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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH REAVIS?

ONE member of the Nebraska delegation is vigorously opposing the Dwyer Bill and that is Congressman Reavis. While every man is entitled to his own opinion The Monitor was astounded to receive a wire from Washington advising us that one of the active opponents of the bill was this Nebraska congressman. We cannot understand why he should oppose it. What under high heaven does he expect to gain by his opposition? We wonder if he is contemplating exchanging his Nebraska residence for some habitat in the sunny Southland? If so, we can understand why he would be trying to curry favor with southern politicians and voters. But even so the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill is not a sectional or a partisan measure. Indeed many of the strongest arguments in favor of its passage are furnished by the leading newspapers of the South. Unfortunately the South suffers most from the lynching mania, but it is not a sectional question, but a national disgrace and menace. The Dyer Bill is a sincere effort to do something effective and practical toward removing the wide-spread crime of mob murder from America. The measure will not be a panacea, but that it will be remedial in some degree is generally admitted. Why then should any sane, broad-minded, patriotic American oppose the Dyer Bill? What's the matter with Reavis? He, doubtless, may be honest in his convictions, but we believe his convictions are wrong. We believe he ought to support the Dyer Bill and leave the company of the filibustering southern oligarchy which is out of step with progress. Nebraska's representatives are supposed to be progressives, not reactionaries.

and joy to his soul, and comfort to his kindred and friends, may the God in whom he trusted grant.

COMMENDABLE ACTION
 THE unprecedented action recently taken by the Alpha Kappa Alpha in admitting to honorary membership such distinguished and broad-minded white women as Jane Adams and Mary Durkee is to be most highly commended. The fact that white fraternities exclude cultured colored folk from membership is no justification whatsoever for colored organizations manifesting the same narrowness. It is to their credit to show themselves too big for such littleness. Moreover, could women of the type of Jane Adams and Mary Durkee, and hosts of other broad-minded white women, have their way their colored sisters would be treated with the courtesy and consideration to which their culture, talent, character and ability entitle them. If there be, as is alleged, any disposition upon the part of other colored Greek letter societies to outlaw the Alpha Kappa Alpha because of its willingness to admit to membership, active or honorary, worthy members of any group, it should be overruled as wholly unworthy of those whose education, culture and refinement should make them consistent exponents and exemplars of the highest democratic ideals. The "lex talionis", or law of retaliation, should have no countenance among people whose strength must always be found in standing for the highest ideals of truth, justice and righteousness. University and college trained people should always be found within this class.

Farmer Crams Melons Into Boys for Robbery

Council Bluffs, Ia.—To be compelled to gorge themselves on a truckload of melons which they had stolen from a field was the novel form of punishment for nine young men caught by Walter J. Miller, melon grower.
 Miller surprised the youths and advanced on them with a revolver, forcing them to drive the truck to his house.
 He then locked them in a room, and holding them in terror forced them to eat melons that his wife passed through a window.
 At the end of the melon-eating contest the robbers were all rolling on the floor in agony while three melons only remained in the truck.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Reference required. Web. 1198.



EX-SENATOR MILLARD
 THE sudden death, on Friday last, of Ex-Senator Jos. H. Millard, pioneer citizen and banker, removes one of Omaha's most outstanding and commanding personalities. Omaha has had an almost unique distinction in the character of her pioneer citizens. This is true, not only of the men, but also of the women who were worthy wives of the men who, through privation and hardship, wisely laid the foundation of this city's present greatness, which will undoubtedly be multiplied and magnified with growing years. What western city can boast a more brilliant galaxy than this chosen at random from Omaha's pioneers: James M. Woolworth, Ezra and Joseph H. Millard, Dr. George L. Miller, Andrew J. Poppleton, Edward and John A. Creighton, Edward Nash, Guy C. Barton, S. S. Caldwell, George and Joseph Barker, Henry W. Yates, Latham Davis, Herman Kountze, Frank Hamilton, Milton Barlow, Edward Rosewater, Casper Yost, Phineas Hitchcock? Of these men, making all due allowance for human limitations, faults and failings, it may be truthfully written, "And there were giants in those days, men of renown." And a most significant testimonial to the strength of their character is the fact that so many of them are most worthily succeeded by worthy sons and daughters who are filling positions of leadership in the city. Among these "men of renown," there is none more deserving of honor than Joseph H. Millard, who answered the summons while at work at the age of 86, Friday afternoon. He was a kind-hearted and affable Christian gentleman of the old school rapidly disappearing from American life. The affection and esteem in which he was held by all in his employ, from the lowest to the highest, bespeaks the character of the man. He was a man of heroic mold whose mettle was tested in Nebraska's pioneer days. Rising to affluence and wealth these never robbed him of the human sympathetic touch which is man's crowning glory.
 Blessing on his memory, peace, rest

PLAN TO CUT CORN ACREAGE

Agreement Made by Farmers to Reduce Supply Because of Low Prices.

LAST YEAR'S CROP IS UNSOLD

One Nebraska Farmer Shipped Carload of Corn to Montana, Paid Freight Bill of \$416.58 and Collected \$416.52.

The proposal to curtail corn acreage in the West in 1922 is likely to affect the price of food before the end of the year. The entire country is heavily interested because if successful, it means an increase in the cost of corn and meat, with a resultant and sympathetic increase in the price of wheat and bread. Nebraska is not the only state in which the movement is gaining ground. Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, South Dakota and all the states of the great "Bread Basket" are moving in the same direction. Signs are plentiful throughout the Middle West that far less corn than usual will be planted unless there is an immediate and considerable increase in the price of that cereal.

Most farmers recognize that the price of corn is not due to any combination of capital or a "conspiracy," but is governed solely because of the law of supply and demand and they are preparing to cut the supply.

Farmer Is Stung

Nebraska farmers are getting about 17 cents for their corn. Farmers in states closer to markets are getting a cent or two more. Two weeks ago a farmer near Broken Bow, Neb., shipped a carload of corn to Billings, Mont. The freight was \$416.58. The selling price in Billings was \$416.52. The farmer paid the difference, six cents. He had provided the land and seed, planted and worked the corn, gathered and shucked it, hauled it to the railroad station and then paid out six cents for all his trouble.

All over the corn belt the farmers are having similar experiences.

The executive committee of the Illinois Agricultural Association has recommended to the Illinois farmers that they cut the acreage they will plant in corn for 1922. Illinois is the second largest corn producing state in the country.

A special committee from the state farm bureau federations of Iowa, Indiana, Kansas and Missouri has advised similar action. Iowa is the heaviest corn producing state in America. Missouri, also, is close to the top. Indiana is not far away. The Kansas corn crop is second only to the Kansas wheat crop.


Thousands of farmers in the corn belt states still have on hand the corn they raised in 1921. They have refused to sell at the low prices. Recent action of the War Finance Corporation in permitting them to hold on to the corn already in their bins. These farmers, in thousands of cases, are preparing not to produce crops in 1922, but to hold their present grain for the increase in price which must inevitably follow if the production is cut.

Will Reduce Acreage.
 One big land company has 5,000 acres of land at Herman, Neb. Ordinarily, this company plants 2,000 acres to corn every year. Here is what one of the owners of the Omaha Bee and one of the most prominent business men in this state has to say: "There is no doubt that if corn is not up to the cost of production in the coming year, in a systematic or individual way farmers will decide not to plant it. On our 5,000-acre farm, not an acre of corn will be planted unless the price goes up to meet the cost of raising a crop. We have notified the manager to summer fallow the 2,000 acres of corn land if prices are not up to cost. It is better that the land should rest than that it be worn out growing a crop that does not pay out."
 "The surest way to prevent the price of corn from being unduly depressed, is to reduce the acreage. If the farmers can get more by not farming than they can get by farming, the choice is easy."
 The Illinois Agricultural Association has issued a statement to the effect that by cutting production farmers will be doing only what manufacturers in all other lines do—shaping the supply to meet the demand. That is the answer Middle Western farmers are preparing to give to the question as to what is to be done to save agriculture.

Long Time a Notary.
 Topeka, Kan.—With a record of 36 consecutive years' service as notary public at Kingman, Kan., C. W. Sample desires to continue. In a letter received the other day at the office of Governor Allen, Sample requested that he be reappointed for a tenth term, a period of four years, commissioned to expire December 31, 1925.

Worth More Than Corn.
 Yankton, S. D.—Anton Klimsch, Yankton county farmer, came to town with a wagonload of corn and two crates of chickens. The corn, of which there were about 30 bushels, brought him a little more than \$6. The chickens netted him \$32 on the local market.

Seeks "Cell for Winter"; Gets One for Forty Years
 Parry Sound, Ont.—Forty years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed by Police Magistrate George Moore on Stephen Zowlsnik, who pleaded guilty to smashing 21 windows, "in order to earn a term in a nice warm jail for the winter."



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Did It Seem That Long?
 Santa Cruz News—"She was sixty-nine years of age and she had been married for more than a century."—Boston Transcript.
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