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"BLUE" SUNDAY

Those followers of Lady Nicotine, who have been living on Uneasy street since the legal execution of John Barleycorn, fearing that the next object of attack would be tobacco, may now calm themselves. From all indications, the pipe, cigarette and cigar are safe, for a time, at least. It appears now that the reformers are out to secure a more strict observance of the Sabbath or, as one man has expressed it, "to take the sun out of Sunday—to make an air-tight in a bone-dry land."

The Lord's Day Alliance is the organization that has started out to finish the work of de-commercializing Sunday, something that has been the aim of all denominations for a long, long time, although never has the program been so ambitious. They believe that Sunday is a holy day, and regard business of any kind as a desecration. The alliance plans to secure the repeal of all legislation permitting theatres, ball games, and other commercial amusements to open on Sunday, and, in general, to return to a thoroughly religious observance of the day.

Times change, and with them the needs and ideas of men. To fall in with the plans of these fanatics would mean a return to the old New England "blue" laws, when a man might not kiss his wife on Sunday, when a child might not whistle, when sermons were three hours long, and when the entire day was given over to religious reflection and instruction. The strict Sabbatharians would have trains stop running on Sunday and have no man work for money on that day. Automobiles might be used to carry people to and from church, but for no other purpose. They would be satisfied with less, perhaps, but this is what they desire.

It's so easy to find fault. It's so pleasant to lay down rules by which others are to be bound, especially when they do not like it. There's no fanatic quite like a religious fanatic, and none so dangerous. If the church seems to be losing ground, if it no longer has an attraction for men and women, or any influence with them, the obvious thing to do is to reorganize the church, and make it fit more closely the needs of mankind.

Reformers, as a rule, like to go at things backward. If the church does not serve mankind, then make mankind serve the church. If it comes to a question of remaking the church or remaking mankind, the reformers advocate the latter course.

Fortunately, the clergy are not unanimously in favor of the plan. Out

Gene Byrnes Says:—"It's a Great Life If You Don't Weaken."



of a dozen or two articles against it, perhaps the best is by the rector of Trinity church, New York city, Dr. William T. Manning, who says: "This proposed campaign for stricter Sunday laws is one of those well-meant but misguided efforts which do harm, instead of good, to the cause they are intended to serve. It is impracticable, wrong in principle, and based on a narrow and imperfect conception of the Christian religion. It would do far more to drive religion out of the hearts of the people than to draw them toward it. 'We have no right to compel religious observance of Sunday by law. The law should forbid all unnecessary business on Sunday, and thus, as far as possible, secure to all their right to Sunday as a day of freedom from their ordinary occupations and of religious observance if they wish to use it. Further than this the law may not rightly go.'"

BUSINESS IS GOOD

From over the country come reports which indicate that Christmas broke the "consumers' strike" that has been more of a worry to retailers than the latter cared to admit. Price reductions have been made, until in some lines, the pre-war level has been reached. In other lines, especially in articles where the labor cost forms a large share of the total, the reductions have not been so extensive, but there are very few articles which the consumer cannot safely purchase, without the fear that the next month will bring still lower levels.

In Alliance, the Christmas trade was especially good. This city has

been more fortunate than most of the other cities of its class in the state, for business has been fairly brisk, even through the period of readjustment. The only merchants to complain are those who persist in comparing sales with last year, when prices were at their highest level. Totals for Christmas week this year, when prices are lower, could be considerably lower, and yet would represent the same amount of business. A just basis of comparison will show that in nine cases out of ten, the Christmas business this year was practically as good as last. And the tenth case will be that of a non-advertiser. During the busy days of the past two months, the merchants who have most fairly and consistently used newspaper advertising are the ones who have the fewest complaints to make.

It now seems probable that there will be an attempt made at the present session of the legislature to have capital punishment abolished. Such an attempt usually follows closely upon the heels of any legal execution. In this case, one of the men who went to the chair left a statement in which he protested his innocence and begged the people of his state to do away with that kind of punishment. A number of soft-hearted men and sentimental women, who cannot understand how easy it would be for a man who hired another to kill an old woman for \$500 could die with a lie upon his lips, will besiege the legislature and ask that the law be altered. Life imprisonment is, in our opinion, a sufficient punishment for most murderers, provided there is some way in which a court or a jury could be satisfied that the sentence would actually be carried out. Until there is some assurance that a life sentence wouldn't mean pardon in ten or fifteen years, it is better that capital punishment be retained. There is no question that the execution of these two murderers will have a wholesome effect on the criminal element of Nebraska, no matter how much it will make the idealists shudder and wring their hands. It is such an easy matter for a sentimentalist to get wrought up about something. Now, after it is all over and justice, unconsciously delayed, has been satisfied, the teary-eyed are saying that, after all, Cole and Grammer were "made hot with whisky" when they did the deed. It may be well to make it plain at this time that while it may be true that Cole drank half a pint of whisky before he beat poor old Grandma Vogt to death, he accepted the job, and named the price while he was sober. Along with other evils, in time the practice of blaming all criminal acts onto whisky will disappear. Booze has never had a beneficent influence on humanity, but it has been blamed for a lot of crimes for which it was not responsible.

CAN YOU BEAT IT?

A feminine voice over The Press office telephone yesterday morning: "Were those poor boys electrocuted at Lincoln yesterday?" "Two men convicted of a most dastardly murder were electrocuted at the penitentiary yesterday," was the response at the other end. "Oh, what a crime it was," was the woman's exclamation, evidently meaning the judicial execution. "Yes, it was a crime," replied the reporter, "a crime that was unknown in Nebraska criminal history—beating an inoffensive old woman to death for \$500," was the reporter's answer. The phone at the other end was slammed vigorously down on the hook and the conversation ended, just like that.—Nebraska City Press.

The white man's burden in Haiti seems to be taking care of the black man's gold.

After all, the worst baseball scandal is when the home team loses the game.

Stock hogs wanted by the Nebraska Land Co. 103-ft

GO TO THE RESCUE

Don't Wait 'till It's Too Late—Follow The Example of an Alliance Citizen.

Rescue the aching back. If it keeps on aching, trouble may come. Often it indicates kidney weakness. If you neglect the kidneys' warning, look out for urinary disorders. This Alliance citizen will show you how to go to the rescue.

Mrs. C. M. Adams, 718 W. 2nd St., says: "If I hear anyone complaining of backache I tell them to take Doan's Kidney Pills. If there is anything that will make a person feel miserable it is nagging pains in the small of the back. Doan's Kidney Pills will quickly put a stop to the backache if taken as directed. When I got one of these attacks I go to Thiele's Drug Store and get a box of Doan's. I am soon rid of the trouble."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get

Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Adams had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Statistics show that in the United States a person is killed every 35 minutes by automobiles. It is fair to add that in most cases it is not the fault of the automobiles.

Radical agitators constitute perhaps less than 5 per cent of British and American labor, but it must be conceded that they make about 95 per cent of the noise.

The high cost of living is not down to bottom level, but it is showing signs of getting on the downward rungs of the ladder.

NOTICE

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Wyoming-Northeastern Oil company will be held at the offices of the company in the Reddish block, in the city of Alliance, Nebraska, on January 10, 1921, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

F. A. BALD, President. Attest: LLOYD C. THOMAS, Secretary.

The one Nebraska state daily that has not raised its price is the State Journal, still being sent a whole year for \$5 or \$7 with the Sunday. The coming legislative session will be an important one. There is bound to be special farmer legislation and every one is interested in the question of prices of what they sell and what they buy. That takes in everyone. A free discussion of all sides is given in the Journal, an independent paper. No family can afford to be without a daily at this time, and the Journal with its progressive attitude is best suited to your needs. It is filled with high-class features and is Lincoln's only morning paper. Special train service enables it to give you later news than other papers. The Sunday Journal should be sold at five cents. Pay no more.

With prices coming down, the balance is preserved by hopes of prosperity going up.

Perhaps the reason Nero fiddled while Rome burned was that he had a bet up on it.

What goes up must come down—let us hope on the profiteer's crown!

Thank You

We thank you for your generous patronage during the year 1920 and trust we can merit its continuance during 1921.

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Phone 133



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Glen Miller

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Laundry Soap, a bar, 5c

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Being overstocked on several items, we are determined to move them before invoicing. Phone Your Order—It Will Be Delivered.

Table listing various laundry and household items with prices. Items include Swift's White Laundry Soap, Armour's White Flyer Laundry Soap, White Karo, Brown Karo, Golden Age Macaroni, Small size Rub-No-More Washing Powder, Flake Hominy, Web-Foot Pancake Flour, and various canned goods like Grated Pineapple, T. D. C. Pineapple, Mogul Red Pitted Cherries, etc.

Fresh Roasted Coffee

The above prices are at the store. We have made arrangements with a transfer company to deliver orders,—25 cents for a \$5.00 order or over.

Every item mentioned is a good buy and you will save money buying a six months' supply.

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