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## Omaha-Where the West is at its Best

A DEMOCRATIC TEAPOT DOME.

Certain transactions of the late democratic administration have passed from memory of the public. The Department of Justice, however, does not forget. Harlan F. Stone, attorney general of the United States, has just filed at Philadelphia a suit to recover for the United States possession of the dye patents. These were seized by the alien property custodian, A. Mitchell Palmer, and turned over by him to his successor, Francis P. Garvan. By Mr. Garvan 4,500 patents were sold to the Chemical Foundation, Inc., for \$250,000. A little later on Garvan bobbed up as president of the Chemical

The suit just started is an appeal from the decision of Judge Hugh M. Morris of Wilmington, Del., who held against the government's contention that the sale was invalid. Chief of these is that under the law Woodrow Wilson, as trustee for any and all property sequestrated under the Trading With the Enemy act, had no authority to delegate to Frank L. Polk, under secretary of state, the power to sell any property. Congress alone could dispose of any property confiscated. Proceeds of such sale to be used to compensate Americans who had claims against the enemy.

Another point raised by the government on appeal is that the price paid by the Chemical Foundation, Inc., was grossly inadequate. On this the pe-

tition recites: A block of patents—to say nothing of trade marks and other rights-having an average of over eight years to run, controlling an industry, one branch of which then amounted to \$25,000,000 a year, and indirectly controlling an industry amounting to several billion dollars a year, controlling importation and sale of the most important dye and chemical products in the United States, including such patents as salvarsan, neo-salvarsan, novocaine, and others, as well as the dye patents, is sold by a public officer and trustee to a corporation of which he is president for the nominal sum of \$271,850. It is contended on part of the very parties who conducted the transaction-in face of the evidence discussed as to the enormous value of these properties, and in spite of their admission that the price was arrived at by guesswork-that in a court of equity the transaction can be sustained!"

Also, the attorney general contends, Mr. Garvan arranged, if his acts were valid, to have the United States return the entire consideration, so that the Chemical Foundation, Inc., would come into possession, without cost, of more than 6,000 of the most valuable patents known. Further, under the Garvan scheme, the government was to turn over to the foundation all the money that had accumulated while the patents were held in trust by the custodian. Under this arrangement the concern would have received up to December 31, 1922, three and one-half years after the purchase, \$1,287,217.85, or \$1,015.-867.85 in excess of the consideration paid for the patents and other valuable rights. And the Chemical Foundation, Inc., of which Mr. Garvan is prestdent, would still have the plunder he turned over to it while acting as custodian of seized alien prop-

Nothing in any off transaction, not even the acts of Albert B. Fall, has any more sinister aspect than this transaction of the good democrat, Francis P. Garvin, carried on while holding an office of trust under a democratic administration.

#### WHAT IS GOING ON IN CHINA.

Matters in China are moving more nearly in a direct line just now than when the struggle for possession of Shanghai began. Signs point to the imminent renewal of the clash between Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-lin, adjourned two years ago, but out of which may come the desired strong central gov-

ernment for China. Two years ago Wu decisively defeated Chang, and drove him to shelter behind the Great Wall in Manchuria. Because of one of the quirks of Chinese procedure that baffle Western minds, Wu did not take the presidency. Instead he elevated Tsao Kun, who has proved inefficient and of little force. Wu retired to his own tuchunate, leaving whatever plans he might have cherished in connection with

the government in keeping of Wellington Koo. A suggestion is made that the disturbance over Shanghai was brought about by Wu, as a means for setting off the train he expects will land him on top in Peking. Whether that be true or not, the fact that the little war is but a curtain raiser to a greater is shown by the attitude of Chang Tso-lin. who is Wu's greatest rival, and the real backbone of the Anfu party expelled from Peking by the Chi group when Wu defeated Chang from the north and prevented Sun Yat-sen advancing from the south. Shanghai, held by the Anfu party, is a great producer of revenue, of which the Chi party feels need. Therefore Chang threatens to advance to protect what he conceives to be his party's inter-

Wu is as strong as he was two years ago, having lost none of the support of the tuchuns who co-operated with him. Chang is stronger, for he has had ample funds to build up an army and has lost no time in doing what was needed. Japan is credited with having backed him two years ago, but has declined to venture any further in his behalf. A suspicion that he has the active support of

Russia is rife. The admission from France that 'commercial" air planes have been sold Chang is

Western prestige in China has been greatly weakened during the last few years, but this is not especially involved at present, as the great powers are seemingly content to let the Chinese settle this matter for themselves and in their own way. "Watchful waiting" is once more the word. The problem is not simple as this may make it appear, but Wu and Chang are the leading figures, and the central government control is the final stake. Should the outfall be in favor of Wu, it will be the dawn of a better day for the republic, for he is as progressive as his rival is reactionary.

#### JOHN J. PERSHING, CITIZEN.

By the operation of a singular law of the United States, John Joseph Pershing for the first time in his 64 years of life is permitted to take part in the ordinary affairs of a citizen. His first 26 years he spent in acquiring an education, his next 38 in serving his country in a most responsible character, but one to which the duties of citizenship are denied. As a soldier, John Joseph Pershing could fight for his country, negotiate for his country, die for his country. But he could not vote or hold office. Yes, he did have one privilege, inestimable in the eyes of the citizen. He could pay taxes.

Newton D. Baker, sometime secretary of war in the cabinet of Woodrow Wilson, tells the world that General Pershing was selected for command in France because he could obey orders. The test was that while on the abortive quest for Villa into Mexico, Pershing was under direct orders from the White House. The commander-in-chief did not go through military channels to reach his officer in command of that expedition. Major General Funston at Fort Sam Houston was quietly ignored, while a direct communication was kept up between the president and the general at the head of the expedition. Pershing was a soldier and did obey those orders. Probably any man in the army would have obeyed them, as they came from the presi-

Those who know John J. Pershing know that the president and his war secretary were taking no chance when they selected the head of the army in France. They might have rested their choice on a more worthy basis than the one suggested by Mr. Baker. However that may be, General Pershing went forth to the greatest, in magnitude at least, of ventures the American army ever undertook. Time will continually add to the sheen of glory that surrounds the story of the A. E. F., and its commander will share with the men under him the effulgence of a crusade that honors America.

Nebraska has a claim on Pershing that even his Missouri nativity is secondary to. It was amongst us that he really began his march upward to fame. As a soldier he was loved and honored in Nebraska. As a citizen, he will be equally regarded. Lost to the army even in his prime, he will bring to private life those qualities that count for so much in the sum of American citizenship. While the nation has lost a soldier, it has gained a voter and a man.

BROTHER CHARLIE ALL DOLLED UP. The New York Times is the original champion of John W. Davis. By that paper the candidate was chosen long before the primaries were held in any state. Through all the uncertainties and perplexities of the pre-convention days, and the convention itself, the Times stuck by its guns and fired salute

after salute to the name of Davis. Finally he came

through. The joy in the Times office was lawful and unrestrained, until they took a second look, and saw what John W. Davis brought with him. It was none other than Brother Charlie Bryan, laid on the party's doorstep by Brother Will. For two months the Times has been studying the running mate of its accepted champion, and now says of him:

"As for Governor Bryan, he has a prominence largely thrust upon him by his name. Thus far he has taken what almost seems a malicious pleasure in disappointing those republicans who looked to him to make loud explosions and wave firebrands; but it is undeniable that being the brother of William J. Bryan pursues him, in the minds of many people, and doubtless will continue to do so till the end of the campaign."

The corridors of the Times' sanctum still echo with the reverberations of denunciation that came from William Jennings Bryan when the name of John W. Davis was proposed in the convention. So the Times has undertaken to dress up Brother Charlie so he will look like a nice, clean conservative to the Wall street brotherhood.

Brother Charlie may strut in his new suit of clothes, but the garment does not fit, nor does the wearer enjoy them. He would lots rather be rampaging around, whooping it up against the Money Devil. He has not so much disappointed the republicans as he has kept the democrats uneasy.

Germany is going back to a sound currency by exchanging one gold mark for 1,000,000,000 paper marks. The "easy marks" will now mark time until it is possible to complete the exchange.

All the vociferation of the opposition fails to drown out the noise of the wood sawing being done down in Washington by one Calvin Coolidge.

Of course Uncle Sam had to play the rich uncle before his European nephews would consent to being helped out of the hole.

Zona Gale has joined the LaFollette forces. But it didn't need that to make the LaFollette campaign a big wind.

Chinese troops refuse to fight in rainy weather. President Sun ought to look into it.

### Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie

AFTER HARVEST. The Binder's song is finished, And the Thresher's monotone Has generally diminished Where the wheat and oats were grown; The Stubble's greener growing As the autumn days pass on; The Plow its trail is going Almost at the break of dawn.

The Drill the furrows follow, And the winter wheat reclines O'er hillock and in hollow With the tangled glory vines; The Harrow leaves its traces As it slowly winds its way Across the open spaces, Leveling the loam and clay.

The Corn Fields dance and gilsten When the hidden zephyrs rise, And seem, askance, to listen To September's lullables: The Hay Stacks, brown and solid, Represent the Meadow's weal, And Agriculture-stolid

Makes an honest wise man feel.

On Going Away to College.



To Dad It's Only a Railroad Ticket With a Few Pennants, College Yells and Professors at the Other End

But to His Mother It Is the Whole World Which Has Opened and Swallowed Him Up.

# Letters From Our Readers

For Brother Charlie to Consider. | amounts will take care of the interest

Give one good reason for your than the figures heretofore given and "Th associating the administration with the Standard Oil company to effect a

money to use in buying a lake in Holt county? You have classified these petitions as "public clamor," not worthy of consideration. Do you class all sportsmen as beneath your potter.

These questions are copied from emong the many pertinent ones we hear asked your lieutenants every one in a satisfactory manner. Will you reply to them and relieve the suspense? You will not. OBSERVER,

Bonds for Good Roads.

Omaha-To the Editor of The Oma-Bee: In your editorial page of September 12, there appears a plan formulated by the Nebraska Good Roads association for financing hard-surfaced highways in this state which contemplates taxation as construction proceeds.

This plan seems burdensome as it

The demand for cone or more hard surfaced highways across the state in each direction seems imperative and a satisfactory solution will probably be reached but is it not better to extend the period of payment by a reasonable bond issue?

a reasonable bond issue?

How would this method work?

Issue bonds of \$30,000,000,00 for 15

years at 4 per cent interest. This
would require \$1,200,000 per year interest and \$2,000,000 per year for a sinking fund.

The gasoline tax of two cents will produce about \$2,400,000 per year to which may be added one-fourth of the license fees or \$750,000, and these

#### Abe Martin



Th' prince o' Siam has never got nickel's worth o' publicity in his tife, an' he's been thrown off o' elephants an' ever'thing. Th' dandy thing about gittin' a democratic nomination in Texas is that you kin begin t' pack right away.

The beauty of devotion, the goodness and greatness of sacrifice, the in-All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communitragedy that lies in its wake, stand out as unforgettable lessons of this chance to prove it." The fact is that

Here Comes the Helpers.

For Brother Charlie to Consider.

O'Neill, Neb.—To the Edity of The Omaha Bee: Kindly grant me space to ask C. W. Bryan a few questions. The governor will not answer them when he speaks at Madison fair next Friday, but perhaps later they will be answered:

1. Will you state specifically how

Abraham Lincoln was human, and had his faults of head and heart, but let his lowly origin be kept in mind, his purity of purpose, his love of the common people, his tenderness of heart, his sense of justice, his decommon people, his tenderness of heart, his sense of justice, his down to favor bobbed hair. Dollars to doughnuts that the fair ones of North Platte make it very plain to would triumph as he saw the right. next Friday, but perhaps later they will be answered:

1. Will you state specifically how you have reduced taxes when the savings have been made in departments not supported by direct taxation?

2. Will you tell your audience how you could undersell your competitor when in the ice business at Lincoln, kindly illustrating the difference below.

This suggestion contemplates a markind as it was for the chatter will be answered:

Tidence of his soul that the right would triumph as he saw the right. Wilson that they don't care a hang would triumph as he saw the right. These qualities are not too common today, as witness the petty lives of many even among the prominent and powerful. It were not going too far to suggest that we need a baptism of his spirit, in order that his spirit of so ciety and as full of freedom for all mankind as it was for the chatter will help a few the suggestion contemplates a mankind as it was for the chatter while help a few the ciety and as full of freedom for all mankind as it was for the chatter while help a few the ciety and as full of freedom for all mankind as it was for the chatter while help a few the ciety and as full of freedom for all mankind as it was for the chatter where the common that the right would triumph as he saw the right. Wilson that they don't care a hang would triumph as he saw the right. Wilson that they don't care a hang would triumph as he saw the right. These qualities are not too common to today, as witness the petty lives of many even among the prominent and powerful. It were not going too far to suggest that we need a baptism of the suggestion of the suggestion of the suggestion of the suggestion contemplates a mankind as it was for the chatter whether he does or not.

Noting the does or n

"This country, with its institutions, administration with is supported by statistics.

It also considers the heavy burden Whenever they shall grow weary of the Standard Oil company to enect a literal standard of maintenance placed upon the the existing government, they can the oline at the expense and ultimate counties and leaves to them three-exercise their constitutional right of key. oline at the expense and ultimate ruin of independent companies? Why fourths of the license fees which are now inadequate in many counties. The bond issue also could be large-from Lincoln's first inaugural address to their revolutionary right to overthrow it." These words from Lincoln's first inaugural address to their constitutional right. do you wish to put the independent of companies out of business?

4. Why do you ignore petitions from hundreds of sportsmen requesting a small portion of their own of public subdivisions by the investment of public funds therein.

JAMES E. RAIT.

The bond issue also could be larged from Lincoln's first inaugurar and dress come near to constituting a charter of liberty. They make necessity the test of any step, no matter where that step may lead, although the could be larged from Lincoln's first inaugurar and the state and other public subdivisions by the investment of public funds therein. sity the test of any step, no matter where that step may lead, although Jack Frost to the wire. to rebirth through revolution.

Does this republic need to be re Omaha-To the Editor of The Oma- born? Let events and reflection ree?

ese questions are copied from the many pertinent ones we asked your lieutenants every So far they have not answered to a satisfactory manner will be satisfactory and satisfactory manner will be satisfactory and satisfactory manner will be satisfactory and satisfactory manner will be satisfactory manner will be satisfactory manner will be satisfactory manner will be satisfactory and satisfactory manner will be satisfactory and satisfactory will be sat It demonstrated the power of the folks will make themselves felt even screen. It brought history before the in this campaign. They may succeed, eyes and into consciousness better but if they fail, a fresh start will be

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teller I know I have nothing to fear.

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Incidentally we made our menacing gesture to the world Incidentally we made our menacing gesture to the world by marching in the Defense Day parade. Despite a growing obesity and a tendency to flat feet, we covered the entire of march, alongside Judge D. M. Vinsonhaler and immediately in front of Pete Elsasser. We noted with sorrow, tinged with disgust, that only about one man in 50 lifted his hat when the colors ment by We have the sweet uncline to our soul that colors went by. We hug the sweet unction to our soul that when General Duncan saw us limping by the reviewing stand he was thoroughly satisfied that with us there the entire

SUNNY SIDE UP

Jake Comfort nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet

For a long time we wondered how the switch was thrown

For a long time we wondered how the switch was thrown. Formerly the motorman had to open the front window, stop his car, grab a long iron, throw the switch, hang up the bar, close the window and start the car. Now the switch is automatically thrown, but it was not until the other day that we

learned how. There is a kadukus on the trolleywire that is touched by the trolleywheel. When the motorman wants to throw the switch he manipulates his controllerbar in such a way that the trolleywheel hits the kadukus on the trolleywire in such a way that the kadukus electrically trips a kadogov that releases a spring that holds the switch come.

wire in such a way that the kaddkus electrically trips a kadooey that releases a spring that holds the switch open or closed, as the case may be. We've worried about this thing a whole lot, and now that it has been explained to us and we have in turn explained it to you, we may all ride with more

Barring accidents, which same list includes the Big Chief's denial of the necessary time off, we shall be present on a couple of days at the Mid-Nebraska Exposition, to be held in Columbus, September 23 to 26. It is going to be peculiar in some represent. There is no conditional to the conditional columbus and the conditional columbus.

some respects. There is no grandstand, no races, no exhibit buildings, but the agricultural and livestock exhibits will be

wonderful. There is no race track. It is going to be a real agricultural and livestock show. The chief attraction for us is the promise of Judge Hensley to take us down to the Loup

where we can catch a 5-pound channel cat. And maybe Har old Cramer will again invite us out to his house to see that

We are not going to get all het up over that war in China until the contending forces select generals whose names can be spelled twice in the same way.

Much to our regret both principals in the Wills-Firpo fight / were not knocked for a row of mile-posts. The candidate who could snatch off as much free publicity and ballyhooing as a second-rate pug could be elected president of a world republic.

Incidentally, while we are working so hard to Americanize the foreign born in our country, it might not be a bad idea to devote a little time to the Americanization of Americans.

There are various definitions of the word optimist. After mature deliberation we have decided that the best definition is of Doc Bixby himself.

A lot of fellows who vociferously declare that they are willing to die for the flag are too all-fired lazy to even vote for the maintenance of the principles its represents.
WILL M. MAUPIN.

#### LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press.

Adam Breede of the Hastings Tribune really ought to take somefamy of trifling with wrong and the thing for that dismal feeling. He says railroad crossing is the goal. "the average man is a very good motion picture play.

Abraham Lincoln was human, and if a man is a real friend he doesn't

Wilson Tout of the North Platte not favor bobbed hair. Dollars to last of it.-Kasper, Stockholm.

Allan May of the Auburn Herald sagely remarks that people who think they have found the key to success discover that somebody has changed

Ed Curran of the Greeley Citizen boasts that Greeley county has had but three divorces in two years. The Tekamah Herald is offering

odds of 2 to 1 that King Corn beats Editor Huse of the Wayne Herald bserves that as an irritant and estructive critic LaFollette renders destructive critic

farmer-labor in a powerless and harmless minority. The Wahoo Wasp has just celebrated its 50th anniversary. And at that

Ben Sallows of the Alliance Times

I there remains no doubt of success That government of the people the people, for the people"—shall come a fact and remain a fact. EDMUND R. BRUMBAUGH.

MISSION

cer stops by the roadside in the daytime, that's trouble; when it stops by the roadside after dark, that's ro-mance—the trouble coming later.

Ted O'Shea of the Holdrege Progess chooses second place when the

Governess-Now, Lena, you must give your brother a bite of your ap-

Lena-Not likely! Eve did that to

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