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ALL OUT OF STEP BUT CHARLIE.

On September 12, the anniversary of the battle of St. Mihiel, the people of the United States will have a demonstration that should be of interest to all. For want of a better term, it is called a "mooilization," although it will scarcely amount to that. In working out plans for a proper defense of the country, certain functions have been assigned to certain groups of citizens. President Harding, announcing that if war ever again threatens us, and defense is needed, said that not only will the manhood of the country be called upon, but every dollar of material wealth will be conscripted. Means of production and transportation will be enlisted, just as men and women are asked to take their part. The danger will be common to all, and the duty of protecting our homes and institutions will be shared

Plans to this end have been matured, in detail, and assignments for carrying them out have been made. Our military establishment consists of the regular army, which represents one-sixth of the force; the National Guard, which represents onethird, and the Reserve corps, which represents onehalf. Around this nucleus, which roughly contains a million men, will be erected the great army that will be needed if war on anything like modern scale ever again comes. In addition certain civilian activities are included, having to do with the handling of men and supplies.

To show that the instructions are understood, Mobilization Day is to give all who are connected with the general plan of defense the chance of for a moment responding to the call. Not a shot will be fired, not a soldier will leave his barracks, not a citizen will depart from his normal place in the ordered march of society. Each who is depended upon will, however, make the necessary gesture to indicate that he is ready, and is aware of the importance of his assigned role in the whole plan.

When Paul Revere rode "to spread the alarm through every Middlesex village and farm," he knew he was carrying a message to those who were ready and waiting. The Minute Men who assembled it Concord bridge and "fired the shot heard round he world" had been prepared, just about as the War lepartment is now trying to prepare America. Not or conquest, not for aggrandizement of any indi-vidual or group of individuals, but to assure the world and the people of the United States in particu-'or conquest, not for aggrandizement of any indiar that we can and will defend our liberties.

The president of the United States, as commander-in-chief of the army and navy, has requested the governors of the several states to co-operate with nim in making the day a success. Governor after zovernor has issued the necessary proclamation to he citizens, until it gets to Nebraska. Governor Bryan declines to co-operate. He sees in it a scheme to "glorify war." This further proof of the governor's devotion to peace at any price was . not needed. His record is as clear on the point as that of his more illustrious brother, who assured Dr. Dumba, the Austrian minister, that he need not be slarmed by the note dispatched to Germany, as it lid not mean what it said.

When the Minute Men were organizing in 1774 and 1775, they did not have the approval of Governor Gage of Massachusetts. He, too, deplored snything that savored of war, and if he had had his way, the United States of American might yet be British colonies. In that event, there would be no such office as vice president to be a candidate for. end governors would be appointed by the crown.

Governor Bryan will shortly be called upon to give his unqualified approval of the national platform on which he stands as candidate for vice president. He may have to cross his fingers when he does so, for the platform contains this plank:

We demand a strict and sweeping reduction of armaments by land and sea, so that there shall be no competitive military program or naval building. Until agreements to this end have been made, we advocate an army and navy adequate for our national safety.

Apparently, the entire procession is out of step with the single exception of Brother Charlie.

THE REST CURE.

Mr. Leon Konat of Omaha need not worry about where he may spend an extended vacation. Neither will he need worry about it being a fine opportunity for restoring his shattered nerves. The place is assured, and there will be a plentitude of quiet. Unless Mr. Konat changes his mind, and the mind of Judge Day, he will repose in jail for six months.

Mr. Konat, according to his tell, is very nervous and unable to work. So nervous is he that when served by a restraining order from Judge Day he tore up the order and cursed the court. At any rate Mr. Konat explained his actions by stating that he is a very nervous man. Judge Day might have sentenced Mr. Konat to jail for contempt. He might also have added a stiff fine. But in the goodness of his heart the judge decided otherwise. He took into account the accused man's nervousness and inability to work and gave him six months where things would he quiet and where he wouldn't have to work. It is to be hoped that the six months will restore Mr.

Konat's shattered nerves, and enable him to do at least a fair amount of work.

Furthermore we desire to commend Judge Day for his thoughtfulness. He might have aroused some contention by fining or imprisoning for contempt, but who is there to denounce him for his evident desire to act as a nerve specialist and promoter of useful labor?

RESTORING THEIR POLITICAL RIGHTS.

Robert Marion La Follette insists that his sole mission on earth at this time is to restore to the people their political rights. Of course he is sincere and honest. He proves it by his words and deeds. That is why he informs those who have, according to his tell, lost their political rights, that he will be their candidate for president. Having lost their political right to choose a candidate he restores it by naming himself as their candidate. In order to make sure that their political right to frame a platform shall be restored to them, he writes the platform for them and informs them that they must accept it without crossing a "t" or dotting an "i."

But that isn't all that Robert Marion Lafoliette does to restore lost political rights to a despondent people. The right of the people to have a voice in the management of a campaign timed to restore lost rights must be restored. That sounds a little bit involved, to be sure, but our meaning will be readily grasped. So La Follette restores this right to campaign management by hand-picking the managers and telling them what they may or may not do.

"I'll be your candidate, I'll write the platform, I'll select the campaign managers, and I'll tell them what to do, and in this wise there shall be restored to a despondent people the political rights taken away from them," declares the Wisconsin statesman.

It is awfully simple and easy when you fully understand it. The trouble with the whole proposition is that the people have not been deprived of any political rights. They have more of them today than ever before in the history of the republic.

If the people would now cease talking about their political rights so much, and devote a little time to a study of their political obligations, things would probably go along a whole lot more smoothly.

LIBERTY UNDER THE LAW.

Presdent Coolidge, addressing the Boy Scouts, urged upon them that they reverence God and the law. One of the illustrations he used was the New England town meeting. Freemen gathered together to discuss and act upon matters of common concern. They decided upon improvements, levied taxes, chose those they would have to rule over them, in the enforcement of laws they made themselves. Through all this they demeaned themselves as freemen, and in respecting the laws they made for themselves they proved their right to be free.

Greene, in his "Short History of the English People," devotes a very interesting chapter to the development of representative government and the jury system. The witchagemote was the progenitor of the town meeting. It came with the Saxons from their howm in Central Europe to England, when Hengist and Hosa went over. Yet, as the Saxon throve and became more and more immersed in his personal affairs, he found less time for the consideration of general interests. So, when the sheriff came around to summon attendance to the folkthing, freemen began to find excuses for not going. Those who did came to attend as bearers also of proxies for neighbors who preferred to stay at home. Through this grew up the practice of selecting representatives, until the witenagemote in time came to be a representative and not a popular body, and eventually was lost in parliament.

In either the power comes from the people, the government from the consent of the governed, laws by the assent of the majority. It is liberty under the law, and so deserves the respectful regard of all. Presdent Coolidge's advice to the Boy Scouts may be well followed by all citizens.

It is not surprising that John W. Davis should start his campaign with an attack on the Constituion of the United States. That document never has been especially pleasing to his party.

Since his first comments on the John W. Davis candidacy W. J. Bryan has been strenuously endeavoring to withdraw his pedal extremity from his

Governor Bryan will observe Mobilization day, but Vice Presidential Candidate Bryan wants it distinctly understood that he is opposed to the whole

European nations would do well to hurry up and get together on the basis of the Dawes report. Uncle Sam is likely to get tired of donating after

Persia is where the Arabian Nights and Omar Khayyam came from, but that does not mean that Persians should not behave themselves most of the

Nebraska boys more than filled the quota for the C. M. T. C. at Fort Des Moines. The youngsters are showing the way for some of the old folks.

Just about the time a man convinces himself that he is a friend of the people he spoils it all by announcing his candidacy for some office.

La Follette wants the women's votes, but he is not alone in his quest. At least two other candi-dates are looking for that support.

This country began exhibiting a weak end when it began featuring the week end as a social diver-

Nothing in the cares of being a candidate can dampen Brother Charlie's interest in a hoss-trot.

A McMullen Democratic club will get plenty of members in Douglas county.

It now transpires that a lot of political dark horses were really dun.

Of course the female tramp disguised as a man was a "beautiful hobo."

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

RETIREMENT.

Many a man who claims a throne, And lives in the midst of galaxy gay,-Keeps to his heart a wish his own, And, keeping it, dreams of a future day.

It may be a house in some peaceful spot-A modest home with a quiet charm, Or a grove of trees that he loves a lot, And an open field that he calls a farm.

For he wasn't born in the glare of Fame, And the innate traits of his being cling Unto his heart, even though in name He wears the crown of a stately king.

And after his glorious years are o'er He'll seek a place in which to rest, And live content as he lived before Among the things that he loves best.

Counting Their Chickens







Letters From Our Readers

Omaha.—To the Editor of The maha Bee: Since political parties re necessary, composed, of rouse.

Are involved, parties should rise above the level of party expediency.

D. P. DOLAN. Omaha Bee: Since political parties are necessary, composed, of course, selfish interests that are inseparable signed, having been detained by our stead of the "R" key. from human nature, the need of reform is often present. If our parties wish to accomplish anything of value to the public they should favor certain principles and policies that will truly represent the common purpose and the desired end. Since there will always be difference of opinion, the judgment of the majority is the safest guide. If a member of a party cannot agree with the majority, he is at liberty to oppose it, but not within the ranks of the party, after the majority has rendered its decision; but outside the party as an independent. A serious danger consequence of the party as an independent. A serious danger consequence of the party as an independent. A serious danger consequence of present the majority has rendered its decision; but outside the party as an independent. A serious danger consequence of the party as an independent. A serious danger consequence of the party as an independent. A serious danger consequence of the party as an independent. A serious danger consequence of the party as an independent. A serious danger consequence of the party as an independent. A serious danger consequence of the party as an independent. A serious danger consequence of the party as an independent of the party and the desired that the socialist party has endering prisoners in the desired with interest your editions. We feel that it would perhaps be dorsed La Follette.

Mrs. Marie Weekes of the Norfolk ferrence of the Norfolk of interest your editions of the party has endering prisoners in the double of the party has enderi from human nature, the need of re "Uncle Samuel" in both the Douglas dependent. A serious danger conforms the country when candidates for public support are not loyal to the fundamental principles determined by the majority, but seek the support of groups of voters between when the support of groups of voters between the support of groups of voters betw whom and their party there is no from using any names or mention the refuses to get all het up because Ne honest point of contact. For in Jail where we are now confined, braska now has a candidate for a honest point of contact. For in-stance, the paramount principle of the progressive party is unqualified opposition to our present financial system, based on the gold standard. The progressive party would substitute paper money in unlimited quantities and sholish the Federal Reserve Banking system. How can a candidate of the democratic party approve of and seek the support of a party approve of and seek the support of a party approve of and seek the support of a party approve of and seek the support of a party approve of and seek the support of a party approve of and seek the support of a party approve of and seek the support of a party approve of and seek the support of a party approve of and seek the support of a party approve of and seek the support of a party approve of an approve of an approve of an approve of a party appro

holding such views on vital rinciples of government?
The Bible tells us that "no man can serve two masters, for either he will love the one and hate the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other." We are also inform ed that on a certain occasion Christ warned His disciples not to cast their pearls befores wine." It was a stern rebuke of sacrificing principles to win the approval of the swine.

The progressive party has a vacan-cy on its ticket due to the withdrawal of Charles W. Bryan. It is proposed to fill this vacancy by nominating Mr. Norton, now the candidate of the democratic party. But how can the fundamental principles of these two parties, so radically different, be rec-onciled to enable any candidate to henestly approve of both? Voters can render the best service

to their party and to the country by exercising their judgment and activities within the party, and no ers whose radical views are not cal-culated to make a workable form of popular government a success. To do

Abe Martin



A tonsil party fer Mrs. Lib Pash, who goes under the th' seissors t'day, wuz given by Mrs. Tilford Moots yisterday, th' 13th. It seems like th' flardest thing some folks do is to say "Good mornir'" (Copyright, 1924.)

LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press.

of human beings, influenced more or Grand Island, Neb.—To the Editor Follette got the nickname when a less by passions, prejudices and of The Omaha Bee: We, the under-linotype operator hit the "B" key in

would thank you to kindly refrain from Nebraska, the York New Teller hould you care to make comparative secondary place on the national ticket. statement between the two places, and

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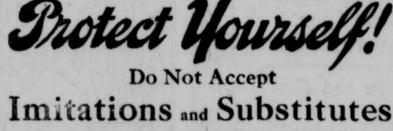
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Three things we shall not wear during the coming campaign—a skullcap, an inverted pipe and a pompadous. We purpose wearing a very independent and knowing look. Ours shall be the joy of sitting upon the political sidelines and as-suming a very thoughtful mein. We shall not be distressed of soul because of any possible outcome, remembering that the Almighty has always been good to this republic. For the first time in 40 years we are going to let the candidates and wouldbe piebliters do all the worrying about the political future.

Just about the time the notification and acceptance speeches are off n the chests of chairmen and candidates we hope to be somewhere up in the sandhills of Nebraska, loftering by the banks of pellucid lakes and varying the pleasure of reading fluffy and inconsequential novels with the pleasure of catching an occasional bass or crapple. So far as it may be within our power to do so we shall refrain from worrying about anything but bait and iced refreshments.

We shall, while folling under the shade of some friendly cottonwood by the lakeside, recall with more or less feeling some of the stories told by friends who attended the recent New York imbroglio. How could we do otherwise—recalling days of yore when it was not necessary to look far for relief from ennut while on a fishing trip?

At the juncture we are reminded of a time long ago when we officiated as commissary sergeant of a company of five printers floating down the Missouri river in a boat of our own construction. At one stopping place we wended our solitary way up town to lay in a supply of sustenance for the inner man. Our purchases consisted of two loaves of solids and the rest liquids. Never can we forget the look of consternation upon the face of Hugh Saxon as he viewed those purchases and shricked: "Gosh, how can we ever get away with that much

One of our greatest entertainments there hot days is to visit some grand old farmer of Omaha who doesn't know a silo from a two-row cultivator, and listen while he orates on the subject of "Isn't this great weather for corn."

We wish Mr. Nebb would hurry and get his "Noxage" on the market. This delay begins worrying us. Certain twinges upon arising early in the morning, combined with a growing indisposition to tackle the day's work, indicate to us the need of remedial applications. And semenow or other we are in-trigued by the idea of taking that remedy from a jug.

At times we are compelled to transfer at Twenty-fourth and Farnam, and when we do we always recall the days when that particular intersection was Away Out in the Country.

Being without an automobile and therefore wholly disinterested, we make bold to ask what is the possible use of cheap gas when roads are impassable?

Noting that an enthusiastic gentleman has named his recently arrived twins "Coolidge" and "Hell'nmaria," we arise to insist that there is no further need for argument in favor of adoption of the proposed amendment to safeguard the fu-ture of the children. WILL M. MAUPIN.



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