

THE MORNING BEE

MORNING—EVENING—SUNDAY

THE BEE PUBLISHING COMPANY
NELSON R. UPDIKE, Publisher. B. BREWER, Gen. Manager.
MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OFFICES
Main Office—17th and Farnam
No. Bluffs—15 Scott St. So. Side, N. W. Cor. 24th and N

SANCTITY OF LIFE.

An aviator lost in the mountains has held America spellbound with anxiety. Sixteen air mail planes give up their official routine to aid in the search.

Such an incident, where the attention of a whole nation is riveted on the fate of a solitary man brings into prominence the value that is sometimes placed on human life.

In a storm on Lake Superior a tug goes down and the crew of twenty-seven men is missing. Steamers abandon the routes of traffic to hunt for these lost men.

How could the sanctity of human life be better emphasized? In the conflict of man with nature, the hopes of all, whether participants or spectators, are pinned on man.

Yet how different it is in the more ordinary course of life. United mankind stands against the outside world of nature. Loyally it fights to conquer the air, the waters and the depths of the land.

On the same day that the newspapers printed the story of those rescues, is an account of two youths who confessed to wrecking a train.

Does not the existence of such moral callousness in mere boys contrast strangely with the universal interest in the fate of those missing sailors and the lost aviator?

Down in southern Illinois there are five men on trial for the death of a score of miners who were shot down in cold blood.

Over in Iowa a former soldier has confessed to the murder of two persons.

In Virginia three men are dead as the result of a quarrel over a flock of turkeys.

It is not only in anger or passion that life is held so cheap. Carelessness takes a heavy toll, too.

Such casualties of every day life are too common. Yet their frequency should stimulate, not dull the public sensibility.

SCANDAL AND THE "MOVIES."
"Be thou as chaste as ice, as pure as snow, thou shalt not escape calumny," said Hamlet to Ophelia, and he uttered a sad truth.

A case in point is that of Wallace Reid, moving picture comedian, who is said to be at the point of death at his home.

Will H. Hays says Reid is a sick man, no matter what the cause, and requires medical care and tender nursing, and not condemnation; and if his illness is because of indulgence in drugs, he deserves to be helped back to health, mental and bodily, that he may be once more useful.

And an unverified but circumstantial account says that recently a committee prepared a list of 117 names of those who would have to be dropped, if the moving picture industry is to be cleaned from the inside, and "Wally" Reid's name topped the list.

All of which causes the ordinary mortal to wonder how much of the talk has foundation, and how much is the result of malice, envy or just idle gossip.

Two things would appear to make this unlikely. Brother William is now a Floridian—so much so his name has been canvassed in connection with a senatorship in the Peninsula state.

ONE CHILD'S CHRISTMAS.

He is an only child and has been taught to believe in Santa Claus, for he is only 8. Yet even at that age the little fellow has a well developed conscience.

This same "kiddie" is sent to the store on an errand and forgets not only to come home but what he is sent for. When brought to task he is so penitent and explains so seriously that he saw a little electric train, a steam engine, a "B. B." gun and a radio Rex, and he is sorry, but forgot everything else; and these words fairly tumble over each other.

As daddy enters the toy shop he feels the joy of the Christmas spirit. A vision of his own son's innocent face is before him and, mingled with that is another vision of that other babe of the long ago.

This Christmas there is no myth, but the true story of the Christ child, and instead of being surfeited with toys, this little boy is taken in as a real pal and is going to experience the real joy of giving to those less fortunate.

IT REALLY WAS OMAHA'S MINT.

Robbery of the Denver mint revives a memory of days before there was any such institution. In the late 80s John A. McShane, then member of congress from the First Nebraska district, evolved the notion of having a branch mint located at Omaha.

Something of historic interest attaches to it there, for it stands on the site of "La Veta Place," the first self-contained apartment house built in the west, if not in the United States.

The robbery itself is recorded as the most daring ever committed in Denver. Harking back to the days of Tabor's greatness, one thinks of "Soapy" Smith and a few others, who operated in the Colorado metropolis.

This in turn recalls the fact that Davis H. Waite, "Bloody Bridges," while governor of Colorado, once made the supreme court take hurried action by training the guns of the Denver battery of artillery on the city hall and declaring that at a certain hour he would bombard the building if the deposed police board did not clear out.

Inasmuch as Henry J. Allen will soon retire from the office of governor, his address to the clan may not give the hooded brethren nearly as much concern as what Farmer Davis is thinking behind his closed mouth.

Another question that keeps coming up in the mind is, "How did the bandits know the exact time the money van was to leave the front door of the Denver mint?"

Maryland's governor complains that the federal government is invading the state again. But Maryland ought to be accustomed to it by this time.

Mr. Bryan's Alertness

Mr. Bryan is alert—keeps his eye steadily on the gun. Whenever questions unusually interesting are in hand or under informal discussion on Capitol Hill he manages to "make" Washington for a call or a brief visit.

He has just paid us a call, spent a day on the hill conferring with friends and exchanging banter with opponents, and passed on to the balmy Florida. He is ever and always a welcome visitor.

Something new in the way of gossip about Mr. Bryan has grown out of the statement that Mr. Norris of Nebraska does not desire another term in the senate, and may not care even to fill out his present term.

This question is asked: If Mr. Norris were to resign, would Brother Charles, who becomes governor of Nebraska January 1, appoint Brother William to the vacancy?

Two things would appear to make this unlikely. Brother William is now a Floridian—so much so his name has been canvassed in connection with a senatorship in the Peninsula state.

"From State and Nation"

—Editorials from other newspapers—

Now and Then With Salaries and Savings.

The other day four Cheyenne men discussed frankly their early life and early struggles. Each has attained a position of business and social prominence. In fact, it might be said that all have succeeded to a marked degree.

Each stated that he had opened a bank account and saved a few dollars per month on a minimum salary and yet today in Cheyenne it is known that there are hundreds of men earning from \$150 to \$250 a month, who do not have a bank account.

The statement was also made that a surprising number earning about the same wages save their checks on Saturday night at a great variety of stores and places and have never established an acquaintance at a bank.

One View of the Code.
From the Hay Springs News.
The fact is that the code bill has nothing to do with the tax levying. It only operates as a budget system of making estimates of amounts required for the necessary levies and brings the work within a group of officers instead of leaving all departments to a chief representative of the government.

Terrifying Etiquet.
From the Tacoma News-Herald.
With all due gratitude to the compilers and publishers of books on etiquette, a humble representative of the struggling public feels like uttering one wail of complaint. Cannot the advertisers of these life-saving works present their volumes without throwing such subject into the hearts and minds of eligible readers?

From that day on, his banquets and travels and social activities are haunted by the fear that he's going to slip up on some little tricky convention. Sooner or later, as the psychologists warn him on other advertising pages, his marvelous powers of concentration will lead him to perform the very acts he has been dreading.

Who Shall Rule?
From the Cincinnati Enquirer.
Speaking at Lake Charles, La., a member of the Ku Klux Klan, in full regalia, a few days ago told a great audience:

All great questions in this country properly should be settled by the ballot, with the understanding, of course, that the ballot shall represent the free expression of individual judgment, be a ballot undisturbed by undue coercive influences.

By virtue of what right does the Ku Klux Klan, in Louisiana, attempt to define the principles of Americanism? By virtue of what right does it assume to take over the civil and political control of a sovereign state of this union, as Governor Parker charges it with seeking to do?

NET AVERAGE CIRCULATION for NOVEMBER, 1922, of THE OMAHA BEE
Daily 73,843
Sunday 78,105

B. BREWER, Gen. Mgr.
ELMER S. ROOD, Cir. Mgr.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of December, 1922.
W. H. QUIVEY,
Notary Public

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

Against Sorting Potatoes.

Alliance, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I want to answer a statement published December 12 in regard to potato raisers favoring the compulsory grading law.

Recent troubles in Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Oregon indicate the trend of a movement sinister in its potentialities for evil. American principles we stand by. We all are for separation of church and state, for free schools, free speech, free press. These blessings are guaranteed by the Federal Constitution.

A Book of Today

"The Fighting Edge," by William MacLeod Raine. Houghton-Mifflin company.
If you enjoy a gripping western story, with the benign and the malign elements thrown into strong contrast, and a compelling love interest, the plot, you will not be disappointed in Mr. Raine's new book.

Uncle Sam Bigger Than Bootleggers.
Blair, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Mr. John Davidson's letter in The Omaha Bee is just a little amusing. I wonder if he thinks he is "some rumpkin?"

Attacks Rural Education.
Central City, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I see in the Saturday Bee some one says the public school teachers of today are not efficient and advise more pay that they may be better teachers.

Wotta Life! Wotta Life!



expense must be paid out of farm products at about the same price as when the farmer was the sole producer and the rent will scarcely pay the tax.

Why shouldn't education that helps to earn more money help to pay taxes? The way it is now you must be the source and foundation of all public expenses if you are unlucky enough to own some dirt or land.

Not one boy has come back to the farm in this school district since the free high school law was enacted. What is the use when they can earn three or four times as much in town?

CENTER SHOTS.

Pola Negri's movie contract, it is revealed, requires that she remain single. She still retains her constitutional right to lose her jewelry, however.—Philadelphia North American.

Eighteen feeble-minded wards of Ohio have just been found mining coal in Pennsylvania. Nobody feeble-minded or faint-hearted ever goes into the operating or trading end of the coal industry.—Boston Traveler.

Europe sees dire results of our isolation, and certainly we are getting pretty klanish.—Philadelphia North American.

"One-minute Wedded Wife Asks for Divorce." Too bad she didn't think of it one minute sooner.—Philadelphia Record.

Down! Down! Down!

Financial authorities say that interest rates on prime securities will go lower than they have been in 50 years.

Why not buy first mortgage real estate bonds running one, five or ten years and thus protect your investments?

We offer a limited amount of 7% bonds secured by first-class downtown business property—new buildings earning high rentals. Denominations, \$100, \$500, \$1,000. Owned and recommended by Home Builders, Inc.

Ask us for full description of property pledged on each issue of bonds. None better. Call and see us.

American Security Company
BROKERS
18th and Dodge Streets Omaha, Nebraska

Money to Loan on Omaha Real Estate

Present Interest Rate

Charge Is

6%

The CONSERVATIVE SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION
1614 HARVEY

For Christmas

She would like

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen

"The Daddy of them all"
Selection and Service at Best Dealers the World Over

L. E. Waterman Company, 191 Broadway, N. Y.



The Store With the Christmas Spirit

Gifts of Music and Art

Everyone has a natural love for music and art. And at Christmas time one's thoughts naturally turn to music and art, for they harmonize with the Christmas spirit.

You have on your list members of the family or friends who would appreciate your thoughtfulness in selecting such gifts.

Let us suggest that you visit our store tonight or tomorrow, or any day this week, and we will assist you in selecting just the kind of gifts you want at the price you want to pay

A. Hospe Co.
1513-15 Douglas St.