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SPIRIT OF THE ELECTION LAW.

Secretary of State Pool made the only proper decision in the Butler case. The protest against the selection of Dan B. Butler to be the progressive party's nominee for governor lacked the essential element of good faith. It rested on a technicality that is frivolous. Alleging that the chairman and secretary of the committee that named Butler did not give their home addresses. Further, that the law requires that the vacancy be filled within three days of the time it occurs, and this was not complied with.

The first objection is so inconsequent that it needs little consideration. The second, on examination, discloses the insincerity of the democratic group. Charles W. Bryan had been nominated for governor by both the democrats and the progressives. It is boasted that he received 85 per cent of the vote cast by the latter party at the primaries. That is true, but the total progressive vote was a little less than one-half of 1 per cent of the vote of the state in 1922, so Brother Charlie has not much to brag about. Then Bryan was nominated for vice president, and this necessitated his withdrawal from the democratic ticket.

The law was complied with, because Bryan's withdrawal was not made formally until the day the committee met to name his successor. Several days had intervened, however, with ample time for the bosses to canvass the situation and determine which of several applicants were to get the empty honor of heading the state ticket. J. N. Norton was chosen, and it was expected that he would fall heir to the 85per-cent nomination his predecessor had received from the progressives.

This was not to be. The progressive leaders had ideas of their own, one of which was to nominate Dan B. Butler instead of J. N. Norton. At once the democrats got busy to head off Butler. They want every vote they can get for Norton, and so they insist that he should benefit by the vote that was cast for Bryan. To this the progressives object. They are striving to establish a party group in Nebraska, and under the law they are within their rights.

In this, as in all matters, the spirit of the law should prevail. The Nebraska election law is framed to protect all parties in the full exercise of their legal powers as well as in possession of the party name and all that goes with it. It was never intended, and should not be held that a party is to be deprived of representation on the ballot because of a flimsy technicality. So long as the spirit of the statute is complied with, and a candidate otherwise qualified is presented, his name should go to the

If this is not to be permitted, then we might as well adopt the Sorenson amendment and do away with responsible party organizations. It is not candidates we are now dealing with, but the right of the people to an expression of their wishes politically through having candidates of their own faith on the official ballot. We heartily commend Secretary Pool's decision for its fairness. It should close the door against similar efforts to thwart or nullify the provisions of the election law.

#### IT SIMPLY ISN'T SO.

For sheer ignorance about the always interesting topic of women commend us to the man who thinks he knows all about them. Especially if that man is a bachelor. On divers and sundry occasions we have read, and sometimes smiled, at the attempts of our always interesting editorial friend, Adam Breed of the Hastings Tribune, bachelor that he is, to show almost superhuman knowledge of the subject of women.

But it is a long lane that will not turn and an unusual worm that does no turning, and we have reached the limit. When Editor Breed intimates, as he does, that there is somewhere in the world a woman who will not stop talking long enough to be kissed, he exposes abysmal ignorance of the fair sex. Besides exposing his ignorance he also admits his inability to make some of them stop talking.

Our experience, admittedly limited through no fault of our own, is that the right man can make the right woman stop talking any old time in order to get her lips in proper shape for osculation. It is also our experience, somewhat more expanded, that certain women are blessed with the faculty of administering a kiss and making it the foundation for a one-sided conversation that usually ends up with the other party unwinding the yarn wrapped about the pocketbook. But to say that there is to be found anywhere under the shining canopy a woman who will not at some time or other cease talking long enough to be kissed is to dispute the laws of nature and set at defiance the immutable rules of sociabiltty. Just because Editor Breed has been disappointed a time or two by an unceasing flow of feminine conversation is no reason why he should measure all other men by himself. At one time or another we have-what we were about to say is that at one time or another most men have been able to put the final punctuation point on feminine conversation by making the proper juxtaposition of labials.

That now and then we have-what we were about to say was that now and then most men have scored a failure, but that is no sign that some other man, the right one, could not have scored a signal success.

We greatly fear that Editor Breed is trying to disguise his variegated ignorance of femininity, or his fear thereof which has resulted in his bachelorhood, by pretending to a knowledge which very clearly he has not.

#### ONE OF BASEBALL'S HEROES.

If the Washington team should win the chamionship of the American league, as it appears likely, the triumph may be ascribed very largely to the personal efforts of Walter Johnson. Even if the Senators should finally be nosed out of victory, Johnson has added laurels to an already impressive wreath. On Monday he won his fourteenth consecutive victory. One hundred and seven times during his career as a major league pitcher has he turned back his opponents without a tally. Twice he has shut out the opposing team without a hit.

Such a record is marvellous. For a score of years Johnson has been a member of the Washington team. Most of that time he has been the team. Much ink has been spread, bewailing the fact that such a splendid man has been wasted on a mediocre team. Johnson, however, has apparently not been affected by it. Steadily he has gone about his business of deluding the batters who faced his delivery. Now he has forever fixed his name in a gallery of

Along with Christy Mathewson, Cy Young, Bobby Carruthers, George Goldsmith, Sir Timothy O'Keefe, Corcoran, Radbourne, Walsh, Brown, Nichols, and a few others, Johnson will be enshrined as hero of the great game. His name will be cherished by followers of the sport through generations to come. Not that this is his last season. We trust he will add many another shutout to his record. But it is a pleasure to pay a tribute to one who has so richly earned his standing. For young players, who are fixing their eyes on the pinnacle where now Johnson stands alone, we want to say just this: During all his long service in baseball, Walter Johnson's name has never been mentioned in connection with a scandal of any sort. He has been a baseball player, not a rowdy or rounder, and this is true all along the line, with but few exceptions.

PROOF OF THE PUDDING.

Despite the wails of the political calamity howlers and the doleful chorus of the prophets of evil, business conditions are getting better rapidly. Nothing proves the rapid restoration of prosperity than the experiences of M. E. Smith & Co. During the depression that began about four years ago this institution found itself in financial straits. Its managers were hopeful, and its creditors were firm in the belief that if given opportunity the big business concern would weather the storm. A reorganization was effected. The new management tackled its job of paying off a \$6,000,000 indebtedness. In less than four months 20 per cent of that enormous indebtedness has been paid.

What better evidence than this do you want? The accomplishment was only possible because business is growing better, not only in Omaha but in Nebraska and surrounding states. M. E. Smith & Co. sells to retail merchants throughout the middle-west. It is because business conditions are better everywhere that these retail merchants are able to buy more goods, able to take up their own indebtedness, and thereby make it possible for the big parent concern to weather the storm.

everything upside down and making ter mind for organizing nationalities, races, groups and blocs. He is the pendence and the constitution. About the only "force" I have seen so far about the klan affairs is that used by parties who try to interfere with their peaceful assemblies. The klansmen as far as I have observed them are the storm.

Not only is this proof positive of returning prosperity, but it is proof positive that determination, sound business judgment and an abiding faith in the middlewest, will eventually overcome all difficulties.

Word coming out from Wisconsin is to the effect that the republicans are going to vote for Coolidge, the democrats for Davis, and the socialists for "Battling Bob." This ought to settle the question as to who is running the state.

The work of delivering votes in bulk is now merrily proceeding by word of mouth. The men and women who are promising votes in bulk couldn't get a dime at any bank on such promises.

A lot of wiseacres at Geneva are getting all heated up about the approaching election in the United States. Glad to learn that somebody is taking an interest in the affair.

"Iowa coal for Iowa homes," is the slogan raised across the river. Sorry Nebraska can not unite with the Hawkeyes in this cruside, but we have to go abroad for our fuel.

Iowa democrats should have taken a party census while the Davis special train was in the state. It would have presented a more respectable count

It is asserted that Lord Northcliffe has sent back word that there are no harps in heaven. Not interested here. But how about saxophones?

Mr. Davis enjoyed a great barbecue down in Missouri, preparatory to the political holocaust he will meet up with in November.

While the Prince of Wales is having the time of his life in New York the Prince of Wails is still making his habitat in Wisconsin.

Anybody can get a buffalo if they will pay the freight. But it's this F. O. B. stuff that keeps a lot

The sun got across the line with very little fuss. so far as the good old state of Nebraska is con-

One half the world doesn't know how the other half lives, but both wish they could live like the

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

DREAMING OF EVENING ON THE FARM

When adown the street I wander In the tumult of the night, And the stars above me twinkle With inanimate delight-I am dreaming of the gloaming Where the skulking coyotes shrick, And I'm on the farmstead list'ning

To the music of the creek. When at eventide I travel O'er the pavements hard and gray-I am deaming of the pillowed Thoroughfares of Yesterday;-

Of the meadow in the valley And the bluegrass in the glade, And the marsh wherein I waded Bare of feet and unafraid. When at dusk the lights resplendent

Cast their brilliant rays afar-I am dreaming of the gloaming Where the lightning beetles are, Where the unseen zephyrs murmur And the soulless creatures play With the gest of little children In the pause that follows day

Hope They Won't Mind Being Towed In



of The Omaha Bee: Mr. Dolan seems platform and appointed his own committees. He is in direct charge of by the Ku Klux Klan in turning everything upside down and making everything upside down and making ter mind for organizing nationalities, guilty of only one thing, that of attending strictly to their own business. that grand old instrument

a klansman, but I have seen them and attended their meetings in a good many states. You'll have to acknowledge that where they are there is at least one thing predominating, namely, law and order. They make lawless elements in the community hunt for the tall timbers. Where do you get the unconstitutions the constitution of t munity hunt for the tall timbers. The state of the pack and must battle in the open. Where do you get the unconstitutional stuff anyway? Every wild knock you make is a boost for the klan. The same right they have to meet and assemble, you have to differ with them and write and speak it to battle. All power to the good citizens assisting in their defeat.

JAMES B. SHEEAN. your opinions. What are you holler-ing about? Are they telling you how Have you been stopped

from talking or writing?

You cannot show up one thing Omaha Bee: Just keep on lyin' about where the klan has checked or abridged your rights or of any one else as long as it was clean and proper and lawful. If the klan is wrong it will blow up from the inside. If it is blow up from the inside. If it is right, it will do just what it is doing right now, growing to beat the deuce.
Take it easy, Mr. Dolan, the constitution will be here still when the klan,
you and I are gone.

I. T. DUZZENMATTER.

Words of Counsel to Democrats and Republicans. Omaha .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Democrats and repub licans are unduly concerned about the candidacy of Robert La Follette Become conscious for just one mo-ment of what he is doing in their behalf and in their interest. gotten together all the malcontents and radicals into one group, where it will be possible to punish them en-masse. Never before in our history has any candidate been able to effect such result. He is rendering a serv-ice to both political parties which should be recognized and appreciated.

Abe Martin



Th' prince o' Wales is 30 years ole, but he cuts up like he wuzn' more'n 55. If bell-bottomed trousers kin come back, ther's an even break for Hi Johnson. (Copyright, 1924.)

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.

Why Worry About the Klan?

Missouri Valley, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Mr. Dolan seems of be worried about the "force" uesd our mittees. He is in direct charge of courts and give everybody a chance.

In poor men, it is only for the rich. La Follette is going to make it worth something to the poor. The ql. parties are run for the rich and every be had some more. All your fighting of our bob means that he will get more words and less will be given preference.

No other person can render such a service. He nominated himself and his own platform and appointed his own platform and appointed his own or omittees. He is in direct charge of courts and give everybody a chance.

professors The birds who are all the time hollering about it being unconstitutional seem to have a whole lot to learn standard. With the blood of disloyalty and war-guilt upon their hands, they have dropped their hoods and are The Ku Klux Klan is here, and it's openly supporting him. As a dog rehere to stay. Do not knock the klan itself. That does but little good. Look for the causes which make it grow and become a power. I am not a klansman, but I have seen them and attended their meetings in a good. "To arms, to some

> JAMES B. SHEEAN. From an Enthusiast.

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Distressing news from southeastern Nebraska. Allan May of the Auburn Herald reports that the pawpaw crop on the Missouri side of the river is the smallest in years. We felt all the time that something was going to happen to put a blue streak into our prosperity dope.

Making no pretense of being a Solomon, or a Daniel come to judgment, we make bold to suggest a method of curbing the speeders and suppressing the auto moron. It may be true, as Mayor Dahlman says, that imprisonment of the driver is futile. But what's the matter with imprisoning the offending car? We can think of no greater punishment for the speeder and the moron behind the steering wheel than to let him walk around awaiting the release of his car from jail.

"Bill" Hopson, whom we so designate for the purpose of differentiation, has issued from his printery a booklet of ines-timable value to automobile drivers. It is entitled "Information for Back Seat Drivers." As the booklet is free on request, we violate none of the ethics by making mention of it in this

Advice to Speedsters.

Go like h---. Here's hoping you go to! Step on it. You'll not be missed. Hit 'em and run. You'll not meet them where you are

Falls City's new hotel is to be christened "The Weaver," in honor of Arthur J. Weaver. It is an honor worthily be-stowed. Knowing Art as we do, and we've known him since he was a lad in knickerbockers, we opine that he would rather have a big hotel in his home city named after him, and bear the title of "apple king," than to have the highest gift within the power of Nebraskans to bestow. To make two apple trees grow where none grew before is of more profit to Nebraska than has been bestowed upon it by a hundred politicians we could name without half trying.

The Ina (Ill.) woman who poisoned her husband in order to bask in the smiles of the man she really loved, has discovered that her three children are very dear to her. She should plead for mercy on the ground that her children are now

We presume that when Governors Bryan and McMasters meet in the middle of the new Yankton bridge, they will think of what they claimed to have done to gasoline, and then turn their heads so the assembled multitudes will not see them their heads so the assembled and the people.

WILL M. MAUPIN.

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