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Omaha Where the West is at its Best

PLAIN POLITICAL PETTYFOGGING.

John W. Davis is a lawyer. Good enough to be employed by J. P. Morgan. Morgan employs only the best available when it comes to hiring lawyers. We want to be understood as meaning this as a compliment to Mr. Davis. It may, in the mind of W. J. Bryan, disqualify him as a candidate for president.

Mr. Davis seems to be convinced that he will make a lot of votes by accusing the republican party of being corrupt, of conniving at official misconduct, and insinuating that Calvin Coolidge has blinked at party rottenness in and out of office. Not to put too fine a point on the matter, Mr. Davis lends the respectability of his standing to the slanders of Gaston B. Means, self-confessed former German spy, and Roxie Stinson.

As a preliminary to the campaign of 1924 democrats in the senate launched a great crusade against the administration. Cabinet officers were attacked, and one senator from the south boasted they had carried the trail of corruption to the White House, and would drag it through Edwin M. Denby, secretary of the navy, was singled out in connection with the leasing of oil lands. He was first to be impeached, and then his resignation was demanded. Finally he did resign. When at last the report of the committee on leases upon naval oil reserves was submitted by Senator T. J. Walsh of Montana, it contained this language:

So far as Albert B. Fall is concerned, his case is in the hands of the federal court. Indictments have been secured by attorneys chosen by the president, approved by the senate, and working for the public. That should also content any reasonable man that justice is being done and guilt punished. So far Mr. Davis has confined himself to innuendo, but the nod from the throne is apt to become the royal mandate by the time it reaches the street, and he knows it.

WHICH WAY ARE WE GOING?

In the news dispatches is an account of how an armored mail car was tried out in a test simulating a real robbery as nearly as possible. The robbers were repulsed with the loss of two killed, six captured and one missing. That is, theoretically. How it will work in practice is to be determined.

In those days anything marked "U. S." was immune. Robbers had a wholesome respect for the federal government. They knew that pursuit was relentless, and that conviction would be followed by severe punishment, mail train robbery was rewarded with a life sentence and sometimes hanging.

The iron-clad treasure coach has vanished from service, and along with it has gone the regard of the highwaymen for the label, "U. S." No game has paid better of late years than robbing the mails. Immense sums of money and large quantities of other valuables are carried in mail sacks nowadays.

Now it is reported 3,000 armored cars have been contracted for, to carry our mails in safety across the country. Wherein resides a sad but eloquent commentary on our civilization. King Alfred caused purses of gold to be exposed along highways, to prove the honesty of his people. What would he say if he were told that the most enlightened government in all history had to adopt bomb-proof, armor-clad vehicles to carry letters and packages entrusted to its care?

POLITICS AND PEACE TERMS.

When the London conference had reached an agreement, and all hands were content with the terms, it was pointed out that the big job still was ahead of Herriot and Marx. They had to go back home and satisfy the cabinets and the legislatures of France and Germany. Marx has succeeded. He put the matter up to the reichstag, which is the German senate, on what amounted to a take it or leave it basis.

Marx bluntly told the nationalists what they might expect if the pact was rejected and a government controlled by nationalists sought conference with the Allies. Similarly, Herriot tells his opposition that France may never again be able to align the support she had at London. The premiers are thinking clearly and talking frankly. We wonder, though, if the politicians will understand this. In France the group that overpowered Briand and set Poincare on the driver's seat is willing to do the same for Herriot. Not, perhaps, that its members do not desire peace, but that they long for more power.

The nationalist-communist combination in Germany has but one thing in common, the destruction of the republic. Marx is fortunate in being able to split this alliance long enough to get a majority for the London agreement. Herriot will very likely succeed in Paris, but the interpellations will disclose a spirit that is far from reassuring to those who earnestly desire a tranquil future.

"Blots of dark colored surface material, believed to be vegetation, are now developing" on Mars, according to the astronomers. Wonder if the Martians worry over crops as much as Nebraskans?

Candidate Norton says the republican party is not credited with the present good times. The democratic party has been responsible for the broad lines every time it has been in power since 1860.

Add gas story: Governor Bryan has at last met the cut made by John D. Rockefeller two weeks ago, and is now selling gasoline at 13 cents at the corner of Sixth and South streets.

Pat Harrison is sitting pretty once more. He has the democratic nomination, and that is enough in Mississippi. If he were running in Nebraska, he would have to go out and get elected.

The fact that Brother Charlie lived in Omaha several years before he went to Lincoln lends emphasis to his statement that he is just beginning to get acquainted with the metropolis.

Old George White prophesies that Davis and Bryan will have 346 electoral votes. What makes this most interesting is that old George made the same prophesy for Cox four years ago.

Homespun Verse

By Omaha's Own Post—Robert Worthington Davis
VACATION.
Away from the toll for a little while,
And across the open sea,
To gain again the fervid smile
That the gods expect of me;

Courage Men, There's a Sail on the Horizon.



Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words or less will be given preference.

Boost for the Sandhills.
Theodore, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The tourists of the eastern part of the state do not realize that the Potash highway, through the sandhills, is the best possible route to the Yellowstone park and the Black Hills. This is especially true during the wet seasons.

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Newport, R. I. 83.98
Niagara Falls, N. Y. 88.50
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Portland, Me. 88.94
Sandusky, O. 44.90
(Standard line fare, slightly lower via other lines)

SUNNY SIDE UP

Take Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet.
Near the main exit at Krug park, in company with Jim Bulla, we were passed by a bevy of dusky damians who had just finished serving a delightful dinner to the editorial brethren.

Members of the I Knew Him When club will shove over and make room for Ol' Doc Frye, caterer in chief and chef extraordinary to the Union Stock Yards company. Doc has a trained fillyer. It barbecues meat, tea and coffee, and refrigerates fruit juices for salads.

"Twice-a-Week" Graham, one of Iowa's veteran editors, never misses a summer meeting of the editors. He calls attention to the fact that he has but one eye, and does so for the purpose of explaining why he always looks twice as long at a pretty woman, although he can see a chance for refreshments as quickly as a man with two good eyes.

A number of people sought to gain political information from the newspaper folk while they were here. They were greeted with raucous laughter. The editors were here for fun. Even efforts to get group meetings of republican and democratic editors proved futile. The only business considered was to make the most of an opportunity to forget business and politics.

President Coolidge says he carried a sap bucket when a boy. In that particular he has nothing on us. We, too, have carried a sap bucket. We have also provided wood for boiling the sap, and we have sugared off and packed maple sugar.

Sign on Farnam street: "Pocket Flasks, Glass Lined." A wise provision. The stuff they sell for pocket flasks these days would eat a hole through all-metal flasks.

What is most needed now is an automatic kadukey that will shut off the gas and water when the householder goes away on a vacation. It seems that our municipally owned utilities show more water and gas through the pipes when there is nobody home, than at any other time.

WILL M. MAUPIN.

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