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#### "EASY MONEY" AND AFTERWARDS.

Two soldiers are in prison today, waiting trial on charge of being highway robbers. Wednesday they were in good standing in the army of the United States, regarded as men of honor, pledged . to the defense of their country, and by reason of their uniform looked upon by civilians as the renresentatives of the government, of law and order, and protectors of liberty and property as well. Now they are in jail, and disgraced, shorn of their freedom, a stain on their honorable records, and certain only of trial and probable conviction, with a further prison term ahead.

What wrought this change in their situation? One of them says they were told by a former soldier that it would be easy to rob pedestrians and so secure money to spend. They put the suggestion to test, and were caught in their first crime.

Someone will say, "How about the Denver bandits, who got away with \$200,000 in money?" That may seem like "easy money" to the thoughtless, but those bandits are fugitives, and all the rest of their lives they will be fugitives, until they are caught. Such crimes never outlaw, and justice is sleepless." in time these, and the bandits who have robbed and murdered in Omaha of late years will be brought to face trial. While yet they are untaken they have no peace. Each night they must hide, each day they must slink. In every approaching stranger they see a possible man of the law come to take them. They to test out perhaps thousands of strains and then cannot trust their companions, for crime is the parent of treachery, and each of these criminals knows that his accomplice will betray him if to his advantage. Only one future is ahead of them, and that

So the "easy money" they sought is turned to the dearest man can buy, for it is obtained at the expense of good name, character, standing in society, everything that men hold dear and that bring peace of mind. Crime carries its own punishment, frequently worse than any the law provides. If those young soldiers could only have pictured themselves in jail, instead of gazing at the false view of "easy money," they would still be wearing the uniform of honor instead of prisoner's garb, their future would be one of honorable employment, instead of penal

Boys and young men will do well to remember that crime pays less in wages and more in misery than any other activity of human life.

### MYSTERY OF THE LOUISIANA LAKE.

Discovery and identification of the bodies of two victims of a masked mob in Louisiana makes certain to try any of the culprits, for in the first place that is the function of the courts, and, in the second place, we have not all the facts before us. This, however, should not close the door to the expression of an opinion that seems sound.

In the United States, where courts are open and justice is free to all, no reason is known for resort to mob law at any time. Ample provision is made for the righting of any wrong, for the punishment of any crime, by due process of law. The accused has always a right to know and face his accusers, and justice is administered in the open. When a secret tribunal, no matter how it is constituted, or by whom, undertakes to assert authority, it becomes a menace, for it is putting aside the law. Pretending to do justice, it flouts justice, for there can be no justice when a mob of any sort, masked or unmasked, assumes the functions of a court, becomes judge and jury, prosecutor and executioner, and inflicts a penalty it has already agreed to before starting its per-

In Louisiana murder seems to have been done. Whether it is punished or goes unrebuked is for Louisiana to determine. The mystery of the Louisiana lake will remain a challenge to constituted authority in that state until the record of the affair has been made public.

### PURITY AND THE PULPIT.

More power to Bishop Manning, who has forbidden the appearance of a notorious dancer in the pulpit of St. Mark on the Bouwerie. Not that the pulpit would be smirched by the appearance of an ordinary dancer, for there are plenty who might easily deliver a good sermon, and who well can defend their profession. Some are not worthy, though, and these should not be permitted to bring discredit to the others. An apologist for the immoral men and women of the stage says they produce good plays, and so set a good example. Yes, and by their personal conduct they more than offset any good they may have accomplished by their performance. These are the whited sepulchres, the unclean, who cleanse the outside of the cup and leave the inside filthy.

When actors, dancers, musicians, poets, authors, all kinds and conditions of men and women, learn there are some things they cannot do and be regarded as fit to associate with decent people, the world will be making headway toward a better condition. This is not prudery, nor Puritanism, nor Pharasaism, but common decency. A man or woman who sins flagrantly, openly, viciously, who is licentious and vulgar in private life, has no right to expect that people will condone such conduct because the offender is gifted with some form of talent that arpeals to popular fancy. Especially such an one has no right to mount the steps leading to the pulpit and dare to lay a gloss of fine words over offenses that reek of the lowest form of filth.

When the railroads get through looking at the \$473,000,000 lost them because of lowered freight rates, they might take a slant at the billions the farmers have lost because of lower prices on farm

If the police will only bring in one bandit for every two bootleggers, conditions of life in Omaha will soon be much improved.

The parcels post men now know how Santa Claus used to feel.

#### FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS

Sixteen years ago at the Kansas agricultural experiment station at Manhattan, Prof. H. F. Roberts selected a number of heads of wheat from a plot of wheat, the source of whose seed was Russia.

The next spring Roberts planted the kernels from these heads in what are termed "head rows," each row being carefully studied during the season and the yield secured in the fall. It was noted during the season that one particular row showed particular promise, and the seed of this row was carefully saved for further trial. The progeny of the row continued to show up well and was further propagated.

It is a rather long story of gradually increasing the seed and getting yield results from many sources, but we may pass to the year 1921. In that year it was estimated that 2,000,000 acres of Kanred wheat were grown in the United States. The interesting fact of the whole matter is the fact that all of this wheat was directly descended from

one particular head selected in 1906. This particular wheat has made a real contribution to the winter wheat industry because of the fact that it is resistant to several forms of leaf and stem rust. It is also slightly earlier and a little more winter hardy than Turkey Red, the best known of winter wheats. Kanred wheat is now widely grown throughout the entire state of Kansas and in the adjacent sections of Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado; Missouri and Texas. Messrs. Clark and Martin of the United States Department of Agriculture state that Kanred wheat should larkely replace the Turkey Red and Kharkof varieties in a number of states, among which is Nebraska. Trials made in many parts of Nebraska show that Kanred wheat has given superior yields as compared with the commonly grown winter wheat varieties. The acreage is gradually increasing in the state.

The fact that a wheat destined to play such a part in our winter wheat program originated in a single head selected in 1906 is positive proof of how from small beginnings in the plant world new varieties may arise. It shows the possibilities of

Few of us fully appreciate the work of our plant breeders. They work patiently and long striving to develop something better than that which is already in existence. Their work makes it necessary to carefully study these and make the selections which they believe will give superior results. All too often people who praise the new variety or strain give little thought to the labor and persistence required by some plant breeder that the new creation might be possible. The plant breeder gives real contributions to our agriculture. Whenever you visit a state or government experiment station and see men working with small rows or small plots in what seems to be a monotonous fashion, remember that they are playing a real part in helping to feed a world.

#### HOTELS THAT ADVERTISE THEIR CITIES.

Someone has said that the hotel is the yardstick by which a stranger measures a town. There is no doubt that many fine towns in Nebraska suffer by this standard. There are others whose name one has only to mention to call up in his hearer's mind the name of some hostelry where the food and accommodations have left a pleasant recollection.

In the smoking car on a train, mention San Francisco, and the St. Francis hotel rushes into the minds of most of those present. In St. Louis it used to be one thing, that law and order in that particular neck | the Planters, which only the other day was closed of the words is not what is popularly supposed to down. Houston, Cincinnati, Spokane, Portland, St. obtain in civilized America. We have no intention | Paul and Buffalo likewise are favorably known among travelers by their leading hotels. Omaha is not behind hand in its plentitude of good accommodations.

What is true of the nation is also true of the state. Those towns which have or are building good hotels are thereby putting the best foot forward. The problem of management, of course, is an important one, and there are indeed some unpromising appearing hotels where good management overcomes all obstacles in a surprising manner. In many instances improved accommodations for visitors could be provided without anything more than efficient direction, or a better cook.

Some gustatory genius has compiled a book describing the dish for which the chefs of noted hotels in various parts of the country are most noted. The recipe for each one is seasoned with a rhapsody. New Orleans is given the place of honor for its creole cooking, Baltimore for certain sorts of sea food and Washington and San Francisco for others. Nebraska has no representation in this list, though it produces a wide variety of raw foodstuffs. The opportunity is open for some hotel hereabouts to make the hall of fame with the most savory corn bread, the best steaks or the finest method of preparing eggs.

Judge Woodrough is entitled to credit for his investigating of conditions reported at a bootlegger's home, but the story would read better to a lot of people if it contained some announcement that the attorney who misled the court had received some

Maybe if those steamship surgeons were to adopt the army practice, "give him a C. C. pill, paint him with iodine, and mark him duty," the epidemics that break out on "dry" liners would soon end.

The women didn't waste any time in telling Will Hays what they think of him and "Fatty" Arbuckle.

# Practical Reforestation

Reforestation is widely discussed, and the federal government has a department assigned to promotion of the work. Every year considerable money is expended in promoting the restoration of timber to the country's

advantage to all, promoted by the people themselves, in every section of the United States. That is, the setting of trees on both sides of public roads.

Trees would grow as rapidly there as any place, and would be subject to greater watchfulness than any other place. Hardwood trees, as well as fruit trees, might be set, soon becoming available for shade and of value in keeping roads from washing, while at the same time making travel a delight. As the trees grew large enough to be used for lumber, other trees might be set between them, providing for keeping the supply ample in all portions of the country.

The protection of the trees and later provision for thinning them and setting others could be added to the duties of county or township officers. They would furnish grateful shade in the summer, protection from storms in winter, nesting places for birds, and under them reservations for wild flowers, both of which should be properly protected.

In nutting season, the product of the trees might be used to advantage, properly regulated, preserving lovs of ancient days.

The living trees might be used as memorials for war heroes or others in the community who had proven their service to the people, and thus acquire a sentimental interest.

The idea is not back Road tree organization ought to be organized now to promote the work

# "From State and Nation"

-Editorials from other newspapers-

The open and notorious sale of firearms and other dangerous weapons in Oklahoma City is a menace to the safety of the community.

Anyone who plans to commit mur-der, highway robbery or any other rime in which the use of a revolver or other dangerous weapon is advanweapon within a few minutes at

No wonder so many crimes have been committed here. The wonder is that the number has not been greater. It rests squarely on the shoulders of the chief of police to put a stop to

The chief is quoted as saying that the promiscuous sale of dangerous weapons is not illegal. But there is a city ordinance which very clearly makes such a sale, with-

ation of the law. The law must be enforced, not only to prevent the committing of crimes by individuals, but to reduce the danger from a riot, should one ever oc-cur here. Under present conditions. rioters could easily arm themselves by breaking into pawnshops. That by breaking into pawnshops. That has happened in other cities, where mobs have held sway.

has been advised by someone that the law against the promiscuous sale of firearms is not constitutional, but the chief is an enforcing officer and not a judge. He should make arrests under the ordinance and let the courts de-cide whether the law is valid.

But Oklahoma City is not the only other dangerous weapons can be obtained easily. There should be a state law prohibiting the promiscuous sale of such weapons, and officers who fail to enforce the law should be removed

# From the Nebraska City Press.

Motor vehicle transportation is here to stay. It is not a sporadic fad, doomed to die in the first withering blast of unfavorable weather. It is a service which the public demands and he public uses. Bus transportation be standardized in Nebraska as it has been on the streets of great ities, where the electric surface lines have begun to outlive their useful regulation which will protect both the public and the men who have taken the chance with the new form of travel and invested their money Bus line transportation, carried out to its logical conclusion means, eventually, a network of hard-surfaced roads in Nebraska, for the plenty oublic will demand that sort of a highway wherever bus lines are found. There is no way to force the usses out of business, and fair-minded and far-seeing people do not want to force them out. Patrons want better service, better regulation and such facilities as will increase the efficiency of the motor vehicles in the future. Nebraska is "trying out" the state. Up to date the operation has men who have vision and a sense of proportion. Only those who have not properly gauged the public mind have failed to make good. Those who are sticking to the game are insistent that they shall have protection and the sort of regulation and supervision which, properly imposed, will per-mit them to further the interests of public and expand to meet the growing demand.

#### No Moral Disarmament. From the New York Times.

Another conference on the limitation of armament has ended. The meeting of delegates of the eastern European states, convoked in Moscow by the Russians, has broken up without doing anything, though many noble sentiments were expressed. Re-sponsibility for the failure seems to be shared by most of the participants.

The Russians started off by proposing to cut down their army to 200,000 men if the other states would make proportionate reductions. This, according to Russian figures, meant a cut of 75 per cent—that is, they placed the present strength of their own army at about 800,000.

That is probably not far wrong, if wrong at all, as an estimate of the Russian field army, though a much larger number is on the rolls. Some of the smaller nations, which by such of the smaller nations, which by such a sweeping reduction would have been left with armies hardly sufficient for local police work, seem to have questioned this figure. The Russians retaliated by accusing the Poles of having 100,000 more men under arms than their official statements showed. This is curious, since one of the com-plaints heard in Polish internal poliplaints heard in Polish internal politics has been that the war department was drawing money for many more men than were actually in the army. However, this was not the stumbling block. The smaller states

## Daily Prayer

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Rom. 5:1. Our Father, Thou Who sittest upon a throne high and lifted up, Whose glory fills the Heavens, make us conscious this morning that Thou art not far from any one of us, Thy children. Thou hast revealed Thy nearness to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us to see that our selfishness is the only thing that can separate us from Thee. Take out of our hearts every selfish impulse, and fill them with a holy love for Thee. Then we know that there shall be fulfilled for us the promise of Jesus, that Thou, our Father, and He, our Brother, shall come in and dwell with us this day. Speak to us by Thy still, small voice.

small voice.

Christmas Day has come and gone We have given and we have re-ceived the tokens of friendship and love. We cannot repeat these gifts every day, but we earnestly beseeth Thee that the Christmas spirit may abide in our hearts and in the hearts of mankind everywhere. Take out of our hearts every trace of jealousy and hatred toward any of Thy chil-dren, and give us the attitude to-ward all mankind which was in Jesus Christ our Lord. Hasten the day when our ears shall hear the mornwhen our ears shall hear the morning stars singing together and all the sons of men joining with the angelic choir in the anthem of the first Christmas morning, "Peace on earth among men of good will." Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REV. FRANK W. PADELFORD.

Boston, Mass.

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B. BREWER, Gen. Mgr. ELMER S. ROOD, Cir. Mgr. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of December, 1922. W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public wanted all the participating powers to sign a general nonaggression com-pact before talking about reducing their armies; the Russians wanted to

### Why It Costs So Much to Live.

reduce first and talk about moral dis-

Spanish war and no world war, 500 for conducting the federal government next year. This is precisely what the army and navy cost us now. Instead of one-half billion dollars, it Instead of one-half billion dollars, it is going to cost three billion dollars to maintain the government this year, and that is a reduction from five bil-lion dollars. Two of the three billions are absorbed by fixed charges on war indebtedness alone. It takes a billion a year to pay interest on this debt, another 330 millions for sinking fund, and 500 millions for pensions and ible war charge up to more than two lars to run the government and an-

army and navy.

Even on a peace time basis it costs as much to maintain the military as much to maintain the military branch of the government as it does the executive and legislative, agri-culture, roads, public health, diplo-matic service, labor, public lands, Alaska, our island possessions and all the rest of the government's busi-

ness combined.

If the nations would quit the war foolishness it would cost them to live just one-sixth of what it costs

#### What About the Code?

Charles W. Bryan was elected on a platform which declared in favor of a repeal of the code administration law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business in western law and holds he has the mandate of the seed potato business and hol the people for its repeal. A legisla-ture with a large republican majority platform favoring its retention. legislature must repeal the law, if it is duced on the farm and, in view of the to be cast aside, and it is not there- fact that the railroads make no disfore clear that the voters gave a man-date for its abolition. That some fea-

A New Atmosphere From the Rocky Mountain News. It is not all "beer and skittles" for our Lady Astor on the other side in these days of proletarianism. The rise of the laborites in parliament and of "nationalism" in the party with which she is affiliated is placing her on the defensive. Fortunately for her, she has a quick tongue and plenty of pluck and she can be counted on to wear down her oppo-nents. Lady Astor is rich and she is an American-born and the wife of the son of an expatriated American. Naturally she is at some disadvantage. She was the first woman elected to the house of commons at that, and there are few women members in this parliament. A certain amount of resentment exists regarding her and her climb in politics.

condemn too severely the Before we condemn too severely the opposition that has arisen to the titled American member of parliament let us reverse the table, as it were, and nagine what might happen if, for instance, a comparatively poor English woman should come over here, marry the son of a rich Englishman living here, and enter the house or senate. Our 100 per cent Americans

might have something to say.

Wiser heads in England are glad to have Lady Astor where she is for diplomatic reasons, and they are glad to have the help of the Astor millions in these hard times, but politics is politics and in England there is little of the potato growers have signed a petition to have this potato grading law are no M. Q. rules.

# Common Sense

Presents That Don't Cost Money. Almost everyone possesses some-thing within him that would help, en-

thing within him that would help, encourage, or uplift another person.

What quality do you possess which you might use to help another?

Perhaps you feel that you have little or nothing, being a common everyday sort of individual with just about brains enough to make a living.

Well, it is something to be able to support a family, but you can go a little greater length and say a kind word, can you not?

word, can you not? Sympathy for those who need sympathy. You can do this. You could inconvenience yourself a bit and get around to see and call on certain ones you know cannot get out

themselves.

It would not hurt you to sit by the bedside of a sick friend, to carry a book to a convalescent, nor to take a word of cheer to one who is ill.

No financial outlay nor talent is required to be helpful.

Giving aid and comfort to the soul is sometimes more appreciated than

is sometimes more appreciated than gifts bought with a price.

All of us are too self-centered, too grasping, too eager for our own com-

fort.

This is a season for overcoming selfishness. Give yourself.

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### Favors Potato Grading.

Omaha.-To the Editor of The Oma ha Bee: I have read with consider the Deecember 20 issue of The Omaha Bee. I was astonished and really on the potato grading law. I am quite familiar with problems confronting the farmer in general, and more particu-larly in the west, both under dry farming and under irrigated conditions, and I fully realize that owing to the semi-isolated position of the farmers of America as compared with European countries, wherein they live in villages and are compelled of necessity to more closely associate with one another than do our farmers, in view of this condition are some peculiarities, and they are

largely due: First, the isolated life of a farmer leads him to believe that he is prac-tically perfect, and it is his neighbor that he thinks must be watched as he is eternally trying to sell a balky, blind, heavy or locoed horse, or to put inferior potatoes in the bottom of the box, wagon or other container and only the good ones on top, so as to I could go on down the list of course, are always laid at our

However, to analyze carefully the value of a grading law, which I feel

has of necessity been forced upon the people and which is essential for the bear with me that northwestern Newas elected on a braska is limited as to the amount and its retention. The kinds of products that can be protinction in freight rates, and justly date for its abolition. That some features of it need amending experience has demonstrated, and this is far more likely to be what happens than its repeal. the necessary dock that must always come before the produce is taken up by the middle man or even by the consumer. Especially is this true our normal consumption of potatoes per capita, according to the best avail-3.2 bushels per capita, and also in view of the fact that we have this year a production, based upon the best available information, of approximately 4.3 bushels yer capita The potato grading law certainly

needs no further argument than this, as certainly that differential must be should the people be compelled to buy inferior grade potatoes when there is such an oversupply? One must also storing, or even using these potatoes of inferior quality. reputable producer to see to it that none but the highest grade quality product is loaded on the car for ship ment and the inferior part of the crop be fed upon the farm or used up

ernment must pass laws regulating various phases of industry, and this some one who is too eager to cheat. us to believe, I feel that there is considerable cause for reflection and sober thought before these signers even permit this petition to leave that territory. I earnestly hope that they will not cut off their nose to spite
their face.

A READER.

### Caps and Fame.

rom the Washington Star. Many a man great in his own esteem for qualities of statesmanship and perhaps in the esteem of others has been chagrined in the course of his career to find his name given to a 5-cent cigar. Perhaps the same emotion is felt by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle just now. He is earnestly trying to bring the world to an acceptance of certain psychic phenomena in manifestation of a law which is not manifestation of a law which is not

Now We Know Winter's Here.



tective fiction, has suddenly become turn their caps sidewise, in the Nathe vogue. It had a period of popupoleonic style. Will the pipe and parthe vogue. It had a period of popularity some years ago, when the great crime detective was spinning his into vogue with the double-peaked deyarns, and then passed, to be readopted by a few sea travelers and country club habitues. Now it is "the thing" in the caps, with its double map, tied at the crest with a little should earn a little and spend a little ribbon, and its visors at both ends.

What will the movie directors do Smith—Yes, and these days it seems

Jones-Stevenson said "a mar

What will the movie directors do now? The film managers have been known for some time by the reversal a lot more.—New York Sun.



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