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PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE.

Today, Wednesday, March 4, Calvin Coolidge becomes president of the United States by virtue of election to that high office, not by succession.

When, because of a national calamity, the death of President Harding, Vice President Coolidge was sworn in as chief executive, there were those who sneered at this Vermont-born farmer boy and predicted that he would not last. Hardly had the country recovered from the shock of President Harding's death when it realized that there was a man of iron will, great mental capacity and intense patriotism in the executive chair; not the weak and easily controlled man they had expected or desired.

Nor did it take the republic long to come to a full realization that in Calvin Coolidge it had a chief executive to trust and to follow. Assuming the high place under peculiarly distressing circumstances, his courage and his wisdom were soon made manifest. That he made good in the estimation of the people was evidenced by his overwhelming and unprecedented majority at the last election. The country found it expedient to keep cool with Coolidge.

Today the Vermont-born farmer boy, the struggling young lawyer, the courageous young governor of Massachusetts, the capable and self-effacing vice president, the iron-willed president by succession, is inaugurated president in his own right and through the confidence of a huge majority of the American

No president ever read his title clearer. No president ever assumed the duties of the high office backed by a greater confidence on the part of the people. His every act since occupying the chair of the chief executive has shown his patriotism and his desire to serve well and wisely. The country has every reason to believe that his administration will he beneficial to all the people.

FATHER COOLIDGE ON DECK.

John Coolidge of Vermont will be among those present during the inaugural services in Washington. Being a plain, old-fashioned Vermont farmer will not prevent him from being a distinguished guest in the capitol. But there is no danger that it will go to his head. Doubtless he will be glad when it is all over so he can hark back to his granite hills, trim the wicks of his kerosene lamps, pail the cow, clean up the barn, fill the woodbox and sit down at his ease by his own fireside.

Naturally John Coolidge will feel a justifiable pride as he occupies a place on the stand with the man about to be inaugurated president of the United States. Of course he will, because the man inaugurated is John's son. And patriotic Americans will rejoice that the father is able to be present. When it comes right down to cases, if we are permitted to use the expression, the country owes considerable of a debt to John Coolidge for having reared a son like Calvin.

That being true; everybody will rejoice when John Coolidge smiles at his son. Mingled with the cheers for the new president will be not a few for the plain old Vermont farmer who stands close by his side.

LABORING UNDER MISAPPREHENSION.

If judgment is rendered on the attitude of some out-state newspapers towards the god roads bill and the gasoline tax, they are certainly laboring under a misapprehension. They take the attitude that because Omaha members of the Good Roads Committee favor the original good roads program and a gasoline tax to be used to match federal aid, Omaha has concealed an Ethopian in the fuel heap.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Proportionately Omaha and Douglas county have less interest in federal aid than any other sections of the state. This for the simple reason that Douglas county has practically exhausted its ability to benefit from federal aid. This for two reasons: First, Douglas county has already secured practically its proportionate share; secondly, Douglas county was paving roads long before federal aid was proposed.

Thus it is that Douglas county, which will pay not less than 20 per cent of whatever revenue is derived from a gasoline tax, will get far less proportionately than any other county under a law putting all the gas tax revenue into a common pot to match federal aid. In the 50-50 split, which so many outstate papers are demanding because they fear Douglas county, Douglas would get from three to five times more than the next highest county, with the possible exception of Lancaster.

Under the proposition to use the gas tax to match federal aid, Buffalo county would get more than under the 50-50 split because Buffalo would be getting its proportionate share from the revenue produced in Douglas, where there is now comparatively little to do in the way of federal aid road-building.

Again, Douglas county can, if so disposed, accept federal aid as a county, and under the 50-50 idea have an enormous sum at its disposal for build-

ing hard-surfaced roads. Omaha should not be judged by the short-sighted criticisms of out-state newspapers that take the position that whatever Omaha proposes is per se selfish. Douglas county, containing one-fifth of the state's population and paying more than one-tenth of the state taxes, is entitled to some consideration. And

in that connection it is entitled to be judged fairly.

Its representatives in the legislature have always been liberally inclined towards the state institutions, and especially towards the university.

The good roads program and the gasoline tax question should be considered on their merits, and those merits carefully examined. It is extremely short-sighted on the part of men and newspapers to oppose a public measure simply and solely because Omaha favors it. This municiality long ago discovered that it can grow and prosper only as Nebraska grows and prospers, and that anything harmful to the state as a whole can not be beneficial to Omaha.

THE NEW POSTAL RATES.

Now that the postal pay increase has been granted, and our postoffice clerks and mail carriers vill enjoy a better wage, the public will be compelled to pay the increase. No longer will you be able to mail the picture postcard with its legend, "Having a good time, wish you were here," for 1 cent. From now on you will have to dig up 2 cents for postage on each postcard. And if you use the parcel post you will have to dig up an additional 2 cents per package. If perchance you want to register a letter you will have to dig up a dime and a half, 15 cents, instead of the usual dime, with another 3 cents tacked on if you want a return receipt. Your favorite periodical, too, will probably cost you a little more, their postal rate having been increased.

It will be a bit annoying for a time, but the public will become accustomed to it. The public always does. But let the patrons of the postoffice bear in mind that the postal increase is in line with everything else. You have been paying the same old rate for postage for years on end, while everything else was bally-hooting skyward. Instead of groaning about it let them remember that they are merely contributing to business, for the postal employes will have more money to spend.

"NEVER HAD A CHANCE."

Saul Singer is not one of those who complained, while yet a young man, that he "never had a chance." Twenty-five years ago Saul Singer, then a lad of 17, landed on American shores. He came from Sebastopol, homeless, friendless and penniless.

But he did not sit down and whine about it. He secured a job in a New York sweatshop at starvation wages. He worked his way up, taking his companions along with him. In time he was an employer. He put the garment-making business on a humane plane. He raised wages and led the fight that resulted in legislation beneficial to garment workers and manufacturers alike. He formulated a plan that resulted in closer and more amicable relations between employers and employes.

The other day Saul Singer, only a quarter of a century ago a poor immigrant boy who could not talk the language of his adopted country, was elected And, to celebrate his new honor, there was a banquet attended by managers of huge garment-making corporations and Federation of Labor officials.

There is a moral connected herewith if the youth of America will take the time to dig it out.

SPEAKER LONGWORTH.

The selection of Nicholas Longworth to be speaker of the house of representatives will be endorsed by republicans everywhere, and by the country as a whole. His district, Hamilton county, elected him to the Fifty-eighth and each succeeding congress, and he will be speaker when he begins his 10th consecutive term.

Before being elected to congress Speaker Longworth served in both branches of the Ohio legislature, and won his successive elections to congress merit. His standing with his colleagues is shown by of the building up kind of citicism. Again, in other words, there is too Madden of Chicago, one of the really great men in that hurts business, and there isn'

The action of the caucus was such that the new speaker begins his work under the most favorable auspices. That Nicholas Longworth will measure up might hurt the prospects of our town The action of the caucus was such that the new fully to the place is not questioned. He will be a fitting successor to really great men who have graced that exalted position, second in power and authority only to the presidency.

The well known author who has gone to Africa to hunt big game with a bow and arrow is not much. A little fellow has been bringing down big game with a small bow and arrow for ages untold.

We are not overly interested in the centennial of the invention of the detachable collar, but we would like to celebrate the first anniversary of the invention of the nonlosable collar button.

Democratic paragraphers are not worrying half as much about the president riding a hobby-horse as they are about his persistency in sticking on a few that the people like.

A Philadelphia woman held a public funeral for her pet goldfish. If fish is a good brain food it's a pity the Philadelphia woman didn't fry her pet goldfish and eat it.

The army-navy air service scrap makes interesting reading, but it doesn't give the reading public much information about the aircraft situation.

Senator La Follette will head a new party, but has not yet given it a name. The wise man always waits to select a name for the new baby.

If Lieutenant Wood has anything left, perhaps some expert manipulator of the three little shells

could accommodate him. Of course those disciplined senators and congressmen are mad, but unfortunately not too mad to

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

ISAAC SUNSHINE.

Gay Isaac Sunshine glided down life's smooth and easy Believing that a master scheme would not his wish And in a very fleeting time he'd have abundant kale.

Success was his-and such success that few who live may claim: it was his because he knew the way to play his

And hie afar before the cops in dingle-busses came. Twas sweet beyond the power of words to deal as was his craft. There must be much enjoyment in an unsuspected graft,

He was not wise, as Time avers, for swift his plans His cleverness bids fair to take what privilege he had, And he'll, no doubt, awake at length a sadder, wiser lad. But one who laughs while misery on others' backs is thrust.

And it is hard to even dream how heartily he laughed.

Shall bear the frightful burdens which a crooked codger And tell the world that justice is in most respects unjust.

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Letters From Our Readers

Has an Awful Peeve. Omaha.-To the Editor of The strongly entrenched in your policies Your editorial, "Twas You holler for constructive criticism, Ever Thus," speaks of "constructive but what you want is booster propa riticism." What is constructive ganda. The late Theodore Roosevelt riticism? Is it the telling of a patent truth or of some partial truth? From on fact was constructive, and that only misleading criticism was harmyour point of view it appears to be return to that worn-out slogan: "If you can't boost, don't knock." The world is sadly in need of constructive criticism. It has entirely too much of the other kind. In other words, there is too much of the pulling down instead. nuch of the sort of plain fault-finding enough of the public-spirited bunk which wants the public to believe a and business; on the other hand, we can lie just as much about the advantages and inducements we have to

out our gates will swallow, just so long as we can get him into our net There is one thing you newspaper edi tors ought to awaken to, and that is that the public is no longer laboring under any illusions regarding the policy of the daily press. We know just how much to expect in the way of news; we know just what the press policy is toward its subscriber and the entirely different policy it has to ward its advertisers—two different lasses of customers. The editor of the average daily paper is just like the storekeeper—he must not do any thing to offend his patrops and so lose no trade to his competitor. You preach constructive criticism, but you dare not practice it. I will take one

instance as proof. The Brandels thea ter has been charging first-class prices for second-class shows and you have helped advertise them as first-class You did not dare do other wise because this theater advertises. Here are a few of the first-class shows: "Heart O' Mine." "The Big Mogul," "Blossom Time, Pavlowa; "The Pass. ing Show' was punk; La Berencia good; Mitzi is a second-class goulash. You have no constructive theatrical critics in Omaha, and if you had you wouldn't use them. You have no real

music critics. Your critics nowadays are supposed to write appraisals of performances, regardless of the actual critical opinion, in order not to transgress upon the sacred territory of the ox office. You present day editors

Abe Martin



many calls for th' dictionary as we have fer 'Robinson Crusoe' an' cille," says Librarian Myrt Pash t'day. We all love peace, but th' endin' o' th' gasoline war jest seemed t' cast a pall over ever'thing down our way. (Copyright, 1928.)

streets, the smoke nuisance, the traf fic and parking systems, I get frowned upon, yet all of this is constructive riticism because it is the truth. Allen Dale recently refused to ex-

press an opinion on some of the rotten New York plays because it was contructive, but not the kind wanted. | have the civic bug altogether too

Think it over. T. H. WALTERS, City.

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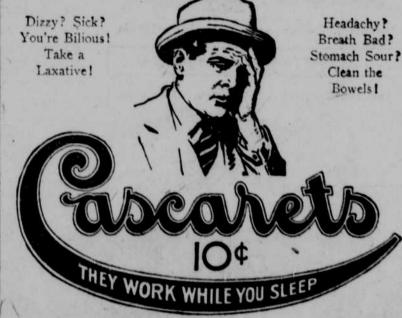
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We also beat Dr. Sadler to this thing of Loving Our Job. But we can not help worrying about it now and then. It is such a congenial job that we are scared to death we'll lose it and have to go to work. We were so interested in the doctor's address that we plum forgot to ask him how to quit worrying about it. We are going to write and ask him.

The deaths so close together of Charley Lane and Everett Buckingham, companions from early manhood, inflicted a dou-ble loss upon Omaha and the entire west. While very young Joseph Charley and "Buck" roomed together. owned a dress suit between them, and their only quarrels were about which was entitled to wear it next. One night there was a little fire in their rooming house and the dress suit was sadly soiled and shrunken by the water. Both had put on weight since the suit was purchased. When the insurance adjuster came around Charley donned the tight-fitting suit, swelled out his chest and declared that the water had caused it to shrink until it was unwearable. "Buck" backed Charley in the declaration, and the adjuster finally agreed to furnish Charley with a new one. On the way back east with the remains of his old friend, "Buck" declared that Charley brought that suit to

"Know Omaha Better" is a corking good slogan. To it we "Make a Better Omaha to Know.

Nebraska Limerick.

There was a man in Syracuse Who hit the booze to beat the deuce He swallowed some wood alcohol And on the doctor made a call. But Doc just sighed and said, "No use."

We've stood a lot of gouging without making protest, but right here the worm turns. We've long been partial to hard rolls and plenty of rolls for breakfast, or occasionally for lunch-eon. For years the hard rolls were of satisfactory size. Of late they have decreased about one-third without any corre-sponding decrease in price. As before remarked, we've gone to the limit of our patience. Either they put the hard rolls back to the old size or we'll quit eating them.

We make no pretence of being a dramatic critic. We enjoy a show that we like, but couldn't tell you why. For some time we have been puzzled to know the difference between a "Follies" show and the burlesque. We have decided that the difference lies in the fact that in burlesque the chorus girls and

At various times in our somewhat long and altogether uneventful life we have cherished as many ambitions as a certain man has pickles. Now we have but one, and that is to be the possessor in fee simple of an extra collar button and two pairs of suspenders.

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