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CRIMES OF THE TRUSTS.

Millions read and ponder over the fate of "Sweet Auburn! loveliest village of the plain." Auburn was deserted because of changing conditions that rendered its existence unnecessary. The same processes that brought about the desertion of the village yet operate; the same philosophy argues against these processes, and the same rigid utilitarianism

Great industrial combinations are built up, establishing monopolies or nearly such, in the name of advanced civilization. For what good?

A souvenir book, published in Omaha in 1892, was recently brought to light in The Omaha Bee's archives. One of the statements therein contained was that Omaha had the largest linseed oil mill in the world. That was thirty-one years ago. It is almost that long since a pound of flaxseed was crushed or a drop of linseed oil was squeezed out of it in Omaha. Passersby see the great building standing gaunt and idle at Seventeenth and Izard streets, and wonder why. It was sold to the "trust," and its original owners did well, but Omaha lost a great industry.

The Carter white lead works, greatest of all the trust's rivals, has gone the same road. The starch factory at Nebraska City, and other of the infant industries of the state, have been swallowed up by insatiatible combinations. Iowa can add even more eloquently to the list. Half a century ago woolen mills were as common in Iowa as grist mills; where are they now? Starch mills, oatmeal mills, other similar factories for consuming the farmers' products, have been consolidated into gigantic concerns, and the small communities where they were born, sustained by local capital and local enthusiasm, have dwindled or turned to other occupation.

istence? Have they shortened the route from the be going just a little too far. field to the table, or from the sheep's back to the man's back? The question is not easy to answer, but earnest men are now eagerly seeking the answer, and the big industrial enterprises are going shortly to be called upon to give the public some reason besides mere bulk for existence.

AN UNTAMED GIANT.

When the rivers and harbors bill was before the senate, Senator McCumber of North Dakota sought to have included a specific item of \$250,000 to be expended on the Missouri river between Sioux City and Fort Benton. He was questioned very sharply by a number of senators, and particularly so by McNary, who comes from that "continuous wood, where rolls the Oregon, and hears no sound Muddy?

Senator McCumber admitted what is known to all, that very few boats are engaged on the upper many years ago. In 1901 the ton mileage of the problem. Missouri river was double that of the combined railroads of the United States. In general terms, the Missouri's current moves in the form of sand, mud, boulders and other detritus, the annual equivalent of 2,600,000,000 ton-miles of freight. This is equal to 2,600,000,000 tons moved one mile, or one ton 2,600,000,000 miles. A tremendous expenditure of energy, and all waste.

Almost every pound of that tremendous mass is taken from the surface of farm lands between Fort Benton and Charles City, where the Missouri at forms in the near east we are inclined to think that last empties its enormous load into the Mississippi, and the greater part of this can be saved.

A little money spent in removing sandbars, by the simple process of opening a channel and allowing the current to do the rest, will take care of that part of it. The rest can be reached by the fofestation of the bluffs, the gullies, the waste lands, which will prevent a great deal of the erosion. It is not possible to stop all of it, for water draining from a cultivated field will carry off a portion of the soil. Intelligent care can stop the most of the loss, and with farm land attaining, as it is, a steadily mounting value to the world, it is high time that something were being done to check the enormous tribute that is now paid annually to the maw of the Missouri river.

We chide the Chinese for not taking steps to check the Hoang-Ho or the Yangtze Kiang; would it not be better to look a little after the job that lies right at our own doors?

BEWARE! THE LAW HAS TEETH. Most people will endorse the announced determination of the city prosecutor to ask jail sentences for individuals who issue checks with no funds to cover them. No form of petty swindling is more annoying or more prevalent than this. One hundred and thirty such cases are reported to be pending in Omaha police court at present.

A checking account at the bank is a very great convenience, and is most extensively and usefully employed. So general is it used that the dealer accepts a tendered check as readily as he would a treasury note. Individuals of little conscience take advantage of this, and secure goods or services with checks that have no value. Such offenders deserve little consideration. The harm they do falls on all honest people who are sincerely striving to keep Do you ever dream by the golden flames when night business transactions of all sorts on a level of se-

The "bum check artist" trades on the good name of every honest person who has a checking accountand uses it. His little personal gain, if he is content to call it such, is purchased at the expense of common credit and common decency. When he is overtaken, he should get all the punishment that is coming to him.

It was Senator Chambers, not Senator Larkin, who introduced the bill to permit illiterate voters to hand the election judges a ready-made list of candidates for whom they wish to vote. But it makes no difference whose name is on this bill or who is behind its proposal, it menaces good government. There are many blocs in this country, but the very last one to be thought of is the "ignorant bloc."

THE STRENGTH OF THE WEAK

.No junker ever lorded it over an impotent foe with more ruthless disdain than is shown by the French General Degoutte. There is, however, a note of baffled rage. After reading his interview with the Associated Press correspondent, the ordinary American citizen who loves fair play and has a decent regard for the rights of human beings, simply as human beings and not as members of one na tion or another, must stand amazed and shocked.

Holding the Ruhr under his mailed fist, the French commander heaps scorn upon the German people as cowards because they have not attempted to meet him with violence. It is evident that his military mind is nonplussed by the passive resistance of the people of the occupied zone. Just let one of his soldiers be harmed, he exclaims, and he will welcome the opportunity for a knockout blow. Violence from the Germans would entail reprisals. It is quite possible that if general sniping should begin along the Ruhr the world would be treated to a new lot of atrocities that would make the German advance through Belgium look like a Sunday school picnic.

The way in which the German people have controlled their tempers at this pass is a new wonder of the world. The end is not yet, but if France should fail to accomplish its aims against a people that do not fight back but merely refuse to co-operate, the pacifists will have an example that will give the advocates of preparedness a good deal to explain.

JAYHAWKERS SKIDDING AGAIN.

The Kansas legislature is entertaining a measure, introduced as part of Governor Davis' program for business reform, that transcends anything of the sort put before a law-making body. It is to deal with business affairs in general, making the state a participant in control and management, but not in the risk, in any form of enterprise. According to the Wichita Beacon:

"The Snyder measure provides that members of the state charter board may, either upon their own initiative or at the suggestion of the governor, attend any and all meetings of boards of directors and stockholders. They are given the same power at these meetings as the members of board of stockholders, except the right to vote. They also may examine all books and proxies."

For fifty years or longer the principle of state control of private business has been slowly developng. Beginning with the "granger" legislation of 1872, aimed at the railroads, it has steadily mounted, as corporations have grown in size, not always keeping pace with the expansion and aggression of capital, but always lurking near enough to warn the promoters of the power that might be invoked against Have the great combinations justified their ex- them. Yet this latest Kansas proposal appears to

If applied, it will mean state control of enterprise almost to the limits of sovietism. Instead of firms and corporations being subject to the general regulations of laws that apply to all, the scrutiny of state officers affecting the proceedings of directors and managers to a degree that will surely thwart if it does not entirely destroy initiative, energy or aptitude of management on which success finally depends. Such oversight will tend to produce a uniformity of regulation and practice that is fatal to business, and its logical end will be business enterprises with no more variation in aims, methods or results than may be found between one brick and another.

Kansas has given much cause for conversation within the last three-quarters of a century, and seems reluctant to relinquish the limelight. She is in no save his own dashings," who especially wanted to danger of being neglected as long as her lawmakers' know the volume of commerce carried by the Big | zeal is turned in the way suggested by the Snyder

Another good start has been made on the proreaches of the Missouri, but these are busy. He gram for improving rivers of the United States, to From the New York World might have called attention to a fact worked out by make them serviceable as commerce carriers. This Col. Hiram Martin Chittenden, engineer in charge, is one practical way of solving the transportation

> Wanda Hawley sues her husband, complaining he called her "a brainless fool," which raises the question as to whether honesty is always the best stated his belief "ambiguously" rath-

Skilled mechanics in Omaha are all at work, according to the Federal Reserve bank report. And there will be more of them busy in a short time.

Ultimatums are passing so rapidly and in so many the nations do not always mean what they say.

The man who robbed his mother's gas meter ought to get all the law will let him have in the way of time out from liberty.

is held increases. It is not every reputation that grows with time. The pineapple crop of Hawaii may be short, but

hardly as much so as the grass skirts of the hula Another set of jurors in the criminal court ap-

"Governor Bryan's apparent disinclination to work

pears to have a sense of duty as well as of responsi-

with the legislature bodes no good for the state.

And Coue has gone back to France, leaving us all flat on our backs.

Homespun Verse

By Robert Worthington Davie

MEETING DEPARTED FRIENDS.

Do you ever rest in your rocking chair when night is gray and still, dream of the friends of yesterday asleep on a distant hill?-

The friends you loved for their kindness, and smiles they gave to you— The friends who lived to lift and cheer and ever were dear and true.

is still and gray Of the friends who came to solace you and then were called away?

Do you picture them in the silent night and fathom the scenes you know, almost live with the old delight the days of long ago?

Do you ever soar in your dreams of them to the peace-And lay a wreath of roses down to the sod of their embrace, And revel again in ecstasy as you always used to do. And feel so much that you did not feel wheh they were alive and true?

Do you ever bring them back in dreams as the old days made them be, And then imagine the rendezvous in distant Galifee. And rest content as your golden dream to the realm of God ascends?-

There you will go, and there you will know anew the departed friends.

"From State and Nation"

-Editorials from Other Newspapers-

From the Examine

will swap for victrola.

Common Sense

Keep Mum on Your Failures.

You may think telling about some of your undertakings that were failures—will excuse you for not being

You will get more attention from such men if you have something

The future is the important time

Talk and think of the future-and

Forget the past. You need all you thinking power to help you in the

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An Heiress and Her Job.

Six o'clock in the morning may be onsidered by a great many persons a ery early hour. Between it and 10 head of "Swap Column," which is loost heroic efforts are made in the is, in some respects, more amusing direction of achieving social success, than the average comic strip. For may be obtained four hours of sleep, instance, a woman announces that or, according to the view taken, four shours of doing something of benefit in size 36 or 38, for a diamond; lady ife. Within four hours one may dress, wearing mourning in Dundee. Ad-breakfast, get to work and labor for dress S-124, Omaha Bee." The reader hearly one-half day. It may be ob-derived here, too, that the four hours of mourning to Dundee and arrays

the love of doing something, is S-228, Omaha Bee, stching the imagination, one might tretching the imagination, one might but the imagination refuses to stretch that far six days a week, month after month. Truth is stranger than fiction, however, and Miss Lydia Hopkins of San Mateo, Cal., rises at 6 o'clock in the morning, hurries her breakfast catches a train and gets into San Francisco in time to begin selling beautiful hats in the millinery department of the great store that employs her the minute its opens her doors. Miss Hopkins got interested in doing something besides society by the led the life of the conventional in time in answering this swap and commendation in their me debutante, dancing, dining and attending teas, theater and garden particles. Now she likes her job better the Ninth Planet. Swap for useful w. A. Dilworth. W. L. HAD an an empty routine of that kind, clothing, typewriter or grafaphone. for she is at work just like other peo. Here's a great opportunity for Father Work depends upon the individ- Rigge, the astronomer, or the Omaha Against Changing Language Law. al point of view, and one may learn Philosophic society to grab some-

ties and possibilities

day of labor full of untold opportuni-

From the Hastings Tribune. Governor Smith of New York is a

He believes in free speech.

He does not only believe it, but he fer and make a fortune as a cold doctor.

Cootnes, Some demast will no doubt take advantage of this wonderful of fer and make a fortune as a cold doctor.

I take it that Mr. Enggstrom is of Scandinavian extraction.

The writer is the son of Scandina.

Big Jim' Larkin is a well known you might make a deal with the au- of a knowledge of my parent. ish leader and he had just served the following ad: "Morris guage, or of the German we and one-half years for signing the chair and blue mesaline dress of late which was used by the to urging a change in our government as what is described as "dicta-orship of the proletariat."

Governor Smith in his statement innouncing the issuance of the parinnouncing the parinnouncing the issuance of the parinnouncing the par nnouncing the issuance of the parton bitterly assailed the idea of dicatorship by any class, proletariat, apitalist, farmer, merchant, or any other section of the community." The other section of the community." The swap new Vega banjo with leather case. What have you?" "Violin, imrequire for its protection and im-resonment for the little expression of its country was ma

said that Dr. Grant should "publicly a bushel basketful of wet wash. What Swedish or correct the impression given" by his have you?" and state clearly" that he accepted Bishop Manning's inter- Bee trade exchange is: "No swap, no cans. We know its history from the protation of the creed. In his second letter the bishop says that since Dr. er than "clearly," the rector will not present be tried for heresy. In his first letter the bishop demanded a clear affirmation of Inith or Dr. cant's resignation. In his second tier the bishop declines to try Dr. on no clear denial of the faith.

This second position is well advised lack of business foresight on your always careful not to mention nd statesmanlike and in the und statesmanlike and in the un-part, the fact that you were a loser, the does not reflect creditably on you. consisted interest of the Protestant Episcopal church. A heresy trial, which
ever way it turns out, would have
meant some sort of schism. It would
place, as all such trials do, the whole
place, as all such trials of difference

Therefore it is unwise to give too
much emphasis to your losses.

Really successful men don't enjoy
hearing accounts of failures: they emphasis on the points of difference between members of the same comobliterating the vastly great-Each year it seems the respect in which Lincoln held increases. It is not every reputation that ows with time.

er bonds of agreement which give their tradition its high value. The decision of the bishop leaves the church more catholic in its range and more protestant in its concession to individual interpretation of Scripture. It is a victory for everybody except those who are more sectarian than they are religious.

Daily Prayer

O Lord, who hast proven that we may trust Thee, we seek Thy blessing the beginning of the day, that we hay carry its influence with us into he toil and trial of our busy life. Ve claim Thy sufficient grace, that may be equal to every severe test. Give us wisdom, that we may ur ertake our tasks and do them as Workman. Take possession of our minds that today they may think Thy minds that today they may think Thy thoughts after Thee, and be intent upon working out Thy great plans through the best lives we can live. So rule us with Thy Spirit that our senses may be harnessed for Thy uses. Save us from falling into shameful sin. Prevent us from being the state of th small, disagrecable, irritable asympathetic, as we touch othe ves. He our unseen Companion as

earn it honestly. Make us wholesome; keep us sweet day others know today by our unobur house. May we somehow be in-trumental in opening the doors of ther homes for the incoming of this

We ask these favors in His Name. J BRADLEY MARKWARD, D. D., Harrisburg, Pa.

NET AVERAGE CIRCULATION for JANUARY, 1923, of THE OMAHA BEE

Sunday 78,845 B. BREWER, General Mgr. VERN A. BRIDGE, Cir. Mgr. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3d day of February, 1923. W. H. QUIVET,

"The People's Voice"

very early hour. Between it and 10 head of "Swap Column," which is looked cated in the want ad section, and it of The Omaha Bee: I see by the Silver Creek, Neb .- To the Editor papers that upon the advice of Judge agreed to pay the expenses of make court to be received by the county a

served here, too, that the four hours between 6 and 10 o'clock a. m. are the best of the 24 as to the possibilities of accomplishment.

One would not suspect that an heir ess to \$3,000,000, who enjoys dancing, formal dinners, motoring and all the other pastimes that lie within reach of the wealthy could get up every for the wealthy could get up every for the meaning in Fair Acres, Benson, or Florence, or while shopping in the downtown bargain district. Her ad appears in two different places in the swap column, which goes to show that she is doubly anxious to turn her fine clothing into a sparkling diaof the wealthy could get up every her fine clothing into a sparkling diamorning at 6 o'clock and go to work mond. The address of the second ad tice not only witnesses often "intermediate in the close of the second ad tice not only witnesses often "intermediate in the close of the second ad tice not only witnesses often "intermediate in the close of the second ad tice not only witnesses often "intermediate in the close of the second ad tice not only witnesses often "intermediate in the close of the second ad tice not only witnesses often "intermediate in the close of the second ad tice not only witnesses tionally and willfully swear to fals Stretching the imagination, one might fancy an heiress doing that once or ing public that she "has a good, full length Russian marmot fur coat to swap for a good used Ford sedan, if there is any swap in you" That's the bones till the morrow." (Zeph.

Omaha,-To the t to hate the alarm that sounds at thing that may prove interesting, in- Omaha Bee: In "The People's Ve o'clock and summons one to a new structive and perhaps startling.

column under the caption, "The braska Language Law," J. E. B catching you should by no means strom condemns in effect any overlook this chance of freeing your-self from this annoyance. "Scholar-ship in Klondike Health School, teach-ship in Klondike Health School, teaching how to live 50 years without a cold an aid to our diplomatic service man of courage, as well as a man of for a set of teeth or a good suit of ing business, etc., with those

If you want to know how many living and they had no use for any hens you can get for a pair of eye other language or education for their swap hens for a pair of eye other language or education for their swap hens for a pair of eye other language or education for their swap hens for a pair of eye other language or education for their swap hens for a pair of eye. swap hens for a pair of eyeglasses for they occasionally disagree with Governor Smith, but it is safe to say that most of them will be men who are not of his ability nor of his political faith.

A friend of ours has prepared the following swap ad which he intends to insert in The Omaha Bee: "A see about without too much trouble. Howond-hand aeroplane, in good running ever, living as we did in Amer

The drawing card of The Omaha lie school, we all of us think as Ame

A Depressed Ohioan.

Irrespective of the fact that such we are, we can't help wonde

Seek Out Perjurors.

ty supervisors of that county have

oors. Miss Hopkins got interested a doing something besides society by ngaging in war work, and has not bet her interest yet. Before the war he led the life of the conventional he led the life of the conventional here. Or closed."

Any one desirous of acquiring a new astronomic lecture should lose no time in answering this swap ad:

Here are two swap advertisers who

Scandinavian extraction.
The writer is the Here are two swap advertisers who are anxious to increase their stock of knowledge: "All or part of oak dining set and genuine leather couch, will swap for Enctycopedia Brittanica or section book case." "Pure bred cause of agreement with his views, "but despite my disagreement with him."

Here are two swap advertisers who are anxious to increase their stock of knowledge: "All or part of oak dining set and genuine leather couch. Will swap for Enctycopedia Brittanica or section book case." "Pure bred German police dog, registered, well trained; will swap for set Harvard (Classics."

If you wish to unlead a victrola you might make a deal with the audesign, orange trimming and beaded; among themselves, but Here's another in the musical line: spoke American, or the merchants

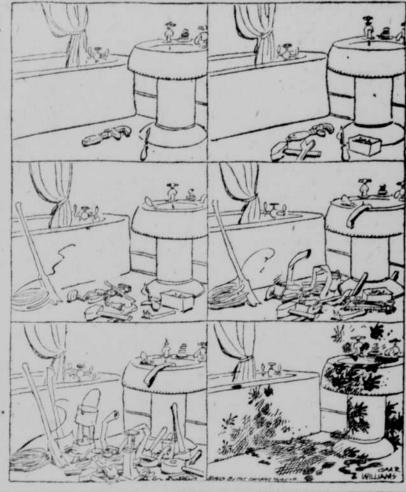
A Well Advised Bishop.

Condition, to swap for a fireproof and waterproof cyclone cellar; also a bunch of old family photographs for None of us children

native tongue, American, and have absorbed American ideas.

After all, isn't that what the Reed-Norval bill intends? VICTOR JOHNSON.

A Plumber in Action



ndous savings which our great lumbia Record and can prove by the statistics are loing to begin to show in the taxes.—

An Expected Prohibition Statement. as a tobacco trust?" "Yes, my lad, there is," replied the We shall look with some interest man.
or a statement from the Anti-Saloon "Well, father would like to be

he presence of democrats, when the led by Mustapha Kemal Pasha .- Co

Would Try It.

"Pease, sir, father wants to know if it is true that there is such a think

for a statement from the Anti-Saloon "Well, father would like to be league with regard to the recent spread of the prohibitnon movement Stray Stories."

This Laxative Works Fine on Old People

Thousands have kept themselves healthy with Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin

DVANCING age with its A subdued ambitions and strivings could be made very happy if only good health accompanied it, and the basis of good health, as every-one learns upon



els. If it can be effected through the food you eat. the water you drink and the exercise you take, much the better. But if nature will not operate it must be assisted or sickness will follow. Neglected constipation causes the blood pressure to go up 28 per cent, and that is the forerunner

makes rheumatism and gout worse, too. for people of advancing years is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, a vegetable compound of Egyptian senna and pepsin with pleasanttasting aromatics. It is gentle and mild, and does not cramp or gripe. It is a mistake to think you need a violent salt or powder or pill, calomel, coal-tar drugs and

of hardening of the arteries. It

ANY FAMILY MAY TRY IT FREE

weaken you, and their reaction tends to make you more consti-Now try the milder method.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin does not lose its good effect with repeated use, and increased doses are unnecessary. Mrs. E. M. Burgess of Enfield, N. C., who is 73. keeps herself in good health with it, and Mr. Charles Chorman of Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y. wasted fifteen years and considerable money on other remedies before finding steady relief with

Use Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pep-The ideal constipation remedy sin yourself the next time you or people of advancing years is suffer from constipation, biliousness, headache, sleepless digestion, piles or night cramps. Many thousands of elderly people use nothing else, and it costs them less than a cent a dose. Druggists have sold it successfully for 30 years, and it is the most widely pill, calomel, coal-tar drugs and bought family laxative in the such things. They purge and world.

The family laxa



The Man for the Ages

"If I could save the Union without freeing any slaves I would do it, but if I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it and if-I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that."

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