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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18—

JACK PICKFORD in
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Norma Talmadge in "THE BRANDED WOMAN"
TOONERVILLE COMEDY

COMMENT & DISCOMMENT

Nebraska is getting into the lime-light, all because, in the closing days of our last legislative session, a resolution was passed which appointed John J. Neihardt poet laureate of the state. The resolution attracted but little comment within the state, due largely to the fact that there was no salary attached and no perquisites, but in the east and even across the pond the editorial writers have been buzzing considerably. Right now there is a discussion raging as to whether it should have been done. The State Journal is quoted as saying that this resolution is "the first official recognition of a poet by a lawmaking body," and seems to think that this is something quite notable and is patting the whole state on the back because our lawmakers had the courage and the insight to do this thing.

The chief objection seems to be that poet laureates have, as a rule, been pretty punk poets. The New York Evening Mail points out a whole string of them—Tate, Rowe, Eusden, Whitehead, Warton and Pye—who have had similar honors conferred upon them in England, but who are unknown save to the man or woman who has made a study of literature, and a deep study at that. The Mail apparently does not approve even of the last two English incumbents of the office, Alfred Alstia and Robert Bridges. In fact, that newspaper seems to be hard to suit, poetically. However, most of us are the same way, although we don't brag about it.

In the good old days gone by, it was something to be a poet laureate. The position carried a salary and as a perquisite a certain quantity of wine, which was supposed to have a fine effect upon the muse. If, in Nebraska, the old custom of payment were to be revived, and a pitcher of wine daily be accorded the poet laureate, a number of men, and mayhap a woman or two, would be sharpening their pencils and calling upon their muse to get busy. It might not be a bad thing to amend the Volstead law to permit of daily wages to poets laureate.

As for us, we refuse to get excited over the appointment of Mr. Neihardt. It is altogether probable that he knew nothing of the honor the legislature bestowed upon him until after the irrevocable legislature had accomplished it and the governor had signed the resolution. That's one thing about our legislature—nobody can tell what it intends to do. This great distinction probably will have no effect on Mr. Neihardt, who will continue to write splendid verse while the controversy rages and a long time after he has forgotten that he was the first American poet to be honored by a legislature. And such a legislature!

One is moved to wonder how the legislature ever discovered that there was a real poet in Nebraska. Probably the university lobby put them next to it. The resolution appointing Mr. Neihardt has the sound of one drawn up by either the rhetoric department or the department of English literature. It is still more remarkable that the legislators, after being told there was a Nebraska poet worthy of the honor, should have gone ahead and passed the resolution without at least two months of wind-jamming.

What is all the more remarkable, Mr. Neihardt is a real poet, and a Nebraskan. He has undoubtedly had dozens of opportunities to leave the state and live in the eastern centers

of culture, but has shown no indications of wanting to leave. Further, he is writing epic poems of Nebraska and the west, and while his fame has come chiefly from there, he has written other things that rank well. Nebraska, as a state, does not run to poetry very strongly, but there are those who can appreciate such magnificent lines as these:

LET ME LIVE OUT MY YEARS.
(From The Quest (Macmillan).)

Let me live out my years in heat of blood!
Let me die drunken with the dreamer's wine!
Let me not see this soul-house built of mud
Go toppling to the dusk—a vacant shrine.

Let me go quickly, like a candle-light
Snuffed out just at the heyday of its glow.
Give me high noon—and let it then be night!
Thus would I go.

And grant that when I face the grisly Thing,
My song may trumpet down the gray
Perhaps,
Let me be as a tune-sweet fiddle-string
That feels the Master Melody—and snaps!

If you are a college man, or woman, and you can't answer Thomas A. Edison's mental teasers, then you've got an XYZ intellect. Recently Mr. Edison said he found college products a sorry lot.

A Cornell honor man saw an add in a Sunday newspaper six weeks ago. It read something like this:
"Six young college men wanted for manufacturing development work; need not have technical education; pay \$130 a month to star. Apply, Edison, West Orange, N. J."

The Cornell man applied at the plant. Five other young men appeared at the same time. They were received by Mr. Meadowcroft and Mr. Stevenson, Edison's lieutenants, and turned loose on the seventy-seven questions. All failed. The Cornell man could answer just half. There really were seventy-eight questions, but he has forgotten one of them. From him the list was obtained.

Edwin Roche Hardy, Columbia University's 12-year-old prodigy, ventured answers to fifty-three out of the seventy-seven questions.

Some of his answers placed Tallahassee in Tennessee, made Horace Greeley founder of the New York Herald, named mahogany as the hardest wood and citric as the acid in vinegar.

- The questions follow:
1. Who discovered how to vulcanize rubber?
 2. Who invented printing?
 3. Who invented the modern paper making machine?
 4. Who invented the cotton gin?
 5. Who was the most famous maker of violins?
 6. Who wrote Don Quixote?
 7. Who wrote Les Miserables?
 8. Who wrote the opera "Il Trovatore"?
 9. Who was "the father of American railways"?
 10. Who was Pizarro?
 11. Who was Simon Bolivar?
 12. Who was Solon?
 13. Who was John Hancock?
 14. Who was Hannibal?
 15. Who was Paul Revere?
 16. Who was Cleopatra and how did she die?
 17. Who discovered the Pacific ocean?
 18. Who was the founder of the New

19. Where is Labrador?
20. Where is Helena?
21. Where is Tallahassee?
22. Where is Copenhagen?
23. Where is Manchuria?
24. What is the capital of Pennsylvania?
25. Where is Magdalena Bay?
26. What is the highest mountain in the world?
27. What is the longest river in the world?
28. What is the greatest depth ever found in the ocean?
29. What is the greatest depth of tide in feet found along the North American coast?
30. Where was Napoleon born?
31. Where was Lincoln born?
32. Of what are violin strings made?
33. What musical instrument do you play?
34. What newspapers and magazines do you read?
35. Of what is porcelain made?
36. What substances are used in the manufacture of sulphuric acid?
37. What are the ingredients of good white paint?
38. How is celluloid made?
39. What is the hardest known wood?
40. What kind of wood is used for ax handles?
41. What kind of wood is used for kerosene oil barrels?
42. In what part of the world does it never rain?
43. Name the countries bordering on France.
44. Where is the largest telescope in the world located?
45. What is a monsoon?
46. How much is a troy ounce of gold worth?
47. At what speed does light travel?
48. What is the best grade of cotton grown?
49. With what substance is radium always associated?
50. How far is the earth from the sun?
51. How far is it by the shortest rail route between New York and San Francisco?
52. How far is it by ordinary oceanic routes between New York and Liverpool?
53. How is leather tanned?
54. How is window glass made?
55. How is artificial silk made?
56. Who discovered the laws of gravitation?
57. Why is the ordinary instrument used in measuring temperature called a Fahrenheit thermometer?
58. Name the three principal alkalis.
59. What is the difference between anthracite and bituminous coal?
60. From what country do we get

- most of our cork?
61. From what country do we get our borax?
62. From what country do we get our figs?
63. From what country do we get our platina?
64. Where does most of our quicksilver come from?
65. What is the greatest wool producing country in the world?
66. In what states are located our chief copper mines?
67. What is copra?
68. What is used to cut the facets of diamonds?
69. From what city do most of our laundry machines come?
70. From what vicinity do we get most of our codfish?
71. What are felt hats made of?
72. If Rhode Island is the smallest state in the union, what is the next and the next to that?
73. Where does most of our rubber

- come from?
74. What is zinc?
75. What is the name of the acid found in vinegar?
76. Where are condors found?
77. What fabric is used in auto tires?

Discovering a washout on railroad tracks, a man took off his red socks, waved them and stopped an approaching train. Very simple. The engineer saw the socks and thought there was a wash out.

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