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## WHY BRYAN WANTS THE CODE.

Surely there has been a misunderstanding somewhere. Here is Governor Bryan announcing that he will keep the code system and veto the new administrative plan drawn up by the legislature. And the measure that he now threatens to veto does exactly what he was understood to promise in his campaign, puts the code offices under the duly elected officers instead of under appointed secretaries.

is the defender of the governor. In a message from Lincoln, that newspaper's capitol correspondent gives the whole game away. As he explains it, is beyond understanding. Any penalty the law may employes, and they will be democrats. Under the ling mother is considered. Even were her boy rerevised system the heads of the various departments would employ their own assistants, and some of these heads would be republicans.

mission amounts to the confession that Governor Bryan is against the code when its appointees are republicans, but prefers the code when the jobs can be given to democrats. Seldom has such barefaced advocacy of the spoils system been made public.

This correspondent points out that under the Mathers-Dysart bill no provision could be made for deserving democrats. Here is the way he expressed the situation in a dispatch from Lincoln:

"The democrats, that is, the governor and Charley Pool, secretary of state, would get the two departments which have practically no appointees. The governor would have been given charge of the finance department with its six girls as employes. and Charley Pool would have been given control of the department of labor with its three appointees."

There are good reasons why the governor should control the finance department, which checks state expenditures and handles the budget. Secretary Pool served years ago as commissioner of labor and is familiar with the duties of that office. Of these facts the democratic organ says nothing.

Its objection is that the department of trade and commerce "with its fifty employes," would go to the state treasurer, who by grace of the last election, is a republican. The public works department, "with its 150 and 250 employes," would go, under the Mathers-Dysart plan, to the commissioner of public lands and buildings, another republican. Finally, to quote again from this article: "The department of agriculture, with 100 employes to be appointed, would have gone to the republican lieutenant governor, Fred A. Johnson."

The number of state employes is exaggerated in these figures. That is nothing new, but the thing to notice is that there is no discussion of the fitness of these men, or of the workability of the arrangement. From the standpoint of Governor Bryan, the question is one of giving the largest possible number of jobs to democrats, to build up a political ma-

What a disappointment this condition is to those hopeful ones who thought they saw signs of progress in Nebraska political life. W. J. Bryan in his whole career never committed such an act of political chicanery as his brother Charley now contemplates. Those who have held to the theory that there is a wide difference between these two brothers have their suspicions justified.

## COMPETITION, NOT CONSOLIDATION.

Sentiment in the west in regard to the consolidation of the railroad systems into a series of great regional groups may or may not be unanimously in opposition, but it is true that the plan contains some elements of danger. Reduced to its simplest terms, the program would be to standardize operations that the weak roads would gain at the expense of the strong, and the public would be advantaged in nothing, and might stand to lose considerable.

One of the first results would be to destroy the last vestige of state control of rates and other details of operation. All the management would be centralized, and the regulatory authority would be vested in the L. C. C., with its regional boards carrying out the plans made at Washington. Perfect coordination of the systems would bring about the greatest transportation trust possible to establish. No pooling arrangement or rate agreement could possibly have the effect that would follow the consolidation of transportation that will come when the systems are grouped and operating understandings are established.

The success of a railroad, like that of any other business enterprise, should depend upon its management. Enterprise, initiative, managerial capacity, are the faculties that determine when other elements are equal. It would be a misdirection of the natural laws of trade to compel strong roads to take over and wet nurse weak ones. Instead of the service being on the basis of what the well equipped line could take care of, it would become a compromise between that and the capacity of the weak one.

What the west, as well as the entire country, should be concerned about is the maintenance of service at the highest point of efficiency. Competition should be of the freest, depending on the capacity of the management to see that it does not become ruinous. The day has gone by when railroad magnates can make or break a community by unjust discrimination, for the various boards, from the I. C. C. down, will attend to that. Rebates and private agreements with big shippers also have been sent to the discard. Only the privilege to operate within the narrow lines left open by the law remains, and this should not be disturbed.

Strict application of equitable rules should insure justice to all shippers as well as to the railroads. When that is achieved, the independent, competitive operation of the transportation industry will be of greater service than the standardized plan that is contained in the group program, where neither independence nor competition is possible.

A. Texas gent has played the piane continuously for 66 hours. How would you have liked to have been a listener?

The uppermost question of the day is whether to take 'em off or wait a while.

## TRAGEDY OF A MOTHER'S HEART.

Something peculiarly tragic surrounds the finding of the bleached bones of a boy who disappeared while in attendance at Northwestern university. Speculation as to the manner of his taking off may interest the authorities, but the great public will think only of the fact.

His mother sent him to school, her heart swellng with pride and love, looking ahead to the day when he would return to her a man, mind and soul developed and ready to make return to her for the pains she had taken in his rearing. Who can realize the anguish of her grief, knowing nothing of his fate, only knowing that he was gone, somewhere. Her own words are pitiful in their simplicity:

"And the rain, oh how it nearly drove me mad. I would lie awake at night and listen to it. And I would pray for Leighton, out in the rain, with no money, very little clothing, and perhaps a loss of memory. In the cold it was just as bad.

"I have always said that if I'd only hear definitely that Leighton was really dead. I'd be happier than worrying every night that he was out of his mind, wandering around, hurt, in need, without me."

Student pranks are student pranks, and unless the whole nature of man be altered, it is likely that hazing in some form will continue at the big schools of the country. Also, it is probable that now and then the so-called fun will be pressed to where some unfortunate boy is killed. That is bad enough. Hazing is cruel at its best phase, because it means the A startling explanation of this about-face is many taking advantage of the few; it is unspeakfound in the World-Herald, which nominally at least ably cruel when one of the victims is killed and then concealed, as this boy was.

What reparation or expiation may now be made under the code the governor will appoint all state exact is ineffectual when the anguish of that sorrowstored to life, the joy of his presence would not efface the pain of these months of misery, waiting, listening to the storms, not knowing where that boy Summed up, this frank, not to say shocking, ad- | might be. Some crimes are too enormous to be adequately dealt with by law. Yet, if the event modifies the "college spirit" at Northwestern to where its manifestation may be more nearly in harmony with the purpose of civilization and higher education, the death of this lad will not have been wholly in vain.

## A TRUE WESTERN SHERIFF.

One of the old reliable laugh producers of the variety stage is the "hick" constable, with turkey gobbler beard and a tin star. Likewise the funny movies always have a "western" sheriff to be target for the wit of the comedians. Which always vividly recalls the motto once emblazoned on the state button of Arkansas: "Laff and show your ignorance."

Every now and then something happens to show the world of what metal the western sheriff is moulded. Here is one in Keith county, Nebraska, for example, who may stand as an example of them all. A desperado, who already had murdered a peace officer, was abroad in the land. This sheriff learned of his whereabouts, and then it all happened, just as it does in the story books and the movies. The sheriff went with his deputy to the house where the murderer was being shielded by his kin folks. Leaving his deputy on guard outside, the sheriff entered to arrest his man. From behind a door the murderer shot the sheriff through the head and killed him; then he tried to escape, and was in turn shot and killed by the deputy who waited outside.

Let the thoughtless give heed to the steel nerve and high moral courage of that peace officer, who knew when he entered that house that he was exposing himself to the danger of death. He was an officer of the law, a representative of its majesty, issioned by the people of his county to protect their lives and property, to serve the processes of the court, and to keep sacred law and order, that all may live in security. He died, because he was a brave, honorable, and efficient officer.

Other western sheriffs have died the same way, devoted to the same cause. The one comforting thought in connection with the sad affair is that we do yet produce men whose manhood is proof against such things, whose clear eyes see their way distinctly, and who do not shirk because probable death. waits them. Such men have made the United States great, and will sustain its greatness. George Heiser's name will be added to the list of those who did not flinch when duty called. When next you see the sheriff, the constable, or the policeman, ridiculed in any way, try to recall that these men risk their lives to protect you and yours,

## PULLING OUR SWEET TOOTH.

President Harding reluctantly joins in the movement to abstain from the use of sugar, in hope that the present corner be broken.

Here is a direct challenge to our civilization. The owner of any article or business is permitted under existing methods to insist on a profit to be fixed by himself, so long as that business is not a monopoly. Whether it be real estate, gasoline, sugar, or what not, the rule still applies. Equally, the buyer has an undeniable right to purchase anything at his own price, if he can. Trade has rested on this foundation throughout the ages.

When artificial control of any sort is brought into play, it is usually of a speculative nature, in which men risk large sums of money in order that they may reap large gains. That appears to be what is the matter with the sugar market at present. A group has secured a commanding position, and is taking the profits. How to meet such a situation still is a problem. Food control and price fixing during the war was not a success, even with the almost unanimous co-operation of all the people. Government methods are slow and uncertain, and results attained frequently are far from satisfactory.

To boycott the sugar bowl is the alternative now offered-we must restrain our appetite for sweets, in order to bring down the price. The sugar men have the advantage of the public at the moment, yet retaliation is possible, although at the sacrifice entailin voluntarily giving up sugar. In time a way may be found to avoid such situations, but for the present the old law of the jungle applies, and it will ! sweet tooth against the sugar combine to a finish.

The Sunday record for automobile accidents begins to look better.

## Homespun Verse By Robert Worthington Davie

## GOODNIGHT.

She toddled away to her bed last night Gay as a child could be And said her prayers, and with delight Called to her Mother and me:

"Goodnight, Muyver and Daddy," she chimed, But never a word was said To answer her call before she climbed Into- her little bed.

Goodnight," she called and called again, But neither a word nor nod. She paused-and tenderly murmured, then, "Goodnight, Muyver and Daddy and God.

## From State and Nation"

Editorials from other newspapers.

## How Some Railroads Were Built.

The inflated value of railroad lines has existed since they were first con-structed. It is a form of piracy praccompanies.

instance ,take our own road. An Omaha syndicate was formed to construct a railroad to Decatur, about 60 miles north. It was called the Omaha & Northwestern Railway com-pany. It induced Douglas county to vote bonds to aid construction, in amount \$250,000. It got Washington county to give them \$150,000, and Burt county voted them \$150,000; that made a total in county bonds donated to the promoters of \$505,909, which, with donations of townsite properties, made the free gifts exceed \$10,000 a mile, which was more than the cost of construction and rolling tion of the road to Oakland, in January 1880, they received their last \$65,000 of the \$505,000 bonds voted by the three counties through which the road ran. As soon as the Omaha company received their last installment in bonds they sold their interest in the line to the C., S. P., M. & O. for \$14,259 per mile. The new owners immediately stocked and bonded it to the value of \$11,000 per mile and arranged their tariff schedules to earn dividends on that valuation above the cost of operation and main

Another similar instance that came under our observation was the road from Hebron to Hastings, 75 miles, built by promoters who received more county and precinct bonds, than the cost of construction. When they had the line ready for the rolling stock sold it to the Goulds, who owned the Missouri Pacific, for \$1,500 per mile. The Goulds immediately stock-ed and bonded it for \$25,000 a mile

age of a high order for President Har-ding, in the face of threats and dire sity College of forebodings by leaders of his own carnal taught four years in that in-party, to make the speech he did the stitution. He was dean of the Kanif it was evidence of political courage, and has lived in Omaha teaching t was evidence also of political wis. since that time. dom. The American people have always admired and responded to coursented an evening song recital of his of the president.

his own utterances Mr. Harding cuts included. sistency in advocating court member- sacred solos for different voices. ship after having opposed member-

president proceeds to slay the bugaboo of league membership and entanglement in European politics. He
demonstrates that the way is clear to
enter the court without entering the
league by any door whatsoever, the
proposed Hughes reservations making
assurance doubly sure that it would
not mean either seeking benefits
from the league or assuming obligations under it. And as for European
entanglements, he bluntly asserts that

that "we can do vastly more to per-fect it in the capacity of an adherent than in an alcofness in which we arro-were unworthy of her? That always gate to ourselves the right to say to makes a hit, the world that we dictate but never Cholly—I was going to, but she told

Certainly the president voices the thought and best aspirations of Amer-

In the proof of its utility and a spirit ville Courier-Journal. of concord among nations might come out of which could be expected a and codified international law to further assure peace under the law and bring nations that standing which is ever the first and pest guarantor of peace."

## Spelling in Nebraska Schools.

The contention of the critics "They don't teach them to spell any more." seems to be in measure upheld by the spelling test in which a number of Nebraska high schools took part not long ago. It was found that the Nebraska schools as a whole were from 4 to 6 per cent below the national averages in similar tests. schools in Lincoln, Omaha and several an average notably higher than that of the national standard. The schools

## Daily Prayer

O Lord, how slow we are to recognize Thee when Thou comest in disguise! We know Thee when Thou comest in robes of light, but not when Thou art clothed in clouds. to learn Thy ways, and to thank Thee for all that Thou doest. We would thank Thee when Thou puttest us into the fires of affliction, knowing that there Thou revealed Thyself as the gracious Sanctifier and great Deliverer. How often Thou hast come to us in lowly ways, and we have not seen Thee because we did not expect to see Thee there. Sometimes Thou comest to us in heaven's glow-ing charlots, and we do not mistake Thee then; but more often Thou com-est through earth's common places, and like Mary, we suppose Thee to be the Gardener and not the Lord. But, O. may we, as she, inquire of the gardener about Him Whom we love, and Thou mayest reveal Thy-self to us as Thou didst to her. Thou hast been doing for each of us all that Thou didst for Thy saints of old, but the blight of unbelief has been upon us, and that which Thou didst de sign for blessing has been a curse. O. Lord, forgive' O Lord, forget! O Lord, prevent! To Thy wounds we flee, and in Thy merits we hide. Wilt Thou Who hast given us life give us also spiritual sensibility, hearing, and sight, and taste for all that is divine And now unto Thee, Father, Son, and Spirit, he glory and maise, Amen. REV. W. GRAHAM SCROGGIE, Sunderland, England.

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## We Nominate----For Nebraska's Hall of

Fame.



ed and bonded it for \$25,000 a mile state. Mr. Carnal is choral direc-more than they paid for it. Most all tor of the First Methodist church of

mous English organist and composer of Denver, Colo.

He was dean of the Kanther day in New York at the annual sas Wesleyan Conservatory of Music luncheon of the Associated Press. But at Salina, Kan., from 1993 to 1913,

ageous leadership, and if they are to be won to support of the proposal for membership in the court of international'justice it will be by just such ha that such a program, made up bold and logical championship as that entirely of the work of a local muslcian, had been given. Many inter-By a review of party history and esting solos and choral numbers were

Much of Mr. Carnal's published the grounds completely from under those who charge him with incon-works include anthems, quartets and About five years ago a gentleman ship after having opposed membership in the League of Nations. Not only does he show that the republican party has been a consistent advocate of the adjudication of discover the United States Mr. Carnal dubbed amounts

tions under it. And as for European

It interesting to note that the entanglements, he bluntly asserts that best records were made by the schools

Smoking is on the increase in the aged and sustained court might come | The 19th amendment is evidently makthe fulfillment of larger aspirations, ing up for what the 18th lost .- Louis-

## "The People's Voice"

## Students Not Lynchers.

Mr. C. J. Ernst of the headqua ters of the C., B. & Q. railroad, has received the following letter from his daughter, Grace, whose husband is one of the faculty at Columbia (Mo.) university, and which The Omaha Bee gladly gives space, to vindicate the atudents against the imputation that they made up the lynching party that recently took a prisoner from the county fail and murdered him:

"Received your paper today was dreadfully shocked at the head-line implying that the students were active in the lynching. This is absolutely untrue. It was a small bunch of rough-necks, some imported from a nearby tough town. I wish you would see the editors and Insist on them retracting or rectifying this as prominently as the other, for the sake of the honor of the students.

"Everyone connected with the unia thing could happen within a few blocks of the university. It was done by the "white trash" element, who either. threatened to lynch Prof. Almstedt

came from England to tell us what eigh birth, and I dare say hardly one still up.

After graduating from the University College of Music in 1902, Mr. Carnal taught four years in that international court could be of any citizen. He was dean of the Kan-use, all of the nations to which it be-laws.

Could be useful only in settling distance the injunction was asked for. Evidently the sugar American citizen to vote for legistative will have plenty of money to lators who will pledge themselves to international court could be of any contribute to the Harding campaign fund.

WILLIAM B. DALY. use, all of the nations to which it belonged would have to agree to a set or code of international laws, and as they have not yet done this, a world court could not settle anything legally, between them; there is nothing | The Omaha Bee: In reply to George

> no jurisdiction except by consent of both parties, and that neither party can force the other into such a court to settle their disputes. It is also dl of the parties to the controversy, tions of an overexcited imagination.

a candidate for the presidency, in support of the policy he now is pursuing as incumbent of that office. If any one is guilty of inconsistency in the matter of the international court it is not Warren G. Harding.

After clearing up the record as to party and personal consistency, the party and personal consistency, the matter of the state university and four of the colleges of the state were party and personal consistency, the buga.

The colleges surpassing those of the state were boosted as the colleges surpassing those of the state were party in the state of the colleges surpassing those of the state were boosted to say, it very much resembles a huge faure. It's simply a case where the "game is not worth the powder," and it certainly is not worth the powder," and it certainly is not worth the risk of a division in the republican party to several the first of the state were boosted.

league of nations they meant it, and they cannot now be led into it wages. But when the wages were through a crevice or a back door.
Party ties are not strong enough for agreement which involved us in such entanglements he, as president, would exercise his power of veto to prevent its becoming effective.

He concedes that the world court may not be perfect, but he argues that the world court the concederation of the late tendencies in an educational way.

Which are equipped to teach the medical that the serious force from government, and rely wholly on "Consent Courts," and it's useless to try to govern the world as if it was that the world as if it was the concederation of the late tendencies in an educational way. much more than the wings.
L. K. ALDER.

## For Stricter Immigration Laws.

Omaha .- To the , Editor of The Omaha Bee: I have been a reader of your "People's Voice" column for the past two years and I have received a great deal of benefit from the same. Thave indulged the dream, nay, a United States, according to figures I have also been keeping a very strict fustified hope, that out of the encourthat have been arrested for the vic lation of the prohibition laws pub ished by The Omaha Bee and I have

Why do they do it?

Most of our successful business men of today came

from the farm. They came to the big city and made

good. Congress, state legislatures, reformers and

others shed tears over the farmers plight and spend

much time and effort in trying to better his position.

As soon as the farmer boy meets with success as a

business man Congress and all the rest begin to brand

him as an octopus, a dangerous character, a menace to

the nation and try to place so many restrictions about

him that he cannot continue to succeed. Why do

First National Bank of Omaha

they do it?

## Cause and Effect



Maud-I'm just spoiling for a revel of some sort, but I haven't a cent in

Joyce-But don't your boy pals take you out: Maud-Not they; they've been my pals so long that they haven't a cent

more than they paid for it. Most all other railroad valuations are inflated in a similar manner, which is largely the cause of excessive service charges because they are expected to earn dividends on the inflated values.

The dividends of the First Méthodist church of the of the First Méthodist church of the contingencies. I see, our own disputes in our own way and tealize that we are able to do so.

Mr. Carnal studied harmony and composition with Charles B. Hawley, the famous song writer and organist of New York City; Frank Adams of the famous song writer and organist of New York City; Frank Adams of the famous song writer and organist of New York City; Frank Adams of the famous song writer and organist of New York City; Frank Adams of the famous song writer and organist of the famous song writer and organist of New York City; Frank Adams of the famous song writer and organist organism org less thing.

An international or world court need not mention who. I believe it

### Labor on the Railroad. Council Bluffs .- To the Editor of

gally, between them; there is nothing to interpret or construe, and nothing to enforce, if they had the power of enforcing.

Clancy, I might say that while some of the public has forgotten the enforcing.

Who call themselves produced that the power of the public has forgotten the date for vice president in 1924.

McKinley and Roosevelt swept the democratic conceded that such a court has no shops as reflected in the condition of sanction, or in other words, no means the power. The statements of Mr. power for enforcing its judgments Clancy regarding the bonfire at decrees, except by the consent of Union hall, etc., are the hallucina-How could such a court have any in-from those stated by Mr. Clancy Such a court has been rightly was not the abolition of the "McAdoo and rules" alone, though this was a con publican party has been a consistent advocate of the adjudication of disputes between nations, but he quotes his own speeches, made when he was a candidate for the presidency, in support of the policy he now is pursuing

Out of sixty contestants from all dubbed a "Consent Court" and a condition of disputes between nations, but he quotes his own speeches, made when he was a candidate for the presidency, in support of the policy he now is pursuing

vision in the republican party to se-vision in the republican party to se-cure, and it's extremely doubtful if ity to give the railroads almost three and one-half times the increase in revenue that the As a rule, republicans are republicans from principle, and when they decided that they did not want the ment that the wage increase amounted to. And the railroad propagandists spread the false statement that the rate increase was

the father of the girl, when he plead with them to let the law take its obtained the following result: Out reduced to an extent which the railcourse. It's a sufficient disgrace with-out having the students blamed, who were absolutely innocent."

of every 100 names published \$2 were road defenders claimed would save foreign names. And yet we are told them \$775,000,000 per year, the only by Mr. Gary to let more foreigners rate reduction granted the public was The World Court.

Ainsworth, Neb.—To the Editor of he Omaha Bee: Lord Robert Cecil entirely of families that are of former from England to tell us what circular hand Ldown and Ldown are the commerce of the commission estimated at \$55.000,000 per year. Otherwise stated, the many from England to tell us what circular hand Ldown are of formal entirely of families that are of formal entirely e

we should do about entering the of the families is Americanized. I league of nations. In his speeches, he says the world court is a part with very few exceptions, that in toxicating liquors are in abundance.

The men absolutely did not try to force congress to "pass a special law," neither did they "cast aside mediation, conciliation and arbitrane says the world court is a part and branch of the league.
Harding says tilat by becoming a part of this court we in nowise enter or become a part of the league.

AMES EDWARD CARNAL is one of the active composers of the state. Mr. Carnal is choral director of the First Methodist church of aha and a teacher of voice in this country has little difficulty in settling its affairs with other nations, peacefully. It's well to settle our own disputes in our own way and the league and branch of the league. Harding says tilat by becoming a part of this court we in nowise enter or become a part of the league. Queer, isn't it? Better examine and decide for yourself.

This country has little difficulty in settling its affairs with other nations, peacefully. It's well to settle our own disputes in our own way and tealize that we are able to do so.

The Carnal studied harmony and the same with the set of the league. You will probably say I am prejudiced, and I will admit these conditions do not exist in all localities. What does it mean to America to enact less stringent immigration after the strike was called, the men after the strike was called, the men after the strike showing that they were willing to go the limit to result and branch of the league. You will probably say I am prejudiced, and I will admit these conditions do not exist in all localities. What does it mean to America the conditions do not exist in all localities. What does it mean to America the conditions are in abundance, and I will admit these conditions do not exist in all localities. What does it mean to America the conditions are in abundance, and I will admit these conditions do not exist in all localities. What does it mean to America the conditions are in abundance. And I will admit these conditions do not exist in all localities. What does it mean to America the conditions are provided and I will admit these secure industrial peace. But the hard-boiled executives rejected the

president's offer. As for the sugar injunction, it is to The price of sugar has gone up steadily since the injunction was

An effort is being made by men

country in 1900, but the democratic wived one of the most overwhelming defeats ever experienced in American ticket does not necessarily strengthen the ticket, when everybody that the man who made the name fa-

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(Seal) Notary Public

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