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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. Especially is this the case in the first section of the report which criticises the administrative department and makes such suggestions as that professors teach more hours a day and that the teacher training courses be reduced from four years to two years.

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. The facts that they found are now properly made public and turned over to the attention of the regents of the university, whom the people elected to handle these subjects. The conclusions drawn from these facts certainly should not be asquiesced in if they run counter to the best educational practice.

The people of this state did not elect the legislature to run the school system. The farther away from politics education can be kept, the better for the children in the schools and for their parents who pay the taxes. Educators by this time understand as well as any citizen or politician the need for public economy. Would it not be better to allow those who are familiar with educational problems to han-

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. Almost 8,000 Nebraska boys and girls attend classes there today. The per capita cost for their education is lower than that of any other state university of the first class. The legislative report finds nothing wrong with the university in itself, but the intimation has been allowed to leak out that the members of the committee would like to see the chancellor and two other administrative officers resign. The official criticism of the acts of Prof. George E. Condra are quite aside from this other question, and are contained in a separate report.

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. Frequently fire, some set by men, but no profit and little use work of the utmost importance is placed at the mercy of politics. It is against this demagogic tendency that the people of Nebraska should be on their guard.

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? That would be the inevitable result of the move suggested by the report, cutting the normal school course and turning out teachers in two years instead of four. This is a matter particularly affecting the rural schools, which always have difficulty in obtaining competent instructors. Similarly the objection that the teaching hours of university instructors be standardized is without any warrant in reason or agement of great plantations. economy. These men are not farm hands or bricklayers and their work is not to be measured by a

be held immune from criticism. Those things that are wrong must be corrected. If there is waste it facts of this nature the legislative investigating committee was within its proper field. These things have to be done. But when the investigators enter the fields of educational theory they may be expected to lose their bearings.

The state legislature holds the purse strings of the university. Thus by its mastery of the appropriations it can put heavy pressure on the regents and force whatever changes it desires. The people ask economy, but let it be held also in mind that they ask that no inexpert tinkering with educational matters be allowed.

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. Douglas county now has the opportunity to cut down the cost of feeding prisoners in the county jail, but this can only be realized with the help of the state legislature.

For many years it has been the law and custom to pay the sheriff 50 cents a day for supplying meals o prisoners. Inasmuch as the fare is simple and there is little overhead expense, the meals have not cost that much. In other words, there has been a comfortable profit for the sheriff, in addition to his salary. A bill now before the legislature would liminate this perquisite and save the people of

Omaha a few thousand dollars a year. 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. In this case the sheriff himself has been outspoken against this move for economy. He declares that the amount of profit is small, but he does not therefore seem any more willing too yield it up to the public than if it were immense. He calls attention to the fact that his predecessors have always enjoyed the feeding privilege, and lets it be known that he considers it a personal injustice to him to talk of changing conditions, no matter what it saves.

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.

Economy is the watchword of the hour, and here is one place where a beginning should be made.

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. French by nationality, she was universal in her character, possessor of a capacity for creation and expression such as no other individual has been blessed with, and supported by a spirit that could not be daunted, she carried her presence and influence to the world that could not come to see her.

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. He took his art to the multitude, and so did Bernhardt. It is the urge of the divine spark that inspires genius and will not rest confined in the narrow horizon of a limited field. Bernhardt did not visit America, North and South, or Russia, Germany or England, Spain or Italy, because Paris and France were tired of her. She did not make the famous "circus tent" tour of the United States merely for adventure or for the money she derived. Nor were her vaudeville trips undertaken solely for revenue. It was to reach the peonle, and millions who might not otherwise have received the message from a great soul saw and heard Bernhardt, just because she was willing to undergo

some inconvenience, even hardship, to reach them. 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 stiffing 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 came from the growth.

To encourage private enterprise in forestation in Minnesota, it is proposed to amend the constitu-

"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.

"The growing timber on such land shall not be assessed or taxed until it is cut, when it would pay on output tax.

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 man-

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 Yet the schools of Nebraska are not properly to 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 must be eliminated. In so far as it pointed out 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. On those warm February days the grass did not get green. Some intelligence operated down there among the millions of little rootlets and said, "Not yet, not yet!"

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.

Now comes the time of year when high water is stopping trains just as effectively as did the snow

Next big business in Nebraska is the election of

Homespun Verse By Robert Worthington Davie

LOOKING FORWARD.

Looking forward to the beauty which a worthy life Will at length be looking backward as the world sur-

Not with praise of golden letters, nor of fluent phrases But with reverence and kindness more significant than

Looking forward with the spirit that immortal is the Will at length be looking backward from the zenith of

Of a goal as God designed it, simple, virtuous and high, Wholesome and as open and as limitless as sky.

Looking forward leaves no tarnish nor a semblance of While the path that lies behind us bears no stain of

Into more than mortal fabric we are woven, and ascend, Gladly ever looking forward, to the Life without an end.

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 se curing 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 Fink roared with rage and plunged to strike There came a thud of knuckles on a

And Carpenter rolled over on the Of rapid blows on One moment in a breathless lapse of

The stricken man strove groggily to With gushing nostrils and a The emptiness of wonder in his eyes Turned dreamily with seeming uncon-

cern Upon Mike's face, where now began The livid murder lust. 'Twixt breath The hush and immobility of death

Made there a timeless picture. Then as of a wild beast charging, broke the

Who threw him as a collie dog may throw raging bull. But Mike was up again,

went down. 'rose a roar that roused the teeming town. And presently a shouting rabble About the wreck, whence tumblingly

knot of men who grappled Fink and clung.

Once again A silence fell as, leaping up, the men Were mingled briefly in a storm of blows. Now, tripping like a dancer on his

toes. The blond man sparred; while, like a and tear. Fink strove to clutch that something

That stung and fled and stung. Upon plying shadow left a vivid bruise; nother-and his brow began to

Slow drops that spattered on his bearded jaw. Again that shadow passed—his mouth went raw.

And like a gunshot wound it gaped The Long Knives were—and hard to understand.

with lowered head And ere they comprehended what Upon this thing that tortured, hurled it back and smack

One saw the tall man again

arin And down his front the Was striped with flowing crimson to

Unsteadily he The headlong hate of his antagonist. Now toe to toe and fist to flying fist

They played at give and take; and all the while, The blond man smiled that riddle of a smile. Fink sprang to crush, but midway As one who meditates upon a jest.

Yet surely he was losing! Backward He strove in vain to check his raging And wielding thrice the might of Fink lunged and straightened to

He gripped the little man by nape With force enough to knock a bison and lightly lifted him and swung him The other dodged it, squatting. Then the town And flung him; and the smitten tent Discovered what a smile might sig-

> 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. eyes astare, His hands aloft and clutching at the tottered backward, limply lurched and fell.

Then came to pass what stilled the rabble's yell, strange it was. And 'round the The wisest warriors, talking Could not explain what happened at

No friend, they said, makes war upon Nor does a foe have pity on a foe: bathed with snow

less neglect because of the children

has brought poverty to his family, re-

formed for a year or so, then falls for

his weakness, this repeatedly, four

times, his wife now giving him his

fifth chance, and is now going through

the reformed period, should be fail-must she keep on giving him chance

after chance?

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test will reveal to

and brow

"The People's Voice"

In Defense of Smoking.

In Defense of Smoking.

Missouri Valley, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Mr. Nethaway's show something for the money spent. views on the smoking nuisance in the but what can a man show for the "People's Voice" column Saturday money when he squanders? It is evening may be his own, and he is seldom the mother of children who most certainly entitled to them. can be accused of wasting may be bad and reruining her husband—nine times out
ruining her husband—nine times out
of 10 it's the men who fail to live up as long as a whole lot of us care to to their marriage contract. 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. There are a whole lot more things to which attention could be given to better the race than stopping the use of tobacco.

As far as regulating the smeking and use of tobacco by law and statute, I think that the lawmakers have got

I think that the lawmakers have got olds enough in one or two laws they gardless of the law, which says: "You have made in the last year or so are this brute's wife. If he goes out which will convince them that the nights or drinks or beats you up, which will convince them that the habits and desires of men are not to you must be his wife for the chi habits and desires of men are not to you must be his wife for the chi habits and dren's sake."

A READER. be monkeyed with in shooting out a dren's sake."

A fellow who will smoke around where others object to it is no gentleman to be sure, but they are in the minority. But you would get into a whole lot more of a heli-a-bu-lu if you made laws to prohibit it entirely. We have too many good-for-nothing spinorts looking around for people doing something wrong now. If people could do as they pleased more instead of being harassed by countless foodish statutes, the natural laws of where others object to it is no gentlestead of being harassed by countless foodish statutes, the natural laws of cause and effect would make things a

whole lot nicer. You can raise arguments in support of anything, and support your arguments with facts. The smoking of to end peace.—Duluth Herald. tobacco can be proven a great evil; a terrible thing, to be sure. But when you look at it broadly and mix n with your arraignment, common sense, human nature and a few other things, the best thing you can do is to leave well enough alone. are a lot of things that will kill you quicker than a few sniffs of tobacco

smoke. Let's get after them first.
I. T. DUZZENMATTER. 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 urges them not to sepa-rate if possible where there are chil-dren. All mothers tolerate more or

Daily Prayer

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. We thank Thee for the daily bless-

ings of life, seen and unseen. We thank Thee that Thou art mindful of us when we least think, and dost tenderly care for us. We pray Thee to write over the door of our home. "Peace be unto this bousehold." Help us daily to create such an atmosphere

bring all up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Keep us from temptation. Make us happy and blessed Christians, and help us in all we do, think and say, that we may prove a blessing unto

When sorrow comes into our lives, may we yet praise God and trust Him. And if we should be imprisoned in grief, may the hand of God open for liberated. And when our work is flu-ished, take us to Thyself in Heaven for Jesus' sake. Amen. L. M. ZIMMEEMAN, D.D. Baltimore, Md.

"From State and - Nation"

Editorials from other newspapers.

Trees for Utility and Beauty. From The Kearney Rub.

While perhaps little thought has been given to the matter in the news papers relating to tree planting and reforesting, 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 multitude of sources. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace recently address a message to the people stressing effort throughout the country. The forestry bureau of the government is doing educational work in various states and tree planting associations are active in many localities. Hence the timeliness and im

portance of the movement that has just been inaugurated by Gene Loomis, county superintendent of schools, to enlist the co-operation of school officers, patrons, teachers and pupils in the work of beautifying the premises of the county public school, for the development of "the school yard beautiful," to use the language recently addressed to school officials and teachers Superintendent Loomis asked that the meetings be held in the schol houses of the county on March 21, to make a start in a beauty and comfort to public school grounds. Possibly the start will not be extensive, but any modest start is really a good beginning, and we do not doubt that the response will be in every way gratifying to our publicspirited superintendent of schools.

At least four civic organizations in Kearney have given Superintendent Loomis a pledge to furnish prizes to offered to districts for greatest number of trees alive after one year's planting, for most beautiful and best arranged scheme of trees and shrub- must always be at hand, its full re-bery, beds of flowers, etc., the pur- sources ready to mobilize upon the pose being to stimulate rivalry in instant. Some are o far submerged addition to the element of personal in-

the most beautiful boulevards in the to adversity. It never does to take west, with cement roadway and paved it for granted that what is out of approaches connecting with the city's 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 preserproject for a mile or more of elm-The bloody mouth and battered cheek ned 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 ounty will spread rapidly and in a so that the entire county will reprebut, if through gambling a father

The plan for working by school dis-tricts is the plainest kind of sense because it appeals to every element of local interest and is just as applicable may not be a wild dream to picture the spread of the Buffalo county plan throughout the state and into every

Out of It. From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. 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 re-vert so far toward the beast? And this in a "civilized" community, in the "Empire" state! Yet who shall throw the first stone? During the grlp epidemic of 1918-19 there came harrowing 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 teeming 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 y on the other side, but the Samaritans are always ready to pro-

A Needed Invention



ceed to the relief of the afflicted, when are ears quicker than radio to catch the slightest whisper of affliction, in whatever part of the world. there must be everlasting vigil not merely for a decent political life, but for a proper administration of charterest.

It is less than 30 years since H. D. was age life that their cry is too weak to be heard. They must be sought out watson planted the double row of young elm trees west of this city. Now this mile of highway is one of cruel pressure of a shift of fortune sight or sound is all right.

The Spice of Life

fashions with a young lady caller.

"Did you say your father was fond of those clinging gowns, May?"

"Yes; he likes one to cling to me for about three years."—Sheffield (England) Telegraph.

Daisy-'I mended the hole trousers pocket last night after you had gone to hed. Walter, dear Nove, am I not a thoughtful little wife?" gone to hed. Walter, dear. Now, am 1 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.

Prairie Gems

from Indiana, is the third postmaster general to take the office within two Still, some day the American people will have common sense enough 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 .- Neligh Leader. McAdoo thinks that presidential chair would be quite comfortable. Better advise with father-in-law.-

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