

est bearing securities in its permanent school fund. At the same time, too, the state owns \$25,000,000 worth of school land daily growing more valuable and annually turning thousands of dollars into the school fund. On the same date the banks of Nebraska contained deposits amounting to upwards of \$160 for each man, woman and child in the state. During the last ten year period Nebraska has harvested more corn per acre, more wheat per acre, more oats per acre and more rye per acre than any other state. Today Nebraska is the fourth largest corn producing state, and the youngest of the four. The fourth largest wheat producing state, and the youngest of the four. The third largest butter producing state, and by far the youngest of the three. She has the third largest packing center in the United State, and is the youngest of the three. The more you study Nebraska the more you will be impressed with her wonderful development and her still more wonderful possibilities. Let all the world know the real facts about Nebraska.

Every now and then—quite too often, in fact—organized labor performs some fool stunt that tries the patience of its best friends and staunchest advocates. The building trades council of Des Moines has just performed one of these fool stunts. It notified Mr. Bryan that if he laid the cornerstone of the new Y. M. C. A. building in that city it would adopt resolutions of condemnation and scatter them broadcast. The reason for this notice was that the Y. M. C. A. building is to be erected by non-union workmen, a fact unknown to Mr. Bryan when he made the engagement. Where does the Des Moines building trade council expect to get off at by condemning Mr. Bryan? Is he to blame for the failure of Des Moines unionists to "square" the Y. M. C. A. job? Would his making an address at the cornerstone laying under all the known circumstances overturn the fact that organized labor has had in him one of its staunchest friends and most eloquent supporters? The time spent by the Des Moines building trades council in drawing up resolutions condemning men like Bryan would be better spent in trying to organize the city.

Why shouldn't the little community of Mascot have the first call of the location of the new agricultural school? It is in the very heart of the territory the school is intended to benefit. It is a farming community with none of the "city attractions" that tend to distract the minds and divert the attention of the boys and girls who are going to study farm and domestic science problems. It has every advantage demanded for a successful school of this kind, and none of the disadvantages that may not easily overcome. And, besides, has it not the one great advantage of having a big, whole-souled, enterprising and wideawake man like John Grace to take the lead in making the

school surroundings what they should be? Will Maupin's Weekly, after earnestly and consistently advocating the establishment of the southwestern school of agriculture, now expresses its desire to have the school located at Mascot.

We are having a surfeit of maudlin sympathy for the young woman who stole \$150,000 worth of negotiable bonds from Mrs. Ogden Armour. She stole the bonds. Of that there is no question. She did not need the money, for she had a luxurious home, all the comforts of life and many of its luxuries. But she didn't have as much money as some of her friends, therefore she stole to make up the difference. She did not have the excuse of hunger, of cold or of any other privation. Will Maupin's Weekly has no sympathy for her, being only sorry that she was such a fool. It is reserving its sympathy for the jobless man who is caught stealing bread for his hungry babies and sent to jail for it.

"See America First" is a slogan being adopted by the railroads, the idea being to divert passenger traffic from the ocean to the land. And the slogan is a good one, not only for the railroads but for Americans. Scenery in the Alps? The Rockies have the Alps beaten both ways from the middle. All Europe and Asia can not show a wonder of nature to compare with the Grand Canon. Yellowstone Park has the storied Rhine looking like a cheap chromo alongside a Landseer or a Reubens. The Yosemite valley has no equal in its way. Niagara is still the wonder of the world. The valley of the Nile is a mere strip of land compared with the wonderful valley of the Mississippi. The "Blue Danube's" storied scenery isn't a marker to the scenery along the James, and the "sunny hills" of France are mere imitations of the real thing when contrasted with the Blue mountains of the Carolinas. And before Nebraskans even start to seeing America let them "see Nebraska First." Minnehaha falls, famous in song and story, never saw the day when they were as pretty as the Falls of Wauneta on the Stinking Water river in Chase county. Mortal eye never saw a prettier sight than the one offered the tourist who stands on the summit of Scotts Bluff and gazes out over the beautiful valley. Deep Canon in northwestern Nebraska is comparable only to Cheyenne canon, and there are bits of scenery along the Niobrara that are not excelled for beauty by anything in Europe or America. And if you want a boat ride down a river, with scenery and sights that will make a Nile journey seem like floating down a creek, ride down the Missouri river from Sioux City to Rulo, past the overhanging bluffs, giving way to little valleys rich in productivity, vast orchards and vineyards, snug homes and fat kine. And yet 99 per cent of Nebraskans think their state has nothing better to offer the sightseer than cultivated acres, a few packing

houses and some big manufacturing plants. "See Nebraska first" and learn to know your own state better.

The milk producers get 10 cents a gallon for their product, the same being paid by the men who distribute it. The distributors get 29 cents. Between the promoter of 190 per cent increase. Either the producer is getting too little or the consumer is paying too much. The figures prove it. Maybe this same sort of increase between producer and consumer of other necessities of life is responsible for the "high cost of living." It is worth thinking about.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSE MONEY

The state treasury is no longer to be enriched by the receipts of automobile license money. Hereafter the license only will go into the treasuries of the various counties and devoted to road improvement. Unless there is a radical change from the past they money will be worse than wasted. Nebraska's road laws are chaotic, meaningless and wholly impracticable. About \$700,000 a year is annually expended upon Nebraska roads and each succeeding spring finds them is just as bad shape as they were the previous fall. About the most sinful waste of public money occurs right there in the roadmaking efforts of Nebraska. A special session of the legislature called for the sole purpose of giving us a good code of road laws would be worth the expense, if it gave us the laws. Enough money is uselessly wasted in road work in Nebraska every ten years to build a macadam roadbed sixteen feet wide from the Missouri river to the Colorado line. Commonsense and a due regard for economy demand that a reform be accomplished in the very near future.

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