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#### Omaha-Where the West is at its Best

#### "HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!"

A little difference between a policeman and a judge of the municipal court has been happily settled. The policeman did not want to observe a timehonored formula in opening court. The judge insisted, and as is proper in deference to constituted authority, he had his way. But the incident serves to emphasize something the American people are prone to overlook. They are inclined to forget the very purpose of the court. They miss the meaning of the words that announce to all and sundry the fact that the tribunal is open.

As a matter of fact, no words officially employed in the ordinary course of life in the United States are more pregnant than "Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!" They announce to the world that a tribunal of justice is open. That it is ready to hear the grievances and redress the wrongs of any solicitant. A chapter might be written to expound the triple repetition of the call. It has reference to the number "3." This number has a significance that is beyond the scope of simple superstition .- It serves to remind the erudite of many things not to be discussed in this connection, but all having a most important bearing on man's life.

Time was when the court was not open to all. When justice was not dispensed with an even hand. Suitors did not always stand on a level before the judge, nor were accused assured of proper and just defense. In many European countries the old form prevails to this day. There, the burden of proof is laid on the defendant. He must prove himself innocent. In America the state must prove him guilty. At Runnymede the greatest single concession wrung from King John by the barons was: "Justice, sold to none, delayed to none, denied to

People today have difficulty in recalling a time when courts were not open to all. There is nothing in their experience to recall when justice was sold, and the wealthy had a real advantage over the poor. Nor can they know much of that day when the accused already was convicted, even before he had a "hearing." When the terrors of physical torture aided stern and cruel judges in extorting confessions to support any indictment. All of those things belong to a day that has vanished before the sun of liberty, of equality and of a rational understanding of man's rights.

As to the honor of the police court. No tribunal in the land should have a higher standing. From the supreme court of the United States, the most dignified body of its nature in all the world, to the police court, the humblest of all, the golden thread of henor runs without break. Into the police court come the lowest of mortals, but humans just the some. Through its proceedings daily runs the tide of human woes, misery, sorrow, misfortune, misdeeds. While a plain drunk may not mean as much to the policeman, calloused to such matters through long experience, as does the more respectable controversy that engages the attention of the federal judge, yet to the culprit it is all important. And the judge, who represents in his person the dignity of all the people, must deal with the weakness of an erring mortal, just as does the judge in the more elevated tribunal adjust the balance between other men who are also liable to make mistakes. And the police court stands as a temple of justice just as truly as does the highest court in all the

"Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! the honorable police court of the City of Omaha is now open. Let all who have complaint to make, wrong to right, or grievance to state, approach."

#### TEACH THE YOUNG IDEA SAFETY.

A committee of recognized traffic experts reports to Secretary Hoover that "accidents are primarily the result of ignorance." It is obvious, therefore, that one remedy is to enlighten those who otherwise may become victims. Thirty of every 100 persons killed in street or highway accidents are children.

If this means anything it is that the children must be taught the dangers that lie in the streets. An educational course for all schools is urged by the committee. Primary schools, public, private, parochial or denominational, should give the subject especial care. In the secondary grades, the methods of avoiding accidents should also be carried, and given proper emphasis. To make sure of the effective teaching of safety rules and plans, teachers should have sufficient instruction, which throws part of the load back onto the normal schools and teach-

Another very practical improvement suggested by the committee is the training of drivers. Whether it be truck or milk wagon, taxicab or what not, every self-propelled vehicle should be in charge of a capable, trustworthy driver. Rule for employers to observe contemplate the careful selection of drivers, their full and competent instruction, and prompt

action in event any driver proves reckless or careless. Then, the traffic squad come in for some recommondations. Handling traffic is not a simple thing. The need of special training of men in control of congested districts is urged. After all this is looked

to, then comes the great, careless public, the source of most trouble in the way of traffic jams and accidents. Education in safety rules is the only hope th ecommittee has to offer.

When folks begin to watch their step, to regard the safety and convenience of others as equal with their own, then the tide of street traffic accidents will begin to recede. Omaha's Safety commission is doing good work towards making these things plain to all. Such seed ought to produce a good crop.

#### SOLONS MAKE A GOOD START.

Nebraska's legislature is under headway once more. It has a fair start to what all hope will be a profitable session. If the beginning augurs anything, it will be a working period. Selection of officers followed the action of the republican caucus.

John W. Robbins, a veteran member of the senate from Douglas county, was chosen president pro tempore of the senate, after a spirited but goodnatured contest. John Wiltse of Richardson county, also a veteran, was the runner-up. His selection would have been as commendable as that of Senator Robbins. In the house another Douglas county man, James P. Rodman, was second choice for the speakership. The choice, however, fell on Allen G. Burke of Cuming county, and will have general approval. The voting in the caucus shows that Douglas county members will have influence in the work of the ses-

Freed from the distraction and interruption that once went along with the election of a United States senator, and from the annoyance of having to pass local legislation for the benefit of Omaha, the lawmakers will have ample opportunity to give their attention to the general needs of the state. Speaker Burke made an earnest plea for "a session of results." This plea will have an echo throughout the

Important business will be before the legislature, and should have consideration entirely on its merits. What is good for the people of Nebraska should be the guide to action, and not what is good for any political party. Republicans are in full control in both house and senate. This, however, must not produce any partisan legislative action. If the traditions of the party are observed, the result will be free from partisanship, and for the general welfare

ENTITLED TO A VACATION.

Joseph McKenna, who has just resigned his seat on the bench of the supreme court of the United States, has had a long and honorable career of publice service. Starting from no particular eminence, by diligent application and the development of his native ability, he rose to a position of great honor, influence and responsibility, the cares of which he lays down with the regard of all his countrymen.

A citizen of California, Joseph McKenna is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Philadelphia, but was taken to the Golden State in 1855, when he was 12 years of age. There he served as district attorney, then as member of the legislature, followed by several terms in congress. He resigned from the Fifty-second congress to accept a position on the federal circuit bench, at the hands of President Harrison. Later he resigned that judgeship to become attorney general of the United States under President McKinley, who soon advanced him to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Associate Justice Field.

Judge McKenna has had a great share in shaping entering into its consideration. the course of the nation through one of its greatest his seat, came the momentous decision in the Philippines case, that "the Constitution follows the Flag." A long line of highly important decisions have been made by the court since that day, in which Justice McKenna had his full share. He has earned his vacation, and the right to spend the time that remains for him in his own way. Happily he can do so with the full regard of the republic he has served so well.

#### WE LIKE THIS BOY'S COOL COURAGE.

A story comes from Nebraska City that should interest all readers. It tells how a 15-year-old boy ventured on treacherous ice and saved the life of a man who had broken through. He took the risk, although a crowd on the bank sought to dissuade him. By his daring and good judgment he rescued from certain death the victim of a mishap who otherwise

We do not know what sort of training this lad has had, but we venture it has been good. At least, it is of the quality that led him to act promptly and effectively, and sustained him in his effort. Danger confronted him every step he took on the uncertain way. Anyone who knows the Missouri river knows how very reluctantly it lets go of a victim once in its clutches. The lad must have known this. It makes his act the more heroic.

Harold Lyon should have at least a Carnegie medal for his courage and skill in saving the life of Carl James. His pluck is commendable, his judgment good, and his deed a noble one.

The non-support complaints of neglected wives that are now being filed so numerously afford very good support for the Nebraska law regarding mar-

Hotel corridors are buzzing at Lincoln, say the eports from down there. The old place comes to

One drawback to going to the theater via radio will be the inability to note what clothes the chorus does not wear.

One thing the democrats are agreed on is that Adam McMullen will select his appointees without

#### Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

### MY BROTHERS.

I lived with them, I played with them Through boyhood summers fleeting: I laughed with them, I prayed with them, shared with them each meeting.

Their friends were mine, my friends were theirs Through those few years at Mother's; My joys were theirs, their cares my cares-They were my loving brothers.

We older grew; at length I sped Into the vale of promise, And as I swiftly marched ahead, Lost Jim and George and Thomas.

They are my brothers, brothers still, I am the same as ever. I can't forget! I never will Those lithoid ties dissever!

But how those years together seem-Those few brief years at Mother's!-When one away out on life's stream Thinks fondly of his brothers.

Strange Nobody Ever Thinks of Spending Anything on the Young Lady



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## Letters From Our Readers

How To Get the Roads.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: On every side the claim is being made that the farmer receives too little for his produce, while the consumer pays too much. The gap between the producer and the manufacturer, on the one hand, and the consumer, on the other hand, is too large. The problem of distribution is one of the greatest problems of the country, and a great many husiness people and salesmen do not give due consideration to the economics of distribution and the factors.

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Discusses Arthur Brisbane. the consumer pays too much. The gap between the producer and the manufacturer, on the one hand, and business people and salesmen do not give due consideration to the econ-

Is commouly known that the manufacturing cost of many articles is not more than 20 per cent of the price paid by the consumer, which means when he quit Pulitzer. Today he is Wife Oh Tom why didn't you as when he quit Pulitzer. Today he is classed among the rich men of the cents of that dollar goes to pay the country.

Like Henry Ford, Brisbane, too. Some of the profits made in

the distribution of goods are honest, but a considerable portion of the ad-ditional amount paid by the consum-ers goes into the coffers of those who seldom see the goods. This economic waste can be eliminated, but not un der our poor distribution methods. And it is up to the producer to bring the source of production and con-sumer closer together. Good roads is the greatest economic

weapon the producer can wield in the distribution of products, and every farmer, business man and laboring man should be in favor of good roads The advent of the motor vehicle makes concrete roads practically a necessity. We must remember that with good roads Caesar built up one of the greatest empires in history. What Caesar recognized 2,000 years ago we, through necessity, are being forced to recognize, and it is the duty of the government to see that this

Army engineers say it will cost \$5, 000,000,000 to build sufficient concrete roads to meet the needs of our commerce. Then why should not con-gress issue \$5,000,000,000 of currency and pro rata it to the 48 states in the

Abe Martin



Woodsheds an' straps are things th' past, an' t'day th' modern ather licks his son by cuttin' off his allowance. Elmer Purviance's experiment o' rasin' a family on a alary is bein' watched with much (Copyright, 1914.)

in the cradle of the democratic party and until they espoused the cause of rights as against property rights.
In fact, Mr. Brisbane's tendencies. anterior to the aforesaid change, were union, according to their size, to be considered socialistic, although

business people and salesmen do not give due consideration to the economics of distribution and the factors entering into its consideration.

Human nature is one of the great est factors, and without doubt, one of the most neglected. Lack of this knowledge is causing numerous failures in the business world. The five great M's in the business world are: Money, materials, machinery, markets, and men. The greatest of these is men.

The farmer must learn to market his products at greater profit to him self and less expense to the consumer. It is up to the farmer's collectively to perfect a system of distribution. It is commouly known that the manu-

Hub-I met Hawkins on the street today and the poor chap was very

# SUNNY SIDE UP

Jake Comfort nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet

A few years ago the Gideons put a Bible in every hotel room in the country. It was a fine idea. If this cross-word puzzle thing don't let up pretty soon it will be up to some organization to put dictionaries alongside the Bibles.

Being a little more indolent than usual, if that is possible. we refrain from hunting up a dictionary, hence we ask for information. One bank window displays the sign, "United States Depository." Another one displays the sign, "United States Depositary." Now what is the difference between a deposite the sign of the sig pository and a depositary?

Senator Emerson Purcell has been newspapering in Custer county for nigh unto forty years. In 1890, the year of the big Farmers' Alliance uprising, he was publishing a newspaper big Farmers' Alliance uprising, he was publishing a newspaper at Merna. His equipment consisted of an army press and a cigar box full of type. He had no job department. That was before the Australian ballot, you know. The Farmers' Alliance managers had printed their tickets and distributed them libermanagers had printed their tickets and distributed them liberally, but some scoundrel went around and gathered them all up, and by early afternoon there wasn't one to be had. Party managers rushed over to Purcell's office to get some printed pronto. He tried to explain that, having no job press, he simpronto. He tried to explain that, having no job press, he simply couldn't print them. The farmers thought Purcell was trying to work a sharp trick on them, and they ganged on him. They came into the office in squads, droves, platoons and battalions, and stopped their papers. By nightfall he didn't have a score left, but he did have some money. After election, when the real facts became known to the farmers, they came back in and put their names on the list once more. "But it looked tough for a few weeks," admitted Purcell.

Omar M. Kem was elected to congress by the Farmers' Alliance that year. After he got to Washington he sent Purcell the Congressional Record. Purcell sent him his paper, and a year later sent Kem a bill for a year's subscription. Kem wrote back a scathing letter, in which he rebuked Purcell for sending him a bill. "I've been sending you the Congressional Record in exchange for your paper," wrote Kem.

If you don't think the railroads are practically out of the political game, go down to Lincoln and mix around. Twenty years ago the two or three days before the opening of the session would have seen almost as many railroad lobbyists cirsion would have seen almost as many railroad lobbyists circulating around as there were members-elect. The best rooms in the hotels were reserved for the railroad men, and they kept open house. They insisted that they had to do it to protect themselves against vicious attacks. Today there isn't a railroad lobbyist in sight. In a few days the genial "Bob" McGinnis will show up, and he will be about the only one on hand during the session unless some bill demands a little more attention than usual. Then a representative of the legal department will show up, take a modest room, appear before the committee, make a talk and go home. The railroad lobby is history in Nebraska.

Senator Bliss of Sherman has a grievance against us. He says he told that manure spreader story with good results during the early part of his campaign, and then read our protest revamping that ancient wheeze. After that he was afraid to use it and had difficulty in finding something to fill in the space thus vacated. We have promised not to butt in on him during thus vacated. We have promised to lend his next campaign, and in return he has promised to lend his next campaign, Measures. WILL M. MAUPIN.

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