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Our government is holding open doors for immigrants from countries in Europe and Roosevelt admitting that they are inferior to the American calls upon philanthropic or religious societies to stretch out a helping hand to make them better citizens before American citizens become worse. We clip the following from the O'Neill Frontier. Readers draw your own conclusions.

President Roosevelt: No greater work can be done by a philanthropic or religious society than to stretch out the helping hand to the men and the women who come to this country to become citizens and the parents of citizens, and, therefore, to do their part in making for the future of our land. If we do not care for them, if we do not try to uplift them, then as sure as fate our own children will pay the penalty. If we do not see that the immigrant and the children of the immigrant are raised up, most assuredly the result will be that our own children and children's children are pulled down. Either they will rise or we shall sink. The level of well being in this country is a level for all of us. We cannot keep that level down for a part and not have it sink more or less for the whole.

"See this?" asked the Atkinson postmaster, holding up a bundle of money orders to a merchant. "\$250 is a good days work for us—but bad on you merchants."

"What is it?"

"It goes to Sears Roebuck & Co."

"My cash sales today were \$40," said the merchant, "and I'm going around to see if all of us together did as much business as the department store."

He found four firms had taken in cash sales less than \$200.

"It's not the depression in the hay and hogs market that's hurting the town—but the department stores. They get the money, and we do the credit business."

And the merchant looked forward to the day when the little retail store in the country will be closed by the big department houses in the city.—Stuart Ledger.

The above article is a lesson to the merchants of Atkinson as it ought to be to the merchants, bankers, attorneys and business men in general of Valentine who send their money to other towns for printing that might be kept at home and spent with the home newspaper for advertising or job printing. Our business men also howl about the catalogue houses, but they have the remedy or club to use if they would. Our columns are always ready to carry an advertisement for these merchants and business men and our job press is often idle while we listen to some wonderful tale of how cheap they can get their printing elsewhere. As a further excuse they now tell us that to keep up appearances they must have lithograph work on their letter heads which is convincing to the public that they order in large quantities. Now for fear that our people will think that all of Valentine business men are sending away their legal notices and for their stationery we will inform you that some are loyal to the home printer.

We've Been There.

Most all the newspapers boys just now are getting red in the face swinging their arms and devoting columns of valuable space trying to convince the common people that the catalogue houses are the

greatest swindle and cheat on earth and that the country is going to hell in a minute if they don't patronize home merchants. Now their own sentiments too but there are merchants who, when you take your sample book under your arm and go out after a little job of work, will say: "Well, here is a price list and samples I just received from Klopp & Bartlett or Hammond Printing Co., I suppose you can duplicate them?" Then do you feel like being bent and kicked through your collar? Did it ever happen to you?—Center Register.

Kansas Stands Pat.

The almighty Standard Oil Goliath has found a David. Whether the David has the stone and nerve to hurl it with sufficient effort will be seen when the legal contests certain to ensue are over. It is understood that the Standard Oil has appropriated \$20,000,000 to fight Kansas and other like commonwealths who dare to compete with or check this Fafner, this monstrous dragon guarding its hoard of gold. The Standard Oil has many weapons; it sits on the board of directors of every railroad which touches Kansas. And its criminal restraint of trade has many agencies. But Kansas stands pat so far, and, looking back over the history of that state, we are proud to note that her reputation for backing down is not extensive.

The nation is proud of you, Kansas. Your fight against the Standard Oil is the fight of America against a python. Keep steady, and keep it up, Kansas. Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas are watching you and getting ready to stand by your brave side.—Central Christian Advocate in Manhattan (Kan.) Republic.

An Experiment in Deficiency.

In the last issue of the World's Work there is a human document that should interest every person interested in uplifting humanity and the great mission of showing those who are down how to get up.

The Colorado Fuel and Iron company, with 17,000 employees, is one of the great soulless corporations of the west. It has not hesitated to fill its mines and factories with foreign-born men, many of them of very low type, and the results of this herding of undesirables was just what might have been expected.

They lived like dogs. Some of them got along with less decency and cleanliness than would satisfy the average dog. There was drunkenness. A man thought no more of becoming beastly intoxicated than he did of going to his meals.

As to living—well, in a bunkhouse of two rooms, thirty-eight Italians lived, and the place swarmed with vermin.

You know that good Americans cannot be made under such conditions.

The directors decided to try some sociological experiments. They were chasing the almighty dollar as usual. Better conditions meant better workmen. Clean, sober workmen can do more than drunken, uncleanly ones.

It would take columns to tell

what has been done. There are libraries and hospitals, and parks and schools, and playgrounds and bathhouses, and schools for cooking and even teachers who train uneducated and ignorant mothers how to become proficient in the art of caring for homes and children. Hundreds of respectable houses have taken the place of disease-breeding shacks, and while a few of the residents have growled at being disturbed in their filth, the majority have shown a desire to learn. Whiskey no longer rules the towns and humanity has certainly been given a chance to grow.

The Colorado Fuel and Iron company is a trust. As a trust it has been condemned and criticised. But for every move it has made and will make for the moral and physical improvement of its people from far-away lands it should receive unstinted praise.—Omaha Daily News.

No reasonable man has any objection to a legislator enjoying the privilege of free railroad rides if it can be done without jeopardizing the interests of the legislator's constituents. It begins to look now as if that is just the effect the free pass is having. Every important railroad measure has so far been defeated, and with keen interest the public is watching what the salons will do on the home stretch.—O'Neill Frontier.

In our humble opinion if every merchant kept scales large enough and took the trouble to weigh their freight they would have some additional information as to how the railroads get rich by charging for freight they never carry. Last week one of our merchants was charged 300 pounds freight, when the actual amount was only 150 pounds. The same week the Recorder was charged 110 pounds freight for a package that only weighed 75 pounds. Nearly every week we are charged five to seven pounds more freight on our prints than they come to, and if every merchant in the state is being charged in the same proportion the railroad companies are guilty of petty robberies that must aggregate an enormous sum annually.—Rushville Recorder.

From Hot County Independent.

If President Roosevelt is satisfied with Garfield's report on the beef trust, should the people be satisfied with the president?

Kansas was reprimanded for daring to be dissatisfied with the Garfield report on the beef trust, and yet Kansas is able to live. "Teddy" is liable to run against something worse than a bear when he starts out to discipline Kansas after her experience with the Standard Oil octopus.

But one more week yet remains of the Nebraska railroad legislature and the people will breathe freer when this body has passed into history. No legislation beneficial to the people of the state has been passed nor will be. The principal thing this legislature has achieved is the killing of every bill introduced that would relieve the people of Nebraska from excessive railroad rates. History will record the fact that the legislature of 1905 was the most servile tool of corporations ever convened as a body.

Alva Adams, the democrat who was elected governor of Colorado last fall, has been unseated by the rotten republican legislature and Peabody seated with the understanding that he would resign and let the lieutenant governor, who is a republican, serve out the term. This is a case where the mining trust wrenched the franchise from the people and placed themselves in complete control of the state government. For a time, and by rotten methods, the republicans have gained control, but when the people get at these legislators again with the ballot, they will sink the rotten gang to the oblivion to which they are entitled. Things have come to a queer pass when

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Stop and Ponder.

John H. Keys says in the Farm Journal that three beers in a day will offset in a year

One barrel of flour,
Fifty pounds of sugar,
Twenty pounds of corn starch,
Ten pounds of macaroni,
Ten quarts of beans,
Four 12-pound hams,
One bushel sweet potatoes,
Twelve bushels Irish potatoes,
Ten pounds raisins,
Ten pounds rice,
Twenty pounds of crackers,
One hundred bars of soap,
Three 12-pound turkeys,
Five quarts of cranberries,
Ten bunches of celery,
Ten pounds of prunes,
Four dozen oranges,
Ten pounds of mixed nuts,

Making four big barrels heaping up, and in the bottom of the last barrel a purse with a five dollar gold piece, marked "a new dress for mother" and a ten dollar bill "to buy shoes for the children." Figure this over and choose which you would rather have.

The Red Front Merc. Co. has just entered into a contract with Mr. Olson, representing the Midland Glass and Paint Co. of Omaha, whereby they will now become the sole agents of Pattens' Sun Proof Paint, of this place. After having put forth considerable effort and study in their search for the best, they have come to the conclusion that Pattens' Sun Proof Paint and if you will call at the Red Front Hardware Dept. they will issue a written guarantee with every can of paint sold by them and if it is not entirely satisfactory in every way, return the certificate of guarantee and they will furnish you new paint, if your complaint is a just one. They feel confident of the merits of Pattens' Sun Proof Paint and if you will call at the Red Front Hardware Dept. they will be glad to explain the special features which it possesses. 11

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