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WHEN FREIGHT RATES ARE CUT. What is the proper basis on which to adjust freight rates? The old standard was "what the traffic would bear," which is to say rates should not be high enough to discourage transportation.

Figures have been presented at the Interstate Commerce commission hearing in Kansas City indicating that wheat is now paying freight costs 150 per cent of the 1913 rate; corn is paying 155 per cent of the 1913 rates, while hay has been left in the fields by the farmers because of a freight charge of 161 per cent of the 1913 standard.

This discrepancy between market prices and transportation costs has led to discussion of the need for a new standard in establishing freight rates. The American Farm Bureau federation takes the position that bulky, low-priced products should not be expected to bear the same transportation costs as more compact and expensive goods.

Railroad men admit a mistake in dealing with all classes of freight without distinction, in making horizontal increases and decreases of rates. It is at this point that the new idea of rate-making comes in. This is that rates should bear some relation to the selling price of the product.

There is good ground for the position that no necessary commodity should be required to pay a higher transportation cost than will permit its reaching market without all chance of profit for its producer being destroyed.

WHO GOT THE CROWN JEWELS? Tutankhamun's tomb is turning out a lot of treasure that has been buried thirty-three centuries. But the short-term Egyptian monarch was laid to rest by loving subjects who apparently rejoiced at his passage to the land of shadows so sincerely they were willing he should take along with him enough of his royal possessions to give him a good start in the next world.

Some folks are inclined to doubt the tales that have come forth from Siberia as to the proceedings at Ekaterinberg, but Kolchak too thoroughly inquired into the details to leave any doubt as to the butchery of the czar and his immediate family.

Under the care of the government of the United States, a grave has been opened in a Brooklyn cemetery, only to explode a fanciful yarn that in the coffin lining had been hidden Russian crown jewels of fabulous value.

BEFORE THE HORSE IS STOLEN. Nebraska lumbermen, meeting in Omaha, discussed among other things the matter of freight rates. This is a great factor in their business.

Reports from the railroads indicate a steady increase in car loadings each week, a sign that the facilities for transporting goods are being called upon nearer to the limit of ability to serve.

Whether their suggestion is wholly altruistic in its general aspect or whether it is guided by what is commonly termed "intelligent self interest," it contains some elements of reason.

Freight congestion is caused by a flood of orders coming suddenly. One way to avoid it is to order in advance as far as possible, and so to spread the business over more time.

But let it be all that is spoken. I'll neither affirm nor deny. I'll smoke for the pleasure of smoking while the days of existence go by.

They've taken my wine and my goblet—I felt in my heart they were right— But when they come after tobacco I'll shoulder my musket and fight.

Another step that could well be taken under such a program would be a general scaling down of the reparations claims held against Germany, to the end that her settlement with France would be easier made.

The Robinson amendment is intended to leave the debt adjustment in control of congress. As passed by the house, the bill provided that any future settlement might be made by the president on terms granted to the British government.

So long as the United States does not assent to cancellation of war debts, and European nations are held to accountability, the chance of another general war is indefinitely postponed.

LANGUAGE STUDY IN NEBRASKA. Signs of interest are plentiful in the legislative bill that would restore the right of language study to the graded schools and thus free Nebraska from one of the evidences of war hysteria.

The house committee on education, to which this bill has been referred, is composed of the following members: J. Reid Green, Troy L. Davis, J. F. Kendall, E. B. Smiley, E. I. Whitehead, Charles Miner, J. K. Ward, F. M. Broome, W. H. O'Gara, E. L. Kemper and C. L. Yochum.

Whether one's Americanism be of the kind that calls for the suppression of all evidences that there is any other nation except the United States, or whether it be of the other sort which wishes this country to extend the widest opportunity for freedom and culture, still the opportunity to exchange opinions and thresh out the differences should be welcomed.

The Reed-Norval language law prohibits the teaching of any foreign language in public or private schools until the eighth grade is passed. Not even after all the other subjects are given full attention can a foreign language be taught.

There are practical, cultural and religious reasons why some excellent citizens of this state desire their children to add a knowledge of a foreign tongue to their knowledge of English.

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whether a crime has been committed, and if he has, whether by the person hanged, is left to others. That is the way of a mob.

Uncle Sam as League Moulder. From the Detroit Free Press. So Isaac Marcossion thinks the United States ought to have gone into the League of Nations and dominated it and shaped it.

Business Letters. From the Spokane Spokesman-Review. H. H. Palmer, who teaches English to the students of business at the University of Syracuse, directs a cutting board against the "typical" letter of business.

Eugenic Marriages. From the Boston American. "Eugenic marriages are no insurance against feeble-minded or idiot children. Feeble-minded children may be born of parents of the highest intelligence and who may be ideally matched.

The Way of a Mob. From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The immediate provocation that led up to mob rule and lynching at Harrison, Ark., was the burning of trees on the M. & A. railroad.

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Value of Pictures as an Educational Medium. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It is an admitted fact that 80 per cent of the knowledge gained through the eye remains in the mind, while only 20 per cent of that gained by reading is retained.

Hang upon the walls a dozen photographs taken from as many different countries and immediately a few many different nations appear before the eye, presenting the costumes, habits or mode of living of each, in a language which is understood by all.

Oakland, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I want to make a comment on the editorial page of your paper. How different this, page is and the rest of the paper, than it was three years ago, when there was a continual knock on the police department and city officers.

Likes the Editorial Page. Oakland, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I want to make a comment on the editorial page of your paper. How different this, page is and the rest of the paper, than it was three years ago, when there was a continual knock on the police department and city officers.

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term expires on March 4, but that she will go back home and go to work. That woman wouldn't be a real politician in a thousand years.—Houston Post.

Wonder What He'd Get. If the Californian who feeds his cow raisins will only add a little hen fruit and sugar and lope the good animal around the block—well, all we have to say is we'd be happy to be on hand with a quart cup about milking time. New Orleans Times-Picayune.

This Card Issued Only to Dairies Selling Grade No. 1 Unpasteurized Milk. Omaha Milk Producers' Association. Watch for This Card to Guarantee Getting This Grade of Milk.



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Homespun Verse By Robert Worthington Davie TOBACCO.

Tobacco, they say, isn't healthful—a mighty bad habit indeed! The grave is the goal of the mortal who smokes the injurious weed— Unpleasant the odor, repulsive to them who forever forbear— But give me a pipe and I'm happy—I'm free from dissension and care.

Daily Prayer

Wait on the Lord, and He shall save thee.—Ps. 34:2. In the name of the Lord Jesus we bow in Thy Holy presence, O God, to thank Thee for all Thy goodness and mercy to us as a family and a household. Grant us Thy protection for all wherein we have sinned and grieved Thy holy spirit.

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