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## Omaha-Where the West is at its Best

GET IT, GO GET IT, GO GET IT!  
To the captains of the campaign, those live wires, those go-getters who have pledged themselves to the task of putting over the reorganization of the Athletic club, we offer the slogan that is the title of this editorial.

That they may have more of it, that they may have the thrill of it, we reproduce the verses of James W. Foley of the Pasadena (Cal.) Evening Post:

A little bird sat on the limb of a tree  
Saying "Get it, go get it, go get it!"  
As cheerful a bird as a bird could be,  
With his "Get it, go get it, go get it!"  
His manner was glad and his notes clear and firm,  
And he said: "In the world there is many a worm,  
But don't fuss and complain and don't wiggle and squirm,  
Just get it, go get it, go get it!"

"In the world," said the bird, "there is much that is glad  
If you'll get it, go get it, go get it."  
And if in the search you find something that's sad,  
Forget it, forget it, forget it!"  
The world will be sad and the day will be blue  
If you wait for its blessings to come right to you,  
So if you want joy there is one thing to do,  
Just get it, go get it, go get it!"

"Don't think fate is bitter—if you want your share,  
Just get it, go get it, go get it."  
The chance is right good if it is just over there,  
So get it, go get it, go get it."  
I just want to say that the chances are slim  
To get what you wish if you stay on a limb,  
You have to keep moving to keep in the swim,  
So get it, go get it, go get it!"

My thanks, little birdie, for all that you say,  
For your "Get it, go get it, go get it."  
I know there is gladness and joy by the way,  
So I'll get it, go get it, go get it!"  
There's a whole lot of truth in the song that you sing,  
And I won't sit and wait for that slow-coming thing,  
But I'll get it, go get it, go get it!"

Those who have heard the song which Francis Wilson used to sing, of the bird on the limb, will know the tune to which these lines have been written. It's worth cutting out and pasting in your hats.

## FROM OUT THE PAST.

A few days ago the nation celebrated the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. It seems a far cry back to 1809, the year of his birth; even a far cry back to that day 60 years ago when the great heart of the Emancipator was stilled.

The world has gone forward with such rapid strides that men are prone to forget. It is not, after all, so very long ago when Abraham Lincoln bore the tremendous load of the nation upon his stooped shoulders. Only a few weeks ago Mrs. Hannibal Hamlin, widow of the vice president under Lincoln's administration, passed on to her final reward. In the luster shed by the name and fame of Lincoln Americans are prone to forget the real worth of Hannibal Hamlin. Next to Lincoln he was undoubtedly the ablest statesman of that terrible period of internecine strife. It was Hamlin who urged Lincoln to draft the Emancipation Proclamation, against the advice of his cabinet members. Lincoln did not hesitate to voice his disapproval when his party's leaders decided to drop Hamlin and nominate Johnson for vice president in 1864.

Robert Todd Lincoln, son of the martyred president, still lives to link the present generation with the time when his father took on the greatest burden ever borne by mortal man. In strict retirement he spends his declining years among his beloved books.

History has been made rapidly during the last half century, but it is well to pause now and then and recall to mind that those old days are not, after all, so very far in the past.

## BUILD ROADS FOR NEBRASKA.

A regrettable state of affairs has developed at Lincoln, one that is jeopardizing the entire road situation for Nebraska. The revenue committee of the house is deadlocked on the question of how the proposed tax on gasoline shall be distributed. Between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000 of federal aid is available to Nebraska if conditions prescribed by the government are complied with. Unless these conditions are met, the aid will be withdrawn.

One of the conditions is that the money be expended in the construction of roads that will become part of a comprehensive system, serviceable to the general public. Not to be confined to the uses of a comparatively few residents in separated localities. It is this that is causing the deadlock. Advocates of the county or district plan road construction insist on splitting the money to be derived from a tax on gasoline. Half shall go to the county and half to general road building fund. This division will aid the individual counties, but will defeat the purpose of a general good road program.

It is obvious that if Nebraska ever is to have a complete system of good roads, a start must be made somewhere. One part of the state must wait while another is being served, with the assurance that in time all will be taken care of. If all counties were like Douglas, we would have hard-surfaced roads running all over the state now. If all were like some other counties, we will never get good roads. What has aroused the greatest opposition is the very thing that is most essential. That is that trunk highways, main lines, be first provided. After these are ready for service, then the work of connecting them up with local roads will be in order.

The Good Roads association, which has been promoting the program, denies that it favors any particular highway. It has no preference, and will leave the decision to the governor, who will be at the head of the road building work.

More than that, the association has approved in full the plan presented by Governor McMullen. This contemplated no direct levy for the road building fund. Just the license tax and the gasoline tax. It had been thought the license tax could be greatly reduced, but developments indicate this will have to be abandoned.

County boards will not be prohibited from bidding on work, so that the practice of the past in this regard will continue. We believe the best service the revenue committee can do is to report out a gasoline tax measure which will turn the revenue into the general road fund. In that way we will in time get Nebraska out of the mud.

## FORD AND THE FINANCIERS.

Every now and then Henry Ford pulls another one on the financiers. The Wall Street brethren have become accustomed to the great industrialist's odd ways, yet they hold a passing interest in his performances. His last one is in line with several others. Needing money for the extension of his railroad a matter of twenty miles between two of his big shops, he applied for and received permission to sell bonds to the amount of \$1,181,000. Did these go on the open market? Did Wall Street, or any other street get a chance to set a valuation on Ford securities? Not that anybody could notice. Henry offered the bonds to Mr. Ford, and Mr. Ford said, "Absolutely, Henry."

That is, the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton railroad sold \$1,181,000 of its extension bonds to the Henry Ford Motor company. Thus Mr. Ford gets the money he needs to build new track. Also, Mr. Ford gets what he considers a good investment for the surplus funds of his motor company. He charges himself 5 per cent interest for using his own money, but he keeps his books in good shape.

The Federal Trade commission, the I. C. C. and the Internal Revenue bureau all are interested in Mr. Ford's transactions, but not nearly so much so as are the bankers and brokers. These would like to get in on some of those little deals, but the thrifty Henry saves the commissions and goes right on doing business in his own way. The world has only one Henry Ford. Maybe one at a time is enough.

## THE FAMILY SUCCESSION.

Elderly men will remember the time when the "Bayard succession" in Delaware was a general topic of discussion every time a senatorial campaign came around in the Blue Hen state. Nowadays the family succession shows signs of becoming the usual thing. Ma Ferguson became governor of Texas after Pa Ferguson had been discredited. Mrs. Ross succeeded her distinguished husband as governor of Wyoming, and now Mrs. Julius Kahn of California succeeds her deceased husband as a representative in congress.

Admitting that in each of the three instances the very best successors possible were chosen, would it not be well to hesitate a moment and ask, "Whither are we drifting?"

Is there not a possibility that this sort of thing can be carried too far? Is there not danger that we will allow sentiment to overrule common sense now and then?

Kings and queens rule by right of succession. Do we want to establish a precedent that will result in a family succession of office-holders?

A Michigan bride of a day overhauled her truant husband in Omaha. The interesting part of it is she had known him a week when they were wedded. Sounds like another argument for the Nebraska 10-day law.

An appropriation has been made to repair the roof of the White House. The fact that President Coolidge occupies the mansion is sufficient proof that there is nothing out of the ordinary in the basement.

When Henry Ford gets through collecting junk in the east, he might find some waiting for him out this way. The Frank Harrison La Follette machine, for example.

The McClintock fortune in Chicago is bringing out a fine crop of heirs, most of whom would have let the matter pass had the millions not put in appearance.

The senate may growl and complain about a lot of presidential appointments, but it will be noted that the senate confirms the appointments, just the same.

It will be generally admitted that the stage has fallen pretty low when the New York police ban a play as being a little too raw for public consumption.

The Nebraska vehicle law is undergoing a complete overhauling. Pretty soon pedestrians will have to carry license numbers and display tail lights.

Seems there still is plenty to say on both sides of the wet or dry question. Rather, they keep on saying the same old things over and over.

Ice in the Platte has a playful habit of showing up the weakness of cheap bridges, yet folks keep right on building them.

Anybody who doubts the popularity of the auto should try to get into the show.

Fraser's prescription for Omaha is easy to take and will do us all good.

No closed season on speeders. Just closed jail doors.

Edmund R. Brumbaugh.

## We Thought for a Minute We Saw Signs of Old Fashioned Chivalry Returning—



BUT WE MUST HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN—



## Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words and less, will be given preference.

### History for the Future.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: As first I cheered. An American Legion official complained of school textbooks on history. They were guilty of misrepresentation, he declared. Coming from such a source it boded ill for the writing of history that was only "bunk."

Then I gasped—but there it was in black and white for all the world to read and be amazed likewise. The complaint was that a certain textbook said the Americans did not win a single important battle in a certain war—I forget which book and which war, but it doesn't matter.

Several days have passed since the publication of the interview which makes it possible to write calmly. For some time the idea has been gaining ground that military history is the smallest part of history as a whole, and that generals and battles and military movements have been given prominence out of all proportion to their historical value. So far as I can see, many writers of school histories have never heard of this idea, but the situation is improving, and I am convinced the time is not far distant when it will be considered a serious misdemeanor to make any but the most casual mention in a textbook of anything calculated to glorify war and perpetuate the war spirit.

Textbooks of a very near future will not only say little about war and military accomplishments, in general, but they will say much on subjects hitherto given scant attention. They will wake up to the fact, for example, that there is an organized labor movement in America, that it has been of potent influence in the making of American history, starting with the original propaganda for a free public school system and continuing down to the present day. It is quite likely that the true story of the Molly Maguires and the Haymarket riot and martyrdom will be told; strikes will be seen in their larger aspect as forces for democracy and freedom; and the emancipated and enlightened historian may even be able to say something good about Eugene V. Debs and William Z. Foster.

If the complainant in question feels like complaining now, he will be foaming at the mouth long before he is ready for the last long rest with his fathers.

EDMUND R. BRUMBAUGH.

### Marriage in Scripture.

Hurley, S. O.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Having read the article in your paper of recent date, in regards to the "Pinto Marriage Plan," I want to say: I think it is one of the most nonsensical ideas ever brought before the general public.

The idea of a law that would separate man and wife is preposterous. Just think of the many homes it would break up, should this bill be come a law. Isn't this supposed to be a free country? Why then should we allow any such bills to be passed? It isn't a question as to how many children can be brought into the world, but rather how many children can be properly cared for.

Haven't we enough divorce cases in the country now without causing more? Isn't it taking a bad step when we disregard God's own law? I'll say it is. We read in the 10th chapter of St. Mark: "But from the beginning God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife. And they twain shall be one flesh; so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

And concerning divorces: "And He saith unto them: Whosoever shall put away his wife and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."

And marriage—First Corinthians, VII: "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord. Let not the wife depart from her husband. But if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband, and let not the husband put away his wife.

Romans VII: "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then, if while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband be dead, she is free from the law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."

I also congratulate "Horse Sense" for being glad she didn't need change husbands.

A DEVOUT WIFE.  
Temporarily.

A film actress is to adopt her husband's name. It seems hardly worth while for being glad such a short time.—Montreal Gazette.

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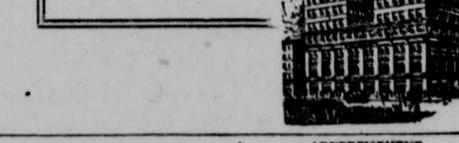
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## SUNNY SIDE UP

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We are not a Journalist. We are just a plain, common, or garden variety of newspaper man. We have plugged along at the game for upwards of forty years, covering at different times all the runs on daily newspapers, sitting at all the desks, and otherwise trying to make the grade. Hence it is that we always rejoice when we can take two or three days off and attend the annual convention of the Nebraska Press association, as we did last week.

It is during these sessions that we learn what a miserable failure we have made as a newspaper worker. Learned college professors and ex-insurance agents, ministers and pulp press agents of the religious cults, joyfully appear on the scene to tell us wherein we are remiss, and point out what we really ought to do. Whereupon we return home and proceed to go right ahead, learning a little every day.

The trouble is that if we were to publish just such a newspaper as they recommend we wouldn't have any subscribers—not even those who urge that kind of a newspaper. No one knows better than the old newspaper men of the country that newspapers are not what they should be. They never will be. But we listen to those who would uplift us, then we turn to the old comrades, like Mentor Brown and Gus Beuchler, and others, and are content.

We missed many familiar faces at the annual gathering, but none more than that of "Bill" Israel of the Havelock Post. "Bill" has always been the life of the party. But he wasn't there. He is fighting a malignant disease with all the heroism that has been his during the years. "Bill" is a rare soul. If sheer nerve on his part, and the prayers of those who love him avail, he will be with us next year.

Our idea of real co-operation between the legislatures and the judiciary is for the legislatures to quit enacting laws for the courts to construe four ways from the jack.

Beginning at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning, and lasting until the morning of March 7, the American Legion is going to stage a membership contest. The state showing the largest gain in membership during that period gets the D'Oiler trophy. Nebraska ought to win it, and can win it. Fifty thousand Nebraska boys joined the colors. Every one now on the stage of action ought to be a member of the Legion. The state is divided into two sectors, the east against the west. We'd give all the goods of which we are possessed for eligibility to membership. Being barred we'll make this proposition: The first two ex-service men who tell me they are financially unable to pay the membership fee will be marched over to the courthouse and their fee paid. Wish we could pay for a thousand. Now let Nebraska's boys hustle out and win that trophy.

Have you ever seen the Falls of Wauneta, and the other scenic spots in Chase and Dundys counties? Probably not, having been too intent upon traveling to Minnehaha or some other trickle over a shelf of rock. Have you ever visited the canyons of Pine Creek, or fished its sparkling waters for trout, with Long Pine as your headquarters? No, you hurried across Nebraska to visit poorer fishing grounds and less beautiful spots in Wyoming.

What tragic tales "Want Ads" sometimes tell. Here's one appearing recently: "Will party who took my pants, kindly return keys and check." We trust the gentleman advertising bought a two-pants suit. WILL M. MAUPIN.

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