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KING ALCOHOL PUTS ON OVERALLS.

Oil is a very essential thing to modern civilization. The need for gasoline as a source of power has led to serious disputes between great nations. Experience in the world war taught the lesson most impressively. Without gasoline or a similar fuel, a combatant is at the mercy of the foe. France is desperately endeavoring to secure control of an oil field on which to depend for fuel, and the breakdown of the Lausanne peace conference turned more directly on Mosul than any other single point.

In the United States control of oil is so nearly monopolistic as to lay every user under tribute to the producers. Moreover, it is listed among the perishing industries. A dry oil well is about as useless as anything well can be, and oil wells are being exhausted. Naturally, this directs attention to substitutes for oil. One of the readiest is alcohol. Long ago alcohol was put to the test, and found to be serviceable as a source of power for internal combustion engines. It is not so efficient as gasoline, but it will do the work, and the source of alcohol is unlimited. In President Roosevelt's time a serious endeavor was made to secure the privilege of using alcohol for fuel. Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department advocated the plan, and a law was passed to allow the distillation of the agent on the farms or elsewhere to be used as a power producer. Many kinds of farm refuse could be used for making power alcohol.

Such elaborate restrictions were provided in the law, however, that it proved almost unworkable, and people stuck to gasoline. With a monopoly threatening the price, a condition is developing where alcohol may come into use. Modifications of the existing law may be necessary, and should be made, in order that farmers and others can have the advantage of a product that is easily obtained and which will relieve a situation that is burden-

LIVE STOCK GROWERS REMEMBER.

Mr. William Gibbs McAdoo did not get away to a very happy start in his race for the presidency, at least not before the live stock men gathered in Texas. On the contrary, when he addressed the convention of Texas and Southwest Cattle Growers' association at El Paso he pulled one of those slips that has gained for Sparkplug such a wide place on

that have overtaken the country since he took collect it in a lump. charge of the transportation lines five years ago. | City, county and state tax collections should be Now, none so well know when and where the de- spread out over quarterly periods. They would be flation started and took its greatest effect as do the cattle men of the country. "The toad beneath the harrow knows exactly where each tooth point | Moreover, in the interests of efficiency, the dates goes," and the men who lost billions, who were in | for paying all taxes should be made alike. As things a twinkling plunged into the deepest financial distress, many of them facing irretrievable bankruptcy, are not easy to fool as to the cause of their | These fall too close together to allow much breath trouble.

The cattle growers promptly challenged Mr. McAdoo's statements, especially with regard to freight rates and deflation. One of the speakers particularly referred to June, 1920, as the beginning of the post-war deflation, while the republicans did not come into the administration control until March, 1921. It is well to keep these dates in mind. Most of the trouble is over, but the democrats are yet inclined to shift the burden of their mistakes onto the republicans. They will find, however, that men who suffered as did the live stock growers are not apt to forget whence came their troubles, nor who it was helped them out of the hole into which McAdoo and those he worked with

POLITICS AND THE POLICE FORCE.

If Dan Butler wants the police department, and Henry Dunn is willing to let him take it, the transfer should be made. If any improvement in service results from the change, it will be welcome.

Omaha's police force has been a storm center of politics for 35 years. The metropolitan police system was brought into being in the midst of a political storm as fierce as any that ever beat in the city, and in all its life it has seen but few clear days. One tempest or another has raged around it almost continuously, and the effect has been what might have been anticipated.

Men cannot do good service, no matter how well they are disposed to serve, when the conditions under which they work are subject to the perpetual disturbance of political maneuvers. Until the police force is set on something approaching a basis of permanency, discipline and general conduct will be at a low ebb, because the men will be hampered in their

work, no matter how loyal and efficient they may be. No man can serve two masters. A policeman can not be loyal to his public trust and the interest of a

political boss or clique at one and the same time. It is not merely a question of stopping card games in cigar stores and soft drink parlors. The law can be enforced without resort to such expedients as changing superintendents and chiefs of police, or the threatened shakeup by which sergeants will be demoted and patrolmen promoted, and the whole

working organization shifted. Omaha citizens have just consented to the expenditure of a considerable sum of money over last year's budget item for police protection. This was done to improve the service, and get security for the homes. That is the real mission of the police force, to give protection to life and property, and it should be the chief end of any man who is put in charge. It will be possible when the time comes that the police department of our city government is no longer a storm center of politics, but headquarters for a well trained and efficient group of men who are dedicated to keeping the peace and running down

Walking is good exercise, but it ought to be possible without a snow blockade to stimulate the sport.

SEEN AT THE STATE HOUSE.

Persons who thought the state of Nebraska did not need a new state house should pay a visit to Lincoln while the legislature is in session. Let the visitor stumble through the dark and crowded corridors, make his way up and down unlighted stairways, and otherwise endure the inconvenience and discomforts of movement around the old building. On every side he will note the props and scaffoldings that have been erected to prevent total col-

lapse of the antiquated structure. Then, let the inquiring visitor enter either the senate or house chambers, and discover what the lawmakers are putting up with. Poor light, no ventilation, desks close together, accommodations of the most primitive sort, even the pioneer lawmakers, who sat in the first Nebraska territorial legislature, had less to put up with than is borne by the body now in session at Lincoln.

After noting the conditions prevailing in the legislative halls, visit one of the state officer's headquarters, whether it be the treasurer at the west end or the state superintendent at the east, and discover how unfit the quarters are. Men and women who are serving the state deserve something more than mere salary for the sacrifices they are making.

Men are not capable of producing their best mental efforts when under stress of physical discomfort, and this fact may account in some measure for what is going on at Lincoln. Just the other day the legislature had to adjourn because of the cold. The need of a new building for the state's officers and lawmakers is certainly imperative.

SPEED UP THE MAIL.

With no reflection whatever on the departing postmaster general, yet the citizens of southern Nebraska along the Burlington line from Thompson to Oxford hope that the new head of the postal department will see that their mail service is improved. A correspondent of The Omaha Bee living in Guide Rock writes in to call attention to the neglect of postoffice or railroad employes which often results in the delay of the mails for a whole day.

"We received our Sunday Omaha papers on Sunday, March 11, for the first time for quite a while," he writes. "It is not only Sunday that we miss, but it occurs quite often during the week." He states that citizens along this southern Nebraska line intend to carry the matter to their representatives in Wash-

Incidents of this sort, in which mail is left to lie on the platform of a junction as the branch line train pulls out are too frequent. In this case the people for 150 miles are discommoded. They look for their daily paper, as they look for their letters, only to discover that they have been left behind and will arrive a day late. If carelessness is to blame for this situation, it should speedily be remedied. If train schedules are at fault, they should be altered in behalf of good service. Omaha needs closer connection with the great region along the southern boundary, and Omaha is willing to help in whatever way it can to establish prompt mail service.

TAXES ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN.

The provision in the federal income tax law which allows payments to be made-in quarterly installments is one that might well be taken over into state and local use. It is not always convenient Following the well-trodden path of the 1922 or even possible for citizens to provide the cash campaign, the late secretary of the treasury and with which to meet the entire tax bill at one time. dictator of the railroads charged the republican Governments do not spend all their funds at once party with responsibility for all the misfortunes and there is no reason why they should seek to

complaint over footing the expenses of government. now stand, city, school and water taxes are paid in July, while county and state taxes are paid in May. ing space for taxpayers. If all these bills could be presented at the same time and payment in installments through the year authorized, general benefit

The decision to abolish publication of "Shun," the annual scandal sheet of the University of Nebraska, ends a most vulgar episode. The students responsible for this paper, sad to say, are young men with talent enough to produce real literature. Their crudity and lack of culture, whatever its cause, may not be entirely eliminated by the abolishment of "Shun," but at least they will not have the facility for exposing themselves.

One of the mysteries of the hour is why the house should want any additional help in debating the form of government Nebraska is to have.

Mr. Bryan's opinion of Dr. van Loon will be as vigoroous, but not so sulphurous, perhaps.

These doggoned robins were just spoofing us.

Looks like the drouth were bent a little.

Homespun Verse

By Robert Worthington Davie

A BACHELOR'S PLEA.

You wonder why I'm baching, though a graceful youth An extremely fluent speaker-as they used to vouch

Why I'm happy with a cottage that has verdure for a And a roof that is as "holy" as a roof could ever be-

Where the rain drips slowly downward from the foliage behold the stars a-dancing in unpainted brilliancy,

And the sunbeams creep around my couch and table and settee-Is there any wonder I'm a bachelor and poor?

I've no children to divert me of my dreams ammacu-I've no need to dig for opulence, in peacefulness I

Close to Nature's subtle freshness in a simple, whole-

And I listen not to misery, and I have no grief to tell; When I'm victim of an illness dandelion makes me well, I exist amid the treasures man can neither buy nor sell. And my verse gives recreation in this quiet, restful dell. Could I be one of God's children and be seeking, crav-

ing more? Here I meet no strife material; here no dreariness I

Beauty of the seasons and the air fowls' roundelay Teach to me platonic virtue, make my thoughts sub-I'm a child, for with the children of Nativity I play,

And my eyes look up to Heaven clear, unflinching when And I need no guide to lead me lest by vice I'm lured

And I welcome night as gladly as I seek the dawn of Why should I want a wife and children three or four?

"The People's Voice"

A Nebraskan's Tribute to Neihardt. Albion, Neb .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: A poet has come out of the west. The soul of a dreamer, "out of the vast," early looked upon the cloudless blue from a Nebraska home. Here upon the wind-swept rolling plains of our own land of the goldenrod rose a man whose great heart pulsates with thrilling epics, whose harp of life quivers with sweetest

wrics.
While the state was rolling up the wealth of half a century a little boy was looking afar off, down the centuries which are yet to come saw the days yet unborn when the events of our territorial infancy would be ancient history. Their personali-ties would be all unrecorded, the throbbing purposes, the heroic sacri-fices, the direful struggles of the wilderness would be no more. The poetry of their lives would be as a man remembers the lay. A great race

Thus was our It must not be. Neihardt touched with celestial fire. The song story began to make music throughout the great reaches of his selves in his vision.

The first contributions have already been made; Those who have read them and lived in them reflect with ight among us while writing his immortal verses.

But while Nebraska is toolfully at alm, John G. Neihardt is toilfully at masterful epics. Arduous work on his masterful epics. Arduous years lie ahead of him. He will allow nothing to abate the work, for cosmic forces have come to a focus in his life and the Presence bids him not lay down his pen until the last explaining the Bible. I can take it epics are finished, lest the world lose and confound all denominations. The

The greatest gifts to the world have een the products of heart and mind. Inventions, music painting and po-etry have enriched human life. They are cumulative. They are passed on as heritages, when buildings have dlen in their own dust.

Poets give us new contacts with the ofinite. They reach out into the llimitable spaces of spirit and attach anchorages by which others may limb to mountain peaks. They give us courage. They inspire us with hope. They find rose tints in back of dark clouds. They see life in its grandest aspects, stripped of sordid-ness. They interpret life for us. There are millions for things com-mercial or transient. Why not a

beautiful home for the poet and a life should so dispense public funds that professorship at the University of are urgently need for grade schools. What a pitiful sum it would take from our large resources Are our sensibilities so atrophied by materialistic considerations that we cannot conceive spiritual values? Perhaps there is a spot among the wooded hills of Omaha, overlooking the Missouri, or some dell of beauty

where Nebraska's metropolis shelter our poet in a spacious home. of his epic journeys. Omaha, always big, always generous, with open purse strings for every good cause, quick to appreciate culture, might well afford, as a community enterer literature—"Omaba, home of John J. Neihardt." Carlton college bids for the honor. A significant event is about to take place. Some American city is going to bedeck her streets with flowers for the triumphal entry of this eminent American singer and claim him as her life guest. Has Nebraska the perspicacity to vision what

A LOYAL NEBRASKAN.

Explanations of the Bible. Danbury, Neb .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Of late I note the

advent of some marvelous minds. After such giants as Paine, Voltaire, Jolmy, Hume, Renau, Gibbon, Owen, et al., of equal learning and mental potency, signally failed to dent the Christian scriptures, should I rush into public print, asserting my disbe-lief of any part of the Bible, I should consider egotism a mild term to apply to myself. The notoriety would be

But alas, some men cannot live out ; their allotted time without making themselves recusant. If I should make a tirade against the Bible, which has made civilization what it is, I would consider my impudence to phenomenal, and my ignorance of the Bible and church history colossal. Should I rush into print with my infidelity, instead of gray matter I would think I only had sawdust in my head. The sun will shine just as bright when the little popgun scholars shuffle off their mortal coil.

Think of Ingersoll. A few decades ago in everybody's mouth, even the little popguns scared out of their

Daily Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, accept our thanks for the re-creation of body and mind Thou hast given us in the hours of wonderful sleep.

Help us to be so attentive to the still small voice of our Teacher and Guide, the Holy Spirit, that whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do this day, all shall be done to Thy

We desire that Thy Kingdom come in all the earth. We so desire this, that here and now we offer Thee our Herald. odies, our minds our reputations our characters and our lives and ask Thee o use each and all as seems best to

So relate us and all we have to Thy work in the world that we may count for most in Thy Kingdom. So teach and train us by Thy Word and daily providences that we shall trust Thee daily for our daily needs, and witness for Thee by being as peaceful and oyous in disappointment, adversity, or affliction, as in prosperity.

We ask it in the name of Jesus, our

Savior. Amen.
WILLIAM B. STUBBS.

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

HARK THE MUSIC.

Hark, the music calling! From the earth it grows, From the sky 'tis falling, In the wind it blows.

Silver-noted star-gleams Through the moony glooms; Golden-noted sunbeams Wooing cherry blooms!

Flying-fingered Winds smite

Through the misty midnight Moans the Growing Pain! Cradle-buds are shaken By a hand they know:

Brother, Sister, waken-

'Tis the time to grow!

Throbbing strings of rain;

only for comparison. The Bible is just with these demands? And then, as vigorous as ever. I am neither why did not the governor wait Roman nor Greek Catholic, nor Protestant. Am a Christian. The only name in which the Bible says you can glorify God; 1 Peter, 4:16. In his 44 bills, before they commence their bombardment of the legislature to make these bills? As a matter of

tainty.

contention. But that which is not sym- Wouldn't that frost the feathers in reverence on their kinship with this great American. To Nebraskans must come an awed pride, that he has lived that it is letters to the Church of tory of Nebraska? If so, when? Christ in different localities. It says Mr. Bryan promises that if this things "which must shortly come to hodge-podge of 44 measures is passed But while Nebraska is discovering pass," not have come to pass, as you and his proposition for replacing the

the memory of "the last great west-ward movement of civilization."

Church of Christ I belong to is not made if a denomination. Christ is not divided. ly alone. With charity for all who have been ELDER W. R. BURBRIDGE.

Questions School Board Policy.

Omaha-To the Editor of the Omaha Bes: The board of education's extrav-High school building with costly and unnecessary luxuries as well as the unwarranted purchase of a building site for the North High school that cannot be used for such purpose are subjects of deepest import to the taxpayers and school patrons. Coming at this trying period of our city's history when the most successful in the most successful in the most successful in thick, the only wall which the Mayas haps the various expeditions are no haps the various exp payers and school patrons. Coming didn't get very far. at this trying period of our city's hisess. They interpret life for us.

Shall Nebraska claim her own child? the strictest economy is expected among all public officials, it is fore surprising that the school board

> urgent appeals for larger school buildings that should be safe and sanitary, but the board has expressed it-self as being unable to relieve these districts at this time. Nevertheless, the board has authorized the construction of a swimming pool in the Technical High school building, the cost of which is reported to be not less than \$60,000. Two hundred shower baths will also be included with the pool, as well as electric hair dryers and other nonessential luxuries. It is reported that the above-mentioned items are only a portion of the unnecessary cost of this building alone. High school will also be furnished in

> There may be extenuating circumgram, which, if known by the taxpayers and school patrons, might mitigate their resentment. If such is the case, a statement by the president or some other member of the board would not be inappropriate at this time . TANPAYER.

Common Sense

Recognize Good Service as Well as Bad. If you are not given good service in a store you do not hesitate to make a complaint to the man in charge of the department.

But do you ever call his attention to the particularly good service you have received at the hands of one of

Mighty seldom. Why? Why d Why do you not praise as well as blame?

Certainly the ones hired to serve you are expected to do their part in giving you attention and satisfaction, but is it too much for you to express to them and to their employers the fact that your are pleased with their

A few words from you may bring deserved recognition to a good clerk, for it is only the capable clerk who can give good service, worthy of com-

Isn't it true that you save most of your compliments to be given at social functions, or to those from whom you hope to receive some benefit? Instead of complimenting those who can favor you, why do you not extend your favorable comments to those who serve? (Copyright, 1923.)

The Spice of Life

Wanted-Will pay \$5 cash, 16 bags potatoes, a side-car used four years, one single harness and a student lamp for a Ford car in first-class condition. Address E. P. O.—Eric Railroad Magazine.

"Have you any fresh vitamines?" asked the young bride.
"Yes, mum," said the veracious dealer,
"We've some that was caught on the coast
yesterday."

Gifford Pinchot, one of the original progressive republicans of the country. friend and follower of the late Theodere Rosseveit, and leading conversationist.—Oakland (Cal.) Post-Enquirer. Babies -

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Unseemly Haste. From the Osceola Record.

the haste in the matter of Mr. Bryan's request that the home folks write to him and also to the legislature demanding the passage of his bill so that the state would be saved that \$9,000,000 and have that bunch of 150 employes wiped off the pay rolls at the state house. Why does the ernor wish people to write to him? Is he needing to be convinced that his program is a good thing and will it require a few thousand letters from people over the state importuning him to stand for his own program before he will be finally convinced that it is a good thing? And if the governor wants to receive some letters wits for fear he would subvert the he is convinced before he urges the home folks to shower the legislature why did not the governor wait till people had a chance to see what was throughout the great reaches of his intellect, while events took form and the dramatic crises of history shaped themselves in his vision.

Now, Brother Smith, in your explaining of Revelations, 17:5, you say he one can explain the book to a certain themselves in his vision. Mr. Bryan promises that if this

reason. Fourth chapter: "Things code is adopted, that he will save the which must be hereafter." All in the state \$9,000,000. Yet with the excepfuture tense, not in the past of tion of a few hundred thousand, the whole nine millions comes off Your opinion, or my own, "cuts no state university, the normal schools, ce." You have a big job, brother, the state institutions, the agricultural the state institutions, the agricultural industry, and not off the code at all. The same slashes could have been made if the code had been left entire-

As a matter of fact, Mr. Bryan has We'll see. set up an impromptu structure which he has designed to take the place of grand rush to the people asking them to demand something they know nothing about except the label that Bryan has advoitly pasted onto the bottle. The unseemly haste that has been expected by the chief expectation of the label that Bryan in Egypt and Central America. Persistence of the label that Bryan in Egypt and Central America. Persistence of the label that Bryan in Egypt and Central America. Persistence of the label that Bryan in Egypt and Central America. Persistence of the label that Bryan in Egypt and Central America.

WELL IF YOU MUST! YOU MIGHT GO T' TH' FURNACE ROOM R TH' GARAGE WHERE THERE'S MORE ROOM Many people are wondering why

A Strain on the Family Tie

Nebraska are commencing to wonder the Carnegie institute to Yucatan where that \$4,000,000 deficit that has returned with photographs. Bryan charged is coming from. They ords and relics bearing on the ancient whether the whole brazen bluff to discrement his prodecessor will be heard from again. And if the Bryan method of reitef for the taxpayers of this the buried treasures of Egypt found in the term of King Tutenkhamur. tate is as sound as the charge that in the tomb of King Tutenkhamun. de that the state is \$4,000,000 short in its finances-

A Key to Maya Secrets.

mly and indecently hasty, isnt it?

This expedition was in charge of dle American archeology in the Car negle institute, and excavations were made on the site of Tuluum, the city built by the Mayas, in whose ruini the key to the "lost tribes" is sought. The city is said to have risen seven The world seems to be experience looking the Caribbean sea. It was

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