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# Onnaha-Where the West is at its Best

#### WHEELER MIGHT HAVE TOLD US.

Burton Kendall Wheeler came and went, and left us wondering much as we were before. He did not tell anybody, at least publicly, how it will benefit workers or farmers to elect La Follette and Wheeler. He did not say what is to be gained by having the government take over the railroads. Nothing in his recorded utterance gives any light on the plan to wreck the Constitution of the United States. In fact, he discussed almost everything else but the program laid down by he Cleveland Conference for Progressive Political Action, on which platform he is supposed to be a candidate.

Especially did he sail into the attitude of Charles G. Dawes, who has repeatedly stated that the farm problem is economic and not political. Dawes holds, and we believe rightly, that agriculture will not be lifted to its proper level until a thorough examination has been made of all the factors in the problem, and a sound adjustment is made resting on the result of that examination. Wheeler is of the opinion that by some of political legerdemain a condition can be developed that will bring to the farmer the return that should be his . \* \* \*

Very lightly Mr. Wheeler sneers at President Coolidge because the last session of congress would pass none of the laws recommended by the executive. This is not because the laws lacked merit, but because they were suggested by the president. Some of these had to do with giving relief to the farmer. Neither of these emanated from the White House. All were born in congress, and died there. The president did give his support to the McNary-Haugen bill, which was deemed to be the best presented for accomplishing the purpose desired. This measure went down before a combination of southern and eastern opposition. The great agricultural

lifetime to be smaggled in. It is the only country on earth where the people who are in will fight deportation.

It is the only country on earth whose money " worth its face, whose obligations are worth par or better, where every man's chance depends upon his own initiative and industry, and opportunity awaits in fullest measure.

In no other country have the apostles of discontent less to base their calamity wails upon.

#### SOMETHING DOING IN NEW YORK.

Nomination of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., as candidate for governor of New York is accepted as a sign that the republicans of the Empire State are going out for victory. We are not so sure but the convention would have done as well had the choice fallen on Colonel William Hayward. Either would make a strong candidate, and with a powerful appeal to the voters.

The democrats admit the precarious situation in which they find themselves by forcing Al Smith to accept a renomination after his most earnest efforts to get out of the contest. However popular Smith may be in certain quarters, he and the other fuglemen of the democratic party know his weakness. Quarrels in the party, embittered by the long drawn out fight at the convention, have not improved the standing of the governor. McAdoo's friends have not forgotten, and he had friends in New York as well. Democrats who oppose John W. Davis will have to find a way to vote for Coolidge and Smith. Some to vote for La Follette and Smith. Even Tammany is not unified on the issue. Hylan did want to be the candidate for governor, but he was set aside that his warmest political foe, Al Smith, might be again preferred.

None of these items bodes at all well for the governor in his race for a third term. On the other hand, the republican party is united as it seldom has been in New York. While the contest for the nomination was keen, it was not marked with the acrimony that characterized the doings of the democrats. The acclaim by which Smith was renominated is hollow. It reflects the desperation of the Davis leaders on the one side, and on the other the unwillingness of the Smith opposition to reveal its full strength.

The next five weeks will be lively ones in New York. Not in many years have the democrats gone into a campaign with as many grievances dividing the party, nor have the republicans ever shown a more thoroughly united front than they now present. Coolidge and Dawes have served the party well in bringing all together under one banner in the Empire State, and Roosevelt will lead forces that are confident and aggressive. While the outcome in New York is almost always determined by local rather than the big national issues, in this campaign the home interests are in favor of the republicans. It looks better than ever for Coolidge.

#### "STEAMBOAT'S COMIN' ROUND THE BEND"

A little reminder of what was, what may be, and in all reason ought to be, is the presence at the Omaha landing of a steamboat that made its way from St. Louis up the river. The good ship "Decatur" will do a trucking business between Omaha and Sioux City. It will handle only local freight, and in less than car-load lots for the most part. Its owners however expect to make a profit. The schedule of rates granted by the state railway commission is about 80 per cent of railroad tariffs.

The Decatur is typical of what should be a fleet operating from one end of the river to the other. Market for farm products to the south, especially for wheat and corn, is developing. River transportation will be a big factor in this trade, once it has been restored. The old time fever, when boats plied up and down the great streams of the Mississippi | valley will not be restored, for it will be replaced by the soberer and solider modern methods of navigation. President Coolidge urged the problem on the attention of congress last December. Party platforms deal with it. Every agency is awake to its importance. All that is needed is the steady pressure that will in time break down the barriers that have held back the steamboats. When the rivers no longer run idly by, when the Missouri is harnessed and made an agent for man's business instead of a mere engine for destroying fertile farm lands, we will be approaching efficiency in the use of our natural resources. And surely "the steamboat's comin' round the bend."

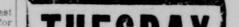
## A Tough Assignment for the Little Quarterback Sub.



### Gambling With Prosperity

#### LISTENING IN On the Nebraska Press receipt of so many flowers and kindly

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SUNNY SIDE UP

Jake Comfort, nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet Cella Thaxter

The decision of the authorities to hale the one-armed auto

drivers into court meets with our approval. We have on divers and sundry occasions called attention to the fact that

in many respects the good old horse-and-buggy days were the real days. It was not necessary then to use even one arm for driving. Both could be used for the pressing business of

the ride. Old Dobbin, with the lines wound around the whip stock, could be depended upon to keep the road, pass all oppo-

site going vehicles safely, and travel so sedately that the time could be passed just moving along. But the automobile is re-

fractory. Even with two-armed driving it is liable to go wrong.

With one-armed driving it is not only a menace to public safety, but it actually detracts from the pleasure in hand. We heartily commend the campaign against the one-armed drivers.

The other day we took a little walk around the residential neighborhood where we are permitted to live. It is a very nice

neighborhood that has shown some signs of social improvement since we decided to live therein. It also shows considerable sign of sanity and good sense. During our stroll we saw but

two windows decorated with the picture of a presidential can-didate. A quarter of a century ago the window not thus deco-

We also note with approval a growing disinclination on the part of men to decorate their coat lapels with campaign

than that it may tend to cause a personal friend, but a political

all directions, one of Omaha's largest industrial plants was shut down for several hours because the power was off. The

manager reported the difficulty and was told that the repair gang would get to it as quickly as possible, but it would be several hours. The manager courteously asked that all pos-sible speed be made and hung up. That was the last heard from him until he reported the wheels turning again and ex-

A few evenings ago we were at the N. P. Co. headquarters

"I want that by \$:30 in the morning!" The clerk courteously informed her that it would be im-

'It's a wonder you wouldn't give some sort of service

But she was gone. She did not pause long enough to get

We'd hate to be charged up with what the courteous clerk

The 55 per cent of voters who do not vote are more respon

thought, but we admit that we thoroughly endorsed it.

sible for misgovernment than the 45 per cent who do vote WILL M. MAUPIN.

ossible, owing to many orders ahead. "But we will have it

here," snapped the customer. "But I suppose I'll have to wait your convenience." And she started away in great anger. "Your name and address, please, lady," called the clerk. "You ought to know that iron by this time; I've brought

investing in a few light bulbs, and a woman rushed up, slammed an electric iron down on the counter and exclaimed:

During the spring storms, when the wires were down in

We have no objections to the campaign button other

rated would have been the exception.

opponent, to withhold an invitation

for you by 3 tomorrow afternoon."

it in often enough," she snapped.

"But we have so many-

her claim check, either.

pressed his thanks.

We

region of the central and western valleys voted for the measure. Its chief opponent in the house was Voight of Wisconsin, who is now one of the leading :upporters of La Follette and Wheeler.

Did the farmers want the bill? The American Council of Agriculture, which is absolutely nonpartigan, says in its bulletin for September, 1924:

"To prevent industrializing America at the expense of agriculture, there must be elected a congrees which will . . . create equality for agriculture with industry and labor. Every candidate for congress should sign or indicate that he has signed the council's pledge, which is:

"In event of my election, I hereby pledge my self to vote for and faithfully support legislation that will give agriculture equality with industry and labor, in line with the spirit of the McNary-Haugen

When it was possible to give this form of relief, the La Follette group in both house and senate resolutely opposed the measure. For no better reason than that it was supported by President Coolidge. It would not do, on the eve of a campaign into which "Battling Bob" was to project himself as an "independent" candidate for the presidency, to do anything that might give credit to the administration.:

Mr. Coolidge had not undertaken to prescribe to congress what the nature of the relief should be. In his message last December he did recommend:

. . .

"Every sound measure that can be devised should be applied for the relief of the farmer. He represents a character, a type of citizenship, and a public necessity that must be preserved and afforded every opportunity for regaining prosperity."

Sincere efforts were made to carry out this recommendation of the president. Each was thwarted by the very crew that is now going up and down the land, telling the farmers what they will do if given office. Why did they not do it when they had a chance?

Perhaps the McNary-Haugen bill would not have solved the problem. Farmers thought it would help. Practically every state west of the Alleghanies and north of the Ohio thought it would help. The only votes that were cast against the measure in this great region were those of members who are now supporting La Follette and Wheeler.

What impudence it is for these men to now confront the farmers with pledge of aid through political action. Indeed, the situation is politics, so far as they are concerned. Unless the farmer is so wholly blinded to his own interests, he will scarcely be caught by the pot pourri of promises made by the men who voted against him when they had a fair chance to help him just a few months ago.

#### AS M'INTYRE SEES IT.

O. O. McIntyre, whose "New York Day by Day," is an interesting daily feature of The Bee, has just returned from a pleasure jaunt to Europe. McIntyre is a small town Missouri boy transplanted to New York, but has never lost his country habit of seeing things in their true perspective. He says:

"Compared to the poverty and degredation one sees in Europe, America appears like a bright, fresh, newly-minted coin.

There you have it. Despite the moans and whines of those who picture things American as being in need of radical changes, the fact still remains that the United States is the most prosperous, the happiest and best country on earth. It is the only -ountry that the peoples of other countries want to enter so badly that they will pay the savings of a

The Fremont Tribune intimates that Omaha will be "thrown out of its normal adjustment" when the American Legion convenes here next year. Perhaps, but not nearly so much so as when the boys were not here, but over there.

Senator Wheeler, who says he expects his ticket to carry Vermont, has a companion of like mind in country gives those merchants a good Why don't the merchants send for his goods? All admit they can. The When Charley, hold and grand. the man who still pays dues to the bartenders' union so he will be able to take on a job as soon as the saloons open again.

A Nebraska City man arrested on the charge of having 700 gallons of liquor in his possession said it was vinegar made for home consumption. What-ever the truth may be, it certainly put him in a mortgaged homes. The women of long pretty pickle.

It may yet come to the point that the pedestrian who successfully dodges the flying automobile will he arrested for causing a shock to the nerves of the driver.

The man who boasts about how well his 11-yearold boy can drive the family car merely advertises his own lack of good sense.

"Postcard mailed sixteen years ago arrives." asserts a headline. 'There simply is no use trying to beat the messenger service.

That Ina (Ill.) pastor emulated David in the matter of coveting his neighbor's wife, but there the parallel ends.

South Dakota's claim to a record breaking rye crop is bound to attract the finger of suspicion.

Homespun Verse

-By Omaha's Own Poet-**Robert Worthington Davie** 

FORSAKING SUMMER.

Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Commun cations of 200 words and less will be given preference.

cares, since the general public pays

Why don't the merchants send for is goods? All admit they can. The country gives those merchants a good Says: "Til be humble in my ways ducation at the expense of the cour try, expecting them to be benefited by this instead of having the travel-"To give each and every"one a chance ng salesmen do this work for them. will have more money with which to buy these goods. We learn that in this state alone we have above for the Link of the second and every one a Just to see our state advance I'll do my very best. Just to see our state advance

ur state sell about \$1,000,000 worth

our state sell about finders will just of chickens a year. This will just Says he, "If I be right or wrong. I'll hook the president's chair." salesmen, instead of having this with which to pay off the mortgages. The writer is not a stranger to ralaing chickens with which to pay off debts. to raise 800 chickens with which to Therefore, his humble, progressive

plans Surely simmered down a bit. When he obeyed the democrats' de mands In their wild convention fit. So now he is a running mate

Of a Pierpont Morgan man. Has turned reactionary of late. An ardent Wall street fan We hate to see it. Charley, dear

This awful shadow, rear and loom gains. Above your political career, For on it now is written doon It is not merely the business man who feels that this returning pros--THE ARTIST WITH THE FIELD perity is endangered by the threat of DRAG. We believe the



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ber 22 Rev. Albert Kuhn wrote an article appearing in the World-Her-alt calling Mr. Dawes a Shylock, and the very next evening called a sup-topsediy nonpartisan meeting at his church. Jerry Howard immediately got busy to round up and pack the meeting. Thus Jerry Howard's straw vote fol-lowed. The farmer has to pay a third more and that our machine manufac-tors which is same this farm; while to round up and pack the meeting. Thus Jerry Howard's straw vote fol-lowed. To be MARROW. At the machinery thow ard: He is a packer. Shall We Dispense With Traveling to case the merchant waits for the smachinery. Mathematical selesment. State meeting the marchaney the merchant waits goods to case traveling salesment. Meeting with their traveling salesment the merchants, as they may be forced to inthe traveling salesment. Meeting all and account to the farmer should have the marchaney will not ispense with their traveling salesment. Meeting all stop at good hotels. We merchaney age and good hotels. We tionally bright and can demand good drained, so the farmer should have wages, and, with their traveling express paid, stop at good hotels. We more help. Now please do not throw this communication aside. I am an old man, but from their own past 80, and have lived in the state in our state, these costing the state in our state. These costing the state is success and still work every day. told almost anything often enough sional action for the coming tw

Nevertheless, we believe the force

that is going to dominate in the com-ing election is the consciousness of

the American people that they are fortunate, that they are enjoying, de-

spite mishaps and setbacks, a contin-uous welfare beyond that of any

people on earth, and a prosperity or.

at worst, a progress back to prosper-ity, which may be sacrificed by a change of government and policy or by a nera of confusion and ill advised

We think that is the common sense

of the political situation. If the country were in the frightful state in which the opponents of Mr. Coolidge would have us believe, any change would be welcome. But there has seldom been so remarkable a recovery

as this country has achieved in the last four years and in spite of the

jeremiades of Mr. LaFollette, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Davis,

the people know it, and we believe have no intention to endanger its

experimentation.

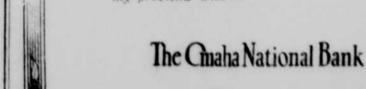


They are in touch with business enterprises of every sort; they have knowledge of business conditions throughout the country.

When I am about to buy or sell propertv I confer with MY Banker.

He is my Counsellor and Adviser.

Two heads are better than one and 1 always find satisfaction in discussing my problems with-



And all, while through a grieving heart A sigh a shudder sends. For southward birds are on the wing, The foliage is sere;

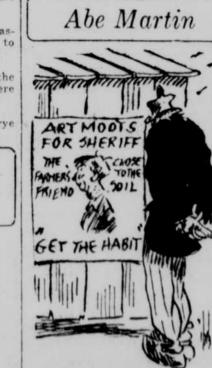
Cold is its message offering, And it will soon be here.

Slow I take the swing apart,

And fold its sides, its ends

The after-harvest grimness grips Old Nature's withered gown. And lilles kissed by lovely lips, Repose 'neath leaves of brown.

The evenings seem a part of day, And days are not as long . As when I swung my cares away While Nature reelay in song.



So fer th' woman in politics hain't accomplished nothin', 'cept lots o' candidates seem t' shave oftener. Time can be relied on t' settle ever thing, so we guess that's th' reason so many folks ask fer it. (Copyright, 1934.)

SETH VANDERKOLK. SETH VANDERKOLK. AN ODE TO CHARLEY BRYAN. May we glance back to other days, When Charley, bold and grand. Says: "I'll be humble in my ways And reduce your taxes on every hand. "To give seale a down and the second second