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KEEP NEIHARDT IN NEBRASKA.

How much do the people of Nebraska appreciate the genius of John G. Neihardt? The ceremony by which he was declared the poet laureate of this state was not much more than a gesture. There are many lovers of literature who feel that something more substantial should be forthcoming.

The news that Carleton college, at Northfield, Minn., is trying to take Neihardt away from his native state and attach him to its faculty is a challenge to those who look to the development of a typical Great Plains culture. Frank Judson, chairman of the board of regents of the University of Nebraska, has hit on a practical plan. His announcement that he will propose to make Neihardt a member of the faculty of the university at Lincoln shows the proper spirit.

Other great universities, such as Michigan and Miami, have brought great poets to their campus, not primarily to teach classes, but to influence and inspire the students by contact with them. Robert Frost at Ann Arbor, and Percy Mackaye in Ohio, have made a place for themselves in the college environment.

Neihardt is engaged in the writing of an epic which some literary critics compare to the works of Homer and Vergil. It deals not with the adventures of ancient Greek and Roman adventurers, but with the life of our own prairie country. It requires three years to complete a work of this length. During that time Neihardt will have but the slenderest income. Surely if a college in Minnesota appreciates him so much as to consider making a place for him, the great state of Nebraska can do no less than match the offer.

WHAT WILL THE CHANGES DO?

President Harding has nominated Dr. Hubert low interest rate. Work, postmaster general, to be secretary of the interior, succeeding Albert M. Fall, who retires on March 4. For a postmaster general the president has sent to the senate for confirmation the name of Harry S. New, retiring senator from Indiana.

The selection of Dr. Work for the Interior department will probably bring satisfaction to those Fall. Dr. Work has shown great capacity in the Postoffice department, over which he has presided since the retirement of Will H. Hays. His long sociation with many of the big problems that will confront his department.

Having lived in a region where irrigation worked

A very definite and determined effort is being made to get through congress some form of legislation to facilitate further extension of credit for car-

rying on farm operations. The senate passed two measures, the Capper and the Lenroot-Anderson bills, each containing much of merit, but materially varying in form and even containing some contradictory provisions. Attempt to harmonize these measures has resulted in the formulation by the house committee on banking and currency of a new bill, which has been reported, and for which a determined effort will be made to secure favorable consideration this week.

The bill contemplates the establishment of twelve regional banks, to be located in the same cities with the Federal Reserve banks, each to have a capital stock of \$5,000,000, or a total of \$60,-000,000 to be held by the federal government. These banks will have permission to issue debenture bonds to a total sum of \$600,000,000 for the purpose of carrying on business. Intermediary agencies are provided for, in the form of corporations with a minimum capital of \$250,000 to deal in agricultural paper having a maturity of six months or longer, and discount corporations, having a minimum capital of \$1,000,000, to handle such paper for the loaning banks. Under this method it is expected to provide almost double the amount of capital furnished by the War Finance corporation for agricultural uses. Of the earnings 10 per cent will go surplus and the residue to the federal treasury.

On the surface the plan seems to be workable and should provide the relief that is needed. One of the great problems of recent years has been the proper financing of farm operations. Resources of private banking institutions have frequently been strained, and recent experiences have shown that many of these were unable to stand the strain. Ample capital at a rate that will enable the farmer to carry on and realize a profit on his efforts at production should come from the institutions that are to be set up to supplement the work of the government in providing through the federal reserve system relief for other industrial and commercial undertakings, but which relief was not available to the farmer.

It may lead to that condition where, as was proposed by a Nebraska authority lately, that the farmer can secure his working capital at a rate around 2 per cent. In time the government will be reimbursed for its investment, and the institutions left standing on their own. Experience with the Federal Reserve banks shows this can be achieved in a short time, if that is the end sought. The real purpose, however, should be to give to the agricultural interest the assistance it deserves, and which will come best in the form of capital at a

NOW A CENSORSHIP OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

A bill introduced in the state legislature by James Auten of Boone would prohibit the University of Nebraska from using any textbook written by a member of its faculty. The proposal is far from flattering in the implication that there is anything who were disturbed by the policies of Secretary that savors of graft in the use of such books. It would, moreover, drive out of the institution some of the best members of its staff

When a man becomes expert in any subject, it life in the west has made him familiar through as- is natural for him to write a book on it. There is an advantage, too, for his students in having his point of view thus set before him. One of the prime functions of a university staff is the conduct of scientific investigations. These results are its wonders, he will be ready to aid in all legitimate of scientific investigations. These results are reclamation endeavors. His attitude towards cer- usually published in the form of books. In fact, tain other phases of his new department's adminis- many men write books for their own classes because they know best what sort of text they can use most effectively. If a law of the sort proposed had ex- Heritage, isted in the past, such great figures as Dr. Bessey, the famous botanist, and Dr. Edgren, the noted Scandinavian scholar, could never have exerted the influence they did on the minds of their students. Not only would professors be barred from using their own books, but no other instructor in the school could use them. From this it might be inferred that the productions of Nebraska professors are not up to standard; as a matter of fact many of them possess world-wide reputations. Their Senator New's selection will be listed as a "lame | books are in use at Harvard, and even abroad. Furthermore, in other universities, a textbook is not condemned because it was written by a member of the staff. There have been few instances in which this right of teachers and scholars has been abused. House Roll 611 is at best an attempt to remedy evils that do not exist; at worst it is a petty maneuver by a suspicious and bigoted critic of higher education and particularly of the university.

"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.

Praise for Nebraska's Poet.

Omaha .- To the Editor of The omaha Bee: "If there is another liv-ng poet who has written a poem qual to Neihardt's 'Prairie Storm Rune' I have not read his poem!" The above is quoted form a letter

which appeared in your columns from another poet, since you have been publishing the poems of John G. Neihardt. To me this man's reaction to the

necessary to convert a discerning an or woman into a life-long devotee of Neihardt is to get that person just

eing done today, until someone by hard work and much persuasion had nduced him to read Nelhardt's "The Poet's Town." Then he told me he airly leaped out of his chair and delared that big things are being done n verse today and that the man loing them is Neihardt. He eagerly ought Neihardt's works to see what else he had done and found so many magnificent things that he has be-come devoted to Neihardt's works as

ew critics ever become devoted to the works of any one author. Yes, The Omaha Bee is doing some-hing worth while in seeking to make ebraska acquainted with its bard. The whole English speaking world cnew him, and the leading tamped him as a giant in American iterature ten years before more than score of people in his own state

There are poets of the past per-distently worshiped in the class room whose works were mere child's play compared to the works of Neihardt. As for "The Prairie Storm Rune" mentioned by your correspondent a ew days ago, there can be no doubt that is one of the very greatest lyrics ever cast in the English tongue. say it without fear of successful contradition that he who cannot agree

note your correspondent, after reading this lyric, hastened to com-pare it with Tennyson's "Come Into the Garden, Maud," as he said he had always regarded that the greatest English lyric, up to this time. I was glad to hear that, because he is a man after my own heart. No doubt that selection of Tennyson's is one the most magnificent of lyric flights. I stand as your correspondent stands, a little undecided whether to give the laurels to Tennyson or to Neihardt, but on the whole I should be inclined to give them to Neihardt, for his poem just as suggestive of what it is rying to portray, is a little more musical, I think, if possible, and shows a technique in many details that surely surpasses Tennyson.

That is a big statement to make. No one realizes that better than I I must hasten here also to say that mean no discredit to son, for I am a devotee of Tennyson myself.

Now, to go just a little farther. one need not stop at Neihardt's "Prairie Storm Rune." Why not consider his "Poet's Town," his "Woman Wine," that amazing lyric which is round the world in five languages; "The Weavers," "Break of Day,"



"From State and

Nation"-

Editorials from other

newspapers.

The Bandit's System.

Our present day method of tax col-

lecting is called by an expert on eco-

nomics a bandit's system of exacting

"dues" from the public. The asser-

tion may not be strictly true, but as

harsh as the allegation is it cannot

be denied that we have for years gone on the theory that each man shall be taxed for all the traffic will

The property tax, the most inequit-able and unfair method of raising revenue known to civilized man, is at

the bottom of our troubles, but it is not likely to be improved on until

there is a better understanding among

the people as to just how the ex-penses of government shall best be

Students of the tax question realize

the best way out, but the single

that the single tax, which places the burden on the source of all wealth,

tax theory is unpopular, principally

because it is so little understood. And so we go on fining those who are thrifty and enterprising by imposing

visible forms of wealth, for-

ever changing, amending, repairing

and patching-without arriving any-

The tax issue will be with us as

long as civilized peoples dwell to-gether, but it need not be a terrifying

issue, nor an unfair one, if we will

only remember that there is but one

conest way to raise taxes-imposing

the tax at the source of all wealth-

College Courses and Maturity.

Harvard university, in his annual re-

port, takes issue with parents who feel that their sons cannot get the takes issue with parents who

most out of college before they are 18 or 19 years old. President Lowell ad-

vises that youth go to college as early

college course should not

much loltering and waste of time.

Peace Is Such a Bore.

While the British have been mov-ing against the Turks, the French

against the Germans, the Poles and

A Wonderful Line of

Sohmer

A. Lawrence Lowell, president of

From the Minneapolis Journal

From the Nebraska City Press

bear.

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where

the soil

OUTWARD. Whither away, O Salior, say? Under the night, under the day, Yearning sail and flying spray, Out of the black into the blue. Where are the great winds bearing

Never port shall lift for me Into the sky, out of the sea! Into the blue or into the black, Onward, outward, never back! Something mighty and weird and dim Calls me under the ocean rim!

Sallor under sun and moon "Prairie Storm Rune" is very sig-nificant. It is ever true that all that This the ocean's fatal rune. Under yon far rim of sky Twice ten thousand others lie. Love is sweet and home is fair. And your mother calls you there

of Neihardt is to get that person just once to read Neihardt. An eminent scholar and college pro-fessor told me recently that he had gone along in the classroom for twen-ty years believing that all the great poetry had been written in the past centuries and that nothing great was being done today, until someone by

one's foresight or expectation and which could not have been anticipa-ted. But the great majority of accldents and casualties happen through negligence and carelessness upon the part of the injured person or another, and are preventable by the use of reasonable foresight and care. Negligence is the failure to do that

a property tax and refusing to believe that we are doing so. The single tax, buttressed by a graduated income tax, will eventually which a reasonable and prudent perbe adopted by all enlightened nations of the earth, including our own. In son would ordinarily have done un der the circumstances, or doing that the meantime we shall keep on, through our legislatures and congress, which such a person would not have It may result from acts of ouilding crazy quilts, blindly striking done.

cinission or commission. The test of negligence is whether person who caused the accident the or injury to another ought to have foreseen the injurious consequences of his act. If the injury could not have been reasonably anticipated or foreseen, then the act is not considered negligent. On the other hand,

if by the use of reasonable care and foresight the accident could have been prevented, then the person causing the accident is to blame for not foreseeing and taking steps or changing his course of conduct so as to prevent the accident. It will thus be seen that foresight

and anticipation are the main elements with this is either prejudiced or he has not yet been able to grasp all the technical points of excellence in the technical points of excellence in

as may be, for he finds that those who The greatest number of accidents are now caused in connection with the use of automobiles; the next largest enter late are often tempted to shunt number are accidents occurring at and about the home. Most of them could be avoided if people would use a little imagination, foresight and judgment in considering the conditions under wich they are acting and work. pursue a course of conduct with a can h view to prevent accidents.

their faculties in foreseeing and an-

Tennyprevent them. steps to keep this fact in mind at all tim

and prevent them.



Little You Should Demonstrate Your Ability



It remains true that without a Grand Island Independent. Ask us about rates, circulation, in the World, Sun, The house at Lincoln has done the right thing under all of the circum-stances in ordering payment of some-Moon and Muse theaters. Also notice the difference thing over \$1,000 to former Lieuten-ant Governor Barrows for service between Art Anima film while acting as governor. Still it might not be amise to provide against ads displayed at these theaters, and others. occurrences hereafter. Grand Island Independent.

After these essentials are possessed In a San Francisco district a con gressman died. His most noticeable achievement, says a California magazine, had been getting his wife two other relatives on the pay roll The politicians at once got the widow nominated and elected without. is not necessary to get much out of a college course. The idea that it is, has been made the excuse for ople knowing anything what ever of her ability or qualifications her claim to favor being solely sen



Hallgren

Film Advertising



the cultural courses in order to take up vocational or professional work. grounding in certain essential subjects no student should be permitted to take up vocational or professional work. The technical roof of education can hardly be built until a solid foundation has been laid in a mastery It is not necessary to cite examples the English language, and a fair pro-fit the thousands of ways in which ac-

of the thousands of ways in which acthe elements of science has been acidents occur, from the terrible railroad and automobile accidents to the quired simple accidents occurring every day at the home. Our purpose is to diby a student there is no reason why the rect attention to the essential, pri-mary cause of accidents, and to imshortened and speeded up, with a saving of time to youth and a saving press upon the minds of all men, wo-men and children the need of using of money to parents. Full maturity

ticipating accidents, and then taking We must learn this fundamental principle-

we must cultivate the habit of thinkdents and using our imagination before the accidents oc-In short: Anticipate accidents W. H. H.

tration must be developed. Among these are the question of forestry, which was one of the subjects of disagreement between Mr. Fall and Secretary Wallace, and in which the president declined to take sides with the retiring secretary. Another is the handling of the Pueblo Indian lands. Dr. Work is personally familiar with the inside of this feature of the government, and it should be unfair to assume that he lacks sympathy with the Indians or fails to see the injustice of the attack that was made on their rights by the Bursum bill, so happily dispatched.

duck" selection, although he will enter the Postoffice department with a record of service in the senate and in business that justifies the expectation that he will carry on the mail service at the high standard it has attained, and give it such improvement and extension as will meet with growing demands.

WHEN FATE STRIKES BLINDLY.

A little home on the edge of the city, just where the town merges into the country, a haven of hope and a source of courage-that is a place where brave hearts, sustained by love, have faced the world in the beginning of life's battles. And when the little nnes come, their childish prattle adds to the picture, and makes the prize all the more worth striving for.

What an unspeakable horror it is to discover that little home, on which so much of life and loving effort had been expended, wrapped in flames, and to know that inside it were the two little children, the babies who had brightened it by their lives, exposed to the most awful of deaths?

Omaha was profoundly shocked at reading of the tragedy at the Hildebrand home on Sunday night. Nothing more terrible has ever been experienced in all the history of the city. Two little ones trapped in the blazing wreck of the home they had made so bright and beautiful, caught in the bed where their parents had left them but a little time before-and watchers of the fire unaware of their presence.

What element of pathos, of terror, is lacking in this picture of a complete tragedy?

Father and mother are heart broken; their grief is heavy and their souls are sore. Out of the depths they will lift themselves, for they must have courage, and can front disaster with stout hearts to press on. They will know that human sympathy is not in vain, for the great heart of Omaha will open to them in their sorrow and distress.

We are reluctant to use so sad and distressful an event to illustrate a lesson, or to point a moral. Whatever it touches is as complete as its tragedy. Only the utmost of watchfulness, of self-sacrifice on part of parent will secure the absolute safety of the child. Here there is no possible doubt that the parents felt they were leaving all in perfect order, but something beyond their control or knowledge set off the fire that wrought the awful damage.

Homes are darkened and lives are saddened in many ways, by a curious procession of things we can not foresee or guard against. Fate is blind, and so deals terrific blows, lighting on those who least deserve to be afflicted. Yet seldom has fate directed such a stroke of dire misfortune as that which fell upon the Hildebrand's. It leaves dumb the most loquacious, and dries up words that usually express condolence.

We admire Rodolfo Valentino's high soul. He is down to where he is only getting \$7,500 a week, but refuses to sully his talent by appearing in person for a film firm that "turns out pictures like sausages." We know it is tough to try to live on \$1,000 a day, but we rely on Rudy to keep his oath.

Mary Garden says her American season was "intense," but we have not as yet heard of her having spent a million dollars presenting another opera like "The Love of Three Oranges."

Old King Tut will be spared watching the box scores for another season.

Mr. Harding knows how to keep the senate talking.

As a golden wand they strike

Melodies are sung and played

Where the withered buds are land

Memory. Sweet and low.

Of the faded land of Shade,

Red in vividness they seem

In the halo of our dream

To us, bringing pure delight

As we wander back tonight

In a darkness that is white

All that graced the other .While

And the virtues would be gloon

Bliss and beauty are agleam

Faded sweetnesses beguile---

There is hidden in our amile

Our existence would be dark,

If we could not view a spark

To the linnet-carols hark,

In the magic minstrelsy

Fashioned out of Memory.

In that candle-lighted room;

Drink the deffodil perfume.

And be young again and free

"The Child's ability which you have is not bringing a. don to sociology: "The Child's ability which you have is how that that that "ituge," "Lullaby." and many you in money lies in the fact that you have not done any gratuitous you have not done any gratuitous others And yet, when all these are consid- work to demonstrate that ability

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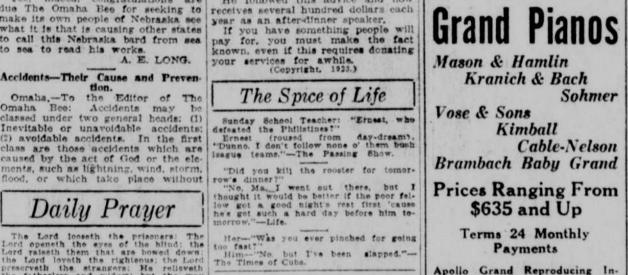
work to demonstrate that ability ered, great as they are, Neihardt has only begun. For he finished these years ago, and now for the past ten years has been devoting all his time After listening to a man who was ars has been devoting all his time a cycle of five great epics. Here paid \$100 and expenses for making a he has used his great poetical power 40 minute after-dinner speech at a in interpreting the mighty westward club, one of the members, said: "I avalanche of civilization, until he is recognized as being to the American could do as well as he did.' cognized as being to the American He was told that the members of onlier what Sir Walter Scott was the club did not know of his ability borderland of Scotland. versities throughout the United States | ices for nothing.

are constantly engaging Mr. Neihardt to come before the students and faculty and read from these works. Yes, indeed, congratulations are He followed this advice and now Yes, indeed, congratulations are due The Omaha Bee for seeking to make its own people of Nebraska see what it is that is causing other states to call this Nebraska bard from sea

to sea to read his works. A. E. LONG. Accidents-Their Cause and Preven

No and that he had refused opportunit ther American poet has ever under the to appear before the club on the aken such a task, and already untiplea that he was "not giving his serv-He was told by a friend that if he

receives several hundred dollars each year as an after-dinner speaker.



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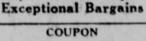
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Daily Prayer The Lord losseth the prisoners: The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are howed down: the Lord loveth the righteous; the Lord preserveth the strangers: He relieveth the fatheriess and widow; but the way of the wicked He turneth upside down. The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.—Ps. 146: 7-10. Oh God, our Father! How pre-clous to us is the privilege of having Thy Name linger on our lips, giving

nents, such as lightning, wind, storm,

tion. Omaha,-To the Editor of The Dmaha Bee: Accidents may be

Omaha Bee:

Thy Name linger on our lips, giving us new assurance of the fact that we are in the circle of Thy love and care. May this confidence drive away all fear and anxiety, and help to keep out of this day all other enemies of our souls. In the moment of our temptalion, may we realize Thy promise and Thy presence. When burdens come heavy, may we find the strength necessary in Thee. In face of all dif-ficulty and every problem, may we be brave because of our faith. For what-ever, these hours bring, may Thy crace he sufficient. Whatever we do grace be sufficient. Whatever we do, may we do it all to Thy glory. May this day bear the divine mark in the calendar on earth, and in Heaven. Wo leave our prayer, where all prayer belongs-in the shadow of the Cross. Amen. CORTLAND MYERS, A.B., D.D.,

NET AVERAGE CIRCULATION for JANUARY, 1923, of THE OMAHA BEE B. BREWER, General Mgr. VERN A. BRIDGE, Cir. Mgr. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3d day of February, 1923. W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public

Homespun Verse By Robert Worthington Davie DREAMS OF LONG AGO. How they flutter fairy-like---Dreams of blooming Long Ago, Nectar-dipped and phantom-like-Scenes we used to live and know