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that his loved ones do not suffer because of his negligence. He was prompt enough when told to go over the top in France. Let him be as prompt now, for he is defending wife and baby, mother or sister, just as much in this as he was then.

WHY NOT ANSWER, MR. NORTON?

It was neither impertinent nor unusual for W. H. Green to propound certain questions to Mr. J. N. Norton, who came to Omaha looking for votes. Heckling of candidates is one phase of campaigning that is universal, indulged in by everybody, and expected by the man who takes the stump.

How it might affect his standing before the voters is for Mr. Norton to determine for himself. Certainly, frankness in meeting such queries could not cost him any more votes than his decision to ignore them.

CARRYING A BUDDY'S PACK.

Joseph Corbett came home from France with a physique somewhat the worse for his experience. His heart, however, is in the right place, and nothing daunted by anything that happened to him over there, nor over here.

What happened next. A couple of squads and a few files of Legionnaires descended on the Corbett sector. Side arms consisted of hammers, hatchets, saws and the like, and munitions were boards, nails, windows and whatever goes to make a comfortable little house.

It is not much of a house, as mansions go, but it is weather tight and cozy. Joseph Corbett, Mrs. Joseph Corbett and the younger Corbetts sleep warm, and can defy the storm king, thanks to the youth who still hold to what they learned in the army.

More elaborate exhibitions of this spirit may have been noted, but none more sincere. It is the thing that makes life worth living. We do not know the names of any of those energetic young builders, but we are very certain they deserve to be mentioned in the orders for the day.

TEETH IN THE SPEEDING LAW.

The supreme court of Nebraska has decided that the statute dealing with speeders on the country roads is good law and enforceable. An appeal was taken from Webster county by one Herbert Brown.

In the appeal just dismissed, Brown's attorneys set up that the law is vague and uncertain. It should be held unconstitutional, because it does not specify what is a rate of speed that is reasonable and proper, having due regard for the traffic and the condition of the road.

While the supreme court filed no written opinion in the case, the decision in effect declares the statute to be valid. No question can be raised as to the right of the state to regulate traffic along the highways, or even on city streets.

The Coolidges will also attend the Army-Navy football game. Sometimes it pays to be president. Dawes plan for America ought to be as good as the Dawes plan for Europe.

A month ago folks were worrying about frost. Whether the so-called adjusted compensation law passed by the late congress was exactly what the World War veterans wanted or not, it is the law.

From the viewpoint of the veteran, it is even more imperative that he should act at once. The War department is daily receiving cases where veterans who have thought themselves in the best of health have died or been killed by accident without having submitted their applications.

It is common on the links, and the zest and joy of golfing could no doubt be fitted to every branch of honest labor that in life we have to do.

Homespun Verse - By Omaha's Own Poet - Robert Worthington Davie. GOLFING. Golf is just a game that gives us needed exercise each day. We enjoy it for the reason that we work but think we play.

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.

For Coolidge and Dawes. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I arrived in Omaha the first time, October, 1883. Having lived my life under the British flag up to that time, I had absorbed the free trade policy of that country and was naturally opposed to the protective policy of this country.

In last Tuesday night's Bee you have an article dealing with this question of tariff which I'd like to commend to every voter. In the democratic paper there is also an article dealing somewhat with the same subject, but, oh, how it begs the question. It's simply claptrap and designed to confuse and mislead the voter who does not think.

These conditions are largely the result of a violation of the Constitution of the United States. They further the policy of demagoguery and victory. Does any demagogue protest? I. D. EVANS.

Done by the Aristocracy.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Probably it will interest Mr. Dawes to learn that the Constitution of the United States did not descend in thunder and lightning from the sky. It was the work of men.

I have been looking up a little history and can recommend the same activity to zealous defenders of the Constitution. According to Arthur M. Schlesinger, professor of history in the University of Iowa, "Of the 55 members who attended the (constitutional) convention at one time or other, not one represented in his own person economic interests of the small class."

Why They Weep. Keweenaw, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: These are the days when bunk and humbug are being peddled in the name of the able and esteemed World-Herald.

It is a time when the ordinary citizen of good intentions is excusable for being a little blind to the virtues of his political opponents and quite willing to let them work out their own salvation without his aid. Not so the World-Herald. Its writers and editors are not so easily deceived.

That an offering in a political opponent that the World-Herald cannot abide, forgive or fail to abominate. I intended as a criticism of the senior senator, these attacks are in fact the highest praise. In the hindsight of a score of years, his public acts in the national congress an open book, and yet by almost unanimous consent the people, regardless of political bias, say "he built us up."

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Conclusions and Their Proof

From the St. Paul Dispatch. For the purposes of his militant crusade through the Midwest in defense of the constitution Mr. Dawes finds it necessary to limit himself to a statement of the consequences of Senator La Follette's proposal to remove all effective check from congress.

These consequences—the states to be chaos and confusion, a break with tradition, the abrogation of American liberties, the destruction of tried and tested American institutions. He likens Senator La Follette to a seaman who would throw the compass overboard and let the ship sail by the winds.

It is significant that none of Senator La Follette's orators have tried to meet Mr. Dawes on this issue. When it would seem that if these were mere assertions, calculated to frighten the public, it would be the easiest thing in the world to answer them with counter assertions. Why does not Senator La Follette simply point out that Great Britain has never had a written constitution to place a check on parliament, and conclude that Mr. Dawes' campaign fears of what might happen are disingenuous?

The answer is easy. In such a debate Senator La Follette would get a drubbing. That question has long ago been settled, and in the academic circles where it arose, the controversy is closed. It is well beaten ground. To go over it again would only lead to the same conclusion which the academic gentleman reached. Senator La Follette does not require Mr. Dawes to prove his case because the proof has already been worked out. Only by delecting thought, and not by stimulating it, can La Follette get anywhere with his proposal to smash the constitution.

The British government has no written constitution, but it does have a constitution. Parliament is nominally without restraint, but actually it is subject to a real check as the American congress. Great Britain's unwritten constitution is as powerful a restraint upon the British parliament as our written document is upon ours.

America needs a written guaranty because, unlike Great Britain, it has no homogeneous population and because the American people do not have a deep common tradition to govern their political thinking. Gusts of theories may drive the American people in a veering course, and frequently do. If our institutions were not so difficult to destroy, they would not be stable. The British government is the product of a thousand years of experience, during which it grew to its present form. The American government sprang into existence almost overnight. The British constitution grew and the American was struck off by the mind of men. Both have proved their worth. Each, in its own way, and under circumstances peculiar to it, is the guaranty of the people living under it against confusion and ill-considered change.

To Have and to Hold. Philadelphia paper suggests the United States mint should put rubber tires on the "cartwheels" they are gonna turn out. We'd rather see them equip 'em with four-wheel brakes.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Slight Silver Lining. "There is no unmix'd evil," said the ready-made philosopher. "That's right," answered Uncle Bill Bottletop. "Some of these bootleggers have been able to pay their debts as they never done before."—Washington Star.

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SUNNY SIDE UP Take Comfort, nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet. Celia Thaxter

It won't do to tell "Bill" Heuck of Ord that there ain't no chance a-tall for a young man no more in Nebraska. Bill will merely laugh and go right ahead. Ten years ago he was attending a country school in Valley county. Irl Tolon, then county treasurer, took Bill into his office as deputy. Bill made good in that capacity but threw up the job when he saw Uncle Sam's uniform. When Bill got back he didn't have any job, Tolon having retired from office. Did Bill sit around and whine? He did not. He began working for the Farmers' Grain and Supply company, which wasn't in the best of shape. A little later he became manager of the concern. Now it is flourishing and Valley county, where he played ball, tooted his horn and tooted a better horn in the village band. He went along on the pure bred sires special long enough to visit in Garfield, Greeley and Valley counties, where he played ball, tooted his horn and acquired his first lessons in industry. Everybody up in that section knows J. Cass, and likes him, too. He is another Nebraska boy who didn't sit around and whine about lack of opportunities and complain about the "durned foreigners" taking his job. He hustled. He still hustles. And what he has accomplished as young fellow can accomplish by putting in the same hours of work, the same close attention to business, and playing the game square.

We do not know how many automobiles we have seen at points where our special train has stopped. But if our bank balance was 10 per cent of the money these autos represent we'd spend the rest of our life touring the world and work only when we felt like it. There isn't very much wrong with a state where there is an automobile for every five or six of the inhabitants, and where the yearly consumption of gasoline is equal to the value of the annual wheat crop. Whatever there is wrong certainly must be in the minds of the people.

A week or so ago we noticed a man selling lead pencils and shoe-laces on an Omaha corner. He looked hilly and hearty, but he was minus one leg. The first of this week in a little Nebraska town we saw another man minus one leg. He wasn't peddling pencils and shoe-laces. He is a drayman. He doesn't ask for sympathy. All he asks is the patronage he deserves. Being careful and dependable, he has been able to buy a couple of good trucks, build a modern home, educate three children and take a prominent part in the civic life of his community. Yet, unless appearances are deceitful, he is not half the man physically that the one-legged pencil peddler in Omaha is.

Wednesday the people of Aurora and vicinity had the pleasure of listening to a couple of good speakers. Byron Clark of Omaha was the other one. It was at a reunion of old settlers, and a wonderful occasion despite the weather and one of the speakers. When we get an invitation to speak at an old settlers' reunion we begin to realize that we struck Nebraska when it was just beginning to sit up and take notice of its wonderful resources and possibilities.

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