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WHAT WE SPEND FOR EDUCATION.

Dr. George D. Strayer of Columbia university told the members of the Nebraska Schoolmasters' club a few wholesome truths at its meeting at Lincoln. Among the things he stressed it that money spent in furthering education is a capital investment. Three years of research in surveying the cost of education in the United States shows that but 1.7 per cent of the population's income is expended on education.

Some of the objectors were shocked when they discovered that in spite of the advance complained of Nebraska still lags behind the average of the country in the matter of pay for teachers. Nebraska's average pay to teachers is \$11 below the median line of the United States. The state stands 33 in the list.

Within the last two or three years Nebraska has made considerable progress along certain lines. Many of the communities of the state have expended large sums of money increasing facilities and equipment for the schools. Magnificent plants have been established, and many other things have been done to set the schools in certain parts of the state abreast of the movement in the nation.

Something remains to be done, however. The survey made by the research bureau shows a variation in wealth of more than \$2,000 of taxable property per pupil in attendance between the richest and the poorest district in Nebraska. It is manifestly impossible to base a standard upon such disparity.

A way must be devised to meet this situation. How best it can be done is open to discussion. It is one, however, that should no longer be blinked at.

At the 1923 session of the legislature the house passed a bill that was unfortunately lost in the closing jam in the senate that may well be revived and pressed to early passage. It provided for a full and careful survey of the situation in Nebraska as to educational facilities and needs.

SCHOOLS COMING TO PEOPLE.

No single institution after the government itself touches the life of the people of the United States more closely than does the public school. At some times it goes into every home, every little boy and girl is taken up by it and trained in ways that are essential, no matter what part the boy or girl is called upon to play in after life.

People do not know the schools as they should. Here and there in the community groups of parents and teachers meet, and acquaintances are formed. Matters of mutual interest or concern are discussed, but seldom does the acquaintance ripen into that intimate understanding sought by the school people.

Superintendent Beveridge is just now planning to bring the school to the people. He is arranging through the co-operation of the Brandeis store for a great exhibition on the eighth floor of the store building, where work done by the pupils will be on display.

tion as to methods and results. School processes change rapidly, and it is necessary to watch closely to keep up with the progress. Therefore the school exhibit calls for attention on part of the public.

LET'S MOVE IN.

Two hundred new members and the deficit wiped out by June 1. This is the program of the "go-getters" in the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce, like Ak-Sar-Ben, has grown into an institution, and the folks in town have gotten accustomed to the one as to the other. Ak-Sar-Ben is the "whoop-la" of our city's existence, the Chamber of Commerce is the hum-drum shop, where the details of looking after the city's growth are attended to.

There is no opportunity for the spot light, only a patient plugging away. To function the chamber must have money for its activities; it must have men to carry them out. Some folk don't like the chamber—most of them are on the outside. It is our privilege to voice our opinions, our duty—if we are on the inside.

The chamber is there for all who have something constructive to bring to it. The chamber is anxious to give us a hearing, whether we come with a mild mannered suggestion or a double-fisted fight.

Yes, they prefer it backed up with doubled fists—if it is constructive. Oh, how the world loves a fighter, a fighter who builds, who scorns merely to attract attention.

Two hundred new members by June 1. Forrest Croxson will put your name on the rolls, pronto.

The deficit wiped out by June 1. John L. Kennedy will receive your donation.

Do you know, down in Miami, Fla., the funds for the chamber are raised by taxation and every man, woman and child in town is a member. Takes better men and better women to join in this sort of work voluntarily, but then Omaha is a better town than Miami. How many of us are going to be among the 200 on June 1? How many will have done their part toward cutting out the deficit?

A SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY.

May 14 was a significant anniversary in the annals of Nebraska newspaper history. On that date the Fremont Tribune entered upon its 42d year as a daily newspaper.

Only a handful of men and women survive who were adults when the Fremont Tribune was launched upon the sea of journalism. The boys and girls of the day when the Fremont Tribune entered the daily newspaper field are, if yet upon the scene of action, the gray-haired fathers and mothers of boys and girls whose births were recorded in the columns of the Tribune. It chronicled their arrival, their graduation and their marriage.

It has seen the prairies of Dodge and surrounding counties broken and planted. It has seen the soddie supplanted by the comfortable farm home, and it has seen Fremont grow from a stage station and a tank stop on the Union Pacific, to a busy bustling city with three great railroads carrying the products of its factories to the four quarters of the world.

Nebraska had just donned the habiliments of statehood when the Fremont Tribune was founded. Not only has it lived to see the day when Nebraska's star was one of the very brightest in the flag's constellation, but it has played a vigorous part in bringing about that gratifying fact.

The Fremont Tribune has a right to be proud of the record it has made. It has been a potent factor in the construction of the commonwealth and in the building of the beautiful little city of which it is such an important part.

Magnus Johnson asserts that government ownership is the only solution of the railroad problem. After due deliberation will you please tell us what you think of a nationalized railway system under the management of Magnus Johnson?

The man who landed in New York without a shirt on his back 13 years ago is now said to have more than two millions. And we'll bet that most of them are minus buttons or have frayed neckbands.

Information reaches us that President Coolidge did not smile at the clown's jokes about prohibition. It is rapidly dawning upon a lot of folk that prohibition is not a joke.

The decision of the War department to abolish honorary colonels is enough to cause Kentucky to secede from the Union.

Jim Jeffries has just been declared a bankrupt, which goes to prove that all the knock-outs are not in the padded ring.

Homespun Verse
—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie

TIME IS PRECIOUS.
The space is growing shorter,
And the elixir up of those
Who are asking for an office
Keeps a fellow on his toes;
And he reads the declarations
Of reformists which would make
Party faithfulness as nothing
With the principles at stake.

It's All Well Enough to Turn Them Away, but—



Why Follow Them Up and Kick 'Em?



Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 300 words and less will be given preference.

Principles of the Klan. Fairmont, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Today's Bee's glaring headline, "Klan would control democracy," and almost a column on this subject may make interesting reading for some.

In fairness to your readers I would ask that you print the "Precious Principles of Democracy" of which you speak in the last paragraph, so that the people may know what the "precious principles" are.

The writer, or speaker, of that last paragraph, must be misinformed or uninformed. W. H. TOBIEREN.

Newcomer Protests. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I am a comparatively newcomer to Omaha and have not had a chance to know the ins and outs of past city politics.

One of the statements in the campaign for the "Square Six" was that they had been in office long enough to be thoroughly acquainted with the work and therefore they should not be ousted to give place to untried men.

Is that fair and square? Does that show a right attitude on the part of these six commissioners? I say No, and I think my answer will be echoed by thousands of others in Omaha who believe in fair play and a square deal.

After the Game. As the poker game broke up one player said: "Well, I'll have to explain where I've been. My wife is named Faith, but she never has any where I am concerned."

Windy Salesman. Hesitant Flapper—Aren't those hose a bit flashy? Keen Salesman—Yes, miss; indeed they are, and the papers forecast strong winds for the next few days.

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V. A. BRIDGE, Cir. Mgr. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 1924. W. J. QUIVEY, Notary Public.

"From State and Nation" —Editorials from Other Newspapers—

The Senate's Mad Bolt. From the St. Paul Dispatch. Among all the wild and foolhardy things which the United States senate has done at this session of congress, or conceivably will do, there is nothing that can excel its action last week of voting to throw private tax returns open to public inspection.

It is not, it will be possible in the future for such newspapers as please to do that sort of thing to publish broadcast the private affairs of any person who makes a tax return. Information about any individual person's income will be available to anyone whose curiosity or business interest gives him an incentive for snooping into the affairs of others.

Properly Served. In the physiology class the children were naming the different parts of the body. One of them named the liver. "And what comes next to the liver?" asked the teacher. No one seemed inclined to answer.

The first Bank checks were issued in England about 1700 A. D. Until then—if a depositor wanted to transfer credit—he was forced to go to the Bank in person.

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SUNNY SIDE UP

Take Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet

THE TEST. Job was a patient man, so I am told; A man who never lost his temper, quite. Who never thought to rant and rave and scold. But held the reins upon his temper tight.

It doesn't pay to be a pessimist. The other day a man dropped in on Tom Klogg and proceeded to pour a tale of gloom about business depression and hard times. Tom, who is an optimist of optimists, tried to lift the gloom, but the fellow persisted until everything was damp and festooned with Spanish moss.

More Legislation Needed. 'Tis now and then I'm good and riled when as a scribe I'm forced to hear some old maid tell me how a child should be brought up from year to year.

When I had one I laid some schemes that looked all right a month or so. Now there are eight, and so it seems not one for sure thing did I know. If I with wide experience confess I'm often puzzled quite, how in the name of common sense can some old maid be always right?

The bachelor and old maid, too, who know how to raise a child, often make me cuss till air is blue, and run around in circles wild. Until their duty they have done and added to the baby crop, the legislature on the run should Pass a Law and make them stop!

WILL M. MAUPIN.

LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press. The Kearney Hub notes that no republican county convention in Michigan, nor even the republican state convention, put an official "O. K." on Senator Cousins.

Hank Leggett of the Ord Quiz has been sued for \$20,000 libel, and seems to be willing to compromise right now if the plaintiff will collect and give back half of it.

"A stitch in time saves time, wondering if the hole in your sock shows," chortles the Alliance Herald. Darned if it don't.

"It is our opinion," admits Allan May of the Auburn Herald, "that Peter has been robbed a great many times more than Paul has been paid."

Editor Barnes of the Madison Star-Mail says the claims of the republican and democratic conventions that "the primary gives the people free

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