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STERN REBUKE TO LOOSE TALKERS.

Pleading for patience and the exercise of patriotic devotion to the fundamentals of our government, President Harding delivered a sentence at Marion that ought to sink deep into every mind.

My one outstanding conviction, after 14 months in the presidency, is that the greatest traitor to his country is he who appeals to prejudice and inflames passion, when sober judgment and honest speech are so necessary to firmly establish tranquility and security.

In all the history of the land there was never more of loose and reckless speech than now; never were misstatements more glibly made, or malicious falsehood more persistently circulated.

Exaggeration is freely indulged in, slander persists, and all manner of falsehood in every shade pervades the air. Agitators are at work, and no assertion appears to be too wild for them to make.

Self-government means self-restraint, a check imposed by each individual upon his own words and conduct. Unless he can do this, he is contributing to the continuance of the disorder and not assisting in the big job of setting things straight.

Congressman Jefferis hit a bulls-eye when he said this country needs more of toleration than anything else just now. Make sure of your facts before you speak, try to get the other fellow's viewpoint, and your expressions will be more weighty, even if they are not so vehement.

HOME RULE FOR OMAHA.

One of the issues which made James C. Dahman mayor of Omaha for the first time, sixteen years ago, was "home rule."

That was in 1906. In 1909 the state legislature proposed a constitutional amendment to permit the larger cities of the state to make their own charters.

There will be one difference: If the charter is to be amended in the future, it must be by vote of the people of Omaha instead of by vote of the state legislature.

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THE HUMAN FACTOR AGAIN.

Inquiry into the disaster that cost several lives and injured more than a score of victims when an Atlantic City flyer was wrecked last week brings the human factor to the fore again.

How to guard against such errors is the problem ever before the operating managers of not only the railroads but all great industries. The problem is not a new one, nor have any new elements been disclosed by recent experience.

to keep up with the machinery he uses, and until a new sort of brain can be devised the danger of a costly blunder will be present along with all high speed operations.

ONE YEAR'S DEBT REDUCTION.

Not as political propaganda, but as a mere statement of business fact, the balance sheet of the first year of Harding's administration chafes respectably.

First of the interesting facts is that the public debt has been decreased by \$1,014,000,000. This is a noteworthy accomplishment, for it was achieved under conditions of great business depression.

One more very interesting fact disclosed by the report is that the customs revenues, under the Fordney emergency tariff, were the greatest in the history of the government from this source.

The Harding administration has reduced the ordinary expenditures of the government; has reduced the public debt, and has reduced the burden of taxation borne by the people.

OMAHA BANKS AS A BAROMETER.

Totals given out by the Omaha banks in response to the call from the comptroller, showing the condition at the close of business on June 30, are most encouraging.

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"BROTHER CHARLIE" AND THE DRYS.

F. A. High, who, as superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league in Nebraska, approves or disapproves of candidates for office, looks with amazement on the spectacle of "Brother Charlie" Bryan lining up with Gilbert Monell Hitchcock.

Moreover, the present situation could not have been created without the knowledge of "Brother Will" Bryan, and if the great commoner gives his assent, he will probably also give his aid to his brother's cause.

Oral fireworks are on display at The Hague, where the powers of Europe are engaged in the lasting occupation of trying to tell Russia what to do.

England must have been highly edified at the sight of the chief justice of the supreme court and the American ambassador to the Court of St. James twitting one another over local politics.

One of the sad sights of the present day is a democratic editor looking over the commercial page in search of something to support a calamity howl.

The maintenance of way men will lose little if at all by talking it over with the bosses before going out.

Fourth of July is getting to be quite a day in dear old London, it seems.

The Blue Valley watermelon crop is safe, thanks to the late rains.

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On Second Thought

Some people think there must be something wrong with the man who plays a game they know nothing about.

OPINION What Editors Elsewhere Are Saying

The Initiative Petition.

It is with a great deal of reluctance that we voice our opposition to the initiative petition that is now being circulated asking that the following amendment be made a part of the constitution of the state of Nebraska:

The nomination of candidates for the office of United States senator, from Nebraska, shall be by direct primary. Ballots shall be cast by the voters of the state legislature, and for the state and county elective officers shall be by direct primary.

We hesitate in voicing our opposition because we realize that the major portion of it provides for the reforms that should be put into effect.

Since this enactment was formed men have gathered together and proposed to change certain provisions that they deemed detrimental to the welfare of the nation and have created political platforms upon which they based their claim for the suffrage of the people.

Recognizing the right of these groups to place their ideas before the public, we believe that certain provisions for the forming and operating of political parties, which have become a part of the machinery of our government, should be retained.

We favor the nonpartisan ballot for those officers whose only claim to the office should be their ability to properly conduct the affairs of the office, but we believe that the governor and the law making bodies who ask the votes of the people should be elected on a platform designated upon the ballot as representing the platform upon which they stand.

A Jerry Simpson With Hosley.

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Eleven Immortal Ladies.

The national women's party has asked for a list of the 12 greatest living American women. Listing "the greatest" of any line is a thankless and precarious task, so we turned it over to J. Fuller Gloom, who doesn't realize the chances he is taking.

The Gay Chameleon.

Marvelous and manifold are the interest of the Department of Agriculture. The latest notice contains some helpful hints about chameleons.

Man and Woman.

While woman's appearance improves with summer, her daily shimmering hot-weather dresses adding to her attraction, man's pride in his appearance wanes.

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CENSORING NATURE FAKERS

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

Cadet Raymond White, the young aviator who emerged from the Florida Everglades after the fall of his plane with a picturesque tale of adventure, has incurred the wrath of a great newspaper.

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To the School Taxpayers of Nebraska As a taxpayer you want to know and have a right to demand of a candidate for office wherein his election will be an improvement on the present administration or benefit him as a taxpayer. CHARLES W. TAYLOR Non-Political Ballot, for State Superintendent

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