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as expressed in dollars, it also indicates the weakness of the French position.

France may be able to weather the crisis. Such has been done in the past. But safety lies in a direction opposite to that which the French have been traveling. Instead of aiming at world-domination, at "security" resting on impregnable strength in Europe, they must adopt measures that make them safe from the financial Scylla into which they have steered in an endeavor to avoid the political Charybdis. A smaller army, a more reasonable policy of dealing with other nations, might bring about a better condition. So long as France keeps eyes on the German frontier, and bends all efforts to sustain an army that is eating the substance of the nation, that long the budget will bleed the nation white.

DIVISION OF SCHOOL BOARD.

While we hope the members of the Board of Education will come to an harmonious understanding with relation to the employment of an architect, we get some pleasure out of noting the difference of opinion. This is far too important a matter to be settled offhand. Assuming no attitude otherwise, The Omaha Bee believes that the discussion shows the wisdom of the members. Taking for granted, of course, that each of them is actuated by the desire to secure for the school district the best possible service.

When all the differences have been examined into, the decision should be unanimous. Harmony is essential to the proper carrying on of the business of the board, but harmony does not mean that any one of the members must accept the action of any other without expressing opinions that have the support of reason. Full consideration of every important matter is vital to correct action in the end.

Omaha citizens are providing liberally for the care of the city schools. Millions of dollars are being expended on projects that are of interest to all. Other millions will be needed. If a comparison is necessary, the University of Nebraska may be cited. Legislators think they are generous in allowing the university \$3,700,000, spread over a term of ten years. Omaha has provided \$2,500,000 for building this year's additions to the city schools. Another similar sum will very probably be set aside next year.

This is why the architect question is so important. Every angle should be weighed in all its bearings, to the end that no mistake is made. Personal considerations ought to be submerged, that the schools may have the best obtainable.

"THEY ALSO SERVE."

So Floyd Collins died. Trapped in a narrow crevice underground. In darkness, without food, or air or water. Away from the sound of human voice or the touch of human hand. What his last thoughts were, his sufferings, or how he endured his torture, must be left to the imagination.

Efforts to rescue him were heroic, but futile. For days men strove against nature, with every power and artifice, finally to be rewarded with the lifeless body of him they sought with such driven energy. Another name written on the scroll of those who have died because they tried to find out something.

Mankind could have made no progress if some one had not assumed a risk, sustained an adventure. The man who ate the first oyster has been hailed as a hero. Whatever prompted him, he made a great discovery. So with the men like Floyd Collins. If somebody had not ventured, the marvellous wonders of the Mammoth Cave never would have been discovered to delight thousands of visitors each year. If the guides had not ventured first, the safe way through that subterranean labyrinth had never been charted. Floyd Collins was one of these, and the quest on which he was bent when trapped had for its mission the discovery of what a new passage might lead to.

His case was followed with intense interest by the people of the land while the search was on. Now that the story is told, he will be forgotten, swallowed up in the next wonder. Yet, he deserves a little more than that. For even those who spend their days crawling through underground crevices serve in their way. They add to the general sum of knowledge. Frequently their discoveries are highly useful. Always there is a splendid bravery about them.

The senate is about to complete a remarkable cycle. It began with an investigation hullabaloo and will go out with a filibuster. Its only achievement will be that it has failed to do what the people would like to have done.

Some folks do not like the Coolidge idea of an inauguration program, but they might as well get used to it. Silent Cal has signified his desire, and that ends the argument.

Judge Patrick will have the support of all good citizens in his efforts to enforce the traffic laws. Omaha needs relief in this as much as any place in the world.

Congress may raise its own pay, but even this might be forgiven if some other things were attended to.

The house has decided to mark time until March 4. The senate will keep on making speeches.

What good does it do to sentence a speeder and have him pardoned at once?

A London professor is measuring the heat of a bluish. Some are cold as ice.

New York has no monopoly on bad plays. Some go on the road.

Homespun Verse

By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie

JOSHIAH JINKS WILL PAY.

Joshiah Jinks has lived his life,
And crossed the Mystic Bar;
From earthly toil and earthly strife
He has wandered far—
From Errand-land to Eden's Isle
He has been called to dwell,
And I can see him pray and smile
In that exclusive dell.

Joshiah Jinks, I say, Old Top,
Don't feel too proud and gay,
For after while this strife will stop,
And I'll be up to stay.
You can't escape us, even though
For a long time you tried—
And when all hope was lost, you know,
You fooled around and died.

Those fifty plunks I'm bound to get
In spite of all you've done—
I'll seek them when my feet I set
Beyond the sky and sun—
And I believe sincerely
That you will gladly pay
When you come face to face with me.
And can not steal away.

When They Get Around to Everybody We'll Probably Do Something About It

ANYTHING OF INTEREST IN THE PAPER?

NOT A THING, JUST A LOT MORE OLD HOLD UPS AND BURGLARIES

GEE POP, IT SAYS HERE A LONE BANDIT HELD UP A BANK IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, KILLED THE CASHIER AND TWO CLERKS AND WALKED OFF WITH \$39,000 IN CASH!

THE NEWSPAPER OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED TO PRINT SUCH AN UNPLEASANT AND OFFENSIVE STORY FOR CHILDREN TO READ

WELL, WHAT OF IT, WE DON'T KNOW 'EM DO WE?

BURGLARS ENTERED THE HOME OF THE AMOS BAGLEYS WHILE THEY WERE AT DINNER. LAST NIGHT, BEAT THEM INSIDIOUSLY AND CARRIED OFF EVERYTHING OF VALUE ON THE PREMISES.

POLICE! QUICK! WE'VE BEEN ROBBED! WELL, WHY IN THE NAME OF HEAVEN DON'T YOU HURRY UP AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

Letters From Our Readers

Calls for More Trees.
Ottavia, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Our president calls attention to the pressing need of growing more timber. It is the duty of every citizen to encourage the growth of more timber, and every person who has land or even a lot, should set out some trees. In the first place, it breaks those cold, cutting winds, and what a change it would finally make in our climate. But where it would benefit us financially the most, would be in having the trees throw out moisture. I have noticed that so much in our country. In Germany, a large, flat stone was hewn and blasted out deep, then filled with dirt and a basswood or linwood tree was planted in the hole and the ground was covered so that no moisture could come in or go out. Then the water was measured to see how much the tree would throw into the air. When the tree was about 40 feet high the amount was immense. If we, then, by united effort, would grow trees, what a change we might make.

Besides this we would have wood to burn. In case of a railroad strike in the future we would have some wood to burn. The time has been when we were forced to burn corn.

We could find room to plant a half million trees in every county. As we cannot plant trees along our main roads until they are graveled, after they are graveled we could find room to plant a half million oak trees. This will also encourage us to gravel the roads, which would make the most beautiful roads imaginable. Then there is so much to be admired about the tree, our near, close friend. Thirty times in winter the tender twigs will freeze and thaw out and come out all right in the spring, while if you hang up a wet towel it will freeze dry in about two days. And what can equal the shade of trees on a hot summer day, as the leaves will inhale the bad air.

And there is a want of evergreen trees, so much needed on every farm, especially for stock. We cannot over-estimate the value, as I can speak from experience on my farm. They will even warm the air.

And there are fruit trees. There are hundreds, if not thousands of dollars that could be saved in every county if we would produce the fruit ourselves, and furnish good work for our girls.

Allow me to make a suggestion: There are in every town or county seat, retired men, especially farmers, who would like to be doing something beneficial, and can see the need of growing trees. Let them rent half an acre or acre near town and have it plowed. Now plow deep furrows, four feet apart, in which to plant small trees. Write to the different nurseries for their prices on small yearling trees and shrubbery, such as you want, and currant bushes, as I find they can be gotten real cheap. Keep these trees until they are the proper size and then distribute them over the county. It could be made a sort of home nursery.

If there is true loyalty and patriotism about us we will all try to do something.

I will serve both counties alike and leave \$10 with each of the county judges to encourage this work.

SETH VANDERKOLK.

Something to Salvage.
Science is a wonderful thing. American aviators have just shown that they can destroy clouds by shooting electrical sand at them. The next problem is how to salvage the silver lining.—Kalamazoo Gazette.

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Speaking about the weather—but as we are not permitted to speak of it as we would like in this department, we shall take up some other topic.

Shed a tear
For little Nell,
She had a car
And drove pretty fast. —Tennessee Tar.

Drop another
For Pretty Pam,
Stuck in the mud,
Said, "Wonder when I'll get out."

And still one more for
John B. Level.
Took three drinks—
Drove like one possessed.

We opine that the members of the Athletic club who are engaged in the club's financial campaign are getting more exercise at the task than they ever took in the club's gymnasium.

Brain Lacks.
Too many people are so intent on living that they fall to enjoy life.
If the missionaries sent to heathen lands are like most of the uplifters at home, it is little wonder that the heathens are a bit slow in accepting the uplift.
Men who are always complaining about getting nothing out of life are the men who never put anything worth while into it.
A bore is a man who talks about his golf game instead of letting you talk about yours.
The world progresses no faster than its leaders, but the real worth of its progress depends upon those who keep up.
Nebraska needs more concrete roads, and fewer concrete heads driving over them.
The fellow who is always demanding justice really means that he is expecting mercy.
The man who spends all his time defending his rights is the man who usually finds himself left.

Society Note.
The Omaha young lady who spent three weeks looking for her one-piece bathing suit was disconcerted when she discovered that her sister was using it for a powder puff.

There are a few things we do not like, among them answering letters and calling people over the telephone. We have never learned to dictate to a stenographer, and we have to hammer out our letters with our own hands. This is of no possible interest to the public, but we pause here to explain to numerous welcome correspondents why they have received no other acknowledgement of their kindly letters.
WILL M. MAUPIN.

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