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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.

A startling explanation of this about-face is found in the World-Herald, which nominally at least is the defender of the governor.

This correspondent points out that under the Mathers-Dysart bill no provision could be made for deserving democrats.

The democrats, that is, the governor and Charley Pool, secretary of state, would get the two departments which have practically no appointees.

There are good reasons why the governor should control the finance department, which checks state expenditures and handles the budget.

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.

What a disappointment this condition is to those hopeful ones who thought they saw signs of progress in Nebraska political life.

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.

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 I. C. C., with its regional boards carrying out the plans made at Washington.

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.

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.

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 piano continuously for 66 hours. How would you have liked to have been a listener?

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.

His mother sent him to school, her heart swelling 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.

"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.

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.

What reparation or expiation may now be made is beyond understanding. Any penalty the law may exact is ineffectual when the anguish of that sorrowing mother is considered.

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.

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.

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.

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 shrink because probable death waits them.

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.

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.

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.

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 entailed voluntarily giving up sugar.

The Sunday record for automobile accidents begins to look better.

Homespun Verse

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.

"From State and Nation"

Editorials from other newspapers.

How Some Railroads Were Built.

The inflated value of railroad land has existed since they were first constructed. It is a form of piracy practiced by promoters and construction companies.

For 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 company.

Another similar instance that came under our observation was the road from Hebron to Hastings, 75 miles, built by promoters who received more money and land construction than the cost of construction.

Courageous Leadership.

It required moral and political courage of a high order to persuade President Harding in the face of threats and dire forebodings by leaders of his own party, to make the speech he did the other day in New York at the annual luncheon of the Associated Press.

By a review of party history and his own personal conduct, Harding stands on the grounds completely from under those who charge him with inconsistency in advocating court membership.

It is interesting to note that the best records were made by the schools which are equipped to teach the modern branches so frequently designated as fads, so the deficiency in orthography can scarcely be held at the doors of the late tendencies in an educational way.

Beating Him.

Percy—Did you tell her that you were unworthy of her? That always makes a hit.

On the Increase. Smoking is on the increase in the United States, according to figures from the Department of Commerce.

Spelling in Nebraska Schools.

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Daily Prayer

For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. O Lord, how slow we are to recognize Thee when Thou comest in disguise.

We Nominat---

For Nebraska's Hall of Fame.



JAMES EDWARD CARNAL is one of the active corporals of the state. Mr. Carnal is choral director of the First Methodist church of Omaha and a teacher of voice in this city.

Mr. Carnal studied harmony and composition with Charles B. Hawley, the famous song writer and organist of New York City. Frank Adams of Boston, and Henry Houseley, the famous English organist and composer of Denver, Colo.

After graduating from the University College of Music in 1902, Mr. Carnal taught four years in that institution. He was dean of the Kansas Wesleyan Conservatory of Music at Salina, Kan., from 1903 to 1913, and has lived in Omaha teaching since that time.

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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.

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"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee.

Students Not Lynchers.

Mr. C. J. Ernst of the headquarters of the C. R. & Q. railroad, has received the following letter from his daughter, Grace, whose husband is engaged in the lynching.

"Received your paper today and was dreadfully shocked at the headline implying that the students were not having the lynching. This is absolutely untrue. It was a small bunch of rough-necks, some imported from a nearby town.

The World Court.

Ainsworth, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Lord Robert Cecil came from England to tell us what we should do about entering the league of nations.

It is concluded that this court has no jurisdiction except by consent of both parties, and that neither party can force the other into such a court to settle their disputes.

Such a court has been rightly dubbed a "Consent Court" and amounts to nothing more than a "Board of Arbitration" with no power to enforce its awards and would be of little or no value in settling disputes between nations.

As a rule, republicans are republicans from principle, and when they decide that they do not want the league of nations they want it, they cannot now be led into it through a crevice in a back door.

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Cause and Effect



Maud—I'm just spoiling for a revel of some sort, but I haven't a cent in the world!

obtained the following result: Out of every 100 names published 83 were foreign names. And yet we are told by Mr. Clancy to let more foreigners come to our shores.

As for the sugar injunction, it is laugh. The price of sugar has gone up steadily since the injunction was asked for. Evidently the sugar thieves will have plenty of money to contribute to the Harding campaign fund.

Shadow of a Magic Name.

An effort is being made by men who call themselves progressives to elect Theodore Roosevelt as a candidate for vice president in 1924.

NET AVERAGE CIRCULATION for APRIL, 1923, of THE OMAHA BEE Daily 75,220 Sunday 82,588

More than Spring Cleaning Make It New! The trouble with Spring Cleaning is that when you finish scrubbing, the house is only clean.

Murphy's Univershish

Where You Can Buy It!

- In Omaha: F. Langguth & Son, 1261 South 16th St. O. K. Hardware Co., 4831 South 24th St. Young & Henderson, 2906 Sherman Ave. G. A. Chapman, 50th and Dodge.

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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 legislators, 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 they do it?

First National Bank of Omaha