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JOB FOR GOOD CITIZENS.

The appeal to voters to cast their ballots against the Sorensen amendment is bearing fruit. Interest has been awakened in this most insidious attempt to destroy, as far as Nebraska is concerned, the system under which our government has existed from its foundation. Good citizens, irrespective of party affiliations, have united in an effort to so arouse the people to the danger that is contained in the initiated amendment to the constitution of the state and indications are it will be decisively rejected. The names signed to the published appeal and warning are those of men and women of influence and standing, whose character is attested, and who have only the good of the state at heart.

The sinister character of the attempt to destroy the party system of government in Nebraska is disclosed by a slight examination. It is an emanation from the now nearly defunct Nonpartisan league. That organization, professedly neutral as between the parties, gained whatever of power it attained by "boring from within." Secretly selecting its nominees, it secured for them the label of a party through which election might be secured. In North Dakota the league seized and wrecked the republican party. In Nebraska a similar attempt was made, but did not meet the success attained where Townley established his autocratic rule. If the Sorensen amendment should be adopted, it will revive the Nonpartisan league, giving to it the power that it can not obtain by coming openly before the people.

The party system has existed in the United States from the first. It has had the approval of the wisest and best of American statesmen. Under it the officers of the government, from top to bottom, are chosen. In party councils, called conventions, policies are determined upon and principles enunciated for the approach to the people. All this is done openly with ample freedom of discussion. On this rests the security of American institutions. Whenever the government falls into the hands of little groups that meet in secret, lay their plans and make their bargains behind closed doors, and never submit their program for public examination, the end of liberty, as we understand it, has been reached.

And that will come when it is made possible by the abolishment of effective party organization as we know it now. In secrecy leaders of oath-bound groups will be able to consolidate their forces behind slates picked by themselves, and through the only possible form of organized and concerted action at the polls, concentrate enough votes to win in any

The one certain way to defeat this proposal and to avert the danger it contains is to vote "NO" on the Sorensen amendment. The pretext that it is intended to protect the direct primary is absurd. The direct primary does not need such protection. It is in no danger, for no attack is being made upon it.

The chief object sought by the promoters of the emendment is to do away with all legitimate forms of political organization in Nebraska, and to clear the way for cabals, cliques and factions, working in secret to secure ends concerning which they fear to approach the voters directly. In order to accomplish this the amendment proposes to forbid the use of any party circle, name or designation on the ballot. Just the name of the man under that of the office

Only confusion will come from such a law. We urge on all voters of whatever party to carefully mark the ballot against the amendment. Do not neglect this important duty.

ZINOVIEFF SPILLS THE BEANS.

Several times during the campaign in the United States the Third Internationale has been referred to. Each time a chorus of indignant denial has gone up from the leaders of the third party movement. They have no connection with the Russian reds. And the Russian reds have no connection with the Russian government. And, finally, the Russian government has no purpose or intent to interfere with any other on earth.

England was getting on much as usual with a general election with not much out of the ordinary, as the English view elections, to excite comment. Then came an extraordinary letter from Zinovieff, calling on the communists to rise for the revolution. at once. Naturally, the British resent this, and the Moscow authorities were quick to deny the authorthip of the call to arms. Ramsay MacDonald looks upon the letter as genuine, and is at a loss only to account for its getting to the public before it got to him. Weight is given to the British episode by the appearance of communist advertisements in German papers, also calling loudly for the revolution.

In England Zinevieff alienated many voters from MacDonald. Whatever the final result, it is certain that many refrained from voting for the laborite or liberal candidates because of the soviet propaganda. These episodes discredit the efforts made in this country to convince people that the Russian reds had changed their nature, and no longer seek to de-

stroy all governments but their own. In Omaha anti-red propaganda has been discour-

aged, because, we are told, there is no cause to fear the radicals in the United States. Each time the law-abiding forces of the nation look away, the lawdefying groups steal a little ground. Only one way is know to oppose them. By publicity, keeping the radicals in the open, and by meeting their unreason with reason. Not by saying they are not active, for

JUDGE STAUFFER'S CANDIDACY.

Burt and Washington counties are linked with Douglas county in one judicial district. Naturally Douglas, with its predominating population, overshadows the other two counties, but that is no reason why Douglas county should demand the right to select all of the district judges. Of the seventeen judicial candidates in the district Judge Carroll O. Stauffer of Burt county is the only one residing outside of Omaha.

Judge Stauffer's record is alone sufficient reason for his re-election. If any further reason is needed it may be found in the fact that the northern end of the district is entitled to representation upon the bench. With a candidate of Judge Stauffer's admitted ability and splendid record it would be unwise to nullify the splenid relations that have always existed between Omaha and the rest of the judicial district by centralizing all the judges in one county, and especially unwise to centralize them all in one city. Judge Stauffer's residence in Burt county is merely an added reason why he should be re-elected. The chief reason is his judicial record and his admitted ability and fairness.

MAKING IT SNAPPY "OVER THERE."

England is just winding up a short-order campaign that will preclude anyone from that side ever again raising eyebrows at American crudity. A lot of rough stuff has been pulled at one time or another in the way of political stunts in this land of youth and beauty, but the worst we have ever been guilty of is harmless as skim milk compared to what has gone on over there. From one end of the land to another speakers have been mobbed, riots have occurred, meetings have been broken up. Men and women have been severely handled, some seriously hurt, all in the name of liberty. The intelligent British voter must vent his feelings in violence, it seems, or the election is not a success.

It would be well to note just what exists in England, for they are under the form of government some eminent gentlemen on this side would like to adopt instead of what we have. Parliamentary government, in place of our constitutional form with its system of checks and balances. Three parties in parliament, neither with a majority. Any government is dependent upon a working agreement between two minority groups. No policy can be adopted, no plans carried out, only routine business can be transacted. Twice this year an election has been called. Neither time have the people given my clear authority to any party to govern.

What would happen here if such a system prevailed? England, where stability is required just now more than anywhere else, is drifting to destruc-'tion because of the levity of the people. They make their elections snappy, hold them often and settle nothing, while their national affairs go to ruin. We can have the same sort of thing over here by adopting the parliamentary form of government, which the socialists, the "progressives" and other pseudo reformers would have us do.

"I'll guarantee that every man awaiting death n Sing Sing is there because he was without a good

In those words Clarence Darrow gave the best explanation of why so many people have lost faith n the courts, and why so many openly sneer at the law and lawyers, and too, by the way, have lost faith in Mr. Darrow. If any considerable number of people declare that justice is bought and sold, or that laws are made by lawyers for the purpose of being set at nought by technicalities, it is because some lawyers have prostituted their high calling for

When a majority of the people are of the same pinion as the one expressed by Clarence Darrow. there will be an explosion that will blow skyward our present judicial system. And a few more lawyers of Darrow's prominence making the same sneering assertions will provide the majority.

Thomas Riley Marshall said a mouthful when he told the world that vice presidents must speak or starve. But William Jennings Bryan made this plain when he was secretary of state, and left his office to go on a Chautauqua lecture tour.

A Chicago woman asks \$5,000 damages because a marcel waver caused a bald spot as big as a dime on her head. At that rate we know some Omaha men who could ask \$7,000,000 damages.

Frank Harrison raises his voice in righteous proest against the corrupt use of money in the Nebraska election. Frank, you know, is in politics merely because it gives him the opportunity to do

Charles M. Kittle has rises from the position of water boy for a railroad construction gang to that of president of the world's largest mail order house. It is quite likely that this Kittle did not waste any time calling others of his kind black.

Montana farmers are apparently not afraid of a democratic victory. They have just contracted to vaise 8,000 acres of sugar beets for a new mill.

The linotypist who set it up Chaos W. Bryan should be switched from the machine to the "Information for Readers" department.

The chief howl about slush funds usually comes from parties who failed to collect or participate.

Good roads men do not seem to be worried over democratic victory.

Homespun Verse Robert Worthington Davie

HIS DADDY WANTED HIM.

His daddy wanted him! And when the others came To take him hence, and let him keep his lonely daddy's Their wishes were denied. "He's mine!" the father

'I'll want him ever near me through the years that

"I'll need my boy to keep me ever toiling for his good: I can not let you take him at the edge of Babyhood— I can not now forsake him as your taking him would Because I must abide by what his mother said to me.

"Twill be a little difficult at first, as others say, But I will manage somehow and my little boy must He'll smooth the rougher places, and together we will

Just as his mother hoped we would, and I am sure

Take Comfort, nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet.

"TAKE MY HAND."

When the toil of the day is at last laid away, ...

And at eve to my home I draw near, I hear down the street the sound of small feet That lightens my heart with its cheer. A shrill boyish voice bids my soul to rejoice,

I'm the happiest man in the land. When he rushes to me and shouts in his glee; 'Please, father; take hold of my hand!

Dear lad, may I hold as a treasure untold

That trust till the end of the road.

May our hands be entwined till at last I shall find
The place where I lay down my load.

And when at the last o'er the river I've passed To yonder Delectable Land, May I reach out and say, as my boy does today; "Please, Father; take hold of my hand!"

We care not what others may do, but we are going to vote for the library bonds. As a general proposition we have been agin bonds of late years, but extending the opportunities of our people to acquire useful information and become acquainted with good literature should not be allowed to pass by

Perhaps you have noticed the absence of tag days and special drives during the year now closing. Hasn't it been a wonderful relief? You could start down in the morning with a couple of dollars in your pocket and be assured that you wouldn't be jipped for a quarter on one corner, a dollar on another corner, a half on another corner, and the last quarter at the office door, thus making the luncheon hour a dismal waste of time. That's what the Community Chest idea has accomof time. That's what the polished, to say nothing of its greater efficiency in handling matters of charity. Our contribution thereto will, perforce, be small, but it is going to be made joyfully.

If any of our friends expect to play bridge whist all day instead of going to the polls, we hope the bridge collapses and lets 'em all drop into hopeless debts.

"What has become of the old-fashioned political candidate who kissed all the babies?" queries J. Hyde Sweet of the Nebraska City Press. It may be, J. Hyde, that he is kissing the bables' mothers. If that is the case, running for office these days ought to be less irksome than in the Good Old Days.

It may truthfully be said of Laura Jean Libby's novels that they were not crammed with sex stuff, and her heroines acted like modest and self-respecting women. "Soft stuff," perhaps, but at least free from the taint of immorality.

Nebraska Limerick

There is a young lady in Neligh Whose voice is highly pitched and quite squeally.
In her lover's embrace She will lift up her face And ecstatically shout, "O, really!"

Speaking of "cinches," we know of one. It is a cinch that we shall vote against the adoption of the Sorensen amendment. And if we know it we shall vote against any candidate for office who is in favor of its adoption. The more we see of "reform" the greater our need for an enlarged vocabulary of words expressing denunciation.

The fly-swatting season being about over, before you get out of practice take a good swat at the Sorensen amendment WILL M. MAUPIN.

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.

Every Vote Counts.

from a fence and arrived at the polls ceive any considerable support at the too late to cast his vote. The fed. ceralists lost the precinct by one vote; as a result, representative who faored war with Great Britain was Then the congress, by a ma- was against our country.

known as the War of 1812. Our country in its colonial days behind and shouting "sic 'em" to the fought a hard and bloody war to win its independence and to establish gov. its independence and to establish government by majority. The principle of government by majority is the most valuable possession of the republican system, yet for many decades there hase been an increasing tendency among voters not to cast their ballots in presidential elections. This tendency has reached a grave and critical point where we are very sin legislature adopted resolutions.

The ballot is the foundation of popular government. By wise use of the llot citizens can remodel our po-ical and economic institutions; in

Is your vote important among mil-lions? Remember the Rhode Island farmer whose failure to vote caused a war, and you answer: "No. a thou-sand times, no!" -Do you want better and times, no!" Do you want better

What La Follette Means.

Los Angeles, Cal.-To the Editor tion of the president. ons why as a farmer he was for Calvin Coolidge for presi-lent to succeed himself. I now crave he liberty of your columns in order hat I may convey to my fellow farmpresident. And I shall endeavor consideration, o show further the utter uselessness, not to say folly, of voting for him at the outset, however, I want within our control. nounce any dispositie ion the sincerity or assail the mo support Mr. La Follette by their

I am against La Follette for the eason that I believe he is not in ood faith a candidate for the presidency at all. I feel sure that as a practical politician he realizes, and has from the first, that he stands no chance whatever for election. What and all he hopes to do is to defeat the election by the people of any other candidate for the presidency. Thus he would practically disfranchise (so far as voting for president is con-cerned), every voter in the United States, including his professedly much-beloved farming and laboring lasses. What he aims at, and all he hopes to accomplish, is to throw e election of president he election of president into the course of representatives, where he calizes he has no possible chance of ealizes he has no possible chance of election, but hopes to control sufficient of the votes of the state to defeat the of the votes of the state to defeat the ection of any other candidate. This means simply to defeat the popular will, without any possibility of being elected himself.

Under the foregoing condition, the uty would then devolve upon the enate of the United States to make hoice from the two candidates president having the highest s possible, if not altogether probable, that no choice could be effected in the senate more than in the house of rep-ladies' tailor t' break a man, resentatives. The possible and even

probable outcome and result of sup-Washington, D. C.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In 1811 a Rhode Island farmer dailled to release a pig

But were there any possibility elected to the legislature, which in turn his election, personally I should most by a majority of one elected a trenuously oppose him, because in the hour of peril to our country while here was against our country. war. Then the congress, by a ma-boys were in the trenches shooting from the front he was stabbing from and critical point where we are very close to a government by minority.

Do you want government by majority or minority? You answer quickly: "By majority!" The vote slacker by not voting expresses indifference as to what kind of government we have end or bed.

Sin legislature adopted resolutions formally censuring him for his disloyal utterances. . Surely these incidents are all-satisfying, and they were enacted by his home state people in time of war. A noutraged people in time of war. A sin legislature adopted outraged people in time of war. A man disloyal to his country in the hour of its peril is not the man to

in time of peace. short, can have any kind of government they want.

As it appears to me, it would be idle to discuss the policies for which overnment, a voice in making it professed policies are but the smoke better? Do you want to help keep
America a government by majority?
Then be sure to cast your ballot this fall.

W. A. CALLANAN.

Will be that he will have nullified the purposes, the net result practically will be that he will have nullified the right of every voter of the country to participate by his vote in the elec-If The Omaha Bee: Some time ago therefore who votes for him practhe writer in a public letter gave some or herself. To defeat the popular choice of a president at the polls will be to precipitate a condition of po litical and business chaos, the dis astrous results of which, viewed from astrons results of which, viewed from a business standpoint, would first uny consideration of the policies for which he professes to stand), why I im opposed to Robert M. La Follette or president.

Abe Martin



Nobuddy kin kick on th' current price o' human life. It takes one

LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press.

'Smash the Sorensen amendment!" exclaims Editor Sutherland of the he falls for.

cause they can not help it; it's funny." You have one guess on what law the Independent was talk-

Lew Shelley says Frank Harrison just can't stand a ladylike campaign, so went out and stirred up a row inside his own outfit.

Fred Howard of the Clay Center most disconcerting the fact that Brother William speaks about four good words for La Follette to one for Davis, but collided with of late years is the silence of Calvin Coolidge.

Fletch Merwin of the Beaver City Tribune puts it neatly. He likens every voter to a holder of common stock in the government, and says election day is when the stockholder course. Editor Brown was a veteran should be given a decree,

There are no proxies. The Beaver City Times Tribune in-timates that what a candidate stands for isn't half so important as what

suit her.

Tekamah Herald. Sound advice, we calls it.

"Why do people laugh at the law?" asks the Grand Island Independent, and the proceeds to any swer its own query by saying, "be saying the chances are, John, swer its own query by saying, "be the barber didn't execute the bob to primaries.

John Sweet of the Nebraska City Press arises to inquire the where abouts of the old-fashioned woman in the proceeds to any saying, "be stockings. The chances are, John, that she is raising a ruckus because the popular indigents in the party of the Nebraska City Press arises to inquire the where abouts of the old-fashioned woman in the proceeds to any saying, "be stockings. The chances are, John, that she is raising a ruckus because the popular indigents in the party of the Nebraska City Press arises to inquire the where abouts of the old-fashioned woman in the party of the party in Nebraska. Editor Westervelt says the blooming thing was wreck-stockings. The chances are, John, that she is raising a ruckus because the party in Nebraska.

should walk up and vote his stock, before he established the Daily Hub.

Nebraska.

the barber didn't execute the bob to primaries. The Eagle Beacon makes due note

and he is now the oldest editor in point of continuous service in all Ne-

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"The Same Kindly Care Afterwards that you Gave Before"

When a Tiny Soul Takes Flight



Midnight sees a limousine gliding silently through the streets, bearing a woman on one of the saddest missions she can

Death has touched the tiny body of a new-born babe-a little one whose mother perhaps still lingers in the Valley of the Shadow, bewildered and broken hearted at her loss. To her this woman is going.

Alone she enters the room of suffering and sorrow. With infinite sympathy she comforts those who mourn. Then she tenderly wraps the wee form in a silk shawl and with it returns to her car for the return journey.

The usual padded basket would do as well-perhaps. But Hoffmann-Crosby service is unusual; so the basket gives way for the arms of this understanding woman, who protects the little form from every jar of the machine, as tenderly as though Life's spark still burned.

At the Funeral Home she bathes and dresses the little one in the special "baby room"-then puts it in the pretty white crib. And there it rests-just as it would rest at home-until the time comes to lay it in its last resting place.

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