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IN THE SHADOW OF THE DOUBLE-CROSS.

When the great Cardinal Wolseley came to die he indulged in a great deal of moralizing. Addressing himself to Cromwell, he adjured him to fling away ambition. "By that sin fell the angels," he said, and attributed his own downfall to it. What has this got to do with the campaign the

democratic party is setting out upon in the nation? Clem Shaver, chairman of the national committee, personal champion of the candidacy of John W. Davis, is beginning to understand. When the convention at New York named Mr. Davis as the nominee for the presidency, a bit of clever finesse was indulged. George L. Berry, who was put forward in all sincerity as a candidate for vice president by the liberal element of the party, was set aside. It was necessary to placate Mr. William Jennings Bryan. The convention was dragooned into accepting Brother Charlie, the Cinderella of the family, as the radical-progressive who would offset the reactionary-conservative Davis and "balance the ticket."

Now Mr. Shaver is learning that the ambition of the Bryan brothers is to have one of their number in the White House as president. Brother Will has had three tries at it. Frontal attacks. All failures. had three tries at it. Frontal attacks. All falures. Here is a chance by indirection. Let Brother Charlie run for vice president. Get the electoral college deadlocked. Throw the election into a house that is impotent. Have the senate choose Brother Charlie for vice president. The trick is done. On March 4, next, at 12 o'clock noon, Charles W. Bryan becomes president of the United States.

How to do this: First, secure the favor of Robert M. La Follette. If a little assistance is given La Follette, he will surely reciprocate. Adding his influence to that of the democrats in the senate he will make Bryan vice president. "Pat" Harrison did not know just what he was doing when he congratulated Brother Charlie on being elected by 75,-000 when the rest of the state ticket was republiean by around 55,000. Yet he touched a keynote there for fair.

The "Harmony club" idea went big in Nebraska. Why not extend it to the nation? The stake is worth playing for. It is not the office of governor but of president that is in reach. And Wolseley was not one whit more ambitious than Bryan. Nor was Machiavelli any deeper in the gentle art of winning when you seem to lose.

So Clem Shaver learned something when he came to Nebraska. He finds the pathway of his candidate obscured by two shadows. One of them is the long, sinister shadow of the double-cross.

BUNK, BLUSTER, BLOVIATION.

Hon. Byron Patton Harrison, senator from Mississippi, is doing a little more than yeoman service for the democratic party this year. He keynoted the New York convention into the most remarkable exibition of "harmony" recorded since the famous affair between the Kilkenny cats. Now he has just potified Charles W. Bryan of one of the results of that convention. He did it remarkably well, too, when one considers the material he had to work But "Pat" Harrison is not to blame for what he does not know. When it comes to Nebraska politics and the Bryans, he only knows what somebody told him.

One of the points made by "Pat" as a notifier is that Governor Bryan received at the April primary 78 per cent of the vote of the third party. That sounds big, and will be impressive until one looks at what really happened. The total vote cast by the "independent" party at the April primary was 2,170, which is just one-half of 1 per cent of the 1922 vote of the state. The equivalent of the alcoholic content beyond which liquor under the Volstead act must not go. So the 78 per cent cast for Governor Bryan really amounts to three-quarters of

half of 1 per cent, or three-eighths of a vote out each 400 cast in November, 1922. As to the thusiasm of the democrats it may be noted that the governor received as candidate of that party at the primaries 58,854 votes, which is equal to 14.7 per cent of the total.

Also, the notifier congratulated the notified on Ithe saving to the people of Nebraska, due to the courageous manner in which you handled the coal and gasoline situations." So far as the coal situation goes, the governor's action had about as much effect as the legendary mandate of King Canute. forbidding the tide to rise any higher. A gasoline war was under way in Omaha for months before the governor did anything. He then started up a onepump station in the southwest corner of Lincoln. and went off to New York, shouting along the way: See what I did to the old devil!" Sad to relate, the price in Omaha and at the uptown stations in Linoln was 18 cents for many days while it was 15 at

the governor's pump. Senator Harrison also should be apprised that the great reform achieved by the governor in the Department of Public Works was to stop public work. He thereby reduced the number on the payroll to the extent of those who were engaged in road build-

ing. His 13 per cent reduction in taxes is also subject to revision. His tax commissioner only makes a claim of 10 per cent. As a matter of fact, the reduction is 40 per cent, when compared to the war peak in 1919. But the governor will hardly claim credit for that. His secretary of finance has just been detected in the omission of a little more than \$700,000 in order to make a good showing on expenditures for his chief. If Senator Harrison will stick around and get posted on Nebraska affairs, he may find reason to revise his notification remarks.

"WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

Somewhere along the line, after man assumed an erect position and began to co-ordinate articulate speech, he found it necessary to refer to one of his fellows. This caused him to employ a descriptive noun. If it were sufficiently pat it stuck, and a name was born. Since then the individuals of the race, and family groups as well, have had names. Some were given in praise, some in derison. Some denote a personal attribute or characteristic, some refer to trade or calling, some to place of residence, but each designating its wearer. Names are honored, family names in particular, and it is a poor man who can not refer with pride to some one of his forebears as having accomplished something to distinguish him among mankind.

Occasionally names lost something of their significance. Smith, for example, has come to be so common that most folks have forgotten that it originally was used by the first artisans. Tubal Cain, who was a worker in metals, was the first smith, and whatever the pre-Noachite appelation might have been, he undoubtedly wore it. Therefore any Smith may look back on a very direct line of descent from "the gardener, Adam, and his wife." The average boy curls up when he hears anyone calling Percy. It sounds so sissified. Yes, but just urn back in English history a few years, and find out why Percy was also called "Hotspur." He was 'ar from being a sissy, and the boy who bears his name today ought to feel a bit of a thrill from the

This might be said of all the popular names in use today. Before feeling bad because the name given by your sponsors in baptism can not be twisted in some hard-sounding "monicker," trace its derivation, and find out if somebody worth while did not once wear it. It must be so, or the name would not have come down through the ages. Most boys would object if they were named "Orgetorigis," and yet the great Julius Ceasar was tickled pink when he learnes that that old warrior had crossed the Styx. Maybe there is nothing in a name, but it pays to look it up before condemning it entirely.

MEXICO .AND THE IMMIGRANTS.

Word comes that Plutarco Elias Calles, who will be president of Mexico to succeed Obregon, has invited 10,000 Jews, forbidden to enter the United States, to come to Mexico. This is regarded as a good stroke of business for the president-elect. It insures his country the presence of that many future citizens who are industrious, thrifty and enter-

It will be an experiment worth watching. Speculation is idle that gives thought to the condition of the Jews in Spain, and their fate under Ferdinand and Isabella. The Jews went to Spain with the Moors. By their presence there they enriched that land in every way. Principally intellectually. History does not hold a brighter chapter than the unfolding of science under the influence of Islam after other centers under the Christian rulers. The overthrow of the Moors in Spain was accompanied by the inevitable expulsion of the Jews, but Spain suf-

The religious aspect of Mexico is not so formidable under the new constituion as it was under the old. The future for the new group is apparently safe on that score. We say apparently, because the possibility of revolutions adds the tang of uncertainty to other pleasures of life below the Rio Grande. Porfirio Diaz once invited Americans to come in and make their homes down there. Many of them accepted. What happened to them after Francisco Madero got tired of paying taxes to Porfirio Diaz will be unraveled during the next few years by the joint commission. It is enough.

If Calles can keep his effervescent countrymen from bubbling over, and can induce other immigrants of the capacity of the Jews to mingle with them, the development of Mexico may get quite a push forward. The opportunity and the resources are there. Also the temptation to dolce far niente, and manana. Unhappily these latter usually are in

John W. Langley of Kentucky is a candidate for congress and under sentence to the federal penitentiary. It appears that he is quite certain to reach at least one of his destinations.

Maine has enacted a law prohibiting carrying loaded guns in automobiles. But the half-shot driver will continue to explode and scatter death and destruction.

LaFollette's campaign will cost \$2,000,000, contributed very largely by those who bought gold bricks from a man named Townley.

Governor Bryan is the recipient of a squirrelskin skull cap. The urge to say something about "nuts" is almost irresistible.

To date it has been difficult to interest France in the matter of interest. It seems agin' French

prnciple to pay.

The LaFollette campaign fund is said to top \$2,-000,000. The Money Devil is no respecter of per-

We suggest that even the mayor of Omaha should have some regard for road laws.

La Follette will not be notified. He knows it.

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

LEAD US ON.

Lead us on and guide us ever, Give us courage day by day, Teach us that our high endeavor Is to Thee as we would pray.

Let sunshine be our ridotto. Make the rainbow's end our goal 'On and upward''-mould the motto As Thou hast designed the Soul.

Let us see the blue through sorrow As obedient mortals must; Each today and each tomorrow Find us keeping true Thy trust.

Lead us on and guide us ever Till the race of life is run. And the fruit of our endeavor Ripens with the setting sun.

Down the Wrong Aisle.



Letters From Our Readers

Iowa has the same vague, scrambling and accidental system of getting money for roads as all the rest of the states, to invest in highways purchased by the unit and turned out to private consumption, without any restriction on how much the private user consumes, and no way of rebating the one who pays for more than he consumes.

Iowa is using a dimension that they call "Horsepower" per year and also a dollar as a meter of value per year, with a fictitious price on this unit,

with a fictitious price on this unit, which does not ascertain the number of ton miles that the payer of such taxes may require or desire. If he gets more ton mile service than he has paid for, then the unpaid balance is passed to the one who is not able is passed to the has paid for, then the unpaid balance is passed to the one who is not able to consume all that he pays for, and if that doesn't cover the cost, then we tax it to the roof over somebody's cultural or industrial arts were re-

He also mentioned a 2-cent gas tax. no doubt the unsuspecting public will accept that also, and the way we do things, not confining us to the truth we followed buffalo trails and cowoff arithmetic, we do not want lower paths and that mode of private transtaxes. Gasoline is not a meter of portation was not able to consume a ton-mile under all conditions, such as great deal of highway service in a quality of gasoline, efficiency of mo-tor and condition of highways at all times and seasons and geographical years, that it is difficult to escertain

The only question in this matter is,

Abe Martin



"You're quite a stranger, what'er you doin' over here?" Tell Binkley asked a feller this mornin'. I had a chance t' cross th' street an' I thought I'd take it," replied th' feller. Miss Towney Apple has a cousin who's a kiss timer in a movin' picture studio. (Copyright, 1924.)

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W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public

has never reached that point yet. The fact is that the producer in the two arts, agriculture and industry, does not possess the strength to produce enough to pour into the stant consuming stream of private

Meter the Road Service.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Your editorial in August 14 issue is a good one, "Painless Payment for Roads." Our Iowa friend must believe that the producer of wealth in the great state of Iowa is not capable to accept a true system of merchandising her highways to the private consumer thereof.

Iowa has the same vague, scram-

the product. In the west the agriculture paid a good share of this in-

Chairman Good Roads, Commander

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That sunrise never failed us yet Coha Thalter

Postmaster Black says a letter sent by air mail with a special delivery stamp attached is an ordinary letter with a

Sign erected at a near-by cemetery: "Blank Cemetery— t." We have selected that particular burial ground for

We hereby serve notice that for the next three or four days this department is going to be worse than usual, if such a thing is possible. The reason therefor is that we are mingling with our kind, the country newspaper brethren and sisters, in annual convention. This has become a fixed habit with us. We have missed but one such annual gathering in 38 years. We hope to be able to register annually for the next 33 years, because it would be next to impossible to mingle with a finer bunch of folks.

Next week, providence permitting, we shall take an extended tour through the southern half of Nebraska—the South Platte country. Time was when the Platte river was a politi-cal boundary of considerable importance. That is no langer true. It is now merely a river that flows through the best state in the Union, bar none. On this trip we hope to meet an army of old friends. Praise be, the South Platte country is not the country we first knew nearly four decades ago. We shall start our inspection tour from Imperial Monday, working eastward and criss-crossing the country by the Burlington's numerous branch lines, spending an entire week. We are especially fond of fried chicken and chicken gravy, hot cornbread and every kind of fresh fruit pie.

Lottie Clifford will accompany us on the trip, prepared to issue the usual admonitions against over-indulgence in eating, and prepared with remedies that have proved efficacious over a long period of years. Watch for a peculiar looking engine, which has its cab out in front, but do not go to the trouble and expense of having the band at the depot. The fried chicken will be sufficient.

Almost as many people witnessed the notification of Brother Charley as witnessed the Cornhusker-Notre Dame football game last November. Many of them for much the same

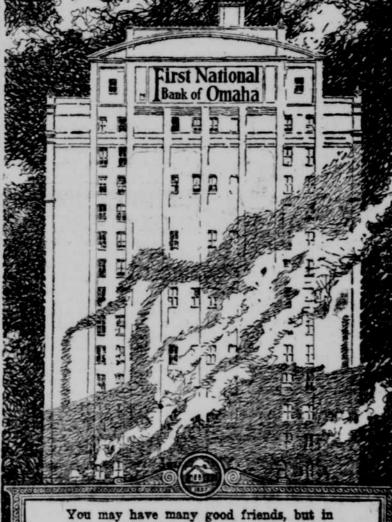
"Kid" McCoy has given many a hard punch, but the

evidences are that he is due to get one in the neck that will put him down for a permanent count. Mike Harrington intimated at the La Foliette meeting that an electoral vote might easily be worth \$100,000. The line will

please form on the right. A man down in Fillmore county called attention to a fact

that we pass on to some prohibition enforcement officer. He named a bachelor who owned one hog, but had just bought 500 bushels of old corn and eight sacks of sugar. If some of the old-time farmers of Nebraska who have gone to their reward should come back and see their followers actually cultivating sweet clover, they would probably ask to

be sent back. We can remember the time when farmers were urged to mow the sweet clover along the roadside to prevent its seeding over on the farms. WILL M. MAUPIN. its seeding over on the farms. **First National** Bank of Omaha



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