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STRENGTH FROM THE SOIL. Back in Lincoln after a tour of Europe and the Mediterranean, Mark W. Woods reports that in the old world the farmers are the cock of the walk.

"This only goes to show what is being done in Europe to promote production," Mr. Woods says. "The United States must realize that this is the most important proposition that confronts it, or in a very few years our increased consumption and decreased production, because of declining prices, will put us up against a situation as serious as that of Europe."

America is fortunate in the time ever comes when instead of raising its own foodstuffs it is forced to depend on shipments from overseas. Many factors combine just now to discourage farm production.

France is a strong nation today because it is self-sufficient and can feed itself from the harvest. England trembles because its industries are topheavy, with no agriculture to balance its manufactures.

PICKING THE CONVENTION CITY. Does it make any real difference in the long run where the convention that nominates a presidential candidate for either party is held? These great gatherings have been held in many cities—Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha, San Francisco, Denver—fairly well distributed over the map and well may anyone doubt whether the geographical location has anything to do with the success of the candidate.

However, as the country has increased in voting population, so the national convention has increased in importance. Attendance is limited as a rule to the number of persons who can get away from business long enough to be present.

All this implies that the convention city must be prepared to take care of a multitude that will overflow its hotels and make life uncomfortable for several days during a spell of warm weather.

Chicago has had the greater number of conventions, because of its peculiar qualifications for taking care of the visitors. Other cities are ambitious, and offer inducements as potent in their way as any the Windy City can present.

COOLING OUT ON SUGAR. Absolute zero, so sedulously sought by scientists, is the ultimate end of life, for movement, which is life, begets heat, the evidence of energy.

Mayor Hylan of New York has an organized boycott on sugar. Five thousand workmen and 1,000,000 women have been reported as adherents to the mayor's plans, surely a formidable army.

Streets were cleared for the great parade, a phalanx of policemen mounted to lead the march, bands and banners provided, and all was ready when the mayor gave the word, and the column moved.

Enthusiasm for a cause holds just about so long, and then takes the more substantial form of a solid determination to work to bring to an issue the cause advocated. Sugar is one of these. The situation did not develop suddenly. Ample proof is at hand that the men in control, said to be only nine in number, have worked quietly for a long time to bring matters to the point now reached.

Boycotting sugar may bring some concession in price, but the permanent settlement will be when, by long experience an evolutionary change in methods of marketing public necessities has shown the way to avert speculative control of any commodity necessary to the life of the people.

Mayor Frank Zebrung can now smile that million-dollar smile of his with real zest. The voters of Lincoln acted as if they wanted him to be mayor this time.

Whatever the police authorities do to the masher will be all right with the rest of us, provided it is enough to discourage the shieks who circle and swoop.

A couple of shots put the rum fleet to flight off the New Jersey coast, but they were from a four-pound gun and not from a half-pint flask.

EVEN THOUGH THE LEAGUE DIE.

"I am for the World Court because I believe it to be a step toward the substitution of law and justice for might and war," said Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, talking to the Omaha Knife and Fork club.

A word should be said right here as to the League of Nations. The United States is not a member of the League of Nations because Woodrow Wilson would not let this country enter the league on any but his own terms.

Prof. Manley O. Hudson of Harvard, who was one of President Wilson's expert advisers at Paris, and who is an authority on international law, shows that the United States can enter the Permanent Court of International Justice, and yet remain aloof from the League of Nations.

"But when the statute was finished it was not promulgated by the organs of the league. The powers stepped outside the league organization for the moment to draw up a separate protocol, which forms no part of the Treaty of Versailles and which is in no way dependent upon the Covenant of the League of Nations."

Thus is one of the objections raised against the court fully and completely answered, and this should encourage those who are willing to engage in any reasonable way to provide for the settlements of international disputes without resort to force.

"We must not too easily pin our faith to states agreeing to do what they may not want to do when the time for action comes. When the action suggested by Senator Hughes has been taken, opportunity will still exist for insistence that the court's jurisdiction be enlarged."

"It would be a tragic discouragement to efforts to organize the world for peace to have the United States refuse to lend its support to increasing the prestige and influence of the Permanent Court of International Justice."

"Senator Borah's resolution is in itself the strongest argument which has been made for adopting the president's proposal," says the professor, and in this we agree.

While the saturation point we have heard so much about has not as yet been reached in the United States, so far as automobiles are concerned, the factories have some to send abroad.

Australia continues to be the largest purchaser of American-made cars, but Canada, the United Kingdom and Belgium buy largely.

In addition to the finished cars, a steadily increasing export trade is maintained in parts, such as engines, bodies, fenders and other equipment.

Joe Hummel's alligator family has been again removed to the park lagoon, which may be accepted as proof that spring is here.

Santa Fe section hands also receive a raise in pay, which is much better news than they got a year ago.

Russian reds have taken to unfrocking priests. That is better than shooting them.

One jump from New York to San Diego is some jump.

Homespun Verse

THE WOULD-IT-WERE REFORMISTS. Some folk the world would fashion in Puritanic style. And even gaze with horror upon a baby's smile. They'd make the earth a Heaven and angels we would be if might were ever given to the small minority.

We Nominate For Nebraska's Hall of Fame.



"I CAN'T remember the time when I did not write or dream of writing," says Catharine Tongue of Stromsburg. "Many of my short stories were born on the banks of some stream while I walked or sat with a fishing pole in my hand."

"Mrs. Tongue is now working on a book, 'Inside the Shell.' It will be a political story. This is a field with which she is familiar. Last fall when she was called down to Lincoln to take charge of the organization of the Nebraska women throughout the state she found plenty material for a story, which she plans to call 'The Golden Whip.'"

A Book of Today

No man is a hero to his valet, but Cyrus H. K. Curtis is a hero to his son-in-law, which is strong evidence of the real bigness of Cyrus the Great, publisher of the Ladies' Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post, The Country Gentleman and the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Edward Bok is the son-in-law in the case. In his story of Mr. Curtis, "A Man From Maine" (Charles Scribner's Sons, \$3), Edward, although he has known the publishing colossus for years in the most intimate relations, stands amazed and breathless before his greatness.

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Rise of Motor Bus and Truck

Aurora Register. George L. Burr: Motor trucks are very useful in this part of Nebraska. Household goods can be handled from Lincoln, taking advantage of light freight, transported 75 miles and delivered for little more than the exorbitant crating and moving charges of the city.

Madison Star-Mail. P. A. Bartows: So far motor and bus lines have not contributed very materially to the service of the community, more especially because weather conditions and bad roads stand in the way of a reliable service.

The Wymorean. J. M. Burnham: The development of bus and truck lines in this territory is limited at present, but both branches are being improved and patronage is increasing.

Grand Island Independent. A. F. Baechler: In recent years motor trucks have greatly benefited a wide passenger and freight transportation facilities within a radius of from 25 to 35 miles.

"THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

Editorial from readers of The Morning Bee. The function of public education, as based on the fact that everybody, not merely parents, pays for it.

A Plea for Abe Martin. Avoca, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Well, dear Daily Bee, I have just finished reading you and find many things of much interest to the public in general.

Celebration of Mothers' Day. Shelton, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Mothers' day this year falls on May 13, and it is the wish of the International association to have the day fittingly observed in the home.

A Query Passed on to Our Readers. New York.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Because your daily paper is so widely read, I thought you could give an opinion on this proposition with less exertion than most men would require.

Liberty in Utah. Out in Utah you can't smoke in a restaurant without getting pinched. However, you can eat onions or garlic in any style.—Milwaukee Journal.

Daily Prayer

Lay us aside, O God, the sin which doth so easily beset us.—Heb. 12:2. Our dear Heavenly Father, thy Thy hand that opens for us the gates of the morning and draws about us the curtains of the night.

SONG. The garden of my sweetheart is full of love and light; She mothers all the flowers, And tucks them in at night.

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Capital and Surplus Two Million Dollars. B. BREWER, Gen. Mgr. V. A. BRIDGE, Cir. Mgr. W. H. QUINCY, Notary Public

The Law of the Press

The code of professional ethics made known by the recently formed Society of Newspaper Editors, meeting at Washington, ought to have usefulness in connecting popular misapprehensions as to press motives and policies, as well as in serving as a guide for those connected with the press.

There is a law of press, one which is inexorable in its demand for respect though its acceptance is made voluntary, and one to which disobedience, especially if deliberate and repeated, brings its own unpleasant penalties.

The existence of newspaper schools side by side with schools of law and medicine and engineering is one thing leaving little doubt as to the professional status. Goddard standards supply is handed down from one more or less skilled worker to another in apprenticeship.

A written code has explicit advantages over an unwritten code. Unfolded to a public which understands and sympathizes, it makes the practice of approved journalism easier and enables the charlatans of the press to be the more readily recognized.

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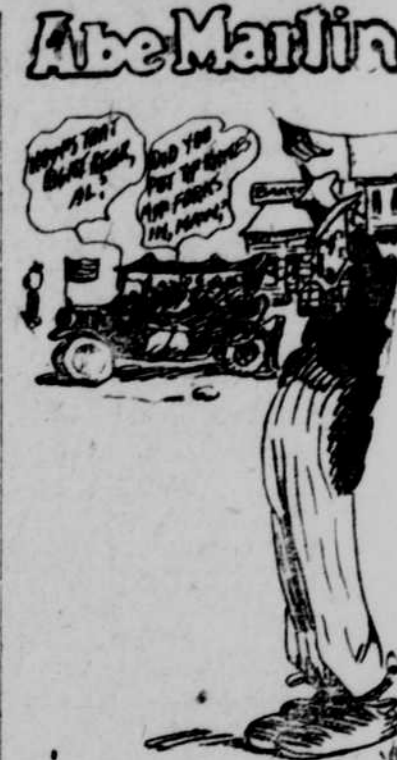
"Pioneers"

The UNION PACIFIC Pride of the West. Fifty-four years ago next Thursday the Golden Spike—driven at Promontory Point, just west of Ogden, Utah—joined the rails from East and West, creating the first great Transcontinental Railroad—the Union Pacific.

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It's just about got so a feller kin run a drug store without bein' a pharmacist. "Live so you'll never have to try 't' thwart 'th' newspapers," said ex-editor Cale Pluhart, 'Gday, in his address 't' th' Apple Grove High school.

"Somebody has invented a motorcycle limousine body."

"A great many people conduct their entire careers on that principle."

"I've come to fix that old tub in the kitchen."

"Overheard at a directors' meeting: 'While we are sitting here let us see how we stand on running expenses.'"



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