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## Omaha Where the West is at its Best

### HIGHWAYS WORTHY OF A GREAT STATE.

Three hundred and fifty men gathered at the Good Roads luncheon at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, a living pledge of sincerity that is now behind the good roads movement in Nebraska. These men came from every part of the state. They represented every industry in the state. In their persons they typify the citizenry of the state, and its determination to carry out to a successful consummation the six-year program that is now under way, and which contemplates the expenditure of \$7,000,000 each year, until Nebraska is provided with a complete system of arterial highways.

A fund of \$30,000 is to be raised at once by the Nebraska Good Roads association, for the purpose of carrying on an educational campaign among the people. Omaha's quota of this is \$10,000, which the Greater Omaha committee has agreed to produce. This is recounted as an evidence of the earnest purpose that animates those who have taken up the good roads crusade so earnestly in Nebraska.

It is an old, old story, that of how the state has suffered because of its lack of all-the-year-round highways. This loss has never been so great or so apparent as it has since the automobile came to awaken us all to the fix we are in. A good truck costs more than a team and wagon, and more is expected from it. To get all the good possible out of an auto truck it must be operated under the most favorable conditions. This means that rough surfaces, steep grades, poor bridges, and all those things, bad enough for horse-drawn traffic, but infinitely worse for the self-propelled machine, are too costly to be borne with.

It is not alone to get Nebraska out of the mud, but to get out of the rough, soft roadbed, the heavy pulls over steep hills, and to make crossings over streams and gullies safe. When this is done, the annual cost of hauling the crops from the farms to the railroad will be more than cut in two, and the farmer will find an added profit on every pound of stuff he sells and an equivalent reduction in the final cost of everything he buys and hauls home from market.

That is principally what good roads mean to Nebraska.

This will cost money. Estimates contemplate the expenditure of \$48,900,000 in six years. At the end of that time Nebraska will have 700 miles of hard-surfaced highways. This will mean main highways east and west and north and south. In addition, 3,000 miles of road will be graded and surfaced with gravel and clay. Substantial bridges and culverts will be built, drainage will be provided, and it will be possible to get anywhere in the state over a highway that is worthy of a great commonwealth and symbolic of the spirit of an industrious, enterprising and progressive people.

Plans for raising this money include a tax on gasoline and license tax on automobiles for the main features. Federal aid will provide another considerable portion, and the lesser amount will come from direct taxation. Under the constitution issuance of bonds is forbidden. The levying of a tax is the alternative. As we explained some weeks ago, this tax amounts to about 5 cents an acre on the improved lands of the state on the basis of the 1923 valuation as returned for taxation.

Federal aid does not depend exactly on a dollar-matching proposition. What it does come to in the long run is a return to Nebraska of a considerable proportion of the money paid in taxes to the federal government. Because of the wide area and the greater number of rural free delivery routes in the state, Nebraska's claim on the post roads funds is greater than of smaller states of larger population and wealth. This is an appreciated advantage.

The main point is that a definite and encouraging start has been made. Between now and the time the legislature convenes plans will be matured and presented to the people of the state for consideration. It is confidently expected that the people will generally join in urging the legislature to take the needed action, so that the real work of getting Nebraska out of the mud will be under way in 1925.

### OUR BIGGEST BUSINESS.

In the general turmoil attending a national, state and county election there is danger that the biggest business in Omaha may be overlooked. The biggest manufacturing business in any community is its public school, but unfortunately it is too often overlooked in the heat of partisan battle.

Five members of the board of education are to be elected by the voters of the Greater Omaha school district next Tuesday. There are several "slates" in the field, each with its own appeal to the voters and taxpayers. Parents should give particular attention to this phase of the election and use their best judgment in selecting members of the board. The Board of Education does far more than handle millions of dollars. It is entrusted with the selection of teachers who mold the minds and form the characters of the boys and girls entrusted to their care. That body has a far greater responsibility than merely handling and accounting for the money

paid by the taxpayers for the support of the public schools. It is dealing with the future citizenship of the community and nation.

For these, and many other reasons that need not be outlined, it should appear to every thoughtful parent that wise selection of members of the Board of Education is imperative. Every taxpayer should fully inform himself or herself of the qualifications of candidates for the board, and make careful selection. They are dealing with the most vital factor in Omaha's growth and development.

### TACTFUL ROBERT.

While Mr. La Follette was campaigning in Wisconsin, Michigan, Nebraska and Colorado did he jump onto the sugar trust? He did not.

But when Tactful Bob landed in Maryland, where they raise neither sugar beets nor sugar cane, he donned his spiked shoes and jumped on the sugar trust with both feet. He sunk the spikes into its greivous corporosity, rent it was claw and fang and shredded it up until it was ready to act as good silo filler. Standing in the midst of the tobacco and peanut raisers Mr. La Follette said nary a word about the tobacco and goober trusts, but he did charge that the beet sugar manufacturers were conspiring to use the tariff in such wise as to permit them to manipulate the price of sugar.

"Aha, a conspiracy to make the sugar bowl pay tribute to a predatory combine!" shrieks "Rattling" Robert, the shirking being postponed until he had far removed himself from the sugar beet fields.

One of La Follette's greatest faults is knowing so much that simply is not so. He fails to inform the people how the producers of 800,000 tons of beet sugar are going to corner a sugar market that totals 12,000,000 tons. Nor does he explain why sugar was highest when the tariff was the lowest in years. He merely scents a conspiracy, and La Follette has the best long-distance smeller on record. He can smell a beet sugar conspiracy in Maryland, but he caught never a scent of it when he was within the hearing of the beet raisers of the west.

The United States produces less than 25 per cent of the sugar it consumes. But that 25 per cent prevents Cuban and Javan sugar producers from controlling the market and exploiting the American consumers. Destroy American sugar production and foreign sugar makers would levy just the same tribute on the American sugar bowl that they levied a few years ago when sugar went to \$30 a hundred, only it sold by the single pound and the housewife was lucky to get that much.

Now why did La Follette wait until he got away off yonder in Maryland to put the spikes to an industry that means millions to the beet raisers of Nebraska? Why didn't he tell them about it face to face, and then skip over into Maryland and hurl defiance into the faces of the tobacco and goober trusts?

You know why; and so does Tactful Robert. He wouldn't get very far with that stuff in Nebraska, where we produce twice as much sugar as we consume, and where the sugar tariff adds from \$2.50 to \$3.50 a ton to the million tons of sugar beets raised by Nebraska farmers. And the same applies to Wisconsin, Michigan, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and California.

The men who toil in the 80,000 acres of beet fields of Nebraska really ought to advise Tactful Bob to tell them about it face to face, and then skip over into Maryland and talk tobacco and peanuts. Peanut talk, by the way, would be so extremely characteristic of Tactful Robert.

Dr. Joseph Alexander Leighton, professor of philosophy at Ohio State university, says the church, education and medicine are flat failures. Is O' Doc Leighton trying to shove Bob off the supreme pessimists' pedestal, or just trying to advertise?

Democratic wails about the amount of republican campaign money sent into Nebraska recall similar wails over the division of \$20,000 of democratic money sent into Nebraska a few short years ago.

A lot of democrats who deprecate Call's reticence are equally loud in their denunciations of Bro. Charley's vociferousness. Some people just won't be pleased.

On October 1 there were more than 15,000,000 automobiles in the United States, and before the month ended we had dodged all but two or three of them.

Anybody wishing to engage a "brother act" for the coming season should address either "C. W. B." or "W. J. B." at either Lincoln or Miami. State terms in first letter. At liberty now.

A certain proportion of men would be more likely to vote if they had to sneak up an alley and get their ballots from a bootlegger.

Please correct this sentence: "I had a long talk with the governor of Nebraska and he listened courteously and patiently."

Brother Charley says he has more confidence each day. But Brother Charley always was a great confidence man.

New York Board of Health forbids the sale of "looney gas." Enough "bugs" in Gotham without making more.

Perhaps those alleged Martian signals are only some fellow trying to give us the result of a straw vote up there.

At any rate, Samuel Untermyer did not make much when he started to bullyrag Val Peter.

The conservatives in England certainly did stage a come-back.

One campaign where all can unite is that for good roads.

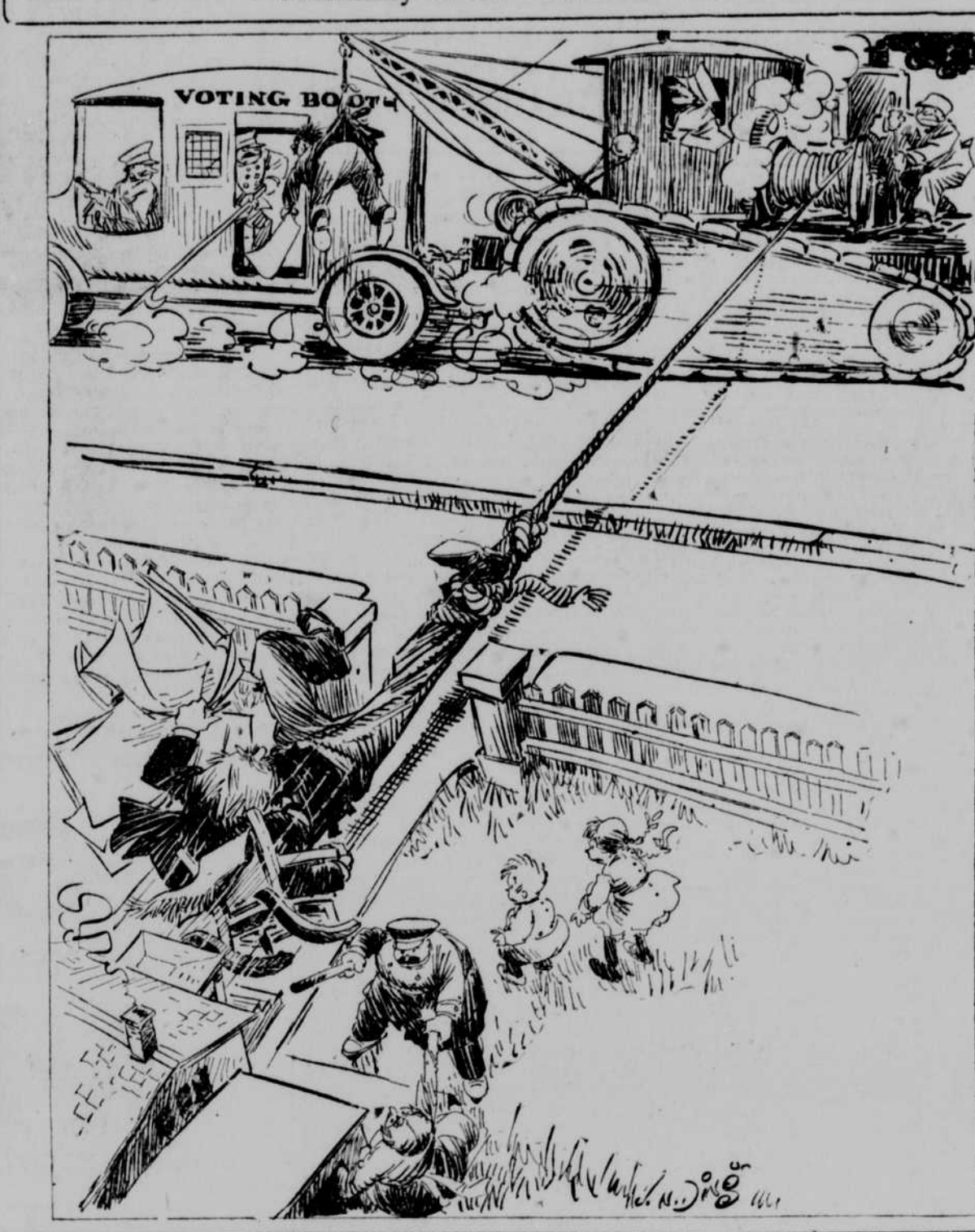
Ramsay MacDonald now knows what a real wreck looks like.

## Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—  
Robert Worthington Davie

THE DIFFERENCE.  
I walked across a man's estate  
One leisure given day,  
I skinned my elbow on highway,  
And sued him right away,  
His premises had done me ill—  
This he could not deny,  
And he, of course, would pay the bill,  
Or know the reason why.  
With elbow done in plaster cast,  
My anxious days were spent;  
I often wondered if at last  
I'd get emolument,  
Day unto day I suffered so  
From waiting and with grief;  
No one will ever truly know  
How much I sought relief.  
But if the man had had no weal,  
My injured elbow might  
Have hastily commenced to feel  
As though it was all right;  
And I would not, perhaps, have sued  
The mortal gray and grim,  
Believing it a practice rude  
To lay the blame on him

## What We Need Now Is Some Good Modern Machinery to Get Out the Vote



## Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words or less, will be given preference.

**Timely Topics.**  
Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: "The war that will end war will not be fought with guns."—Columbia Record.  
No! Nor with wind either.  
"If La Follette expected to be elected, he would make fewer promises."—Toledo Blade.  
"What difference does it make? Nobody but a few of the 'chosen' believe in his promises. The reason the most of the people who vote for him do so is because they don't know enough about their own government to let well enough alone, and want a 'change' just as a lot of us want a new suit of clothes or a new car; not because we need it, but because we want something different."  
"They are painting La Follette a bit 'red', but there is no oil mixed with the paint."—Columbia Record.  
He will wish there was before he gets through counting the cost of his fool venture.  
"It is a good idea to kiss the children good-night if you don't mind waiting up for them."—Peru (Ind.) Tribune.  
Why not do it in the morning and save the trouble of waiting up?  
"A lot of people will be unhappy in heaven when they find out they can't institute any reforms or pass any laws."—Columbia Record.  
What becomes of all the editors? And the political promoters?  
"The dedicatory anthem at the opening of Chicago's skyscraper church was, of course, 'Nearer My God to Thee.'"—Norfolk Virginia Post.  
How do you know that God lives in 'that direction'?"  
"Do 'Em Suffer' asks the Literary Digest. This will be a good question to put on their next straw ballot."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.  
A lot better one will be, "Does the fellow that raises the plants suffer?" And, by the way, Mr. Plain Dealer, straw isn't a plant; it is the relic of a plant, besides being a proverbial expression.  
"A newspaper humorist gets brain fever trying to be funny, and along comes a louty operator who sets it off."—Detroit News.  
It's a good thing this campaign is nearing its end, or there would be a lot of progressive and democrat editors in a worse fix than either. While we have our doubts about the "humorist" having brain fever, we also have some scruples in believing that the "operator" made a mistake.  
"A bootlegger suggests that Americans should boost home trade by buying moonshine instead of imported liquor. Here is a good chance to die for your country."—Fort Worth Record.  
Not in Texas. The forbearers of the Texans were drinking moonshine when the constitution was a baby.  
"The way to keep audiences at political meetings from going to sleep is to stop juggling in the old bunk."—Norfolk Virginia Post.  
That wouldn't affect a La Follette audience. Most of 'em are not used to a "bunk" of any kind; they just don't have 'em in the jungles. By the way, wonder how they hold the "solid south" together.  
"The Bryan brothers are probably entitled to the credit for the reduction in gas prices, back east. They started the overproduction—San Diego Union.  
There ought to be some distinction between gas and wind."  
P. J. MARTIN.  
**Support the Bond Issues.**  
Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I do hope that every La Follette booster, and there may be a few left even among the readers of The Omaha Bee, will vote for all three appropriations for improvements in Omaha, which come up for public approval.  
The river drive will add immeasurably to the future appearance of the city. Every city of refinement spends a good deal of attention to its river front, as it lends itself so much to beautiful landscaping. Surely we do not want Omaha to hang back as far as tidying up is concerned.  
The enlargement of our school is a plain debt to our children. If we must cut down expenses, let us not take it out of our children. No money brings as large returns as that spent on our public schools.  
The branch library proposed is a step in the right direction. Other cities of our size have libraries that are far more monumental and costly than ours. We must progress in this matter, but the better way is not to build a new palace down town, but to build branch libraries until every child is within walking distance from such a place of refinement and study. It will help to fill the minds of young

## Notice to Organized Labor

A committee representing the Railroad Labor Organizations, several progressive farmers' organizations and the American Federation of Labor, has been engaged in examining the records and qualifications of all the candidates for Senate and for Congress in the several States. All these organizations are co-operating in conducting the congressional campaign for the election of the friends of the people and for the defeat and opposition, wherever possible, of those who, by their own record, are shown to be unfriendly. Regardless of party affiliations, the following recommendations are submitted as the position of our Organizations, and we wish each and every member to comply therewith:  
**SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.—MR. ROY M. HARROP,** the Progressive Nominee for Congress, has the endorsement of all the Progressives of the Second District. His opponent is Willis G. Sears, reactionary Republican, who voted wrong on the amendment to the rules of the House, and wrong at all times on the Howell-Barkley Bill; wrong on the Immigration Restriction Bill in 1924, and did not vote for and therefore failed to give his support and record himself in favor of the Child Labor Amendment. Mr. Sears, on this record of subservience to the vested interests and betrayal of the trust imposed in him by the people of the Second District, should be vigorously opposed and overwhelmingly defeated. Mr. Harrop, who is a real Progressive and who is well known to the people of the Second District and is receiving the undivided support of the progressive forces, should be vigorously supported and elected.  
Fraternally yours,  
E. J. MANION, President,  
THE ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS,  
St. Louis, Mo.

## Abe Martin



"Eventually, why not this fall?" is the slogan of Artie Small, cannery-date for sheriff, who's out for government ownership of bus lines. A Mexican dog is 'th' only animal left that don't finally end up in a fur coat or neckpiece.  
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V. A. BRIDGE, Cir. Mgr.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of October, 1924.  
W. H. QUIVEY,  
Notary Public  
(Seal)

## SUNNY SIDE UP

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

After voting and doing our daily stint next Tuesday, we expect to go to bed at the usual hour and sleep as soundly as we ever went, assured that no matter what the result, this good old republic is going to go right ahead toward its glorious destiny. Long ago we ceased viewing with alarm.

Assurance that we are soon to have a reduction of 2 cents per thousand feet of gas is hailed with three rousing cheers. Six rousing cheers would greet the announcement of an increase in some things around the center where municipal gas activities are greatest.

**Geographical.**  
Mary's dad has lots of dough.  
But nothing there will grow;  
But Della Smith has no such dad,  
So what shall Delaware? —Hastings Tribune.

Ira Jones, she owns a farm,  
But nothing there will grow;  
She's tried her best to make it pay,  
So where shall Idaho? —Nebraska City Press.

Our Mary took an airplane flight;  
The stick slipped from her hand,  
The plane began a tailspin then—  
O where will Maryland?

We are seeking the services of some efficiency expert who will devise for us a simple system whereby we may know three weeks from now just what we wanted with the clipping we stuck into our inside coat pocket today.

At all times there is disagreement among even the most active prohibitionists as to the efficacy of enforcement. But on one thing they unanimously agree—there must be larger appropriations for enforcement.

**The Pest.**  
With a loyalty undoubted he arose each day and spouted, and the slackers all he flouted—for America stood first. Those who howled and agitated and with fears the future freighted, he each day loud deprecated, and the anarchist he cursed.  
For the dangers dread confronting he some certain cure was hunting, and he filled the air with grunting as he spouted 'bout the flag. Night and day he spouted freedom, sought our neighbors so's to lead 'em, saying Uncle Sam would need 'em back from anarchy to drag.

Night and day he kept on spouting, all the face of freedom rousing, and for patriotism shouting till he fairly ripped his throat. Then election day came rolling, found him 'round the golf course strolling, trying hard at better holing, and he clean forgot to vote.

Somewhat or other recent lullabries about the excessive use of money in campaigns reminds us of the good old democratic friend who was asked if he expected victory at the election next day.  
"We are bound to win if them d---d republicans don't buy us," he asserted.

Our compliments and regards to O. J. Walker of Gibbon. He may be correct about horse cars in Kearney, but he is dreadfully wrong when he says he knew us when we ran a "little paper in North Bend." We would have him know that when we ran a paper in North Bend it was the biggest and best darned newspaper in Nebraska, bar none.  
WILL M. MAUPIN.

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