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Omaha 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 it is to be gained by having the government take over the railroads.

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.

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Did the farmers want the bill? The American Council of Agriculture, which is absolutely non-partisan, says in its bulletin for September, 1924: "To prevent industrializing America at the expense of agriculture, there must be elected a congress which will create equality for agriculture with industry and labor."

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.

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."

Perhaps the McNary-Haugen bill would not have solved the problem. Farmers thought it would help. Practically every state west of the Alleghenies and north of the Ohio thought it would help.

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 MINTYRE 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.

"Compared to the poverty and degradation 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 country that the peoples of other countries want to enter so badly that they will pay the savings of a

lifetime to be smuggled 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 is 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 walls 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.

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.

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 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.

"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.

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.

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.

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 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 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. Whatever the truth may be, it certainly put him in a pretty pickle.

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

The man who boasts about how well his 11-year-old 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 Davis

FORSAKING SUMMER.
Slow I take the swing apart,
And fold its sides, its ends
And all, while through a grieving heart
A sigh a shudder sends.

A Tough Assignment for the Little Quarterback Sub.



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.

"Battling Bob" and "Uncle Ike."
Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The actual facts by "Toots" in his letter published in your paper of the 23d, that Hon. Isaac Stephenson was "thrown out of the senate" is absolutely untrue.

Packed Meeting? Yes!
Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Under date of September 22 Rev. Albert Kuhn wrote an article appearing in the World-Herald calling Mr. Dawes a Shylock, and the very next evening called a supposedly nonpartisan meeting at his church.

Shall We Dispense With Traveling Salesmen?
Octavia, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It is not any personal ill feeling that we have against those traveling salesmen, or against the merchants, as they may be forced into this.

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."

Abe Martin
ART MOODS FOR SHERIFF
THE CASE OF THE FRIENDLY THIEF
GET THE HABIT
So far the woman in politics hasn't accomplished nothing, 'cept lots of candidates seem 'I shave oftener. Time can be relied on 'settle ever' thing, so we guess that's th' reason so many folks ask for it.

Gambling With Prosperity

From the Chicago Tribune.
In 1919, as shown by figures just given out by the National Industrial Conference board, the wages in 23 leading manufacturing industries, averaging an employment of 700,000 workers, have advanced 127.3 per cent.

Will Israel of the Havelock Post, who has been in the hospital several intelligent wage earner and farmer, the employe as well as the employer, are unwilling to gamble with the prosperity they have regained or are rapidly regaining.

Nevertheless, we believe the force that is going to dominate in the coming election is the consciousness of the American people that they are fortunate, that they are enjoying, despite mishaps and setbacks, a continuous welfare beyond that of any people on earth, and a prosperity or, at worst, a progress back to prosperity, which may be sacrificed by a change of government and policy by a new of confusion and ill advised experimentation.

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SUNNY SIDE UP

Take comfort, nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet. Celia 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.

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 signs of sanity and good sense.

We also note with approval a growing disinclination on the part of men to decorate their coat lapels with campaign buttons. We have no objections to the campaign button other than that it may tend to cause a personal friend, but a political opponent, to withhold an invitation.

During the spring storms, when the wires were down in 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 possible speed be made and hung up. That was the last heard from him until he reported the wheels turning again and expressed his thanks.

Two evenings ago we were at the N. P. Co. headquarters investing in a few light bulbs, and a woman rushed up, slammed an electric iron down on the counter and exclaimed: "I want that by 8:30 in the morning!"

"But she was so nervous that it would be impossible, owing to many orders ahead. But we will have it for you by 3 tomorrow afternoon."

"It's a wonder you wouldn't give some sort of service here," snapped the customer. "But I suppose I'll have to wait your convenience." And she started away in great anger.

The 55 per cent of voters who do not vote are more responsible for misgovernment than the 45 per cent who do vote. WILL M. MAUPIN.

LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press

Dwight Griswold of the Gordon Journal is a candidate for the legislature and he announces that if elected he will work overtime for a measure for the relief of weak school districts.

The Okla. Herald utters this chunk of wisdom: "The office hunter instead of a constructive policy to offer without a constructive promise had better keep still."

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times, the last time very recently, says it is worth the pain to have it demonstrated that one has so many good friends. Will admits that the receipt of so many flowers and kindly messages made him shed tears of joy which he was not ashamed. Of the brethren of the press hope that of Bill is not out for good.

Fashion note from Nebraska City Press: "If you wear a petticoat the latest fashion is to have it match the hose if you wear hose."

Noting that on July 9 W. J. Bryan declared Davis to be impossible, Lew Shelley of the Fairbury News declares as possible "the first true prophesy Bryan ever made." And Lew prides himself upon his retentive memory.

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