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BRYAN PRESENTS HIS BILL.

Governor Bryan's budget measure is a confession of failure. Looking back over his campaign speeches we find that Governor Morehead ran the state of Nebraska for two years at a total cost of \$8,000,000, and that Governor Neville, also a democrat, spent only \$9,000,000 during his biennium. The voters of Nebraska were led to believe that by a return to democratic simplicity Charles W. Bryan could approach those figures. Instead, he now comes out with a request for \$21,992,554 to run the state government for the next two years.

An apologetic tone runs throughout Governor Bryan's message. It is interlarded with regrets | ern neighbors close to the islands. In 1913 a Canathat he was not allowed time enough to "make a thorough investigation," references to "hurried examination" and confessions that he had not found opportunity to go fully into the state's activities. On the stump last fall he was confident enough to triotic West Indians express much apprehension lead many into the belief that he had his plans for over the spectacle of annexation to the United economy all ready, and he has had more than two months since his election to familiarize himself with his duties.

his estimate represents a reduction of \$3,799,702 from the appropriation made under McKelvie for the last two years, which amounted to \$25,792,256. Any reduction in the tax burden is to be appreciated, provided only it does not hamper or destroy the useful services which citizens have come to exmeet of their state government. This drawback plies to most of the economies outlined by Gov-Grnor Bryan. With the decline in the general cost level, a reduction of state expenses was due, and it is to be regretted that the governor did not seek bargain price. So, too, the French may be averse in this direction for his savings, rather than by attempting to sacrifice the business organization of the state

Several hundred thousands of dollars is to be gained by abolishing the department of agriculture. Abolition of the public welfare department is urged as a way of saving \$200,000. Some of the functions of these offices are to be dropped completely. Others are to be transferred to the state agricultural college and its extension service, which is not to receive any additional appropriations, however, for discharging these new duties. It appears that a good many of these services are simply to be starved to death.

The confusion of mind which Governor Bryan indicates makes it difficult to determine just how the state government is to be run under his proposed changes. The "executive council," which would consist of himself and four other state officers, would direct the road building policy and supervise banks and insurance companies. The governor would increase his number of personal

Some interest will be revived in the study of geography by the tentative discussion of a plan to transfer the British and French West Indies to the United States in settlement of war debts. Possession of these islands would ensure control by the United States of entrance to the Caribbean sea and the Gulf of Mexico, a fact that would justify Great Britain in declining to make such a trade. Other factors enter the problem, which deserve to be carefully analyzed before deciding on the issue.

WEST INDIES AND UNITED STATES.

Support is given the proposal by certain especially interested persons, who see in possession of the Bahamas an opportunity to end illicit traffic in liquor, at least to the extent of cutting off a source of much irritation to the enforcing officers. Cuba would be left, friendly but independent, and Canada, and Mexico. Purchase of the Bahamas is not the solution sought by the prohibitionists.

When the purchase of 'the Virgin islands from Denmark was concluded, a considerable group of population was compelled to change flags without being consulted. Similar consequences will follow if the Bahamas, the rest of the Leeward and the Windward groups and Jamaica are transferred to the United States. Out experience with Porto Rico has hardly been so happy as to warrant the conclusion that all these people will relish the exchange of government. That the population is overwhelmingly negro does not necessarily mean they will shift from flag to flag without protest.

Canada has some concern in this matter, political and commercial interests holding our northdian-West Indian conference at Ottawa discussed plans for getting closer together, and the thought of a strong Caribbean confederation under the Union Jack was brought forward. Extremely pa-States, and turn for safety to a "confederation of the British West Indian colonies, with responsible government, as the only means of checking ultimate Right here and now let it be pointed out that annexation to the United States of America."

These are some of the points to be taken into consideration in connection with the problem. If the freedom of the seas, for which we have so long contended, is to be maintained, rum-runners will continue to vex and harass the prohibition agents; if self-determination is not to be denied, the opposition party in the islands will be heard to object most vehemently. Finally, Great Britain has governed its colonies in the islands too long to governed its colonies in the islands too long to lightly consider parting with them now, even at a Mr. Bryan to be their governor and to the trade. It is a pleasing subject for debate, however, and does not appear much more fantastic than did the deal with Denmark when first broached.

WHEN THE TEACHERS COME.

Once again Omaha is hostess to the teachers of Nebraska, assembled in annual convention. To ment of mentality. He tabulates the reiterate the welcome, so many times extended, is pleasure, for the teachers always are welcome here. Omaha recognizes the importance of the ling announcement that the average tion was supposed to entring the nat-how areas that Strabo and Pliny schoolma'am, as well as the schoolmaster; in her own housekeeping Omaha has put the public school ahead of all other requirements. The most beauti- est illusion of all times is the illusion ful and costly building in the state of Nebraska is that the spread of knowledge among the fourted line bas been accompanied by the Central High school of Omaha, and it will only be surpassed by the new Technical High school and telligence. One expert goes as far as the capitol building at Lincoln.

This is referred to only to show the devotion of French revolution. the people of Omaha to the cause of education. Mag- we confuse mere literacy with intellinificent buildings, perfectly appointed and equipped, are of litte service without the competent corps of mer times they did not think. The structors to carry on the great work for which the trouble with all such theories is that pubic schools are established. Consequently Omaha pubic schools are established. Consequently Omaha not only presents the great buildings in which the schools are housed, but also a corps of 1.200 teachschools are housed, but also a corps of 1,200 teachers, organized and efficient, a mighty army to dispel the darkness of ignorance and drive back the forces of evil by the light of intelligence. Other elements of civilization are present in give us a poorer offering in the way Omaha to give greeting to the school teachers. They come on business bent, with a program of deep interest to all, yet some of their time will be spent outside the lecture room or the conference chamber. In such time they will find the people of Omaha pressing them with a hospitality that will not be stinted in any way. Theaters, business houses, homes and hotels, all will unite in providing pleasure as well as service to these visitors, whose work for Nebraska means so much to the permanence of he state.

"From State and Nation" -Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Mr. Bryan's Suggestion.

the Nebraska City Pres all elective officials except the attorney 50 years. eneral, who would be required to ot satisfactory.

Mr. Bryan's suggestion, as contained of civilization; as help for Russia his message to the legislature would do, akes us laugh. It shows, for one The pla n his message ves, too, that the new governor common understanding. just as inconsistent as it was inand that instead of utterly destroy. American sentiment and policy. ent workable, competent laws and substitute therefor almost an exact imitation, to function at the code has

functioned but to bear the Bryan stamp of manufacture instead of the trade mark of his predecessor.

It has been demonstrated, we think, ode system than he has admitted; best and has found his most congenial hat he realizes Nebraska needs a usinesslike method of tending to usiness, but he is too much of a parisan to ever admit that in spite of rank abuse to which it has been subjected the McKelvie plan of govrnmental administration has been a uccess. Mr. Bryan knows, too, no hat he has stepped into office that he code was not responsible for high axes, a direct sequelae of war condias; that high taxes will continue in Nebraska as long as the public de mands and insists upon having those things which require an appropriaion to make good.

There are no indications in Bryan's message that he expects the gislature to adopt any revolutiony, reactionary or red-eyed program lawmaking. He has shown, in adlition, to the satisfaction of those who read his message, that he wants Nebraska to be well governed and that campaign promises and stump speeching fulminations are made, not be fulfilled, but to stampede the will support him manfully if he he is a partisan first, last and all the

Learning and Intelligence. From the San Francisco Bulletin

Prof. Lewis M. Tuerman of Stan-

ford is a specialist in the measureresults of examinations of masses of be inhospitable, just as among the cople and on them bases the start servers have declared that the great an improvement in the average into say that we are now in the Dark Ages and that they began with the French revolution. He believes that

need these things, that they, are in hard case; but it is equally true that Instead of the civil administrative the Russian alleged government is ode, which has been the infant maintaining one of the greatest armies prodigy of Governor McKelvie, Governor Charles W. Bryan would abol- ficiency. The money required to main ish that terrible bit of administrative miquity and substitute therefor a "cabinet" of advisers, consisting of "cabinet" of advisers, consisting of

There are peoples worse off than onfer with the governor on matters the Russians, in some respects, people of state, leaving to the chief execu-tive the right to appoint men to of-the limit of our resources, and such lice or fire them if their services were help would not operate to the benefit of the enemies of the present forms | Done:

The plan proposed would advance thing, that campaign promises are of this money in the form of a loan to movalue whatever except as the means of getting votes from the un-cohisticated and unthinking. It ment as yet quite nebulous to the

Such an indirect recognition of the sted he was during the campaign soviet government is offensive to We ing the code he would repeal the pres- should dump no more millions into

> "The Friendly Arctic." From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

mer temperature and climate that propriate distribution of the cor States," he asserts.

Stefansson, like others who have given attention to the problem of developing the north, is a firm believer voters in one's direction if one has a in the development of commercial air routes which will break down the last barriers of isolation and present steamship routes by flights will but continue to give Nebraska a across the circumpolar regions. Nat-square deal. They only regret that development. The spirit is not want-

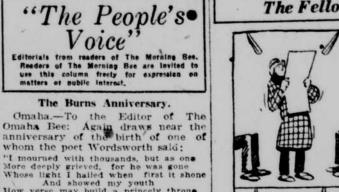
ing on the part of the pioneers, but they are too few in number. The

ancients the abomination of desola-

Spoiled Children From E. W. Howe's Monthly

The most noteworthy event of my life this month was meeting a mother able to control a 9-year-old daughter. complimented her, and she said: "Bad children are a reflection on the mother,

That is the truth simply stated. In one of the important magazines to them. His father had been a hard taskmaster, and he determined to b



"I mourned with thousands, but as one More deeply grieved, for he was gone Whose light I halled when first it shone And showed my youth How verse may build a princely throne On humble truth."

Thinking of this fine personality also brings to mind a part of Long fellow's poem, entitled "The Day Is

Whose songs gushed from his heart As showers from clouds of summer, Or tears from the cyclids start,

Who through long days of labor And nights devoid of ease. Still heard in his soul the music Of wonderful melodies."

If I were to undertake to point out the most exquisite passage in all the lyric poetry of the English language. might quote from the poem, "Afton Water," these two lines.

"My Mary's asleep by thy murmuring stream, gently, sweet Afton, disturb not her dream." Flow

I know of no finer specimen of "God gives all men all earth to what some one has called artless art. love," but naturally each man holds In what school, from what professo that Mr. Bryan thinks more of the a brief for the region he knows the of literature, from what instructor in prosody did Burns learn, how to make such an exquisite adaptation of words place of habitation. The late Dr. Gor- to the finest sentiments of the human gas was convinced that the tropics soul? I sometimes have been inclined would increasingly be considered the to think that an attempt to analyze fittest abiding place for mankind; this a thing of supreme beauty is a vain theory he derived from his crowning and injurious thing, for the reason life work in the sanitation of Panama. that we cannot get at the essence of it Stefansson, on the other hand, ex-bounds and persuasively extols the effort seems to vitiate the instinctive far north, and the pen pictures he of-fers are not those of fantastic ro-proper to point out some matters of circumvent the adverse natural con- doubt whether Burns himself conditions and live comfortably, and he sciously recognized the means chosen emphasizes the northern coast of our by his ardent feeling in the composicontinental mainland, and the ap- tion of this beautiful expression. Noproaches thereto, conditions of sum- tice the apt alliteration, and the apmake agriculture feasible and trans- ants-m, s, l, f, d and w-and the portation practicable. 'Fear alone pleasant and appropriate rhythm. Of stands in the way of developing a land area twice the size of the United preme one. To what school or teacher does it owe its power?

'O. Nature's child, by shams unspolled, Though by some evils greatly troubled A sweet and sparkling fountain bubbled.

> BERIAH F. COCHRAN. Halting Crime

has been our fortune or misfortune, Weeping Water, Neb .- To the Edias you like it, to have to employ dur tor of The Omaha Bee: I will give ing that period of time more than 25 you my plan to reduce crime, not only in Omaha, but the whole United girls. We used to be able to get one on a day's notice most anytime. But The States. Make it a penitentiary ofnow-it's different. Five weeks ago bogey of low temperatures has had fense for a man to carry a gun and our baby, age 3, fell seriously ill-a formidable effect which the records do not allow any to be sold. Allow tried to get house help, nothing doing do not allow any to be sold. Allow do not justify. As the population in-creases in the more temperate areas, mankind will discover the habitabil-ity of many regions now thought to be inhospitable, just as among the hounds off from trailing down parties

that are making a little beer for their | to stay at home with the other on closer for some of these holdups. Stop I begged, coaxed, pleaded with girls all traffic from going faster through to help me out-"nothing doing." To-town than 19 miles an hour, and if a day I found a cook. "Ain't it a Grfers are not those of fantastic ro-mance but of sober verity. He does not pretend that cold and ice are ab-derful adaptation of language to the that be shown how mankind may communication of noble sentiment. I give them not less than one year in fashioned "hired girl" gone. E. J. MEYERS.

the penitentiary. Try my plan once and see how soon there will be less accidents and less J. W. HOBSON.

The Old-Fashioned Hired Girl.

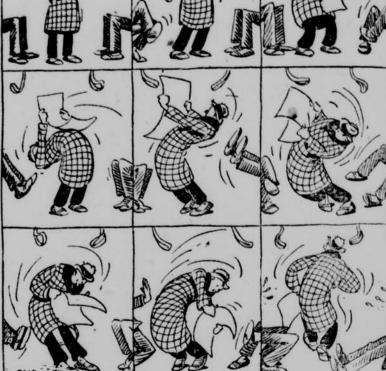
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crime.

Yes, Yes. "He and his sweetheart are mad bout golf.

"Yes, they're a regular pair of teepoons."-Philadelphia Evening Bul-Waterloo, Neb.-To the Editor of spoor The Omaha Bee: While looking over letin.





The Fellow Who Objects to Straphanging

pointments and add greatly to his powers, and the code system would disappear.

The good roads program he recommends be reduced. His pledge to cut automobile license fees in half would be fulfilled by abandoning the practice of spending \$1,500,000 on blader grading. The department of labor is to be abolished, with only a deputy remaining under the personal supervision of the governor. The work of preparing the budget is to be transferred to the state tax commissioner, and the duty of keeping all the accounts on which these estimates are based is to be turned over to the state auditor. The department of finance, which exercised business management and installed a uni-. form system of bookkeeping throughout the state offices, is to go, and no mention is made whether a return is to be made to the old system under which each separate office kept its own books is contemplated.

The blue sky bureau is to be destroyed and reliance placed on laws which will punish fraudulent promoters more severely after they have committed their crimes. Instead of the department of public works is to be appointed a state engineer, without power to act except under orders from the governor and the council.

Appropriations for the state university and the normal schools are trimmed, but the state penal and charitable institutions are to receive a needed increase of \$313,000. The system of animal tuberculosis eradication, by which farmers whose stock is condemned and are partly indemnified, is to be dropped and the state agricultural college is expected to carry on this work, which cost \$235,000, without any added means.

Such is the program of economy outlined by Governor Bryan. Many constructive features of the state government are to be abandoned, but apparently little saving is to be made in the salary list. This is noticeable in the governor's private office, which Neville ran for \$72,000, but for which Bryan asks an appropriation of \$104,000. Although he emphasized the fact in his campaign that the attorney general's expense used to be \$61,000, he sets the figure now at a round \$100,000.

Governor Bryan has been put to the test, and measured by his promises, he has failed. It was not possible for any man to bring about the savings that he so easily promised the people of Nebraska. His plan calls for the complete overthrow of the code system, and yet when this is done, and all his other ideas carried out, taxes will be only slightly lowered and every citizen will be poorer in the protection and service afforded him by the state.

Governor Bryan need not apologize for the haste in which he prepared his budget proposals. If he had taken more time he might have done even worse.

No sound amplifiers will be installed in the house, members feeling that their voices carry far enough as it is.

on the stump and quite another to speak from the governor's office.

Three men dropped dead after a drink in a New Jersey speakeasy, a sign that Jersey lightning is still potent.

The dispute at Washington is not that the farmer needs help, but who is going to help him and

Another of the Shipping Board's cargo carriers piled up on the beach at Manila. Surely the quesion of what to do with the fleet is being answered.

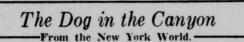
No need to go to Paris for the style of wearing will go the limit to relieve distress, sorrow and suffering; but such relief knotted handkerchief around the throat; the Neoraska cowboys originated this years ago.

Old King Ak is starting early this season, but the early bird is he who comes home with the bacon, or the worm, or whatever the prize may be.

While the Berlinese are singing "Die Wacht am Rhine," the Yanks at Coblenz are warbling, "How can I bear to leave thee?"

We know a man who dictates to his wife; but she is learning to be a shorthand writer, and it is done for practice.

One of the troubles connected with taxing intangibles is that anything that is intangible is also elusive.



Forbidden to meddle with world peace, reparations or the French march into the Ruhr, the cabinet at Washington is not without a living issue. That overlooking Providence which shapes the ends of many a loiterer has set up for the employment of the best minds the problem of a dog in the Grand Canyon National park. The law and the Interior department say the dog can not be there. The Postoffice department, bidding the law betake itself to the dead letters, insists that the animal shall remain within the sacred limits. The White House, having once pronounced itself for the Postoffice, has reversed its decision-perhaps with thought back to the hither-thither policies of the old front-porch days-and the canine in the canyon becomes a continuing subject of dispute.

The dog is first aid and comforter to a lonely post-Without quadruped companionship the mind naster. of the solitary official might wander even as a piece Mr. Bryan is finding that it is one thing to talk of misdirected mail. Hence the solidity of the department behind the postmaster; hence the first and sympathetic impulse of the president. But what to the head of the Interior department is human feeling to the literalness of a law made and provided.

We could almost wish that this issue of the dog were before congress. It would divert so many leading statesmen from butting into affairs of state. But it is by no means a waste of contention where it is. Scandals would quite certainly arise if the secretaries of this and that were driven to stud poker or to the rolling of dice pending the efforts of the world to revolve itself back to party normalcy

there are no trustworthy standards more reasonable with his own chilof mass mentality are more or guesswork, and certainly it would not be fair to judge of periods by the politicians they elect to office. Cir cumstances may have conspired to of candidates.

Making Free With Millions.

om the Cincinnati Enquirer This country has responded to every terrific tyrants at home; and the numappeal made by the suffering peoples of the world since the tragedy of the

Millions upon million care for the victims of intolerable conditions existing in Europe and Asia. But there must be a limit to our national philanthropy. We must stop somewhere, no matter how urgent the appeals even of those who otherwise must perish. This is not indifferce or hardness of heart. Even this mighty nation cannot become the almoner of all the desperate peoples in the world.

Our charity and beneficence should be guided by prudent and careful dis-criminations. This people willingly should go, in every instance, to those who may not hope for help from their wn governments.

Just now a new campaign is being started to influence congress to appropriate \$100,000,000 for the pur-chase of agricultural implements and The right sort of man-husband or father-has his biggest aim to proseed for the Russian people. It is true that the Russian people

the future. **Daily** Prayer

no so much for himself as he does for his wife and children if there is

help us to put our whole trust in Thee when despair and misgiving as sail us. Suffer us not, we beseech Thee, to become the prey of useless forebodings, nor to lose the things which belong to our peace, through the habit of morbid and sinful worry. So guide us, in all our way, that we may keep our faces always to all the light, that our shadows may lie behind us. Of Thy great mercy en-behind us of the processing our blessings, that ve may always serve Thee with a glad heart and a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP CHARLES E WOODCOCK, D. D., LL. D., Louisville, Ky.

(Seal)

NET AVERAGE CIRCULATION for DECEMBER, 1922, of THE OMAHA BEE B. BREWER, Gen. Mgr. ELMER S. ROOD, Cir. Mgr. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1923. W. H. QUIVEY,

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dren. But the man soon discovered that he was spoiling them. They became impudent and mean, and he thereupon changed his policy, with excellent results. Nearly every successful, useful man n America has been compelled to work and "mind" as a boy; either by poverty, or by a stern father. Spoilt

children are nearly always a curse to their parents and to the communities in which they live. Thousands of apparently sweet young girls are

ber of boys going to the devil unnecessarily is astounding. All over the country bandits are operating. freely have been given to succor and When one is caught, it nearly always turns ou that he is a bad bay who was not properly controlled at home

> Common Sense Making Husband a Society Man.

Too many wives try to make society men out of their husbands, when they do not enjoy anything of this sort. The task of making a living, laying aside enough for a rainy day or old age is a big problem to most men. They cannot afford the cloudy, tired brain, and worn nerves, which late nights would cause them to take

to the office or shop next day. The man who is in earnest in endeavoring to make good, needs plenty of sleep, and recreation that is restful, making him happy and contented.

vide for his family in the present and

In planning for the future he thinks

(Copyright, 1923.) Benj. Franklin Said "The Way to Wealth

is as plain as the way to market. It depends chiefly on INDUSTRY and FRUGALITY -that is: waste neither time nor money, but make the best use of both."

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United States National Bank

And which of you with taking thought can add to His stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies how they grow; they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all this klory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is today on the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will He clothe you, O ye of little faith?—Luke 12:25_25. O Cod Whe When When the grass we have the status of the believes right. (Copyright, 1923.) O God, Who Knowest our neces sities before we ask, and the manifold temptations we meet with day by day,