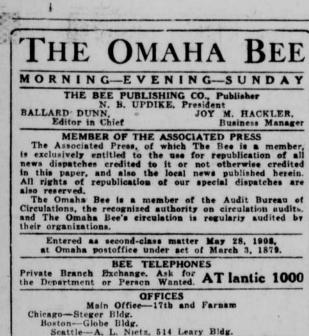
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"KIDDING" THE CONSTITUTION.

One of the remarkable facts developed by the present discussion of the Constitution of the United States is this: Any soapbox orator can expound the document and its meaning with fluency and clarity, while the judges of the supreme court and on down flounder in abysmal ignorance and make innumerable mistakes in their efforts to get at the right.

Oscar Ameringer, ablest among the present day tocialist journalists, writes in the Illinois Miner:

"The Constitution of the United States is not a divine document. It was not handed down from Mt. Sinai amid the thunder and lightning of Jehovah.

"Like all constitutions and forms of government. 1 it did not even spring from the inner consciousness of any man or any set of men. Constitutions are the products of social evolution and our own constitution is a development or sprout of the English form of government as it existed at that particular time."

In this view Comrade Ameringer differs from William Ewart Gladstone, who still is revered as one of England's greatest statesmen. The famous Englishman called the Constitution of the United States "the greatest work ever struck from the human brain at one moment." What he did not know about the English system of government, which Ameringer would have us ape, no modern socialist could tell him.

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Mr. Ameringer goes on to explain that La Follette only wants to submit a proposal to the American people. He might do that without taking the trouble to run for president. As a senator of the United States since 1905 he has had almost 20 years in which to introduce the necessary resolution, and has not done so yet. What has delayed him?

If the La Follette idea ever is adopted, then congress will become the final authority and power in this country. Here is a socialist picture of congress. It is written by Comrade Louis F. Post, in the World Tomorrow:

this reporter caught one incident that will go home to the heart of Americans. "Bucky" Harris had just walloped a home run hit, the first score in a hotly contested and decisive game. Of course the president stood up with the crowd and cheered, but, says the news item, "Mr. Coolidge applauded for more than a minute after Harris had crossed the plate."

What does that signify? Ask any baseball fanatic. Just means that the president is a man like the rest of us, and responds to a home run hit by one of the home town boys with the same zest as would the resident of Wayback under like circumstances. There is no myth about that. He is chief magistrate of the greatest nation on earth, but he is also one of its citizens, and is profoundly moved by the crack of the bat as it delivers a four-base hit.

SMASH THE SORENSON AMENDMENT.

Voters are warned not to allow confusion incident to the closing days of the campaign to cloud their minds with regard to the amendment to the constitution of Nebraska initiated by C. A. Sorenson of Lincoln. This amendment provides:

"The nomination of candidates for the office of United States senator, member of congress, member of the state legislature, and for state and county elective offices, shall be by direct primary. Ballots used in the nomination or the election of candidates for elective public offices created by the constitution or laws of this state shall have thereon no party name or circle, or any other designation relative to candidates."

The sole object and the only possible effect of the foregoing if adopted will be to destroy all political parties in the state of Nebraska. That is, as they now exist. Instead of the orderly, responsible party groups that have functioned and are functioning so well in the great business of carrying on the government, we will have something akin to what xisted in the feudal ages.

Leaders, like those described by Rienzi, "strong in some hundred spearmen," "great alone in that magic spell, a name," will come up to carry on for their own selfish purposes. Around them will assemble a few or many voters. A combination of them will be able to dictate the government. Lacking any designation on the ballot, the only concentrated effort behind a candidate would be that fostered by his personal following or the support of some other leader with whom he had bargained.

No need to dilate on this picture. Any mind is capable of pursuing it to the end it must produce, the destruction of responsible government, and the substitution therefor of control by clique or faction. Nebraska cannot afford to knock the underpinning from beneath the house. That is what will happen if the Sorenson amendment goes over.

Remember, the amendment is not necessary to preserve the direct primary law. That system is secure, for it has the approval of all the political parties as well as the people. It should not be made the wooden horse by which the enemies of popular government hope to gain entrance to the citadel.

Smash the Sorenson amendment at the polls. Hit it so hard that its champions will be made to understand that the people of Nebraska know the difference between responsible government and the kind these dreamers of nightmares would provide. Have order and not vagaries for the foundation.

SAYS YANKTON TO OMAHA.

Over half a century ago Omaha business men were interesting themselves in a project that would bring this city closer to the then capital of Dakota. A railroad to the north was financed, but never reached its original destination. No matter what intervened, something headed off the track in Cedar county, and that is that. Now, after a long time, Yankton is able to cross the Missouri river on a bridge. This does not provide direct rail connection from that city to Omaha. but it is a mighty incentive to the construction of the few miles of track that yet must be put down to close the gap. Many promises have been made in days gone by, but the fulfillment of these has been postponed. On Thursday Omaha will join with Yankton and other cities interested in a celebration of the bridge opening. With that opening comes the probability of Omaha's trade territory being greatly extended. When a direct line of railroad stretches from here to Yankton, it will make possible entry on equal terms to a rich and fertile region in which Omaha has been handicapped as against St. Paul and Minneapolis, Chicago and other rivals for the trade. It does not so much matter that the Twin Cities are looking ahead to easier access to northeast Nebraska. They have that now through the Great Northern line that runs from Ashland to Sioux City. What will count is that Omaha will no longer be compelled to go around the elbow by way of Sioux City to get into southeastern Dakota territory. And Yankton is ready for this. It will increase the prestige of the fine old town on the Missouri that has so long been bottled up. That is why the folks up there are getting ready for such a blowout. Omaha has a more than neighborly interest in the affair, and should be correspondingly awake to its importance.

Letters From Our Readers All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communi-cations of 200 words and less, will be given preference.

Speaking of Democrats.

Norfolk, Neh-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: There was once a told us that Mr. Wilson objected to it big, overgrown boy who stubbed his and gave as his reason that it looked like "a lack of confidence in me, in fact, I take it as a reflection on me," toe, and his predicament was something like a lot of we democrats. He and his party, with but few excep-was too big to bawl about it, but it tions, laid down on the job of safe-

hurt too blamed bad for him to keep guarding the people's interests. sidetrack his running- have been saved by such precaution hoping to mate and pick the plum himself. Neither is in the statesman class. is just that much waste and graft that the party is guilty of. Another

Neither is consistent. Neither is en-titled to the vote of 100 per cent mocrats, if I am qualified to internet the true meaning of democracy. Up to the present time I have been up to the present time I have been your face, you was through. But given but one logical reason for a what they found and had bona fide emocrat to swallow the nauseating evidence for and brought in and laid I am told by my democratic it on the dose. friends that we must support the criminal action, was any taken ticket, however objectionable it be, the democratic administration? order to keep up our organization. cannot see it that way. humble judgment the so-called demo ratic organization needs renovating that promiser of honesty cratic organization needs renovating that promiser of honesty in clausing instead of endorsement. I can con-ceive of no greater curse to wish that great servant of the people, that they did not at least try to protect they did not at least try to protect the public interests. But, no, they midet it all vould come ultimate disaster following such a victory.

urselves of demagogues who have ever put on a court record in this assumed leadership. As the leading democratic paper in everybody connected with the adminis

As the leading democratic paper in everybody connected with source of of the state suggests, the difference be-tween myself and thousands of other the underworld and allowed them to As the suggests, the difference be tration and allowed them to the underworld and the underworld and the underworld and allowed them to the underworld and the underwo

Looking Over the Record.

York Neb-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The office hungry bunch is still with us, with the usual stock in trade-falsehoods. I am ever ready to grant anyone else their right to choice of men, methods and policy crats did on what they leased and no they may think are the best for the provision for storage and the \$25,000 fore the people, pretending to give clair and the \$100,000 from Doheney, facts, when they know what they facts, when they know what they say is not a matter of opinion with them in contrast of the opinions of their opponents, but what they say is absolutely false, and bank on credulity or illiteracy as fertile soil to sow it in 1 protest. to sow it in, I protest.

to sow it in, I protest. Take the statements of the farmer being robbed by the tariff on all he buys, to enrich the New England manufacturers. When these men just cause, that they may have a know that the McCumber-Fordney chance to cash in on it politically, bill put them on the "free list," so are 57 varietles of corruptionness if they are higher than they used to worse than all the Falls and Forbes he when they were on the tariff list, with which we have been cursed. You the tariff is not to blame, is it?

an admission of the facts that farm implements are on the free list, but says its the tariff on the steel that lected truth." enters into their construction. Well, help him. He seems to be pretty well the tariff on that is lower now, so able to help himself. But I am in-What terested in "the assassinated truth that ought not raise prices.

think ye, voters, of that? Now they have found another big elephant in a thimble in the aluminum tariff. which is 5 cents per pound in the McCumber law and 2 cents in the Underwood law, a difference of 3 The Omaha Bee: Nebraska in Octo-cents per pound on the raw metal ber; how she thrills at the picture and on the "manufactured, or partly these words call to mind. From the cents per pound on the raw metal per now she thrms at the picture and on the "manufactured, or partly these words call to mind. From the manufactured," it is 9 cents in the hour when the stillness of the morn-McCumber law and 20 per centum ad ing is broken by the chatter of in-valorem in the Underwood law. The numerable birds, busy with plans for

From the Chicago Tribune

Highways today are planned now much as railroad systems were gardless of what they say. When we wanted a purchasing and auditing planned 50 years ago. They are not board for the war, the press reports planned.

Plecemeal construction, local interest, an emphasis on the road rather than the system, and much promis cuous enthusiasm have somehow given as much mileage as concrete. The system as a whole could be better organized. A system of trunk still. We have certainly had a pretty pair of leaders wished upon us. One with his eyes looking up into the hills and both hands reaching down into the mire of partisan abuse; the other competition set and every bit of it that could the mire of matter of the automobile industry the mire of partisan abuse; the other competition set and every bit of it that could the difference of the automobile industry to chicago if the automobile industry continues to develop. Today those roads need straightening and widen-A second system of roads should ing. penetrate the recreational areas America. These roads should be built for beauty and on a different plan committee came across extortion and It will take state planning and nathey flashed a cost plus contract tional planning to accomplish it. Five and one-half million persons annually visit our national forests. Two and one-half million of these are table and recommended campers, fishers and hunters. More than 4,000,000 of them are motorists. criminal action, was any taken under No. In Colorado alone tourists, campers When the Harding administration and fishers spend \$25,000,000 in one In my came in those papers were not to be d demo- found. Now, where was Mr. Davis, year. The need for recreational road systems is evident. They will pay the state that builds them. in office America is a nation on wheels. No people is more mobile. We have inherited it from our past. We have made facilities for it in our present could sleep peacefully midst it all, and at the outset of the oll investigamade facilities is the condition of our Our mobility is the condition of our national unity. No factor in that is national unity. It has good roads. It ing such a victory. I am too partisan to feel good over a republican victory, yet my in-terest in the future welfare of my party will cause me to rejoice at its the only means by which we can rid the only means by the party of the party more important than good roads. It is time that general road planning be made a regular part of our provision for national highways. Its force has

country, tried to spread suspicion ove International Cheering. rom the Tacoma Ledger.

American sport language, it appears, has become almost internation al. The "rah, rah" of our domestic football enthusiasts is accepted in of terrible wrong being done. That is the way we got the "great scandal," while his finding disclosed no fraud many lands and used just as our young collegians use it. "Attaboy!" and "Strike 'im out!" are no longe on the government more than it was mysteries to our foreign brethren of done without consent of his superiors whatever continent or country. and made arrangements for storage But just as this language is making that the right of which belonged its brotherly influence felt. there congress. But he got a much better rental on the land than the democomes a reaction against it in one land which may in time be taken up in many others. Mexico, through its secretary of public instruction, declares positively against the use of American college yells and sport Spanish-speaking athletes erms. they say, must be cheered or booed as the case may be, in Spanish phrases and yells.

It looks like a backward step. The situation ought to be brought not pay interest on the democratic If the young men of the world can't men just cause, that they may have a strike field or in the atment of a the strike of a strike of the strike of th peace

He Was Truthful, Anyway. D. B. Knox tells some funny lega stories in his "Quotable Anecdotes." may not agree with that, Now comes the World-Herald with failing to do so changes no facts in Here is one with an Irish flavor: Henry Ford has a slogan: "The neg-I am not trying 'Did you notice no suspicious charac ters about the neighborhood?' "New Policemen-Shure, yer hon

> DEFENDER. Nebraska in October.

Harvard, Neb .- To the Editor of to open a jewelry store in this vicini The Omaha Bee: Nebraska in Octo-

for from 15 to 50 cents. Screening and music just as good in small town, too. Striking difference in demeanor of crowds visiting our spe-In some towns much confusion, scrambling through exdal. hibit cars, and ill-mannered children making nuisances of themnibit cars, and in mannered children is and sitentive, apprecia-selves. Other towns crowds orderly and sitentive, apprecia-tive of opportunity afforded them, and children showing evi-dences of lessons in good behavior. With no intention of making invidious comparisons we want to say that the little city of Bayard set an example of attention, courtesy and appreciation.

land.

oil.

Speaking of the "melting pot," the woman who was awarded the fine Holstein cow donated by business men of Bayard is an American. Her husband is a full blooded Jap-anese named E. Okamoto. They live near Chimney Rock and operate a small farm in a highly creditable manner. We are not in favor of that sort of marriage, but after living out in the irrigated section for six years we are frank to say that we prefer the Jap as a farmer and neighbor to some other races we might name, and with whom we have had some experience in the beet raising sections.

SUNNY SIDE UP

A few thoughts along the roadside. Little bit of swamp

. Sinclair pipe line costing millions is not carrying any Long trains of laden tank cars on nearly every siding

As a people we are a lot of suckers. In a western Nebraska

covered with cattails. Used to gather same, soak in coal oil, and use for kindling morning fire. Also made good torches for boylsh parades. Going through country where they spend

lots of money to dig ditches to carry water to land, and a lot more money digging ditches to take that same water off the

waiting for our special to pass. Man who smokes at all al-

town one night last week we saw a motion picture shown in Omaha for the first time less than six months ago. Omaha

people paid from \$1 to \$2.50 to see it. The small town people

ways smokes too much on thrips like this. He also eats

Celia Thaxter

Jake Comfort, nor forget, That Sunrise neverfailed us yet

Great piles of beets along the railroad at numerous sugar beet dumps. Roads hadly cut up by heavy hauling of beets. Faces broader than they have been for three years. Better spirit among all the people. Wonderful corn crop in section that most eastern Nebraskans think is no good as a corn coun-Many Nebraskans woefully ignorant about their own state.

Corn palace at Sidney revelation to easterners who think this is still a cattle range country. Thousands of people in town despite disagreeable weather. First saw this section 40 years ago and wouldn't have given \$10 for all Cheyenne county. Haven't money enough to buy an acre of its best land now, and have more money now than I had on occasion of first visit. Didn't have any then. By careful management, have about managed to hold my own. WILL M. MAUPIN. about managed to hold my own.



Highway Planning

"To particularize the weaknesses of congress as a representative body charged with providing for the people, would challenge the skill of an old-time indictment draughtsman. It would necessitate a labyrinthine tour through tempting social affiliations at Washington dinner tables and afternoon teas; through a network of committees controlled by their chairmen; into the speaker's chambers; into the secrets of party caucuses and committee majoritles; through lobbles infested with skilled agents of big financial interests; into detective groups engaged in discovering moral weaknesses for coercive purposes. Any such particularization would also require a familiar acquaintance with the confidential amenities between house and senate, especially the secret deliberations of conference committees. In these committees, appointed on occasion for adjusting differences between house and senate, government by and for the people is often shrewdly swapped for government by and for the invisible dictatorship.

In what regard would the situation be improved, should the fate of legislation be removed from control of men who are learned in the law, and vested in those who have just been described by Post? Does not this apparent levity of the socialists indicate their real purpose?

. . .

They have no sincere desire to amend the Constitution of the United States in any particular. Victor Berger, discussing the proposed child labor amendment in the house last spring, said the Constitution is "an outworn document." Ameringer sneers at what he calls the assumption by the farmers that they were "the beginning and end of all wisdom." The drive is to establish discontent. The only hope that Berger and his comrades have of ever winning is to destroy the faith of Americans in their government. They deny connection with the Third Internationale, but their doctrine leads us to that as certainly as water runs down hill.

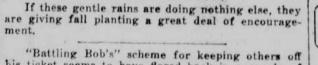
They are "kidding" the Constitution. It is booked for the discard, just as the soviets in Russia abolished God. Charles G. Dawes is right when he says the time to extinguish a prairie fire is when it starts. If Americans want to continue "government of the people, by the people, for the people," they will head off the incendiaries who are now trying to fan into a destructive conflagration the spark of socialism, which was expiring in America until La Follette gave it life. A vote for La Follette is a vote for the revolution.

COOLIDGE JUST A REAL MAN.

Writers have busied themselves for months weaving words about Calvin Coolidge. Pen pictures of many sorts have been furnished the world. One of the most labored attempts was that of the democratic propagandists, aimed at dispersing what they termed the "Coolidge Myth." Just what that is nobody seems to know, for it is not possible to attach much that is mythical to a man whose life has been so open as has that of Calvin Coolidge. Now, however, we are getting a close-up of the president, the "low-down," so to speak on a great man.

It is furnished by one of the reporters assigned to cover the World Series. That is a rush job. The reporter has to keep track of each play as it is made, and accurately report each movement of the game. At the same time he must be on the alert for anything of interest that is going on in the stands. And

More political definitions: "Slush fund," any money given to aid the republican campaign. "Patriotic contributions," money given to help the democrats. "Price of liberty," dollars spent for "Battling Bob."



his ticket seems to have flared back in a couple of places.

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick resigned his pastorate in New York, but nothing has happened yet.

No one will ever call Al Smith "silent."

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

WHEN THEY'VE GONE AWAY TO VISIT.

- When they've gone away to visit, And I roam the place alone .--There is something-but what is it ?--
- That I yearn to make my own. There is some essential lacking;
- There is some content amiss. As I stood and watched them packing I beheld them taking this:
- Life's accordance and life's pleasure, Rich with countless things divine .--And the elements that measure

Every happiness of mine. Here in life we journey after Smiles and tender words and true.-Genial quips and honest laughter, Leading us the darkness through

housewives that are being so ruth-lessly robbed by that "robber tariff," shuts out the view, there know that some of the fine wares in hour but adds new charm to the ever that line costing \$1 will scarcely weigh changing picture.

that the costing \$1 will scarcely weigh a pound, so 20 per centum ad valorem would cost them 5 cents for tariff and 9 cents per pound would cost 9 tures, the wheat fields showing faint-cents, a difference of 4 cents, and the article will last a lifetime if cared for, so you can see how she is held up and stratch way and lose them

Then we heard much in 1892 about the tariff on butcher knives and tin-plate, but we put it on and guit im-plate, but we put it on and guit im-many more people, enabling them to buy more farm produce, making the people self-supporting. But the bue of the sky. World-Herald howled about the tariff on print paper and under the Under-wood law, paid about 360 per cent more than under the McCumber law. Mr. Bryan is still harding about the farmers' prosperous condition under farmer ask him if he sold any grain song. Not the bird's busy song of about June, 1919, and then anywhere morning, for they, too, have sought 1921, and the price he got. Or, in other words, to "put up or shut up;" but he will not do it, for he dare not. I was reading in an old paper in democratic paper, of course, this week. It was printed in 1896. It said that Japan was ready to manufacture grain binders at \$42 apiece and bicy-icles at \$17, if we would take off the tariff. Now, why in the name of rea-son, do not these pretended friends of the farmers slip over and tell the Tape the speak.

the farmers slip over and tell the Japs the gate is open? They speak of records, Shades of Ananias cover us from the light of truth, which will not only show theirs 16 to 1, but 57 to 1, deeper in the hole than we and the bulk of theirs is party guilt and not personal, but ours is personal, re

Abe Martin

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so you can see how she is held up to reheve them of them soft them and robbed. While we are on the tariff we will just mention an item in the demo-cratic Underwood bill that has a first light frost has turned the leaves the development of the tariff we will that has a first light frost has turned the leaves stop them now with Creomulsion, an the tariff on hutcher knives and tin 1892 about the correct of the corn rows; and every passing the tariff on hutcher knives and tin 1892 about the tariff on hutcher knives and tin the screen of the corn rows; and every passing the tariff on hutcher knives and tin the screen of the corn rows; and the tariff on hutcher knives and tin the screen of the corn rows; and the tariff on hutcher knives and tin the screen of the corn rows; and the tariff on hutcher knives and tin the screen of the corn rows; and the tariff on hutcher knives and tin the screen of the corn rows; and tin the screen of the corn rows; and the tariff on hutcher knives and tin the screen of the corn rows; and the tariff on hutcher knives and tin the screen of the corn rows; and the tariff on hutcher knives and tin the tariff on the tariff on hutcher knives and tin the tariff on t

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farmers' prosperous condition under the shades of ross and gray and invended tation and inflammation, while the farmers' prosperous condition under that make you think of an exquisite creosote goes on to the stomach, is their lamentable condition under the of peace and rest, and then through republicans. Why does not some the stillness rises earth's evening seat of the trouble and destroys the of germs that lead to consumption, Creomulsion is guaranteed satisfac from September, 1920 to March 1, their rest after the toll of the day, tory in the treatment of chroni 1921, and the price he got. Or, in but the rythmic chant of crickets coughs and colds, bronchial asthma coughs and colds, bronchial asthma





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Laft Bud, president o' th' Optimist club, resigned t'day after he wuz fined \$9.20 fer leavin' his car standin' under an arc light without th' tail light burnin'. It don't seen t' be generally known, but bobbed hair makes th' young look about as young, an' th' ole older.

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