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

"UP, HIGH, OVER."

When the men who lay the tracks handle the heavy rails they crowd along its full length, each grasping his hold. Then the foreman calls, "up." The rail is lifted easily from the car, to about knee high. Then the foreman calls, "high." Up goes the heavy rail, to about breast high. Then the call, "over." Up again, goes the rail, out over the side of the car, and in unison it is released, and the heavy rail clatters to its place beside the tracks, where other hands will pick it up and put it finally into its place in the track,

Every job which men must do is accomplished in much this same way. Especially those jobs where the citizens of a community crowd closely together to put over some work of real benefit to the city. It is just such a job as now confronts those who are working to re-establish the Omaha Athletic club.

So far the job has been lifted, first "up," then "high," and the task now awaits the call, "over," It is a splendid group of men who have crowded together to do this work. So far about two hundred men have joined hands in lifting the load to the position of "high." There are more than two thousand men in Omaha who are interested in the continuance of the Athletic club. During the next week these men will be asked to put their hands to the load so that the task can finally go "over."

Let us all keep in mind the consequences that would follow a failure of the task in hand. The Athletic club is much more than a private club. It is an essential link in the community activities of Omaha. If it is not supported by those who are and should be interested in such a community center it simply will cease to be. Omaha cannot afford to have such a thing happen. Omaha is to entertain | ered to be lacking in our daily bill of fare. between fifty and a hundred thousand Legionnaires this fall. Suppose they find our Athletic club closed,

Suppose, on the other hand, they find it open, reorganized and serving splendidly the purposes such a club can and should serve. Omaha is planning to make this year's convention of the American Legion the outstanding convention in the history of that organization. The men who make up the Legion are the live, red-blooded men of the nation. They are the leaders in the making. . They are the men who mean most to Omaha and to the country as a whole. When they leave Omaha at the concluaion of their convention they will take away with them the story of what Omaha really is.

Thus, in more ways than one, the reorganization and rehabilitation of the Omaha Athletic club is a test of Omaha. Let us make sure that the story which the Legionnaires take away with them will have no dark spots in it.

### "OMAHA IS MY HOME."

A group of business men in Omaha recently met for the purpose of laying the foundations for an appeal for support to an important Omaha industry. In the discussion one of the men suggested that the appeal should center around a slogan that would bring home to the people of Omaha the necessity for supporting Omaha industries. The discussion which followed finally resulted in the adoption of the slogan, "Omaha Is My Home."

The Omaha Bee extends its congratulations to the men who designed this slogan. We hope that it will have a wide use. It is a splendid appeal. There is involved in it all that a city means to the men and women who live in it. Home is essentially the dwelling in which the family lives, and yet it is much more than that. Home includes our neighbors, our friends. Home is the business in which we are engaged. It is also the businesses in which our friends and our neighbors are engaged. It is the schools where our children are being equipped with the training that will enable them to carry on their part in life.

Thus home includes the city. Omaha is my home. When we understand the full meaning of home and city we will see to it that we do our part in making our friends' and neighbors' successes a thing in which we take pride. We will give preference to our neighbor's business. We will trade with our neighbors, buy from them, help them to grow, so that our city may grow. In this way our home will be a better home, because we have helped to make our city a bigger and better city.

We urge that every business man in Omaha adopt this slogan as his own. That every citizen, whether engaged in a business of his own, or employed by Omaha business men, write this slogan over his door. If we will do this it will not be long until the whole city has caught its meaning. It will not be long until home and city are really one, in truth as well as in

Omaha is my home.

### M. E. SMITH AND MARKET WEEK. .

The next few days will determine whether Omaha is to continue as a dry goods jobbing center. If the plans for the continuance of M. E. Smith & Co. are carried out, Market Week, which is now almost on us with its spring meeting, will be the most aportant gathering of its kind held in this city

There are those who argue that we should "soft pedal" the story of Omaha's difficulties. We have In every portion of the world where there is human life.

had too much soft pedaling already. What we need is some outspoken fighting. The two hundred thousand men and women who make up Omaha's citizenship are entitled to know what is going on. Only a few of them are naturally at the center of things, and thus only a few of them are in a position to help, should their help be needed. There is not a man or woman in the city who would not join in the work of building a bigger and better city if they had the opportunity.

It is out of the trials of city building, out of the difficulties, that really worth while cities are built. If everything was easy we would lack the fighting blood that is so necessary when difficult times come. Omaha is now fronted with the need for strength. Let us be frank about it. We cannot solve our problems, nor can we set about the job of making a Greater Omaha if we habitually bury our heads in the sand. If there are difficulties let us tackle them by marching straight ahead.

In this matter of M. E. Smith & Co. there is much at stake for Omaha. Plans have been made for continuing that great business. Let us all determine that we are going to do our part in making Omaha an even greater dry goods center than it has been. The place is rightfully ours. We can hold it if we will.

#### POT LIKKER.

Do not, dear reader, become excited. When we mention pot likker -purists might insist on calling it pot liquor, but not us-we make no reference whatsoever to anything drinkable that might be in contravention of the Volstead act. Far be it from so! We would sing the praises of something almost forgotten in these days of food shot from guns, food predigested, food packed in cartons.

We refer to the delectable liquor that our grandmothers knew how to conserve, but which most housewives now put down the kitchen sink. Our grandmothers knew nothing of vitamines or carbohydrates, or of mineral salts, but they did know that pot likker contained those things vital to the building up of bone and muscle and brain.

There is nothing mysterious about pot likker. It is the water in which vegetables are boiled or stewed, sometimes, not always, blended with the juices stewed from meat. It simmers and boils in the stock pot on the back of the old kitchen stove, its savory odors permeating the atmosphere and causing that inner longing that can not be described in words. It gathers in and holds in storage all the valuable properties boiled out of the vegetables, awaiting the time when they may be taken into the human system to its physical, moral and mental bet-

Soup? Not on your tintype! A delectable, life-giving, life-sustaining beverage. Marse Henry Watterson was wont to declare that pot likker enabled the confederate army to fight against overwhelming odds for four years instead of going down to defeat inside of six months.

Not only can you drink it and thumb your nose at Mr. Volstead and all his ilk, but you can drink it and feel the cosmic urge to sing, to dance, to rejoice in new vigor and be exceeding glad. It holds out hope to the dyspeptic. It promises surcease from the ever-pressing problem of something new to tempt the appetite.

Talk about the "dollar of our daddies" till you are hoarse and fatigued. It's the pot likker known to our grandmothers that we need in these days of seeking after the things that scientists have discov-

Don't, for the love of Mike, for the love of anybody, don't pour the pot likker down the kitchen
sink. Pour it down humanity's throats and build a There is plenty of kick, but not a headache in it. [that you have introduced a bill mak- of having the Chamber of Commerce] bigger and better world.

### THE GROUND HOG AND THE LION.

That ground hog, who came out of his burrow on February 2, and, seeing his shadow, returned pelling instinct, sex attraction? Per- town, just in order to live in a "law again, must be sending subconscious thought waves | mit me to doubt it. Read the third abiding" dry (?) community. Bunk book of Moses, called "Leviticus." What about the number of "so called" of thanks to the March lion for upholding his tradition and thus keeping him in his job.

Six weeks more of winter was the verdict of the ground hog. A stormy two weeks is the verdict lock Ellis, for information as to and who don't care a tinker's dam of the lion. Thus the lion and the ground hog work whether or not laws have done hus for the Eighteenth amendment, because they know it is a bud law? together. After the middle of March, the ground hog will be content. His six weeks will be over tunes. not will be content. His aix weeks will be over that time. And the lion will be satisfied then to turn the month over to the lamb and let that gentle turn the month over to the lamb and let that gentle tory laws is a crime against human wrong because it happens to be a creature usher in the April showers.

is not so awfully strange. Many a new father has namely, "apres nous le deluge" Well, his Bible class to believe his hokun made a perfect goose of himself under similar circumstances. cumstances.

President Coolidge advocates suspenders, but some congressmen can not see why that should have anything to do with his holding up of their pet

Another scientific expedition is headed for the Agate fossil field to look for a missing tooth. Seeking to fill an aching void, perhaps. One thing the world needs is more philanthropic

landlords who will concede something because February is such a short month. been counted, but the casualty list has not yet been

figured out. If those militant Kurds are not careful they will

find out that all the world has soured on them.

Just because President Coolidge is hard-headed is no sign that he is a bonehead.

Before returning that alien property it might be

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

### RURAL WHOLESOMENESS.

I like the farm because one sees so little of the strife That often mingles with the joy of the suburban life; I sometimes think it best to live and not come face to face With many truths that are not less than herror and

disgrace. For when we meet with such as these our innate faith

We're fearful of the steps we take, and of the friends We can not amile and feel as free as if we did not know

About the things that worry us and unmolested grow.

The country holds no veil above its acres wide and fair: The primal clearness of the skies as yet is changeless there: The motive power of the loam the ever faithful sun-Comes up and sets Just as it did ere commerce was

Out on the farm the trust of old is dormant in the soil, And honest things with home grow by hard and honest t' th' scratch t' git in on th' presi-

truth are rife -

Might Not Russia Have Made That Much Progress Without a Revolution?





# Letters From Our Readers

riminal legislation.

I noticed in this morning's press fer. I wonder what he calls his idea oppression.

natural and inherent emotions of a then the customers would spend their human being, by means of legislation. money in Council Bluffs, or any of a half dozen other nearby towns, That Have you the slightest conception would make good business for Omaha

of the most elementary basis of an bring lots of law-abiding investors animal's first, foremost and most im-"The Intellectual Development of Eu-cope," by Prof. Draper, and Lecky's demns and who are the backbone of "History of European Morals," and Omaha's business? And who are the the "Psychology of Sex," by Have ones that patronize the bootleggers, manity any good, and to what degree cause they know it is a bad law they have been humanity's misfor-times. Where is Mr. Smith going to get his 10,000,000 men to stand up for

I suppose, however, that in view law is repugnant to the average citi of the fact that you are a bachelor, zen, who believes that if a thing is you feel as a notorious but celebrated wrong it should be abolished or a The story of a gander that watches over a baby French woman expressed herself, least remodeled, Mr. Smith may get Trusting you will pardon my attention to this kind of propagand

humble attempt to prevent, if possi nowadays, anyway. Mr. Smith's part ble, the further increase of the num- ner, Mr. Howell, knows more in ber of criminals by legislative flat, I minute about the wet and dry ques beg to remain, respectfully yours, tion than his partner will ever know, because Mr. Smith has a closed mind B. M. JACKSON.

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Reatrice-To the Editor of The

Progressive legislation must work a

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But the industries of this country

have been built the nearest to perfect

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A box of Pyramid Pile Suppositories is your best friend to stop maddening pain, put out the fire of burning soreness, relax protrusions and give you grateful ease and comfort. Thousands testify. Many say Pyramid averted operations, step into any drug store for a de box.

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PAID CIRCULATION

For JANUARY, 1925

THE OMAHA BEE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2d day of February, 1925. W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public

Piles - Now

riminations in favor of the

**Get Rid of** 

ation in business.

Omaha-To the Editor of The Omaha Ree: Ed P. Smith, former mayor, is not only a crank on law omaha Ree-it is intimated that Governor cement, but he is a fanatic as ernor McMullen does not favor the well, as he clearly shows in his state—Dinsmore bill, House Roll No. 419.
ment: "We need 10,000,000 men in the Progressive legislation must worl ary is such a short month.

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The ballots cast at Chicago's latest election have been country and must be obeyed. That is pure, sentimental claptrap and the people of today know it is, and for a construction of the belief in a necessity of the masses to the belief the masses the the m people of today know it is, and for a for government ownership or dicta-man of Mr. Smith's supposed intellition to all private industry, such as gence to refer to a worn out platitude, would create political machinery in such as the above, savors of sentity, suring re-election of office holders in Also his idea of co-operation of the power, with results of monarchy or

Abe Martin



And one may feel, as well one should, that good and breakfasts. It's th' auto owner who (Copyright, 1825.)

most important of all laws, the antitrust laws, allowing small business to struggle to become large withou

The trusts and monopolies San Francisco. To the Editor of various organizations is absurd. In a bold and open practice in America The Omaha Ree: Below is a copy of a letter this day mailed to the ress that comes within the jurisdiction of the heart of the prevent them from such practice, that the senator named therein. I am sure the various bodies named, the popular demand of the bolshevik you are not in favor of tyranical and we have the enforcement officials to as an alternative of the oppressed is riminal legislation.

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Dear Sir—I was formerly and the women's clubs—those that do the result of which would be to shift. The Omaha Bee: I would like to ask for some years a practicing physician not believe in bootleggers of there the power to those in public office the one who wrote a few days ago n your state, and you will notice are such) and the regulation panacea- instead of remedying the cause with and signed himself

classes of business have reached such ultimate conclusion may not be that the voters in the name of state and nation shall be owners of all property, both real and personal LLOYD CROCKER.

from this letter that I am now practists who can always be found. Mr. proper anti-trusts and anti-monopoly where I can get the Anti-Saloon theing law in this state.

Smith says he has no panacha to of laws, complete enough to destroy the League Year Book; also the booklets, "First Drink," "Dance Hall" and "Sa-

Jake Comfort nor forget. That Surrise never failed us yet

A Missouri legislator has introduced a bill to prohibit smoking in public. We are for it. We are for all the ferninst laws. We seek to prohibit everything and anything that anybody likes. Our life has been dedicated to making men moral in spite of themselves. We are now perfecting a plan whereby the legislatures of all the states will remain in session the year round and compelled to pass every law proposed by anybody or everybody. No legislature should be expected to enact all the reform laws needed during one short session of three or

How things have changed since the days when we hung our coat on a hook and waited for the chairman of the chapel to call time. We'll not describe conditions then, but now we have occasion to visit the composing room a couple of times a day. We see a little desk where candy, chewing gum, cigarets, etc., are sold, the purchaser taking what he—or she—wants and leaving the money in the box. Heavens to Betsey! Candy and chewing gum appealing to the printers! wouldn't have given such things a second look in the old days when we were working the hook and planning where to land next. And the man who would have left his stock in trade unattended and trusting to the boys to make their own changewell he would have been haled before the lunatico inquirendo. Progress? We'll tell the world!

Rev. J. R. Perkins of Council Bluffs told the Omaha Ro-tarians that "We should take as much interest in the biology of our bables as we do in the pedigree of our hogs." Old stuff, Brother Perkins, and yet no truer words were ever uttered. The trouble is that hogs cost money to start with, and bables do not. You expect to get money for your hogs, but not for your bables. We are so darned modest we won't talk about breeding better babies, but it's quite all right to talk about breeding better hogs and horses and cattle. Fathers who would look for months before buying a sire to head their herds don't pay a bit of attention to the man their daughter selects to be the father of his grandchildren. What we need is less mock modesty and more plain talk.

Our constant guide and mentor, Frank Carey, urges us not to forget the sandhills when talking about the glories of Nebraska. We will not forget. The sandhills deserve mention all by themselves. Some day we'll attend to it. They are not the dreary, desolate wastes that ignorant Nebraskans believe them to be. Quite the contrary. Traveling through them is a never-ending delight. They grow more beautiful every day. They combine to make a storehouse of wealth. To know them

Noting that the Kurds have captured Kharput, it is with difficulty that we refrain from remarking that it is a whey the Kurds have. And, if they are so intent on beating Kharput, we wish they would wait a few days. Lottle Clifford is exhibiting symptoms of spring-cleaningitis and we are apprehensive that we'll have a few to beat.

The good folk who attended the retailers' convention in Omaha call them "door-bell ringers," meaning the agents who go from house to house offering bargains in hose at several cents a pair above the price quoted by legitimate retailers. Why not call them "hoseleggers?" The same psychological impulse that impels men to fall for the "prime old stuff" gag impels women to buy of the hoseleggers. It is something that no scientist has yet explained, but it is working all the time.

WILL M. MAUPIN.

To Know Omaha You Must Know

RESTAURANTS

Stewed Tomatoes Bread or Roll with Butter Apple Cobbler

Watch for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Specials.

# Illinois Central System Tells How Railroads View the Problem of Prosperity

Our country cannot live half prosperous and the other half bordering on poverty. We cannot have real prosperity unless all kinds of business and all classes of our population share in it. None of us can afford to benefit at the expense of others. We must work together and profit together.

All branches of economic activity are inter-dependent. We need prosperous factories in order that raw materials may be turned into finished products most efficiently and cheaply. We need prosperous farmers and laborers because these influential and productive factors of our population must have money in order to purchase the goods and services which the rest of us have to offer. We need prosperous railroads because no other kind can render the adequate, efficient service essential to the carrying on of other kinds of business.

The complex economic system under which we deal with one another requires of its component elements, both corporations and individuals, an unselfishness that is commonly characterized by the expression. "Live and let live."

Because they perform a public service that is inimately related to all other kinds of business, the railroads are profoundly conscious of this inter-dependence of all of us for prosperity. The railroads contribute largely to general prosperity through their essential service and their vast expenditures, and they know that the best interest of the public, in turn, is to be found in railway prosperity, for that is what insures continued railway expenditures and adequate and efficient service. The record of railway efficiency in recent years is a record of benefit to the public.

One of the quickest ways to halt general prosperity would be to cripple the railroads. But we do not believe the country stands in danger of that since the public has become better informed on the railway question. Public sentiment toward the railroads has undergone a great change in recent years. There once existed a feeling of hostility and distrust which is now largely gone. Many things have helped to produce that improvement, including a change in the attitude of railway managements toward the public. The one thing that perhaps has done more than anything else to bring about the change is the wider knowledge of the fact that the railroads perform a vital service which, in the public interest, must be maintained through allowing them to share in the prosperity they help to create for all.

Railroads are subject to all of the mistakes of policies and practices that other human agencies are subject to. But railway managements are keen to correct abuses and are animated by a sincere desire to do their part to bring about general prosperity. The sincerity of their intentions is attested by their willingness to avail themselves of helpful ideas presented to them by their patrons.

The very nature of the railway business makes those who are engaged in it approach the problem of prosperity from the viewpoint of inter-relationship. The Illinois Central System has sought to prove itself a good neighbor and a good citizen wherever its lines are located. It has found that that it has benefited itself the most when it has done its best to contribute to the prosperity of others.

Constructive criticism and suggestions are invited.

C. H. MARKHAM, President, Illinois Central System.

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