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lette generalissimo to secure votes for John N. Norton, chosen to succeed Bryan (C. W.) as the democratic candidate for governor. We read the appeals of the democratic editors of the state, couched in varying terms, but all leading to the same end. Only through fusion do they hope to defeat Coolidge in Nebraska. Through the unholy combination of divergent political views ever paraded will it be possible to thwart the will of the people. No matter how great the popular majority Coolidge may have, and he will have an enormous one, these conspirators hope to throw the election into a deadlock congress. Then they will make further bargains, and divide the swag if possible. The only way to beat this game is to vote for Coolidge and Dawes.

### SMALL TOWNS AND GOOD ROADS.

One mistaken impression, considerably prevalent, is that the good roads movement is essentially a town affair. Nothing could be wider of the mark than this. Naturally in Nebraska Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Hastings, Fremont, Beatrice and such communities are active in pressing the program for highway improvement. It is a sad mistake, however, to think they are alone, or are solely interested in the general project. How the smaller towns of the state are concerned, is shown by an article in the Oakland Independent, a paragraph from which reads:

"At the instigation of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, with fine co-operation from the commercial clubs of other towns, a new thorough highway will be marked along the M. & O. railway. The committee mentioned last week met once last week and once this week with the road committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, and was promised all the assistance that the Omaha people can give. On Monday State Engineer Cochran was also present, and he was, if possible, even more eager than the others to help in the cause. All of those men thought and said that it was time that northeastern Nebraska woke up and did something to secure better roads."

This is only a single instance of many that can be noted. The civic spirit of Oakland is aroused, and it will bear fruit in the way of better highways. Principally because it will find a more ready echo among the farmers along the way than would a similar appeal from Omaha or any of the larger communities. Not that such an appeal would be without the hearing it deserves, but because Omaha has not the close neighborly touch and intimate communication enjoyed by Oakland with the people who dwell on the farms.

Good roads are vital to all. Farmers are the principal users of these highways. They must of necessity transport their produce of all sorts some distance over the roads before they can get to even the country market. It is encouraging to note the communities that are most nearly touched by this problem taking an intelligent interest in its solution. They are giving the aid in carrying on the great program that will mean more than all else.

### THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

There are gratifying indications that Nebraska voters are waking up to their duty and determining in their minds to go to the polls next election day. Organizations of various kinds, particularly of women, all over the state are calling attention to the menace of indifference, and pastors of all denominations are urging voters to do their duty. These appeals are being made on a nonpartisan basis, the sole idea being to arouse the American electorate to a sense of individual responsibility.

If the great body of voters can be jarred out of their indifference and induced to go to the polls, there is little danger of any serious shock to American institutions when the result of election is announced. It is only when indifference permits disturbers and secret enemies of cherished institutions to assume control that we may fear evil results. The great majority of American voters are honest, well meaning and patriotic, and when they register their will at the polls it is certain that it will bring no shock to business nor put in danger the government as conceived by the founders.

From now on the energies of all patriotic people should be centered on getting out the largest possible vote, confident that whatever the increase in the total, the greater part of that increase will be for sanity and common sense.

John W. Davis is very anxious to have the president take action on sugar right now. Wonder if he thinks the housewives have forgotten what Wilson and Mitch Palmer did to sugar in 1920?

Americans who think a national election once every four years is enough will get encouragement from England and Germany, where the elections are coming twice a year now.

Bre'r Gompers has issued another clarion call, but the bars have been down for some time, and a lot of labor votes have gotten over into the Coolidge pasture.

A New Hampshire man is suing for a reward promised him for staying sober ten years. His experience ought to be sufficient compensation.

Divorce in 15 minutes while you wait is the speed record attained by a Missouri court. This ought to stand for some time.

Yeggs will keep on fooling around these country towns until they encounter somebody who really can shoot straight.

Suppose the Stillmans do kiss and make up, we still have the ex-Mrs. Gould to furnish front page stories.

John W. Davis says "conservatism makes radicals." A democratic administration makes men desperate.

Bryan (W. J.) is still pleading for the man he said was unfit to be nominated.

## Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—  
Robert Worthington Davie

### THE REMEMBRANCER.

"We aren't at fault for the height we grow,  
And neither for what we weigh;  
But we are to blame for the deeds we do,  
And the numerous things we say—  
We can't be beautiful—all of us!  
But we can be clean and neat,  
And we can display  
In an outward way  
The traits that make us sweet."  
Said a friend to me the other day  
When I met her on the street.  
I thought of the Great who've come and gone—  
Whose virtues we often read,  
Who wore not beauty, but gave it to  
The world through a worthy deed.  
It seemeth true that it matters none  
Though homely and poor we grow,  
If we strive to give  
Through the years we live  
New faith to the ones in woe,  
And fashion our creeds superlative  
Like the Great of long ago.

## One Crop Where We Never Have a Shortage



## 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.

### Message of the Klan.

Burwell, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I have read with some interest the letters appearing in the Omaha Bee on the Klan issue. Mr. Duzant, while disclaiming membership in the order, warmly upholds it and denounces those who condemn it as disturbers of the public peace, even though among its members can be found such men as Calvin Coolidge, John W. Davis and Robert La Follette. His latest defender, Mr. Clark, is peeved because of the ignorance of his enemies, who, he thinks are not intelligent enough to appreciate the good it intends to do.

Now as to our ignorance of Klan matters. It clearly is not our fault if we are ignorant in these matters, for the bills has been diligent in propagating its tenets, so the teachers the Klan has sent must be in part to blame. I attended a public lecture in Burwell a few weeks ago given by a man introduced as the national lecturer of the Ku Klux Klan. His statements, then, must be considered as official, as binding on the Klan. And if we take his statements as a sample of the intelligence of the leaders what in the name of all that is good and holy are we to think of the followers?

This 100 per cent American assured us that it was Pope Pius II, that caused the freedom of worship clause to be inserted in the Constitution of the United States. Now, as nine or 10 years elapsed between the adoption of the amendment and the election of the pope in question, how was it possible for him to accomplish this feat, ignoring altogether his lack of influence or power? But this learned lecturer didn't seem to be hampered by either chronology or facts. He also assured us that this clause in the first amendment disappeared in the course of years, got lost, was stolen or perhaps wandered off the reservation, and when Pius IX came on the scene he caused it to be put back in the same old place. So it is to the pope and not to the fathers of the Republic that we are indebted for the right to worship God as we wish.

Prospero could command the elements and call up a storm to destroy his enemies, but I doubt if Prospero could compel Uncle Sam to either write a new constitution or amend an old one.

Great is the power of the pope—according to the Klan. But busy as the popes were in American affairs they were much busier in Mexican affairs, where constitution-writing became almost a habit on account of popish interference. As is well known there is no country on earth with the possible exception of Russia, where the church is so fiercely persecuted as in Mexico.

### Abe Martin



If you see two bobbed-headed wives talkin' 'together they're tellin' how they put it over. It never occurs on us how really insignificant we are till we dodge a motor bus.

does in the discharge of his duty shot a man, but a few nights later when a man shot a policeman that was a different story. No voice was raised for the officer or against the offender. The use of firearms is to be deplored, but it's a safe rule always to halt when ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few days in jail than a sojourn in the nearest hospital.

FRANK J. CAREY.

### He Likes What He Likes.

Casper, Wyo.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: We were a little surprised to read in your paper of the 18th that a Mr. Frank Martin finds fault with your editorial condemning the attorney general of California for excluding the Lord's Prayer from the public schools. There is surely nothing in the Lord's Prayer that would injure any one and it might possibly do them good.

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The work of organizing a great enterprise of this kind is enormous. First local communities had to be interested. Then breeders had to be interested. Then local newspapers had to be enlisted to advertise the project, and be it said to the credit of the publishers they took hold and made the great success possible. Of course the Nebraska College of Agriculture took hold in wonderful but characteristic style. The Nebraska Dairy Development society, the Creamery Men's association, local commercial clubs and county agents came to the front with hearty co-operation.

It cost not less than \$5,000 to equip the train with stalls and install the various exhibits. And the per diem expense for the entire trip has been a bit more than \$1,000 a day. The total expense has been in excess of \$25,000, and all for the purpose of selling a single idea—that of the desirability of better sires. The entire movement was organized with the thoroughness characterizing "big business," and the success following that organization has been little short of phenomenal. More than a ton of literature has been distributed, and not less than a million questions answered frankly.

We have had a wonderful experience on the trip. We have learned to know Nebraska better and love Nebraskans more. Old friendships have been renewed and new friendships made that are beyond price. This grand old commonwealth has emerged wholly from the gloom and depression and is today happier and more prosperous than it has been for many years. Lessons learned in the bitter school of experience are now yielding a rich profit. A quarter of a century ago Nebraska stood 23d among the dairy states. Today it stands sixth, and in this good year of 1924 Nebraska dairy cows will produce in excess of 90,000,000 pounds of butter, much of which is export butter sold in competition with the boasted creamery products of Denmark, Sweden and New Zealand. In this good year Nebraska cows and hens will add more than \$45,000,000 to the commonwealth's wealth production.

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