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STEPPING ON THE GAS.

The prompt manner in which the house of representatives has approved the settlement of the British debt is nothing short of astonishing.

The explanation is to be found in the force of public opinion. Once it is made certain that the overwhelming sentiment of the country favors a certain line of action, the lawmakers usually respond without delay.

Public opinion put a damper on this talk of cancellation, with the result that Great Britain was brought to toe the mark.

One of the gratifying things about the settlement is the number of democrats who laid aside their conventional attitude of opposing everything emanating from republican sources.

Altogether this is the most encouraging exhibition of good sense in congress that has been seen in some time.

A NEW MOVIE SCANDAL.
Someone claims to have known Rodolph Valentino when he worked with his hands for a living.

Even those servants on a Long Island estate with whom he used to work are inclined to patronize Valentino.

Valentino himself is inclined to deny having ever performed any menial services since he left his father's farm in Italy.

How well does Valentino understand American standards? In the past men have felt free and proud to tell of their humble beginnings.

WHEN ENOUGH IS A-PLenty.
A man has just passed out of Columbia university, after having been a student there for forty years.

He gives as his reasons for withdrawing from the university that he can no longer abide the notoriety thrust on him by the newspapers.

"A little learning is a dangerous thing," wrote Pope, advising all to "drink deep, or taste not the Pyrean spring."

One of our courts is going to try to establish the life of an overcoat. It will be interesting to watch the outcome.

"ARE WE DOWNHEARD?"

Mr. John J. Bigtown rubbed his eyes, cleaned his glasses and read the item a second time. Yes, there it was, in cold type, the announcement that Deshler, Neb., is putting on an automobile show.

Not much of a town for an autoshow, is it? Well, let us see. In 1922 Nebraska had an official registration of one automobile for each 5.16 of her inhabitants.

How can this be possible? From a business standpoint, 1921 was a bad year in Nebraska, and in some respects 1922 was not much better, yet there was an improvement.

Farm prices for the following products in Nebraska on January 1 of the years mentioned were:

Table with 2 columns: Product and Price. Items include Hogs, Cattle, Veal calves, Sheep, Lambs, Timothy, Clover, Alfalfa, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye, Potatoes, Butter, Eggs.

Some little further measure of how things are improving in Nebraska may be gathered from this showing on livestock, the figures being for January 1 of each year, and the farm value for 1923:

Table with 2 columns: Product and Value. Items include Horses, Mules, Milk cows, Other cattle, Swine, Sheep.

Only three states lead Nebraska in number of swine on January 1: Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, and the latter state is just barely ahead.

Should we go farther to prove that Deshler, or any other town in the state, is justified in having an automobile show, and without making vain display or extravagant expenditure?

A GOOD BILL TO KILL.

Particularly do cities need to be saved from the menace of unintelligent voting. There is a bill in the legislature which in effect would permit illiterate voters to be herded together and delivered to any set of candidates who stand in with the petty bosses.

As things now stand a voter who can not read must choose between the candidates on the ballot as the judge reads their names off.

The house postal committee has decided that the communities where air mail landing fields are maintained will have to furnish them to the government, free of cost.

Motorists who ignore the golden rule summons are not only making it tough for themselves but for others. A little more, and the rule will be "Take him down," and "tell it to the judge," the same as with ordinary offenders.

It doesn't make so much difference what you call your dog, if he has sense enough to know "his master's voice."

Soldiers returned from the Rhine are finding out that Sherman was right. A dollar in Savannah is just 100 cents.

The county treasurer ran out of auto license plates, and he was not having a bargain sale, either.

"Little drops of water, little gobbs of mud, send our fertile farm lands to swell Missouri's flood."

Kelly Field is keeping up the reputation it made during the war.

A combination of gasoline and bootleg booze is bad wherever you try it out.

The legislature has no cause to complain of not having work ahead.

At any rate, Samardick is not a "dud."

Homespun Verse

By Robert Worthington Davis

HAPPY MEN.

He's a mighty happy man, proud as ever one could be, And he smiles content tonight, and he murmurs happily—

Immigration and the Middle West

Nebraska Editors Debate Restrictions on Admitting More Unskilled Labor From Foreign Lands.

Scottsbluff News. George Grimes: Present restrictions on immigration should be either kept where they are or the bars made a little bit tighter for a few years.

Nebraska City Press. J. H. Sweet: Immigration restrictions should not be withdrawn in any particular; not until America finds that the well-known melting pot does not perfectly function.

Geneva Signal. Frank O. Edgecombe: If it is true, as it seems to be, that the present law restricting immigration is raising the price of everything except farm products, I think the people of this country would be opposed to any change in the restrictions.

Norfolk Press. Marie Weekes: Norfolk people, like people everywhere, hold different opinions as to whether or not we should come in contact with the big manufacturers of the east and who have heard their call for competitive labor.

Falls City Journal. Aaron Davidson: The prime reason why so many aliens constitute a class in our midst is that they are slow to understand our customs and consequently become a problem until naturalized.

Seward Blade. Mrs. E. E. Betzer: In considering the new immigration law, congress should restrict the admission of the bolsheviks of course labor desires the restriction of more laborers into its field.

Kearney Hub. M. A. Brown: The temporary immigration act meeting all vital requirements and should be retained. It is a necessary check on the admission of undesirable without imposing hardship on desirable immigration.

Grand Island Independent. A. F. Buchter: There appears to be a general impression, with reference to the proposal to let down the immigration bars, that there should be discrimination in the matter.

Nebraska Gazette. The wisdom of changing our immigration laws at this time is very questionable. Our melting pot is already overflowing and it would seem dangerous to overload it.

World Changed, But No Worse. Missouri Valley, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I was much interested in a letter by A. O. B. of Creighton university, in an "Oxy" a bit to differ too much with any good scout, for I have three teeth that are not mine for doing it.

Oakland Independent. C. G. Carlton—Immigrants that come here from northern and western Europe, from countries that send only half as many immigrants as by law could be admitted to this country.

Stresses Truthful Ads. From the Norfolk News. James Austin, service department manager of The Omaha Daily Bee, told members of the Norfolk Advertising club that considerable money is being wasted in advertising because the advertiser fails to put across "an angle" in his advertising.

Daily Prayer. He is faithful that romised—11th. Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thy watchful care has brought us safely into another day with its obligations, labors, delights and trials.

Common Sense. Don't Be Satisfied Merely With Little Things. Are you too pleased with little achievements? Are you so elated over doing something that brings you a few words of commendation or a small amount of money that you sit back and enjoy what you have gained and make no effort to do bigger and more commendable things?

For a State Owned Bank. Lincoln.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: House Roll No. 128 to create a state owned bank in Nebraska, appropriating \$1,000,000 of

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Money to Loan on Omaha Real Estate. Present Interest Rate Charge Is 6%.

The Conservative Savings & Loan Association. The longer it sticks, the more dangerous it becomes, and some one is likely to suffer damage—often both the manufacturer and the retailer.

His Great Example. I will study and maybe my time will come.

Did Your Ford Start Hard This Morning? Hard starting and poor performance in cold weather have always been bad enough, but these difficulties become worse each year because of fuel conditions.

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"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 of public interest.

The Home and the New Day.

Cozad, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: All impulses originate in the home. Everything good or bad in the world has its beginning there.

We need a revision of ideas and a reconstruction of old ideas on how to legislate in this new day. The responsibility rests upon the home.

Clean morals are the first essentials in a nation's life. Emerson said: "Wherever the spirit is, there is the power."

Industry is the second essential, a quality acquired at home. Improper conceptions of thrift in the home terminate with labor riots.

Education, the third essential, is dependent upon the home attitude. A child without home backing is greatly handicapped in the struggle for the arm of Russia teaches us the primary importance of education.

Last of all, a man needs the spiritual to put him in tune with God's universe. This quality is almost wholly instilled in man through home influence.

We depend upon the existing social order, which is the public conscience at an average, to sustain us. To insure domestic tranquility and a high average must be maintained.

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