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MAKE EVERY TAX DOLLAR WORK.

State-wide organization of a Taxpayers' league is forecasted in a dispatch from Aurora. It is distinctly encouraging to find that public interest in diminished now that the political campaigns are

It is not enough merely to elect new men to officials. The people have to stay on the job, watchful for waste and vigilant in pointing out ways of economizing. Moreover, specific instances of poor financial administration should be sought out and concrete plans for making each dollar of taxation produce the utmost benefit to the people should be presented.

Some critics of government declare that it now costs a dollar to get 50 cents' worth of public work done. Many will say that this is an exaggeration, but the real point, which generally is missed, is that each dollar of taxation should bring in more than a dollar's worth of results. In privately conducted business there is always a profit, and often two or three profits paid to as many different agencies. In public business, the citizens are themselves entitled to absorb this profit in the form of lower taxation. If proper public spirit can be stimulated, officials should work as faithfully and as energetically for the community as they would for a private employer.

From the top to the bottom of our governmental divisions there are men elected to office who are not called upon to do any real work but who follow the custom of appointing a deputy to handle affairs. One of the functions of a Taxpayers' league should be the abolishment of all such sinecures. If it is found upon examination that the township government is costly and unnecessary, this should be abolished. If county administration is found to be inefficient, there should be no hesitation over proceeding to alter its form, consolidating some offices and systematizing the work. It may be discovered that though tradition favors the theory of local self- pupils who go by other colleges to get into his. government, there are many duties that are carried on more efficiently and with no loss of real democracy by larger units.

Starting with the home community, every branch of government in Nebraska should be overhauled by these organizations of citizens. The town and city tax problem needs careful scrutiny. The administration of the schools is another great question. The state government, which has borne the studied.

A state meeting to form a permanent taxpayers' organization has been called for December 11 in Hastings. The Hamilton County Tax league. which is backing this expansion of effort, has set and of \$5,000,000 in state appropriations. This still is standing at Spencer, N. Y. Ben Franklin's

KNOWING NEBRASKA.

A recent editorial in these columns, relating to the ignorance of Nebraskans, has been reprinted with approving comments in so many Nebraska newspapers, that The Omaha Bee is impelled to mention the subject again.

How many Nebraskans know that one of the argest music publishing houses in America is located at York, or that the compositions of its owner and manager, Prof. J. A. Parks, are more widely sung by choirs and choruses than the works of any other living composer? How many Nebraskans know that the largest amelter of fine ores in the world is located in Omaha, or that Ord and North Loup sell more popcorn than all other towns in America combined? How many Nebraskans know that Kearney was the first town west of the Mississippi river to be lighted by electricity generated by water power, or that Lowell, Kearney county -now an almost deserted village-was at one time

the third largest town in Nebraska? There are some queer things in Nebraska, too. the problem of reducing public expenditures has not In Carter canyon, Scottsbluff county, are a dozen cottonwood trees, and the late Prof Bessey declared that they were the only known cottonwoods of their species on the North American continent. office or to have extracted new pledges from old + Custer county produces the bulk of the silica used in this country as the base for soap powders, talcum powders and polishes of various kinds." What are perhaps the world's greatest fossil beds are in Sioux county. You have long considered Nebraska as morely a proirie state, yet the Falls of Wauneta in Chase county exceeed the world-famed Falls of Minnehaha for scenic beauty, and one of the grandest automobile roads in the country is the one over the Wild Cat range of hills between Gering and Kimball. The beauty of the Palisades along the Hudson are famed in song and story, yet they pale into insignificance beside the beauties scattered so lavishly before the eyes of the traveler by automobile from Omaha southward through historic

> braska City to Auburn, with the turbid Missouri on the one side and the wooded bluffs upon the other. The more Nebraskans study their state, the more they will love it, and the greater their efforts to make the real facts known to the outside world.

Bellevue and on through Plattsmouth and Ne-

SCHOOLMASTER IN THE SENATE.

For eight years the United States had a schoolmaster in the White House, and congress smarted at times under his reproval. Now the matter is to be brought a little closer to the legislators, and the pedagogue is to sit on the floor of the senate, and take part in the actual work. Woodbridge N. Ferris. senator-elect from Michigan, is the head of a school in what used to be the pine woods of the Peninsular state, and when he isn't busy in a political campaign he is engaged personally in giving instruction to

Governor Ferris has been pretty busy in politics, for he is one of the few surviving democrats in Michigan, and in his home district they have to run him for something almost every election in order to fill out the ticket. After he was defeated for the officer of mayor of Big Rapids, because the citizens of 'that town of 4,500 regarded him as being too strict in his discipline, he was twice chosen to be governor of the state. Other honors and distinction brunt of criticism, likewise must be watched and have come to him, and he is now to be a senator of the United States.

Primarily, he is a schoolmaster; he took up that profession when but 16 years of age, over half a century ago, and still pursues it as his vocation. Also, he is repeating the tradition that in order to the goal at a reduction of \$10,000,000 in the ex- get somewhere in America, one should be born in a penses of counties, cities, towns and school districts, log cabin. The cabin in which he opened his eyes

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study of accident prevention, fire con-

Invitations to Ride

"From State and Nation"

-Editorials from other newspapers-

The Klan Ouster. From the Wichits Beacon

trol, safety appliances and other things designed to make the life of The ouster suit brought in the su the miner more secure, and yet ac-cidents occur that bring heavy losses. court against the Ku Klux reme Klan in Kansas is a sufficiently strong A coroner's jury at Spangler, Pa., reegal indictment of the organization, turned a verdict that the operating company was responsible, through and will have a very important bearfuture developments reneglect, for the gas explosion ing the klan. It is apparent to thinking men that no unit of government should grant a it is to protect the men who dig the the operate to an it is to protect the men who dig the garding the klan. It is apparent to charter organization which proposes to regu- coal. Their pay is not big, their hardships and denials are many and their danger, under the best conditions, is late the morals of the community, reusing at the same time to make known its identity so as to assume always great

An organization of this kind has The brance dignity or claim to respect From the Beatrice Express than a crowd of rowdies playing Hal- No one drives an auto long on the It is farcical. It is public roads before becoming familiar lowe'en pranks.

of civil government At the same time legal proceedings such pedestrians will disconcert one are being taken in Kansas, Governor John M. Parker of Louisiana is tak-ing a decisive stand. His indictment coming quite common. Very often paign, but when the election is ended

John M. Parker of Louisiana is tak-ing a decisive stand. His indictment tells of outrages being perpetrated in Louisiana by masked members of the klan. Champions of the klan in Kansas claim that this organization does not sanction such outrages, and therefore should not be judged in that light. should not be judged in that light. sons why it pays to be careful. This argument is enurely beside the The driver of an auto has a The driver of an auto has a right Even if none of the Kansas to be suspicious of men who spring the klan were guilty of vio- from the dark into the glare of the point. nits of the klan were guilty of vionce-and it is quite certain that headlights and motion for a ride. than under autocratic government. ome of them are guilty-the fact re-mains that the territory infested by holdup and such men should receive the klan has seen an epidemic of vio-lence which is clearly traceable to time to make such requests. Anoth which a the klan, and the klan stands respon-sible in the minds of an impartial pub-lic. Regardless of all its protesta-tions, the Kansas klan is tarred by the same stick that is used by the masked bands of Louisiana and Oklahoma and Texas. Governor Parker tells an appalling is to save his money. But there are

lessly beaten. Two young men with the country in this manner. Their ly, enter into our political campaigns splendid records of moral uprightness mere presence in the highway with and elections. Political parties should were seized by members of the klan, a service cap or some other insignia pay more attention to principles and soon disappeared and are now sup-posed to be dead. One of them leaves ally repay their benefactor with an inposed to be dead. One of them leaves a widow and three children. The gov-ernor tells of other instances—all cowardly in the extreme. Here in Wichita you will find many

that taking passengers is a risky busi-undermined. If men are nominated the one of them will admit that he ness. If the guest is injured he may and elected chiefly on account of the one of them will admit that he ness. If the guest is injured he may belongs to it. Every man who de fends the klan denies that he is a ages. Then, again, there are thugs voters who favor candidates for Even the organizer denies roaming the highways, who from the that he is a member. The members have some circuitous psycholofical process by which they justify this de-nial. Naturally the outsider cannot be blamed for drawing inferences which may not be justified by actual wayarers should be confined to broad process by which they justify this de-

daylight and well traveled roads. acts. Wichita and Kansas must get rid of this unwholesome, shifty thing-a One Nice Little Woman. thing which is bound to damage friendships, create suspicions which From the Chicago Evening Post. Women are indeed hard to please may turn out to be unjustified and When a man says of one of their numcommunities into whispering "She is a nice little woman." ber: roups plotting against each other. he feels that he is paying her the noisome, maasty thing. Let's

best sort of compliment. As a general thing the woman so designated accepts it as a compliment. She may

Page Sherlock Holmes. ondescending in manner, From the Asheville Times. What a pity that Sherlock Holmes not alive in the flesh to solve the credit for his amiable intentions. No atest Scotland Yard mystery! It is normally constituted woman

-Pittsburgh Dispatch.

"In Times of Peace-"

one the less interesting because the One woman has come to the front, however, who resents being called a Baby as when he was bearing the second state the policies of our government he will wear out his well-sir William Hopwood, the distin-guished head of the London police establishment, received some choco-lates through the mail. True to mas

culine instinct, he ate them without gone the rounds, she is sure she pausing to investigate their pedigree. Inight have had at least 100,000 more votes. Mrs. Olson is a nice little woman in 01how could a nice little woman who if they are successful, however, their was of course fitted for home life equipped and finance officered, solution of the mystery will lack the represent Minnesota in the senate? Every consumer of coal could be with in their commendable efforts to France, in her mad jealousy of Eng-expected to agree that the price purify politics. Women's Common Sense. That woman who instructed spell-binders of her sex "when you have nothing more to say sit down," should

"THE PEOPLE'S VOICE" an matters of public

Give them a chance to make

tangle ourselves with you in you

CENTER SHOTS.

The poorest judge

vear."-National

Norfolk Virginian Pilot.

Next.-Tampa Times.

Praises Policy of The Bee. filthy disease of race and religious Omaha.-To the Editor of The lee: The editorial in Monday's Hee The relative to the legislature just elected time to overcome and eradicate. No, Clemenceau, we had enough of Euan admirable statement of the people of Nebraska want these Clemenceau, we had enough of your quar-rope; we had enough of your quar-reis and of your wars. Wash your dirty linens at home, we have our own washing to do. You must work egislators to do to promote good gov

ernment. The governor-elect, and

the members of the legislature,

expected to work together for the You come to tell us what we should public good. This duty is very well set forth in do. Here is a preacription for you. Apply the golden rule-love your your editorial as follows: "Party prejudices must be set aside, and and enemies, practice tolerance towards them, extend them a friendly hand whatever action is taken should be based on what is best for the citizens and taxpayers of Nebraska." and gain their respect. As for Rus-

sin, treat her as we do a bankrupt are different kinds of There is the party There projudices. good again. prejudice, which approves of anything mockery to the orderly processes with the wayside traveler who asks and everything that the party may for a ride. Sometimes in the evening see fit to do. Voters thus afflicted primitive nature, just now suffering convulsive agonies of pain of labor preceding the birth of a new nation. will always make a cross in the party Your people went through the same experience. You should sympathize with them and not fear them. As for the Turk, it is the Frankenstein yon have created. None but yourself

> of all the people and not merely party representatives.

We live in a democracy, imperfect indeed, but it arouses higher ideals There are other prejudices than those of party. There are racial, in dustrial and religious prejudices which should not be in a campaign.

Oklahoma and Texas. Governor Parker tells an appalling tale of the acts of the Louisiana bands. A 65-year-old man was merci-the country in this pocket, but prefers thrute cause of the barriers in the pathway other soldiers and fake soldiers who make it a practice of traveling over the country in this many and the pathway religious prejudices also, unfortunate-the country in this many and the pathway religious prejudices also, unfortunate-the country in this many and the pathway other soldiers and fake soldiers who of good government. Industrial and religious prejudices also, unfortunate-the country in this many and the pathway the country in this pocket, but prefers thrute the country in the pathway the pathwa policies than to the availability

race, language or religion, then the reasons and no other are not help

chiefly on account of such prejudices will not, if elected, represent all the people. He will support the measures and policies that find favor with the prejudices of the special group he represents. The advice of The Omaha Bee is timely, which, if followed dur-ing the next two years, will be a wholesome improvement on the past. D. F. DOLAN,

Advice to the Tiger.

Pueblo, Colo .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Clemenceau, the Tiger of France, came to pay us a visit and as a private French citizen the Amerpeople extend to him a hearty welcome, characteristic of American hospitality to welcome any distin-guished citizen from a foreign coun-

try, but when he tells what we should

of the mess. He wants to frighten us with the old story about Germany's new war-who is the most all respects, according to account, but though she does not go into particu-with nearly a million standing army? all respects, according to account, but though she does not go into particu-lars, she undoubtedly knew that when this phrase got into circulation not less than 100,000 voters at once insists on keeping an array of black thought of her as admirably quali-fied for domestic life, but not equipped to be a United States senator. For Germany, Russia and Turkey, as she claims to be, why has France officered. represent Minnesota in the senate? encouraged them to beat Greece? And so they voted against her, not. is like reviving a dead rattlesnake. And so they voted against her, not, as they would probably say, for lack of appreciation, but out of the sin-cerest regard for her true spirit. And it's such unexpected impediments as these that women are likely to meet these that women are likely to meet from Germany or any other nation if she will inaugurate a policy of tolerance toward her enemies. But it is the deep rooted hatred of one nation towards the other that has been bred

A Book of Today

"Penclope's Problems," by thea Castlehun, published by the Page company, Boston, has those elements which make it a fascinating book for

giris, especially of flapper age. Penelope Poindexter is an o orphan hatred in the form of a Ku Klux who is the little drudge in the home Kian and, like the cancer, it spread at an alarming speed which will take selfish, spolled daughter, Evelyn. Pen has artistic talent, like her father had, and she struggles against odds to give it play. Into her life comes Dexter Alan, a.

young but unsuccessful author. Pen helps him to success and he is duly grat-ful. It's a fine, wholesome story.

"The Heart of Little Shikara," acclaimed the best short story of 1921. ownittee of the Society of Arts and Sciences, is one of the stories of the out-of-doors and of animal life in a out-of-doors and of animal life in a volume entitled "The Heart of Little Shikara and Other Stories." by Edi-son Marshall, published by Little, Brown & Co. "The Elephant Remem-They are a people of a hers." declared by the committee to be one of the best 15 stories of 1919. is also in the interesting volume. Mr Marshall knows animals and writes of them in heroic manner.

Safety in Numbers.

is to blame. You must find the rem-edy yourself, or not hinder England in her undertakings, who is capable Maud-It seems terrible, doesn't It. for a young girl of 18 to marry man of 70. of mastering any situation. As for Alice-It might be worse-he might us, we like you, we fought with you and for you with no hope of compen-

be only 69 .- Life. ation, but we are not going to en-

WORDS OF GREAT MEN.

further schemes and your wars and your own brought about troubles. J. ENGLEMAN. Words of great men ring, and thrill us, With a heartfell costasy, And the bias with which they fill us Seems to linger constantly.

We to simple speaking listen With a tireless joy, and dear, While our even perceiving, glisten In the wholesome atmosphere. A news item says the best judge of ushrooms in the country lives in

Only men who think they're sifted Play the haughty, belaterous role-Read and shoulders upward lifted, Claiming God Almighty's goal. doesn't live any place .- Detroit News.

"This will be a normal republican ear."-National Chairman Adams They whose words and deeds remind us of the noble and the true Are but common ones behind us last week. The democrats hope so .-

Are but common ones behi Helping us our duties do.

Probibition Commissioner Haynes says the nation is "dry as a bone." President Harding says the present congress is the best we ever had. -Robert Worthington Davie





This will be a "Music Christmas." Already people are showing inclinations toward early purchasing of "Player Pianos" and we are daily delivering many of them or storing them for later delivery.

comfortable back seat find it easy to hold up a driver. The accommodat-ing autoist may find cold steel under made "safe for democracy" in that

realize that the speaker is needlessly but

she knows he means well and gives him will just the kind of problem that would quibble over anything in the form of excite his wits. He would find it praise. One woman has come to the front.

happy as when he was beating the Dickey Olson, defeated democratic do and what we should not do and happy as when he was beating the Dickey Olson, defeated democratic he tries to dictate the policies of our

Recent events in Europe prove their wisdom and foresight to stay out

seems rather more than can be secured, but the aim autobiography gave him his inspiration, and hard is a worthy one.

The fact to be held in mind in carrying on this campaign for lower taxes is that no reduction should ernment to the people. The elimination of waste, the encouragement of efficiency, the more economical methods of taxation are things to be desired. But nothing that would harm the schools or weaken other proper functions of the government should line. be sought. The way of economy is to secure the performance of all necessary public duties at the least possible cost and to the greatest public benefit.

UNCLE SAM PAYS THE FREIGHT.

Comptroller McHarl, who was transferred from Broken Bow to Washington, seems to have been a discovery is that large sums of money have gone ington. to transportation companies in form of overpayments, because no one understood the method of calculating charges. He will remedy this by providing for a more careful scrutiny of transportation bills, to the end that the government does not pay more than is right for services rendered.

Mr. McHarl explains the situation thus:

"There is little wonder that overpayments are frequent under the system in vogue. The determining of a correct transportation charge, involving as it often does most intricate questions of rates and classifications, is a most difficult task and demands both real and experienced talent and an extensive and ever changing library of classifications, tariffs, division sheets and other data."

When it is recalled that in all large shipping centers experts are continually at work, examining freight bills to determine if their clients are being overcharged, the dilemma of the government may be understood. In development of the so-called "scientific rate making" a system of tariff schedules has grown up which is a veritable labyrinth. Even railroad clerks do not always understand the hair-line divisions in classifications, the technical points involved in differentials and the like, and the result is they make certain of their position by applying a rate that will be compensatory, whether it is the correct one or not.

Comptroller McHarl probably will save the publie some millions of dollars by his proposed new method of doing business. This is another way in which Nobraska has helped the country without making much of a fuse.

IOWANS KNOW A GOOD THING.

The business of paying the soldier honus, ordered by the people at the last election is taking definite form in lows. While bond buyers are looking for a good thing in connection with the purchase of the \$22,000,000 issue authorized, the citizens of the state are getting ready to take a hand.

Iowa raised among other things last summerass 000,000 hushels of corn, which will be sold at a figure that will bring some millions of dollars into the state, hoking for investment. Where could a better thing he found than a bond of the state of luws? It dorsn't exist. So the sirap on the old wallet is being bound a little, and lowans are going to buy the bonds, and keep the money at home. It will be lown money, paid to lown soldiers by lown men, and the principal and interest alike will be kept in lows. That, maybe, explains why they are called Bawkeyes.

work did the rest. That his discipline was too strict

for the folks of Big Rapids is the best advertisement for his school. Any college boy who starts to "do be carried far enough to cripple the service of gov- his stuff" around the senator-elect is immediately detached from the roll of the school. Similar treatment is accorded those who, through indifference or letting of contracts and the improvement of the similar reason, fall behind in their school work. The Ferris college was originally started for those who desire an education, and is continued on that

His record as governor during the great copper mine strike in the northern peninsula is an earnest of what may be looked for when he gets into the senate. He is for the soldier bonus and against the ship subsidy; he wants to restore the excess profits tax and repeal the Esch-Cummins law, and has some other definite objects in view. The world will probgood investment for the government. His latest aby know when Ferris of Michigan goes to Wash-

> Neither the army nor the navy should be held responsible for the doings in Philadelphia that stirred the indignation of the Washington official visitors. It has long been an open secret that for a "dry" town, "Philly" is one of the wettest places. in the world.

In Russia eight men convicted of swindling the government in the construction of an electricaal plant on the Volga have been sentenced to death. Americans can scarcely regard this as an atrocity.

A joint debate between the Tiger of France and the outgoing democratic senator from Nebraska might draw a crowd, whether it settled anything or not.

Mr. Bryan, however, will not be generally regarded as a rival to either Cupid or Hymen.



There are three ways of teaching 1. By imitation-We imitate overt acts of others,

such as walking, talking and gesturing-

By Sympathetic Radiation-We give out our ideals by simply radiating them. We don't preclaim that we are honest, moral, toyal and patriotic

2. By Suggestion-We give bloos by suggesting them and there is no way of getting an idea from one brain into another envelop by this method. We use symbols such as words or sontances sitter spoken ar watten to represent ideas. As you rend these lines you are gainy at maximum but familiar symbols on closesty grouped, which the estime, the typist and the instype operator used, fourthy hoping to get the ideas surging in their craniums arrow in you readers in a increal, definite way so that your interpretation will

tally with their libeau The whole array of materials of visual education sition. films, stareographs, office, pictures, charts-all these as well as boolyn and codes are bet suggestions of bless and we use them to give to others shure bless.

And now for the moral, but do you may for a story with a annial? Duator Brieves of "funner fame" ands with a moral every time. A meral above to like salt without soup; sharp and lifter, but shakan well into a groud story adds a lost that all entry. The moral is asgessied by this group of symbols: What is one man's must is another man's prison. The Boot is the axies in either case. For use man it builds healthy Dance that makes for a business, poyone, uncomposition spontion; for the other if creates true poinces that moths and fermiont and make the man sour and surpictons. The difference is in the assistintion: an mell widual mattur

quent investigations showed that the candy contained heavy doses of deadpoison

have the pure clean sunlight.

The detectives are scouring London in their man hunt. They are spurred to greater activity because the of fense is a challenge to the intelli-gence of the yard itself. They may find the culprit and then again their efforts may prove unavailing. Even dramatic qualities with which Holmes would have invested it.

Hazardous Employment.

om the Sloux City Journal expected to agree that the price purify politics, The overage consumer also might agree that it is too high; but reasonable, just consumers, who understand the conditions attaching to mining as an occupation, would not insist that the miner is overpaid for bringing the coal out of the earth. The cost of coal at the mine mouth as compared to the cost in the consumer's cellar considered by economists as being

out of all proportion to trade practices. It costs more to haul a ten of coal than to mine it, and the various middle profits collected along the way of transit help to make the miner's compensation appear insignificant. The next step in any fair adjustment of coal production and selling would have to be one dealing with the fuel

after it leaves the mine. Coal mining is hazardous employ-ment. Three mine disasters in a litthe more than two months have taken the lives of 47 men at Jackson, Cal.; 77 at Spangler, Pa., and 90 or more at Birmingham, Ala. They were not the only victims, for many of them left families behind when they went into the mines and died. The averinto the mines and died. The aver-age miner does not make sufficient money to carry heavy insurance or to build up a formidable savings ac-count. He does not own the house in which he lives. He may live al-most from hand to mouth just be-muse he finds it impossible to get

upon him have a greater distress than if grief alone were the burden. To the credit of the coal miner if can be said that he rarely empha-sizes this side of his case. His de-mands as a rule have to do with remainable wages, better working conditions and steady employment. He is not straid, apparently, or he mught seek other employment. Still the hazard is there, as worres of mine dinasters have shown. That he gene

presentation of the second of the baraseds, but the recognition may not be enough. The federal bureau of mines has made an exhaustive

NET AVERAGE CIRCULATION for OCTOBER, 1922, of THE OMAHA BEE B. BREWER, Gen. Mgr. ELMER S. ROOD, Cir. Mgr. Swarn to and anharribed holors me this hd day of Nurumber, 1928.

W. H. QLIVEY.

in the European nations since they became so-called nations with their be hired to coach a lot of men orators. veneered civilizations that kept them and is and will keep them at each others throats as long as there are two left to fight.









