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RATES, TAXES, WAGES.

Stated without attempt to point its purpose, but bluntly driven home, the La Follette idea is to cut the earnings of the railroads without cutting the cost of operation. He can do this in only one way, and that is to wipe out dividends. Money invested in railroads is to receive no return. Manufacturers, merchants, workers, farmers, everybody except railroad stockholders, are to have their earnings, in the form of profits or wages.

La Follette does not dare tell his followers he has any notion of cutting wages. Indeed, he tells them he expects to so arrange matters they can in effect fix their own rate of pay. That is just what "democratic management" means.

In 1923 the railroads of the United States paid in taxes more than \$336,000,000. In 1924 it is estimated this total will go over \$366,000,000. All this money must come out of railroad earnings. In Nebraska the total tax bill of the state for 1923 was \$53,280,000, of which the railroads paid a little more than \$5,000,000.

If the government takes over the railroads, this tax will have to be paid direct by the property owners. In Hooker county the school tax is in round numbers \$50,000, and the Burlington railroad pays \$11,400 of that. In Keith county the school tax is \$154,000, and the Union Pacific pays \$58,000 of that. When the railroads are owned by the public, this tax will be passed on to the farmer, the merchant, the householder.

But freight rates still will go on. The government will have to pay as much as the private companies do to run the roads. Experience under the McAdoo administration showed that it cost the government \$100,000,000 a month, or \$3,000,000 a day more to operate the roads than the total receipts amounted to. And the first thing Mr. McAdoo did was to boost all charges horizontally by 25 per cent.

No need to blink at these facts. Every farmer knows what labor cost means. He also knows that the railroads are paying wages more than 100 per cent greater than in 1914. That railroad taxes are 166 per cent higher than then.

And he knows that the money to meet these charges must come from some source. The Omaha Bee believes that freight rates on farm products in general are too high, and should be revised downward. But the belief is equally as strong that no farmer would start out to adjust the carburetor on his car by smashing the flywheel or hitting the manifold with a sledge hammer. That, however, is what La Follette's program would do to the railroads.

A BIG WESTERN SENATOR.

Senator Warren of Wyoming is up for re-election this year. He first entered the senate of the United States in 1890, and with the exception of two years has been in congress ever since. He is a big man, mentally and physically, and his state has profited tremendously by keeping him as their senator. In seniority there is only one man in the senate who ranks him, Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts. Senator Warren has attained the position of chairman of the committee on appropriations, one of the nost important chairmanships in the senate list.

During the greater part of the senator's life he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, devoting much attention to stock raising. He was one of the first to develop irrigation in the Rocky Mountain region, and the Reclamation act is largely his work. He introduced the first bill in congress that had for its purpose irrigation investigations. Following this he was chairman of the committee of seventeen that formulated the Reclamation act which has done so much not only for his home state but for western Nebraska. In the valley of the Platte on our western border, farmers are raising thousands of acres of sugar beets, made possible through irrigation.

Senator Warren is a protectionist of the old school and never falters in advocacy of any bill that tends to the protection of American industry. He has done much in aid of the people of Nebraska, and as a neighbor state we sincerely hope that the people of Wyoming may return him to the United States senate.

"THE TIE THAT BINDS."

Evidence is accumulating to support the charge that the democrats and La Folletteites are in alliance to throw the election into congress. Mr. Davis admits that La Follette will carry six or eight northern states. That means that Mr. Davis hopes this will come to pass. He knows that Davis and Bryan will not carry any of them, and the next best thing is to keep Coolidge from getting them.

William Gibbs McAdoo, from his sick room in Baltimore, sends out a letter regretting that the Davis and La Follette men are not more closely cooperating. He would like to see a fusion between what he calls the "progressive" elements of the northern states, to confront the Coolidge supporters. For what purpose? McAdoo is too wise and wary to delude himself with the thought that either Davis or "Rattling Robert" can be elected. His one aim must be to carry out the conspiracy entered into so long ago, and throw the election into congress. In Nebraska we note the efforts of the La Fol-

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 unholiest 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 deadlocked 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 big 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

"At the instigation of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, with fine co-operation from the commercial clubs of other towns, a new through 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

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 oters 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.

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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 discounced in the control of the polls of the pols can 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

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

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

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

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



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Message of the Klan.

Burwell, Neb.—To the Editor of The Comaha Bee: I have read with some interest the letters appearing in The Omaha Bee: I have read with some interest the letters appearing in The Duzzentmatter, while disclaiming membership in the order, warmly upholds it and denounces those who because they were controlled religiously and politically by the population of the Jews, because they were non-producers, middlemen, who liked to make money and trade with their kind. Evidently that branch of losiness is to be reserved for Genals Robert La Follette.

Its latest defender, Mr. Clark, is peeved because of the ignorance of its white supremacy in the south. It is not in the south It is not in 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 then ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few then ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few then ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few then ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few then ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few then ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few then ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few then ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few then ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few then ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few then order, when ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few then ordered to do so by an officer in uniform. Better a fine or a few then order, warming the leaves of the klan.

Catholics should be disfranchised because they were non-producers, middlemen, who liked to make the first payment on a diver we are going

for the klan has been dilligent in propagating its tenets, so the teachfor the klan has been dilligent 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 will be news to England which has, from time to time immemorial, claimed that all the Anglo-Saxons on the planet were confined to "the tight little isle." Will the rest of Europe is willing to accept the doubtful compliment of being dubbed Dutch-Dutchmen?

He was kind enough to let us know that he didn't want to hurt the feelings of Catholics and perhaps that was why he failed to touch on the Knights of Columbus oath, the night-

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 amendment and the election of the pope in question, how was it possible for him to accomplish this feat, ignoring altogether his lack 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 leaves in the first amendment disant that the second of the possible second of the p 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 risce. out back in the same old place. it is to the popes and not to the fathers of the Republic that we are

ndebted for the right to worship Omaha Bee: A week or so ago there dod as we wish. Prospero could command the ele-ments 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

Great is the power of the pope-acording to the klan.
But busy as the popes were in American affairs they were much busier in Mexican affairs, where con stitution-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

Abe Martin



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About Shooting.

Omaha .- To the Editor of The

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Sitting in our own private car on the Burlington's pure-bred sitting in our own private car on the Editing on the size special train, with only three more demonstrations to stage before ending the great trip, we can not forbear mentioning a few high lights of the journey. The only thing this enterprise has sought to do is to sell an idea. It has advertised nothing else. No particular breed of dairy animal has been exploited, no partisan talks have been made, and no effort to induce beef cattlemen to turn dairymen. The sole idea has been to sell the idea of better sires, whether it be for beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses, hogs, sheep or poultry.

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 gives. The entire movement was organized with the there ter 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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