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The time to extend the helping hand is when the help is needed.

The practice of letting off steam in presidential years loses none of its variety by repeti-

Of course, if Florence insists upon being annexed, it would be hard-heartedness in us not to leave the door ajar.

Better hurry, for it is exceeding doubtful if those January clearance sales can be postscripted into February.

As sponsor of that favorite son vice presidential boom, the Lincoln Journal seems to be in danger of overstraining.

If Villa's topknot is so precious to his eyes, why didn't Carransa put a price on it and expedite the delivery of the goods?

Record breaking receipts of stock emphasize the limitless capacity of the west for supplying the country's bacon and side lines.

The loss of \$78,000,000 in customs revenue in a year is attributed to the war. As a free trade shelter in a storm war is the friendliest port in sight.

Another revolutionary movement in Mexico. even though headed by Felix Diaz, is not needed to underscore the superior facilities of the country for graveyard purposes

Extremists in the preparedness camp do more damage than good to the cause they seek to advance. Throwing scares stiffens resistance in quarters where sound reason abides.

The scare belt is gradually recovering its composure. Mrs. Pankhurst was found to be unarmed, except with a voice, and our defenses against that sort of invasion are deemed invulperable.

An addition of seventeen persons to the Carnegle roster of heroes swells the roll of honor well above 100. Thoughtless people scoff at the ironmaster's rewards, but an examination of the deeds performed proves that heroic selfsacrifice in civil life surpasses the blatant heroism of war.

The railroads are edging up on passenger rates wherever they can, but they now find the 2-cent fare nailed down in Nebraska by court decree enjoining violation of the law. The purpose of the injunction is presumably to keep the adjudication of the issue, if it is to be raised, in the state courts. But the roads may think better of it and let well enough alone.

Has the Jitney Had Its Day?

All indications are that the jitney is fast fading away as a transportation factor in Omaha. While less than a year ago, when the novelty was young and catching, an almost unbroken belt of machines scurried along the three main thoroughfares, a bare dozen survive. Advancing oil cost, increasing prices of rubber, limited carrying capacity and inadequate returns united in giving the jitney a regrettable knockout.

Omaha's experience is duplicated throughout the north and east, and to a less extent in the extreme south, southwest and the Pacific coast. In these sections weather conditions are more favorable for all-year operation. Even this advantage falled to offset the pressure of operating cost on pinching profits. From Seattle to Los Angeles the jitney high tide has receded from 40 to 60 per cent. In the south and southwest the recession corresponds with the coast, while Memphis and New Orleans have crowded them to the wall.

The story of the jitney, even though brief, abounds with thrills ranging from the nickelplated joy ride to the fear-throbs of the pocket nerve. No industrial idea that ever winged its of the pupils may be developed. Admitting this, flight from west to east stirred opposing emotions so deeply. City multitudes hailed the litney as a deliverer. Traction interests denounced it as a malicious disturber of vested intercats. Wherever jitney competition prevalled the shrinkage of traction receipts appalled the managers and belted security holders with a gone feeling, although only in Atlantic City did the jitney succeed in driving its competitor into the hands of a receiver.

It was a merry and lively fight from start to finish. The traction interests are able to sit up once more and welcome restored nourishment. but they had a lesson taught them which they will got soon forget.

Youth and Its Opportunities.

A little walls ago Dr. Osler started much discussion by his proposal that youth is the productive period of life, and was answered with many citations of work accomplished by men who had attained not only maturity, but ripeness of years. It was fairly established that no time could be arbitrarily fixed for the cessation of man's creative impulse. With this admitted, the other end of the question comes in view, and we are asked to consider at what time should the young man be given a hearing. Notable instances of youth commanding attention are many, yet in some of the upper circles of the intellectual kingdom the belief prevails that not enough stress is laid on the point that the opinion of the young man may be as worthy of hearing as that of the elder brethren. In his annual report President Lowell of Harvard has this to say:

It is not only among the instructing staff that we ought to foster productive scholarship. The habit of writing ought to begin young; younger than is usually the case in America. Contrary to the common impression, writing becomes more difficult the longer it is put off. As a man grows older he becomes more fastidious, more self-distrustful, less ready to grapple with a large theme, less ready to put pen to paper until he knows all about a subject, which no one can ever do. A certain crudity of youth is inseparable from early and great productiveness, and ought not to be too much repressed

The "crudity of youth" will vanish with the passage of time, and so will the enthusiasm of youth, the upward leap of the unfettered imagination, and the generous impulse that can find the gem where age is apt only to locate the flaw. What if expanding wisdom, born of knowledge gained by dear experience, does overturn some conclusions reached before maturity has fixed habits of thought? The effort made in the earlier days, even if subsequently entirely abandoned, has been worth the while, for it is one of the steps by which the way led up to where the clearer view disclosed a broader vista.

Constructive as well as productive scholarship is possible among the young men at school, and should be properly encouraged.

"Pop" Concerts at the Auditorium.

A good start has been made along a right line in the presentation of "popular" Sunday afternoon concerts at the Auditorium, the continuation of which is certain to aid in developing Omaha's cultural life. Above all other considerations, these concerts provide a place where a portion of the day of rest may be spent in rational enjoyment at a very light expense. Fostering of musical taste and its subsequent influence on social life is worthy of weight in determining the value of the concerts, but the fact that they do afford unobjectionable amusement is enough to justify them. It is also peculiarly appropriate that the Auditorium should be so used. It was founded on music, and in the beginning was intended to be devoted above all things to music. Many notable musical events have transpired under its rafters, and many more will, but it is only now that the great building is coming into its own as the home of music for the multitude. The present plan of bringing good music closer to the people is sure to bear its fruit. Omaha has attained considerable celebrity as a center for the study of this art, and the widening of the circle to include more and more of those who do not otherwise receive the message of Muse is worthy of encouragement. It will in time lead to much of good in other directions.

Disturbing Ghosts of the Dead Past.

The world war has not only upset some carefully nurtured theories of modern times, but it is also disturbing dust that has accumulated for ages over forgotten things. Places that have slumbered in the silence of the past hear again the clash of arms and the tread of marching feet, and ghosts long left in the security of solitude are fleeing before the presence of the living. One day last week the world was amused to learn that the British forces in the valley of the Euphrates was using the site of the Garden of Eden as a base for operations against the Turks. On another day came reports that Susan, once known as Ecbatana, famous as a Persian city before the days of Belshazzar or Darius, was again a prize of battle. Fields over which strode warriors whose weapons came from the forge of Tubal Cain are bristling now with modern armament, and the cry of battle awakens echoes of shouts raised by hosts whose very names have passed away.

And now the Germans are opening up coal mines abandoned by the Romans a thousand years ago. Archaeology may not benefit greatly as a result of this by-product of the conflict, but geography is getting a great deal more attention than it might otherwise have had. Also, the philosopher may find some cold comfort in the reflection that here is proof that man's passions have not greatly changed with the passage of time, no matter how he may have advanced in

College Boys and Their Games.

Another college boy, just starting on his career for education, has paid with his life for the fun of taking part in an interclass "game." Fatal accidents have become all too frequent in connection with such contests. The enthusiasm of youth, loosed in such struggles as mark interclass contests, leads to excesses that cannot be sustained. For this reason some sort of curb should be placed upon the boys. Other considerations are worthy of weight in the discussion. Sports of all kinds have taken high rank at the schools of the country, and deservedly so, but should not be made the prime end of education. Bodily training must be had, that the physical, as well as the intellectual and spiritual, nature it is just as true that a proper limit to the practice must be set. Too great stress has been laid upon certain features of school sports, until great athletes are given more prominence than great scholars. Nebraska has just had an example of this, wherein more rivalry and higher feeling was engendered over an assistant coach than was ever noted concerning a professor. Athleties in connection with schools should be placed on a rational basis.

Those who doubt the inspiring and persuasive power of cotton will learn much by listening to the martial notes of Senator Hoke Smith.

Views, Mevieus and Interviews

OES any one besides myself realize that this column of personal chat has been running now for for than a year? I wonder. I am still doubtful as to how many readers it may interest, but the number of people who mention it, or chaff me about it is rather encouraging, if not flattering. It is hard to tell how much of a long-felt want any particular newspaper feature fills except by the boosts and knocks, but so far the boosts have been in the

Several names appearing in the oblivary columns within the past few weeks have aroused recollections of some famous actors and actresses. The passing of Tomaso Salvini, for example, has brought out quite general encomiums in all the public prints pronouncing him the greatest tragedian of his day, although almost wholly unknown to the present generation of American theater-pers. Salvini made tour of this country in 1886, playing an engagement in Omaha at the old Boyd's opera house, where I remember seeing him in a portrayal of Othello. He took the role of the Moor, with dusky brown makeup and flery declamation in his own Italian tongue. I doubt if any one in the audience knew enough Italian to follow him, but from his actions and facial expression there was no mistaking what he was saying. He was a man of powerful physique and in his jealous rage handled Viola Allen, who was playing Desdemona, so energetically that the finish of the performance left her completely exhausted and scarcely able to respond to the curtain call. While Salvini gave his lines in Italian, all the other members of the company spoke English. Salvini was accompanied on that trip by his son, Alexander Salvini, though I am not sure that he appeared with him in the cast. Alexander Salvini, whom I afterwards met, himself became a popular actor, starring in romantic melodrama, like "The inree Guardsmen," playing it in English, and was frequently seen in Omaha, although he died many years before his illustrious father.

Another popular stage favorite whose death has beer, recently announced is Ada Rehan, the star and mainstay of Augustin Daly's famous stock company The Daly company, with Miss Rehan, held the boards here a number of times before it was disbanded. Daly confined himself almost exclusively to producing light comedy with usually a revival once a year of at least one of the old standard plays. The bill at the Daly theater in New York would be changed three or four times a year and, when I was at college there, I endeavored to go to Daly's every time the bill changed. In this way I witnessed many great scenic productions, including "School for Scandal,"
"The Taming of the Shrew," "Midsummer Night's Dream" and Tennyson's "Foresters." It is a peculiar coincidence that Mabel Eaton, who was the daughter of a family that used to be our neighbors in Omaha, and who answered a call to the footlights, and whose death has also just been announced, started out with the Daly company and had a minor part in "The Foresters' when I saw it. The truth is, however, that I did not know at the time that an Omaha girl was in Miss Rehan's support, but learned it shortly after only on meeting her quite accidentally while walking on Fifth avenue, when she told me how fortunate she was in securing such an opening for the furtherance of her stage ambitions.

Reverting to the Eatons, the father, B. L. Eaton, was Omsha's swell photographer in the early days, with only one competitor, Currier, who professed to turn out the same high class work. There were two daughters in the family, Mabel and Fannie, who, as little girls, were prettier than pictures and of wholly opposite types of beauty, one a blond and the other brunette. When business was dull the old man used to post the little girls for character studies, leting them at play, using the photographs for advertising purposes. One series in particular attracted special attention, showing the two girls with their dolls going through the various household activities of washing, hanging out the clothes, ironing, dressmaking, cooking, etc. Perhaps some of the old-timers here have preserved copies of those photographs and might dig them up from the archives

Being introduced to Norman Hackett while he was here last week, he referred to another stage celebrity, Mile. Rhea, with whom he had been professionally associated, and who to him had spoken of her friendship with my father and myself, and of having ontertained us once at her home near Paris. To Mr. Hackett I recalled vividly the incidents of that visit, having been invited by her to dine at her villa in the little suburb of Montmorency, just a short ride from the French capital. At the time she was entertaining as her guests her sister and a niece from Antwerp and a young American girl from Michigan, and during the conversation, which naturally turned to drama, she explained that in all the years of her acting her sister had never seen her in any performance. Mr. Hackett stated that when Rhea died a few years ago she was absolutely penniless and that she was buried in the potters' field, and that he afterwards raised \$300 in contributions from her friends among American players with which he had the body removed to a plot of ground in a cemetery and erected a suitable monument to her memory. I have in an album Rhea's autograph with the motto inscribed "Fides et Labor." It would be an appropriate in scription for that monument.

Twice Told Tales

A Needed Respite. .In a just-like-home boarding house in a big city

one of the young men guests took a single sip of coffee at dinner and then placed the cup on the table. Instantly the boarding mistrons began to take notice. "What seems to be the matter, Mr. Smith?" she asked, throwing an inquiring eye on the coffee.

"Nothing is the matter, Mrs. Jones," evasively replied the boarder. "I was-" "Is that so?" caustically interjected the boarding house mistress. "Then why did you push that coffee

from you?" "Well, if you must know, Mrs. Jones," answered the young man, "the poor coffee is so weak that I am merely giving it a little rest."-Philadelphia Tele-



A movement has been started for a coasting carnival and a call issued for a meeting Monday night of the young men interested to make arrangements. It is proposed to close Dodge street to all traffic except for sleds on a designated night.

Paols Pavsich, Denver's well known designer and secorator, is in the city engaged in beautifying Dr. Mercer's residence. He is also conferring with the county commissioners with reference to some work in

The employes of Krug's brewery gave a successful social ball at Koester's hall. John D. Howe, now of St. Paul, is visiting in

Omaha on legal business. About 135 children participated in the annual en tertainment of the Sunday school of the United Presbyterian church under the superintendence of John

Newt Barkalow of Denver is greeting his Omaha

Miss Clara Buffington of Council Bluffs is a guest of Miss Woolworth.

The Misses Annie and Barbara Merkel, who have been spending the week in Omaha, returned to their home across the river

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Chicago Herald: One thousand curates have asked to be allowed to join the British army. Instead of "a charge to keep I have" they may soon be saying "a charge to make I have!"

Louisville Courier-Journal: A Wyoming parson is quoted as saying it is positively wicked to go to church in an automobile When the Subbath is a fine day a whole lot of people agree with the parson.

Brooklyn Eagle: The celebration of Dr. Lyman Abbott's eightleth birthday at Plymouth church last night-postponed from the actual anniversary in December. for convenience-was pre-eminently and properly a Plymouth occasion. Not only for the dozen years of his pastorate there was Plymouth Dr. Abbott's spiritual home, but his close previous association with the church and Mr. Beecher had endanced the church to him so that the tribute of affection from its people will be valued by him as few other honors

Detroit Free Press: One of the notice able tendencies of this time is toward unity of Christian denominations. Just how far the great war in Europe has tended to advance this tendency it is difficult to determine. The tendency existed before the war. Since the outbreak of hostilities it has taken considerable strides. A World Conference on Faith and Order has just been held in New York, participated in by Protestant Episcopalians, Methodist Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Saptists, Seventh-Day Baptists and others. To this gathering Pope Benedict sent his good wishes in a friendly letter, which was received with cheers. Out of the conference there is to come a great general council of denominational representatives at a future date.

unable to bluff.

never get you very far. make crying pay dividends.

Many a bachelor has made a happy-by not marrying her. Naturally poets are born, but cooks are

better paid. There's a reason! Fortunately for cats, the man behind the artillery can't see well at night.

The light comedian nearly always weighs more than the heavy villain. If a man ever becomes civilized it is through the influence of some good

think that all the insane people are in

But many a man who hands you good advice does not know it is good or he would have used it himself.

at midnight how very sleepy he is going to be at 7 a. m. the next morning.

One seldom sees a woman on the street without a shopping bag. That ought to be sufficient warning to any bachelor. Fame, from a literary point of view,

onsists in having people know you have written a lot of stuff they haven't read. Some good people seem to think the Almighty is making a great mistake in not leaving the management entirely to

When a husband and wife are both of one mind, it isn't a difficult task to figure out which originally owned the mind .-

SCIENCE AND THE EARTH.

The present population of the earth is about 1,450 millions.

the sun is \$2,800,000 miles. Approximately, the mass of the earth is

science of measuring the surface of the earth. By far the greater portion of the earth's

vegetation. What we now call the earth was at first nothing more nor less than a great

Scientists are unable to tell the earth's age exactly; their estimates range from

always immersed in darkness.

Mercury and Venus being before it. In high latitudes the sun's rays strike the earth's surface obliquely, and have

thus less heating power than in low lati-

pivot, so as to oscillate freely, it takes up a position which is, approximately, north and south.

AROUND THE CITIES.

rule requiring sterilization of public drinking cupa.

Emporia, Kan., has designated February 21-36 as pay up week, and thereby hopes

pool halls. The mayor says no permits

the public schools of Chicago shows 85 per cent in favor of military training.

devout. Wichita schools are not up to the denands of the young idea, for accomm

tions. A shortage of 200 seats in high and grade schools is reported. Leavenworth is digging up old-time tion of the first Methodist church built

tion of repealing the regulation is to be

mond, Va."

The industry of marketing forged mortgages in Kansas City, Mo., was not confined to the late Theodor Peltser. J. S. Chick Investment company has been asked by the grand jury to explain how it happened to slap three identical mortgages on property which could not carry more than one

People and Events

A St. Louis man has undergone 131 operations. The doctors are determined to find out what's the matter with him

even if it takes the hide. Kind deeds lay up treasures in this life as well as in the future state. Mrs. J. T. Albertson of Sedalia, Mo., years ago helped an orphan boy to get a start in A holiday remembrance of \$300 came from the orphan boy grown to manhood and making good. He is Daniel C. Jacklin, a mining engineer of San Fran-

The pharmacy department of the Kansas university holds out the hope of turning dandellon and other weeds from a source of lawn-making profanity to on of commercial utility. Experiments show valuable chemical properties in dandellon roots, Jimson weed and corn silk, which promise to make American druggists independent of European supply.

Soberly and solemnly the word comfrom the dry belt of the state of Maine that woodpeckers take on jags from the sap of pine poles and usually wake up the neighborhood the morning after. The unfailing stunt of the drowsy boozers is to perch themselves on the gutters of houses and beat a tattoo on the tin or iron. Beside the woodpecker racket a cat concert is a fullaby.

although he vowed he wouldn't do it

while Texas was on the map. But Mrs.

Davis was lonesome and "Cyclone" had

to change front to get her a nod of rec-

A leap year bargain offer of free mar-

riage ticense, hat, toilet articles and news-

paper subscriptions put out by the busi-

ness men of Hastings, Minn, to the girl

first applying for the permit, was snapped

up by a St. Paul bride-to-be, Miss Myrtle

M. Doughty. When chided on the un-

kindness of city girls invading the pre-

serves of country girls she blushingly re-

marked, "Well, they had ten days to

make up their minds before leaping. Why

SIGNPOSTS OF PROGRESS.

In this country electricity is a \$3,000,000,-

Seventy per cent of the residents of the

United States use electrity in some form

For putting the finishing touches to

concrete roads, a machine driven by a

gasoline engine has been invented that

can finish about 8,000 square feet a day.

flatirons in use in the United States, and

more than 1,960,000 fans, those two being

Wooden shoes are frequently worn by

employes of breweries and tanneries and

others whose feet need protection from

heat, the demand having grown so large

that a factory for their manufacture from

red cedar has been established at Everett.

The Board of Public Utilities Commis

sioners has handed down a decision or-

sering the Philippine railway, on its Cebu

lines, to install better lights in its second

and third-class coaches, and to supply to

all passengers individual drinking cups

at a nominal cost. The company is also

forbidden to permit more passengers than

A continuous rod-casting machine has

been developed at Newark, N. J., which

will bring about a radical change in th

rod industry. Instead of making rods of

lead, zinc, brass, copper, aluminum and

steel by a rolling process, as has been

done heretofore, the hot liquid metal is

transferred directly from the crucibles to

an endless chain of mold blocks in the

machine. The rod comes out continuously

as long as the molten metal is poured in.

there are seats to ride in the coaches.

far in the lead of all other electrical de-

There are more than \$,000,000 electric

didn't they wake up and get busy?

ognition

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000 industry.

every day.

The exactions of social life in Washington are scandalous in their tyranny. They wrings the soul of imported ideals and siam the freakishness wherewith some political honors are won. Congressman "Cyclone" Davis has been converted to the white collar and the "b'lled shirt,"

WHITTLED TO A POINT.

Many a bluffer has a wife that he is

Treading on other people's toes will It's a smart baby that knows how to

Somehow an engaged couple usually

The average man never fully realizes

The ancients held the theory that the The mean distance of the earth from

6.000.000.000.000.000.000.000 tona. Geodesy is the name given to

land surface is covered with growing

globe of glowing gas.

10,000,000 to 40,000,000 years. As the globe rotates, one-half is always exposed to sunlight, and the other half

Among the planets the earth comes third in order of nearness to the sun.

If a magnetic needle is placed upon a

Washington, D. C., rigidly enforces the

to wipe the slates clean. Ames, Ia., turns thumbs down on public

issue while he is on the job. A canvase of the parents of pupils in

The mayor of Atlantic City reports that the great sesside resort is not only morally improved, but is also actually

in the city. It is said to be the first brick building put up in Kansas. Jitney operators at Wichita are fighting regulation with their backs to the wal since the state courts upheld the city's right to bar iltneys from thoroughfares on which street cars operate. The ques-

St. Joe feels quite chesty about its bank dearings record for 1915, having reached thirty-first place in the hustling crowd. Wherefore the Gazette proudly remarks: "It ranks far ahead of such places as Los Angeles, Scattle and Indianapolis, and is in the class with Omaha and Rich-

The road to success is full of the ruts

It is almost as easy to call a man down on the 'phone as to call him up.

MUSINGS OF A CYNIC.

Some people never take anything that doesn't belong to them except advice.

The commercial activity of many a man takes the form of dodging creditors. Every man was born at a very early age, but some of them never seem to get over it.

Hope springs eternal in the human breast, and doesn't have to be wound up A man may rest on his laurels, but the

fellow who wins his spurs doesn't care to rest on them. It's a mighty difficult thing for one woman to ignore another woman who has

on a new hat. Perhaps a pretty girl is seldom clever

for the same reason that a rich man doesn't have to work. There are times when a little change

the weather is almost as gratifying as a little change in the pocket. The people who are fond of boasting about their ancestors seem to forget that Adam managed to struggle along with-

out any.-New York Times,

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Mrs. Close—I'm writing to ask the Browns to meet the Joneses here at dinner, and the Joneses to meet the Browns. We owe them both, you know. Close—But I've heard that they've just quarreled and don't speak.

Mrs. Close—I know. They'll refuse and we won't have to give a dinner party at all.—Boston Transcript.

"Richmug, the eminent financier, who is so seriously ill, has both a German and an English specialist."
"How are they getting on?"
"Rotten. Every time one of them issues a bulletin the other immediately denies it."—Puck.

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, CAN TWO LIVE AS CHEAP AS ONE? IT ALL DEPENDS - HOW CHEAP ARE YOU MAX!

"What are the duties of the office to which you aspire?"
"What should I know about them? I expect to be the head of the office; not one of the clerks."—Washington Star,

"I hear that Richwood's daughter ran away with the chauffeur."
"Yes; and Richwood is nearly crazy crasy over it."
"Well, it is hard to lose a daughter in

THE TWO PRAYERS.

Harper's Weekly. Harper's Weekly.

A youth stood with uplifted arms and faced the rising sun.

"O God," he prayed, with earnest eyes, "ere my short day be done.

O God of power, grant me power! O God of strength, grant me strength

To forge my way to fame to claim a conqueror's crown at length,

Till when death's shadow creeps a-near my name may show on high,

Peerless amid earth's mightiest—then could I gayly die!"

A man, still strong but tamed by care, by tempering sorrow tried,
Knelt ere he slept in humbleness, a spirit purified,
"Grant, God of Love," he murmured low,
"grant me the power to love,
The power to lighten tired hearts, the power cold hearts to move,
The sense compassionate, and ere my id ere m sense compassionate, and ere my working soul takes flight, me forget myself, to wake sun-startled by Thy light."

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