

COMMENT & DISCOMMENT

Do you remember the story of the colored boy who was undergoing his first day in the trenches. The shells kept whizzing overhead and for an hour or two none happened to light within dangerous distance. The colored youth got exceedingly brave. He craved excitement. Jumping up on top of the trench, he shouted "Come on, you Boches, I dare you to hit me." Just at that instant a shell exploded a few feet in front of him, knocking him back into the trench and covering him with dirt and confusion. He dusted himself off, greatly chastened, and said in a sincere tone: "Well, there's one thing you've got to say for those Gimmans—they sure does give you service when you asks for it."

This story, which probably isn't as new as it ought to be, is called to mind by the quick results the traveling men are getting in their campaign to reduce hotel rates. Less than ten days elapsed since they announced they were going to have lower rates on the Lincoln hotel than beginning August 1, the \$1.00 a day rate was re-established, not only for the Lincoln hotel, but for the hotels owned by the company at Omaha, Sioux Falls, Scottsbluff and Table Rock. The Rome hotel of Omaha followed suit within twenty-four hours. This is the beginning of the end, and inside of another thirty days the lower rates should be in effect pretty generally all over the state.

The traveling men and the firms that employ them worked together on this proposition. The big wholesale houses began to deluge the hotel men with letters reminding them that times were hard and business was slow; that passenger rates were high, and that expense accounts were getting not only too high for comfort, but for profit. The hotelkeepers were given to understand that unless the rates came down, some of the men would come off the road.

It hasn't been only a few weeks since the manager of a big Lincoln hotel was sniffing the air conspicuously at the stories about the big crowds of automobile tourists who carry tents along with them to escape the payment of hotel bills. This hotel manager intimated that the hotels weren't losing much from the fellows who form the tent colony. According to his idea, it was only the cheap skates, who always kick at the service and are hardest to suit. However, it's pretty plain that this was a case of "sour grapes", for anyone who travels about the country today will tell you that the tourist campers are, for the most part, the people who used to stop at the hotels. You'll find Packards and Pierce-Arrows right alongside the jowly Fords on the roadside.

The Lincoln hotel's manager explains that the reduction in rates isn't really justified, but is deemed wise because of its salutary effect on business generally. "It's a step back toward normalcy," Mr. Barrett, who manages the hotel, then utters his first plaint concerning the advent of the tent colony and its effect on the hotels. "The hotels," he says, "are beginning to feel the pinch of prohibition. It will be recalled that we were deprived of our most profitable source of revenue, the bar. We miss the sustaining revenue that came from this source."

Mr. Barrett attempts to help the tenters by saying that his hotel is able to effect economies where others cannot, and therefore that other hotels are likely to follow. However, with a state decreasing their rates, it is reasonable to suppose that the traveling organizations, and word around among the tenters, will result that the following suit will find its way to the tenters. Those who are at service when they ask for it.

It has been several years since we run on a Lincoln hotel. The door was open and a young man, very much frightened and very much out of breath, was rushing up in front of the sergeant's protection. "I want protection," he gasped. "I'm up in the darkest cell you've got. The captain was accommodating and put him away after he had told a thrilling tale of being assaulted by a mob at some little town near the city. He thought a gang was after him and wanted his life, but it turned out that it was all a delusion. Two or three hours after he had been put away for the night, we walked back to see him. He was perched on the edge of his bunk, looking at the steel wall, and chucking to himself. "What the joke?" asked the captain. "Oh, no joke at all," said the fugitive, "I was just enjoying the moving pictures. Those last two comedies you put on were good ones." Captain Dee turned without a smile and said to the reporters: "You see how we treat our prisoners," he said, "we don't make any charge for this entertainment."

The new police captain has just that kind of a sense of humor, if we can judge by his comments on the reduction of hotel rates. He spoke quizzically of the hotel run in connection with the police station, and this is what he said: "In the first place, we will make no reduction in the price of

food or lodging, because we have always been on a pre-war basis. The old rate of ten cents per meal with room furnished free was never changed and will probably be maintained for some time."

The captain then went on to defend the policy of his hotel and point out some superior advantages not offered elsewhere, to his knowledge.

"We furnish taxi service to the hotel for our guests. The rooms are all cool and on the shady side of the building. They are modern in every way except telephone. All have a bath and toilet in connection. "One of the annoyances to which the sojourners in the average hotel are subjected—namely tipping—is entirely eliminated here. A bellhop is always on duty and can accept no cash offerings."

"Another feature which we claim is exceptional, is that if our roomers desire it, their three square meals will be served in the room. Usually in hotels of this class but two slim meals are served under these conditions. "In addition, free medical attendance is always at the disposal of our guests. "Visitors have plenty of time to sleep and the rooms are quiet."

The captain mentioned many other advantages and desirable features, but those mentioned convey the high estimate he holds of the quality and service furnished by the city of Lincoln.

At the rates charged, we believe this is the cheapest place to stop while in Lincoln. The service is probably poor enough, but you're not paying for service. If you are heading east on an automobile tour, stop off at the Hotel de Jall for a day or two. You can't afford to use the tent.

The news comes from Broadway that craps and "put and take" have given way to a more intellectual gambling medium down in New York's financial district. A store on a busy corner there has had copies printed of the Edison questionnaires and is selling them at a quarter each. The stenographers and clerks bet their small change on the ability of themselves and newcomers to answer the questions, which are printed on a revolving disk of cardboard, the questions and answers appearing at slits on opposite sides.

ANGORA

Mrs. J. R. Kelly is on the sick list at present.

Fred Wood was attending to business matters in Alliance Saturday.

Mrs. Carson of Northport was visiting with friends in Angora Saturday.

Misses Lotta Henderson and Helen McCroskey were shopping in Alliance Friday.

J. R. Kelly was called to Bancroft again last week on account of the serious illness of his father, Michael Kelly.

Miss Lillian Stoner was entertained at the W. N. Thompson home Sunday.

George Venell and Fred Wood attended the good road meeting in Bridgeport Friday. They reported a very enthusiastic meeting.

Mrs. Ed Noble and children of Lincoln are visiting with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roach.

Seven cars of cattle were shipped to the Omaha market from here Saturday. Nat Thompson accompanied the shipment.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Ely and children were entertained at the John Scott home Sunday.

Charlie Brewer of Chadron is visiting his nephew, Nelson Elliott and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lewellyn and children were guests at the George Venell home Sunday.

The county grader will resume work again this week after quite a delay waiting for repairs.

Little Margaret and Dorothy Dove are expected home from Cairo the first of the week. Their grandfather, G. A. Dove, will accompany them.

The Sunday School picnic was postponed last week as the most of the people were busy threshing, but will be held Thursday, August 25, in Hutchinson's grove.

Rev. Minort of Alliance is giving some very interesting lectures at Dove's hall, and all who are not attending are missing a treat. The last one of the course will be held Friday evening, August 26.

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Mayor Hampton Accepts Chairmanship of the Alliance 'Budget Guard'

Honorable R. M. Hampton, Mayor of Alliance, has accepted the invitation of the national budget committee to serve as honorary chairman of the local committee of that organization which is engaged in a nation-wide effort to gain popular support of the efforts of Gen. Charles G. Dawes, director of the budget, to effect a reduction of the burden of federal taxation. Announcement of the acceptance of the mayor was made yesterday by Stanley H. Howe, director of the National budget committee, whose headquarters are at 7 West 8th Street, New York City. The mayor will join with the chief magistrates of a thousand other cities throughout the country in fostering the spirit of popular approval of the policy of federal retrenchment.

Active heads of local committees are being selected daily from among the most prominent business and professional men in their respective communities, and efforts are under way to secure the cooperation of leading citizens in a thousand cities by the formation of a nation-wide "budget guard" whose members will simply pledge their support to the establishment of a business-like administration of governmental appropriations and expenditures.

Every member of the national budget committee, which was instrumental in introducing and passing the National budget bill, is asked to urge upon his fellow citizens the necessity for actively supporting the present program of governmental efficiency and economy by the elimination of every possible item of expenditures. Every taxpayer who favors a reduction of the present unbearable tax burden is invited to join with his fellow townsmen in helping to crystallize public opinion and defeat unnecessary additions to federal expense.

Ben Franklin's autograph bringing two hundred times as much as the signatures of European monarchs merely reflects the values of the men.

TO EXCITE ENVY.

The New Butler—"Madam, I regret to report it, but your husband is in an intoxicated condition at the back door."

"Bring him around in front quickly, James, so the neighbors can see him."—American Legion Weekly.

Why deny Europe the credit for winning the war? We've given her credit for everything else.

REDISCOVERED.

F. C. Comstock, tonsorial artist and baseball magnate, has been washing the ceiling in his shop and finds the original color was white. The color will be recalled by many of our older residents.—Meshoppen Enterprise.

Eminent officials are doing their best to impress the fact that the red tape once so fashionable is no longer considered good form.

AIN'T NATURE GRAND?

With a view to possibly guiding the cook's mind to a quieter summer hat than she had worn the previous season, Mrs. Smith spoke of some violets she had seen in a milliner's window.

"They're almost exactly like those in our garden, Mary," she said. "You have seen those often."

"Indeed I have, mum," returned Mary. "I was after waterin' them this very morning. Ain't it wonderful, mum, how natural the Lord can make them?"

Doctor Einstein thinks a clock on the sun would run at a different rate from a clock on the earth. What of it? We have known two clocks in the same room to run at different speeds.

TRUE HOSPITALITY.

"Order in the court room," bellowed the judge sternly, pounding with his gavel.

"Thatch right, judge, and then see what the boys in the back room will have too," genially came back the defendant who hadn't taken Volstead seriously.

MERCHANT TELLS OF A REMARKABLE CASE

Writing from Maxeys, Ga., A. J. Gillen, proprietor of a large department store at that place, says:

"I have a customer here who was in bed for three years and did not go to a meal at any time. She had five physicians and they gave her out. One bottle of Talcid got her up, on the second bottle she commenced keeping house and on the third she did all the cooking and housework for a family of eight."

"This sounds really incredible, but it comes unsolicited from a highly creditable source and is copied verbatim from the letter. Talcid is sold in Alliance by F. E. Holsten and all leading druggists everywhere.

How Do You Buy Your Money?

(By Edgar A. Guest.) "How do you buy your money? For money is bought and sold, And each man bartereth himself on earth for his silver and shining gold, And by the bargain he makes with men the sum of his life is told."

"Some buy their coins in a manly way, some buy it with honest toil, Some pay for their currency here on earth by tilling a patch of soil; Some buy it with copper and iron and steel, and some with barrels of oil."

"The good man buys it from day to day by giving the best he can, He coins his strength for his children's needs and lives to a simple plan, And he keeps some time for the home he makes and some for his fellow-man."

"But some men buy it with women's tears and some with a blasted name, And some will barter the joy of life for the fortune they hope to claim, And some are so mad for the clink of gold and they buy it with deeds of shame."

"How do you buy your money? For money demands its price, And some men think when they purchase coin that they mustn't be over-nice, But beware of the man who would sell you gold at a shameful price."

B. G. BAUMAN, O. D.

Advertisement for B. G. Bauman, O. D. featuring an illustration of a pair of glasses and the text: "See Bauman and See Better. OP-TOM-E-TRIST. Cleaning and Pressing. Fielding Cleaners. Wiker Music House. Everything in Music. Alliance Shoe Shining Parlor."

For a real drink, try ORANGE-NIP, out of the ball, at Smith's Soda Fountain.

It begins to look as if about the only place a man can keep his privately distilled corn whisky is on the cob.

NOTICE!

No trespassing will be permitted on the following described property: South half of section 34, township 26 north, range 45, west of the sixth P. M., all in Box Butte county, Nebraska. All trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. 74-822 C. G. REEDS.

Advertisement for Alliance Art Studio. Text: "Get Your Photograph FREE WITH \$5 WORTH OF MERCHANDISE. The following Alliance merchants have made arrangements to give to their patrons ONE beautiful \$5.00 inch photograph. The plan is this: We give you the coupon, and when you purchased to the amount of \$5, you are entitled to the photograph. Only one coupon to each person. ASK US. Photographs taken at ALLIANCE ART STUDIO. GLEN MILLER Housefurnishings. Fielding Cleaners. Wiker Music House. Everything in Music. Alliance Shoe Shining Parlor."

It is a pity that so many men get a college training without getting an education.

Advertisement for Three Flowers Face Powder. Text: "THREE FLOWERS FACE POWDER. RICHARD HUDNUT NEW YORK. 'Try This Drug Store First.' Scotten & Hershman Alliance Drug Co. Phone 132 214 Box Butte."

Advertisement for Mann Music & Art Company. Text: "Real Reductions. Player Rolls at 25c, 40c, 50c and 80c. Famous Old Classics, in sheet music, now— 6 Copies for 25c. Mann Music & Art Company."

Advertisement for NR TO-NIGHT-Tomorrow Alright. Text: "Cheap, quick way to stop rheumatism. Try toning your digestive and eliminative organs with NR. Free your body from poisonous waste and relief is quick. One Day's Test Proves NR Best. Are you willing to be convinced that sore, stiff, aching joints or muscles can be relieved and rheumatism greatly benefited if not entirely conquered, for the insignificant sum of 25c. Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it, yet thousands of people who had rheumatism have found that it can be done, and thousands more are doing it today. You've tried the high priced expensive things, found that if they failed—you still have your trouble, why not try this simple, economical, yet sensible and let results speak for themselves. Get a 25c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and begin taking it tonight. It acts on the digestive and eliminative organs, improving digestion and assimilating waste, impurities and poisons. With good digestion and assimilation, the body is nourished and vitality and natural power of resistance against disease greatly increased. With the kidneys and bowels acting vigorously and regularly and the body freed from irritating poisons, relief must come. Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) though mild and gentle in action, does its work thoroughly and quickly. There is nothing harmful in it, nothing to upset the stomach, and no gripping pain or any discomfort. The only result is pleasant, glorious, welcome relief and benefit. Try it—you take no risk in doing so for Nature's Remedy costs only 25c (enough to last twenty-five days), and is sold with the distinct understanding that it must relieve and benefit or money back. More than one million people in this country are using Nature's Remedy today. Five million boxes are used every year. What better proof of its great merit could be offered? It is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist!"

Advertisement for The Lost Needle. Text: "The Lost Needle. THERE'S an old English play known as 'Gammer Garton's Needle'. Its plot is woven around the loss of the family needle—no trifling misfortune in the days of old. Today, in this era of ours, life is so rich in comforts that we seldom wonder how folks got along in the ancient world. And we sometimes forget what an important role advertising has played in making life pleasant and altogether livable. Advertising has one of the leading parts in the eternal drama of dollars. To it is directly due much of the multiplication of products and services which has come about during the last half century. It has smoothed the mechanics of existence—made life easier and more pleasant by bringing countless necessities—once considered luxuries—within our easy reach and into continuous use. Think of this when you read these columns. You owe much to advertising. Read the Advertisements Regularly."