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THE UNIVERSITY AND THE PEOPLE. Too much weight need not be attached to the report of the legislative committee investigating the University of Nebraska.

There were no supermen on this legislative committee. In the short time which they devoted to examining the state educational system they could not establish themselves as expert advisers in school affairs.

Under Chancellor Samuel Avery the University of Nebraska has grown steadily in standing as well as in size. His pay has been less than that of the superintendent of schools in Omaha.

It has been said that republics are ungrateful; incidents are plentiful in Nebraska which indicate the risks of misunderstanding and lack of appreciation run by those who attempt to give service of a highly specialized nature to the public.

In its petty details the legislative report illustrates some of the dangers besetting the public school system of this state. What parent, wishing his children to receive thorough training from the day they enter school until they leave, wishes to lower the standards set for teachers?

Yet the schools of Nebraska are not properly to be held immune from criticism. Those things that are wrong must be corrected. If there is waste it must be eliminated. In so far as it pointed out facts of this nature the legislative investigating committee was within its proper field.

CUT THE FEEDING BILL. County government costs too much, and anything that can be done for the sake of economy will be greatly appreciated by the taxpayers.

For many years it has been the law and custom to pay the sheriff 50 cents a day for supplying meals to prisoners. Inasmuch as the fare is simple and there is little overhead expense, the meals have not cost that much.

It is so easy to talk of cutting taxes and lowering governmental expenses, but whenever a serious attempt is made it invariably is found to step on some one's toes and opposition develops.

The remedy is beyond the reach of the county government. Only action by the legislature can make it possible to cut off this piece of privilege. The Douglas county legislators alone can not pass this bill, but they must have the help of members from other parts of the state.

A mamma pig down in Johnson county received a visit from the stork, and twenty-one little piglets were left, if you want to know what a real good brood sow can do for her country.

THE IMMORTAL SARAH. Sarah Bernhardt has left the world a legacy priceless beyond understanding. One of the glorious company of immortals, she lavished her treasure of art on appreciative millions, who gladly paid their tribute to her wonderful genius.

Once Richard Mansfield said he would play at any cross roads or water tank where people would assemble to hear him. He might have spent his days in one or another of the large centers of population, but he felt that his message was to a wider world, and that those who never would get to New York deserved consideration.

It was on an American tour she met the accident which culminated in the loss of a leg. Many of the Omahans who packed the Brandeis theater one stifling hot Sunday night to listen to the rolling periods of Rostand's "L'Aiglon" knew that she was suffering from pain in that newly injured leg, but they also knew that a brave woman stood before them, and with never a sign of her physical suffering, portrayed the emotions of the Eaglet with such eloquence of utterance, such poignancy of expression, as rarely has been listened to. Her body was subjugated to her soul.

When France called on all her sons and daughters, Bernhardt went into the trenches. From them she went to the hospital, to suffer amputation of the injured leg. Undaunted, she rose from that bed, and began again the pouring out of her inexhaustible fountain of artistry. It was not the vain endeavor of an old woman to hold her vanishing world; it was the sincere effort of a prophet to give all possible in the time allotted. Bernhardt is dead, so far as her physical life is concerned; Bernhardt will live forever, along with other great ones, whose service to mankind has won for them immortality. The world will mourn because she has gone, but will also rejoice because she lived.

SEEDS OF NEW FORESTS. Minnesota is moving vigorously along lines that have been suggested for Nebraska, for the reforestation of a great area that once produced huge supplies of wonderful pine timber. In Minnesota the forests were devastated by white men, for their profit; in Nebraska the forests were destroyed by fire, some set by men, but no profit and little use came from the growth.

To encourage private enterprise in forestation in Minnesota, it is proposed to amend the constitution as follows: "The legislature may impose a fixed tax or assessment rate for a long term of years on land property used to get a new growth of timber."

This will stimulate the employment of private capital in a business that is neglected. But Minnesota has a forestry bureau, organized and functioning. Nebraska has not yet taken the first step, but should neglect the business no longer. The people of the state are coming to understand what is involved in systematic tree culture, and realize the need of state assistance and oversight in the management of great plantations.

A bill is pending before the legislature that has for its purpose the establishment of a forestry bureau in connection with the College of Agriculture of the University of Nebraska. The legislature could perform no better service than to pass this measure, so a start may be made to a future when Nebraska will not depend on imported timber to meet its wants.

WISDOM OF THE GRASS ROOTS. How does the grass know that spring is near? It does without a doubt. In spots where the heavy snow of a week ago was melted off the sward was green. Yet the weather was much colder than it was on many days of February.

The same intelligence, now that the season is later, but the weather colder, seems to say, "Spring is here. Put forth your tender blades. The winter's cold is over. Time to wake up."

Pittsburg—Kansas—is disturbed by mysterious flashes of light. Maybe it's the ghosts of the Dalton boys rehearsing their history. The democratic spirit is spreading its kindly influence everywhere—a free-for-all fight has just broken up a session of the Japanese diet.

Homespun Verse By Robert Worthington Davis LOOKING FORWARD. Looking forward to the beauty which a worthy life may lend Will at length be looking backward as the world surges a friend; Not with praise of golden letters, nor of fluent phrases told; But with reverence and kindness more significant than gold.

The Song of Three Friends A Prize Winning Poem of Western Life by John G. Neihardt. While the other men are playing cards, Talbeau has succeeded in securing the presence of Carpenter and for the entire afternoon they have been engaged in amicable games until "That Unseen Player Came" for Carpenter beat Fink and they fought.

Then suddenly they saw Fink crouch to strike: And ere they comprehended what they saw, There came a thud of knuckles on a table. And Carpenter rolled over on the ground. One moment in a breathless lapse of sound The stricken man strove groggily to rise.

For, even as the futile blow went by, One saw the lithe white form shoot up close in. A hooked white arm jab upward to the chin— Once—twice—and yet again. With eyes aflare, His hands aloft and clutching at the air, Fink tottered backward, limply lurched and fell.

Then came to pass what stilled the rattle's yell. So strange it was. And 'round the three that night The wisest warriors, talking of the fight, Could not explain what happened at the end. No friend, they said, makes war upon the foe. Nor does a foe have pity on a foe: And yet the tall white chief had bathed with snow The bloody mouth and battered cheek Of him who fell!

"The People's Voice" Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee, The Omaha Bee, The World and I are invited to use this column freely for expressing matters of public interest.

In Defense of Smoking. Missouri Valley, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Mr. Neuhaway's views on the smoking nuisance in the "People's Voice" column Saturday evening may be his own, and he is most certainly entitled to them. Tobacco smoking may be bad and repulsive to some who object to it, but as long as a whole lot of us care to use it, the best thing you can do is to be a little considerate to the pleasures of others. Just because one person does not use tobacco, that is no sign that the nonuser is not more objectionable to his friends, in other ways. Tobacco is a whole lot more things to which attention could be given to better the race than stopping the use of tobacco.

His Compliments to Henry Ford. Central City, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: How is Mr. Ford getting his millions? By selling a whole lot more of a hell-a-bu-bu if you made laws to prohibit it entirely. We have too many good-for-nothing spinners looking around for people doing something wrong now. If people could do as they pleased more instead of being harassed by countless foolish statutes, the natural law of cause and effect would make things a whole lot nicer.

What is a Woman's Duty? Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: If a husband is haled into court for failure to support his family, how many chances to make good should a wife give him? The court always hires them not to separate if possible where there are children. All mothers tolerate more or less neglect because of the children, but, if through gambling a father has brought poverty to his family, reformed for a while, and then falls for his weakness, this repeatedly, four times, his wife now saving him his fifth chance, and is now going through the reformed period, should he fall—must she keep on giving him chance after chance?

Daily Prayer I was brought low, and He helped me— For I was brought low, and He helped me— We thank Thee, O God, that we can call Thee Father, for no parent ever loves as deeply as Thou. We acknowledge with sorrow that we have grieved Thee time and again, for even when we would do good, evil is present. But, praise God, when we sincerely confess our sins, Thou art faithful to forgive.

Vose & Sons. Only a personal test will reveal to you the fine artistic balance and exquisite tonal qualities of the new small grand. You are welcome at all times to make such a test at this store of pleasant dealing—it will prove a delightful revelation. Come in tomorrow in your old piano for a grand. A. Hospe Co. 1513-16 Douglas Street WHEN IN NEED OF HELP TRY OMAHA BEE WANT ADS.

"From State and Nation" Editorials from other newspapers.

Trees for Utility and Beauty. From The Kearney Hub. While perhaps little thought has been given to the matter in the newspapers relating to tree planting and reforestation, it is nevertheless true that the movement in that direction is stronger than at any previous time in the country's history and is receiving its inspiration from practically a multitude of sources.

It is less than 30 years since H. D. Watson planted the double row of young elm trees west of this city. Now this mile of highway is one of the most beautiful boulevards in the west with cement roadway and paved approaches connecting with the city paving system. This object lesson has not been lost on the people of Kearney, even though they may have been careless in the matter of tree preservation for they are now completing a project for a mile or more of elm-lined highway leading from the central part of the city to the Kearney cemetery, this work having been started in a small way last season. It is predicted that an extended scheme of co-operation including the entire county will spread rapidly and in a few years become knit first together so that the entire county will represent a diversified parking panorama.

Out of It. Such a story as that which comes out of the mountains of Sullivan county, New York, seems impossible. A group of nine persons, all more or less mentally incompetent or physically helpless, is found shivering in rags and gnawing carrots, a horse living in one of the two rooms with them, and kept alive on twigs and bark. How could human beings revert so far toward the beast? And this in a "civilized" community, in the "Empire" state? Yet you shall throw the first stone! During the grip epidemic of 1918 there came barrowing tales of the dead and the dying discovered by neighbors in the suburbs not alone of Philadelphia but of many other American cities. In the midst of the seeming life some were in death, and the high tide of cheerful society and brisk commerce about them saw nothing and knew nothing of their dire plight. Levites, and even priests, may pass by on the other side, but the good Samaritans are always ready to provide.



Prairie Gems. Harry S. New, lame duck senator from Indiana, is the third postmaster general to take the office within two years. Still, some day the American people will have common sense enough to demand that there shall be placed at the head of postal affairs men who know something about the work.—Grand Island Independent. Possibly old King Tut didn't want relatives to quarrel over his estate was the moving factor in burying so much of it with him.—Nielgh Leader. McAdoo thinks that presidential chair would be quite comfortable. Better advise with father-in-law.—York News-Times.

The Spice of Life. Mrs. Key was visiting some friends and left the following note for her nearest neighbor: "Dear Mrs. Garrison: Would you please put out a little food for the cat I have almost nothing, but do not put yourself out."—The Booster. Daisy—I mended the hole in your trousers pocket last night after you had gone to bed. Walter, dear, now, am I not a thoughtful little wife? Walter—"Well, er—yes, you are thoughtful enough." But how did you discover there was a hole in my pocket?—Reynolds' Newspaper.

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"Home Owners" We want the loan on your home. Take advantage of our 6% Interest and Easy Terms. The Conservative Savings & Loan Association 1614 HARNEY. Two Million Dollars' Worth of Building Construction Under Contract to Be Built in Omaha This Year on The American Plan (Open Shop) The American Plan Means: Workers will be protected in the lawful exercise of their natural and constitutional right to earn a livelihood. Every workman is entitled to the opportunity of securing employment at his trade or work, regardless of his affiliation or non-affiliation with any labor organization. Workers will be paid as high wages as possible under existing conditions—wages and materials at prices that will not permit a profit on investment will stifle building and cause unemployment. Reasonable working hours and the best possible working conditions. Justice and a Square Deal for all; License and Privilege for none. Work Let to Contractors Who Operate on the American Plan: Will bring prosperity to Omaha workmen for it removes the likelihood of continued idleness due to strikes. Will keep building costs from mounting due to strikes and the well-known restrictive practices of closed shop unionism. The following General Contractors Operate on the American Plan: Parsons Construction Co., 404 Arthur Bldg. Jones Engineering & Construction Co., 315 Courtney Bldg. John Lof & Sons, 1818 Harney. Peter Kiewits Sons, 908 Omaha Nat'l Bank Building. Walter Peterson, 305 Wilkenson Bldg. McGowan & Jacobberger, 1818 Harney.