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LESSON OF DEFENSE DAY. THE OMAHA BEE

It is all over, save the necessary comparisons and analyses that will be made by the experts. It is for all of us now to determine just what actual knowledge is gained from the Defense Day demonstration. On the surface, the greatest outstanding fact in connection with the day is that it developed the true spirit of the United States.

Nobody in this country seeks war, least of all those who would be first called upon in case a war should come. Some reference has been made to a group of men who sit in a little obscure office in the nation's capital, figuring on what they feel is inevitable. That is one of the most unfair insinuations made in connection with the whole undertaking. That little group of men include the officers of the general staff on whom devolves the duty of preparing for the proper defense of the United States. They are professional soldiers, and have been carefully trained for the important positions they fill. It is they who will collect, arrange, and examine all the results of the Defense Day exhibition, because they must deal with facts. They may conjecture many things, but their judgment must rest on demonstrated information.

They do not consider another war at any time as inevitable, but it is human experience that war comes when least expected. It comes, too, over the most trivial of matters sometimes. So these men are preparing only data for use in case it becomes necessary to again defend the United States from aggression. The house may never take fire, but the money paid as premium on the insurance policy is nevertheless well spent. It brings a feeling of security.

Millions of American citizens showed the world that they are devoted to the United States. Not as militarists, seeking glory at the cannon's mouth. Not as swashbucklers, parading a sentiment they do not feel. Just citizens of a great country, members of a national family, willing to defend it should defense be needed. Patriotism is not dead. The ardor to serve and the willingness to sacrifice still animate the hearts of men and women of America.

And now, that it is over, the ordinary affairs of life will go none the less smoothly because of the momentary interruption for a sincere purpose. And we can all quote from Kipling's "Recessional:"

The tumults and the shouting cease, The captains and the kings depart. Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice-

An humble and a contrite heart."

HOW THE FARMER WAS HELPED.

No man ever yet succeeded in getting out of debt by borrowing more money to increase his debt. But many a man has been saved from bankruptcy because he could get a loan when he thought all doors were closed to him. The republican administration is accused of callously viewing the distress of the farmer, resulting from the enforced deflation that came as a result of the financial policy of the Wilson administration.

Do not forget that until March 4, 1921, Woodrow Wilson was president, the secretary of treasury was a democrat, and the Federal Reserve board was acting in close harmony with the administration. If any blame is to be laid at all, it must be against that board, whose policy was not declared by the republican platform adopted in June, 1920.

In order to assist the farmers in their predicament, the republican administration revived the War Finance corporation, and permitted it to loan money to save agriculture. What effect this act had can not be exactly told, but it did exert on influence for good that is not deniable. Loans on account of farmers were made to banks, to livestock loaning and to co-operative marketing organizations. The record for four contiguous agricultural states from August 24, 1921, to May 31, 1924, inclusive is:

Where Was Fighting Bob's Progressivism in 1912?



SUNNY SIDE UP Jake Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet calle Thaiter

It really is no business of ours, but we can not refrain from adding the weight of our influence, however little it may be, to the plea the McCook Tribune makes for a new depot at that point. McCook deserves it for many reasons. that point. McCook deserves it for many reasons. And the genial Major MacLaren, Burlington superintendent at McCook, is deserving of more commodious and convenient quarters. Now if the Burlington will give McCook a depot in keeping with the new McCook hotel, the new bank building, the gov-ernment postoffice building, the paved streets and the class of McCook citizenship, it will be an architectural beauty.

C. W. Purdum of Council Bluffs has placed us under lastng obligations. He harkened unto our wall about the oldashioned stone burr mill and comes forward with the information that Bert Meachin operates just that kind at Donnegan, Mo. Our order has gone on for a couple of sacks of burr ground ornmeal, yellow preferred, and in the meanwhile we are living in gustatory anticipation.

Blood will tell. Comes now the word that Floyd Wright, graduate of the University of Nebraska, former track and gridiron star and coming lawyer, has been appointed city at-torney of Scottsbluff. Thus does the son follow in the footsteps of the father. This explains why Fred Wright of Omaha, president of the Nebraska Bar association and charter member of our I Knew Him When Club, is looking and feeling a bit chesty these days.

There may be a few things wrong with the present day public school system, but they have something that the public schools of our youthful days lacked. In our boyhood days we never worried about being tardy, nor did we take especial pains to be present at roll call every morning and remaining through the day. Now the youngsters begin worrying as soon as they get up lest they be tardy, and to miss school for a day is a calamity.

By the way, does the September crispness romind any other native Missourians transplanted to Nebraska of darkening pawpaws, purple persimmons, red haws and fat 'possums? And black damson plums, and lye-hulled hominy? We confess that it grows increasingly hard, as time speeds onward, for us to take time away from the contemplation of such things for the purpose of studying polities.

It may be worthy of more than passing attention on the part of those who favor the state getting into competition with private industry-Nebraska has a system of state hall insur-Farmers who tarried state hall insurance policies and paid for them, and suffered hall loss, are now notified that they will be paid 55 per cent of their loss.

We wonder if it is with others as it is with us. We sit at our desk and pick the winners almost without fail. When we go to the track and try to pick them, backing our judgment in a practical way, we almost invariably fail. When we offer tangible evidence of our faith in a horse, that horse invariably is tardy at the wire.

About the only absolutely einch bet we know of-the man who yelps the loudest about the result of the election is the man who was too lazy, or too indifferent, or too good, to go to the polls to vote. WILL M. MAUPIN.

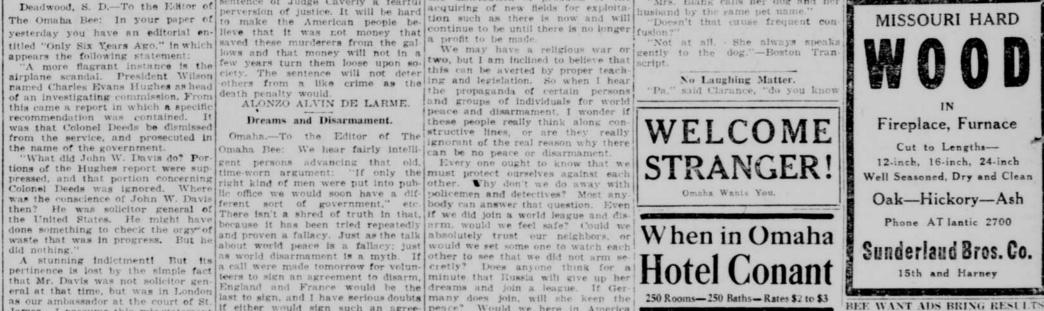
be wise to take any such chances? why hay fever is like money and and armaments. Whenever the busi-ness of the world is carried on for the mutual benefit of all the people-if we wait for them we will not be the mutual benefit of all the people-if we wait for them we will not be the mutual benefit of all the people-if we wait for them we will not be to the head, but where my supper to the head, but where my supper when profits and interests are abolished-there will be no need of com-

petition and therefore none, conse Keeping History Straight. Deadwood, S. D.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In your paper of vesterday you have an editorial end

peace and disarmament. I wonder it

these people really think along con Omaha,-To the Editor of The structive lines, or are they really Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: We hear fairly intelli-can be no peace or disarmament.

will go is somewhere else if you don't GEORGE ELKINS. clear out of here."--Cincinnati Easily Distinguished. "Mrs. Blank calls her dog and her



Letters From Our Readers All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communi-cations of 200 words and less will be given preference.

recommendation was contained. was that Colonel Deeds be dismisse from the service, and prosecuted in

the name of the government. "What did John W. Davis do? Por-

Dreams and Disarmament.

way, let the six-year program be pushed. But the real program, the comprehensive program, the statewide program, should be pushed vigorously. Let us hear from you out in the state. Get together representatives from Kearney, Lexington, Ogallala, in the central tier of counties-from Fairmont, Hastings, Minden, Holdrege, McCook, from the southern tier-from O'Neill, Valentine, Chadron, Blair, Albion. Thedford and Alliance in the north.

MORNING-EVENING-SUNDAY

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GOOD ROADS PLAN MUST BE

A STATE-WIDE PLAN.

ter of mere local convenience. The automobile and

the auto-truck has made it a matter of economic

owned on the farms and in the small towns. The pro-

gram for hard-surfaced roads must take this fact

into account. It must not be, it can not be an

Omaha program, nor a Lincoln program. The entire

state must be linked up with hard roads, or hard

the necessities of the state, but fairness to every

section of the state demands the pushing of the

plan for a constitutional amendment. In this way

only can the hard road program be made a com-

prehensive program-a program worthy of Nebraska.

. . .

legislative appropriation, the revenue from a tax on

gasoline and a part of the automobile license tax,

would not only be inadequate to the needs of the

state, but it would be in effect using income to pay

for what rightfully should be a capital expenditure.

The income--that is, the funds asked to meet the socalled six-year program, properly should be used to

roads, would be using them while they were being

In this way, too, Nebraska would have the hard

As a beginning, so that something will be under

pay off this capital expenditure.

paid for.

The so-called six-year program, using a small

The road building now under consideration must be planned on that basis. For that reason, not only

roads can never become a reality in Nebraska.

necessity for the entire state.

The building of hard-surfaced roads is not a mat-

The great bulk of automobiles in Nebraska are

their organizations

Business Manager

BALLARD DUNN, Editor in Chief

Put the engineers to work. Map out the statewide system, that will be a real Nebraska system. Then get to work with the whole state behind it, in a campaign for a constitutional amendment.

OMAHA'S PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANT.

Two facts are admitted by all who are acquainted with the public school situation in Omaha. One is, being a growing community, Omaha is obliged to continually increase its capital investment in public school buildings, equipment and grounds. The other is, the people of Omaha have always loyally supported the schools and followed the Board of Education on any well reasoned program.

Just now a difference of opinion exists between the Board of Education and the representatives of the Real Estate board and the Chamber of Commerce. The latter ask that the board omit from its building program items contemplated for junior high schools, alterations at the Central High school, and for a stadium. No contest is made as to the plans for additional grade schools and for the replacement of some that are antiquated and even unsafe. On these points all are agreed.

Whether junior high schools are a necessity is to be decided. If the patrons of the public schools, and these are the citizens of Omaha, believe that the proposed buildings are needed, the bonds will be voted. On this point may be urged the fact that the pressure on the high school plants has increased much more rapidly than on the grade schools. The demand for the latter has steadily mounted as the population of the city has increased. The high schools, however, have felt an additional pressure. More children, under present conditions, stay in school until they are through with the high school courses. This demand is mounting. It must be met.

Discussion of the problem should be approached from the angle of public service. No imprudent extravagance on the part of the school board should be approved. Nothing needed for the good of the public schools should be withheld. What may appear like frippery or folderol in educational methods, when compared with what went on a few years ago. really is approved by the best judgment of the most capable educators. We must not overlook the fact that however big the bill for education may seem, it is really small compared with other things that might better be done away with. We can never support a program to hamper the public schools by undue economy. The Real Estate Board and the Chamber of Commerce committees have given careful thought to their recommendations for a \$2,500,-000 bond issue. Under the circumstances the School Board, which asks for \$4,000,000, has the burden of proof. Omaha must not be niggardly, neither must it be extravagant.

Omaha owes more to the children of the city's homes than to any other feature of our community life. Out of them will come the citizens of the future. The greatest obligation that can be laid upon the future by the present generation is to increase Its chance for happiness by improving its chance through education,

Approved. Advanced. Repaid.\$24,480,982 \$24,070,372 \$19,725,972 Nebraska...... 12,634,032 12,090,687 11,739,142 7,617,705 4,783,151 Kansas..... 3,898,725 South Dakota... 17,437,741 16,112,820 8,771,926 In other words, more than \$62,000,000 was made

available for the farmers in these four states just when they needed it most and could get it nowhere else. Of this more than \$56,000,000 actually was loaned to the farmers, of which more than \$44,000,-000 has been repaid by the borrowers.

A total of \$295,844,065 was loaned to farmers and livestock raisers through the War Finance corporation, of which \$230,929,688 has been repaid. Is there in this anything to indicate that the republican administration was callously indifferent to the plight of agriculture as it languished under the effect of democratic mismanagement of the Treasury department?

No administration could have done more, the democratic administration could not have done as much. Other points, such as the effect of the tariff in maintaining the market, the extension of co-opcrative marketing associations under the law passed by a republican congress will be referred to at another time.

Lightning struck a Long Island golfer while he was boasting about a long shot. The trouble with lightning is that it never strikes twice in the same place.

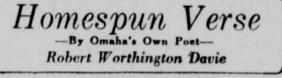
The democratic press hails the Maine result as a Klan victory. Had it been otherwise it would have been a glorious victory for Jeffersonian democracy.

For a short time the political race will play second fiddle to the race between the corn crop and a killing frost.

Maine's motto is Dirigo-"I Direct." And, as usual, in the right direction politically. La Follette is finding it increasingly hard to cash

in on a vanishing discontent.

Speaking of Maine, it was a sad tale for the democratic managers.



EXPECTANCY.

- When one delightful day has gone-one waited for with bliss
- And when expectancy has brought its tidings glad and gay
- We count not the forsaken things that make a world of this.

We look forever forward to another coming day. Memorable occasions as the past has carried far

- Assure us of the rapture and contentment yet to be And with our dreams as beacons like the heavens' brightest star.
- We journey on enamored while we labor faithfully.
- While mem'ry holds a myriad of pictures dear, and
- Like delicacies dead joys before our open eyes are spread-
- We'd like to share the faded things and live in the past again.
- But stronger is the lure of that which beckons us nhead.

gent persons advancing that old. Every one ought to know that we time-worn argument: "If only the must protect ourselves against each tions of the Hughes report were suppressed, and that portion concerning pressed, and that portion concerning Colonel Deeds was ignored. Where was the conscience of John W. Davis then? He was solicitor general of the United States. He might have done something to check the orgy of waste that was in progress. But he did nothing." A stunning indictment! But its pertinence is lost by the simple fact that Mr. Davis was not solicitor gen-eral at that time, but was in London

as our ambassador at the court of St.

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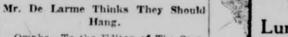
for my baby. Her face was covered

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Baby Tortured Day

Honesty is a good policy-even in politics. J. I. GOODMAN. Not by Editor.-Walter Hines Page. Just so long as the present eco omle profit-taking system of doing the world's business is kept in prac tice, just that long will we have wars

American ambassador to England, died on December 22, 1918. The armistice ending the war had been signed more than a month before. John W. Davis still was solicitor general of United States when the war ended, his nomination to be ambassa. dor to the court of St. James going to the senate on November 18, 1918 week after the armistice was signed. The Hughes report on the aircraft scandal had been made months before the war ended.



Omaha-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: When the reporter of The Bee asked for my opinion of the sentence given the Chicago murder-ers, I replied that I did not then care to be reported. You quoted me as saying that "the judge had to use his own judgment and may have had things to think of which we know nothing about." I did not say that at all, and it is not my opinion, I believe that Loeb and Leopold should have been hanged, absolutely. It was a most brutal, cowardly atrocious murder with the most sordid and repre hensible motive that could be con ceived. Capital punishment for capit al offense is the requirement of the

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last to sign, and I have serious doubts many does join, will she keep the as our ambassador at the court of St. James. I presume this mis-statement if either would sign such an agree-peace? Would we here in America



keep stockings on her hands to keep her from scratch-ing. I had to be up at night as it bothered her so she could not sleep.

We allus have t' smile a little when we hear of an officeholder takin' a vacation. At th' debate held at th' Apple Grove school-house last night it wuz resolved that Scotch whisky had done more t' cement th' friendship between t' cement the friendship the world Avenue. All dr druggists sell Resinol Scap and

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Two doctors, on of them a skin specialist, told me he had eczema I tried several remedies, but noth-ing helped, so when I read in the about Resinol, I thought I paper would give it a trial. I can't praise it enough, for it has done wonders for the baby's skin and she sleeps all through the night now. I would advise anyone with a similar case to try Resinol Ointment." (Signed) Mrs. Rose Goersdorf, 27 Furman

with scabs and

the itching was so severe I had to