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WHY WASHINGTON IS PEEVED.

That Washington is peevish is easily discernible from a glance at the front pages of the Washington newspapers.

All senators and representatives are peevish because the president has given it out in unmistakable terms that he really means what he says about economy in public expenditures.

All of which, in street parlance, is "nuts for the rest of the country."

Doggerel foisted upon the country through the medium of the Congressional Record, and doggerel smeared over the front pages of Washington newspapers, is evidence to the country at large that Calvin Coolidge is doing just what the country expected him to do when it elected him by such a tremendous majority.

"To ascertain the real public opinion in the United States, first find out what Washington thinks; then you will know it is exactly the opposite."

The mere fact that official Washington is peevish is pretty good evidence that President Coolidge is doing the right thing by the people at large.

CLEM SHAVER, OPTIMIST.

Clem Shaver, chairman of the democratic national committee, is an optimist. Of that there can be no doubt after careful perusal of his most recent official outburst.

"Success for the sake of service is our common objective," exclaims Chairman Shaver. "The democratic party has lived for more than a century, and will yet live to do valiant service for the people and the country."

But, Mr. Shaver, longevity is not proof positive of success. Methuselah lived to be 969 years old, and so far as the record shows all he ever did was to become the father of one son, and that one son never cut much of a figure.

With the exception of possibly a few professional haters, citizens of the United States will hope for a speedy return to health for King George V of Great Britain. That his illness is serious is admitted. He is 60 years old and not a robust man.

King George has been consistent in his policy of cementing good relations between Great Britain and the United States. He is a kindly monarch, beloved of his own people, and that is a sufficient recommendation of his worth as a man.

In these latter days, when thrones are crumbling and crowns disappearing, the mere fact that democratic Great Britain still clings to the idea of a kingly figurehead is good proof that British monarchs are good men and true.

May King George V. be speedily returned to health, and may he live long to rule kindly.

Senator Wood of Gering, who smokes cigars, advocates a tax on cigars. A great many people are in favor of taxing the other fellow and prohibiting what they do not like for themselves.

Telling us that the Philippines would be easily captured doesn't mean a thing. We got 'em that way. It's the letting go that puzzles our statesmen.

The pork barrel advocates are at a loss to understand why President Coolidge should actually mean what he says about economy.

Perhaps the quickest solution of the W. E. D. Stokes case would be to hale him before the lunatic inquiring.

The nations trying to rid the world of opium should hop to it.

An optimist is a man who takes the seed catalogues literally.

HOPE FOR SPAIN.

Cheering reports are dribbling in from Spain. Word comes that public interest in bull-fighting is giving way to interest in soccer football.

It is an encouraging sign. It will be even more encouraging when Spanish youths begin putting stuff on the ball, stealing second, swatting out homers and hurling epithets at the umpire.

When Spanish youth forsakes the bull-ring for the diamond and the gridiron, Spain will have a chance to come back. Not the Spain of the old days of effeminacy, but the Spain that led the way to a new world.

A VOICE FROM THE PAST.

A little news dispatch appearing in the daily newspapers a few days ago was a voice from the past. It told of the suicide of Milton Nobles, jr.

Time was when Milton and Dolly Nobles were household names in America. They may never have risen to the great heights of the dramatic art, but they entertained without lowering public morals.

And each task we do is done with the zest with which our children romp and play and call it fun.

For the time that's spent a smilin' helps us more than bein' blue.

All the darkness seems to vanish, and the gloom to pass away when we walk about a smilin' every minute of the day.

When we hearken not to worry, and are burdened not by strife, we, by smilin', smilin', smilin', get the most and best in life.

Toll seems easy, if we're happy, and each task we do is done with the zest with which our children romp and play and call it fun.

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It impelled him to take his own life. But his father and mother overcame greater obstacles than the son was called upon to encounter. Theirs was no easy road, but they traveled it, smilingly and successfully.

THE STONE MOUNTAIN TROUBLE.

The press dispatches about the Borglum-Stone Mountain trouble merely state that there is trouble. There is reason to believe that there is something more than an alleged delay on the part of Gutzon Borglum back of it all.

Conceived as a great patriotic purpose by the Daughters of the Confederacy, with intent to perpetuate in enduring stone the valor of southern arms, that gigantic undertaking found ready response in American hearts north and south.

Perhaps Gutzon Borglum's artistic temperament is partly to blame. Perhaps he has delayed progress of the work. But there is some reason to believe that there is something more back of all this sudden flare-up.

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Gutzon Borglum owes it to the American people to give them the unvarnished truth from his viewpoint. The committee that has just discharged him can not satisfy the people with mere denunciations of the great artist.

THE CITY MANAGER PLAN.

Kansas City is the second largest city to adopt the city manager plan of government. At an election held last Tuesday Kansas City adopted a new charter providing for the city manager plan, the majority being 4 to 1.

Cleveland, O., is the largest city in the United States working under this modern plan. There are numerous other and smaller cities working under the same system, one of them being Alliance, Neb.

The advocates of the city manager plan are increasing in numbers rapidly, in Omaha as well as elsewhere. Sooner or later Omaha will be called upon to decide between the present system and the new system.

For this reason Omahans owe it to themselves to study the plan thoroughly. It has many things to commend it to the taxpayers of any municipality. It is in line with approved modern business methods. As a municipal policy it is not to be pooh-poohed at and cast aside.

At least of all its most enthusiastic advocates, will claim that it is perfect. The time is not far distant when Omaha must have a new charter to fit the growing needs of the city.

Omahans should not delegate the making of that new charter to a coterie of interested politicians. It is a duty that every citizen owes to himself and to his city to study, to secure the best possible. That may not be the city manager plan, but the plan is growing in favor and can not be dismissed lightly.

FORESTRY.

Octavia, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Our president, with all his possible work, takes time to call our attention to the pressing need of growing more timber.

As destitute as our state is of timber, it is the duty of every citizen to encourage the growth of more timber, and every person who has land or even a lot should set out some trees.

In the first place, it breaks those cold, cutting winds, and what a change it would finally make in our climate. But where it would benefit us financially the most would be in having the trees throw out moisture.

I have noticed that so much in our country. In Germany a large flat stone was heaved and blown out deep, then filled with dirt and the ground was covered so that no moisture could come in or out. The water was all measured to see how much the tree would throw in the air.

When the tree was about 40 feet high the amount was immense. If we then by united effort would grow trees what a change we might make, and would soon have wood to burn.

In case of a railroad strike in the future we would have some wood to burn. As they might force us to use corn.

We could find room to plant a half million of trees in this county. As we cannot plant trees along our main roads until they are graveled—after they are graveled we could find room to plant half a million oak trees.

This will also encourage us to gravel the roads, which would make the most beautiful roads imaginable. Then there is so much to be admired about the tree, our near close friend.

Thirty times in winter the tender twigs will freeze and thaw and come out all right in the spring, while hanging up a wet towel and it will freeze dry in about two days. And what can equal the shade of trees on hot summer days, as the leaves will inhale the bad air.

And there is a want of evergreen trees, so much needed on every farm, especially for stock. We cannot estimate the value, as I can speak from experience on my farm. They will even warm the air.

And there are the fruit trees. There are hundreds, if not thousands of dollars that could be saved in every county if we could produce fruit ourselves, and furnish good work for our girls.

Allow me to make a suggestion. There are in every town or county seat retired men, especially farmers, who would like to be doing something beneficial and can see the need of growing trees. Let them rent half an acre near town and have it plowed. Now plow deep furrows four feet apart in which to plant small trees.

Write to the different nurseries for their prices on small seedling trees and shrubbery, such as you want, and current bushes, as I find that they can't be gotten real cheap. Keep these in mind.

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Fixing the Blame



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.

Partly Control. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Party organization, as we understand it, is possible only where freedom of thought and action are conceded.

It should be remembered that there is no other branch of popular government so important as party action. The partisan spirit would be less effective if we could liberalize the voter.

The party is not an end, but rather a means toward the end. This would put a voter's fealty to his country above his loyalty to party.

Intelligent voting would put party contests upon a knowledge of the principles and policies involved. Party radicalism generally begins with the unreasoning element, due to the spirit so natural to persons who are governed largely by their feelings.

This creates the opposition of the conservatives, and hence the presence of both in our parties. Much can be accomplished between these two extremes through liberal and progressive parties.

The loyal party man should be on his guard constantly against the nomination or election of the man who asks his party to fuse, bargain or compromise with groups of voters whose fundamental principles are not in harmony with his party platform.

We have even elected governors who were guilty of this treason to the principles of their party.

The Piffing of W. J. Bryan. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: There is nothing new or strange in the unpopular statement of W. J. Bryan on the foreign debt problem. He has been on all sides of every public question. He has had influence, to be sure.

It has taken the public a long time, especially the democrats, to liberate themselves from the spell of his oratorical power. At the New York convention he emphatically told the delegates that they should not nominate Davis, because it would be an endorsement of Wall Street and J. Pierpont Morgan.

Finding the delegates favorable to Davis, Mr. Bryan changed his attitude, if his erring and misguided Brother Charlie were named as vice president.

He told the delegates that Charlie was elected governor of Nebraska by 50,000 majority, that he would help the head of the ticket and would carry several western states.

Charlie not only did not carry a single state, but that he actually alienated thousands of democrats from Davis. The vote of Nebraska proves this, because La Follette and Wheeler ran close to Davis and Bryan. In view of his record as governor it is clear that he is at the end of his career.

The Omaha Bee is correct in the statement that W. J. Bryan is now a menace on the foreign debt problem, but he is also a joke. His brother, Charlie, looking forward to a nomination as governor, is worse than a joke—he is ignorantly presuming on the good nature of Nebraska democrats.

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The Commandments

"Fear not; for God is come to prove you, and that this fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not."—Ex. 20:20.

GOD has planted on either side of the pathway in our life the Ten Commandments like thorn bushes, buttresses and guards, that the pilgrim may be confined to the path that leads to prosperity, safety and peace.

- 1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

The church stands as a great restraining force against the violation of the commandments.

Select a Church and Then Support It by Your Attendance

"In a wider appeal to religion and to religious faith is to be found the answer to the growing tendency toward law violations which we see on every hand."

This is the judgment of a group of Omaha men and institutions, who have arranged for a program of appeals for church attendance. The appeal published herewith is fourth of the series.

Squire Marsh Swallow says that 32 out of every 33 criminals that are given another chance take it. Some folks never forgive you if do 'em a favor.

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