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A CHECK ON STATE EXPENSES.
It is a step toward cheaper and better government to know exactly how the tax money is expended.

Under the two democratic administrations that preceded the inauguration of Governor McKelvie, it was impossible to obtain any accurate or understandable financial report.

The state department of finance has just issued a report showing that the expenses of running the government for the fiscal year ending June 30 amounted to \$11,537,592.37.

A further advantage, and one not often remarked, is that these figures show exactly what the taxpayers are getting. Thus, it has been found that 37 per cent of the state's expenditures goes for permanent public improvements.

DEBATE IN CONGRESS SERVES.
Presently we will probably hear someone who has time to waste telling of the number of words that were used in the four months' debate on the tariff.

The Springfield Republican objects to the "flexible" device now contained in the bill on the grounds that it imposes on the president the duty of fixing rates of import, and that he in turn will have to depend on the tariff commission, which contains no experts, and is made up of "lame ducks," whose knowledge of the general subject is limited.

CONGRESS OF THE FOURTH ESTATE.
Omaha is to welcome, at the end of this month, the 49th annual meeting of the Nebraska Press association.

On Second Thought
The lesson hardest to learn will do us the most good.

and more than any other interest, they wish to see the aims and aspirations of the people realized. The press of Nebraska long has co-operated with the public, and it does well now to co-operate also among its membership.

COAL COMMISSION IS ASSURED.
Congress is promptly responding to the president's request that a commission of inquiry be provided, to examine into the details of the coal mining industry.

Here, in a concrete form, is a step toward a definite settlement of one of our greatest industrial problems. It will give the public its first reliable and impartial information concerning controversial points involved, and on which operators and miners alike have flooded the land with propaganda.

The law should meet the recommendation in the president's message, which reads:
Because of the impression of many cases of unjustifiable profits in the industry, and because public interest demands investigation, I am asking you to make a searching investigation into the whole coal industry, with the bestowal of authority to reveal every phase of coal production, sale and distribution.

In the weeks of patient conference and attempts at settlement I have come to appraise another element in the engrossing industrial dispute of which it is only fair to take cognizance. It is in some degree responsible for the strikes and has hindered attempts at adjustment.

Peace in industry is necessary to progress, and Mr. Harding has again pointed the way by which this peace may be attained and our national progress be made secure. Again he has taken a ground where all Americans, regardless of party, can rally to him and support him in the fullest and completest sense.

SALVAGE FROM WAR.
Thus far surplus war material valued at \$139,000,000 has been turned over to the states for road building. Included in this allotment was 24,752 army trucks and 4,573 automobiles, besides a large number of tractors.

These machines have made the transformation more quickly and easily than have many human beings. It has been hard to return to constructive thinking and doing. The hysteria and destructive frame of mind engendered by the world conflict has not been fully shaken off.

HO, FOR THE BARBECUE.
The open air puts an edge on the appetite, which may explain why barbecued meat seems so much better than any other. Freshmen at the University of Nebraska, we read, are to be welcomed at a barbecue. Labor day in Omaha will see another such occasion, a big steer having been presented by the organized farmers to the unions for cooking over the pits in Elmwood park.

Omaha's barbecue pits in the park serve to keep alive a tradition of openhanded hospitality, at once a stimulant and a satisfaction to the hunger of outdoors.

It might help if some of the opponents of the president were to stop talking long enough to do a little thinking.

The I. C. C. thinks the coal rates to Omaha are all right, but it will be a long time before the dealers think so.

What Other Editors Say

The Farmer Comes Back.
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The farmer of the corn belt has had many vicissitudes, many ups and downs, but he never fails to come back with undiminished courage. The spirit of the soldier of the frontiers, of the pioneer who braved untold privations to tame raw prairie for the benefit of his fellow men, is reflected in his hardy and resourceful descendants.

The first settlers who ventured into the central west had all kinds of hardships to meet. They had insurmountable obstacles to surmount. There were no forests, no modern luxuries, no transportation, no convenient markets.

Credited to pioneer hardships, accustomed to constant struggle and adversity, he may be said with truth that conquering blood throbs through the veins of the middle-westerner. He has never failed to come back with usual vigour after a period of depression.

He did not lose heart or relax effort. He accepted the inevitable like a good sport. He kept up production, and he kept up his courage and regard for the future with confidence. He now sees a large light in the clouds.

Enclosed Please Find.
From the New York Post.
One easy way of acquiring a broad education and intimate knowledge of world affairs is through buying stocks in new companies.

Community Clubs.
From the Shelton (Neb.) Clipper.
In one of our little country towns the other day the business men got together and set a date for a mass meeting.

Clean Up the Camp.
From the Paxton (Neb.) Times.
Mosko taught the children of Paxton the art of camping out, if he hadn't they would never have reached the promised land.

The vendetta is just as fatal and as durable in Omaha as in Sicily.

Mr. Harding's policy is bearing good fruit.

If winter comes fuel is not far away.

Readers' Opinions

This department is designed as a holding station through which readers of The Omaha Bee may speak to an editor concerning well-shown points of public interest.

Answer to an "Amateur."
Omaha, Aug. 19.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: My attention has been called to an article which appeared in your "Letter Box" during my absence from the city.

I have no argument with the ball player who is out for money, or I am for him. I hope he gets all that he can, and it has been my pleasure to see many amateur ball players rise from our local leagues and become professional ball players.

There is no more reason why an amateur ball player should receive a share of the gate receipts at an amateur athletic meet, or for a college man to share in the receipts at school football games.

The officers of the Municipal Baseball Association are prominent business men. The president is Al C. Scott, who is also chairman of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Cash Cost of War.
From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.
The British premier's reference to what he described as an impartial authority's computation of the actual money cost of the war was a quotation from French Public Opinion.

Eliminating interrelated debts, Britain spent over \$20,000,000,000, France \$12,500,000,000; but if to this is added \$5,000,000,000 in property losses the French cost was \$17,500,000,000 to the allies and \$25,000,000,000 in all.

Occidental Building and Loan Association
18th and Harney 33 Years in Omaha.

Editorial

Division of the association are presented with championship emblems, consisting of gold baseballs or gold watches. The prize alone last year cost nearly \$2,000.

There is nothing secret about the work of the Municipal Baseball Association. Its books are open at any time to any person who is interested. Reports of its activities are carried from time to time in all of the daily newspapers.

Certain statements made by the anonymous proponent of the "paid amateur" are absolutely false, such as that in which he declares that the Murphy-Did-it shared in the receipts of a game at Fontenelle park, or that another Division member shared in the receipts of a game at the Benson race track.

As long as the present form are common with the association it will remain an amateur baseball association. It is significant that of the 75 teams in the association this spring the city for complete control from only two teams, and then only at the close of the season.

The secretary maintains an office in the American Legion headquarters, ground floor courthouse, and will be glad to answer any questions. J. J. BRACKEN.

Lincoln and the Reserve Bank.
Omaha, Aug. 21.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Abraham Lincoln, the proclaimed founder of the republican party, and its first president, held very unsonorous financial views, and in disagreement with the present republican statement.

There are many common people who think the declaration of Abraham Lincoln true. There are few if any candidates for office who will deny the accuracy of Father Abraham's statement, and still fewer who even let on they ever heard of "Drastic Deflation of Money and Credit" by way of Woodrow Wilson's "Credit"

Money to Loan on Omaha Real Estate
Lowest Interest Rate Easy Repayment Plan

The Conservative Savings & Loan Association
1614 Harney

Brambach Baby Grand Piano
It fits all apartment rooms. Why? Because it is but 4 feet, 8 inches long.

New Issue of 7% Mortgage Bonds
Home Builders, by its Construction Department, puts up a large building and advances a sum of money to the owner.

American Security Company
18th and Dodge Omaha, Neb.

Editorial

Said to be funny.
Mr. Wilson tied to his bewildered party.

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