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COOLIDGE, DAWES, AND FORWARD MARCH.

Only one interpretation can be put on the result of the election of Tuesday. Americans are content with Coolidge and have confidence in Dawes. Commendation is given the president for what he has done. Approval is expressed for what he has proposed to do. Dawes made his position crystal clear all over the land. He never was ambiguous. He did not leave any doubt as to what his thoughts or intentions are.

When Calvin Coolidge delivered his address to the nation, at the time he was notified of his nomination, he drew the issue. A government of common sense, he said, is needed. The people have taken him at his word. His career is the best possible evidence of his sincerity. We may look forward to four years of administration of the public business of the United States on the basis of com-

Along with this renewed commission to the president goes a great responsibility. As leader of his party, he will be expected to remove causes of discontent as far as possible. No man could make everyone happy and contented. It is a sociological principle, long established, that with increasing comforts come increasing grumblings. Much of the hubbub that is heard is due to the prosperity that now prevails. This will not be lessened, but rather increased because of the republican victory. What may be done, and should be done, is to readjust some of the conditions, to the end that the grumblers will have to hunt up new causes for complaint. Just now it is forward march for every earnest citizen. Skulkers to the rear.

M'MULLEN AND NEBRASKA.

Adam McMullen has been elected governor of Nebraska in a three-cornered fight by a plurality that leaves no doubt as to the intent of the voters. He is to be congratulated. His campaign from its start to its finish was clean, dignified, and worthy of the man. Nebraska is to be congratulated on having chosen a man of such capacity for its execu-

McMullen will go into office surrounded by a group of well-tried administrative officers. Among these will be Charles W. Pool, a democrat, but one who made good in his job, and who should feel the of the state.

George W. Norris is returned to the United States senate, Nebraska for the first time in its history giving a third term to a United States senator. It is possible that, while he finds comfort in this fact, he may also gain wisdom from the fact that the voters of Nebraska also gave Calvin Coolidge unmistakable approval.

The sitting members are returned to congress, three democrats and three republicans, a proof of the close division of political sentiment in the state. Early returns indicate the control of the legislature in both its branches by the republicans. This will definitely locate responsibility as well as power. No chance to pass the buck should result in care in consideration of all matters, and produce benefits

AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

for the people.

Most important of all the subsidiary matters submitted to the people was the Sorensen amendment to destroy party organizations. This was emphatically rejected by the voters. Its dangerous character, insidiously concealed behind a pretense to preserve the direct primary, brought on such disapproval as should be a rebuke to the marplots who are working always under cover to gain control in the state. Nebraska will hold to the party system of government. Its voters have found that institution amply responsive to their needs at all times. They will not discard it, even though they may from time to time give support to new party movements. On this fact we also congrateulate the voters, because they have thus shown in high degree intelligent capacity to manage their own affairs, and not to submit to dictation, no matter who the dictator may be at the moment.

AMERICA'S STAR BOARDER.

A "star boarder" is one who eats and never pays. Who does nothing but consume food. Americans have long entertained a star boarder. If somebody down at Washington were to take \$100,000,000 from the Treasury each year and throw it into the Potomac river, we would hear loud and prompt protest. Yet that sum of money is just about what the people of the United States pay each year to feed the rats of the country.

In San Francisco, New Orleans and certain other seaports efforts have been made to exterminate the rat, but the movement has not generally spread. Not for lack of urging, for the health officials of the land have brought the matter forward many times, but with little effect. Another anti-rat crusade is about to get under way. It is stimulated by the appearance of a serious scourge of disease from the Pacific coast. Rat-borne, the plague has reached Los Angeles, and may get further. The

medicine men are vigilant, though, and expect to prevent an epidemic.

Plague or no plague, the rat should be doomed. He is not native of America, and is the most obnoxious immigrant ever brought to the land. Vigorous, prolific, a great traveler, capable of eating a hole in a concrete wall, the rat offers one of the toughest jobs the public has yet taken up. That fact may account for its still being with us. If he had succumbed to mild treatment, he would have

Some way may be found to evade this costly, wasteful and dangerous guest of the American public. One good way is suggested by the city health officer, Dr. Pinto. Let each citizen kill a rat. Every day, and keep it up. Soon the rats will be gone. Those who have the opportunity may exceed the limit, and kill as many as they wish any day. But the slogan should be, "The rat must go!"

disappeared long ago.

OMAHA GOING STRAIGHT AHEAD.

Voters of Omaha have approved certain improvement projects by giving assent to three bond issues. One for the extension of the public school plant, one for the erection of a branch of the public library on the north side of town, and one for the creation of the Riverside Drive as part of the boulevard and park system. Each of these bond issues has for its object the provision of a needed public improvement.

Naturally, there was a division of opinion and opposition to the bonds. Whatever the basis for objection to the proposals, it was not sufficient to overcome the sentiment in favor and the bonds will be issued. The sign is a good one. Just as the citizens show their confidence in the future by the authorization of extensive public mprovements, so will individuals feel encouraged to go ahead with betterments on private property. New school buildings, new library buildngs, and new boulevards should stimulate new homes, new business buildings and new enterprises in other directions.

Omaha is going straight ahead, along the road that leads to greater and more permanent prosperity. It would be amazing if the impetus that is felt throughout the land had no favorable reaction here. Shake off the lethargy and get into line, and help to make the city where you live all that you dreamed it should become when you cast your lot here. This is the clear call to every citizen, and should be heeded.

CURTAINS FOR MR. BROOKHART.

Iowa voters seem to have preserved a sense of the high dignity and personal probity that made the Hawkeye state a power in the councils of the nation from the first. They have handed Smith Wildman Brookhart his walking papers. In all the annals of party history no act of political treachery exceeds his conduct in turning on the ticket nominated by the party whose candidate he was.

No question is raised as to the right of Mr. Brookhart to give his personal support to La Follette and Wheeler. It was indecent of him to try to drag along with him the republican party by clinging to a nomination given him as a member of that party. He did declare his opposition to President Coolidge before the primary, but he did not then intimate that he would not support the party's choice for president and vice president. Had he boldly declared his determination not to act in harmony with the party before he was nominated, he might not

clared his determination not to act in harmony with the party before he was nominated, he might not have been so honored.

He selected his own course, followed his own counsel, and has been repudiated by the voters of lows. If he is game to follow his own ideas with lowa. If he is game to follow his own ideas with hole, having penetrated three feet regard to "lame ducks," it might not be out of in to the ground. place for him to resign at once, and let Governor
Kendall send to Washington a man who actually

the church and drew large crowds to see it. The mass weighed originally
260 pounds. A fragment is preserved will represent the people of Iowa for the remainder in South Kensington. of the Sixty-eighth congress.

THE WORK AHEAD.

What has been perhaps the most curious political campaign in the country's history has just closed. With that out of the way there comes opportunity to consider carefully some of the things value of the high compliment paid him by the voters | that need to be done to make a better Omaha and a better Nebraska.

> In the city there is need for more community centers, more improvement clubs and a better fall. The largest weighed 71 pounds only so far; swollen fortunes with knowledge of the city's great industrial life.

In the state there is need for better roads, better marketing facilities and improved school conditions. Most of all is there need for a better knowledge of Nebraska, its opportunities, its possibilities and its people. We need less worry about European conditions and more attention to the development of Nebraska resources. There is need for a publicity bureau that will not only tell the world about Nebraska resources and invite capital to develop them, but will also acquaint Nebraskans with the "acres of diamonds" at their very doors. There is an immense amount of constructive

work to interest Nebraskans and keep them busy. Now what a mere trifle like electing a president is out of the way, let us give a considerable part of

our attention to the absorbing question: "Will Nebraska beat Notre Dame?" Uncle Sam credited Germany with \$2,000,000

when the ZR-3 was turned over to him. As usual gas was most of what Uncle Sam received.

* Europe will not worry about the refusal of the United States to enter the League of Nations so long as it is foremost in the Loan to Nations.

If President Coolidge really believes in reciprocity he will now inform us about the merits of a certain make of car.

Charles Hose of Chicago conducts a rubber works, and the only Stocking we know is a banker

A lot of gas money burned last summer would

ook good invested in coal right now, Good morning! Have you snagged your rat?

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

EVOLUTION.

Farming, clerking, traveling-in search of needed wealth Of exercise, amusement and incessant rugged health, Diversity and learnedness and logic straight and plain And dignity and reverence-and necessary gain.

From manhood to the labyrinth in yonder mystic deep, Through changes and perplexity like meteors we sweep. In sunshine and in shade our ways half consciously

Unto the rainbow's beauty and life's migratory end. It matters none where'er we dwell, nor what we choose

Nor what we prize, nor what we seek to offer destiny;-There is a single winding way that leads us straightway on Unto the end of earth's brief day and break of Heaven's

bers when a feller shook your hand 'cause he wuz glad t' see you?

Well, Anyway, They Still Have the Wagon



"From State and Nation"

Stones From the Sky.

The earth is a target for many

It was deposited in

A meteorite fell on Mount Valson, in Provence, in 1637. It was about the size and shape of a man's head, and weighed 54 pounds.

Another small meteorite fell at

Milan in 1654. It struck and killed a The first recorded English meteorite The first recorded English in one way or another fell at Wold Cottage, in Yorkshire, in from them again the resources they will steal from them.

A shower of stones fell at L'Aigle, in Normandy, in 1803. A brilliant meteor was seen moving with great rapidity. Then a violent explosion The "Batsura" meteorite fell in India in 1861. A loud explosion was heard and fragments of stone fell over a wide area. When recovered they fitted together, though pieces still wanting. Another instance of shat tering is recorded in 1864. A fireball apparently as large as the full moon as seen from Arguell, in France. exploded, and more than a hundred fragments were found. Originally this must have been an enorm A mass of nearly ure iron fell at Rowton, Shropshire, in 1876. It

weighs 7% pounds.

In 1914 a mass weighing 23 pounds fell near Wigan, while in 1917 a stone weighing 28 pounds fell at Perth, Scotland. This was broken The famous stone in the Kaaba. Mecca, which Mohammedan worship. is a meteorite.

No Time for Politics. "Who are you supporting this year?" asked the man interested in politics. "A wife, three children, six poor re-

lations and a car," growled the mar who wasn't.—Cincinnati Enquirer. Another Tramp Story. "But I gave you a dime only yes-

terday, my good man."
"That was for food. Now I need eating."-Battle Creek Visitor.

It's jest about got so th' only

hing we kin be without a slush

fund is a pallbearer. Who remem-

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Com-munications of 200 words and less will be given preference, Hopes for the Future.

Onr Readers

every 24 hours. They vary from microscopic particles to huge masses of several hundredweight. Most of them, however, are so small the friction they encounter as they rush through the air sets them on fire. They are entirely consumed before the reach the earth's surface.

Some however, are massive enough experiments. They are massive enough experiments are massive enough experiments. The Omaha Bee, its editors and its trying to keep the mob back; "that tool barber advertised bobbing for 48 cents and these are the long-haired women all rushing to take advantage of the bargain price."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Some however, are massive enough experiments are missive enough experiments.

cept the verdict, and not only agree out insist, as far as I am a part of the often, upon the reins being in the hands of the advisers of

I shall give the coming government best wishes and would discourage heckling and obstructing tactics. will either manage things better can we expected or it will exploit he people so badly that they will be ufficiently outraged not only to take the power from its leaders but also

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porations and in other ways, be reduced in in the interest of the mass of the people. Let us hope that the stand-pat republican leadership will recognize this political law.
ALBERT KUHN.

"For the love of Mike! Officer, kinds of celestial missiles. Astronomers estimate more than 20,000,000 omaha.—To the Editor of The meteorites enter our atmosphere every 24 hours. They vary from The Omaha Bee, its editors and its trying to keep the mob back; "that

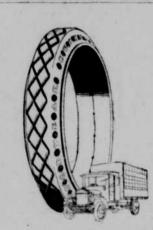
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SMILE.

When you think life's not worth while, Sit straight up and force a smile. Smile and shake your fist at fate: Hit the line, don't hesitate. Smile and say, "World, howdy de: Here's a looking straight at you!" Shake yourself and force a smile. You'll see clear sky after a while.

Grasp his hand; walk double file.
Smile and say, "Hello, old chum;
Cheer up! Don't be sad and gium."
Smile, and every time you do It pays interest to you. Waste of time salt tears to shed-Smile, and keep on straight ahead In the crowded market place Keep a glad smile on your face. Frown, and you give birth to doubt-

When you meet a brother, smile:

Next thing you'll be down and out. Smile and say, "Things coming fine, Only carload lots in mine.' Waste of time to sigh and sob--Smile, and stick tight to your job. In a day or two we purpose indicting a few comments to a Norfolk weekly publication whose editor cast some aspersions on some recent political correspondence written by us and pub-

lished in the news columns of The Omaha Bee. We'll not confine ourself to saying, "I told you so," either. Just to satisfy the insistent demand of the Colonel, who sits at our left and between us and the window, we pause long enough to remark that the country enjoyed republican weather

We admit that our knowledge of transportation problems is limited, and we would know more. But now and then we see something that bids us pause and wonder if there is any use trying to solve them. On a recent trip we stopped at Harvard for a few hours. While there an eastbound freight train whizzed through with four cars of fat hogs thereon. A few minutes later a westbound freight train whizzed through with four cars of fat hogs thereon. Then and there it struck us that it would have been a good idea to trade hogs before shipping, thus avoiding the payment of so much freight.

During the last three weeks of the campaign we personally urged 125,000 people to go to the polls and vote. It would seem that every one followed the advice, bringing five or six others

Members of the We Knew Him When Club will shove along on the bench and make room for Col. Griff Thomas of Harvard We kicked a job press in his Courier office at Harvard nearly 40 years ago, and remember what a howl of derision went up when Colonel Thomas and his son, Harrie, installed the first linotype put into a weekly newspaper office in Nebraska. We old hand-peggers knew that father and son were crazy. Both are out of the newspaper game now, although Thomas, sr. still carries a key to Ole Buck's Courier office and now and then writes a few bright thoughts for publication. Well along on the sundown side of life, Colonel Thomas still plays snare drum in the Harvard band, enjoys good health and, as always, looks out on life with a sunny smile.

For several weeks we have missed something. There was a hiatus in things that we could not define, hence worry and fretting. This morning it dawned upon us that here we are with the beet pulling and topping season two-thirds gone and not a single sob or wall in Collier's Weekly about the poor little children with frozen fingers in the beet fields of Ne-braska. Has Collier's been so busy saving the nation that it overlooked a subject that it has been whanging away at for years?

WILL M. MAUPIN.

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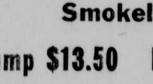
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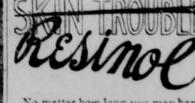


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