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THE HOLDREGE BANK CASE.

Failure of the Citizens' State bank of Holdrege, bringing the likelihood of a draft for almost \$400,-000 on the bank guaranty fund, is a costly experience for many of those concerned. The interests of the depositors are insured by the guaranty law, but the money has to be provided by the other members of the state banking system. It is necessary for such drains as this on the financial institutions of Nebraska to be stopped. Immediate action by the state legislature to improve the operation of the guaranty law so that such losses may be prevented is a matter of immediate importance.

is peculiarly interesting because of the connection of former Attorney General Clarance A. Davis as vice president of the closed institution. Throughout this case Mr. Davis appears to have been the victim of unfortunate circumstances and misunder by the cry of "pork." Periodically people discuss standings.

The course of events began with the failure of another bank in Holdrege. The prosperous bank of definite measure through congress, the opposition which Mr. Davis was a stockholder agreed to take hides behind the mask of economy, shouts "pork" over the business of the bankrupt institution, pay and "army control" loud enough, and frightens votes off its depositors and thus avoid the distress and expense of a receivership. It is evident that the expectation was that any deficiency would be footed it is opposed to the expenditure of money on by the state guaranty fund. Mr. Davis assumed streams "down which a duck could not swim," or the position of attorney for the failed bank, thus carning a fee of \$16,000, part of it cash, part in stock and part in doubtful paper. He also endorsed a number of notes as an accommodation.

Banking affairs are frequently of a delicate nature, requiring the unshaken confidence of the public. It is possible that matters at Holdrege could have been carried to a legal aand successful conclusion but for one thing of which Mr. Davis complains. This was that Governor Bryan soon after assuming office called in the newspaper reporters and made public announcement that he had requested Attorney General Spillman to investigate Mr. Davis' actions. Straightway followed a run on the Davis bank at Holdrege.

The question at issue was whether or not the state guaranty fund should pay \$187,000 to close out the deficiency of the bank that had been taken over. At that very time Mr. Spillman was investigating the law on the subject and a preliminary report was in the hands of the governor. A number of prominent bankers urged the payment, partly parhaps, because by heading off failure of the Davis bank the guaranty fund would be saved from a loss of almost \$400.000.

Attorney General Spillman studied the law on the subject and in his report to the governor refused to recommend payment, but left the matter to the discretion of the executive. Meanwhile the run at Holdrege continued, until now the second

One of the unfailing features of the closing days of congress is the uproar about the "pork" in the rivers and harbors appropriation. It is started by designing persons, and is echoed by unthinking persons, and a great wrong is perpetuated because the clamor has effect. Oscar W. Underwood, senator from Alabama, explained a great deal when he said:

"Every man in the Mississippi valley knows that the railroads set out deliberately to crush water competition-and did so."

Every senator who criticizes the appropriation measure is not the defender of railway monopoly of transportation, but by his course he is contributing to that end. That the bill contains some projects that may be postponed, abandoned or modified, is probably true, but these can be sought out and set aside without damage to the measure as a whole

Objection to the rivers and harbors measure being included in the army appropriation bill is not sound. At present the engineer corps of the United States army is the finest body of trained experts in the world. Its peace time occupation has been to care for the public improvements carried on by the general government. In fact, it is the only well organized group of men in the federal service who can take charge of such work. As to its competence and its service, the Panama canal may be cited as an example of what the army can do besides fight. Every harbor on either coast of the The history of this particular case at Holdrege United States has been benefited by the work of poral's guard," he replied. the army engineers.

> Comprehensive programs for the improvement of inland water ways have been prepared several times by army engineers, and set aside or mutilated the need of better methods for hauling produce to market, yet when an effort is made to get some away from the great enterprises.

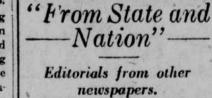
The Omaha Bee does not advocate wastefulness; those which perplex the engineer as to whether they should be dredged or paved. But we do stand for the practical employment of the water courses of the country that may be used, that will supplement rather than rival the railroads, and believe that money invested in such public enterprise is well spent. The engineer corps of the United States army is part of the public service, and should be employed in doing public work.

IOWA IN GOOD COMPANY.

Sixteen states of the union are cited for decoration because within the past ten years neither of them has had a lynching. Iowa is one of these.

This does not mean that Iowa has not been without provocation in this time, for several atrocious crimes have been committed in the state, at which popular indignation ran high. Yet the citizens were able to control themselves, and permit the law to take its course. A series of executions at the Fort Madison penitentiary last year drew forth much comment, but mainly from outside the state. Iowa people were content, for they felt it was the majesty of the law, made by themselves, that was being exerted, and under the law they enjoy their liberty.

No apology or excuse can be made for these pro-



Refreshments to Follow.

From Harrison's Home Farmer. No man may be so hungry that he will attend a meeting just to get during the world war. Then, when around the office, pitiful but unpitied something to cat, but the mention of the call was so insistent, and our shadows of their former selves. All some filler for the inner man usually homes and loved ones were imperiled, of them live from hand to mouth. swells the attendance. That is a pretty good reason why we should

and ministered unto humanity. Men to be called as often as firemen. not make these farm bureau meetings entirely matters of routine. We are not so hungry a lot, but "refresh-selves nobly. Day and night they ments to follow" will interrupt the formality that the informal ones dread. A snack to eat, a cup of coffee, or even a good cigar gives the modest one an opportunity to rub elbows with bis neighbor leisurely foarless. The meaning of life. With the cessation of the conflict has come a dangerous meaning of life. Wath the cessation of the conflict has come a dangerous meaning of life. The conflict has come a dangerous one an opportunity to rub elbows not make these farm bureau meetings

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

America's Peril.

Voice"

Released from war, many people with his neighbor, leisurely, fearless ly, honestly, and to express what his During the routing that precedes he is in a strange, stiff atmosphere. He may learned the noble art of persistence willing to brave this providing follow. Eventually he may be led by the subsequent refreshments to burst out with something worth while in the formula is given a subord burst out with something worth while that a period to his own liking is to

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claims of any political party.

problems that confront us today.

"God of our fathers, known of old Lord of our fathers, known of old Lord of our fathing battle line. Beneath whose awful hand we hold Dominion over palm and pine: Lord God of hosts, he with us yet, Lest we forget; lest we forget."

For Better Movies.

Omaha Bee: Now more seriously

Omaha.-To the Editor of The

in the formal period. Once we asked a lodge leader why cry of the distressed." he always announced refreshments or smokes to follow the meetings. "Unwarfare, the asked: world?"

dictates.

conscience

Something to eat or to smoke means sociability. For sociability's sake most of us would dine again though our stomachs might be bursting with what we had consumed just before. It wasn't the tang of the liquor that enticed men into the bar ms and taverns which once knew, but men understood that side by side they night sip, and the sip-ping would provide the excuse for America?' them to act like sociable beings. Otherwise they might have been like frigid strangers.

us not shut sociability out of our farm bureau meeting lest we shut out membership also, and let us remember that the best proof we can ffer to the effect that sociability will prevail, is that there will be a snack to eat, a cupful to drink, or someng in a Harvard wrapper to smoke after the worst is over.

The Harmless, Necessary Cat. From the Washington Star.

When the Russian famine was at its height everything catable was needs are great here); but our service consumed. The people were reduced to the most extreme means of sustaining life. Even the dogs and cats were used for food. Now the coun-try is suffering from the effect of this unnatural consumption of domestic nimals. From Kiev comes a plea for felines, to reduce the mice and rats that are devastating the land. No Pied Piper appears to lure away the rodents and the southern Russians are clamorous for the restoration of the cats that once throve in the land. The quotations are startling-5,000.-000 rubles for a promising youngster, while adults of the species bring 10.-000.000 apiece. American housewives, oncerned over the embarrassing productivity on the part of their pets, may be encouraged by these figures. as they may reduce in terms of

iollars or cents. than ever before arises the question A shipment of cats to Kiev would as to the actual source of responsi-bility for present day juvenile crime probably make the exporter rich, whatever the rate of ruble exchange. and general laxity in conformance to It would not be necessary to stock the craft to capacity at sailing. Like what some years ago had been the unquestioned duty of every child to Iowa has not always been so placid; on a num-ber of occasions in the past mobs have formed, and with little or no concealment, have hanged culprits. In this connection one is reminded of the apachryphal Chicago alderman the various influences, the many sugo plans for the world very pernic fair of 1893 were under discussion, and it was proposed to bring a number of gondolas from Venice for use on the lagoon, objected to the expense of a large importation and urged that only two be brought over and then to "let nature take its course." my purpose to discuss fully the source of the general lack of character, and the basic principles of life in the youthful ages of from 18, and even The rats at Kiev may be the means of bringing soviet Russia a little loser to the rest of the world. The cry for cats and more cats is a very human one and may arouse sympathy for the deluded subjects of the commissars.

A Book of Today

It seems, judging by all newspape stories we have ever read, that news paper men are a sad company of over worked, underpaid starvelings, held to the grindstone of their thankless trade by a mild insanity which chains them there despite all the discomforts

Havelock, Neb .- To the Editor of and disadvantages of their work. The Omaha Bee: Our country is in Some of them become drunkards. Some become nervous wrecks and are greater pefil new than at any time sept to asylums or else they potter the American people put aside their of them work continually selfish interests in a large measure tension and even in their sleep are apt

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A FELLA GETS A SCRATCH

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There is "The Old Man." the man have gone to the opposite extreme of aging editor, a cantankerous individ-self-indulgence. They have not yet ual who isn't content unless he "bawls out" somebody every day. And there is "Josslyn," the city editor, who in well doing. There is doctrine cur-rent now to this effect: "Let us get oreaks under the strain, and even the most out of life. Let us appro- after a trip abroad is afraid to go but asks for God has entrusted to us. Let us iso-late ourselves from world responsi-there to eke out the remainder of his Let us close our ears to the days. Both are men who, starting the distressed." During the with high ambitions and ideals, have coil and agony of the years of been sidetracked and doomed to dis-"What is the matter with the The "cub."

The "cub," the poet, the drunkard and the "star" are all painted with Now, as the causes of the war have much ability, but in the saffron atmobeen traced back to their Source, it sphere of an office over the doors of has been borne in on the consciousness which, it seems, should be painted the real factor that produced the here."

catastrophe was selfishness and greed: It is a bilious viewpoint, from which or, in other words, the turning away too many newspaper men look at their from God. Today the question is calling. Men break und r the strain being asked: "What is the matter with in banking. In the law, in the grocery The most immediate and business and in the cloak and suit fundamental need of America today is a conversion of the spirits of men.

spirit of getting into one of giving. The spirit of hate into the spirit of icatessen dealers. It was Iwin Cobb who said he The spirit of selfishness into one of service. The opportunity of never, in all his experience, knew a our country to serve transcends the good city editor who was not calm

and free from nerves. Outside of that, as said before, the Our country is bigger than either the democratic or the republican par-ty or any other partisan group. For by Covici McGee, Chicago.

is under Divine obligation to serve humanity. Regardless of the limitais not one of these but what the tions imposed by any set of men. "movies" do, and can eause. True, there are some good plays, Obligations to serve not alone within our own gates, (and God knows the some good qualities about them. The question then arises as to how this evil can be checked. the darkest corners of the earth. We been many suggestions offered and are doomed if we do not look beyond as quickly set aside. But, to strike at any man or organization of men; the sourse is necessary for any rehowever wise or influential, to our sults. who holds the nations in his Why not appoint a disinterested

hands. Organizations and parties will group of men, representing every perish, but God abideth forever. Let strata of society, and have it convene us follow Him as individuals, as par- for the purpose of passing judgment ties, as states, as a nation, in all the on plays before they are filmed? this way they would pass a fairly good censorship and would not play havoc with men's and juvenile souls A. O. B., Creighton University and passions.

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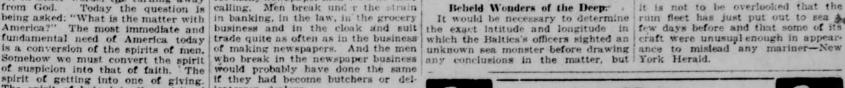


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THAT'S BEEN

Pop, the Patient

Beheld Wonders of the Deep. It is not to be overlooked that the It would be necessary to determine the exact latitude and longitude in few days before and that some of its





failure has come.

Concerning the points of law involved the public has no means of judging. It is possible, as Mr. Davis has done, co blame loose talk for the result. But the main point must not be lost sight of, that all the time the bankers of the state knew what was coming but were unable to prevent it. It is to eliminate just such occurrences as this failure that the state guaranty of deposits act must be amended. There is a time when by prompt action and assistance an honestly conducted bank that is in difficulty may be saved, and it should be made possible for this time to be seized.

A PRINCE IS BORN.

Into this sorely troubled world enters an infant prince, the son of King George's daughter. In the dim past from which the custom of royal rulership comes down this would be the occasion of nationwide rejoicing. Astrologers would study the stars and cast his horoscope. The-fate of empire would hang upon his future.

The world has widened since those tribal days. Princes no longer lead in battle or decide on policies of state. The throne exists in Great Britain because it does nothing more than personify and inspire the unity of peoples and lands that make up the empire. The day of royal might is past. This princeling is scarcely more interesting and perhaps not as important as the baby at your neighbor's, down the street. His growth and development will be surrounded with more restrictions, and it may even be said that he does not have the chance of an ordinary child to lead a useful and happy life.

Power does not reside today in palaces. In this age of mechanical invention and scientific discoveries it is not birth, but knowledge that gives leadership. Centuries have passed since Machiavelli wrote that war should be the only study of a prince. If that were true, nowadays the proper business of governments is exactly the contrary-the avoidance of war. Such conquests as are endorsed by modern opinion 'are those of nature, not of man. In this day of radio, airplanes, steam and electricity, a king is about as up-to-date and useful as the totem pole in front of a savage hut. Such reverence as is paid to him is based on ancient superstitions whose very origins have been forgotten.

It rests today not with one man, but with all men, to rule the affairs of the world. There was a time when by the fiat of a beneficent despot reforms could be brought about without either the will or the understanding of the people. Of late reliance has been placed on the force of lawmaking to accomplish the same ends. Slowly it is coming to be realized that not by laws alone but only with the general consent of public opinion can any change in the customs or conduct of the people be accomplished.

Something of the divine power and responsibility which once was assumed by kings has been apportioned as a heritage to every man and woman in the world of today. The little son of Princess Mary will never be capable, merely by reason of his rank, of more good or evil than millions of other persons of less noble birth. There is every likelihood, judging from the simple, earnest characteristics of his family, that he will realize both his individual responsibilities and his limitations. If each other human being would understand his own duties and opportunities as well, democracy would be in full flower.

ceedings, other than that the offenses were of such nature as to arouse popular wrath to a pitch where cool judgment was thrown aside and vengeance. speedily wreaked. But the Hawkeyes have taken a firmer hold on their emotions, and, while their blood is as red as ever-and no question has yet been raised as to the valor of an Iowan-they are willing to let their own laws, administered by their own courts, deal with offenders.

This example is one that deserves all the commendation it will get. Mob rule is never to be condoned; in the moment of utmost exasperation, people should remember that the law is competent to deal with any crime, and while courts may sometimes make mistakes, a mob is never right.

War Mothers are going to have a tag day to raise money toward setting up a soldier memorial. Which will recall the fact that a number of very ambitious projects were lost sight of in the scramble for personal wealth.

President Harding got a quick response to his address on debt settlement, two bills being at once introduced. But where does that leave the ship subsidy and the soldier bonus?

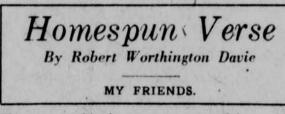
The legislature is going to make it possible to prosecute the "master mind" whenever he is caught. We are in favor of that, but the real job is up to our local Sherlock Holmeses.

Those press photographers who failed to get Ganna Walska to pose on shipboard need not despair. The press agent will be around with all sorts of "art" a little later.

Picking cigarets to match gowns may amuse the fair smokers, but only the pipe smoker knows the real joy of tobacco fumes.

Love is taking on a rather violent form in Omaha, and spring is some weeks off yet.

Smyrna is getting the spotlight.



- They are my friends, my countrymen-I know them not by name
- I greet them not; I shield them not, but they remain the same.
- On busy streets I see them roam, I see them hasten
- I see them-smiling-hurry home when eventide is nigh.
- They are my friends for their desires-their dreams are dear and true;
- The things they love and live to gain I love and cherish, too.
- My bliss is theirs, their grief is mine-likewise is hill and glen-
- All I possess I can't deny my friends and countrymen.
- Life would not be complete unless they were my friends sincere-
- Home would not give a charm as sweet if they could not be here
- I need not greet them as they roam, for silence comprehends-
- I need not meet them in their homes to claim them for my_ friends.

We Live on a Pear?

From the Cincinnati Enquirer. Now, after all, we are informed

that the earth is not an oblate spheroid, as has been taught for centuries, but is slightly pear-shaped. This hypothesis is advanced by an English astronomer, W. H. Jeans, tions, termed artistic, bring hose calculations have ben recognized by the Royal Astronomical se-clety through the award of a gold ing nature. They are, on the reverse,

ment broken away from the stalk modesty. According to these points in the ar-gument, England is the highest place on the globe, which is now rathe

loubtful as to accurate description. The world can now prepare itself for tremendous battle among the ometers, the geographers and the the stronomers after the manner of Galiduring which the planet upon which we are living will continue to which through space, pear-wise or oblate sphere-wise, as the case may be.

Daily Prayer

Te have not because ye ask not --Our Heavenly Father, it is with re-

oicing hearts that we approach Thee in prayer. Thou hast, through Thy dear Son, brought "life and immortality to light." Thou hast revealed to us "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." We come with confession upon our lips and penifence in our hearts, asking to be forgiven. Wilt Thou not bless us this day with the manifestations of Thy presence, of Thy peace, and of Thy power? Wilt Thou not use us in Thy performed and make our bodies to be service, and make our bodies to be the temples of Thy Spirit? We are Thy "living sacrifices." Our eyes shall The see for Thee: our ears shall hear for Thee: our lips shall speak for Thee; our hands shall work for Thee; our hearts shall beat for Thed. We are Thine. Eless Thou the members of this family circle. Thou hast given them the shelter of the roof, the warmth of the hearth, the nourish-ment of daily Bread. Give them also the food that comes from Heaven, the robe of Christ's righteousness, and the assurance of an "inheritance which is incorruptible, and undefiled. nd that faded not away." Protect them in the hour of danger, and de-liver them from temptation. Keep them from evil, and make them to be a positive force for righteousness. lasten the full coming of Thy King dom, the complete proclamation of Thy Gospel, and the universal acknowledgment of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. We ask it in His Name. Amen.

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styles of dress, disrespect of elders for constituted authority, and notably the many examples impressed upo the young mind by adults. But it is 20, to as low as 14 or 13. First, if we go back some 10 or 15 years, we shall find that the motion pictures at that time were of a very mild and purely entertaining nature,

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whose sole purpose was to entertain and also that at that time the industry was not solicitous for dramatic connections and principles, but was in most cases rather crude and devoid of any serious comparison to drama at the time. But, reviewing to

day's conditions, we find that same industry producing plays whose purpose it is to delve into the intricacies of human nature, and by eyil sugges out the supposedly actual state of life.

on a mission of destruction. In his thesis upon the subject the ers and producers, whose characters cientist asserts that the top of the are none of the best, and whose litermundane pear is a spot in south-western England and the stalk end gar and "inartistic," resort to these end gar and "inartistic," resort to these His means-the means of destruction of is in the South Pacific ocean. His means-the means of destruction of opinion is that the moon is a frag- American home life, the ruin of the coming generation, the mocking of the destruction of soulsview that our satellite once filled the space now occupied by the Pacific. dermining of our government. There

Common Sense

Giving the Other Fellow a Lift.

Why not give some worthy men ou know a chance to enjoy some of the prosperity you are experience You may be an employer, with a

business that is bringing in more money than you will ever need to meet your wants.

Why not let some of your deserving employes become stockholders in your ncern so they may enjoy some of

the profits you are making? Why not make it possible for these men to procure the stock on a pay

ment plan they can meet? Would it not be better for you to do that than to leave, for relatives to fight over, a large sum, which is likely to do only a few real good and because of the large amount they get may be harmful rather than bene-

ficial to them? You may have a plan by which other worth-while men might greatly increase their incomes. Why are you not generous enough and big enough and human enough to give them the advice which will put them in the way of making more money?

There is a whole lot of good you might do in the world if you would. Why don't you do it?

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