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Omaha Where the West is at its Best

DAVIS WRITES HIS OWN PLATFORM.

In accepting the democratic nomination for president, John William Davis also accepts leadership of the party. He is bold enough to step beyond the limits marked by the platform adopted by the convention which nominated him.

Generally, the democratic dogma expressed in years gone by is accepted in its entirety by the candidate. Mr. Davis is unequivocally for free trade. His words leave no doubt as to his meaning:

"Is there not something of humor as well as honesty lacking in those who in the same breath can demand, as they should, the payment of our foreign debts, but refuse to accept from the debtor the goods in which alone payment can be made? Who clamor for an American merchant marine, but deny it the cargoes necessary for its existence?"

To secure payment of the war debts, Mr. Davis would transfer the unemployment problem from England and Germany to the United States. What else could happen, if we were to accept European goods in lieu of cash? Every dollar's worth of goods brought in from abroad will displace a dollar's worth of home manufacture.

Former Secretary of Labor Wilson evidently knew what he was talking about, when he beseeched Samuel Gompers not to endorse La Follette until he had learned what Mr. Davis would have to say on the labor question.

Keeping step with the keynote and the chairman at New York, the nominee makes light of the policy of the administration in its dealings with the world outside. He refers to the Washington conference as being its only contribution, and that of doubtful value.

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Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davis

COMPARISON.
I really don't know how they're fixed—their home is big and fine;
It is a palace by the side of that I prize as mine.

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A FEW YEARS MAKE.

From the "More or Less Personal" column of our esteemed contemporary, the Nebraska State Journal, we extract the following:

"A reader sends a copy of the Blue Valley Blade of January 1, 1890, containing the following quotations from the Seward market:
'Wheat—Per bushel, 50@55c.
'Corn—Per bushel, 15@16c.
'Oats—Per bushel, 10@15c.
'Rye—Per bushel, 23c.
'Barley—Per bushel, 25@40c.
'Hogs—Per cwt. \$3.00@3.10.
'Cattle—Shipping, per cwt. \$2.50@3.25.
'Cattle—Butcher stock, per cwt., \$1.75@2.00.
'Cattle—Feeders, per cwt. \$2.50.
'Flour—Per cwt., \$1.80@3.00.
'Butter—Per pound, 15c.
'Eggs—Per dozen, 18@20c.

"Exact comparisons are not easy but anyone can tell without looking at the figures that the Seward county farmer is now getting twice as much for his wheat; six times as much for his corn; four times as much for his oats; nearly three times as much for his hogs and cattle; two or three times as much for his butter, and more for his eggs. His expenses have grown out of all proportion to this increase, and this makes the trouble. In 1890, the land was capitalized at from \$20 to \$30 an acre. Taxes were low. Farm telephone lines hadn't been built. Automobiles hadn't been thought of. Farm hands really worked for \$18 to \$22 a month. When the farmer went to town he bought a lunch consisting of crackers and cheese. He hardly saw the inside of a theater in his life and carried home a pile of almanacs to read in the long winter evenings. He didn't get much for his stuff, but probably had more money left at the end of the year than he has in this swifter age."

Brother Jones might have gone a little further in his comparison. In 1890 the Farmers' Alliance was gathering that impetus which was to sweep Nebraska from the republican column. It sent William Jennings Bryan, William McKeighan and Omar Madison Kem to congress, and later William Vincent Allen to the senate. But the inexorable logic of events solved the farmers' problem, without the intervention of the special devices, such as "Honest John" Powers' sub-treasury scheme, or the plan of Allen Root for the valorization of wheat.

Most of the remedies that are being proposed nowadays were being pushed then. All that is recounted in the extract here quoted took place without special legislation, and most of it under the general administration of the republican party. A warranted inference is that the farmer will continue to thrive if the republican party remains in power.

MEDICINE MEN ON WAR PATH.

Disease may be virtually eliminated in civilized countries, if doctors are correct in their views. The result will be greatly improved conditions, increased productivity and general well being. Sir David Bruce, president of the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine, told the British Society for the Advancement of Science at Toronto:

"Medicine in future must change its strategy. Instead of awaiting attack it must assume the offensive. It must no longer be said that the man was so sick he had to send for the doctor."

Sir David puts the yearly economic loss due to preventable disease at \$750,000,000 in England and \$3,000,000,000 in the United States. On the other side of the ledger he sets down some of the things that have been accomplished for the eradication of disease. Conditions in Europe still are deplorable, but headway is being made there. To all that the eminent Englishman said might be added the record made by the Rockefeller Foundation, to which we referred some weeks ago. This organization, now world wide in its scope, has made much progress in its combat against disease, and is winning a notable victory.

Here in Omaha we are enjoying the benefit of healthy conditions established by the doctors in their pushing of preventive medicine. The records of the city health department for 1923 show the following:

Table with 3 columns: Communicable Diseases for the Year 1923, Cases, Deaths. Rows include Diphtheria, Smallpox, Scarlet fever, Measles, Chicken pox, Whooping cough, Poliomyelitis, Typhoid fever, Cer. spinal meningitis.

This showing will appeal to some of the older residents, who can recall the days when typhoid fever, scarlet fever and diphtheria wrought such havoc among a population of a little more than one-fourth that for which this tabulation is made. Omaha stands high among cities of the first class as regards health. This is owing to the unrelenting pursuit of preventable disease by the men of medical science.

"Evidence of solid party behind Davis at Clarkburg." That is the reason Senator Walsh devoted so much of his time telling the candidate how he nominated everything is in spite of the fact that he was nominated.

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Starting the Fire Works



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.

Stoicism in Practice. Columbus, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The proceedings in the Leopold and Loeb trial disclose that while apparently doing its best to save the murderers' necks, what would perhaps be its most valuable aid to that end, the defense shies at. While the prosecution is careful not to touch the hornets' nest in which the murderers were steered and prepared for the commission of crime.

Unquestionably the murder of Franks was by its perpetrators, with possible knowledge of their trainers, intended as a demonstration of scholarly accomplishment and a bold exhibition of the methods of the barbarian doctrine of "stoicism," which the career of the murderers indicate controlled their mind and body completely.

The Leopold and Loeb murder plot, which culminated in the murder of Franks, explains itself in the teachings of the ancient Greek philosopher, Zeno, by whose effort stoicism was in his time regarded as a noble force in the affairs of man which, notwithstanding it, speeded up decay of the Greek civilization and seriously retarded intelligent and rational progress.

The doctrine is by a class of so-called higher intellectuals passionately adhered to and persistently taught and extensively practiced. A course in stoicism is calculated to make a human being as brutish as it is possible to make him.

The Chicago murder case presents a splendid opportunity to crush the vitals of the ugly man of the dark ages. Made uglier by the sharpening of his intellect. Should the prosecution, backed by the majesty of the law, as it is by Christian tolerance, assert itself and hang the murderers and send to the gallows their trainers and all others that support and help.

Folly of Fusion. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: "I realize that I was nominated by the democratic state central committee not because I am J. N. Norton, but only because of the principles I stand for." We beg leave to inquire whether Mr. Norton would feel justified in accepting the leadership of the progressive party in Nebraska in addition to the democratic if it should be offered him. This leadership would be out of harmony absolutely with the democratic principles Mr. Norton stands for, as the democratic candidate, and yet it is proposed to place his name on the progressive ballot for governor.

The democratic party has been used too much by this fusion business simply to carry elections, to the detriment of party principles. It is time for democrats who are loyal to their party principles to resist this double-crossing of these principles for selfish purposes.

The one supreme folly and sin is to substitute expediency for principle, because expediency, even when successful, is apt to produce evils that are peculiarly dangerous in the operation of popular government. It also cultivates a spirit that undermines political and intellectual integrity. Hence the widespread belief that politics is corrupt.

Saving Farm Machinery. Winnetoon, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Some time ago we saw a statement from the governor, or "Brother Charley," stating that on account of low prices for farm products and high cost of machinery that men had to move into town to make money to support the farm and this on account of "protective tariff" on machinery. Does the governor of this great state wish to say there is a protective tariff on machinery when the great bulk of farm machinery such as binders for instance, is made in the United States and supplied to the world. If Mr. Bryan would make a little study of commercial geography he would find that very little or no farm machinery is shipped into this country.

The machinery of the United States has the world for its market. But as one writer said in your column, that the waste in machinery is enough to keep the average farmer poor. Let the farmer house his machinery and thousands of dollars in every county would be saved to the farmer. If the governor would study

his school geography he would find that Uncle Sam's machinery may be found in Europe, South America, India, Africa and "Islands of the sea."

His Snarl. "In the old days they used to teach girls' deportment."

"Yeah," snarled the Old Coot, "and anybody with half an eye can see as how that study has been dropped."

Secularities of Prices. Since bread prices did not decline in keeping with the drop in wheat, of course, they'll not advance, now that

wheat is going up.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

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SUNNY SIDE UP

Take Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet

Our good friend, George Burr of the Aurora Register, is singing off the key. He says he cannot understand why the state should buy a lake, plant and grow fish, and maintain them for the benefit of those who like this kind of sport, unless they charge the fishermen enough to pay the entire bill.

That's just what the state does, George. It charges the bill to us fellows who like to fish and hunt. It even does more; it charges us enough to defray the expenses of the fish and game department and then have thousands of dollars left to turn over to the general fund, which decreases the taxes paid by those who are immune to the lure of the water and the trail.

If we who love to hunt and fish are willing to foot the bills, and are we doing all that and more too, what objection to the state using our money as we would like to have it used?

The fish and game department is not costing the state a penny. On the contrary it is a revenue producer.

The law prohibits anyone under 16 years of age from driving a car. That law, like about 10,000 others, is fractured every day. But for a law like that, it is done about it. And a lot of people who never will be 16 years of age mentally, though they live to make Methuselah look like a foundling, are also driving cars. It isn't more laws that we need; it is the services of a tireless Fool Killer who will stay on the job.

After glancing through the testimony offered by the charming young girls who appeared in behalf of Leopold and Loeb, we feel the urge to invest in a few well seasoned bedslats and expressing them prepaid to the parents of the aforesaid girls. We can think of nothing better suited to the situation—with the accent on the first syllable.

The nomination of Jack Walton, the impeached governor of Oklahoma, for senator on the democratic ticket, must have been based on reasons similar to those advanced for the nomination of a congressional candidate in Nebraska many years ago. This particular candidate was charged on the floor of the Farmers' Alliance convention with being a lawyer. Lawyers were anathema to the Alliance. The man's friends were temporarily stunned by the charge, but later rallied and came back with the defense that their candidate was no longer a lawyer, having been disbarred.

We are now considering the advisability of announcing our candidacy for a governor on a platform demanding that the price of gasoline be advanced to \$2.75 per gallon except in cases where it is being burned for legitimate business purposes.

Seines for fish catching purposes are so designed as to hold the big fish and let the little ones get away. It would seem that the seines for prohibition enforcement purposes are built on directly opposite specifications.

Most of the "prime stuff" being sold these days is rightfully named. It is all primed for the explosion.

By the way, speaking of mid-summer joys, can there be any greater than a plentiful supply of freshly picked and properly prepared string-beans?

WILL M. MAUPIN.

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