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WORK FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Adam McMullen, governor-elect, has gone to Lincoln to familiarize himself with the routine work of the governor's office. He wants to be ready to assume the details of his executive duties from the first. In this example of the governor the legislators-elect should find inspiration. One group apparently has, for the members from western and northwestern counties have held a conference at Chadron to consider the matters in which they and their constituents are especially concerned.

Some encouragement may be drawn from this fact. At least one group will go to Lincoln with a definite program. By this we do not mean to indicate that a "bloc" is forming, or desirable. Merely that members who are reasonably expected, because of common interests, to take common action are prepared for the job in advance. No doubt others have been in consultation as well over the prospects for realizing the wishes of their particular localties. Such action is merely prudent foresight, the anticipation of what may come to pass, and should produce such early understanding as will tend to lessen the labor and shorten the term of the session.

The republican platform, on which the execu tive and legislators were elected, lays principal stress on the road-building program. Its expressions on this point are clear enough to permit guidance for legislative action, but without specifying just the form which the needed laws may take. The good roads boosters of the state are actively pushing their end of the campaign. They will go to the legislature with a well-considered program. Having worked out in detail the several items of the one general plan, the Nebraska Good Roads' association will be ready to give great assistance to the lawmakers in their job of framing bills to meet the requirements of the state. This is one pledge of the platform that must have full redemption in action.

Another plank in the platform has to do with the revision of the revenue law. Here is a way along which the legislature should proceed with great caution. One of the causes of discontent has been and always will be the tax laws. In Nebraska these have been tinkered with session after session, and seldom with really beneficial results. The pledge made by the republicans deals with the item of "intangibles," promising to enact "such amendment of the tax laws as will cause intangible property to bear its just and equal proportion of property tax." Beyond this, and such corrections of the law as are made necessary by court decisions, the legislators can well follow advice given two years ago, that the revenue law be touched only to give strength to what experience has shown to be its weak points.

Other platform pledges, to encourage irrigation, to protect the public interest in possible water power, to continue the elimination of bovine tuberculosis, and to improve as far as possible the system of state government, necessarily will occupy time. None, however, is likely to be made the subject of extensive legislative undertaking.

A study of the platform will disclose the fact that its framers were of the opinion, whether expressed or not, that Nebraska does not need a lot of new laws. We trust the legislators will regard their job in the same light. The situation is not one to call for the making of many news statutes. If the incoming body desires to imperishably write its name on the annals of the state, it can do so by striving to see how few measures it sends over to the governor for signature. The lives of the citizens do not require much more regulation than is already provided for. The affairs of the state can not be greatly improved by the passing of a multitude of

Good roads, strengthening of the tax law, moderate appropriations, provision for a public school survey, and conservation of public interests in the use of the state's waters, whether for irrigation or power, adoption of a definite forestry policy, and continuation of the anti-tuberculosis campaign. ought to be program enough for the legislature.

"SILLY ASS" STUFF.

John Fiske was one of America's greatest historians and philosophers. He left a wonderful heritage of writings to the world. He also left a son, who is not so good, if his own estimate of his worth is accurate. He offers to "lease" his services by the year at the rate of \$1,000. Less than the pay of a "mucker."

The young man has just endured a serious disappointment. Living at the rate of \$15,000 a year from the estate of an aunt, he suddenly discovers she has made another her heir. Sad, of course, but instead of his showing signs of being a man, he rushes into the "Help Wanted" columns with his offer to sell himself as a "slave." When the average youth is set on his own, he begins to hunt a job. Seldom does he find at first the one he likes or for which he is best adapted. Much changing around is the common experience, and with each change the young man adds something to his value. It is knowledge born of contact with things as they are,

and out of that eventually comes wisdom, which

brings true success Young Fiske ought to be worth much more than

\$1,000 a year. He probably is. Yet it seems that even the chaste conditions of Cambridge can produce a "bit of an ass" at times, and the young man is proving the fact. He will have his sensation. We hope, he will recover his balance. John Fiske's name deserves better preservation.

CONSOLIDATING FARM INTERESTS.

Addressing the farmers of the nation, President Coolidge paid them a very high compliment. Merely stating the fact in his introductory remarks, the president said:

"Nobody is going to advance his own interests by playing upon the presumption of the farmer's ignorance, or selfishness, or incapacity to think accurately. The visionary and the demagogue invariably discover that the farmer does not want their unsound proposals of panaceas. He does not demand special treatment and class favoritism. He wants a fair show, and when he gets it he can be relied upon to take good care of himself and to contribute substantially toward taking care of the

In a society where commerce and industry is characterized by the extent and effectiveness of combinations, the isolated individualism of the farmer has proven a sad handicap. Therefore it is recommended that he give attention to such consolidations of interest as will safeguard his position without destroying the independence that really gives him his most tangible advantage. A system of co-operative marketing and purchasing, whereby the farmer can eliminate inequalities from which he now suffers seems possible.

Such a system should not, however, so operate as to concentrate control in a few hands. The millions engaged in agriculture should be increased rather than diminished in number, and each man would be at all times able to stand alone, master of his own acres. Preserved in this regard, protected as other great industries are protected, the farmer would have full opportunity for development. Nostrums and panaceas popularly proposed will not accomplish this. Human wisdom can so provide, however, that the farmer may consolidate his interests with other farmers as to serve him best with no loss of his independence. We need no peasantry in America, but we do need the farmer described by the president.

ANOTHER FAILURE OF STATE SOCIALISM.

A privately owned insurance company that would insist on paying only 50 per cent of the claims against it, on the grounds that the premiums received would prevent the payment of more, would be forced out of business instanter. 'A few years ago Nebraska enacted a state hail insurance law providing that the state engage in the hail insurance business in competition with private companies.

Farmers who insured their crops in the state conducted bureau are now being told that they will receive 50 per cent of their claims, there not being sufficient money paid in premiums to permit the payment of more. This is, of course, in keeping with the law, which provides for pro rating the claims in case the premiums are not sufficient to pay in full.

Just how far would a privately conducted insurance company get if its policies provided for pro rating losses? The minute it was unable to pay in full the authorities would land on it like a ton of brick. The failure of the state hail insurance department should be carefully noted by advocates of the state entering into business in competition with private initiative.

Farmers who insured their crops with the state did so with the expectation that they would be fully protected. They have been greviously disappointed because the state failed to pay the losses incurred, although the full premiums demanded were paid. The logical conclusion is that the state should either pay in full, as the privately conducted insurance companies, or go out of the insurance business.

WHAT ELSE DOES SHE DO?

Another "perfect" girl has been found This ime her home is in Mississippi, but she is proclaimed from Chicago. A farm girl, 16 years old, she is said to be the best among 350,000. Some advance over the "chiefest among 10,000." Mearger announcement does not disclose the points scored by the judges in reaching their conclusions. The girl herself accounts for her superiority by this formula: Sleep 10 hours a night.

Drink a quart of milk a day. Eat lots of vegetables. Don't use face powder or rouge. Don't wear high heels. Miss Harden weighs 117% and is five feet two

inches tall. She goes to bed at 8 and is up at 6:30. Simple enough, particularly the portion that calls for 10 hours sleep each night. The young woman of this vicinity, whether she lives on a farm or in the city, would soon find herself far behind the procession if she tried that. It would mean giving up movies, church suppers, club dances, radio parties, about everything the young folks find worth while. Yet, perfection is not to be bought without a price. If the girl would have all the physical

for the distinction in some way. What we would like to know is what else this particular young woman does besides carrying out the details for her formula. Does she bake, sew, take an active part in the routine of farm work, go to school, lead her classes, and otherwise lead the normal life of a healthy youngster? If so, she can boast of the perfection of physique that is hers with modest pride. If she has purchased physical charm at the expense of the other things, she has paid too high a price.

charms of a prize-winner, she must expect to pay

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie

HAVE COURAGE. Don't think that those who have achieved Success of high degree, Were always sailing smoothly on Life's rough and rolling sea,-Nor that they have not faced despair *

Because they have pervaded strife, As the ambitious do. Don't think that those who have attained A long desired end. Have not at some time yearned to meet

As often as have you-

A real obliging friend:-One willing to advise them well, If not to lend them ald,-And with kind words encourage them, And make them unafraid.

Don't think that Fate defies you when

Your fond hopes shattered lie:

Begin again and you will reach The summit by and by:-And you will learn that few can judge The future till it's gone, And you will find that striving leads You ever on and on.

Squaring the Household Expenses With the Income



Letters From Our Readers

Permissive, Not Compulsory.

Omaha-To the Editor of The Omamain issue in the tramway fare case. As it will be presented to the state railway commission, the claim is that the present net income of the company does not provide for 7 per cent is extra hazardous. These signals on the admitted valuation. The comshould be replaced, as drivers appany is earning 4 per cent, but the state board has said that 7 per cent would be fair. This is permission to earn that amount, but does not mean that it must be earned. In other words, the 7 per cent is permissive only. The company wants to make it compulsory.

Behind all of this another shadow may be descried. Soon the tramway may be descried. Soon the tramway in the corps. These signals should be replaced, as drivers apparently have no respect for safety zone lines. Again, the glaring head-lights are equally as bad as the car without lights. These lightals should be replaced, as drivers apparently have no respect for safety zone lines. Again, the glaring head-lights are equally as bad as the car without lights. These lightals should be replaced, as drivers apparently have no respect for safety zone lines. Again, the glaring head-lights are equally as bad as the car without lights. These lightals should be replaced, as drivers apparently have no respect for safety zone lines. Again, the glaring head-lights are equally as bad as the car without lights. These lights should be replaced, as drivers apparently have no respect for safety zone lines. Again, the glaring head-lights are equally as bad as the car without lights. These lights blind the drivers as well as pedestrians going in the opposite direction, and the glare makes it impossible to gauge correctly the distance between the two cars.

may be descried. Soon the tramway company will be approaching the community, asking for a renewal of franchise. Assertion of a perpetual right to use the streets is not made in good faith. When the Seligman interests bought the Omaha when the streets or country the says some men are willing the comaha when the says some men are willing the comaha when the says some men are willing the comaha when the says some men are willing the comaha when the says some men are willing the comaha when the says some men are willing the comaha when the says some men are willing the comaha when the says some men are willing the comaha when the says some men are willing the comaha when the says some men are willing the comaha when the says some men are willing the comaha when the says some men are willing the comaha when the says some men are willing the says some men are will not say so say some men are will not erests bought the Omaha plant some 0 years ago, the claim of a perpetual ranchise was set up and ignored. t is no better now than it was then. But the managers of the company are preparing a lot of trading points. to be ready to make "concessions" in exchange for privileges. One of the last session of the legislature, in the form of a gives them from wheel tax and also of the legislature, in the form of a gives them parking privileges which measure that would have permitted they would not otherwise enjoy. the use of busses by the company. Paving between tracks and occupa-tion tax may be conceded, but not

the increase in fare asked for. No objection will be raised against a fair dividend, but people should not be oppressed to make this possible. The company is not losing money. It only complains it is not making as much profit as it would like. STRAP HANGER.

Danger in Headlights.

Omaha-To the Editor of The Oma- rules? a Bee: If there is one traffic rule

at night without lights is so apparent that it hardly admits of discussion The driver is inviting death and dis-aster and at the same time he is a menace to every person on the street or road. There is no protection for the driver going in an opposite d rection. A collision is almost certain and at the same time unavoidable, for the engine of death cannot be een until it is too late to get out of

This also applies to pedestrians, who

Abe Martin

Lafe Bud measured his wife fer

a new furnace t'day. Said th' new gov'nor o' Texas t' th' new gov'nor

o' Wyomin', "Kin you put me next t' a good dressmaker?"

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On the Nebraska Press

ers are bound to respect, unless an officer be in sight. Really, they seem autos, Lew Saelley of the February of the product of the first considering a bill to prohibit carrying dogs on the running boards of the glory in cutting off a page of the first carrying dogs on the running boards of the first carrying dogs on the running dogs of the first carrying dogs on the running dogs of the first carrying dogs on the running dogs of the first carrying dog to glory in cutting off a pedestrian abruptly whenever the opportunity of fers. And since the safety zone sig-nals of the tramway have been re-

the approaching vehicle is a motor cycle or an auto. It is impossible to tell how much of the road to give, and consequently accidents are numerous. Moreover, I note business people, who are also residents of Omaha,

Really, I would ask the "Big Six" mmissioners if these erroneous conditions are fair to themseves or to it is. the peope of Omaha? need to get busy and give the citizens F. PHILLIP HAFFNER.

Traffic Rules.

Omaha-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Why don't the Omaha newspapers start a campaign for safety by publishing in detail the city traffic

For instance, in the downtown dis that should be made a part of the trict, how many drivers know the criminal code, it is that of driving proper place to turn around? Many an automobile of any kind at night a traffic jam is made worse by drivan automobile of any kind at night a traffic jam is made worse by driv. without lights or with glaring head-ers going around the block rather than taking a chance on violating the

Really, it is a common occurrence to see both cars and trucks without lights at all in the early evening hours on Douglas, anywhere between Seventeenth and Twenty-fourth important rules in display. This question was discussed at school and we interested in it. are interested in it. ELIZABETH HINRICKSEN.

MARY JOSOFF. Pupils of Seventh Grade Pleasant Hill

School, Sarpy County.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of October, 1924. W. H. QUIVEY,

autos, Lew Shelley of the Fairbury News remarks that it is just simply too utterly wonderful to be a re-

LISTENING IN

Ed Huse of the Wayne Herald admits that he cherishes a kindly feeling for the boys who remain "green" longer than the regularly allotted time. Ed admits that he was so green for a long time that every time he appeared in public the robins would begin building nests, thinking they had seen signs of spring vegetation. had seen signs of spring vegetation.

The Neligh Leader opines that the greatest possible improvements in the Missouri river would be an improve-

admits that if he had the income he ails you. wouldn't complain about the publicity. McCook has about 1,400 church

members, and 50 of them attended union Thanksgiving services. Frank Kimmell of the Tribune says this reminds him of something, for the life of him he can't think what

Charley Botkin of the Gothenburg the street railway company earning the life protections they so richy Independent is just the meanest old a fair dividend, but people should not merit and deserve at their hands. He declares this country doesn't need congresswomen half so much as it needs housekeepers.

George Benschoter of the Hay Springs News offers the suggestion campaign is over we would do well to think more about

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Thoughts during a Sunday afternoon ramble about Omaha: Over St. Mary avenue in the neighborhood of Eighteenth is an oil filling station. It occupies the former site of a circular building housing the painting known as "Battle of Gettysburg." Old timers will remember that picture. Alongside was a livery stable, the site now occupied by the Standard Oil building. Across the street was the old Carey House, but the McCaffrey Motor company building now occupies the site. The Flatiron hotel covers most of a block formerly occupied by three or four saloons. The remainder of the block is occupied by oil stations saloons. The remainder of the block is occupied by oil stations and a tire service shop. Mayor Frank Moores used to live in a fine home on top of the hill at Eighteenth and Leavenworth. The old home is now a maternity hospital.

In the old days horse drawn street cars ran on St. Mary avenue and the hill was then so steep they had to hitch on an extra horse. The avenue is now a broad boulevard. Drake Court has replaced the once handsome residence of the Hamiltons, the Caldwells and the Davises

Sauntering by All Saints church brought fond recollection of Dr. T. J. Mackey. What a fine man and minister he was! Dr. Mackey officiated at the funeral of many members of the writer's craft. We printers of the old days always knew that Dr. Mackey would respond when we called on him to say the last words over the mortal remains of a brother craftsman.

Just across the street from All Saints is Lord Lister hospital. What stories of hope and despair, of joy and sorrow, those walls could tell if only they could speak. White clad nurses, ministering angels of mercy, flitting past the windows.

Two blocks west of the hospital is the headquarters building of a cab company. Omaha's mosquito fleet. Wouldn't mind taking a ride in one of those old two-horse hacks again, just for fun. Over on Farnam, just west of Twenty-fourth, stands a fine hotel building on the former site of the Thurston home. Time was when that home was a social center. What a wonderful hostess Mrs. Thurston was.

Gen. John L. Webster has found the Fountain of Perpetual Youth. Must get him off to one side and ask him about it. About 30 years ago he took a supposed down-and-outer into his home on a Thanksgiving afternoon and filled him with eats. That guest was a reporter looking for material for stories. Hope he lives to enjoy as many more Thanksgiving as he has already

Flats and apartment houses by the score where nothing but hills and trees were when the stroller first landed in Omaha. Are we becoming a generation of cliff dwellers?

Huge motor truck carrying four or five tons of coal. Recalled Jeff Bedford to memory. Wonder how much coal Jeff donated to the poor in the old days? Say, did you ever know a man with a kindlier heart?

A visit to the big shopping district. Saw toys, any one of which cost more than all the toys given to all the children in the old home town when we were a boy.

Home to a belated Sunday dinner and the old pipe. Omaha growing so fast it keeps a fellow hustling to remain in sight. WILL M. MAUPIN.

Noting that the Oregon legislature reforming society. Is George trying to discourage the reformers?

The Fairmont Chronicle has just moved into a brand new home, and where they came from. Soon a cus-Editor Lew Frazer is pardonably tomer came in to order a ton of vaproud. Lew has been piloting the nilla beans destinies of the Chronicle for more But the

daily newspaper, the Farmer-Labor Herald having decided to enter the

Pessimists who insist that times are not getting better should sit in on the job of exchange editor for a week Don Van Dusen of the Blair Pilot or two and look through the Nedangerous on the streets or country Golden Rule when everything else bulging with advertising and fairly roads. It is impossible to tell whether fails. the Nebraska exchanges Editor Tobias of the Sterling Sun these days is a sure cure for what

> George Snow of the Chadron is being pushed by admiring friends for appointment as secre tary of agriculture in Governor Mo Mullen's cabinet

A dealer in vanilla beans and similar products instructed his clerks to learn all about raw materials and

Hear Bishop Oldham Of New York City

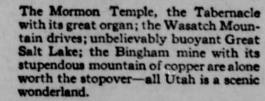
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