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COMPENSATION LAW SAVED.

Governor McMullen has applied a timely veto to a measure that was intended to amend the Nebraska compensation law. It would have had the effect of largely destroying the usefulness of the law as it stands.

Perhaps the most obnoxious of the proposed changes was that which would have put a limit on payments for total disability. This set 400 weeks as the full time for which compensation should be paid, or less than eight years. Its effect would have been that an unfortunate victim of industrial mishap who might linger longer than 400 weeks would at the end of that period be cast onto society.

Another objectionable feature was that which limited hospital fees to \$200. The open schedule is subject to abuse, which should be carefully guarded against by the commissioner. But very many cases that in time respond to treatment, and result in restoration to usefulness of the victim, could not be properly handled at a cost of only \$200.

Another especially unjustifiable provision was that which required a recovered victim of accident for which compensation had been paid to waive his right to further protection when seeking employment anew. This simply amounts to a legalized blacklist, an agreement in advance on part of the state to penalize such of its citizens as might suffer injury in connection with their work.

In his veto message, Governor McMullen criticizes the increase in liability insurance rates. These have mounted beyond all reason, and should be lowered. No weakening of the Nebraska compensation law, far from perfect though it be, will be countenanced by the governor.

WHAT MAKES A STATE GREAT.

Not so very long ago the residents of Cheyenne county, Nebraska, set about to firmly establish themselves. Sidney was originally the jumping off place for the Black Hills. Traditions are fine things, but do not afford much sustenance for a community.

That is only a starter, for Cheyenne county began to experiment with corn, and now produces a very considerable quantity of that staple. Finally, a movement is on foot to go in for sugar beets. Valley of the Lodge Pole offers a splendid soil, with ample sunshine, but is a little short of the water needed for success.

A test well is soon to be started, and the promoters are sanguine that Cheyenne county will contribute sugar beets to the world before the season is over. Here is the spirit at work that has made Nebraska great and will make it even greater.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN FRANCE.

Here is a French brother who ought to take a look around. He gets up in the chamber of deputies, during the discussion of a bill that would give the vote to women in municipal elections, and declares: "No one can do anything against the natural inequality of the sexes. If we pretend to create absolute equality, the whole moral system and social laws would collapse and marriage would be endangered.

deputy. But England has given over the idea championed so vehemently, and as yet shows no sign of retrogression in any way. On the contrary, England has made considerable noteworthy progress since shaking off some of the age-old barnacles of social belief and custom that weighed her down.

Speaking in a general way, we seriously question whether the women could possibly make a worse hash of the business in France than the men have. The matter is one for the French to settle, but we offer the United States and England as examples to prove how far wrong is the man who says that moral and social laws will collapse if the vote is given to the women.

HOW FAR CAN FORD GO?

In his magazine for April, B. C. Forbes discusses Henry Ford at some length. He gives "Twenty Reasons Why Ford Reached the Top." Then asks the question, "Will the Ford tree reach heaven?" Time only will answer the question. In his summing up of the twenty reasons for Ford's success, Mr. Forbes touches but lightly on one of the most important.

That is that Ford has capitalized himself. He has never had to go to the public for money. Because of this he has never been required to account to any one outside his business and the government for his income.

All this was built up by the simple process of "plowing back" any earnings of the company. Responsible to no board of directors, beholden to no owners of shares, Ford has been able to do as he liked in carrying on any of his schemes or developing any of his enterprises.

Yet, reason and logic alike suggest there must be a limit to the journey even Henry Ford can go. Sooner or later a business so complex, so inter-related, must come to a point where further expansion will invite disaster.

So far, however, modern industry has developed but few men who have been able to go it alone.

MARRIED WOMEN AT WORK.

Dr. Pinto started quite a bit of discussion last winter when he took up the question of childless marriages and married women at work. Unfortunately, the debate turned principally on the point of childless unions. The more important phase was lost sight of.

Future advantages will doubtlessly arise from the publicity favorable to the "lover" building program that has been derived from the long-drawn contest in the legislature, where a bare majority of the senate blocked the way to a cutting levy and would not listen to suggestion of compromise for a lesser term or to any other modification of their position.

Patience is a Virtue. "Your wife is surely taking on weight."

"Many women in every city or town must earn a living, not only for themselves but frequently for dependents, and if they lack opportunities in certain directions they must enter any avenues of gainful employment available."

The situation which the report discloses is a challenge to Americans. It affects the home life of our people, even more directly than the child labor problem. What its solution may be is not so easy, but some sort of economic readjustment will have to be made if the question is to be solved in favor of the home.

Homespun Verse

By Omaha's Own Poet— Robert Worthington Davis.
GOD BLESS NEBRASKA'S FARMS.
From the Missouri's mural banks, Westward and south and north, Nebraska's field of precious yields At harvest time reach forth.

Letters From Our Readers

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

Take Care of Your Dog.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: We've heard a lot about dogs—pro and con—lately, but somehow we don't get anywhere much in settling the question. I recall the treatise on dogs some years ago. It was interesting. The author maintained that one could tell the sort of person an individual was by the sort of dog he kept.

I have no use for the person or persons who will put out poison for dogs gratuitously. If you insist on poisoning your neighbor's cur, do it in a workmanlike like manner. But if the dog is really an asset to the neighborhood, you are really doing him wrong. That's a good rule to practice regarding the dog.

You only show lack of the spirit to want to do right in refusing to comply with common-sense rulings. Just because your neighbor's cur is no sign that the whole neighborhood does or that they must put up with his mischievous tricks, and because the neighbors object to his noise, they are unjust or grouchy.

Our Backsliding Senator. Stanton, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I note a little letter in "The Bee" from "A Reader" at Omaha. I can't understand how any real American can uphold Governor Norris has been in congress a long time and what has he accomplished?

Final defeat of the 10-year building plans for the state university and teachers colleges is a serious matter so far as the coming biennium is concerned, the legislature having in lieu thereof appropriated \$300,000 for the university and \$250,000 for the teachers colleges to be spent within the coming two years.

Enforcement is something everybody is for and mighty few want. The only marked difference brought about by prohibition in the Gulf coast country is in the price. In the interior the big difference is in the quality, when you can get it at all.

After traveling more than 5,000 miles through the great southwest we are back to remark that in all that distance we didn't see a country that looked better to us than Nebraska, nor did we see a city that showed any ability to lure us away from Omaha.

Wonder What a Circus Trapeze Performer Thinks About.

A grid of seven comic panels. Panel 1: A man hanging from a trapeze, saying 'GEE—I'M NOT FEELING SO GOOD TONIGHT—SOMETHING I HAD FOR DINNER DIDN'T AGREE WITH ME'. Panel 2: 'I'M GOING TO FIND A NEW PLACE TO EAT—FRITZ THINKS THE MORITZ PLACE IS SWELL, BUT I CAN'T USE IT'. Panel 3: 'I'VE SIMPLY GOT TO GO TO A DENTIST IN THE MORNING—HOW I DREAD IT—WONDER WHERE THERE'S A GOOD DENTIST IN THIS TOWN—'. Panel 4: 'CH—HUM—BELIEVE ME I'M GOING TO BED EARLY TONIGHT—NO MORE LATE PARTIES FOR ME'. Panel 5: 'I'VE GOT TO LINE UP A GOOD DENTIST—THAT TOOTH IS NEARLY KILLING ME—'. Panel 6: 'WELL, I'GUESS I'LL KNOCK OFF—THERE GOES FRED BRADNA'S WHISTLE—GEE I FEEL ALL IN TONIGHT'. Panel 7: 'A FELLOW TAKES HIS LIFE IN HIS HANDS GOING OUT TO THESE PARTIES—NO MORE FOR ME'. A signature 'Briggs' is in the bottom right corner.

SUNNY SIDE UP

Take comfort, nor forget that Sunrise never failed us yet. Celia Haxner

HOME AGAIN.

Home again, and the old pipe going. Lolling around in my easy chair. Home again, with its soft light glowing. All forgot is the toil and care.

Senate Obstacy Wins.

From the Kearney Hub: Final defeat of the 10-year building plans for the state university and teachers colleges is a serious matter so far as the coming biennium is concerned.

Patience is a Virtue.

"Your wife is surely taking on weight." "Don't see how she does it, staying up till 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning."

Abbe Martin

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American Legion '25 to Omaha...

THE FIRST extends its hearty congratulations to Omaha Douglas County Legion Post Number 1 on bringing the 1925 National American Legion Convention to Omaha.

Federal Aid for State Roads. From the Philadelphia Enquirer: At a convention in Atlantic City, Governor Silzer appealed for a policy of state rights in carrying out road building plans.

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