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WHAT LAFOLLETTE WOULD RESTORE?

Senator LaFollete announces that he is a candidate for the presidency on a platform demanding that the "political and economic rights of the people be restored to them."

Just what would LaFollette restore? And just what would he abolish in his work of restoration? Would he wipe out the Australian ballot in order to restore the political rights enjoyed prior to

the universal adoption of that law? Would he wipe out equal suffrage and restore the old exclusive political right of manhood suffrage?

Would he wipe out the primary and restore the old political conventions.

Would he wipe out the direct election of senators and restore their election by the legislatures of the several states?

Just what does LaFollette mean when he talks about "restoring political rights to the people?"

Just what economic rights now vouchsafed the people would LaFollette wipe out in order to restore to them the economic rights he says have been taken from them?

Would he wipe out the policy that has made every American dollar worth 100 cents the world around, and restore the old economic right to a debased and degraded currency that was the easily manipulated weapon of gamblers in Uncle Sam's securities?

Would he restore to the people their old economic right to pay whatever charges the transportation companies saw fit to charge, issuing passes right and left to favored shippers, giving rebates and discriminating between communities, and controlling the conventions of political parties.

Would be restore to American wage earners their economic right to work for \$1.25 a day because American markets were flooded with the products of the pauper labor of Europe?

Of just what economic rights have the American people been deprived that LaFollette would have restored to them?

Indiscriminate generalization does not meet the situation. The people have a right to know from this Great Restorer just what he purposes restoring.

The United States is the only country on earth to which the eyes of the people of every land and clime are turned with longing. Nowhere else is the standard of living so high. Nowhere else is prosperity so abounding. Nowhere else is life and property more secure. Nowhere else is to be found greater political freedom or broader opportunity for economic independence.

Like Absolom of old LaFollette stands by the way of the gate, trying to steal the hearts of the voters by specious appeals to prejudice and donunciation of everything that is.

Will the intelligent electorate of America allow their hearts to be stolen as Absolom stole the hearts of the men of Israel?

WE'LL SOON KNOW WHO IS BOSS.

Dan Butler has done the expected finally. For the first time in his variegated political career he has acted as everybody who knows him thought he would. He accepted the nomination for governor on the "progressive" ticket. By telegraph, too, so there would be no chance of its getting away.

One good brother of the faith objects to Mr. Butler's presence on the ticket, saying he is not a progressive. Forsooth, and also gadzooks. Dan is just as progressive as any man they have named. He is quite as good a democrat as Charles W. Bryan, who was very acceptable to the progs. Also, he is a better democrat than John N. Norton, who, according to commonly accepted count, has not been a democrat since 1911. No one should be disturbed as to Dan's eligibility, so long as he feels no qualms.

In the meantime, W. J. Taylor and Mike Harrington announce that they have and that W. H. Green and J. L. Beebe have not been in touch with a conference at Chicago. This is to determine who's who in Nebraska prog circles. Now up steps Frank Harrison, who has come all the way from California to handle the La Follette campaign in Nebraska. Frank says, so far as he is concerned neither of the four have been asked to attend at the Chicago con-

Folks on the sidelines are beginning to enjoy the game, but would like it better if the players wore numbers, so they could see who has the ball. It is not hard to tell who is doing the kicking, but it is

OLD JACK WALTON ON TOP AGAIN.

News from Oklahoma always is of interest. The people down that way are as unique in their political habits as possibly could be. About a year ago they went through all the various motions of uprisings, special elections, recalls and referendums, court proceedings, mandamuses, injunctions, military displays and klan meetings, to get rid of their more or less picturesque governor. Before it was over they had established that, in addition to being a democrat, Jack Walton was guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance. He had usurped authority and mis-

applied state funds. He had played favorites and solicited bribes. Otherwise he had gone far enough to shock folks as politically unconventional as even the Oklahomans.

It was a great day for Oklahoma when Jack Walton marched out of the state house. The troops were demobilized. The citizens went back to their ordinary vocations of boring oil wells, selling stock, raising wheat and that other product in which Kansas excells and which William Allen White advised them to give over. Jack Walton was deposed and that was that. But Jack knew a thing or two on his own account.

What does he do but stage a perfectly good comeback? At the primary election on Tuesday of this week the free and intelligent voters of Oklahoma nominated Hon. John Walton to be the candidate for United States senator on the democratic ticket. And so, unless Oklahoma does the entirely unexpected, the man who was so unceremoniously and joyously kicked out of the statehouse and denominated unfit to be governor will become United States senator.

Verily, the ways of the Oklahoma democrats surpass even those of the brood in Nebraska, so far as inscrutability is concerned.

WHAT ENGLAND GETS FROM RUSSIA.

Now that the treaty of commerce and amity has been concluded between England and the soviet republics of Russia, we will probably hear much about the American attitude. It is well to look closely then at the bargain that has just been struck at Lon-

Principally, it has to do with the carrying on of trade between the two countries. All details and provisions are not as yet available, but it contains the customary safeguards. These include the agreement by each of the contracting parties to protect the lawful interests of the nationals of the others. That is all the United States has required of Russia on this point.

On Thursday last it was announced that the conference had broken down on the subject of debts and property rights. Russia objected to assuming any responsibility for pre-soviet debts or for property of any British subject seized by the soviet. After a long conference, negotiations were resumed. Russia finally agreed to assume 50 per cent of the pre-soviet debt, to be paid over 50 years, or 25 per cent to be paid in cash. Also to take part in the adjustment of private claims, which will be paid as rapidly as they are established.

This is far more than the United States asked. President Coolidge said to congress last December: "Whenever there appears any disposition to compensate our citizens who were despoiled, and to recognize that debt contracted with our government, not by the czar, but by the newly formed Republic of Russia; whenever the active spirit of enmity to our institutions is abated; whenever there appear

works mete for repentance; our country ought to be the first to go to the economic and moral rescue of At London the first two of the conditions have been more than met, and perhaps the last, in part. But the third has not been met, nor will it be until the citizens of the United States have by their votes made it plain to the world that they are not going to follow Russia or even England along the road described by Karl Marx. Our president has said,

people in this stand.

"I do not propose to make merchandise of any Amer-

ican principles." We feel he has the support of the

PROFESSOR, BE YOURSELF. Taking advantage of the disturbances incident on many and varied causes, Prof. Charles Gray Shaw, who ladles out philosophy at the New York University, tells a distracted world that it soon will be unable to laugh. Mankind is becoming so sophisticated, so well acquainted with the springs on which life moves, that the sense of humor is becoming atrophied. Very soon man will know too much to laugh at anything. Even now he is driven to the vaudeville comedy and comic strips for his fun, and very soon even these will cease to move him.

Perhaps the doctor is right, but at this distance it seems as if he had overlooked one or two bets. His own life may be a drear and solemn waste of demonstrated or demonstrable facts, utterly devoid of emotion, moving placidly along a predetermined course without the light of a smile or the joy of a Gains in Returns; Outlook for Future chuckle. It is not the measure of the whole life of | Is Bright." the race, however. Nor does mankind of necessity resort to the comic strip, although we confess that many a grin is born of contemplating the adventures of the heroes and heroines who move in that

So long as certain politicians "play such fantastic tricks before high heaven as make the angels weep;" so long as college professors indulge in such lugubrious prophecies; so long as the world goes round there will be plenty of occasion for laughter. "A merry heart doeth good like medicine," and out of a merry heart come the smiles and the chuckles that light up the world on its way. Be yourself, professor; take something for your liver, and you will be able to laugh at your own philosophy, just as the students who heard your lecture must have laughed after you had dismissed the class-

The president of France dined 500 American ad men and the newspapers devoted considerable space to telling that after the banquet 47 gold spoons were missing. Our association with ad men convinces us that the news feature of the story lay in the fact that only 47 gold spoons were missing.

John Zahnd, national independent nominee for president, has withdrawn in favor of La Follette. His withdrawal is about as noticeable as the hole left after you pull your finger out of the millpond.

Mr. Ford will discharge any of his Detroit worken whose breath smells of liquor. Now if we could only apply the same rule to men who drive so many of Henry's flivvers.

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

STAY BY THE FARMSTEAD, SONNY. Stay by the farmstead, sonny; it is the place for you Things may not go To your liking, you know; Things may not seem In accord with your dream;

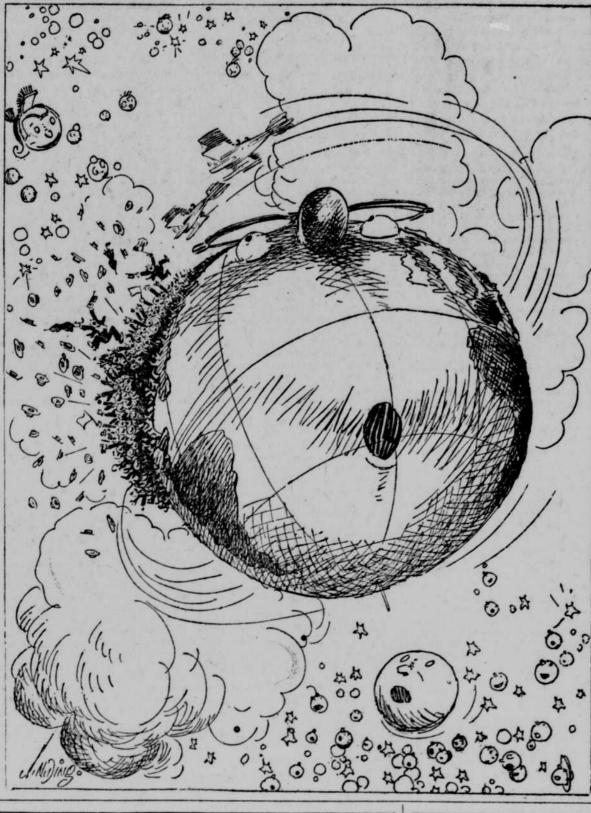
But the farm is the place for you. There you are ever unshackled-free as the winds

at play;
There do you share
Largely visioned despair;
There you are blessed With the most of the best. Lonely though seemeth the day On the farm is the place to stay.

Skies cannot always be blu

Stay by the farmstead, sonny; grow, with the deeds

Time will advise That you're thoughtful and wise: Things will come right If you stay there and fight; And the farm is the place for you.



The Auto Club.

The Real Result.

If some folks didn't take a vaca-

Letters From Our Readers

is Bright." There is no use to go into detail about this certain article Is Bright." There is no use to go into detail about this certain article, but just why do you print such bunk in your paper? There is nothing like being optimistic, I am sure, but such articles as the above just rile the people up when they read it, as they know, if you don't, that four-fifths of it isn't so. Yes, corn and hogs are a pretty fair price now. Why shouldn't they be with 90 per cent of it in the elevators, and likewise the hogs are scarce throughout the country, and the refrigerators of the packers running over with cheap purchased hogs.

With presidential election coming on, it is natural that you talk this way, and I presume we will all be rich and get good prices when our honorable Mr. Coolidge gets in, but at the present time let's look squarely at things and don't try to make use "poor, ignorant farmers" believe such stuff as printed. Very truly

The Auto Club.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The the deduction of the condition about the roman automatout the omaha. Auto club headquarters the Comaha.—To the Editor of The the good to the adout that one of the comaha auto club headquarters the Omaha.—To the Editor of The the population of these reads within a radius of the condition about the receives reports daily of the condition of these reads within a radius of the condition be kept fit and factories ready to make other nations respect us.

An Incongruous Combination. Never has the democratic party—or, for that matter, the republican—named such contrasts for president and charles W. Bryan. The theory underlying the vice president as printed. Very truly

The Real Result Result.

The Auto Club.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The the double that the odaduarters that the other hadily to get information about the receives reports daily of the condition should be specially in bad weather.

We are sixth in rank in per capita wealth, but near the last in rank in the construction and maintenance of good roads. This condition should be remedied, not only for the special that the good of the people generally.

Good ro

us "poor, ignorant farmers" believe such stuff as printed. Very truly yours, C. D. LUCAS, Cashier Royal State Bank.

and, furthermore, tell us where they a rabbit of getting a shave any more. saw it at work. I have been looking —Cincinnati Enquirer. around for the past four years for evidence that it was working effect-ively, but all I can see or hear is a few foreigners are arreste and scaked to the limit, and that a lot of people are caught but never brought to trial, and that bootleggers are much more plentiful than officers of the law, and that booze is to be had in nearly every town in the country, provided you want it bad enough. Certainly, if you are a prohibitionist, you don't want it, don't look for it, and don't believe it is to be had. All one has to do to believe prohibition is working is to give him self a small dose of scientific sugges No. there are no bootleggers, no stills, no moonshine, no booze. Prohibition is working fine. of the yarns about booze and boo legging is mere moonshine-I should

say moonlight, and I do not believe them. That's all you have to do. them. That's all you have to do, just bull-con yourself into thinking prohibition is prohibiting and it will do the work—in your case. Oh, well in mine—that's different. I happen to know where I can get some pretty fair booze, and maybe somebody els knows, too. Besides, I can't make the "bull" work in my case, I've seen and tasted too much "evidence" in the course of the dry season. I've knocked around a lot in different parts of the country, and the only time I couldn't get booze of some sort was when I was out in the country away from any habitation; I never had any trouble getting it in the towns. Maybe I was lucky; maybe seems t' be somethin' about bein' heavy first that he heavy first that heavy first that heavy first that he heavy first that I've got a better nose for it than beautiful that keeps a girl from some of the prohibitionists,
I know this much: If a prohibition swimmer,

tionist wanted a chew of tobacco he

"From State and Nation"

Omaha.-To the Editor of The

Blinks-Do you believe this scientist Cashier Royal State Bank.

Single Boyou believe this scientist offered related combinations like Cox and Roosevelt, Wilson and Marshall, Bryan and Kern, Parker and Henry Bryan and Kern, Parker and Henry

> It is true that Arthur Sewall, the Maine shipbuilder, who was William I. Bryan's ticket mate in 1896. Abe Martin

> > advanced type.
> > Governor Bryan favors the repeal

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Jerry Knows.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In today's issue reference is made to Governor Bryan preparing. It is a drike if the wanted it made to Governor Bryan preparing. It is a bid. If prohibition ever gets on made to Governor Bryan preparing. It is a bid. If prohibition ever gets on made to Governor Bryan preparing the joil I certainly want to see the his speech of acceptance so that it work it ought to be quite a curies will "Genet Common People."

Action speaks louder than worse and the "Cinderella Brothere" during and the "Cinderella Brothere" during the increase him incumbency as governor has falled in the performance of his duty to the detriment of the weaker element of the work, and for the reason that all folks are not honest; all folks are not trying to do the "brother" during and this stepdaughter of the New York convention and "adric" politician has permitted the female is low in the work of the proposition of the work of the proposition of the

or thought of such a thing. If there leaders about a formal occasion is any body of men anywhere who whereat notice would be served or hate war, it is those who have gone the senator that he was nominated through it and yet they repeatedly.

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resemble the presidential nominee in the general color of his policies and tendencies. Hence democratic na-Easily, Why Worry!

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I wish some of the good folks who believe in prohibition would give their reasons for so doing.

I be the conding the barber shops a man hasn't any more chance than a rabbit of getting a shape any more chance than a rabbit of getting a shape any more chance that a rabbit

not of the Bryan stripe; but there was no such gulf between them as that which yawns between Bryan's brother Charles and Mr. Davis. The important difference is not that Mr. Davis moves in the eastern world of finance and fashion, while Bryan is of the alpaca coated, grass root western group. That combina-The irreconciliable difference between the two is in their political beliefs. Mr. Davis is ac onservative. His fellow candidate is a radical of the

of the Esch-Cummins act. Even the democratic platform, "progressive"

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Does not include returns, left-

as it pretends to be, does not demand for the presidency in Cleveland a

Sidney. Here's where we get off.

Pake Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet Coha Thaller

On the Wing—One of the great joys of being a veteran Nebraska newspaper worker is the reward of an occasional as-signment to fare forth into the interior and chronicle things

signment to fare forth into the interior and chronicle things seen and heard. Interesting to listen in on conversation of fellow passengers aboard the Los Angeles Limited. Young lady hailing from Massachusetts and on her way to Hollywood, asks young man at her side what in the world will be done with all that corn. He supposes that it will be fed to cattle, whereupon she expresses a desire to know the present whereabouts of the cattle.

Red-faced man in smoking compartment of observation

car calls for another bottle of ginger ale and grumbles because it is. Five wagon loaded with wheat stop at crossing while train rushes by. Drivers smile and wave their hands. Evi-

dently feeling good at crop yield and good prices. Blamed fool in big automobile racing with the train. Would Pass a Law,

but it would simply further clutter up the statute books. Nobody pays any attention to laws aimed at safety on public roads.

Confess that it is rather mixed, but insist that weather, wheat

situation and corn outlook very likely to aid materially in clarifying it. Indicate that we would rather talk about crops

and returning confidence and prosperity. Too hot to talk

Man asks about the big buildings and tanks seen from train. Explain Sinclair pipe line to him. Expresses surprise that oil should be piped a thousand miles. Inform him that there are many surprising things to be seen in Nebraska. Nebraska, for instance. Red-faced man in smoking compartment calls for another bottle of ginger ale. Train crosses drainage

ditch in which a number of boys are bathing. Bathing in the altogether. Visible signs of embarassment on part of feminine passengers. Envy on our part. Distressingly hot and the water did look cool and inviting.

Pass freight train that consists of 102 cars and caboose. Fully a mile long. Remember when 30 cars made a full train.

Engine on long train a monster. Steam dome as big as the dinkey little engines that used to haul the short trains.

chained Union Pacific engine to track to enforce collection of

Rapidly growing city. Outgrowing reputation, builded solely on fact it was the home of Bill Cody. Fifteen-minute stop and

passengers debark to walk up and down platform. Visitors from effete east wondering that such a fine city could be builded

so far west. We tell them that train won't be out west for several hours. Hardly half way across Nebraska yet, and west does not begin until Wyoming line is reached.

Players using discs of various colors. Our expense account being limited, we soon lose interest and wander on.

Peculiar card game in progress in stateroom up ahead.

Just the other side of Lexington-Plum Creek when we first knew it—pass scene of historic attack of Indians on Union Pacific train. Lexington is where County Clerk Jack McColl

North Platte. Largest railroad icing plant in the world.

politics, anyhow.

taxes owed by railroad.

Gentleman asks us about political situation in Nebraska.

the repeal of this act.

Governor Bryan favors a referen looks on the proposal as a superflu-Governor Bryan favors a referendum on war; congress retaining the power to declare war only in case of threatened invasion by a foreign foe. Mr. Davis, as solicitor general, argued the government's case in defense of the selective service act, maintaining that congress had the power to conscript as well as to declare war.

Governor Bryan favors the reenactment of the excess profit tax. The democratic platform does not. It is impossible to imagine Mr. Davis favoring such a step.

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