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#### GOOD ROADS AND GOOD FAITH.

Nothing ought to be easier than to determine whether highway paving is up to specifications. Heated altercation between contractors and taxpayers can not settle the question, however useful they may be in stirring up public interest. An official inquiry into the quality of concrete being laid on the 4-mile stretch southwest of Elmwood park would decide the whole dispute.

Douglas county has decided for permanent paving and its taxpayers are going deep into their pockets to carry out the highway program. The roads must be durable. If there are weak spots in the base they must be eliminated before the wear and tear of traffic has crumbled whole sections away. It would be folly to lay the finishing surface on a base that might not support it.

Two sets of investigators have lately gone over this road. One claims to have found several flaws, while the other asserts that the work is up to specifications with the exception of certain spots which the contractor already had decided to repair.

Until the controversy is ended, there should be no more of the people's money paid out for this project. Prompt action should be taken by the county commissioners and an expert opinion obtained. The cause of good roads is injured by the suspicion that the public is not receiving full value for its expenditures. This doubt must be removed, and only by an impartial, technical inquiry can this be done.

### NEBRASKA'S FIELD DAY.

As kindergarten children learn to play, so may their elders gain new and wider knowledge of the wonderful resources of Nebraska amid the amusements and exhibits of the state fair. It is a circus and a college course in one.

The blaring of the bands, the lowing of the herds of fine stock, the hum of agricultural machinery, the noise of the crowds of sightseers, mingle in a chorus to celebrate the harvest. For this week all Nebraskans are neighbors, and from the farthest corners of the state they come to this community event. Out of their meeting comes renewed appreciation of the opportunities and possibilities of the state, a spirit of co-operation and mutual understanding.

There is no one in the whole of this state, no matter what his direct interests may be, that is not affected by the state of agriculture. The problems of production, marketing and the growth and garnering of the harvest concern the dwellers in town and city as well as the rural folk themselves. Nebraska's state fair emphasizes the supreme importance of agriculture, and it does more by demonstrating the progress that is being made in every direction by the farm men and women.

Thursday has been set aside as Omaha day on the fair grounds at Lincoln. In view of the growing feeling of kinship between the city and the farm, more visitors than ever before may be expected to make the pilgrimage, by train or over the smooth highways that lead to the state capital.

## UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA.

Secretary Hughes will reach Rio de Janeiro this week to take part in the opening of the exposition that marks the centennial of Brazil's independence. His presence ordinarily would have little significance beyond the show of international courtesy and friendship involved. At the moment, however, it contains something more than an act of comity.

Whether justified or not, it is a fact that for some years a steady propaganda has been pushed against the United States among the lesser republics of the Americas. Some of this grew out of the unfortunate state of affairs developed in Mexico as a result of the disorder prevalent there for so many years. More, however, is it the effect of efforts on the part of commercial rivals to forestall American commerce

with the Latin American countries. The so-called "dollar diplomacy," inaugurated under McKinley and derided and abandoned by Wilson, rested on a basis that in time would have brought such close understanding as would have been of mutual benefit to all the Americas. However, that water has run under the bridge, and the business now in hand is to restore the confidence of the people to the south. Mr. Hughes' presence in Brazil will have a stabilizing effect, and the outcome of the Tacna-Arica conference at Washington, whereby Chile, Peru and Bolivia were brought together, will

Restoration of complete friendliness with Mexico approaches and in a general way the prospect for better understanding and closer relations with all the Latin American peoples is encouraging. They have learned that firmness on the part of the United States is not bluff and bluster; that as a nation we have no sinister design or ulterior purpose in our dealings with them, and that we can be of help to them without hurting their feelings or limiting their aspirations. And this is another of the substantial achievements of the Harding foreign policy.

## THE KING'S SOCIAL ERROR.

An Atlanta, Ga. girl recently left King Alfonsa of Spain in the middle of a dance at Deauville, telling him to "wait a minute" while she ran and greeted her father who had just arrived. When she returned, the king had disappeared after making some remarks on the democratic ideas of American girls.

Where do you get that way, Alf? To go off and leave a pretty gir!! Don't imagine you can get away wish it, just because you are a king and a pretty good sort of a king besides. Didn't she tell you to wait a minute? And you disoboyed her orders and go

away and she can't find you! Gee whiz, your maj-THE MORNING BEE sway and she can't find you! Gee whiz, your majesty, that wasn't nice at all. Think how embarrassed the young woman must have been when she came back and you were gone and she had to sit out the rest of the dance!

> We're sure you see it now, your majesty. And we really believe you want to do the right thing. Why not have your lord high secretary or somebody write her a letter, apologizing in your most polished Castilian manner? How bout it?

Think it over, Alf, old top. For when it comes to royalty, a pretty girl, and especially a pretty American girl, ranks far above any mere king. And you really-oh, you really should have waited when she told you to.

#### BEHIND THE SMOKE SCREEN.

In considering the issues in the present campaign t is well to consider whether it is desirable that economy in our national government be continued, or whether there shall be a return to democratic extravagance and waste.

As a legacy from the last democratic national administration the country inherited the staggering debt of \$24,000,000,000. Adept in squandering the taxpayers' money, the democratic administration proved entirely incapable of taking any step to meet its obligations. The voters readily recognized this incompetency, and elected a republican administration to take up the burdens of government.

The war department, under the democratic regime, expended more than \$14,500,000,000 from April, 1917, to June, 1919, and a large part of that money was squandered ruthlessly and with no thought of getting value received. Fully half of the money spent was literally dumped into the lap of war contractors. Many of these contracts were entered into after the armistice was signed, when economy should have prevailed. No precaution had been taken for cancellation of contracts at the close of the war, which good business judgment would have prompted.

In the first year of a republican administration \$350,000,000 was paid on the principal, and at the same time the burden of taxes on the people was reduced \$819,000,000. Through rational conduct of public business Liberty bonds that were selling for 85 cents were brought to par. It was only by injecting sound business principles into our national government that this could have been accomplished.

In one year under Harding 71,848 useless government employes were dropped from the payroll. In 1920 the total appropriations were \$7,348,259,415.37, and in 1922, under a republican administration, the appropriations were reduced to \$3,909,782,209.46. The democratic candidates and leaders would have the voters disregard all of these accomplishments in

The republican program for economy and efficiency in our national government has met with opposition and obstruction from the democrats in congress. A wasteful democratic administration when compared with a republican economy administration affords a deadly parallel so plain that even a democratic smoke screen can not shield it.

### A MAGNA CHARTA FOR LABOR.

America has reached a point in its development calling for industrial statesmanship. The observance throughout the land of Labor day encourages this view. There is nothing hopeless or even discouraging in the present situation provided it is viewed calmly as an evolutionary process.

Just as political liberty and democracy arose slowly and amid every difficulty, so is the better arrangement of our economic life moving toward solution. Up to the present time there has been arrangement on the fundamental principles of the law and would principle of the law and would principl no agreement on the fundamental principles of the business of production. Disputes between capital and labor have been left to settlement on the field of conflict. Strikes, lockouts and shutdowns have diminished production, to the disadvantage of the whole public, including both employers and employes. On the one hand was the determination to concede little, and on the other to demand more.

The wastage of this primitive arrangement is admitted on all sides. A plea for a more constructive national policy was made in the Labor day message of W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, in these words:

Instead of continuing a program of reprisals both capital and labor must agree to a common sense, fair and practical adjustment of their differences or there will be what amounts to conscription of certain classes of both in the interest

In a message to congress last December President Harding called attention also to the need for an industrial bill of rights, saying:

In an industrial society such as ours, the strike, the lockout and the boycott are as much out of place and as disastrous in their results as is war or armed revolution in the domain of politics. This same disposition to reasonableness, to conciliation, to recognition of the other side's point of view, the same provision of fair and recognized tribunals and processes, ought to make it possible to solve the one set of questions as easily as the other. I believe the solution is

The consideration of such a policy would necessitate the exercise of care and deliberation in the construction of a code and a charter of elemental rights, dealing with the relations of employer and employe. This foundation in the law, dealing with the modern conditions of social and economic life, would hasten the building of a temple of peace in industry which a rejoicing nation would acclaim.

The prosperity of America depends on the exstence of reasonably contented and satisfied workers. As long as there is constant conflict, this is endangered. The underlying principles of industrialism have yet to be laid down. An industrial code, not going so far as the Kansas industrial court law, which is no code at all, but only sets up a tribunal, is to be hoped for as the result of the joint thought of the public, which includes in its membership both workers and capital.

## FRANKLY A "WET."

Governor Edward I. Edwards of New Jersey has he happy faculty of telling voters exactly where he stands on certain public questions and campaign issues. He is to be the democratic candidate for the senate at the November election. He says that the quor question is a very life issue, and that he is prepared to lead the fight in congress for the restoran of beer and light wines.

Such frankness is in sharp contrast to the position taken by Hitchcock and Bryan.

Could the issue of national prohibition be very much "alive" in New Jersey and so very "dead" in

A South Side man has been fined for talking back to an auto driver. Moral: When you want to "cuss" the driver, be sure he is not a policeman,

## On Second Thought

" N. H. M. STANSFER." Too many of us are very generous with our brick-

### OUR DOCTOR PRESCRIBED A BIG BREAKFAST JUST IN TIME



## "From State and Nation" -Editorials from other newspapers-

Jockeying for Position.

the Kearney Hub. many respects the republican and democratic state platforms are similar and in some almost identi-cal, which merely goes to show that in greater part the mental opera-tions of the masses vary mostly in form and not in the substance of things hoped for. The two conven-tions on Tuesday were sitting 100 niles apart but republicans and emocrats were thinking very much alike in the common things that are

In state matters especially we find the two platforms agreeing on re-trenchment and economy, just and equitable taxation, assistance for rec-lamation and irrigation projects, compensation, efficiency in state ad-ministration, enlargement of farm marketing systems, endorsement of the primary, favoring water power development, amendment or repeal of the indeterminate sentence and keeping expenditures for the new state capitol within the limits

of the original appropriation.

In the larger national matters and especially with regard to the state civil administrative code there is di-rect issue. There is also a cleavage regard to state taxation and reve Democrats attack the code law and stand for its repeal and "re-grouping of the various (code) de-partments in the hands of the elected state officials.

Many republicans do not wholly the McKelvie administration, and commend it only where commendation is due. They are not

ascribe such criticism purely to par-tisan hostility. In other words each party has a "blind eye" and falls to see many things that the average citizen with two perfectly good eyes is quite well able to see for himself.

The Record Is Mighty Good. rom the Kansas City Kansan.

Sixty years ago negroes of the United States were slaves, and slavery was still a dominant institution over most of South America. The following facts are gleaned from upposedly correct sources concerning the advance in the race since

then
In 60 years negroes in the
United States have acquired 22,000,000 acres of land, as working
farmers, and not as speculators.
They own 600,000 homes and 45,000 churches, and operate 78
banks, 100 insurance companies,
besides 70,000 business enterprises
of various kirds with a capital of of various kinds, with a capital of \$150,000,000. Illiteracy has been reduced 25 per cent, due to the fact that there are more than 400 normal schools and colleges for

negro teachers.

That is an enviable record for an people, white or black. It has rare-y been equaled and perhaps never xcelled. Because this credit is accorded the colored people it does not follow that mixture of races must follow. The accomplishment has been through honest work and attending to their own affairs.

The City Peaceful. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

In a far western city the mayor, presiding at the meeting of the city council and saying that he was areatly annoyed and deprived of needed ly annoyed and deprived of needed rest by a saxophone player in his neighborhood, thought that in the future of city zoning the zones should be drawn on such lines as would place such amateur performers all in one part of town.

But if the saxophone, why not the

Mile trombone, the cornet—any-fing in the way of musical instru-ment in the hands of a beginner? Would it he possible, without sacri-ficing the City Beautiful to the de-mands of the City Peaceful, to re-duce the number of lawns and so to segregate them that the ambitious tizens using the lawn mowers early the morning, while the dew is on a bluegrass, would not disturb others wanting to sicep at the matu-

tinal hour? Or can the mechanical musical instrument, plane or photics graph, be soned? Not without leading the remaining vestige of our "personal liberty."

In truth, there are many things, which must be interested to our inconvenience and disconfeet, despite sining laws or ordinances of any hind, in the building of otter. Mankind is so constructed, mentally and morally, that the perfect state is out of reach. We may never reach that ited reach. We may never reach that ited conditions of all around ratiofaction when some voice will not be heard crying. There ought be be a law.

New Part Lambs. From the lies Muines Tribune.

coveries, told of finding enormous him and the governor belonging to quantities of burning coal and shale the same political group. with great cliffs of molten clay

and conditions to just such a happening. In fact some of the beds of coal in that region are still burning. Similar phenomena have been known in other parts of the world."

Forty square miles in Ohio have become "bad lands" from a mine would work in harmony. It would, for a state of the world, would work in harmony. It would, for a state of the world.

been in vain. Years ago fire starting spontane-ously or from a lightning flash, or even from the camp fire of some prehistoric native may have formed the South Dakota "bad lands," and fire from some such origin may be forming those in northern Canada. Quite possibly in hundreds of years the Ohlo field, where the destruction was deliberately begun, may extend

do not claim, in their platform dec-laration, that the law is perfect but appear to be confident that it can Historians like Prescott and Irving the made approximately so.

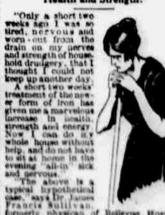
The position of the democratic party is that of the party that is out the wars of Spaniard and Moor bethe wars of Spaniard and Moor be-cause in their drab times there of power, taking an attitude of op-position to the party that is in, and shaping issues accordingly, regard-less of the accomplishments of the and Parker, and Hope and Weyman. party in power. This is especially laid their scenes in raw Latin true in the national sense and hostile criticism is judged accordingly. On mythical Zenda, or in bygone ages the other hand where criticism is legitimate republicans are prone to found nothing that interested them

where one man threw another's hat out of the window. All this is changed. More than the antique barbarism showed itself in the world war. The bandits have moved in from distant centuries and remote mountain valleys and operate nightly in the streets of our cities The pirates are back in the waters of Sandy Hook, and when furtive rum-runners are boarded at night they have no means of knowing, then or afterward, whether it is by revenue officers or descendants of Morgan and Lafitte. Housebreakers and bank robbers have so multiplied that New York wants no more romantic crook plays; audiences wince at the spectacle of villatny triumphant.

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#### "As Our Readers See It" The Short Ballot An Editorial by a Nebraska Editor that Won Honorable Mention

and took a German paper out of op-postion to wrong. THEO, FIGGE. Dwight P. Griswold of the Gordon Produce and Market Prices. Omaha, Sept. 1.-To the Editor postion to While the late primary election is

While the late primary election is fresh in our memories let us stop for a moment and try to recall the mames of the candidates for whom we voted for the minor state offices, such as secretary of state, state treasurer and the like. It is very likely that we will be able to remember our favored ones for governor, senator and congressman, but we imagine that there are very few people who can recall the others. We have asked a number of our friends and find meet of them in that position.

We read only the other day that a number of students from the state university went out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed a number of students from the state university with out a few days before the election and interviewed and the product of the public in this method to be predicted the form of the fea

These so people seemed to be a fairby representative group, and this condition makes us wonder if a great deal of judgment is used in the selection of this group of public servants. Is there not an opportunity for any one who is willing to porter, which would be better, out spend money to get a nomination. office of state raliway commissioner. These 50 people seemed to be a fair-

spend money to get a nomination for a state office?

But do not think that we criticize

TAXPAYER. But do not think that we criticize the ability of people to govern themselves when we say this. The same ones who knew practically nothing A Voice From the Distance. Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 4.—At the local public library, looking over bout railway commissioner were well informed about sheriff and of-The Omaha Bee, I read of the efforts

the use of English in churches where They simply have too many candithe use of English in churches where to unload all the use of English in churches where to unload all the majority, it seems, wants to use mother.—Houston Post, the German language.

You never get the full the least to live in Neibraska, 26 ces in which they were interested. would it not be better to elect a smaller number of state officials? The minor ones are almost wholly administrative and they have little discretionary power. Would it not be better to select by direct vote our governor, lieutenant governor, auditor and perhaps the members of the railway commission? Then making on the Mackenzie river in far northern Canada.

A government agent returning from Port Norman, where he went to investigate the reports of oil discoveries, told of finding enormous should it not be better to elect a smaller number of state officials? They used to claim it one of the most enlightened of states. That should include knowledge of history lias forced religion or language ever been a real success? I am American by choice—married that way—with no German talk in my familty. Yet, when that language and per le were wantonly abused a few years ago, even I went to a German church both with the most enlightened of states. That should include knowledge of history lias forced religion or language ever been a real success? I am American by choice—married that way—with no German talk in my familty. Yet, when that language and per le were wantonly abused a few years ago, even I went to a German church both the most enlightened of states. That should include knowledge of history lias forced religion or language ever been a real success? I am American by choice—married that way—with no German talk in my familty. Yet, when that language and per le were wantonly abused a few years ago, even I went to a German church both the most enlightened of states. That should include knowledge of history lias forced religion or language ever been a real success? I am American by choice—married that way—with no German talk in my familty. Yet, when that language and per le were wantonly abused a few years ago, even I went to a German church both the most enlightened of states. That should include knowledge of history lias forced religion or language ever been a real success? I am American by choice—married that way—with no

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