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AVOID A DEADLOCK.

Translated into the mildest terms, the statement of Representative J. M. Pollard is to the effect that Governor Bryan is more intent on his political schemes than on the progress of legislation. Mr. Pollard is a farmer from Franklin county. Ht is no more a supporter of the old code than he is of republican legislators he was drafted on a committee which drew up a plan for simplifying the government of Nebraska and reducing expenses.

This is known as the tri-department plan. It differs from the Bryan code in that it preserves the finance department intact, thus safeguarding the budget system and centralizing the business affairs ernor the full appointive powers that he seeks. The governor, in opposing the measure, resorted to the familiar political trick of charging that corporation lobbyists were working for its adoption. His claim and not of the people naturally aroused the resentment of the farmer legislator.

"I challenge Governor Bryan to prove his dishonest statements,' Representative Pollard says. Certainly the people of Nebraska do not wish in any way to have their government subjected to outside control. If the governor has any proof of his allegations, he should make it public. If he has no proof, then he should forthwith adopt a less belligerent tone and buckle down to work out a satisfactory plan of government with the legislature.

There are no insurmountable obstacles between the governor's plan and the tri-department plan. If one of these had been passed by the house and the other by the senate, a conference committee could easily have arranged a compromise between them. Representative Pollard puts his finger on the real difficulty when he declares that the governor is playing the part of an obstructionist.

The public is not much interested in forms. What the taxpayers seek is results, particularly lower taxes. Governor Bryan was elected on a platform to repeal the code; instead he has advanced a new and complicated code of his own. The republican legislature was elected on the pledge to revise the code to the end of economy and efficiency. That it stands ready to do. The plan would cost no more, and perhaps less than the governor's.

Instead of dictation, the legislative branch needs the co-operation of the executive. The expense of government must be lowered and relief given the taxpayers. This is no time for the "cheap personal politics," of which the Franklin county representative accuses the governor. The people want an end of propaganda. The Wilsonian method of domineering over the law-making branch of the government has never been popular, and has not even the

HE CONQUERED FORTUNE.

Michael R. Murphy, who has just passed on in Omaha, was another of several fine examples of what this country offers in men of energy and power. He started life with the equipment of a stout heart and equally strong limbs, and he climbed pretty well up to the top of the ladder in his busi-

"Mike" Murphy at 17 may have seen a vision of Michael R. Murphy at 61, but the chances are he did not. His first business was to drive hogs that somebody else had purchased for the Cudahys, yet before he was through he had purchased a billion dollars' worth of hogs for the firm. If the record runs true, it will probably show that while "Mike" Murphy put his heart into driving hogs, he also employed his head, else he might be following the reluctant porkers up the chute towards the killing pens

However, in the yards Murphy learned some of those valuable lessons that were not taught at ing that fitted him for his after career. As a hog buyer he was peer of any; as general superintendent and general manager of the big packing plant he knew his business. His contact with men was ample, and increasing experience extended his faculty of dealing with the big things that came to him to handle.

His life was simple, democratic in every sense, and his end came as he would have wished it, in the harness. He leaves one glorious heritage to humanity, an example that is worth following. Such lives as that of "Mike" Murphy are the perfect answer to those who say the young man no longer has a chance in this country, and who envy the rich simply because they are rich.

GET YOUR LAW FIRST HAND.

Far back in the beginning of things, when courts were taking on form, certain legal fictions were established, usually for the protection of the otherwise helpless. One of these was the equity power of the monarch, the right of injunction being peculiarly that of the king, and such orders being issued in his name. Another of the fictions that grew up was the "dies non," a day on which no court could sit or take action. Sundays, saints' days, holidays, and certain other days were listed, and on these no order could be made or execution levied.

This practice has been modified by law, but in the popular mind a considerable mist has persisted. For example, a widespread belief that a debt can not be discharged or demand for payment legally be made on Sunday. An argument over this point resulted in a murder in Omaha on Sunday.

As a matter of fact, the "dies non" exist only as a legal provision to protect the debtor or the creditor, as the case may be, in certain specified circumstances. A check drawn on Sunday, a contract signed on Sunday, a debt paid on Sunday, is as legal and binding in Nebraska as any one of those actions done on a secular day.

as they are of some other points of law. Safety lies Has kept me ever clingin' to the homestead an' the in making certain, and when a question sufficiently serious presents itself, it will be well to get the best advice obtainable

BONUS TO EVERY FAMILY MAN.

Humorists continue to make their little jokes about the income tax, just as some of them would go to a funeral and poke fun at the corpse. If the method of raising revenue for the uses of the federal government has had no other effect, it has taught a lot of people to keep books. In the dear old days the custom was to put the money into one pocket and the bills into another, and when they balanced the accounts were squared. Now any man who has an income, no matter from what source it is derived, keeps a strict account of what he takes in and what he pays out. Thus he is taught the first great lesson of orderly business methods, and it is possible that through this process he has found out where he can save a little here and a little there, and in the end is better off, because he has had this

On Thursday of this week there will be a grand rush to the office of the collector of internal revenue, and more than a billion dollars in cash will be paid to him. This payment will be accompanied by the full realization of something that has been

overlooked by the humorists. In the new revenue law, passed by the late congress, the exemption has been increased to heads of the new code proposed by Bryan. With four other families by \$500, so that no married man begins to pay tax until he earns over \$2,500; in addition he gets a deduction of \$400 for each dependent aside from his wife, so that the father of five children will pay no tax unless he has more than \$4,500 a

The increase in exemption to heads of families was equivalent to the addition of a \$20 bill to of the state. It also differs in not giving the gov- the savings of each. Careful estimates put the number of family groups with annual income of \$2,000 or more at 2,250,000, so that this single item of tax reduction amounts to \$42,500,000. Of the total group, 1,375,000 fall into the income bracket of that it was drawn in the interest of the corporations | \$2,000-3,000, which means that practically half that many will be exempted from payment of tax at all, because of the increased exemption. These will be added to the 21,375,000 family groups whose income falls below \$2,000 a year.

> The republican party promised to reduce taxes in the nation. It has done just that.

A WAY TO BUILD BOULEVARDS.

Drive out the road to Blair, and the poorest stretch will be found between Florence and the city limits. This piece is still unpaved, although once the boundary of the city is passed there is a fine brick highway. The explanation is that the country does not pave within the city, but only out in the

This particular pavement was laid through funds obtained by the inheritance tax. Wealthy men have died in Omaha, but the tax on their estate went entirely for county road building. It is thus with all the road funds in Douglas county: though the citizens of Omaha supply most of the money, the country districts receive the greater part of the benefits. The county bridge fund, the lability for most of the \$3,000,000 highway bonds, and the license fund all fall mainly on city tax-

Down at Lincoln the senate is considering a bill that would give the city half of the revenue from automobile licenses collected in this county. Senator Saunders, who is pushing this measure, points out that of the \$420,000 raised by licensing automobiles in Douglas county, all except \$4,000 is paid by residents of the city. Yet the whole of this sum is turned over to the county commissioners for maintaining the county roads.

There is justice in the proposal for a change. It is, of course, to the interest of Omaha as a trading point that there should be good highways throughout the county. Omaha welcomes the motorists who drive in from around the state, and the people of Omaha, moreover, find pleasure and profit in being enabled to drive out along good country roads. However, inasmuch as the city pays 90 per cent of the fees for automobile tags, it is no more than right that it should receive 50 per cent of the fund so raised.

Omaha needs well paved boulevards. Many of these are in worse shape today than some country roads. The proposal to give the city half the license | F fund, this portion to be divided 75 per cent for boulevards and 25 per cent for other streets, is one that could be fulfilled to the benefit of the city and with no injustice to rural Douglas county.

Practical jokes, such as that by the clerk who locked another in a safe, where he almost smothered, differ from other jokes in that they are more often serious than funny.

There, now, if you thought congress had wasted school, and the course he took between the ages of | its time. Frank W. Mondell says that an average of 17 and the day he cast his first vote gave him train- one and one-half laws a day were passed. Better still, 144 bills failed.

> Marriage is not a failure, as Isadore Duncan asserts; rather it is that some husbands and wives are

Homespun Verse

By Robert Worthington Davie

THE PIONEER.

I've been turnin' out at four o'clock nigh on to sixty An' doin' chores afore 'twas time to hustle to the field; I've cleared a hundred acres since I settled over here,

I've seen some gloomy seasons, and I've reaped a bumper yield Of corn an' wheat and rye; I've raised the best

I've fed some sheep an' cattle on this little farm of mine. I've done without the luxuries that many people buy; I've sighed-I've cursed the trials that come from

workin' with the clay. At times I've been so weary that I hoped an' prayed to I almost saw my locks of brown change to a silvery

I've felt the swelterin' heat of summer, the winter's bitin' cold. An' the primeval plain and woodland did my youthful

I've weeded corn fields with a hoe, an' cradled wheat an I've herded oxer on a crude and clumsy fashioned plow I've scythed the meddar swath by swath-a ploneer

An' feel a heap of gladness that it's changed completely I've got a recollection of the flail-that measured beat-My heart a throbbin', throbbin'-an' a keepin' time my

Year after year I've struggled on the farm, at times to

In blindness an' discouragement+to falter an' regain Many well informed persons are unaware of this, My confidence an' courage, an' that elevatin' hope

> Now that decrepitude has gripped me an' the promised I five my last days gladly in the sweetness of a dream

rive his up. Ministers of the gospel rely do not want to place themselves in a position where they will

"From State and

-Nation"

Editorials from other

newspapers.

Class Legislation.

house of representatives which, if en-

acted into law, will be the first break-

the railroads authority to allow min

isters and religious workers to travel

Nebraska at half fare. We cannot think but that this is

very poor legislation. It is purely

poor policy to have anyone in a pub-

and simply class legislation—perhaps benefiting a very worthy class, but

hem favors. Ministers of late years have been This is the Story of storiesgetting good salaries, and even if they (The Rain and the Seed and the Sod)them to raise their calling as a busiess proposition is by refusing special favors and doing as other business men do-pay their money for services endered them and demand the proper

eturn for what they get. Congratulations to Yankton.

From The Sloux Falls Press. Yankton is ready to definitely an I am the dew to feed nounce that the Missouri river bridge You with your blooms that perish, at that point will be ready for traffic Martyrs unto the seed. by January 1, 1924.

tain the account of no more valiant | This is the Law and the Plan, struggle than that which has been Oh, you are the Woman forevercarry the bridge construction project through to a successful issue. Undertaken when business conditions were pulsating with unnatural life and were pulsating with unnatural life and is heartening the archaeologists at its heartening the interval is heartening the archaeologists at the project through to a successful issue. Undertaken when business conditions a little scandarous half-heard through the swelling harmony of excitement and approval that is heartening the archaeologists at little scandarous. put up by the people of Yankton to I am the Man! good faith in easier times have since proven uncollectible. Discouragements Now it is announced that bonds | for make sure the immediate comple-Yankton who have been in close touch

the and whose scars from the fierceness of the free many. It has been an undertaking which has fired the imagination and called for the exercise of much patience, but Yankton should deeply appreciate their plying us with it. Tutankhamen is more and sold lake some stant to Just what the bridge may mean to nummy.

br'dge is completed the Great North-ern railway will proceed at once to century. ack to intercept what is known as iving that road through trackage com the Twin Cities to Denver. It Northern officials, and there are those who say that there is but little doubt of favorable action. Naturally enough this would mean the opening of a considerable rich terr, tory to the city.

The Heirs of the Pharaoh. om the Manchester Guardian.

If the Caire claimant to direct descent from Tutankhamen can produce the right documents there will be some long faces at the College of Heralds. For, after a pedigree going feralds. For, after a pedigree sold change the interior of the house general sold change the interior of the house generally will hardly seem worth while to bad's favorite chair will be moved.

Dad's favorite chair will be moved to be considered to be considere bother about family trees rooted no deeper in time than the Norman conuest. Perhaps in self-defense the ollege of Heralds will return to a habit once fashionable among English chroniclers, who used to preface their more or less trustworthy biographies of the great with a genealogical table that tracked their hero's ances-try up to a son of Noah or to some other becomingly remote figure. But it is more likely that Lord Carnaryon will continue to be referred to by the wits as the man to whom Tutank-hamen left his estate. In this there is

Daily Prayer

a minority of onlookers that sees

O Lord, we come to Thee in the name of Jesus. Who is the way, the truth, and the life. Thou art a great God, and we would approach Thee with feelings of reverence and holy fear. But Thou art also our Father, having created and redeemed us, and we come with the love and confidence of children. We thank Thee that we have a friend and advocate in Heaven. ver our Savior. Who was tempted all points like we are, yet without and Who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. We adore the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Every good gift is from Thee. All our hopes are in Thee. Cast us not away from Thy presence. Look with compassion upon us, and blot out all

Teach us Thy will, and lead us in a plain path. Make us willing to be used in Thy Kingdom. Forbid that we should lay a stumbling block in the way of another. Prosper Thy Church in this and all lands. Speedlly bring all nations to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. We ask it in His

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Songs of Courage John G. Neihardt Nebraska's Poet Laureate

EROS.

Lured as the Earth lures Summer, Wooing as Sunlight the Seed-A bill has already passed the state I am the mystical Comer, senate and is being considered by the I am the Will and the Deed!

Over and over forever down in the anti-free railroad pass | The glad sad story is told; legislation which was made a law in Fleeing, escaping me never.

Nebraska in 1907. The bill will give I am your Shower of Gold.

> Subtle as April creeping Flower-shod out of the South I am the dream of your sleeping, Fever am I at your mouth.

nevertheless, it will be a matter of I am the sap-lift singing the balance of society paying for a The hope of a last glad birth; Years ago the public decided it was You are the Earth! I am the May-Fog clinging-

ic position under obligations to the And fnine are the pangful kisses railroads. The passes were therefore That waken the Dream in the Dust; taken away from the legislators and Bringer of aching blisses, even the poor newspaper men had to Cruel I seem as Lust.

ways speaking the truth about the Oh, I am a pitiless Master railroads because they are granting I am glorified Pain.

Sleeps in the after-hush,

I am the dawn-filled quiet-I am the thrush

The annals of tthe state will con- Ancient and ending never,

tone of disapproval. By what right, en of vision, however, refused to admit defeat. They kept up the fight for the sale of stock under the most trying conditions. Pledges made in for his body? We may not share the religious beliefs that caused him to set so much store on preserving his of every kind have presented them mortal remains, but ought we not to selves until many did lose their coure. Now it is announced that bonds the extent of \$300,000 will be sold make sure the immediate complement of the burner of the product of the on of the huge task. Residents of siderations? And if it is, how are we to justify the pictures and the arwith the situation recently told the ticles scattered among people who do Press that there will be no trouble in not know one Egyptian dynasty from disposing of the bonds and it seems another, who have no real interest in that the last obstacle has been recurlosity at this derelict strayed into All South Dakota will join in ex- their newspapers from the dawn of tending congratulations to those men history? But, in fact, even the most who have borne the brunt of the bri- casual follower of the excavations efforts and should take some steps to more powerful than ever he was while his spirit inhabited what is now a Just what the bridge may mean to numiny. This could be no lawsuits between his a matter for conjecture. There has need be no lawsuits between his been a conviction that when the Cairene descendant and other claim-For he belongs to the 20th

A Missouri senator wants the conthe Ashland Cut-off, running from stitution taught in all schools. It Sloux City to Lincoln, Neb., thereby would be a good plan. If the children would be a good plan. If the children grow up in some knowledge of the constitution they will know what to do with the demagogues who are alis freely stated that such a move has do with the demagogues who are alrectived the attention of the Great ways trying to tear it down.—Hous-

Common Sense

Spring Cleaning and the Domestic Warpath. Spring house cleaning time is on

he way and many a home squabble Wives will rearrange furniture and change the interior of the house gen-

will be the first thing to displease

changes in other rooms where he spends his time when at home. He will feel like putting on his hat and going to the club or elsewhere to

his anger cool. There is not enough give and take a this matter of spring cleaning. In these semi-annual changes in ouse arrangement, men should remember that women have to see the same things in the same place all the time for six months, while they have comparatively few hours at home. It is in the interest of economy

to change certain chairs so that the rugs may wear more evenly. But the wife should realize that her chair he shall sit and where, after his day of toil.

"The People's Voice"

Reading and Character.

Kearney, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: "Will you go and gossip with your hoursemaid, or your stable boy, when you may talk with queens and kings?"—Ruskin.

A young man who is employed to

A young man, who is employed in book store, made the following statement a few days ago: "I can tell what kind of a book, or magazine, a person is intending to buy just as soon as he enters the store." And the speaker might truthfully have added: "When pinion of his character is confirmed.' A new way of reading character! We judge people by their clothes, their amusements, their associates. Why not by the books they read?

The average person in choosing a book demands one essential-that the book be exciting, at least interesting. Is this the one test that he applies in choosing his occupation, his recreations, his associates and his friends? Perhaps this is his one standard of choice. Most of us will then con-clude that he is not the person we want for an intimate friend.

And yet the books we read, if we do read, have practically the same influence as our associates and friends. Yet some of us associate with characters in fiction that we should not recognize, if we were to meet them on "Main Street" of our own home

The mother, or perhaps the father tells the child he must not read a certain "best seller," for it is not good reading for young people, and yet when the boy has left the room the careful parent will devour the book hungrily. Is this a good reading ex-

But how shall we choose our books? What is a good book? Of course, the librarians can help us, but the readng tastes of the librarians do not always correspond to the reading tastes of the ordinary reader. Our library shelves are filled with good books. books of travel, biography, politics and fiction. The choice of the reader should depend on an affirmative angetting something worth while from I getting something worth while from this book—something that will help plan for the eradication of this great this book—something that will help plan for the eradication of this great the press who asked him if it were If the reader can say "Yes," he has hosen a good book

Are you willing to be judged by the TEACHER. books you read?

Tuberculosis Eradication.

Omaha.--To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Minnesota, third in rank Omaha Bee: Minnesota, third in rank braskans interested in the tubercu- copy." We among the dairy states of the United losis campaign in this state in the ford Courant.

Somebody Call His Station

campaign for the area testing of cat-tle for tuberculosis. The decision to plan, is class legislation and favors adopt the area plan for cleaning up the packers, not the cattle owners, the state came after a thorough in- Let us hope that Nebraska, proud of vestigation by leading breeders of the her prowess as an agricultural state. state on the best way to combat the | will not show herself a quitter in the white plague among the cattle herds.

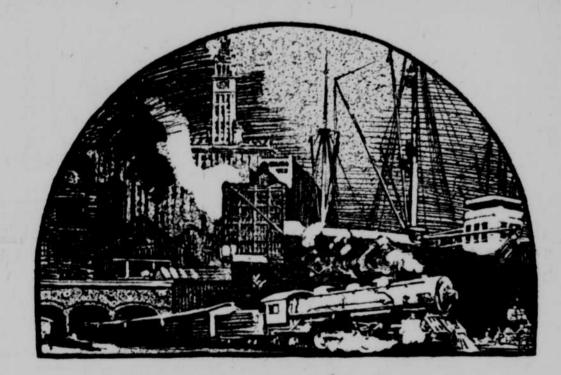
The legislature is to be asked for her rightful place among the states \$500,000 per annum for the work.

whose farmers are behind the same

dn. New York and Minnesota, are opposing. H. HOWARD BIGGAR. now all taking up the area work, which has become the predominant union. The farmers of Iowa are ask, the press who asked him if it were ing the legislature for \$500,000 per true that he had, as some papers reannum to carry on the area plan in ported. "pledged his life to Christ." that state, and the farmers of Illinois Fred Stone, the actor, said that he are back of a bill asking for \$650,000 was not looking for publicity and per year for the area work there. added: "It is a simple and natural." This news is of interest to Nething, much too sacred to be used as

The three big dairy states, Wiscon- plan that the governor of Nebraska is

We agree with him.-Hart-



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