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LAW NOT A PRACTICAL JOKE, In his slurring reply to the women who visited police court Judge W. F. Wappich shows himself far from judicious. Contrary to his evident impression it is not out of place for any woman citizen to attend court, or to venture to criticise the manner in which cases are disposed of. Equal suffrage has made women voters as responsible as men in the choice of public officials and in the determination of public

policies. When Prosecutor Dennis O'Brien invited the club law enforcement, a committee from the W. C. T. U. promptly responded, and began visiting the various court rooms of the city. It will not do for Judge community is high. Having once embarked on their investigation, they were not to be turned back, unpleasant though their task must have been. It will be noticed also that instead of sentimentally complaining of sentences as unduly harsh, they refer to occasional instances of what seemed to them undue leniency.

things in Judge Wappich's court that they could not | Nebraska Tuberculosis association Thursday night, approve. "It is not up to a judge to criticise or be- its president, Dr. Solon R. Towne, announced that little the law, but to enforce it," is the way one committee-woman summed it all up.

More people pass before the bar of police court than through all the other courts in the city. Many of them are of low grade mentality, some are illiterate and some are newcomers to America who are ignorant of the customs of the country. This is their first actual contact with the government, and from it they get their first impression of the processes of law and justice. It is easy to see that if they get the idea that the law is something like a practical joke they will never stand much chance of becoming good fickle or impulsive, they are being set on the wrong

Many of these petty offenders in police court need guidance as much or more than restraint. A man is not a thorough criminal until he puts himself in a position of antagonism to law. If he discovers early in his career that the law is a reasonable thing, designed to make life easier and not harder, then a court is serving its full purpose. It is on this score that the report of the W. C. T. U. committee is useful and important. It would be a good thing if more citizens, men and women, would familiarize themselves with the working of our local government by the more interest they take in its workings, the better it will become.

POISONED INK.

One of the oldest and most cowardly of crimes is that of blackmail. It persists and thrives because men and women alike shrink from being dragged before the world in an unpleasant light. So delicately is the good name of man or woman balanced, it seems, that a breath may topple it over; not because of the breath itself, but because that breath soon blows into a gale. The awful crash of public exposure that comes with the commission of a great crime is far less to be dreaded than the gently insinuated crucifixion that follows a whisper

Here is where society unconsciously, perhaps, but effectively aids the blackmailer. Thoughtlessly, Idly, without malice or evil intent, maybe, the gossip is passed on, growing with each repetition, until It finally becomes a mountain mass to topple over and crush the victim. No one knows this better than the blackmailer, and he plies his cowardly traffic in confidence. His victim shrinks from public-'ty, and thus gives protection to the bloodsucker.

New York's prosecuting attorney is pursuing just now a group of "poisoned pen" workers, located among prominent club men. One of the sufferers from the gang's operations has agreed to go through with the ordeal of testifying, but many others, whose help will be material, have fled. Whether the inquiry will bring to justice the gang will be for the future to determine, but the incident affords a curious sort of light on the civilization of the day. When idle club men associate themselves to inflict cruel punishment on innocent women, for the pleasure of seeing their victims writhe, the time for recasting some of our ideas as to enlightenment seems to have come.

PUBLIC BOOK SHELVES.

There is scarcely any limit to the good influence that can spread out over a community from a public hbrary. Those towns that have no such collection of books do not realize what they are missing, or they would take prompt steps to improve the situation. It is also true that those cities having great libraries do not appreciate them as much as they should. And so the American Library association is conferring over methods of encouraging heavier circulation of books.

In the overwhelming desire for lower taxes Nebraska recently reduced its appropriation for the state circulating library, which has been vastly useful both in rural communities and in the small towns. This renders it more incumbent than ever on such localities to establish a library for themselves. Surely that great force for betterment, the women's clubs, can get behind a movement for county libraries. The institution of these is provided for by an old state

By the inclination of our people, such matters are left pretty largely to local decisions. Czecho-Slovakia, that new state of central Europe, is perhaps the only country that is making national provision for public libraries. Three years ago its parliament passed a law requiring that a public library should be set up in every town with more than 400 inhabitants. Smaller places with no schools were given until 1929 to establish libraries. There are now 3,343 public libraries in that country, with more than 3,000,000 borrowers last year. This speaks of the high intellectual level of the people. The same hunger for good literature and the same desire to expand knowledge of technical subjects through reading exists in Nebraska. The thing to be done is to encourage this feeling to the point of action.

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER.

Conditions in Mexico are now stable enough to warrant negotiations for a reconciliation with the United States. That recognition of the Obregon government is on the way is indicated by the arrival of Charles B. Warren, former ambassador to Japan, and John Barton Payne, former secretary of the interior, at the City of Mexico, as official envoys. If, as now seems assured, the Mexican government will give a guarantee of American property rights, recognition will follow promptly.

Article 27 of the Mexican constitution adopted in 1917, not only declared all mineral wealth below the soil government property but also made this provision retroactive. This was interpreted as confiscating the property of American citizens who had acquired their mining and oil rights under the Diaz regime. Another constitutional provision authorized the seizure and division of agricultural land as

The position of the United States government has been that Mexico is free to adopt any policy which it pleases with respect to the public lands, but that it is not free to destroy without compensation valid titles that have been obtained by American citizens under Mexican laws. If President Obregon and his congress are now ready to conform to this stipulation, full resumption of diplomatic relations are now possible.

This has its commercial as well as its political significance. Undoubtedly recognition will result in women of Omaha to take a more active interest in the expansion of trade across our southern border. Some estimates put the possibilities of business with Mexico as rivaling the present trade with Canada. In addition to this, a reconciliation will have Wappich to attempt to brand them as insincere, senti- a profound influence for understanding relations mental or unintelligent, for their standing in the with the rest of Latin America. One of the points on which the recent Pan-American peace conference broke down was the lack of harmony between the United States and Mexico.

DEFEATING A REAL DEMON.

Man's interest in man's welfare is surely taking the place of that inhumanity which once made This group of Omaha housewives found many countless millions mourn. At the meeting of the 100,000 deaths annually mark the toll taken by the disease, most of which are preventable. In this statement is contained some measure of the work done in the crusade against the white plague. Twenty years ago, with a smaller population the death roll in the United States was 180,000 a year from tuber-

Singular as it may seem it is only within a quarter of a century that the intelligence of man was effectively directed against tuberculosis. Acting on the assumption that the disease was hereditary, that it was necessarily fatal, and that citizens. Or if the law seems to them something it was susceptible to cure by dosage, the unequal combat was carried on with no progress. A radical change in method followed certain investigations, and a better mode of fighting the scourge has produced gratifying results. Sunlight, fresh air, good food and rest is the prescription. Breeding spots of the disease have been broken up, its propagation checked by the adoption of reasonable sanitary regulations, and victims sustained by the knowledge that cure is possible, and that a careful consumptive is no more of a menace to the community than a healthy person.

A reduction of 5 per cent in the death rate due to tuberculosis contains more than appears on personal visits. It is the people's government, and the surface. It holds as well the saving incident to the lessening cost of caring for the afflicted, the gain that is due to the increase in productive capacity of those who formerly could not work beuse of sickness, the relief of families and communities from the terror once accompanying the disease and finally, the promise that some day tuberculosis will have been banished completely.

The work of the Nebraska society has achieved much of good in our own state, and deserves the support of all who are concerned in bettering con-

When a hard-boiled prisoner meets a police judge who also has been in longer than five minutes, the repartee runs up into money pretty fast, as one of the first sort found out Friday.

An enforcement officer from Minnesota says Nebraska has them all beaten when it comes to observing the dry law. If that is true, some of the rest must be fairly dripping.

One of these days we may get a measure on how much is fact and how much propaganda in the accounts now coming out of Europe.

A peace conference where extra efforts have to be made to protect delegates from assassination is not a pleasant thing to contemplate.

Omaha's W. C. T. U. women know what good behavior and common decency mean, even in police

If the police judge did declare himself to be an expert on liquor, we would like to know where he

The Omaha has made a record from Honolulu to San Francisco, and is ready for other assignments.

Another useless murder is added to Omaha's record. How long will this be kept up?

A police court is no place for a visitor whose sensipilities are not seasoned.

Some essence of world politics seems to have infected the climate.

Homespun Verse By Robert Worthington Davie

SWEET CLOVER.

Sweet Clover, proud I greet you-

True Savior of the clay: With gratitude I meet you

Upon the wold today. So stalwart, yet so graceful-A monarch of your kind, Called alien and baseful

In days not far behind.

But you have come, Sweet Clover, To show your worth, and now You grow the wide world over. You turn before the plow. You bring the wise to wonder. You rest the weary sod.

You have the might of thunder

You're agriculture's God. From fruitless banks you've drifted Across the regions vast: Like sand your seeds have sifted,

And he made you king at last. You-shunned and scorned and taunted Not many years ago-Are praised and loved and flaunted

Wherever you may grow

best to eat, and when Fifie dies he is put away in a dear little coffin and his

oble mistress weeps, oh, so bitter. The little "four-legs" are the children's playmates and not for a normal woman to love and care for as if it were an infant. The "doggie" and the "kitty" for the boy and girl, but the dear little motherless and fatherless babe for me.
Every one to his own liking, of

"The People's

Voice"

Dogs for Children and Children for

Minden, Ia .- To the Editor of The

Omaha Bee: Have you ever heard

folks say: "No, I would never think

Poor folks! They are to be pitied.

But these very same folks will take

unto themselves a four-legged ani-

mal of one kind or another-bathe,

clothe, feed, love and even carry it in, their arms, if it happens to be a small

"critter." for instance, like Mrs. Jiggs Fifi. Dear little Fifi; yes, dear little Fifi must have pretty colored

blankets, cut and made to fit him just so; a collas of gold, beset with

precious jewels, or a necklace with cute little spangels that jingles and

jingles when he runs beside his mis-

ress or on ahead of her. Fift must

go out for walks: Fifi must have the

of adopting an orphan."

Women.

WILHELMINA JENSEN.

Omaha.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Intolerance of another's religious belief is one of the deplorcation are far above the ordinary, and ticularly as accompanist for suconsidered or discussed.

It is difficult to understand why a deep-seated prejudice against any man or woman should endure simply be-cause of their mode of worship, and why this should make them less clean or desirable as employes, neighbors

of personal superiority and prejudice, by reason of religious views held, should not enter into our social and business relationships any more than should the question of a blond or brunette complexion; neither are matters of personal choice and are in no way indicative of superior reasoning power, intelligence or broadminded-ness. They are purely matters of heredity and environment-since both our complexions and our religion are generally speaking heritages from our ancestors—the latter having been intilled into us during the nonresident tary selection of method or creed was possible or permitted, and is more or ess accidental in character-a change of environment frequently entailing

abroad in the universe today is a shining example of incorrect or t tive thinking: it starts with nothing as a basis and ends in the same way. accomplishes nothing, and is merely Habits, correct or incorrect, are al-

ways the result of thought, conscious, in the beginning, and later, through practice and use, they impress our ita Beacon, subconscious mind, become fixed and are performed without conscious ef-fort. A mental or physical practice at a soviet trial in Moscow district which does not produce beneficial ef-which does not produce beneficial ef-has sentenced seven prisoners to It is just as possible to acquire good mental habits as it is to acquire good physical ones. We bathe, brush our teeth and enjoy clean clothing be-cause our subconscious mind has because our subconscious mind has becleanliness is beneficial to our well-being; we are also convinced, in the same way, that exercise is conducive to good health. However, many of us are content to continue to use our minds as the storehouse for mental rubbish, and harbor thoughts of hate, greed, fear, etc., with no effort made o displace them.

mental habits are formed through practice and repetition, just as good anysical ones are, by our being awak-ened to their value to our welfare. Incorrect mental habits of many years' growth, cannot be cast off as

we do a garment. We can, however, today to put our house in order, and, as a starting point for the new regime, determine that, henceforth, we shall love our fellow man for all the good qualities he possesses — and the profession of Christianity, regardless of the method of worship, is one of the finest.

W. J. MARTIN.

Partisanship and Prejudice.

Omaha.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The average individual is apt to think that the wrongs of the world are of a wholesale nature, when really some of the worst sins of soclety are caused by the thoughts and actions of man to man. It is not war, head equally among the rich or poor, hands for a living.

Partizanship, for instances, in political sense, is that peculiar condition of mind, which sees no good in the opposing party, nor its candidates. It is not based upon thinking, but wholly on prejudice. It means the value of a human life. To

Daily Prayer

I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust.—Pe. 40:11-4.

Our Father, in Thee every family in Heaven and earth is named. We

Heaven and earth is named. We thank Thee for our own home and fireside. We thank Thee for the great family of mankind. For ourselves and for all our brothers and sisters in all the world we pray Time this day. Send us forth to our own work with willing hearts and ready hands, and fit us and all men for the burdens we must bear this day. Bring us to our home this night at the end of fruitful toil, and at the day's end grant us rest and quiet sleep. Accept our thanks for all Thy mercies to us and to all men, and give to us the added blessing of grateful hearts. We

in the Spirit, of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. WILDIAM E. PARTÓN D.D., LL.D., One Park, III.

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We Nominate----For Nebraska's Hall of Fame.



TEAN P. DUFFIELD studied first at Ottumwa, Ia., and later in Berlin at the Royal Academy of Music, piano with Profs. Raif and cultural community the service reable present day heritages from the Dark Ages, and not many individuals, regardless of their broadness of mind field spent several years in Iowa and in other directions, have escaped its one season as head of the piano de-blighting influence. It is, seemingly, partment of Christian college, Columinextricably woven into the business and social life of today. Many of our finest characters, both men and women, whose intelligence and edu-line of teaching and playing, partists as George Hamlin, Julia Claustheir fellow man in other debatable matters amounts to indulgence, are Christine Miller and others. Some as adamant when his religious belief of his time has also been devoted to composition. Among his most ef-fective compositions are "Mignon's Dance' "The Spring's Blue Eyes" for voice and an anthem to Tennyson's poem. 'Crossing the Bar." Mr. Duffield has other compositions, and composed Fair thinking dictates that feelings usually he has something he is work udice, ing on, principally for the pleasure held, he has in creative work.

The Spice of Life

Department of Agriculture finds that 1,120,000 persons have left the farms for the cities during the last year. We must know how many went back before we can draw any conclusion.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

When a girl discovers that' her suitor carries cigars in a metal case, she knows he has loved before.—New

-Hartford Times.

which does not produce beneficial etfects, does harm and is destructive in
its nature. Constructive thought
creates love and good will, and is a
positive instead of a negative force.

This sentenced seven prisoners to
death, we see, and we suppose she
just couldn't keep it in curl.—Grand
if extent in the industrial activities and
life of this town and community.
Here, as elsewhere, doubtless business

letes.—Arkansas Democrat.

The change of seasons is from ashpan to drippan.-Greenville Piedmont.

o take the prices off the menu card.

Psychologists tell us that every man is master of his own mind; and he is therefore, able to select the kind of thoughts he wishes it to contain. Good thoughts he wishes it to contain. Good desirable than the most illiterate for desirable than the most illiterate for the first time. At eigner who votes for the first time. At least such voters are open for conviction-while the partisan has closed and bolted the door leading to his socalled thinking apparatus.

Partisanship need hardly be re-stricted to politics. We find it in re-ligion. In the estimation of hidebound secterians, a person's honesty Think of the injustice tional tag. done real good folks who become the innocent victims of this terrible narpeople to clear the community atmosphere of this cruel and pitiable con

The vocational snob and partisan is another undesirable. He tries arouse class consciousness. The United States of America is the greatest exponent of individualism in the world. Where on the face of the globe do we find a higher type, and more successful citizenship? It is abintemperance and flapperism that is surd to express the opinion that a ruining the world, but downright parman is necessarily a crook, because ruining the world, but downright par-tizanship, prejudice and cussed self-ishness in human nature. This mon-ster in human relations, sticks up its head equally a mone the rich or room. hands for a living. The marks of real manhood are manifest in the daily We cannot respect a man's opinion unless we respect him as a man. This we will never do so long as we think of men in terms of party, race, religion or vocation. Let us consider how this disease of the mind affects in the daily walks of life. You find it in kindness, sympathy, honesty, industry and morality. The golden life—the worth while individual, may be the humble section hand, or the millionaire. It is not the real estate, the profession while individual, may be the humble section hand, or the millionaire. It is not the real estate, the profession.

the union that will coun obituary is being written Perhaps the most contemptuous partisan is the racial snubber. To such persons, character, personality has been dedicated the self-appointed task of naming the most wonderful ace in the world-and it is always their own. People are born into this world bearing the characteristics of their own race. They come as representatives of their people to suffer rebuffs and slights from those who too often are their inferior.

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Rural Isolation Passes

relationship between farmer and the

Osceola Democrat.

everything produced by the farmers of the surrounding territory. Organi-

zations distinctly designed to assist

farmers flourish here, such as the

Farm bureau and Farmers' union

With telephone lines reaching every

farm home from the county seat

and 18 rural mail routes in operation

daily there is information given that farmers never thought of 10 years

Our Waning Mail Service.

Either the United States, as a busi

nave been delivered in Nebraska City

sent; important parcels, worthless to the recipient unless delivered prompt-ly, have been stored in some safe,

dark place in a mail terminal and re-

ceived three or four days after the

"dead line" has exposed. What's the matter with the mail service, any-

way? Is it another indication that government-owned and government-

operated business enterprises are ac-

cates of private ownership declare? We have always held up the postal system as a shining example of in-tegrity, efficiency and dispatch. Un-

doubtedly the men in charge of it are

honest and honorable; presumably they are efficient—although under-

paid in numerous instances. "dispatch" is conspicuous th

three and four days after they were,

operative facilities

tion in early days.

E. A. Walrath: Osceola offers co-

Nebraska Country Editors Discuss Factors Bringing Farmers in Touch With Towns

There is no longer rural isolation in Nebraska, in the sense of early days. Good roads, automobiles, telephone and radio kill isolation. Wayne is organizing an agricultural fair association for its first exhibit this fall. The city is aiding in the making of better roads, and intelligently marking the highway leading to this marking the highway leading to this place. mits nothing to get away which has the tendency to cement the friendly

Hemingford Ledger.

assist the farmer in securing this community take pleasure in cogood roads and good market condi- operating with our business interests Our business men help secure for the industrial progress of our the city. lower freight rates, advertise local products, furnish office for county agent and assist in securing labor during harvest. We tried to secure an adequate potato-grading law, but were defeated. Hemingford maintains a public library. It also gives lots of free advice and is building a town jail.

McCook Tribune. F. M. Kimmell: So far as Mc-Cook is concerned, there is no such thing as rural isolation in Red Willow county or in southwestern Nebraska. The McCook Chamber of Commerce and the McCook Rotary club has among its members farmers of this vicinity. The McCook Woman's club and all other clubs and organizations, cultural and industrial, are open wide to men and women of the surrounding country.

Madison Star-Mail.

P. A. Barrows: Madison has always endeavored to give to the agri- From the Nebraska City Press. quired to bring about the best mutual ness center, is growing too fast for results. There is no such condition as the mail service to keep up, or the rural isolation at the present time, mail service is entirely too much out nor has there been for years. There of thene with business. There was an tween town and country.

Ogaliala News.

J. S. Kroh: Ogallala is co-operating with the farmers of Keith county in extension of telephones, good roads and rural mail routes of the city; also excellent high school patronized 63 nonresident pupils. These and by 63 nonresident pupils. over 1,200 automobiles, independent of trucks, make rural isolation a thing of the past in Keith county

Gordon Journal.

Dwight P. Griswold: Gordon is ing nothing particularly in the way better service to farmers, but on the whole there is a good feeling prevalent. I do not think there is the rural isolation there once was, as better roads and automobiles have changed all that.

York News Teller.

York can of course never do as ch for farmers as farmers do for but tries to help in the big agricultural game by maintaining free labor and information bureaus for the benefit of all in the county. Live-benefit of all in the county. Live-by its absence. Something is wrong stock breeders have been guests at somewhere. The folks who depend dinner (followed by discussions of the problems of the industry) twice during the past year. The town is actively almost any length to improve it. interested in the county fair, provides ossible or permitted, and is more or sea accidental in character—a change of environment frequently entailing change of instruction.

The spirit of intolerance which is broad in the universe today is a land Plain Dealer.

York American.

"What Is Your Opinion of Civilization?" New York weekly paper. We'll tell you as soon as it arrives.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"What Is Your Opinion of Civilization?" New York weekly paper. We'll tell you as soon as it arrives.—Cleveland Plain Dealer. Don't worry about your wandering county has a good system of county roads, in charge of a competent engineer. He has to do more or less wanring in order to find parking space. and highways. More than 3,500 auto mobiles have been licensed this year Put on too much speed ahead and the York telephone exchange has and the York telephone exchange has 4,460 subscribers, with 1,960 on the rural lines. There is not much chance for rural isolation in this community

Orleans Chronicle. H. H. McCoy: Business men and

We suppose the long-distance gum men are more sincere and solicitous hewing contest will come next. That concerning the welfare and prosperity ought to bring out a big field of ath- of the farmer than they are given credit for. As the result of co-operation between farmer and business man The doctor who says one shouldn't here we have here today the largest eat while worried should start a drive Equity union creamery in the world.

Capital and Surplus Two Million Dollars



Abe Martin

Ther's so many fellers lettin ther whiskers grow till Bryan's president that it's goin' t' be purty ago. All this, with \$40,000 to \$50,000 hard t' locate King David. It don't expended in constructing or maintaining good roads, eliminates what was wuz a poor little pinched face girl rural isolation. Gasoline and without even roller skates, but t'day farm trucks have aided in a practical she values her affections at \$500,manner much similar to what was 000, earrings \$12.50, an' wrist brought about with steam transporta- watch \$9.

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Prairie Gems

The work, utterances and entire be excuse for slow deliveries during the the governor's chair shows not the war, when transportation was dedicated to the movement of troops and ests of the state. Politics, not unsupplies; there is no excuse at this mixed with misrepresentation, has time because we are pursuing the platitudes of peace, as it were. But the mail service is not functioning as

When The Omaha Bee asked us the Letters written 500 miles away other day to "brief" the recreational activities of our well known community for publication in the Omaha newspaper we forgot something. "Pan most enjoyable, perennial sport, and the neighbors reciprocate by doing a little piece of the same .- Nebraska

The idea of Senator Norris to reduce the offices in the legislature and them on a nonpartisan ticket would no doubt, be an ideal manner in which to run the state government, but when there is so much partisan spirit in the air it will be a hard matter to make the change.—Bloomington Advocate-Tribune.

Peacham's New Obligation.

is conspicuous these days presumably all the Peacham farmers carried umbrellas while they were their milking.-Boston Tran-

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