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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

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 hilltops, whence they picked off mine guards and nonunion workers massed in the pits below. Forty-four nonunion men were captured and sixteen of these are reported massacred while captives, the excuse being that they tried to escape. One of the sixteen was beaten to death, another hung from a tree, the others

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. There can be no mid-

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. That is the great glory and the great opportunity of a democratic form of government.

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 may be the need for changes in the law to meet a new situation. Defiance of the law in a manner and 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. If men take the law into their own hands, if they beat and hang and kill as they at the moment see fit to do, then it is but one step to the breakdown of government. The only difference between the riot in southern Illineis and revolution is one of numbers.

A WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR.

What does a woman candidate for the United States senate think about? There has been a good Anna Dickie Olesen for United States senator on the democratic ticket in Minnesota, but very little concerning her political views. Miss Jeanette Rankin, who ran for senator on an independent ticket in Montana two years ago, was a bit of a radical, and there may be some curiosity whether Mrs. Olesen will lean in that direction or tend to the more conservative course of Miss Alice Robertson, the lady from

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. The radical element in Minnesota will have to turn to the farmerlabor candidate, Dr. Henrik Shipstead, while the conservatives will be wooed by Senator Kellog. The woman candidate occupies the middle ground.

As time goes on, voters may expect to see more women candidates for high office. Mrs. Olesen can see no reason why some day there should not be a woman president. "Just as soon as the people of this country find a woman whom they believe big enough for the job they will put her up for that exalted office and elect her," she said the other day.

Anything is possible, and it would be difficult to enumerate reasons why a woman could not make a good president. But after Mrs. Olesen wins a seat in the senate will be soon enough to regard that question seriously.

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. He writes in the Yale Review:

. 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. The Americans have shown their phlianthropy by a splendid effort to relieve the famine in Russia; but why should they lend money to Europe, or entertain any scheme for the reduc-tion of war debts, so long as their money and their credit are certain to be thrown into a pool of bottomless deficiency, or frittered away on preparations for another war?

The idea, spread by advocates in congress and out, that America would or could restore Europe by the sacrifice of its own national principles, men and wealth, has done as much as anything else to delay the inevitable day when these racked and impoverished states cease their selfish quarrels and buckle

down to peace and labor. 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.

But from behind the shrubbery a hen leads eleven chicks. They scratch for bugs and worms as much at ease as if in any barnyard. The city means nothing to them, and a bug is a bug, wherever found.

Who did they belong to? Was some fashionable cliff dweller reducing the cost of living by poultry farming? Someone in the neighborhood at least was making sure of a supply of fresh eggs and broilers. You can't keep a pig or a cow in the city, any more, but chickens still have the entree. In a building ten feet square and on a very few square yards of ground enough chickens can be raised to supply the needs

Neighbors may complain when the biddies and

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 de-

clined 4.2 per cent, according to the estimate of the federal bureau of labor statistics. From the high old times of June, 1920, to March, 1922, the fall was 22.9 per cent. While congatulating ourselves on that, the fact remains that the present cost of living is in the neighborhood of 66 per cent above the prewar level of 1913.

Those days were not appreciated until they passed. The dollar that then bought 3.9 pounds of sirioin now only brings home 2.8 pounds. Perk chops that came 4.8 pounds for a dollar have shrunk to 3.2 pounds. A full pound has likewise been carved off a dollar purchase of bacon. A dollar's worth of butter in 1913 is estimated by the federal bureau at 2.6 pounds and now, 2.2 pounds. Milk, once sold at 11.2 quarts for a dollar, now averages 7.7 quarts. Instead of 17.9 pounds of bread, there are now 11.5 pounds, and instead of 30.3 pounds of flour, only 18.9. To judge by this statistical finding, the cheapest item of diet now is eggs; in 1913 the dollar exchanged for 2.9 dozen, whereas now one gets 3.1 dozen.

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

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

Counting the number of white face cattle on the Nebraska plains may seem to city folk a matter of it, the fact that farmers are building up pure herds and eliminating scrub animals does indicate a spirit or 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. Guy W. Green, known best as an agricultural writer, proceeds to name some of the registered human stock, among them Bryan, Pershing, Morton, Herbert Johnson, the cartoonist; John Cassell, the book illustrator, and a long list.

"Frank Spearman, the writer of railroad stories, came from McCook, Neb.," he remarks. "Marden of Success magazine fame is from Kearney. Cyrus Townsend Brady used to preach in an Episcopal church in Crete, and Frank Crane was formerly a preacher in Omaha. Dorothy Canfield, the short story writer, got part of her training at the University of Nebraska, where her father was chancellor. Willa Cather, the author of 'My Antonia' and 'The Song of the Lark'-a woman considered by many critics the foremost novelist of her sex alive-started as a dramatic critic on the Nebraska State Journal. Fred Ballard, the dramatist, who wrote 'Believe Me Xantippe' and other big hits, is from Havelock."

One objection may be found to this enumeration, and yet it is not so much the fault of the writer as of conditions themselves. The point is not to be missed that without exception these people all have left the state. Nebraska will never come into its own until it provides the free atmosphere and broad interests to hold its blue ribbon stock out here on the prairies.

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 this, 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

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

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. This braggart and bravado prides himself on being an expert with his guns, and, if he is quoted correctly by the newspaper, he would not hesitate to shoot to kill any persons who might jeopardize his liberty.

Sand stories might be told about him, one day some months ago he in the breast of those who cannot control the "ignorant" wote of the votering booth finally enshrouds them. There are still a few of the has-beens, at li a few of the would-be bosses, still a few of the would-be bosses, and if he is direction to which he was primary.

Mr. Ford called to him and took him to one side. They chatted a their voice is not strong. For the

more when he is set free again. Holdups and burglaries are capital "he just remarked that there were contario Knows."

Ontario Knows.

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 Jewish rabbi. He lost both of his eyes in battle. And New

And still we have "patriotic" socleties whose members object to the and get their animosity. Ford apnegro, Jew. Catholic or foreign-born peals to their intelligence and negro, Jew, Catholic or foreign-born becoming candidates for even county offices. The Bee's photographs ought to wipe out such prejudice. E. SPERO.

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 lect group of six or a dozen men who city of Omaha, that a class of mental pulled the wires and named the cancity of Omaha, that a class of mental dastards, moral and physical cow-ards, degenerates and blackguards, have waxed powerful and grown beyond the law. Decency, self-respect, honor—they know them not. And the law, the fear of which is the only influence that can give them pause has become so puerile, so weak, so ineffective and inefficient that they give it no heed.

ness to burn, to kill, to rob-and to does not contribute anew to the already disgraceful and terrifying list of sordid, ugly crimes for which they are responsible. Robbery, thievery, arson, murder, rape-decent men close their eyes in horror. Clean-minded, virtuous women shudder. Christian civilization is not a failure. It has not pointed out noble principles, beautiful ideals, led men and women out of the darkness of ignorance into the light of under-standing, and now left them there.

standing, and now left them there. like discarded puppets, to writhe and struggle against the hateful things they have been taught to despise.

Nor is mankind going to pot. The crest of advancement has not been reached, and humanity is not on the descent. Nobility, virtue, clean living are not giving way to the ignoble unclean vileness of the underworld. The men and women of America are the same high-minded, cour-ageous, honest citizens that America

ever has been proud to claim as its But they close their eyes in horror and too few of them open them again to seek a remedy. And therein lies the fault. That is the link that makes the chain weak.

Some, however, are beginning to open their eyes—and they are beginning to see. Investigations are being made. Inquiries are being instituted. And crime continues. So the every-day American is trying to figure the situation out for himself.

And he finds that:

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

It is within the splendid province of the mothers and fathers of America to mold the characters 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 this direc-And the biggest part of this task is to drive into the minds of their offspring the necessity of for-getting self in the interest of the group; the subjugation of the spirit of rebellion which is in every man's heart and the acknowledgment of

constituted authority.

That is the ounce of prevention. A man has been proven guilty of a crime. He is heartless, scheming, brutal. He knows no law save his own desires. His neighbors are his

He must receive stern justice. inexcusable sentimentality must not be permitted to lighten a sentence that should be severe. He sentence that should be severe. He must not be allowed to return to his old haunts, his old associates and his old habits of lawlessness.

old habits of lawlessness. He must be "given the limit."

That is the pound of cure.

And—a good thing for American parents humbly to bear in mind— "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." PHILOSOPHER.

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 training seems to stiffen the backbone.

An Omaha man, just back from the beach at Waikiki, where he did the duties contingent upon the wearing of the khaki, has given evidence

of the process.

He told the poliue he had been held up and robbed, but that in the robbery he had disarmed his bandit and beaten him over the head with

A short time later a suspect was placed under arrest. He showed signs of the battle with the victim of the holdup. One eye was closed. the other battered so that he hardly

could see with it. A district judge recently suggested that Omahans resist holdup men and thugs as a solution to the so-called crime wave. His advice proved to advantage in this instance.

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?

Petitor—Yes doctor, but every

Patient—Yes, doctor, but every time I got up to 50 I became so frightfully sleepy that I lost count and had to pull myself together to start all over again.—Harverd Lampoon

-OPINION-What Editors Elsewhere Are Saying

orning newspapers I find that sand stories might be told about ship, which is to say, bossism

lars, and possibly many thousands had to say, more when he is set free again. "Why," replied the young fellow,

four miles of power, and apply it to other things.' Then he asked me my name and we shook hands and York's greatest hero appears to be my name and we shook hands and an Irish Catholic named O'Neil. he went back to his friends and I North' Dakota's representative is went about my business, and I armless Charles McGonigle, a witty didn't do it by bucking the stream on the 'traveler.

Some bosses bawl out employes wins their friendship.

The Direct Primary. From the Platte Valley News, Scottsbluff. 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 sedidates, and who feel sure that they know, better than do the people. what is good for them, are bitter in their invectives against the direct

primary.

They point out the possibilities of men of great wealth, or men who are able to command the expenditure of huge sums of money, wining a primary fight against a poorer They hide their faces behind black and perhaps a better man. They call attention to the fact that a man who knows how to make publicity, and who is a good utilizer of

newspaper space, can get his name well advertised, and win votes, when more able opponent, but one not so efficient a self-advertiser, is de-All these things are, in a measure, Therefore, reason the old gang, let us abolish the direct primary and go back to the convention and

Let us nominate our men in hall instead of in the open on the printed

Let us return to the old-fashioned way-old things are better.

The fight for the direct primary was not won easily, and the victory

Northern

Pice for More Capital Punishment.
Omaha, June 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: In reading one of the

smooth the way for the river imat once that this reply was dictated by the premier's consideration for the feelings of Quebec, which province furnishes the bulk of his strength at Ottawa. King is an Ontario man and as such can scarcely ow, as if to advise the premier river. Ontario formally recom-mends the improvement which midwestern America is demanding.

Fatal Vanity of Sun Yat-Sen.

Nathaniel Peffer in Asia. It is difficult not to be overharsh to play into the hands of Japan. which they cannot enjoy infuriates His patriotism and his honesty are them, and their constant hope is to beyond question. Not his motives destroy civilization and level all ligence in practical affairs and his unconquerable vanity, which supplement each other and combine to betray him into enterprises that are irrational, to put it most charitably n the case of the recent hostilities. for instance, he sincerely believed himself to be working for the uni-fication of the country. Chang Tso-Ling came to him and accepted his for unification; naturally, because he had no intention of carrying them out after he had gained his object, which was to crush Wu Pei-Fu. Wu Pei-Fu refused those terms, of course; so would any other Chinese leader unless, like

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he would not he sitate to shoot to kill any persons who might jeopardize his liberty.

Mr. Ford called to him and took him to one side. They chatted a few moments and the young man (whom the examining physician declares a sane person) will cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars, and possibly many thousands bad to say.

Mr. Ford called to him and took him to one side. They chatted a public opinion:

Their number is not many and their safety primary.

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The capture and ability is, "Will he obey public opinion:

The will; he allies himself with a point where hot; he fights Wu Pei-Fu says he will really a point where hot "breed" or the "breed" or the "breed" or the "breed" or the breed to the says he will a point where hot people know wherein their safety good of the country. Nor is this the achievement of making the constitution was written oldest existing monarchy a republic. And having dwelt so long with the glorious memories of that achieve-Nebraska? The perpetrators of such their influences in making a man one of the last acts of the Ontario and his subsequent frustrations, and time. One would have thought that crimes would not be so handy with successful or unsuccessful. Anyone parliament, which adjourned last their guns if they knew what was who bucked the current unnecess week, was to endorse the St. Law-soothing flatteries of his courtiers, great war would have sickened them

about one mile an hour in the other about one mile an hour in the other direction I was progressing at only a three-mile-an-hour speed.

"Buck the stream when you have hov," he said to me, but the nesent opportune for taking up the nesent opportune for taking u of civilization. Not merely certain realization that renewed war in Euraces, as the Bushmen of Africa, rope is not only a possibility but is but a heavy percentage of the most advanced white races, as the Engunderestimate the economic impor-lish and the Americans, are doomed tance to Canada of the seaway. And by an unchangeable heredity to a against his supporters down the unfortunates, unequal to the ecoriver. Ontario formally recomsub-civilized mentality. And these unable intellectually to enjoy its pleasures even if they could affor to buy them, are not what we usually think them to be, namely, the passive victims of modern society, but are active and viciously deter with Sun Yat-Sen. He is not pro-mined enemies of all civilization. Japanese; emphatically he is not They would be happy only in a state that, even if his political activities of savagery, or at best of barbarism, of recent years have been such as The sight of an order of society



Chang, he had ulterior motives. "the case of Jukes against Edwards."
Sun's terms are, in short, the suciting the progeny of the original
premacy of himself and his disJukes couple of degenerates whose He insists on being president 4.800 descendants have cost himself, recalling that rather absurd parliament elected nine years
ago and since dwindling away to a geny of Jonathan Edwards, whose
handful, and proclaiming anew that 2,000 descendants have included
hotch-potch constitution never hundreds of entinent men and hotch-potch constitution never hundreds of eminent men and completed and found inadequate in women in every branch of human so far as it has been tried. No hon-endeavor and not one person conest Chinese leader would accept victed of crime. His remedy for the those terms upless he had some-shti-social element of society is thing to gain by deluding Sun. A "negative eugenics," including birth vote of educated Chinese would re- control, segregation of the unfit, and. in extreme cases, humane steriliza-These truths Sun Yat-Sen cannot tion. At a quite practicable cost tests every man as to patriotism, virtue and ability is. "Will he obey my orders?" Chang Tso-Ling says public opinion may be advanced to he will; he allies himself with a point where "positive eugenics." Chang. Wu Pei-Fu says he will or the "breeding in" of desirable

Europe Ready for War.

ment, brooded so long on his de- sense to believe that the nations of privation of the office of president Europe will go to war again in our their guns if they knew what was in store for them if caught, and statistics from those states show that this class of criminals steer shy of them and operate in states where laws are more lenient.

C. M. RYLANDER.

The Revolt Arabust Civillation

The Revolt Arabust Civillation enough of war. It is the disillusion-ment that counts. The three-quarters of a million Englishmen who were Under this suggestive and rather lives unsophisticatedly for what they

regarded as an ideal.

The continental attitude to war is book, recently published, on the more cynical. Perhaps the most dis-"menace of the under-man." He quieting and the most repulsive finds that scientific investigation has thing for an Englishman who, at the shown a large section of the human Genoa conference, has seen the reprace to be intellectually incapable resentatives of \$4 nations, is the regarded as an ordinary possibility. The nations of Europe are n lish and the Americans, are doomed of war, and that fact probably lies at the bottom of the failure of Genoa. Let Americans point to Europe and say their worst. They will be right.



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