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#### UPSHAW'S CRUSADE FOR HONESTY.

A singular, and not especially inspiring, spectacle is presented by Congressman Upshaw of Georgia in the house of representatives at Washington. Not that Mr. Upshaw lacks the support of right in his position, but that it should be necessary for any member to make such an announcement as he did on the floor on Tuesday. We may step over the question of one man's right to regulate the habits of his associates or contemporaries. That, so far as liquor is concerned, has been passed upon by the American people. A more vital principle is at stake.

The prohibition amendment was sumbitted to the people by a vote of congress; it was ratified by the legislatures of the several states with only three states declining to assent by ratifying the proposed amendment. Congress then passed the Volstead act, and on several occasions since has declined to modify its provisions to permit the renewal of traffic in mild alcoholic stimulants or bev-

Admitting that a considerable number of congressmen and senators are opposed to prohibition, the question arises: Have they a right to select what laws of their own making they shall obey, and is above one law, it follows very clearly that he is above all laws. Under the Constitution members of congress are immune from arrest "in all cases except treason, felony and breach of the peace," to preserve his integrity rather than to encourage

One gentleman, accustomed to moderate use of liquor, on finding himself elected to congress, declared his intention of giving up even the social glass. However lightly he felt the law touch on his own person, he could not conscientiously continue using even a slight quantity of liquor, because it is forbidden by law, and in his capacity as lawmaker he did not want to set the example of a law breaker. His attitude may be commended to others at Washington.

Against this may be set the expression of another member of congress, who said if a secret ballot could be taken, the Volstead act would be repealed. Here is a confession that members of congress shrink from voting their convictions.

However we may regard the underlying principle, approval of the Upshaw crusade for honesty in congress follows because it is in accord with the high ideals of Americanism. Congressmen should obey the laws they make.

### THE BANE OF DELAY AND UNCERTAINTY.

Is the ship subsidy plan dead? The importance of a definite decision, one way or the other, concerning this bill is plain. It is hard for the public to understand why a vote should not have been taken on this question instead of merely shoving it aside.

What America needs now is an end of doubt and the definite settlement of its problems. The development of a merchant marine, w...ch might have been assisted by the subsidy, has been hampered by the uncertainty whether or not the government owned vessels were to be sold to private interests. Let it be clearly announced that there is to be no assistance from the public treasury to the private shipping business, and the great ocean transportation interests are at once placed on their mettle. Experience has proved that there is no handicap that American business ingenuity is not able to meet if it has to. To leave the shipping interests in doubt as to what conditions they will have to operate under, is an unnecessary handicap.

This same thing is true of other great industries. The senate has also before it a number of proposals for a rural credit law that may be considered as a method of subsidizing agriculture. Though there have been countless investigations and reports on the need for this legislation and the form it should take, there is to be an extended period of debate on this proposal. Meanwhile uncertainty prevails, not as to the eventual passage of some credit legislation, for the need is so great that it can not be ignored, but as to exactly what form the aid will take.

More speed is needed in congress. Doubts that harass business should be removed and decisions made promptly and definitely.

### IT HAPPENED IN OKLAHOMA.

Something like forty years ago an inspired Fourth of July orator, exploding on the greatness of the glorious west, spoke of "sky-bounded, horizon staked plains." The figure of speech was good then. but "them days is gone forever." That is what added zip and fizz to the ceremony attendant on the

inauguration of Governor Walton of Oklahoma. The governor went decorously enough to the statehouse on Monday, took the oath of office, and assumed his duties as chief executive of the staid and well behaved state of Oklahoma. On Tuesday, he went out to the fair grounds at Oklahoma City, and had the whole thing done over again, in a fashion the aborigines might understand, and took part in proceedings that will give great impetus to the moving picture conception of the wild and woolly west

A barbecue and all that goes with it was provided to keep alive some of the things made famous by "Bill" Cody's great galaxy of wild west riders. shooters, ropers and the like. The "101 Ranch," Col. Zack Mulhall and a few eminent statesmen and diplomats gave zest to the affair, where food was provided for 200,000 hungry, and nobody has yet

stated how many thirsty were looked after. It was a glorious reminder of a time that has gone before the open world was all cut up into little patches by barbed wire fence, and when a man when he wanted to go any place just rode across the country till he got there. Millions will never know anything about the life of that day, save as they glimpse it in such exaggerations as the Oklahoma inauguration festivities, but here and there linger men who took part in it, and to them it will be the most cherished memory.

Something wrong somwhere when a woman who feeds stray cats dies of hunger herself. Yet such a case is reported from New York.

#### GETTING THE ARMY OUT OF EUROPE.

Orders for the removal of the remaining American troops from the station on the Rhine are issued at a time when the effect will be the most pronounced in Europe. Our men were stationed at Coblenz in the beginning to give moral support to the commissions that were working to restore peace. A treaty between the United States and Germany has been signed and ratified, and that ended our mission on the Rhine. If our soldiers have remained there, it has been to give evidence of good intent, rather than to overawe anybody.

Conditions have arisen that require that the United States do one of two things-either withdraw its few soldiers from German soil, or accept tacitly the implied support of a French policy, the details of which are unknown to Americans. France has been warned that the United States is not ready to support the attempt to enforce collection. The Hughes' proposal to call a financial conference before invasion of Germany remains unanswered from

Withdrawal of troops from the Rhine is not scuttling out of the country; it is solemn notice that America will not consent to be drawn deeper into European entanglements; that assistance from this nation will depend on better efforts by France, Germany, Belgium and Italy to come to an understanding that does not employ force.

The effect of the French march on the Ruhr valley must await the issue, but France certainly now understands that the move has not the approval of either the United States or England.

#### FACTORIES BEHIND THE BARS.

The proposal of the Farmers' union for a twine plant at the state penitentiary represents a praiseworthy move toward putting this penal institution on a self-supporing basis. The cost to the people of maintaining prisoners in idleness is growing too heavy in Nebraska. At present a part of the convicts at Lincoln are given employment in a furniture factory, and a few more in the manufacture of work clothing, but there is no reason why the enwhich they may ignore? If a member of congress tire population behind the bars should not be put to some useful task.

In a number of wheat growing states the prisons produce large quantities of binder twine. An official of the Minnesota state penitentiary told the and for remarks on the floor, but this immunity is farmers' meeting in Omaha of the successful operation of a twine plant at Stillwater. That prison is run as a factory, whose product is not only twine and other material things, but men trained to support themselves. Part of their earnings is sent to their families outside. Furthermore, when men are released they are in good physical condition and skilled in some useful occupation.

> Some such humanitarian and economical arrangement is needed in Nebraska. The state legislature, which is now in session, should consider this question when it comes to the matter of appropriating money for the penal institutions.

#### NEBRASKA IN THE LEAD.

A survey of the general situation so far as business prospects are concerned is encouraging. In The Omaha Bee on Monday was published some statements from Nebraska editors as to the outlook in their communities, all but one full of healthy optimism. What reason is there for this?

The December report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, in which district Nebraska is contained, carries a comparative summary of the money values of eight principal farm crops in seven

ľ	es, as follows:			
		1922.	1921.	
	Nebraska	\$248,693,000	\$161,885,000	
	Kansas	245,747,000	199,992,000	
	Missouri	220,106,000	163,208,000	
	Oklahoma	111,305,000	94,390,000	
	Colorado	76,662,000	54,935,000	
	Wyoming	21,988,000	18,264,,000	
	New Mexico	10,681,000	16,766,000	

Totals.....\$938,182,000 \$709,440,000 The hopes for the coming year have a substantial basis in fact. An increase of \$225,000,000 in farm crop values for the seven states, with \$80,-000,000 as Nebraska's share, is impressive enough to attract attention anywhere. Business is good and will be better in this region.

Nikolai Lenine is gravely ill again, according to reports from Moscow. His companions are more worried about him than the outside world, for they will have to pick his successor should he not recover.

John J. Stream having been elected head of the Chicago Grain exchange, the daily quotations obviously will consider whether it be upstream or downstream.

Vilhalimur Stefansson may find that selling town lots at the North Pole is different from disposing of stories about his adventures in the Arctic

It's a little early yet, but the base ball magnate is crowding his way to the center of the stage, just

"Better homes for Omaha" is a good slogan.

### Tradition of Empire Not Broken

Sums thus squandered by Europe, in provoking discord and retribution in the near east, would have paid the interest on the American loans with the utmost ease, whereas that interest has been wrung from the American taxpayers, with a continuance of war-time levies and severe pecuniary sacrifice. It would be mere idle ness to reproach the people of Great Britain, or France or Italy, or of unfortunate little Greece, for these costly mistakes made by their governments. It is very hard to break the tradition of an obsolete and harmful imperialism. There is no such thing as foreign policy in the United States that is apart from the things that are popularly decided at the polls. But the structure of imperialism, as the rival European nations have created it, began several centuries ago; and, although that structure seemed at first begoing down to wreck and ruin in the great war, the sequel shows that it sur-

vives. It is true that reigning dynasties were overthrown in four great empires-Germany, Austria-Hun gary, Russia and Turkey. But it is by no means certain as yet that the Turks-returning to Europe with Europe's disgusted acquiescence-will not endeavor in due time to re-establish themselves in Egypt and across North Africa as well as in Arabia and perchance in Persia. There is no satisfactory evidence that Russia, under new leaders, is not aiming at the earliest opportunity to re-establish control over all of her former It is true that Germany's present position is difficult, but it would be hard to make any intelligent Frenchman believe that Germany will cease to be imperialistic at heart, for so long a time as what were once German colonies are in the control of other imperial governments which have taken them for imperial motives and are using them for commercial advantage. To put it another way, what well informed person is there who believes that the Germans will be content to live on nonimperialistic principles in a world that tolerates imperialism in general? The Italian revolution which brings the facista into power is distinctly imperialistic in its mental state, if not in any definitely expressed program for immediate ful-

# "From State and Nation"

-Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Tax Reducing Talk. Notice that head! "Tax Reducing Talk" is what one is hearing on all hands, and if you are at all like the rest of us you are probably indulging yourself in a bit of splenetic oratory. What is the outcome to be? Candidly we do not think there will

though honest in many cases, is in the majority of cases without war-I do not mean to be understood as arguing that taxes are not high, but I do wish to be understood as believing emphatically that taxes are only high because of a people gone mad in their spending to a point that they have so committed themselves that

It is easy to prove no step backward may be taken with- such a thing as overwork. An enout danger of consequences more dire than would be the completion of the for a long time if it is given the best

things now under way. Reform in the hands of an angry or many of the tax reforms are actuated lar fad or a desire to vent their spleen some person rather than a desire to benefit a people who are but pay-ing the price of a debauch upon which they entered with their eyes wide

The duck who coined the expression 'dollar matching" as applied to federal aid road work placed an easy mouthful into the face of lots of peowho have not inquired into our road building program at all and who liscuss the matter with other like uninformed persons and with no other argument decided for themselves and all who will listen to their dangerous slogan that the government is robbing us-that our county is robbing usand so on down the line until they arrive at the people who are really robknowledge of one's own extravagance can be called robbery, but they do not erwise Dr. Coue would not have bothdamn the people—they pity them—they say. Ask them what they mean 'dollar matching" and if they are unable to tell you more than that the federal government puts up 50 per cent of the cost of public highways built under their supervision, pass up the balance of their argument, for they are not informed upon their sub-Since 1914 we have steadily advanced as a people who talk much, but say little. The hip-hurroo of war times pushed thinkers aside and gave spellbinders the floor, and they are holding it still. Until this condition is changed we will not get much relief from situations which we now find

To stop short on programs in school work now under way or to stop short in our road building and maintaining plans would be the height of business folly, but the opporunity is ours now, as it has been at all times, to consider well the consequences before we enter into new contracts calling for money which must be raised by taxation.

No Power to Know the Facts? From the New York World. The act of congress creating the federal trade commission gave it

power, among other things-To gather and compile information concerning, and to investiganization. business conduct, practices and management of any corporation engaged in (interstate)

tried to gather information about District of Columbia supreme court on the ground that coal mining was not interstate commerce. When again is vindictive is seldom constructive. it tried to gather information of costs and so on from certain fron and steel companies it was again held up, and by a two-to-one decision of the circuit court of appeals for the district this ground that in itself manufacture is not interstate commerce, however much the raw material and product may enter into such commerce

It is announced that this decision will be appealed from to the United States supreme court. It ought to be. Congress has power to regulate inter-state commerce. This is admitted. The question here raised is whether congress, or the federal government by act of congress, has a constitutional power to inform itself of the facts in relation to the production of commodities entering into interstate com merce with a view to the regulation of such commerce. Did congress, in other words, exceed its constitutional powers in so authorizing the federal

To answer this question in the affirmative, as the high District of Co-lumbia courts evidently do, is extraor-It is like saying that an admittedly regulative power of govern-ment has no business to know or find out anything about what is going on in matters which may be intimately

### Daily Prayer

The faithful God, which keepeth cov-Our Heavenly Father, we come to thank Thee for Thy many mercies, and to invoke Thy protection and guidance for all the way of life. rejoice that we may know Thee and love Thee and serve Thee and be like Thee. Grant us grace to please Thee. in all that we think and plan and do. Help us to live in such Fellowship with Thee that Thou canst not only dwell in us, but work through us. Help us to share our blessings with others, and to find in our privileges an obligation to minister to those who need what we have. Bestow upon us strength for our daily tasks; courage in the face of fears; comfort in sorrow; quiet in the midst of tumult; hope in the presence of uncertainty; high motives for humble as well as high deeds; self-control in the hour of provocation; gentleness and forgiveness when tempted to revenge: and the peace which passeth all understanding. Hold in Thy holy care all our loved ones, and keep guard over our interests in life. Give us to see the speedy coming of Thy King-dom among all men, and let us have an increasing share in its establishment. Fill our hearts with songs of expectation, and flood our faces with morning light, and when the day is done, let the weariness of work make welcome the rest of home, we beg in our Redeemer's name. Amen. JAMES I. VANCE, Nashville Tenn.

### NET AVERAGE CIRCULATION for DECEMBER, 1922, of THE OMAHA BEE

Sunday ..........78,496 B. BREWER, Gen. Mgr. ELMER S. ROOD, Cir. Mgr. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1923. W. H. QUIVEY,

that power. If that is the fact, both congress and the country cannot know it any too soon.

No Such Thing as Overwork. om the Sioux Falls Press.

No person has ever suffered from verwork, according to Prof. William any outcome for the agitation, Palmer Wynne, noted nerve specialist. nounced that Dr. Emile Coue. French exponent of auto suggestion, sailed and is getting nearer the United States day by day. Well organized propagandists, it may be, have determined upon a great final offensive to make man "master of his fate

gine can be run at maximum speed

care, but eventually there will be a breakdown. A furnace can be fired dishonest man may prove anything to produce seemingly unlimited heat, but a benefit, and we believe that the but a little too much heat will melt but a little too much heat will melt men at the head of many of the tax the instrument or cause an explosion. It must be admitted, however, that It must be admitted, however, that man seldom is overworked. Nervous by desire to ride into favor on a popu- breakdowns and illness usually come from dissipation and worry. is a tendency to drive the human machine beyond its limit, to start it suddenly and stop it quickly, and to fail to make repairs. Prof. Wynne would give everyone an opportunity to have a clean mind, a clean body and a clean home, and consign to the hangman those who failed to take advantage of it. A healthful environ ment, he believs, would wipe out disease and morbidness.

Cone's "day by day in every way" theory is an old idea in a new dress. Prayer, in all religions, is a form of auto suggestion. The theory is danoverexaggerated. It is possible to attain self-discipline by auto suggespossible for the grouch to become genial; but it is not possible to ered to board a ship.

Fads, theoretical and mechanical, come and go, and still the race lives. Too much enthusiasm at the start usually brings a quick death. Fads also can be overworked. Still, the new school is preaching optimism, and giving humanity confidence and It is much better than psychoanalysis and other subjects for have been inflicted upon society.

#### To Cure Crime.

From the Albuquerque Journal.
Dr. Vernon L. Briggs, expert on criminology, wants to "fight the crime wave exactly as we fight disease epidemics." He suggests three steps as part of the process:

1. Abolish capital punishment Sentence criminals guilty of capital crime to life imprisonment and let science study their cases. Establish "habit clinics" in every city for subnormal and abnormal chil-

between 2 and 7 to prevent possible future criminality. It is a suggestive program. Manifor instance, would not be three times

as common today as they were 20 steps toward reform.

As for the third point, "Give me a child until he is 7 and I care not who has him afterward," said the philoso-pher. Train him in those early years to good physical, mental and moral habits, and the development of crim-

It is significant that those who have made a study of crime are seldom vindictive in their suggestions.

Experience has shown the suggestions. That is why their advice is worth heeding.

#### The Secret of Success. From E. W. Howe's Monthly

Look around you and note the great number of common men who are mak-

There is plenty for those of us who have no great genius; all we need do is to take advantage of abundant opportunities. Examine into the his along" better than the average, and you will find the secret of his success is no secret at all; all he does is to be reliable, work hard, watch out and practice politeness. And the importance of these things have been dinned into our ears since birth.

Almost every day I meet a very uccessful man who does not seem to know any more than I do, but on investigation I conclude he more steadily practices a few of the more necessary good habits.

### Common Sense

Don't Think Yourself Into Old Age If looking at yourself in a mirror causes you to feel that you are getting old, refrain from using a mirror,

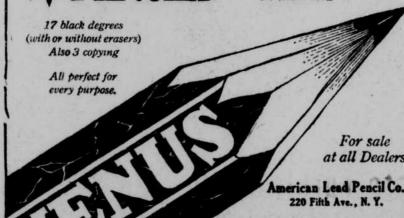
any more than you have to.

Do not think yourself into old age. Just because some other person of your age is crippled up with some all ment do not begin to worry about getting into the same condition soon At times you think you may be too active, too enthusiastic, too carefree acting for a person of your years. You feel that you ought to be more sedate.

Be young in spirit, quick in action, spontaneous in manner as long as you

Why hasten the days of a drab old Just because some one you know is slowing down account of age is no

reason for you to slacken your speed to settle down to a prosaic old age. "You are as young as you feel," and the someone who said it tells the truth. Keep happy, young, free, buoyant and enthusiastic as long as you can. Keep your heart young. (Copyright, 1922.)



### "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 or public interest.

A Reflection on the Town. Howells, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I read an article in The Omaha Bee of January 1 about Arbuckle, entitled "Faithful to Fat-ty," and would like to know who wrote this letter. I have lived in this locality all my life, but never heard that a party by the name of T. P. Roard lived here. Nor did anybody else; and, if it is a stranger that sent this article in, then he put a stain on our town. We are against Ar-

R. M. FIALA.

Begins Debate on Taxation. It is easy to prove that there is Kimball, Neb .- To the Editor of bill's article in The Omaha Bee of Monday needs answering. It seems that he would like to bring the Amer ican public schools down to their old standard, especially the high schools and discontinue free tuition. He esn't realize that many an ambitious boy or girl could not attend without that free truition, that many are having a hard time getting through with it, that in the present day it is very hard to get anywhere without a high school education uness your foremost ambition is to be day laborer. Why discontinue most of the athletics because in your school days you did not indulge in "nonsense." You wish to k "nonsense." You wish to kill all the joy of the present school-going generation. A very foolish idea, Mr. Lukenbill; it would never bring

> These taxes are the aftermath that follows each war. Everyone thought he was rich, went too deep; towns of less than a thousand paved and put in sewerage systems that would have been a credit to any city; property valuation was trebled; so, of course, taxes went accordingly. Tax property at its real value and

our taxes will be much lower, but don't lower the present standard of the American public school. If anything must be done, raise it by con solidating all country districts and spare these children three-mile walks wintry mornings. Give them in the end it will pay. As to donating road work, that has been tried without much success and would be out of the question now. The motor plite conversation which in the past car must have good roads and to keep them in proper repair would take more time than a man would be willing to donate. Taxes must be reduced, but through a different channel than the preceding subjects.

I heartily agree with Mr. Lukenbill on the subject of church taxation. C. O. BAUGH.

### A Book of Today

Two remarkably fine books for children have been issued for Christmas oy Milton Bradley Co. One of these Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, with a festly present methods of crime pre-vention are not effective, or murders, Bailey. The illustrations are from scenes in the moving picture version of this tale of the exile from Acadia. years ago. Points 1 and 2 are possible The other is "Lorna Doone," the steps toward reform. for young minds and beautifully il-

"The Wonder Story," by M. A. Taggart is designed to give the children the story of the nativity and childhood of Christ in picture and story. The illustrations are in color

### CENTER SHOTS.

Civilize and civil lies are part of the product.-Greenville Piedmont. Edison could make a big hit with

bobber.-Nashville Tennesseean.

The farmers might as well lock up and move to the city; the house failed to vote an appropriation for free seed. -Little Rock (Ark.) Democrat.

You never can tell. A man may have his ups and downs, and still be on the level.-Springfield (III.) State

Income tax blanks are one of the things that may confidently be expected early in the new year.-Canton "Jackin Coogan, in 'Trouble,' " says an advertisement. Jackie is getting to be a regular movie actor.—Little

Rock (Ark.) Gazette. The K. C. Star has started an "annoying phrase" contest. "Please remit" will doubtless be an easy win-

That Chinese heir apparent was reused permission to see his bride until he was married. Wonder if he can "see her" now?—Springfield News.

er.-Greenville Piedmont.

### Smoke Up, Old Friend

Smoke up, old friend, 'tis winter now;
But wintry winds are naught
When richest blend consoles the brow
And smoothes the wrinkled thought,
Ignite your pipe with pleasant fire,
And I shall light my own
To smoke with you where dreams conspire
Till cares are overthrown.

Old friend, the snew is on your head,
And snowy is the year,
But, pipes, with good tobacco fed
So oft upbraid the tear,
Till runs the laughter from the heart,
Though hearts be over-ripe—
Smoke up, old friend; the cares depart
When mellow glows the pipe.

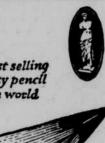
The cushioned chairs wherein we drowse Are thrones beneath the sky; And while the pleasant pipes carouse. The dreams come drifting by Till snows decay, and, sorrowiess, Arise the trees to sing.

Smoke up, old friend; let lips caress The pipe that crowns a king.

—Jonathan Johnson.



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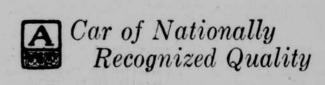
There's a Raisin.

An 1,100-acre vineyard in Merced sounty-said to be now the largest in the country-has just been sold for \$1,100 an acre. This is possibly brought in the days before prohibi-tion. The grape growers, who are supposed to be brought to beggary into a bird of paradise that will deceive the most modish wearers .- New by the 18th amendment, are fattening on their punishment. The payment | York Herald.

of \$1,200,000 for a single vineyard is an example in fact .- Los Angeles Times.

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