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"AIN'T IT AWFUL, MABEL?"

What an awful fix this country is in, to be sure. Headed for the rocks, and the spray of the deadly surf already soaking our garments.

So gosh-awful is the fix our country is in that today it is the only country in the world into which the people of other countries want to get so badly that they suffer privations in order to smuggle themselves in.

So near are we to destruction that it is the only country in the world where men and women fight deportation, fearful that they will be deprived of some of the comforts and opportunities afforded them by our distracted country's threatening fate.

O, what's the use? For half a century, "there ain't been no chance a-tall for a poor boy." A boy born on a New England farm a half-century ago was so hampered and restricted that all he has been able to accomplish is to become president of these United States. A boy born on an adjoining farm was so hampered and circumscribed in his opportunities that despite all his efforts all he could become is president of one of the greatest railroad systems in the world. Right here in Nebraska, where things have been in a heluva shape for years, a boy was born on a farm a bit more than a half-century ago. Despite his energy and courage and faith he has been so hampered that all he could accomplish was to become president of the largest bank in Boston. Another poor and downtrodden Nebraska boy saw his maturing years so handicapped by environment that despite all his efforts all he has been able to become is the head of one of New York's greatest

financial institutions. O, what's the use?

A few short years ago a Nebraska boy began railroading. His opportunities were so circumscribed could become is general manager of the country's greatest railroad system. From call boy to general manager in three decades. Goodness only knows what he might have become if he had been given a No chance for a poor boy no more, a-tall.

The country no longer affords opportunity for young men of push and loyalty and efficiency. It is not calling for giant intellects to develop its super-power systems, its agricultural combinations. its marketing associations. It does not need intellects that will organize the coal interests so as to eliminate waste, reduce costs and provide steady instead of intermittent labor. It does not need a giant intellect to systematize scientific reforestration to replenish the devastated forests.

Nothing to do but just sit around and whine while the old, ship drifts on the rocks.

Only it isn't so.

This is the greatest, grandest, richest country in the world; the home of opportunity, the uplifted torch of civilization.

Its greatest menace is the bellyaching, self-seeking, windjamming, pestiferous politicians playing to prejudice and passion, stirring up discontent and appealing chiefly to the thriftless.

If it isn't the best country on earth, then why are there so many who want to get in, and so few who want to get out?

"FORE!"

The city commissioners have another fine opportunity for public service laid before them. It grows out of the difference of opinion as to fees to be exacted from golf players who use the municipal links.

If the city is to maintain municipal golf courses, it should be done on such basis as will place the service within the reach of any citizen. A moderate fee, for the reasonable purpose of defraying at least a part of the cost of upkeep, will not be objected to. But the fee should not be set at a point that will exclude any one who wants to play golf.

Omaha is one of very few cities in the United States where three golf courses are maintained by the city. This fact has frequently been commented upon by outsiders. The existence of these facilities has greatly added to the popularity of the game in Omaha. Thousands use the links. No doubt at times the crowds are such as to interfere with the pleasure of some who get impatient under such conditions. These should remember that the public owns and has a right to use the golf courses in the parks. No exclusive privileges exist.

The city commissioners, whatever action they take in the matter, should be guided by consideration for the great crowd of players who throng the links, and may never get around under 100. The fee should not be such as will deprive anyone of the pleasure of playing golf. If the choice must be made, it will be better to abandon the links entirely than to set up a discriminatory charge for their use.

BRIGHT DAYS FOR DAKOTA.

What everybody says must be so, when all hands unite in saying that business conditions are improving, some real foundation must exist. A survey just taken of South Dakota warrants the statement that the situation up there has improved immensely with the crop development. It was but a few months ago that our neighbors on the north were under the influence of a number of heavy bank failures.

Credit was suspended, cash was scarce and the future was about as unpromising as could be.

All is not over yet, but the most conservative of bankers and business men agree that the change has been so decidedly for the better no doubt is felt as to the full recovery soon being experienced. F. B. Stiles, vice president of the Agricultural Credit corporation, says, "South Dakota is rapidly approaching a time when its banking situation will be entirely sound." A United States Treasury official declares "all advices we get now are optimistic and favorable," referring to South Dakota financial af-

This recovery is due entirely to the industry of the farmers and the bounty of nature. Not all depended on the gamble with weather and seed, but stuck to other and more dependable sources of income. Cattle, hogs, and cream provided much money for helping out. Hard work and good luck have brought the Dakotans out of a deep hole, and we congratulate them on the fact. Their prosperity will be felt in all parts of the region, just as their misfortunes had some effect on all. It is a great year in the short grass country along the Missouri.

WILLIAM J. CONNELL.

One of the real builders of Omaha was William J. Connell, who has just passed on. Fifty-seven years ago he came to the bustling town, a youth just attaining his majority. From that day until the end he was an active factor in the development of the city. Of positive character, never neutral, he made firm friends and equally determined opponents. Once he had made up his mind as to the right, he did not swerve until the issue was decided. In court or out, whatever forum he found, he was an advocate to be depended upon, an opponent to be respected.

Mr. Connell studied law and was admitted to the bar after he came to Omaha. Shortly after he began to practive he was chosen district attorney, and later was made city attorney. In this capacity he was of great service to the city. During his long term in the office he handled many of the important and difficult cases that came up in connection with the affairs of a readly growing community that was emerging from the town to the metropolitan stage. One of these was the viaduct cases, which he took to the supreme court of the United States, winning for the city all he claimed, and settling forever the principle that requires the railroads to provide safe crossings.

In 1888 he was elected to congress, succeeding Hon. John A. McShane, and in turn was himself defeated in 1890 by William Jennings Bryan. One of his great achievements in congress was to secure the enactment of a law making eight hours a day's work on government contracts. After he left congress he again served Omaha as city attorney, retiring to take position as general counsel for the street railway company, which for twenty years occupied his attention.

William J. Connell was one of that group of energetic, broad-minded, far-seeing men who built Omaha. With the others he enjoyed the reward of his labor, the fruit of his faith. He saw the city rise to eminence and wealth, and become a great center of all the activities of civilization. The investigator of the future, pursuing his research work, will find many places where Mr. Connell labored and did his work for the good of the community. He has entered his rest with the honor and regard of a city he helped to make.

The press reports are to the effect that Governor Bryan has completed his speech of acceptance. If he governor has nothing to say therein about gasoline.

Noting the remark that the voter is the backbone of the nation, the Fremont Tribune asserts that the politician is the wishbone. And the selfish office seeker is the jawbone.

Governor Bryan says we have avoided several wars by not being prepared. Many of us have avoided battles by being prepared to run with the

Iowa is in a hectic discussion as to the merits of corn and beet sugar. What difference, beet, cane, or corn, so long as it is home produced and does the

Between bank bandits, auto murders and the Chicago trial, it takes a mighty clever politician to make the front page these days.

Some young folks who set out to get tanned should be well tanned before being permitted to start, then they would not go so far.

Nominee Davis was notified at his home in West Virginia, but he will vote at his home in New York. Nothing like being versatile.

Mr. Davis' campaign manager predicts a big majority for his chief, but the result on election day will probably Shaver. Man Stabbed Over Rip in Pants," headlines a

Chicago newspaper. Now just where was the seat If Henry Ford does run for senator he will experience no difficulty financing the gas for a flivver

"Fuzzy Wuzzy" is getting restless again, and stories of Gordon, Wolseley and Kitchener may be

"Kid McCoy" has finally made a match for himself he had better not lose. A noose is the penalty.

Homespun Verse

-By Omaha's Own Post-Robert Worthington Davie

DARK DAYS.

In this strange age where myriads behold the darkness When they in mournful garb and gaze are frequently repining-

I like to meet the fellow who a favorite tune is humming:-One who believes the sun will shine if now it is not

Dark days are these with modernists and flappers ever bringing Frivolity and fickleness and other lesser bothers;

Dark days, indeed, they seem to us the while that we are singing Glad praises to attainments and achievements of our

But surely this is Progress stealing in to leave its traces, As it incessantly has done in months and years be hind us; While lassies bob their hair and paint their laughing.

winsome faces I'm fain to know that this is vague-of much it needs remind us! When dark are days, and days are swiftly darker,

gloomier growing .-When drear our prospects seem while we our ideals are beguiling-I'm fain to feel with all my heart that we are forward

And have good reason to be gay and spend our moments smiling.

Ouestion: How to Get a Wider Distribution of It.



Letters From Our Readers

It can plainly be seen at the pres-ent time that too much time and effort are being wasted in nonproductive enterprise. Therein lies our greatest difficulty. In our struggle and desire to "keep up with the times," or a little bit ahead of them, we seemingly have lost the ability to distinguish between necessity and luxury. As farming receives most of the solicitude of the demagogues, let us consider a few things concerning that industry.

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Not so many years ago the raising of the other hand, to those acquainted to adjust matters he suggests a the other hand, to those acquainted to adjust matters he suggests a reduction in the number of such citique to with Mr. Keynes' work, it seems and cities, consuming much of the farmers' grain and hay. The family driving horse did double duty by working in the field. The traffic of buggies and wagons did not wear out roads faster than they could be constructed. The housewife of the future received her training through an apprenticeship in the kitchen, doing her bit toward making the farm what it should be—a self-supporting institution. The farmer of the future received his training by working in the kitchen, doing her bit toward making the farm what it should be—a self-supporting institution. The farmer of the future received his training by working in the kitchen, doing her bit toward making the farm what it should be—a self-supporting institution. The farmer of the future received his training by working in the world. The average person was content to wear clothing made of cotton or wool. How different today! The horse has been practically driven from the atreets of the towns and cities so far, vague future. Why not have another war, so the people will as performing any useful service is concerned. The demand for horses from that source is gone. The livery barn has vanished, and in its place, multiplied several times, stand the reason am able to oppose war from

barn has vanished, and in its place, multiplied several times, stand the filling station, the tire shop, the garage and the automobile sales room. All these vie with one another in securing a large part of what the farmer is able to produce. Practically every farm is supporting from one to three motor cars, besides, in many cases, the truck and tractor, all of which, though convenient, are a though convenient, source of constant outlay, and, un

Abe Martin

GEORGE LUKENBILL. War as "Reds" View It.

them do the fighting. If big business men believe democracy is in danger and define the democracy threatened. let them fight for their democracy, but perhaps I shall refuse to accept

Work for the Demagogues.

Gibbon, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Ree: As the harvest time of the demagogues is approaching, it is a little amusing and somewhat disgusting to listen to some of the magic remedies they propose. They would have us believe that the "money power" is responible for all the missing fortunes that befall us and that if we will but entrust the running of the government to them our troubles will be over. Now, I am not upholding the content will be over. Now, I am not upholding the rich in any wrongs that they may do, but why should we biame them for some things for which only ourselves and circumstances are responsible?

It can plainly be seen at the pressure and the pres

SUNNY SIDE UP That surrise never failed us yet Coha Thalter

A swarm of bees attacked a mother and baby on B street; the story being properly recorded in The Bee, because the bees believed in being given becoming publicity. They sent special courier on a bee line to The Bee with the informa-

"Jim" McIntosh of Sidney has made a sad discovery. After investing \$4,500 in a new automobile he learned while conveying a party of friends on a sight-seeing tour that a palatial automobile has to have just as much gas as a fliv-ver. His guests had the same thing impressed on their minds after they had walked three or four miles with Jim, looking for a farmer who had gas,

Members of the I Knew Him When Club will please move over to make room for Charles J. Lane, freight factotum of the Union Pacific. A pleasant visit was had with him while trundling along in Jack Mulick's work car at the tail end of the Wheat Special. Prince of good fellows, faconteur who spreads information like an encyclopedia and fun like a vaudevillian. Knew him when he was station agent at Beatrice a little less than 100 years ago. Couldn't keep his light under a bushel and was drafted for higher place. Never been married and younger now than when he was located at Beatrice.

Interesting sign over store in North Platte: "Tramp's Shoes." Inquiry developed fact that they must be paid for before being tramped in.

Discovered several fellows eligible for the I Knew Him When Club while riding the Wheat Special. Shove over and let Mike Roach sit in. Passenger conductor on the west end. Knew him when he was conductor of local freight on east Same old Mike, only he has softened his language a bit. But he hasn't forgotten the words. More than one chance to go higher, but preferred to wield a ticket punch.
Members of the club will like him when they get acquainted. Mike is that sort of a fellow.

Those who imagine that the Kluxers are not growing in numbers in west end or state should back up and take another guess. Would advise its opponents to cease adver-

In view of present-day restrictions it is difficult to understand why the family refrigerator is just as voracious in its demands as it was during the old days.

Contrary to opinion entertained in some quarters, the Nebraska farmer who raised 1,000 bushels of wheat this year has not cleaned up a round million dollars on his crop, though the farmers all together have done a lot better than that,

Most of the people who declare that the country is going o the dogs are doing nothing to prevent it except out-howling WILL M. MAUPIN.

LISTENING IN

Thieves broke into the garage of If only the capitalists and business News, and stole \$300 worth of parts

after year of purely pacifistic teach. Tribune will publish an enlarged Maxing or so-called "preparation for de-well department.

"A cow would be scared to death

paring for war and preparing against war," says Gus Buechler in the Grand Clarke Wilson of the Milford Re-

view declares that crops in Seward are fine and the farmers regaining prosperity. Then he adds that it it doesn't mean easy pickings for blue sky salesmen; not by a long shot.

The Neilgh Leader admits that it wouldn't seem like a political cam-paign in Nebraska without Frank Harrison having a finger in the pie, with the accent on the pie

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