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CHRISTMAS CHEER AND CRIME WAVES.

It is not easy to think of the gladdest of all holidays in connection with sin and misery. The mind turns at this season instinctively to the message of "On earth peace, good will to men." Yet we have the sad anomaly of Christmas cheer being mingled and stained by shocking crimes, and by deplorable instances of misery and sorrow.

The philanthropist is perplexed when viewing the facts. Omaha has so many kind, generous people, all willing to help any in need, to comfort and console, not only at Christmas but at any other time of the year, that the presence of unrelieved distress is both a surprise and a shock. Welfare long ago realized that many who are in dire need-will suffer even to death, rather than make known their case so that relief may be given them. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." a noble maxim, indeed, but does it mean that one must endure with patience and resignation want that another will rejoice in relieving?

The mother who sought to take her own life because she could not provide the things her children asked for Christmas undoubtedly knew of the many organized efforts to reach just such cases as hers. She had the pride of a free woman that revolts at the thought of asking help from another, as that would be to admit defeat. Her view will be respected by all and sympathized with by most of us. Yet our generosity at Christmas does not intend to humiliate any; rather, it is the outpouring of the genuine spirit of brotherhood and fellowship, and should be so taken by all.

Some different basis must be sought to account for the crimes of violence that stain the season. Desire for means to make a display may be responsible for some part of the outbreak of crime that has shocked the community. Some of it must be ascribed to the fact that men and women are desperate, animated by unworthy passions, perhaps, and thinking more of their own plight than of their obligations to themselves and to society. Envy plus discouragement stirs the foment and hatred takes the place of love. Crime springs from this combination as certainly as water runs down hill.

Christmas should contain something that will be an antidote for the false pride that leads the needy to desperate and futile actions. It is not a time for rivalry and display in having, but for emulation in giving. One great change that has come over the modern idea of Christmas is to devote it almost exclusively to the children. Perhaps this is a natural outgrowth, because of the willingness of parents to sacrifice themselves for the little ones. But it ought not to be exclusively for the little ones. Grownups have a share in the day, should imbibe its animation, and find opportunity to sink self in

Service, finally, is the great message of Christmas. It was the work that Jesus came into the world to do, to teach men by precept and example that service is the highest form of worship and the greatest victory of man over himself. This message Jesus gave continually, and in Himself He showed how well one may serve his brethren. What a fine world this will be when the day comes in which service will supplant self in every heart, and false pride will no longer restrain anyone from accepting that which is offered in love.

There is nothing in common between Christmas cheer and crime waves. There is much in common between men and women in all walks of life, and we have only to lift the veil and look within to find that we are very much alike after all, brethren, in our weakness and children of one loving God, the Father of All.

THE RURAL SCHOOL.

Those who are inclined to doubt the efficiency of the rural school should have the privilege of seeing a demonstration of what is really being accomplished by some of the well trained, wide-awake teachers of the outlying districts.

The uniform course of study, used in all public schools throughout the state, is planned and approved by the University of Nebraska and represents the experience of those who have made the study of school problems a life work. If this course is followed closely, as it should be, the changes necessitated by the removal of renters the first of March will cause little, if any disadvantage to those who enter new school environments.

The question is asked, "Is the school work practical?" Those interested were recently invited to attend a session of a county institute in which the pupils conducted demonstrations of what is being accomplished in the rural schools, through the different clubs organized. The sewing clubs used younger girls as models and with the products of their own labors, estimated cost, suitableness and wearing qualities of the different materials, and explained explicitly directions for cutting, fitting, sewing and finishing the different articles.

The health club gave talks and demonstrations of their work. These talks were made clearer by the use of health posters, made by their own hands

and of their own devising. The cooking clubs, organized into groups, consisting of cooks, housekeepers and bookkeepers, alternate each week in order that each has experience in cooking, keeping house and keeping a systematized account of food cost and food values. Boys are admitted as well as girls. The hot lunches prepared by the school daily give a home atmosphere and, at the same time, promote health and sociability among the children. A demonstration of what is actually being done may be seen in the large display of jellies, preserved fruits and vegetables, as well as baking and articles of clothing resulting from the year's work, in the educational hall of the county fair. Also the large display of grains, vegetables, fruits and live stock will show what the boys accomplish in their classes in agriculture and through the calf clubs.

Here in this broad training and multifarious activities is to be found much of the occasion for high school taxes. If drastic cuts are made in the levies for the schools, a sacrifice will have to be made. Thus is explained the feeling that whatever is done to lower taxes should not be done at the expense of the schools.

HOW THE FARMER HAS BEEN HELPED.

The War Finance corporation makes report to congress that the American farmer has demonstrated that he can weather the worst of storms if properly financed. Furthermore, the report sets out that 41 per cent of the loans advanced the farmer already have been repaid. The rest will come.

The experiment of the loans to farmers from the government was not a risk in the ordinary sense of the word. Millions of dollars were poured in where money was frozen tightest, the ice of suspended credit was thawed, the jam started, and the steady stream of business soon was flowing in normal current through normal channels.

This story has several times been repeated, for The Omaha Bee has watched this enterprise very closely, because it was the first genuine attempt on part of the federal government to be of real assistance to the farmers in a great crisis. That agriculture has weathered the storm is due to the fact that help was furnished in a practical form at the time it was most needed. It was like a refreshing rain to a field of corn that was drying up under the blazing sun of midsummer.

Another thing has developed, indicative of the clearing skies ahead. A Nebraska banker is authority for the statement that most of the expected foreclosures are taking the form of renewed or extended loans. Steadily advancing prices of farm products, and a reduction in interest rates at the same time has made a wonderful difference in Nebraska. Men who but a few months ago considered themselves bankrupt are now on good foundation again, with credit renewed, interest reduced, and income increased. All of which makes the coming of the new year look much brighter. The clouds have rolled by, the better days are ahead.

How much of this may be ascribed to the activities of the federal government, working through the War Finance corporation, may never be known, for it is impossible to measure a calamity averted, but it is sure that without those loans at the time the situation would be desperate now.

THE BOY AND THE GUN.

A terrible tragedy was that in which the little boy shot his baby friend. He did not know the gun was loaded, and so in childish play he pointed it and fired. That is only one of many similar tragedies, the result of allowing children to have firearms, or leaving them where the child can get them.

Omaha has suffered extensively in this regard, and is likely to suffer more. Any weapon, whether it uses air or powder, that fires a bullet is dangerous, even in the hands of those who are accustomed to the use of weapons. For the matter of that, those who are most familiar with the use of handling firearms of any kind treat them with greatest respect and utmost care, to avoid accident.

Yet in many parts of Omaha boys go about, armed with air rifles or rifles using the little "BB" caps, shooting at birds, targets or such things as attract their fancy, and so endanger their own and other lives. Eyes are put out and many lesser mishaps are endured because of this condition.

Parents should see to it that their children are not allowed to play with dangerous weapons. Cautioning the youngster is not enough to secure safety. More stringent measures than word of mouth should be taken. Parents should be held responsible, too, because no amount of sorrow or remorse will ever undo the effects of an accident that may be avoided

any sort of a gun is dangerous at all times. Too much care cannot be exercised. Boys and girls of tender years should never be allowed to go abroad with a "plaything" that may kill a companion.

SHUTTING OUT THE "SLICKERS."

A report is sent out by a great subscription, book selling combination that it now proposes to do away with a certain class of salesmen. These are described as "slickers," and constitute a group of experts who in a large sense would make good confidence men. They worm their way into homes, and through persistence frequently succeed in securing orders for books that are now wanted at prices that are unwarranted. In this way they have brought discredit on what should be regarded as an honorable and useful occupation.

For the book agent deserves a place alongside the school master. It is through the printed page the thirst excited by the school is finally slaked. Reading one book is certain to stimulate a desire to read another, and the habit once set up never is broken. The service of the book agent is to supply this needs One great publishing firm advertises it has put over 50,000,000 volumes into American homes, and all through agents. Mark Twain's greatest works were sold by subscription in advance of publication. U. S. Grant died with a smile because he knew enough of his memoirs had been sold in advance of publication to make certain his debts would be paid and his widow provided for.

Calling good literature to the attention of the people is the real work of the book agent. Even the "slicker" has helped it to some extent, although he has also been a serious drawback to the legitimate work. Whether he is put out of business or not is for the publishers to say. In the meantime it may help to keep in mind that the total output of the printing and publishing industry in the United States in 1919 amounted to \$1,128,278,952, and that fully four-fifths of this is sold by subscription through

Bootleg whisky has blinded an Omaha victim. None are so blind as those who drink the villainous concoctions.

Fruits of Experience

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Whether mankind, taken collectively, learns from experience, may well be called a moot question. History repeats itself in outlines only because men commit the blunders committed by their predecessors, and of the nature and effect of which history has advised them. The value of experience is a good thing to speak of, but there are many who, like Falstaff, can more com mend than profit by it. Among these must be num bered the commanding officers of a considerable number of Atlantic liners who, as is related in the annual report of the navy hydrographic office, have been courting the fate of the Titanic in aiming to have a few

It falls in the line of duty of the navy hydrographic office to find the course of icebergs in their pilgrimages from north to south, and Issue daily warnings to all shipping. The annual report makes the startling statement that, notwithstanding these frequent and repeated official warnings, and in plain disregard of their own agreements and obligations, many reports have reached office of vessels, including some of the passenger type, persistently following the usual ocean tracks. That collisions with icebergs have been escaped has been a matter of luck and not of prudence or discipline. The Titanic, it will be remembered, was running in deflance of "safety first" at a time when and where it was known that icebergs were affeat.

Pop Shops



"From State and Nation"

-Editorials from other newspapers-

Mr. Smertenko Views Iowa. From the Sloux City Tribune.

A tonic dose, albeit somewhat bitter, is handed to Iowa by Johan Smertenko in the current issue of The Na- railroad station is a highly commendtion. If taken in the proper spirit, it can hardy fail to stimulate. The ar-

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fails to realize that culture, which he no doubt feels that he possesses, cul- out. that the glorious culture of ancient Greece was but the fine flower which The Greeks had the leisure for cultheir slaves did all the work. The ruling classes in Europe are cultured; the rest of the people do the But in America, in Iowa, the which forms the basis of culture has yet to be done.

No Compromise

From Capper's Weekly. The proposal to nullify the 18th amendment by allowing the sale of beer and wine is often described as a compromise. It would

bring back the saloon. It would bring the brewers' asso station back.
It would bring back more than 90

It would bring back a new evil in the cultivation of the so-called "home

It would bring back a lower standard of living; more pauperism, and more drink-caused crime It would bring back whisky as a bootleg adjunct to beer saloons. It would bring back everything the American people have tried to destroy by the prohibition law. It is no compromise

To Make Art Popular.

from the Brooklyn Eagle. A novel and striking plan to make American art more widely popular is to transform the dome floor of the Grand Central station into a series of now rooms and sales rooms for American pictures and sculpture. The serious character of the under-taking is shown by the names of

taking is shown by the names of many wealthy art lovers, while the names of the artists who have agreed to join the plan are headed by John S. Sargent and Daniel Chester French. The idea is to extend the interest in art and the patronage of it to a far wider public than is now affected by picture shows. The location is admirable. People from more widely picture shows. The location is admirable. People from more widely scattered places and more different sorts of people pass through great stations than any other buildings. Access to the big new galbe easy to that mixed a good many travelers there, and most Americans travel with pretty full pockets. After an American "has

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made his pile" he is commonly sup-posed to acquire an interest in art,

Sunday78,105 B. BREWER, Gen. Mgr. ELMER S. ROOD, Cir. Mgr. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of December. 1922. W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public

can hardy fail to stimulate. The article, rather pithily called "Iowa, A Mortgaged Eldorado," is curiously out of focus. It is a strange jumble of Where right there is a bit of wrong in it, and where wrong there is a bit of velopment in the house indicate their

right in it. Patently it is the per-formance of one of our modern social intentions of standing solidly together imagination and for a 56-million-dollar appropriation emotions are apt to distort their rea- for river improvement. The appro-Mr. Smertenko, now a lecturer at clared necessary for a practical pro-Hunter college, New York city, was gram of river improvement by the irritated by Iowa during his two and a half years on the Grinnell college bureau, with a dominating idea of the main cause of our condition is the activity. He seems to think that education has falled, and intimates that the main cause of our condition is the economy, has set the figure at \$27. fact that the lower class breeds faster

Here is a question that can and standable. The environment does ought to be settled, once for all. River in life to look at conditions as they improvement in the United States so are, from the standpoint that he not suit him. A fish, finding him-self on dry land, might easily be led far has represented nothing but a takes. that it should be covered with water. Mr. Smertenko is a good deal like the actual accomplishment. Millions such a fish. Consequently he writes with a degree of splenetic feeling which lowers can afford to find capital and the best business brains willions of dollars more than he could musing.

It did not take Mr. Smertenko to from river transportation because of low men were starving to death all

time before Mr. Smertenko cut loose with his hyperbole; but Iowans refuse to be as pessimistic about them as Mr. Smertenko is. And it is a happy are old enough to understand in the use of firearms, but the first lesson to be impressed on them is that their colleges, their libraries, their colleges. The libraries are of the libraries are old enough to understand in the use of firearms, but the first lesson to be impressed on them is that museums, and paying off their mort- operation of a line of barges and an is civilization. Mr. Smertenko, with the short sightedness characteristic of his kind, of fact, nothing is offered today, be cause the program was not carried per cent of the nation's wealth.

> the glorious culture of ancient transportation is no longer an experce was but the fine flower which out of the dunghill of slavery. Since it is being hindered because of fail the poor, or 63 per cent owned 5 p ure to remove five miles of sandbars cent of our wealth. This means that in the river which, according to the less than 2,000,000 people own 20 per improvement program, should have more wealth than all the other 97, been removed several years ago.

> > only a few million dollars a year. Advecates of real improvement are to death. When Babylon went down, only a few million dollars a year. Ad- | wealth. fight for that difference in congress. per cent of her population owned all if they are not to get it, neither they, the wealth. The people were starved the rivers nor the country ought to
> > get anything in the form of an ap
> > propriation. The budget bureau's al
> > lotment would not allow anything 1.800 men owned all the known world. would it provide a sufficient sum for maintenance and improvement any where else. There is neither business nor common sense in wasting \$27,000, 00 more on the rivers.

Make the appropriation nothing, forget all about the subject, or make it adequate to carry forward a prac-It would bring back a five-billion-dollar liquor bill and would violate every economic argument against lief in the country's transportation

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Old Testament Accounts.

Council Bluffs.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Ministers discredit themselves rather than the Bible by denial of the flood as recorded in the Scriptures. The word of God is everlasting, and those who attack it only fnjure themselves.

It seems appropriate to recall that historical incident in which one of the English kings, for some reason personal to himself at the time, unertook to deny and discredit the authority or authenticity of the Bible, and the answer of his religious ad-

"Sir, I warn you, the Bible is an anvil which has worn out many a The history of the flood is element-

al in the true Christian faith. It reveals the absolute necessity for Jesus Christ, and the certainty with which mankind will become wholly evil without a Savior. Jesus adopted, affirmed and approved that record, by the statement found

in Luke 17, 27-28, as follows: "And as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man.' "They did eat, they drank, they

married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.'

guilty of false pretenses. Rev. Smith, although denying that record, says the Bible is a very great book, and worthy of the highest praise, but his position is inconsistent and impossible of being sustained. If false in a mat-ter so vital, then the whole book is unworthy of consideration or bellef. frequently as a social asset. But and to approve it means to approve

The attempt to make God a liar is grievous sin, and especially when occurs in the house of His reputed friends. Jesus asked on one occasion: "If they believe not Moses and his writings, how can they believe my words?" and He foreclosed the whole matter as absurd and unthinkable.

Supplements Bishop Shayler's Re

the Editor of Th Omaha Bee: Bishop Shayler's address before the Rotary club would indicate that he has his car to the ground, and warns his hearers of the unrest that is prevailing in this coun "than that of the superior element. It is natural for a man of his standing

and that our culture, such as it is, leaves much to be desired. Iowans have known these things for some time before Mr. Smertenko cut loose time before Mr. Smertenko cut loose

no doubt feels that he possesses, culture with all its splendid idealism, is necessarily erected on the solid rock of materialism. He does not realize that the glorious culture of ancient in the glorious culture of ancient in the last year and has demonstrated that river transportation is no longer an expertional transportation is no longer and expertional transportation is not longer and expertional transportation in the last year relations, published in 1916 by constant and expertional transportation is not longer and expertional transportation in the last year relations, published in 1916 by constant and expertion is not longer and expertion in the last year relations, published in 1916 by constant and expertion is not longer and expertion in the last year relations.

The difference between genuinely economic improvement of the rivers and of a waste of funds in the task is lation owned 79 per cent of her population owned 79 per cent of her History tells us that when Egypt It is the avarice of the wealthy, that has borne down upon the helpless, that has always caused the downfall of nations prior to this time. When men see their families suffer for want of food, they become desperate, and then is when reason is forgotten, and rev The poor man that is down and out millionaire. He might be a better Christian than the one with millions to spend. His family might be just as intellectual, and make better citi-

Common Sense

Learn to Sell Yourself. Before you go out looking for a

osition take an inventory of yourself. Know what you have to offer a prespective employer.

Decide what are the best selling

oints you have in regard to the posion you seek. Learn to sell yourself. Do not go after a job you feel you

annot fill. Better wait and prepare before making application. you cannot convince yourself that you are capable of filling a job you cannot convince the other man. In other words, if you cannot sell

to yourself you cannot make a deal with a man who would consider em-Maybe you have some better job in

Try to put yourself into the place

ploying you.
What would you demand? Could you fulfill the requirements you would make if some other man

were to apply to you for the job you hope to land? (Copyright, 1922.)

He Went Through.

The prison visitor sighed. "How sad! How sad that you are in here, you who went through three olleges. What course did you take? "Me?" said the convict. "I went in over the second story window sills an' out th' kitchen doors; but I only got

\$37 in th' three of 'em."-Richmond

Times-Dispatch.

If the flood did not occur as recorded in Genesis then Jesus Christ was guilty of false pretenses. Rev. Smith, revolutionary upheaval? History tells to find the cause anywhere else

A. M. TEMPLIN.

Daily Prayer

They that can trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion which cannot be removed, but abidets for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is around His people from henceforth even for ever. For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; leat the righteous put forth their hand unto iniquity. Po good, O Lord, unto those that be good and to them that are upright in their hearts. Ps. 125:1-4.

Our gracious Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the light this morning. Endue our hearts with gratitude and love for the blessings of the past week. May all we do be acceptable in Thy sight. Grant that we may render Thee service that will not only give us joy and comfort, but that our example and influence will lead others to love and serve Thee. God grant every day of our lives that we owe all to Thee and that all the good things of life come from Thy mercy and gra-cious kindness. All this we ask for Christ's sake. Amen,

GEORGE T. JESTER, Corsicana, Texas.

CENTER SHOTS.

It was with surprise we read that Mr. W. J. Bryan's auto had crashed into a woman candidate's car out west, as we had never known him to run quite so close to another candi-date before.—Grand Rapids Press.

"German immigration is increas ng."-News item. Hans across the seas, ch?-Asheville Times.

If you haven't anything else to be grateful for, be thankful just because Thanksgiving day will soon be here.

As nearly as can be gathered. Russia has been invited to the party at Lausanne, but with the understanding that she is not to share in the refreshments .- Scattle Times.

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