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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. Short of making a declaration of war on a foreign nation, no business for the executive can be more serious than that of taking over control of one of the great basic industries. Yet, unless the contending operators and miners can approach at once the composition of their differences, the president seems in duty bound to seize the coal mines and operate them in the name of the people.

No precedent exists for such action, nor is there any written law that specifically permits it. Once when Mr. Wilson was president, able lawyers carefully searched for something that would give the president authority to exercise such power, but did not discover any decision that would on its face justify the action. Yet there is a higher law, the good of all. When, in 1894, Grover Cleveland sent federal troops to Chicago to put down the lawlessness incident to the A. R. U. scrike, he not only acted without precedent, but in contravention to the federal statutes relative to sending troops into any state. Governor Altgeld made vigorous protest against the "invasion" of Illinois, but the president went through with his program.

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. It is very certain he will have popular support in such a course. Too much of public welfare is jeopardized by the continuance of the strike to longer allow obstinate groups of men, bent on accomplishing purposes and aims of their own, to menace the nation with a shortage of fuel in face of an approaching winter.

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. In this, as in the mine strike, proposals to adjust differences by arbitration have been rejected, and each side is reported to be preparing for a long struggle. A law intended to be of service in settlement of such disputes is flouted and set aside. If the president can assume authority to seize the mines, he might as well extend that assumption to the rail-

What the country must have is service from mines rights are paramount. Rights of labor unions and employers' associations are unquestioned, but they do not and should not rank all others, to the detriment and discomfort of an entire nation.

MAY THE BEST MAN WIN.

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 has a cynically clever sound, but that does not make it true.

The best men will win in the primaries under certain conditions. It is impossible for any one citizen or any group to pick them in advance of the election. The whole public has to lay its heads together before a decision can be reached.

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. The folly of such a scheme lies in the absolute impossibility of forcing people to think. Mere unintelligent voting offers no safeguard to democracy.

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. The best men, according to this standard, are those who approximate most closely the com-. posite opinion of the people whom they would serve. The ideal candidate is one who personifies the beliefs, aims and aspirations of a large majority of the

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. Selection of the best men on every ticket should be an easy matter-if only the people will give some thought to the records and go out and vote their convictions.

INTERFERING WITH BRITISH CLIMATE.

England fears a repetition of last year's drouth. 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.

He explains that the center of the northern branch of the gulf stream formerly struck the west coast of Ireland and then went around the west coast of Scotland. It now passes south of Ireland, he asserts, and runs straight up the English and Bristol channels. In this he suggests may be found the explanation for the remarkable heat waves in south England while there was frost in Glasgow. He predicts that the change in the British climate will become more definite when open portions of the Key West

viaduct fill up with sand banks. 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. If this be true, the British isles are fortunate that the stream has not been com-

pletely diverted from their shores. . 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. The winds that pick up their warmth from the burning sands of the Sahara save central Europe from much

THE MORNING BEE sice 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. Science confesses failure to produce rain, that is true, but it does seem possible that human interference with nature has a general effect on climate.

LIGHTNING.

It would be interesting to know if the stock barn in Washington county that was destroyed by lightning was equipped with lightning rods. Curiosity also asks if the children that were stunned by another bolt which killed the horses attached to their wagon were sheltering themselves under a tree or had pulled up close to a wire fence.

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. An example frequently cited is Washington monument, which by reason of its height and location would be an excellent target for lightning, yet in the more than a quarter of a century since it has been scientifically fitted with lightning conductors has never been damaged.

Danger from lightning is greater in the open country than in the cities. Even so the death rate n the middle west, which is largely agricultural, is small-only five out of a million persons a year. It may seem odd, but this rate of fatality is larger than the rule over the country, the agrithat of other countries that are more thickly popu-

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." Scientific records indicate that the oak is most frequently struck and the beech least frequently. The heat created by a stream of lightning converts the sap of a tree into vapor which often bursts the trunk asunder.

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. When it is considered that what is called a bolt is often a stream of electricity a mile in length and proportionately high in voltage, such efforts appear puny

GOOD FOR THE OLD U. S. A.

In June, 1914, the only country on earth whose redit was worth 100 cents on the dollar was the United States of America. Its bonds were the only national securities that could be sold at par. Today, eight years later, the only country on earth whose credit is worth 100 cents on the dollar is the United States of America. Three issues of Liberty bonds sold at 101 Friday, and the fourth was at par.

No need to look far for the reason for this. The Inited States is the one country whose people have not devoted themselves to politics to the exclusion of all other lines of human endeavor. Whatever it has done, it has avoided socialistic experiments, that tend to substitute "be it enacted" for downright hard work. Its prosperity is based on the solid foundation of constructively employed human effort.

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. True, also, the war touched us rather lighter in one way than it did the others, but we did accumulate a debt of more than \$26,000,000,000 in addition to a matter of twenty-odd billions paid in actual cash, and in 100-cent dollars, so that in the matter of money the last eight years has been as expensive to the United States as to any country on earth.

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. When the rest of the world gets ready to work as hard as it talks, it will share in the prosperity that has come to the United States.

THE WALTHER LEAGUE.

Omaha is host to a gathering of serious young people this week, the convention of the Walther eague, one of the great organizations of the great Lutheran church. Its assembling brings delegates from widely separated parts of the world, and, as the league makes claim to being international, its presence is the more important because of this character. As is reasonable, the deliberations of the delegates will be confined to matters especially of interest to the church, but this will not detract from the concern the public has in the proceedings of the convention. Whatever tends to improve public morals and to serve the common cause of humanity by improving the general tone of life is of benefit and consequently of interest to all. In this regard the young people who are now considering the affairs of their organization, as well as its aims and plans for making the world a better place in which to live, are the more welcome. They will find Omaha a good place to meet in, where Christian homes will extend bountiful hospitality, and where everybody will be ready to extend to them any courtesy or help they may need. And when they go back to their own homes, after a conference of helpfulness, we trust they will have no cause to carry with them any but the kindliest recollections and inspiring impressions of the city whose welcome and honored guests they

The War Finance corporation has approved loans mounting to \$356,000,000 for the aid of the agricultural industry. Of this sum \$65,000,000 went direct to co-operative institutions and \$9,000,000 to exporters. Nebraska has obtained more than \$12,-000,000. Congress did well to extend the life of this loan institution another year.

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. Two possibilities appear: that Europeans will eat more or that they may buy less from America.

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. Verily, somebody is busy somewhere.

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 vill 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

On Second Thought

BY H. M. STANSIFER. Jealousy, greed and selfish power still assert their right to rule and pestilence, poverty and death are the harvest of their planting.

Benefits of the Farm Bloc

Hastings Democrat. F. A. Watkins: To the mind of the writer the so-called agricultural bloc has exerted far-reaching in finence in congress and is expressive of the growing tendency of public opinion manifesting power in protest and for constructive legislation organized agrarianism. That the farmers as a class have been discriminated against, all fairminded citizens will agree. With co-operative farm organization now culturalists have an opportunity to be of immeasurable benefit to the body politic as well as national ma-terial welfare—of benefit to all classes-by exerting unselfish power through congress as a curb to greed and special privilege at Washington. To the extent that they justly seek larger beneficial legislation for agriculture and as a barwill be of worthwhile benefit.

Wayne Herald.

E. W. Huse: The so-called farm congress has proved directly and indirectly beneficial to agricultural communities, as I believe. This co-ordination of effort stimulates an understanding of proposed measures helpful to farminig interests as well as those detrimental to such interests. The farm bloc is as important and justifiable for agriculture as combinations are for manufacturing and other special interests. It is a mere getting together to do

OPINION

State and Nation

Reflections on Jackie's Million.

rom the Portland Oregonian. It may be the dream of a press as it benefits agriculture, itself. agent, but probably it is fact. In his eighth year Jackie Coogan has earned \$1,000,000, or pretty nearly all the money in the world. He could, if he choose, corner the chocolate-drop market and cause a flurry in drop market and cause a flurry in pink paraffin gum. The boy agricultural interests and justified by long neglect. It can still be a catching his first bullhead about now, is wealthy beyond the dreams needs to be done. But to justify its of the merely rich. needs to be done. But to justify its existence, the farm bloc must be a

It's a way we have of rewarding "bloc" unto itself; in other words, those who please us—a way that must cause the old troubadours, the ends by trading with other blocs. the strolling players of Legislation by means of such commedieval times to toss in their binations would be as reprehe musty slumber. Jackie Coogan, if as legislation directly in behalf of you please, is symptomatic of our the so-called special interests. national extravagance. For it is alike absurd and inequitable that such a thing should be, as it is in the instance of each film hero or heroine who has dipped so deeply into the public pocket that their in-comes are fabulous. Jackie Coogan, many dollars if he lived to the age of Methuselah. Nor could the rest of them, those older companions of

Something is wrong with the rate of recompense—something that per-mits a toll capable of producing such salaries. Something is definitely and undeniably wrong when, at the same time, the average endowment of economic strife and quibbling is unon us. There could be no caviling, no complaint, at rewards within reason, nor does any one particularly begrudge Jackie Coogan his million. There is a crumb of comfort in the thought that he has it, rather than that it had further enriched the pro-But even in a world that is free and easy and willing to pay for its pleasures the service and its recompense seem vastly at variance. If it be not regarded as maudlin, shall we not say that too many Jackie Coogans have holes in the soles of their shoes, while only one has a fortune; that the discrepancy reflects no credit upon our arrangement of our own affairs.

Republicans in Their Sargasso Sea.

rom the New Republic The approach of the fall elections which should be a signal for closing up party ranks into fighting formation, finds increasing chaos in the republican camp and deepening the effort to conceal it, the breach between the president and congress is widening. Mr. Harding has had to give way on the ship subsidy bill and is deadlocked on the bonus. He can get nothing done without mak-ing it a party measure and summoning to his aid all the shibboleths of group loyalty. He is like a physician who administers his strongest medicines early in the course of a dis-ease; when the crisis comes he will find himself empty-handed. The loss of control toward which he is drifting rapidly may prove as complete as Mr. Wilson's; and will be as serious in its consequences, since the hwarted weak man always resorts to violent remedies to get his own

of the three chief measures on the administration program only the tar-iff seems sure of fairly solid repub-lican support. The other two are in serious danger, and that danger will be increased if the members of congress make any real attempt during the next two weeks to learn and to be guided by the wishes of their con-

Towns Off the Highways.

From the Kansas City Star. Anyone familiar with the eastern automobile routes knows what a nuisance such a highway may be to small town. As traffic develops there is a constant tream of trucks and cars passing through. These do the town no good. It would be better for the local residents to have the main road a few miles away, connected by a spur, so that only traffic intended for any special town

should reach it. The Missouri highway commission has taken these facts into account in laying out such a main line as the Louis. The road is easily accessible to all the centers of population along the way and yet handles the through traffic so as not to interfere with local traffle or to create confusion or increase the danger of accident

Rather Unsafe Proposition.

From the Sioux City Journal Senator Underwood threatens "solemn referendum" next Novem-ber if the present tariff bill passes congress, forgetting apparently that solemn referendums have been losing ground consistently at the polls.

THE BEE'S LETTER BOX

criminated against by the National Reserve bank rules eliminating all the agricultural interests to short loans, which nearly bankrupt the farmers and livestock men in with evil he is able to distinguish Nebraska and other western states. The farm bloc is also entitled to the one who has merely made a miscredit for the passage of the emer-gency tariff bill that shut out the step. The prisons are full of profes-sional criminals whom he has helped flood of foreign products which were hammering down the prices of to run down. On the other hand, there are many persons who have been detected in wrong doing through having been misled who what our farmers had to sell, below the cost of production. The bloc attack upon the sale of futures by owe their refeormation largely to the Chicago Board of Trade will benefit the agricultural interests. the patience and discriminating kindness of Larry Finn. He will carry to the office of sheriff large ex-Scottsbluff News. perience, finely developed George Grimes: When R. Beecher ability, tireless energy, absolute hon-Howell, who aspires to the senate of esty and never failing courtesy.

he voiced his complete approval of miss the opportunity the activity in congress of the farm such a man for sheriff. bloc of the senate. This was inter-esting as indicating where Mr. How-A. F. DEAN. 306 Courtney Bldg. bar-bloc in his race for the senatorial toga. Respect for Old People. It is more interesting because it is

the United States, was in Scottsbluff.

The Kearney Hub.

M. A. Brown: The farm bloc has

the greatest influence ever felt in

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

San Diego, Cal., July 6.—To the ditor of The Omaha Bee: It may additional evidence that the farmer is at last finding his voice, and is at be of interest to some to know that that lack of regard for older people upon the legislation of his times. so evident among many Americans of this time is not a part of the Mexican people, who have had ad-Grand Island Independent. A. F. Buechler: The agricultural bloc has certainly been of immense vantages. It is not just to form our opinions of any people by the lower classes. In the Mexican cultured benefit to the agricultural regions and particularly to the farmers of home great respect is shown the Kansas. Nebraska and the entire father and mother and grandparand particularly to the farmers of central west. As a defensive agenents. No child thinks of retiring for cy in legislation it is absolutely jus-tifiable and ought to be a permanent institution. If an agricultural bloc tion from the grandparent, should becomes too aggressive and attempts there be one, or from the parent, legislation patently of a selfish na- should there be none.

Respect is beautifully impressed partaking of "class legisit cannot, of course, be deduring the growing age in this way fended, any more than can the many A parent always sits first and no son other "blocs" in congress; but the will smoke in the presence of his other "blocs" in congress; but the will smoke in the presence of his record of the agricultural bloc, in father. They have many other custhis instance, is such that it cannot toms of respect which we wise be indicted with doing more than Americans profitably might adopt. obtaining mere justice and a square We all know the great veneration deal for an industry so basic in its shown the old people by the Jews nature that its welfare involves the and by many Teutons. The latter welfare of commerce, manufacture give the old people the best on the welfare of commerce, manufacturing and finance, almost as directly table and the best bed in the ho Hence they grow up in love and admiration of their elders. We constantly are organizing new

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A Creighton University graduate. Member of the Nebraska Legislature, 1917-18. Father of the Semi-Monthly Pay Day Law for Railroad Employes.

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Received a letter of COMMENDATION and a VOTE of thanks from the OMAHA CENTRAL LABOR UNION for his activity in balf of Legislation for the People, dated February 5, 1917.

Received a letter of COMMENDATION and a VOTE of thanks dated May 5, 1917, from the VOTES FOR WOMEN LEAGUE OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

What Good Has Come Through Its
Presence and Activity in Congress?

The Eigin Review.

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Tourist Camp Service.

Charles H. Stockdale: In my opinion federal farm bloc is only in its infancy. It takes time for the covernment to put a gigantic thing like this into practical operation. Some parts of the country have been wonderfully benefited by the working of thi sappropriation, and as it is extended, as it will be, more and larger parts of the country will agree parts of the country will be more and larger parts of the country will and the hands of congress.

Burt County Herald.

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Finn for Sheriff.

Omaha, July 14.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The other 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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Tourist Camp Comaha He sellotor of The Omaha Hee: As a plain the car wery day democrat interested in having t T. Finn. I have known him for side us while the driver inquired many years and have been in a post-tion to observe his methods. He is a significant fact that a party experienced in police affairs, knows criminals and colored to the criminals and criminal records take advantage of the city's free thoroughly and understands how to deal with them. Uncompromising was related to other Omaha people Uncompromising they said it is quite common to see Packards, Pierce-Arrows and Cadillacs at the camp grounds. If this class of people is attracted by a city's free provision for tourists' camping comforts, it is well worth while that Omaha spend more time and money in drawing such trade to our city. CHARLES B. AYRES. A Spelling Lesson. Once upon a time there was a ubborn student who refused to

learn to spell.

His teacher pleaded with the student and often said: democratic party cannot afford to "You will suffer some great in-convenience, if not actual tragedy, some time, by reason of this refusal of yours to study orthography!"
Yet the student was obdurate, and

One day, long after the obdurate student had grown to manhood, he poisoned himself eating oysters in "Orgust."—Life.

"My dear, you don't mean to say t took Jack a month to propose."
"Yes, it did."
"Why, he's getting worse and

orse."-Boston Transcript. Man Who Is Doing Things. A study of the men of affairs who have made or are making history

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will demonstrate that hurry is not a characteristic of the man who is doing things worth while - Dearborn

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But, see romance wildly totter— hoskins Pishelville, Watte, Potter: Lest our ears attune to siller— Butka, Korthy, Pilger, Diller!

Height of the sublime one minute.
Then the depths—a plunge right in it.
Thus Nebrasks: This and that:
L'eau-qui-Court and then North Platte
—Maurice Morris, in Hastings Tribune

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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. Men who once earned small salaries are now in positions of financial independence and power.

What you deposit in bank and keep there earning interest means more for the future than what your husband earns.

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years' experience as deputy county attorney.

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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.

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

Proper precautions would have prevented the riot. If the records had been put in the vaults, they would

Let's Have a Change