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Omaha-Where the West is at its Best

SAMUEL GOMPERS.

A boy born in poverty raised himself by sheer ability and integrity to an eminence attained by few in this life. Starting from the ghetto of London. Samuel Gompers' path led him through strange experiences, until he was one of the world's really great men. Not in America alone was he honored and loved, but abroad his influence was as powerful as at home. Had he been less rigid in his adherence to the conservative principles that marked his career as head of the American Federation of Labor, he easily could have been the crowned king of labor throughout the world.

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It is not easy to briefly review the life of the man who once was denounced by a great president of the United States as an "undesirable citizen," yet who lived to become not only the friend of that president, but the friend and counsellor of his successors down to the present day. To analyze his character is not so difficult. He was frank, straightforward, courageous and open in his dealings with men. Reaching conclusions by the slow process of reason, he was not easily swerved once he had his mind made up. Yet he found himself able to adapt his own views to those of others, when the vote went against him, and to carry out to the best of his ability instructions given by those he represented in his high place.

Samuel Gompers knew the value of the toiler, for he was a toiler himself. He started at the age of 10 in a cigar factory, and carried home his pittance of a wage to help the family budget. His children are workers. One son a cigarmaker, another a printer, a daughter a garment worker. Sam Gompers fought in the name of humanity for better things for the working classes. His last active act in the constructive work of the great federation of which he was the head was to ask that a committee report be amended to read "all workers, organized or unorganized." He did not discriminate when it

children will hear and marvel at the account of how Iftle George Washington first tried his new hatchet n his father's favorite cherry tree.

SMALL TOWN VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

A very interesting experiment in connection with small town school is recorded in The Omaha Bee today. It is an account of how the enterprising superintendent of schools at Laurel, Neb., has provided for a certain degree of vocational training in connection with the high school over which he presides. His idea is the correct one, that of uniting the practical with the theoretical. Circumstances have so restricted his efforts that willy nilly he has been prevented from falling into a too common error. He has not been able to so extend his program that the practical has overshadowed the cultural in educational effort.

The prime purpose of school still is to create or stimulate that side of the developing boy or girl that is away from the material things of life. It is unfortunately true that the actual conditions of living will inculcate those lessons of sordid reality that must be learned. To minimize their effect on the soul it is essential that the intellect be expanded to the end that the higher purpose of living is not obscured by the material. Too often the emphasis is put on what is deemed the merely practical, and the are graduates and nothing else. true end of education is defeated.

This, of course, assumes that the real object is not the creation or acquisition of wealth, but to ameliorate, the conditions that surround our lives. To so awaken the mind that regard will be for beauty as well as for utility. To establish an appreciation for the things that elevate, and to create not only a desire to serve but to develop a capacity for service. Keeping this in view, the combination of theory and practice is always in order.

Superintendent Linn has made excellent use of the material at hand. His idea is not entirely a new one, for it has been tried in connection with the schools of Pittsburgh, Gary, and elsewhere, but, so far as we know, Laurel is the first small town where it has been put to test. The benefit the pupils have derived comes not so much in the form of actual vocational training as in the shape of responsible contact with affairs outside the school room. Boys and girls as well get through such experience a training that is easily translated into forms of service, no matter what their post-school work may be. The Laurel idea deserves to be studied. It offers a partial solution, at least, to the problem of vocational training in the small town school.

KEEPING ABREAST OF THE TIMES.

The Nebraska Good Roads association has outlined an ambitious program of good roads construction. Everybody knows that good roads cost money, and that once made good it costs money to keep them good. The mere mention of spending money for any public improvement immediately brings objections from many quarters. The fact that money is often saved by spending money never dawns upon the minds of some.

Dollars judiciously expended in building good roads come back multiplied in decreased cost of transportation. This is recognized by railroad managers, who spend millions in lowering grades, straightening curves and bettering tracks, making it possible to haul freight faster and therefore at a less cost.

Road betterment in Nebraska has languished for the past two years. Roads improved before that time have deteriorated through the application of a false system of economy. The time has come to formulate and adopt a broad and comprehensive system of road building. And the time is at hand to come to a full realization that good roads are not an expense but a profitable investment.

North Carolina, with a white population only a

Apprenticeship Plan of Vocational Education

By H. H. LINN. superintendent Public Schools, Laurel, of 1923: Neb.

lows, and was first started in the fall more mature and a better citizen. His responsibility makes him realize Pupils in the junior and senior that life is serious. He learns prompt-

Superintendent Public, Schools, Laurel, Neb. Ever since its founding, the public school system of the United States has been criticized for its failure to really educate its pupils. Whether educa-tion is defined as "preparation for the future." or "training to live com-pletely," or in any way, our school system still is failing to satisfy the démands of the public to send out high school graduates who are really prepared to do something practical. It is true that some of them take an normal training course and go out into the rural districts and teach school a few of them have gained a meager knowledge of commercial work, and enter business activities a smail per cent go to college—and most of our high schools more than any thing else—a few who are follege—and most of our high schools more than any thing else—a few who are follege—and most of our high schools more than any thing else—a few who are follege—and most of our high schools more than any thing else—a few who are follege—and most of our high schools more than any thing else—a few who are follege—and most of our high schools more than any thing else—a few who are fortunate

The larger cities in our country which have more complete school sys-tems are able to give their pupils a choice of subject matter tending to prepare them for some defined field. They have technical and commercial the state university is accepting the school year of 1923-24 had pu-pils apprenticed to banks, one carpen ter, news office, telephone exchange ter, They have technical and commercial the last year. They have technical and commercial the last year. There was a demand for a contin-tatory schools. But the United States census of 1920 shows that almost one-There was a demand for a contin- has also received inquiries from many different cities and states in regard census of 1920 shows that almost one-half of our population live in rural communities of less than 2,500 popula-iton. The schools here are not able to give the pupils such a diversified course of study and perhaps the ma-jority of their graduates leave the high school without any definite preparation for any definite vocation. With this weakness so evident before them, the high school at Laurel, Neb., With this weakness so evident before the sinstituted what its promoters call iffer vocation, and it also shows him high school at Laurel, Neb., has instituted what its promoters call iffer vocation, and it also shows him high school at Laurel, Neb., has instituted what its promoters call iffer vocation, and it also shows him high school at Laurel, Neb., has instituted what its promoters call iffer vocation, and it also shows him high school at Laurel, Neb., has instituted what its promoters call iffer vocation, and it also shows him high school at Laurel, Neb., has instituted what its promoters call iffer vocation, and it also shows him high school at Laurel, Neb., has instituted what its promoters call iffer vocation, and it also shows him high school at Laurel, Neb., has instituted what its promoters call iffer vocation, and it also shows him high school at Laurel, Neb., has instituted what its promoters call iffer vocation, and it also shows him high school at Laurel vocation. High vocation, and it also shows him high school at Laurel vocation. High vocation and it also shows him high school at Laurel vocation. High vocation and it also shows him high school at Laurel vocation. High vocation at the will core to do. It gives a percentage is surely worth while. the "Apprenticeship Plan of Voca-tional Education" as a partial rem-him a new view of labor and society. It may be also that such a plan can edy. The plan is essentially as fol-His mingling with adults makes him be worked out in various communities

ers, and thus be one means of lower-ing the ever increasing cost of schools. However, the fact remains that Laurel is doing something worth while the high school pupils. Every good idea in education does not neces

sarily have to originate in a large city school system, and anyway, this plan is conceived for the benefit of the small communities lacking complete

school systems rather than the larger some places. If the business men and pu will; pils in Laurel are any judges at all they are working on something really good.

Candies on the Cake

Close around home's table Watch the children cluster-Eyes are bright as jewels, Hearts are in a fluster Each child, named by Mother, Happy turn does take, Placing little candles On the Christmas cake

Cinnamon drop candies Red and sweet as roses How they grace the frosted Mound that proudly poses! Bobby can't resist it. Puts one to his lips-Cunning rolly-polly-To his mouth it slips

Katle's very careful-Never even smelling Of her share!--Intently Lovely motto spelling. Form of "Merry Christmas," Do the candies take, Printed in bold letters, On the Christmas cake

Jake Comfort, nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet; Celia Thatter

SUNNY SIDE UP

Dearly beloved, our text this morning will be the beautiful

Dearly beloved, our text this morning will be the beautiful "Love Verse" of the Bible, John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." And, when reading this verse, beloved, do not fail to put the emphasis upon the word "gave." As we approach the dawn of the glad morning the Christian world accepts as the anniversary of the birth of Him given that we might have everasting life, let us not forget the giving.

It is an old story, but it will convey the meaning. A poor and hard-working member of a country church fell ill. His little means were soon exhausted and his family began feeling the pangs of cold and hunger. The pastor heard of his parishloner's unhappy condition and, after consultation with the elders and deacons, called for a meeting at the home of the

stricken brother to pray for him. The night was bitter cold when the brethren and sisters met in the humble home to pray God that the stricken brother might be speedily healed, and that help from on high be given

While the pastor was praying there came a loud knock at the door. The prayer was hastily concluded and the door opened to reveal a boy, all bundled up.

"Is this where Mr. Jones lives?" asked the lad. Upon being told that it was, the boy said:

T've fetched pa's prayers for him." "Won't you come in?" asked the puzzled pastor. "Ain't got time, an' besides some o' th' prayer might freeze

if they ain't got in quick." "I don't understand, son. What do you mean, that your pa's prayers might freeze?"

Ain't this where they're prayin' for Mr. Jones?" asked the boy. "Yes, but-

"Well, pa couldn't come an' pray, so he sent his prayers. Come an' help me unload 'em, quick."

And pastors, and elders, and deacons stepped out into the frosty night and helped to carry pa's prayers in-potatoes and turnips, bacon and flour, some apples and cabbages, some jel-lies and jams, and a generous greenback in an envelope. Then proyer meeting adjourned.

What the world needs, dearly beloved, is more prayers for the poor and needy, the sick and the helpless, translated into terms of food and clothing and medicine. Not less praying on bended knees, but more praying on your toes. A little less praying God to help the poor, and a lot more praying that God will help you to hustle out and do your duty to the poor.

"For God so loved the world that He gave-

Mark the "gave." And. He whose birth anniversary we are soon to observe did not spend His time wholly in praying. "He went about doing good." Remember the Parable of the Sower? The sower may have been a little careless about where he scattered his seed, but he "went forth." That's what we like about him—his go forthness. Beloved, carry more prayers. Go forth. Spend Some portion of your time going about "doing good." Throw off the shackles of self and go just a little bit out of your way to seek opportunities for delivering up your prayers in sacks and packages.

"Antioch" will be a good song for us to sing in conclusion. Let us turn to it and sing, joyfully and gladly, and then go forth to act like we meant it when we sang-

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King. Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing."

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"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Hunt up the poor and distressed and try the blessedness of giving. So endeth the lesson. WILL M. MAUPIN.

A Mild Loss.

whereby the prewar mark of approxi-mately 23.6 cents is officially lowered From the Washington Post. The long-standing dispute between this country and Germany as to the this country and Germany as to the cent, or \$1,600,000, while the governbasis for settlement of the pre-war ment itself will refund 60 per cent, or deposits held by Americans in Ger- \$9,600,000.

man banks has ended. The total amount of these holdings was esti-fore 1914, or about \$23,600,000. The solution has at last been , reached very mild loss.



International Council of Women

By AWANA H. K. SLAKER. Moral Standards for Men and Wo-men," "Public Health," "Education," hairman for Nebraska, Internations Council of Women for the United States.

"Immigration and Emigration," "Child A letter of inquiry in a recent issue Welfare," and kindred subjects. of The Omaha Bee has been brought Foreign delegates will pay their o my attention, and, as I am per-naps the logical person in Nebraska own traveling expenses, or, in instances, their organizations answer it, I bespeak your courtesy publishing the following statement but they will be our guests while they remain in our country. There are a

The International Council of Wo-en, whose sixth quinquennial confew of the small and very poor cour tries that cannot send delegates un vention will meet in Washington May less some provision is made therefor, 4 to 14, 1925, is made up of the or-ganized womanhood of 42 countries. There is reason to believe that a few Practically every civilized country in public spirited individuals will underthe world is represented. It has an take to pay the expenses of such approximate membership of 36,000,000 delegates, thus insuring a full at-women. Its president is the Countess tendance. of Aberdeen and Temaire, who will preside over the business sessions.

The National Council of Women of The International Council was or the United States is made up of 38 ganized in Washington in 1888 by a great national organizations, among oup of far-seeing American women which are the General Federation of aded by Susan B. Anthony. Since Women's Clubs, W. C. T. U., League hat time it has met in council every of Women Voters, Needle Work Guild ve years, previous meetings having of America, American Legion Auxilbeen held in London, Berlin, Toronto lary, Y. W. C. A., Council of Jewish and Christiania. Executive sessions Women, Federation of Colored Wo and Christiania. Executive sessions Women, Federation of Colored Wo-have been held in many of the capi-tals of Europe, where the members to quote; it includes practically every have been received with most respect-ful courtesy by the heads of govern-ful courtesy by the heads of govern-ments and leading statesmen and au-thorities. Many of us remember the slowing accounts published in the newspapers of the picturesque meet-ing in Budapest when our own Carrie Chapman Catt was international press ident. that will appear as the official hostess . . . to the International Council in May

The opening meeting on May 4 will 1925. The opening meeting on May 4 will 1925. be a ceremonial meeting presided over by an American woman, Mrs. Philip N. Moore, of St. Louis, president of the National Council of the United States. President Coolidge and Sec-retary of State Hughes will make ad-dresses of welcome, followed by Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook, president gen-eral of the D. A. R., and several other nationally known women. There tended to our delegates in the past will be addresses in English, French when they have attended previous and Spanish. Each National Council is entitled to In view of these scattered facts. 0 delegates, who are elected by their that merely touch upon the great subcountries in the manner ap ject, can anyone doubt that such a by their own council. The gathering of women, coming together everal proved by their own council. The gathering of women, coming together delegates from the United States were chosen at a recent meeting of the national council held for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for the coming convention. Among the important questions that will come before the council at this session are "Permanent Peace," "International Arbitration," "Equal

was a question of benefiting the men and women who toil.

His valedictory message to the federation, delivered at the El Paso convention, advised patience. He addressed the convention, as he said, as one "at grips with eternal things." The journey to the City of Mexico was undertaken as a duty, with a full sense of all the risk incurred. It was not part of Sam Gompers' plan to spare himself.

A life such as his could not be without deep influence on affairs of the world. Improved conditions for the workers, accomplished during the forty-four years of his leadership, are reflected in all avenues of human activity. His work was at all times constructive, even though it found its chiefest expression in what has loosely been called the class struggle. He was not a foe of capital, but he was an unrelenting enemy of oppression. Such power as he possessed of intellect or body was used, not for his own good, but for the good of those of whose cause he was the champion. A few years ago he stated openly that were he to die then, he would leave as an estate only the proceeds of a small life insurance policy. He did not acquire wealth, but he did accumulate that which wealth can not buy, the love and confident trust of millions of men and women.

When his work is all summed up, and the good and bad of his life are balanced, it will be found that he labored unselfishly and incessantly to make the world a better place in which to live. Few men have had his chance, and fewer still could have used his opportunities as he used them.

TAKING THE STORY OUT OF HISTORY.

Once again the world is informed by a worthy band of well-meaning folks that the tale about George Washington and the cherry tree has no foundation in fact. The Sulgrave-Washington society proposes to once and for all to wipe out what it calls a piece of silly fiction. Old Weems, who invented the cherry tree yarn, is denounced as a falsifier. His history is worthless. His motives challenged.

Just for a moment setting aside our penchant for the "truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," let us consider the case for Weems from another point. Whoever heard of any harm coming from the cherry tree story? Has not the hatchet served generations as a symbol of a sturdy character desirable, not in youth alone, but among all mankind? What little boy has been led to deviate from the path of right because he had held before him the example of conscious rectitude afforded by young George admitting his guilt to his father? Would not any father prefer a noble son to a cherry tree?

On the other hand, how has the general cause of humanity been aided by destroying the little folktales that come down about the great men of the past? Every people have had their heroes, and have embellished the record with more or less of legend. Should it be any harder to put faith in the Weems yarn about Washington than in the tale of Samson and the lion? Each points a moral, and may be justified on that ground.

The Sulgrave-Washington folks may continue their efforts to take the story out of history. But we will back Weems for endurance, and have no Houbt that generation after generation of American

little greater than Nebraska's, and with an area one-third less, voted a \$50,000,000 bond issue for good roads three years ago. A year later an additional \$15,000,000 was voted. Already the taxpayers of that state are beginning to reap the benefits of good roads, and are talking about making the total issue of good roads bonds an even \$100,000,-000.

A gasoline tax produces \$4,000,000 a year at an administrative expense of \$3,500.

Farm values in Nebraska are four times the farm values of North Carolina. Nebraska's agricultural output annually is larger than that of North Carolina. And Nebraska's industrial output is equal to that of North Carolina.

North Carolina, once looked upon as a "backward southern state," is making progress by wise development of natural resources. In the development of a state's natural resources, good roads play a most important part.

Nebraska could well take a leaf from North Carolina's book and study it. As the southern sister is pulling herself out of the mud, so should Nebraska.

MISSION OF THE CHRISTMAS SEAL.

One of the accompaniments of the holiday season is the Christmas seal. It has come to have a distinctive place in the social life of the nation. Why?

First, it represents the only nationally organized effort to carry on systematically the campaign against the Great White Plague. Strange as it may seem, the public mind has become calloused, even to the point of indifference. Insurance organizations, labor unions, and here and there states have striven against the blight, but the only agency that continues the combat in season and out is the Tuberculosis Association. Under its care the work has been thoroughly organized, and its efforts are directed against the scourge through the spread of information as to the nature of the disease, its cause, its prevention, and the chances a victim has to recover his health and usefulness, once the disease has been contracted.

The Nebraska Tuberculosis Association carries on throughout the year, without a flourish of trumnets or beating of drums. It is supported entirely through the proceeds of sales of Christmas seals. Out of this money the association supports numerous activities, such as nursing, promotion of hygiene in schools, campaigns for better sanitation in the community and the homes, and other things that tend to better living conditions.

Much might be said about the need for all the work that is done by the association. What we want to do now is to emphasize the need for giving support to this work. Purchase of Christmas Scals is the certain method of assisting in the good cause. A seal will not carry a letter, but every letter going out at this time of the year should carry a seal.

Governor Bryan sis very anxious that Governor McMullen retain the Bryan appointees who took the place of republicans appointed by McKelvie. That is characteristic of the democratic idea of civil service reform.

Proceedings in court in Chicago and elsewhere convince one that a certain little animal is grossly libeled when some men are called by its name.

The Bible Talking to the Boys

rom the New Tork Herald and Tribune. From the Norfolk Frees

It is possible that modern versions of the Bible are made in order to enable us to appreciate the one ver-sion which will live as the greatest book of the English-speaking peoples. Skeptics may deny that the Bible is an inspired writing, but, in the face of all subsequent attempts, no one can deny the inspiration of the King James translators. It is one of Chris-tianity's most stirsing miracles that in a prose which remains unequaled and unapproached in all the subse-quent history of that astounding in strument which is the English lan guage. Dr. Moffatt's Old Testament, like his recent version of the New Testa-ment, will doubtlees lead numberless objectors into the sometimes forgot ten discovery that the King James Version is literature. It will be point-ed out that the historical accuracy It is possible that modern versions Governor-elect McMullen "got" his

ersion is literature. It will be point-f out that the historical accuracy "papyrus reeds" is an inadequate abstitute for the bulrushes, and that

Experience

"Would you marry a man whose "You shall not use the name of the Eternal, your God, profanely," is no substitute whatever for the terrible force of the injunction as we all now force of the injunction as we all now wife had divorced him ton Star

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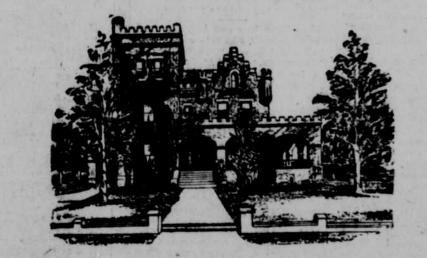
s. Jack was a poor business Re could have retrieved that "Yes. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of October, 1924. W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public as by collecting royalties on all the maical comedies that have written about the episode .- Louisville

know it. It is, of course, obvious. Dr. Moffatt presumably knows this as

th, the twins and Rogues on mischief bending-To complete the motto, Make a misspelled ending. Mother notes it later With a hushed huzza-Lo!-Instead of "Christmas," = She beholds "Christma'."

Dear delights of youngsters, Simple, few and fleeting; Not a care to hinder Merry Christmas" greeting! Oft again, in fancy Such, their joy, I take-Placing little candies On the Christmas cake! -Alta Wrenwick Brown

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well as any one else; what he may not appreciate is that no modernization "I dropped your bottle of tablets and smashed half of them." "'S all right. The doctor told me to take the medicine in broken doses." -Louisville Courier-Journal. an convey a clearer meaning than he King James prose. One recalls hildhood doubts as to how it was ecalls no doubts of the sense of that passage. It is as impossible to misunder-stand the Authorized Version as it is

misunderstand Gothic architecture denry Adams compared Aquinas' bilosophy to a cathedral; the English Bible is a cathedral. It is a little odd how each of the Christian nations has made some supreme contribution to the temple of Christianity, each in accordance with its national temper

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and its means. The French added a great architectural style, and so on. The English added a great prose style. overs, samples or papers spoiled in printing and includes no special sales or free circulation of any kind.