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WHAT MAY TAKE PLACE.
According to the news from Washington, President Harding will be this morning faced with the gravest crisis of his career.

Mr. Harding may find inspiration in the act of Grover Cleveland. He may seize the mines in the name of the people, and comply with the constitutional provisions regarding due process of law later.

And while he has his hand in, it may occur to the president that he will sacrifice little of his popularity if he gives the railroad situation definite attention.

What the country must have is service from mines and railroads; in the present emergency, the public rights are paramount.

THE TROUBLE WITH MOST SMART SAYINGS is that they are not so. "The best men will win in the primaries—but we won't know who they are until the votes are counted."

That means, first, that the men and issues must be taken under careful consideration. Talk is heard now and then of compelling every citizen to vote.

Definition of the qualities that go to make up the best sort of popular representatives will vary. If it be granted that the people are normally and mentally responsible it is difficult to escape a single general test.

There has not been a great deal of camouflage in the campaign that is closing. Most of the candidates are not pretending to be any different from what they really are.

INTERFERING WITH BRITISH CLIMATE.
England fears a repetition of last year's drought. While, unlike most of the recent misfortunes that have beset Europe, this is not blamed on the failure of the United States to join the league of nations, yet the excessive heat that threatens the crops is laid at the door of America.

John Harrison, a British scientist, charges that the construction of the causeway across the Florida keys in order to connect Key West with the mainland has diverted the gulf stream and thus changed the British climate.

London is farther north than Winnipeg, and its comparatively mild winters have been ascribed to the moderating influence of the warm flow from the Gulf of Mexico.

It is popularly held that the weather is one thing beyond the influence or control of man. And yet scientific research brings this into question.

ice and snow. If this African desert should be flooded with water the climate of the continent would be altered for the worse as sure as day follows night.

It would be interesting to know if the stock barn in Washington county that was destroyed by lightning was equipped with lightning rods.

This is a skeptical age, but science declares that lightning conductors are of great service in preventing damage to buildings, although there are none that are absolute safeguards.

Danger from lightning is greater in the open country than in the cities. Even so the death rate in the middle west, which is largely agricultural, is small—only five out of a million persons a year.

Certain forest trees appear to be struck more often than others. An old saying is that "sycamores are more dangerous as electric magnets than any other kind of shade tree."

In spite of the comparatively small peril from lightning, many people hold it in great fear, resorting to the most trivial precautions—wearing rubbers for insulation, hiding in feather beds, concealing umbrellas in the closet and keeping out of drafts.

GOOD FOR THE OLD U. S. A.
In June, 1914, the only country on earth whose credit was worth 100 cents on the dollar was the United States of America.

No need to look far for the reason for this. The United States is the one country whose people have not devoted themselves to politics to the exclusion of all other lines of human endeavor.

This country has had its politics, in great plenty, during the last eight years, but through it all has managed to give its principal attention to other affairs.

The moral to this, if it has any moral, is that success, either for a nation or an individual, requires steady application to some useful pursuit.

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The War Finance corporation has approved loans amounting to \$356,000,000 for the aid of the agricultural industry.

Agriculture in western Europe is rapidly being restored to a normal basis, according to official reports. Even in devastated northern France the land has been brought back into cultivation.

June's building record for the United States topped the 1922 mark, while that for the six months is 75.9 per cent over the same time for last year.

Some doubt exists as to whether Great Britain is ready to pay its debt to the United States all at once, but there is no doubt as to whether the money will be accepted when offered.

If Nebraska voters go to the polls on Tuesday, it will be in majesty and not because they are excited over the affair.

Nebraska's climate is certainly discouraging to those who want an excuse for going to some summer resort.

Benefits of the Farm Bloc
What Good Has Come Through Its Presence and Activity in Congress?

The Eligible Review.
Charles H. Stockdale, in my opinion, the federal farm bloc is only in its infancy. It takes time for the government to put a gigantic thing like this into practical operation.

Hastings Democrat.
F. A. Watkins: To the mind of the writer, the so-called agricultural bloc has exerted far-reaching influence in congress and is expressive of the growing tendency of public opinion to favor constructive legislation through organized agrarianism.

Wayne Herald.
E. W. Huse: The so-called farm bloc in congress has proved directly and indirectly beneficial to agriculture by exerting beneficial influence through congress.

Grand Island Independent.
A. P. Buechler: The agricultural bloc has certainly been of immense benefit to the agricultural regions and particularly to the farmers of Kansas, Nebraska and the entire central west.

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THE BEE'S LETTER BOX

(This department is designed as a broadcasting station through which readers of The Omaha Bee may speak to an audience numbering well above 100,000 on subjects of public interest.)

Omaha, July 15.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: As a plain everyday democrat interested in having the party make first-class nominations for office, I desire to give an unsolicited testimonial to a good and efficient man who is a candidate for sheriff.

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GUARANTEED PUNCTURE PROOF TIRES

You Know Joe!



JOE MORROW for Register of Deeds (Republican) Bailiff District Court

Your Husband - Perhaps he earns less than some other husbands whose wives are your friends. That need not trouble you, if only you and he plan wisely together.

The Omaha National Bank Farnam at 17th Street Capital and Surplus \$2,000,000

VOTE FOR JOHN J. SHANNON FOR SHERIFF He is the only candidate for Sheriff who has really done something for the people.

VOTE FOR Henry J. Beal County Attorney Resident of Omaha since 1886. Property owner and taxpayer city and county.

Attention, Taxpayers! Let's have a change. Do you know—One cause of increase in taxes is cost of restoring court house and records destroyed by the fire.

Let's Have a Change Cost of restoring records, Register of Deeds, \$110,923.41 Cost of restoring records, County Treasury, \$19,817.46 Cost of restoring records, County Clerk's office, .None Total cost in 1920 and 1921 of restoring court house and records \$623,970.81