is very essential to all, and which requires a peculiar gift of character and application alike.

He organized the Omaha Retailers' association, the purpose of which was to secure concerted action on matters of common interest. Retail merchants have many such interests. They found in the association of which Mr. Metcalfe was secretary for so long the solution of many of the problems that had harassed and vexed them. One of them was credit. Out of the Retailers' association, Mr. Metcalfe organized the credit bureau, which has come to be an institution of importance to the whole community, to those who buy as well as to those who sell. It has the quality of being the cog that holds the machine together and keeps all wheels turning.

Mr. Metcalfe gave himself entirely to this work, once he had set his course. He made for himself a name that extended far beyond Omaha. Out of his venture here grew the national association of retail credit men, of which he also was secretary. Thus his ideas expanded and not only is business in Omaha better because of his work, but that of the country has largely been put on a more stable basis through "Jim" Metcalfe's endeavors.

He found his place and filled it well.

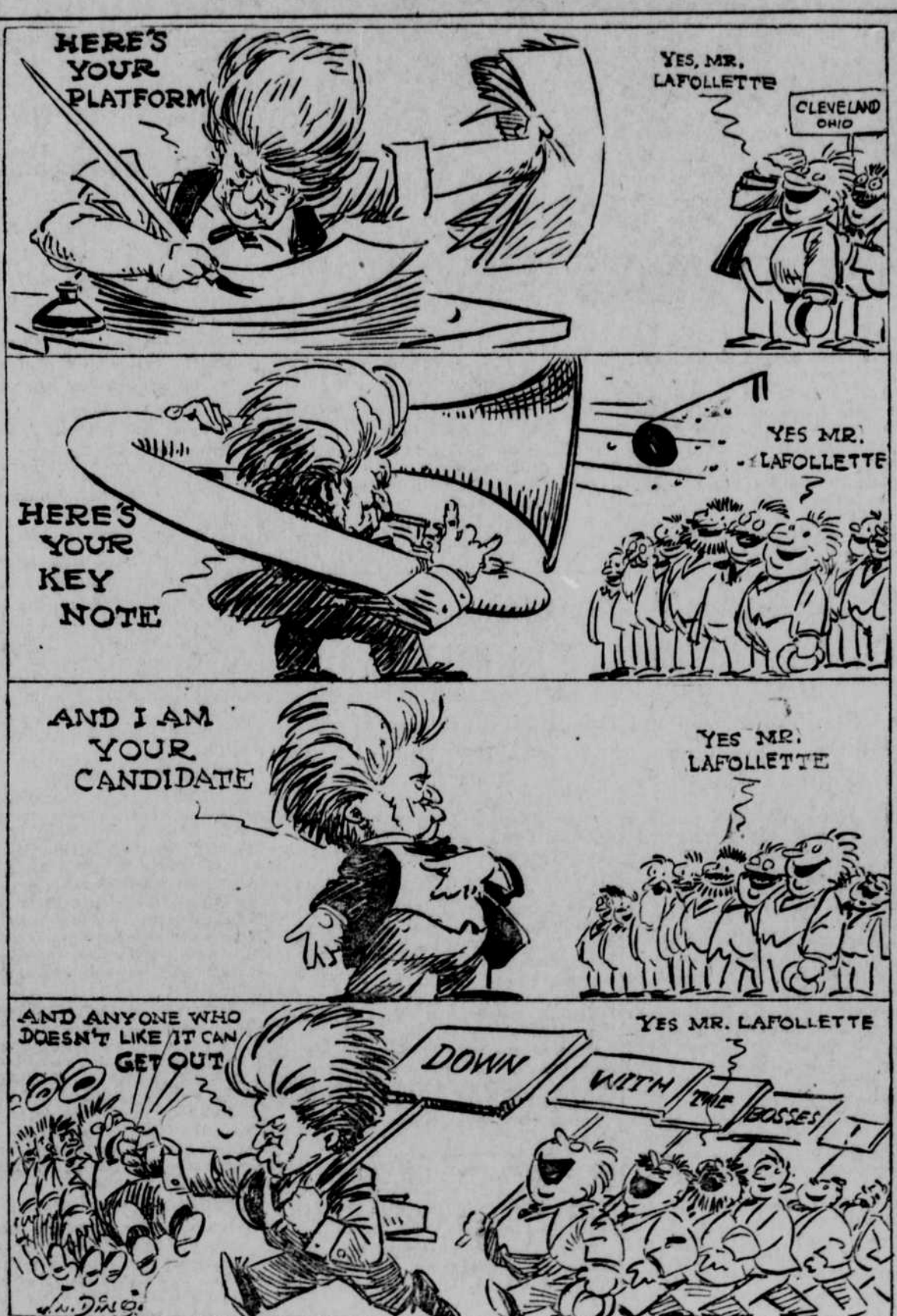
Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie

REACHING INTO THE DARK.
If we all were in our fitted places,—
High positions which of yore have made
Progress true among the various races,
And pursued a long apprenticed trade—
Few mistakes would be and fewer sorrows,
Faster to a worthy plane we'd soar;
Wonderful todays and bright tomorrows
We would share and welcome more and more.

If, perhaps, our friendships bore no flavors,
If our honest worth was measured as are feet,
If possession yielded not to favors—
Bitterness would moult our deeds more sweet;
If, perhaps, there were no wings in rising—
If equality was not so much a name—
If there was no adding, no devising—
There would be less failure and no shame.

And It Was an Unbossed Convention



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.

Socialism, Communism, Sovietism and Unionism.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The platform on which Hon. Robert Marion La Follette launches himself as a candidate for president is carefully designed to catch the peculiar type of voter he has always catered to. Now, I do not want to be misunderstood in my attitude toward La Follette. He has done some very worthy things in his time, and he has done much that is unworthy. For instance, in the last session of congress he was the only real leader who appeared. He took a little group of senators and so maneuvered them as to thwart the administration of every turn. But he did not succeed in putting over a single La Follette measure. His triumph was merely negative. He has many of these to his credit, and not very many of the positive sort.

Abe Martin



Nothin' makes an' author as mad as receivin' a request for his autograph when he's lookin' fer money. Next t' payin' 50 cents for a baked Idaho p'tater, th' shortest run fer th' money we've ever heard of wur th' late four billion dollar congress.

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badly stated. For example, government ownership of railroads, with democratic management (the Plumb plan), varies so slightly from the Russian model that even an expert must look closely to note the difference. What will become of the railroad brotherhoods and shop craft unions once the roads pass into public ownership, and the men have a share in the management? Under the Plumb plan they will have a double share, for representatives of the government, the workers and the public are to make up the board of control, and the government will be controlled by the workers, if their hope is realized. Instead of the transportation system being managed from Wall street, it will be directed from the roundhouse or the switch shanty. Even that might be an improvement.

However, we step to the next point. A direct route from the producer to the consumer. This is the elimination of all middlemen, except such as are unavoidably needed to carry on. In order to avoid a clash here, there must be co-ordination between the transportation system and the producing and consuming. That, of course, is a detail, but it may be a mighty interesting one before it is settled. Any doubt as to this may be referred to the experiment of North Dakota, where the route was made direct from the wheat field to the bake shop at least, and the wheat refused to travel that path.

As to work and wages: Well, every body who is displaced from another occupation by reason of the elimina-



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SUNNY SIDE UP

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

A Kansas editor thinks he has hit on a great idea, that of starting a "For Men Only" barber shop. But he wouldn't get to first base with it. The big majority of men are decent chaps, and they prefer the present situation to the old one where lewd stories, obscenity and profanity prevailed. And in spite of that men say, they like to sit in the next chair and cast surreptitious but admiring glances at the young woman who is getting her shingle bob or shampoo. Money invested in wildcat oil stock is a safer investment than money put into a "For Men Only" barber shop.

Frank E. Hevey of Lincoln and elsewhere tenders a sort of apology for his poetic effusion in which he sought to cast aspersions on the Oregon town named after us. But he need not apologize. Our municipal namesake is larger than Frank's native town, and 100 years younger. It has a good newspaper, two railroads, a bank with real money in it, salmon canneries, and a mighty good name. Besides, the fishing round about is said to be superior. In all kindness we suggest to friend Frank that he re-read the story of the gentleman who was hoist by his own petard. By the way, our friendship with Frank has a sound and substantial basis. He is the only man in the west who knows as many of the old church hymns as we do.

Thursday, July 10, will be the annual grouch chasing day of the Ad-Sell league, the occasion being a family picnic at Elmwood park. Among other athletic attractions will be a pleasing contest between Dr. Stuart MacDairmaid and myself, "Doc" furnishing the emblem of the pie. "Doc" wants to date our knowing our dental deficiencies, but after arbitration pumpkin was decided upon as having the least resistance.

To date we have managed to restrain our natural tendency to get all hot up over conditions in New York. Fruit canning being on in full blast, domestic conditions furnish about all the mental turmoil we are able to assimilate. When Lottie Clifford ties a dust cloth around her head and begins filling fruit jars, she becomes a veritable beam of destruction to home comfort. The only comforting thought in connection therewith is of the gustatory delights sure to come between the first frost and the awakening of spring.

It is surprising how many successful men in big business and the professions were once members of the Home Town Silver Cornet Band. Also, how many men who have not achieved success who were also members of the organization. We have one of the latter in mind. He played a yellow b-flat clarinet by ear and awkwardness.

For several months we have been devoting our spare time to the reading of sacred history, trying to find some record of early Christians who were careful to wear masks when they bore aloft the cross as the emblem of their faith. To date our search has been unavailing, but we haven't yet exhausted the books in that section of the library.

We hear quite a lot about the desirability of deporting aliens who persist in violating the prohibitory laws. The suggestion would meet with heartier approval from us if it were coupled with some equally good suggestion as to the proper method of dealing with those who boast of their Americanism while persistently violating those same laws.

WILL M. MAUPIN.

charged, and yet it cost Uncle Sam in addition to all the revenue lost \$100,000 a month, or \$2,000,000 in all. La Follette may be a better railroad man than McAdoo, at that.

What I want to inquire is, "Where do the trade unions come in?" They will be asked to vote for all this, but what does it mean to them? One of the first institutions to be demolished will be the American Federation of Labor. In 1919, at St. Louis, Mr. Victor L. Berger declared the American Federation of Labor had outlived its usefulness, and that he would waste no time attending its sessions. He has not. What he would substitute is something like the British Trades and Labor Congress, which has nothing to do with either trades or labor, but is a clearing house for British socialist politics. The members of American trades unions, particularly those who are engaged in skilled crafts or occupations, will do well to ponder this situation. Trades unionism may be swallowed up in socialism in the United States as it has been in Europe. UNION MAN.

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