pany.

love will find a way. Bob is a youth, timid in the first instance, but who

he deserves. Bud Hollister is a cow-

or for any subsidiary government which may conflict with the constitu-

tion and tend to disrupt the tradi-

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#### 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. He is found at last, safe and sound on a Wyoming ranch. America gives a sigh of relief, almost as thankful as if he had been a brother to all.

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. At last all but four of them are rescued from a bleak and barren island. "Search for the missing four is being continued," a brief wireless message reports.

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. It is as if civilization were in constant warfare with the elements.

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 lande But in the struggle with its own inner nature it has made no such progress. Man is his own worst enemy, oftentime losing the advantage of his triumph over the elemental forces by dissension within his own camp. In spite of the intense symflyer, still in some ways flesh and blood is neld the cheapest thing in the world.

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. After the mail car. "They expected the engineer, fireman and trainmen in the baggage and mail cars would be killed or badly hurt, and that they would

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? Yet it is probable that they as well as the rest of the public were thrilled and touched by the faraway struggle with death.

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.

the murder of two persons.

of a quarrel over a flock of turkeys.

In a single year 76,000 lives are snuffed out by accidents, many of which could have been prevented. In Norfolk, Neb., a motorist has just run down and killed a man. A baby lies dead in Omaha, the victim of a rifle in the hands of a boy of 12. On the same day a street car ran into a little girl, and a motorist here ran down a boy. A track laborer at Blair died beneath a train. Seven were hurt in a wreck near Biston. Accidents in industry take a heavy toll.

Such casualties of every day life are too common. Yet their frequency should stimulate, not dull the public sensibility. Reckless motorists who make the streets a peril are only a symptom of the universal wastefulness of human life. Somehow, a new regard for the sanctity of life must be instilled. Carelessness which exposes one's self or others to injury must be eliminated. The life on a street in Omaha is as precious a thing as a life of the poet:

A sacred burden is this life ye bear; Look on it. lift it, bear it solemnly Stand up and walk beneath it steadfastly. Fail not for sorrow, falter not for sin. But onward, upward, till the goal ye win.

# 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. Humanity dearly loves to deal in gossip, and lightly handle reputations. How many people are killed by slander, idle and thoughtless, will never be known.

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. His attending physician says Reid is suffering from the effects of a reinfection by flu; the tattlers of Hollywood say he has broken down because of his excessive indulgence in narcotic drugs. Reid's wife and mother deny this; they do not deny that he attended some of the ergies that have been complained of, but insist he was not an

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. Reid eliminated himself by an earnest effort to reform, which led to the breakdown, but 116 other

potential scandals remain. 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. For Wally Reid this may be said: His plays were always of a high order, clean and wholesome, with a popular quality of humor that made him a favorite with millions. These will be very slow to believe him a debauchee, and will earnestly hope that he be restored to life and health. When he is strong enough to work again will be time to tell how deep the acid of scandal has corroded the splendid reputation that was his.

#### 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. Deceit is neither a part of his vocabulary nor general make-up. His persistent but innocent questions are propounded in order to obtain real facts; yet they gave his victim "that guiltiest of feeling," even though veracity is his mest predominant characteristic, for this precocious youngster always detects the slightest variation

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, "N I'm going to write a letter to Santa 'n ask him to bring every one of 'em." And he knows Santa will do it, for isn't that what Santas are for? The next day a blotted little letter is dispatched to Santa Claus, and everything on that list must be remembered, else that precious boy will lose faith in the good old myth.

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. These words come to him: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these," and his memory takes him to an unused attic where discarded toys are accumulating from year to year. From these thoughts is generated the doubt as to whether he is allowing his only child to feel the real joy of the Christmastide. He realizes now that the greatest happiness is found in giving, not in receiving. He is not only robbing his naturally unselfish son of the greatest joy of Christmas, but is warping his generous nature.

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 Yet how different it is in the more ordinary 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 pathy with the victims of a shipwreck or a fallen Omaha. He already had taken up the matter of making Omaha a port of entry, which move was promptly countered by the congressman from Council Bluffs, who had that town also designated as a port of entry. The mint question went over, and finally, when Mr. Bryan was elected to conthe derailment it was their plan to rush in and rob gress, it was taken up again. Council Bluffs immediately renewed the talk of putting a mint there, and the question was solved by eventually locating the mint at Denver.

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. It was erected by the late H. A. W. Tabor, sometime senator from Colorado, and postmaster at Denver under McKinley. Tabor devoted a number of his millions to the task of beautifying Denver; a magnificent hotel, a wonderful opera house, two splendid business blocks, and then the Aladdin's dream of homes of Over in Iowa a former soldier has confessed to luxury and splendor was realized in La Veta Place. This was deeded to Mrs. Tabor as part of her set-In Virginia three men are dead as the result tlement when she was divorced by her husband. When the federal government bought it as a site It is not only in anger or passion that life is for the branch mint its glory had departed, and it held so cheap. Carelessness takes a heavy toll, too. was a rather shabby row of tenements, surrounded by business houses, instead of being the crown of a suburban section.

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. Their methods were not so brusque or boisterous, but they were quite as efficient, and some of the hauls they made might compare proportionately with the loot of the mint. And, if the account of the escape is correct, the fleeing robbers must have awakened some of the jackrabbits Martin Dennis Currigan once apostrophized in a meeting of the city council on the banks of Cherry creek.

This in turn recalls the fact that Davis H. Waite, "Bloody Bridles," while governor of Colorado, once made the supreme court take hurried action by training the guns of the Denver battery at sea or in the clouds. Let us remember the words 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

In fact, quite a bit of history is stirred up by the episode of the daring robbery at the front door of the mint that might have been Omaha's.

Inasmuch as Henry J. Allen will soon retire from the office of governor, his address to the klan 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 compiains that the federal government is invading the state again. But Maryland ought to be accustomed to it by this time.

### Mr. Bryan's Alertness

-From the Washington Star. . Mr. Bryan is alert-keeps his eye steadily on the Whenever questions unusually interesting are in hand or under informal discussion on Capitol Hill

he manages to "make" Washington for a call or a 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 balmier 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

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 then canvassed in connection with a senatorship in the Peninsula state.

A .. in the ould hamper him-tie him down to a job. He is at his best foot-loose-at liberty to go here, and yo der as the h nor strikes him, c the political situation seems to call. He is not associable with the hur drum the routine. the even day, what you please. As a "rover" he plays the game with great zest, and should not be differd. He serves himself and his party best in that capacity.

# "From State and Nation"

-Editorials from other newspapers-

Now and Then With Salaries and dual government, super-government,

From the Wyoming State Tribune. The other day four Cheyenne men discussed frankly their early life and early struggles. Each has attained a position of business and social throughout the world. prominence. In fact, it might be said that all have succeeded to a marked gree. Yet, each one for years after was through school and earning a One had earned \$70 on his first regular job: another had earned \$66, a an third \$60, and the fourth \$50. The

tions have materially changed, but no invisible support from any invisi-with the exception of house rent, they stated that there was but little more order, no matter what its plans, presthan twice the difference in the price of necessities. But the list of luxuries the power in this country to name its of the any have materially multiplied, judges, governors, senators, presi-and many of these luxuries are con-sidered necessities in the modern fam-enforcement of its laws. This peoily, particularly the automobile and ple still may be trusted to conserve the picture show. The average wage and support democratic principles, and they can do that without the

Each stated that he had opened a low slip, a night gown and a mask. bank account and saved a few dollars per morth 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

not have a bank account. the employes of more than one firm, earning wages averaging nearly \$50 a week which they receive weekly on Saturdays, send their checks in one envelope to a bank Saturday after-noon to be cashed and have done that regularly for years.

The statement was also made that

a surprising number earning about the same wages cash their checks on stores and places and have never established an acquaintance at a bank. The bankers say this is not the case to any extent with the women wage earners. Most of them have opened a bank account.

As New Year approaches it would seem opportune and worth while for employers to urge upon their em-ployes the wisdom of opening a bank account because it promotes saving, teaches business methods, provides a check receipt for bills paid and es-tablishes for the depositor an acquaintance which may mean credit when he needs it.

#### 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 Glenwood whisper." But June emerge making estimates of amounts required for the necessary levies and brings the work within a group of officers instead of leaving all depart. ments to a class who are interested in nothing but their salary. If any-

### From the Tacoma News-Herald.

With all due gratitude to the compilers and publishers of books on etiquet, a humble representative of the struggling public feels like uttering florence Scott Bernard, with eight florence Scott Bernard, with eight florence footbears of the florence footbears of the struggling public feels like uttering florence Scott Bernard, with eight florence footbears of the florence flows, "Go to it, boys, you are too big for Uncle Sam."

A. SQUASH. one wail of complaint. Cannot the advertisers of these life-saving works present their volumes without throwing such abject fear into the hearts looking class. All Babab and all the

One may have partaken of the pleasing olive—both green and ripe— for many years; one may have ridden may have dropped daily forks in restaurants, or even accepted introduction with untutored self-assur. Shepard Co. ance, without ever knowing oneself ridiculous, conspicuous or a boob. Yet, when asked sudden and personal questions about these matters from he almost human pages of an adverisement of a book on etiquet, the Reilly & Lee Co. aypnotized reader gazes at the words in awed fascination, and the mischief

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 trickery 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.

A new problem arises. Should he purchase the six weeks' course in practical psychology and acquire polse and etiquet by overcoming this fear thought, or should he end it all by buying the handy etiquet volumes and learning all the rules therein with the help of a de luxe memory course? Some one should write a book to guide the public in this matter.

#### 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:
"We have come at a time when the

principles of Americanism, as defined by the Ku Klux Klan, must be accepted by everyone, and they will be accepted by everyone in this state, for we will force it by the battle of the

All great questions in this country properly should be settled by the ballot, with the understanding, always, that the ballot shall represent the free expression of individual judgment, be a ballot undisturbed by un-due coercive influence.

The principles of Americanism usually are espoused and supported by electors who are not afraid to expose their faces, who make use of no se-cret conclaves in the furtherance of their purposes, who invite the fullest publicity in their controversies, who recognize the laws, federal and state, selves to preserve orderly govern

By virtue of what right does the Ku Klux Klan of Louisiana assume to define the principles of Americanit assume to take over the civil and political control of a sovereign state of this union, as Governor Parker There is no room in America for

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# "The People's Voice"

Against Sorting Potatoes.

Alliance, Neb .- To the Editor

The situation in Louisiana, as dis closed in recent press reports, is both statement published December 12 in deplorable and ominous. The inter- regard to potato raisers favoring the jection of religious questions directly into politics never has been countenanced in America and never should at a meeting of the Potato Improve ment association at Alliance. who earned \$66 supported his Recent troubles in Kansas, Texas, Potato Improvement association here gave \$5 a month to the church Oklahoma and Oregon indicate the consists of about 2 per cent of the and saved \$7 a month. The man who trend of a movement sinister in its growers in this county and they are evined \$70, said he saved \$30 a month.

And the man who earned only \$60, principles we stand by. We all are of potatoes. This is the bunch that though married, managed always to for separation of church and state, pay cash and gradually improved his all for free schools, free speech, free it appeared in the article of December position and earning capacity until press. These blessings are guarantoday he is one of the leading busiteed by the Federal Constitution. They ness men of Wyoming, his activities covering many parts of the state.

All admitted, of course, that condi
experience of the people. They need a small number they are not to be state grading law altogether. law is a curse and disgrace to mumming disguise afforded by a pil-A Book of Today by grading our potatoes. If you enjoy a gripping western story, with the benign and the malign elements thrown into strong con trast, and a compelling love interest dominating the plot, you will not be disappointed in Mr. Raine's new book. In the class of fiction where it rightfully belongs, it is a worth-while Mr. Raine, who was a newspaper man in Denver for a period of years, traveled widely through the great western country for the material he has used in writing a series of interesting and entertaining western "The Fighting Edge" tells us about Bob and June, and also tells us that

develops innate traits of courage and determination. The hero of the story finds himself after many vicissitudes and all on account of June. The young woman of the story is "a trifle in the will be there with the goods to prove LEO KASTNER, Jr. great scheme of things, only a poor ragged girl from the back country, the Uncle Sam Bigger Than Bootleggers. Blair, Neb.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Mr. John Davidson's letas she had once heard a woman of ter in The Omaha Bee is just a little from her lowly estate. Jake Houck, the villain of the plot, meets the fate amusing. I wonder if he thinks he is "Some pumpkins?" Possibly, when he reads this squib, he will think the writer is a squash, and possibly he is For the children there is no gift worse. Not this wisdom: "The fact with more solid pleasure than a good that we spend \$10,000,000 of the peothing, as in the case shown, it has a tendency to reduce taxes. If the code system would be allowed to stand we believe even the democrats, outside of the political element, would side of the political element, would be allowed to stand side of the political element, would side of the political element of the po great Danish naturalist; a delightful police powers of the state and city." story-history of mankind. Published Why not repeal the law against holdby Stokes.

"Blackbeard the Buccaneer," by law does not prohibit. The papers are

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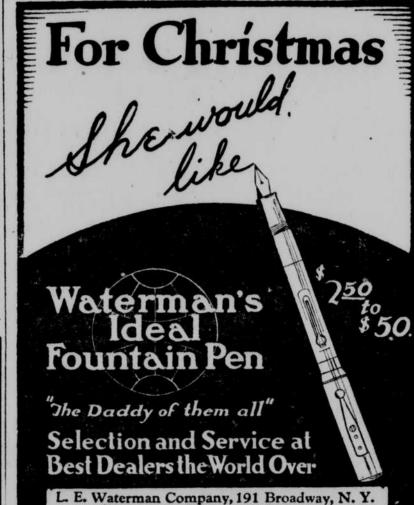
of The Omaha Bee: I see in the Saturday Bee some one says the Saturday Bee for many years; one may have ridden countless miles on Pullman cars; one may have dropped daily forks in restaurants, or even accepted intro-fusely illustrated. Lothrop, Lee & that they may be better teachers. But few think we have any better "The Teenie Weenies: Under the schools or turn out a better product Rosebush," story and pictures by for life's work than we did 20 years William Donahey, who has made these age when teachers' wages were one characters well known to readers of third what they are today.

# characters well known to readers. The Omaha Bee. Published by the no better results. All of this extra-Money to Loan on Omaha Real Estate

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The Omaha Bee: I want to answer a compulsory grading law, by Lec the potato growers in this county mention is that potato growers of this county and adjoining counties have a petition before the coming legislature, signed by 95 per cent of potato growers of the state of Ne-braska. It is an infringement on the rights of the American people, growers and consumers alike. Last year the were thousands of bushels of good, eatable potatoes went to waste on account of this grading law. This law cost the growers of this county at least \$75,000 in cold cash there are thousands of bushels of good eatable potatoes that never were dug out of the ground on account of the grading law. If the people of Nebraska will wake up and make a demand on their representatives we can get rid of this curse of a law against the potato growers. What hurts the grower hurts the If any of those high colhigh salaried agriculture men ers in their hearts they would not be for this grading law. That is what they are doing—cutting the growers' throats and lining the pock-The time is at hand when people will rise up and demand just laws, laws that have common sense, such crazy radical laws as the state potato grading law. If any of those high collar agriculture men want

Central City, Neb .- To the Editor

## Wotta Life! Wotta Life!



expense must be paid out of farm products at about the same price as then. On many fine farms now the rent will scarcely pay the tax. A reveale common school teacher income is far single. more than the average income of a tutional right to lose her jewelry, quarter section farm, and the farmer however.—Philadelphia North Amer must shell out for taxes and the ican. teacher go free.

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 even if it doesn't bring in a cent, I Ohio have just been found mining believe it would be just for the tax coal in Pennsylvania. Nobody feebleto be paid out of the income, or at least half of it.

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 town? Young folks now are looking for snaps. They scarcely ever ask for work any more. I, for one, am CENTER SHOTS.

Pola Negri's movie contract, it is revealed, requires that she remain She still retains her consti-

Somebody intensely interested in the external application of water asks: "Do we bathe too much?" The imously."-Kansas City Journal.

Ohio have just been found mining 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

"One-minute Wedded Wife Asks for Divorce." Too bad she didn't think getting sick of such waste of money.

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