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A RETURN TO SAVAGERY.

It is a horrible story which comes from the coal mine fields of southern Illinois, telling of the breaking down of law and order, the enthronement of savagery, the killing, the wounding and the torture of men.

Reports of this battle read like events in No Man's Land, 1914-1918. Snipers of the strikers' forces took positions of vantage in trees and on hillsides, whence they picked off mine guards and nonunion workers massed in the pits below.

This is not a strike of workers against their employers. This is a blow by revolutionists against government. It can not be condoned. It can not be tolerated.

The safety of one hundred million people in this country depends upon respect for and maintenance of the law. The law must be upheld against its violation by a large group of citizens no less than against its breaking by a Fred Brown.

The law is not a tyrant—not in this country of free speech and universal suffrage. The law is what the people make it. It can be made into whatever they want it. As it is outgrown from time to time it may be changed, changed by orderly process without revolution.

Defiance of the law is just that and nothing less, so matter what the merit of the particular controversy which leads to its defiance, no matter what to the extent of that in Illinois Wednesday night and Thursday is a threat against the right of every man, woman and child to live in safety.

A WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR.

What does a woman candidate for the United States senate think about? There has been a good deal of pleasant gossip about the nomination of Mrs. Anna Dickie Olesen for United States senator on the democratic ticket in Minnesota, but very little concerning her political views.

These are the things she announces she will work for: Repeal of the Esch-Cummins railroad act; reopening of the Newberry case, passage of the soldiers' bonus and a lower tariff bill.

AMERICA TO EUROPE.

It is refreshing to discover a foreign observer who understands America's attitude toward the jangling states of Europe. Such an one is Francis W. Hirst, the noted English economist who lately toured the United States.

It has now been made clear that the American government will not participate in the reconstruction of Europe until the states of Europe have shown a willingness to help themselves. This attitude is logical and, I believe, perfectly sound.

FRESH EGGS IN THE CITIES.

In the background, one of the expensive and therefore exclusive apartment houses of the city. Its grassy court and trim walk provide a purely formal setting; this, it seems to say, is the city.

chicks stray into their yards or gardens, but they are glad enough to purchase what fresh eggs can be spared. City life may be made as artificial as can be, but it will be a long time before the last vestige of rural survival, the hen, is abandoned.

A DOLLAR'S WORTH, NOW AND THEN.

Prices seem fairly well composed just now, but since last December the total cost of living has declined 4.2 per cent, according to the estimate of the federal bureau of labor statistics.

Those days were not appreciated until they passed. The dollar that then bought 3.9 pounds of sturgeon now only brings home 2.8 pounds. Pork chops that came 4.8 pounds for a dollar have shrunk to 3.2 pounds.

After all, the price level does not make a great deal of difference; it is the balance between wages and the cost of living that really matters. Some of us may begin to suspect that complaint of the high cost of living when employment was plentiful and wages high was ill advised.

A BENEFIT TO COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Council Bluffs at last is to have its downtown "loop," agitation for which was inaugurated before the war.

Some five years ago, when automobiles first were beginning to present a serious traffic problem, pressure was brought to bear on the street car company to construct a single track on Main street from the Pearl and Main junction.

As automobile traffic increased, further efforts were made to abandon switching of street cars at Pearl and Broadway and route all northbound tram cars on Main street, but officials of the street car company maintained the time was not yet ripe for such a move.

At the last meeting of the city council, however, counsel for the tramway corporation informed the councilmen the plan for the downtown loop has met with the approval of the company.

This move will mark one of the most important improvements for the business district of Council Bluffs in recent years. Pearl street, as a thoroughfare except for street cars, has too long been a hazard, while merchants of South Main street will greet the change as an adjunct to their district.

The change will assist greatly in relieving traffic congestion in the heart of the city and should minimize accidents.

NEBRASKA PURE BREDS.

That Nebraska is becoming noted for its fine cattle is impressed by the American Hereford Journal, which this month issued a special number devoted to the state. The production of registered cattle is made to appear as one of the really big industries of the state, and it is said that there are more than 27,000 pure bred Herefords upon its farms and ranches.

Counting the number of white face cattle on the Nebraska plains may seem to city folk a matter of small importance. Yet, when one stops to think of it, the fact that farmers are building up pure herds and eliminating scrub animals does indicate a spirit of progress and ambition that will find outlet also in other important directions.

A state that takes pride in its fine animals may be expected to pride itself also on the fine quality of its men and women. Thus we find the live stock magazine turning aside from its regular field to devote attention to some of the thoroughbred people the state has raised.

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The Canadian reply on the proposal for a waterway treaty not only requests more time for consideration, but declares the cost too heavy for the present. This latter has an odd sound, when it is considered that the plan calls for a bond issue that would pay itself off out of the earnings.

Fred Brown's in Denver. Fred Brown's in Cheyenne. Fred Brown's doubled back on his trail into Nebraska. Fred Brown's doubled back into Wyoming. Fred Brown's, and Fred Brown that. The officer who first puts his finger on Freddie should be awarded the cactus mittens.

A French war widow is making a plea for votes for the French women who lost their husbands in war and are now acting as heads of families. This is at least a starting point for what appears to be inevitable throughout the civilized world, the recognition of women as full citizens.

Last year, Council Bluffs Shriners were denied a temple by the imperial council in Des Moines. This week, Council Bluffs Shriners were denied a temple by the imperial council at San Francisco. If Council Bluffs Shriners just stick to it, they may get that temple yet.

Those railroads that were ordered over their protests to install new automatic control devices might as well make the best of it and advertise their safety. Can anyone mention a safety move that was adopted voluntarily and without public pressure?

After twelve straight victories Morvich went down to defeat. If he were a man instead of a horse, he might blame it on the hoodoo of 13.

The Bee's LETTER BOX

Plea for More Capital Punishment. Omaha, June 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: In reading one of the morning newspapers I find that nearly a quarter of the valuable space of the front page is given over to publishing the story of crimes committed by one of the worst criminals of our state.

Holdups and burglaries are capital crimes in some state, why not in Nebraska? The perpetrators of such crimes would not be so handy with their guns if they knew what was in store for them if caught, and statistics from those states show that this time of criminal activity is more than offset by the more lenient laws are more lenient.

The Melting Pot.

Omaha, June 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: The pictures in last evening's Bee indicate that the national chaplain of our wounded soldiers is a Jew. I am sure that both of his eyes in battle. And New York's greatest hero appears to be an Irish Catholic named O'Neill.

And still we have "patriotic" societies whose members object to the negro, Jew, Catholic or foreign-born becoming candidates for even county offices. The Bee's photographs ought to wipe out such prejudice.

Be Good, or Be Good and Sorry.

Omaha, June 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: It has come to pass in these United States, in this great state of Nebraska, in this beautiful city of Omaha, that a class of men, called scoundrels, moral and physical cowards, degenerates and blackguards, have waxed powerful and grown beyond the law. Deceit, hypocrisy, honor—they know them not. And the law, the fear of which is the only influence that can give them pause, has become feeble and ineffectual and inefficient that they give it no heed.

They hide their faces behind black masks and steal forth into the darkness to burn, to kill, to rob—and to destroy virtue. No night passes that does not contribute anew to the already direful and terrifying mass of avaricious, unscrupulous, and irresponsible, robbery, thievery, arson, murder, rape—decent men close their eyes and ears, and unkindly, unkindly women shudder.

Christian civilization is not a failure. It has not pointed out noble principles, led men to the light and women out of the darkness of ignorance into the light of understanding, and now left them there, like discarded puppets, to writhe in a struggle against the awful things they have been taught to despise.

But they close their eyes in horror, and too few of them open them again to seek remedies. And they flee the fault. That is the link that makes the chain weak.

Some, however, are beginning to open their eyes—and men are beginning to see. Investigations are being made. And crime continues. So the every-day American citizen, who figures the situation out for himself, and he finds that:

Little acorns of disobedience become apparent in the human mind in babyhood, and dotting parents disregard them. They grow with the child. Parents condone, excuse, and misdirected love hides their eyes from the unpleasant truth that if these things are not brought under control in youth they will flourish in maturity. Their love is wonderful, but their love is menace if it is blind to the fact that children who defy family authority are criminals before the domestic bar of justice.

It is within the splendid province of the mothers and fathers of America to mold the character of the boys and girls who tomorrow will make up the citizenry of this mighty republic. It is their sacred duty to spare no effort in the training of their offspring. The obligation of the parent is to drive into the minds of their offspring the necessity of foregoing self in the interests of the group. The obligation of the parent is to instill in every man's heart and the acknowledgment of constituted authority.

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Beating Up a Robber. Omaha, June 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: All of us can't serve eight years in Uncle Sam's army in Hawaii, but such a training seems to stiffen the backbone.

An Omaha man, just back from the beach at Waikiki, tells me that the duties contingent upon the wearing of the khaki, has given evidence of the process.

Counting Sheep. Doc Sawyer—So you still complain of insomnia. Did you follow my suggestion and try to count a flock of sheep as they escaped through a hole in the fence?

OPINION What Editors Elsewhere Are Saying

Ford's Practical Advice. From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Ford is an old genius. A thousand stories might be told about him. One day some months ago he was going through his plant with some friends.

There are still a few of the old guard, still a few of the has-beens, still a few of the would-be bosses, who hope to overthrow the direct primary.

Ontario Knows. From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. One of the last acts of the Ontario parliament, which adjourned last week, was to endorse the St. Lawrence deep waterway and to urge the dominion government to get behind the plan.

Premier King told Secretary Hughes the other day that the dominion government did not deem the present opportune for taking the present of a treaty calculated to smooth the way for the river improvement.

The Direct Primary. From the State Valley News, Seattle. It is becoming the fashion to assail the direct primary.

Those who profited most by the old convention system of government, who enjoyed being in that select group of six or a dozen men who pulled the wires and named the candidates, and who feel sure that they know better than do the people, what is good for them, are bitter in their invective against the direct primary.

Therefore, reason the old gang, let us abolish the direct primary and go back to the convention and caucus. Let us nominate our men in hall rooms and in whispered conferences, and let the people vote in the open on the printed ballot.

Let us return to the old-fashioned way—old returns are better. The fight for the direct primary was not won easily, and the victory

Chang, he had ulterior motives. Sun's terms are, in short, the supremacy of himself and his disciples. He insists on being president himself, recalling that rather absurd parliament elected nine years ago and since dwindling away to a handful, and proclaiming anew that hotch-potch constitution never completed and found inadequate in so far as it has been tried.

These truths Sun Yat-sen cannot see. The touchstone by which he tests every man as to patriotism, virtue and ability is, "Will he obey my orders?" Chang Tao-Ling says he will; he allies himself with Chang Wu Pei-Fu, who he will not; he fights Wu Pei-Fu for the good of the country.

The Revolt Against Civilization. From World's Work. Starting this suggestive and rather startling title, Mr. Lothrop Stoddard has written a profoundly interesting book, recently published, on the "menace of the under-man."

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