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TOWN AND COUNTRY.

A speaker from a great middle western city, addressing a group of Nebraskans, remarked that a survey of his own home town had developed the fact that twelve-thirteenths of its total business was done with outsiders, only one-thirteenth of its total volume of trade being purely domestic.

A healthy, active interest in our neighbors there is but an exhibition of intelligent self-interest. When we smooth the way for others, even our competitors, we are in some sense smoothing the way for ourselves.

Responses to an inquiry addressed by The Omaha Bee to Nebraska editors may be accepted as typical of conditions in this state. F. M. Kimmell of the McCook Tribune says: "So far as McCook is concerned, there is no such thing as rural isolation in Red Willow county."

Long ago the people of Nebraska recognized the community of interest between farms and towns, and have been acting accordingly. Rest rooms for farmers and their families were among the first things to be established in carrying out what has come to be a comprehensive program.

Town and country are not rivals, but partners, for one can not get on without the other. Agriculture is basic, and the small community is so close to agriculture that it can not be readily separated.

COLORADO PICKS ITS OWN. In selecting Alva Adams to be senator from Colorado, Governor Sweet gives the impression that he knows the politics of his own state rather better than several outsiders who sought to advise and direct his action.

The Adams dynasty in Colorado goes back to the very roots of the state. Alva Adams, senior, was a power out there in territorial days. Three times he served the state as governor, and finally retired from office that he might devote himself to his library and his activities along lines less strenuously exacting than statesmanship.

If the new senator follows the traditions of his father, Colorado will have a democrat of the type of Charles Spaulding Thomas, who was a patriot before he was a partisan, who could see when his party was headed in the wrong direction and had the courage to oppose leadership he did not look upon as sound.

A TRAGEDY OF LOST LOVE. "Many waters can not quench love, neither can floods drown it," sang Solomon, but he could have gone a little farther and added that it is possible to kill love.

Three children, from 17 to 20 years of age, faced their mother in the juvenile court, while she begged the judge to require them to come home and live with her.

"Have you ever stopped to think there might be some fault on your side?" the court asked. "Judge," replied the mother, "I am a good woman. There is nothing wrong with my character. I can prove it to you."

THE MIRAGE OF FOREIGN MARKETS.

Facts are stubborn things, and not always pleasant companions for propaganda. Take for instance the oft-repeated claim that American industry, particularly agriculture, can never know prosperity until order is restored in Europe.

The argument runs that European markets are now closed to the United States and that they cannot be re-opened until we have involved ourselves anew, politically and financially, in the settlement of all these controversies overseas.

The fact is that when Europe resumes normal production the foreign trade of the United States is due to decline toward the pre-war level. Mark Sullivan has pointed that out, and statistics bear him witness on the point.

With these facts in mind, it is impossible for anyone to be deceived by the claim that because America has not thrown itself into the middle of continental chaos it has lost the opportunity for immense profits.

It is as plain as the nose on a man's face that the reason our exports to Europe today are greater than they were in the pre-war years is because Europe is not back to a normal pre-war basis either industrially or agriculturally.

America looks with hope to the time when Germany, France, Russia and the rest of Europe get back to normal. Not for reasons of profit, however, but from the instinct of humanity and brotherhood.

CLOSING THE BLUE SKY ERA.

A telling blow has been struck in defense of the people's money by the conviction of twelve promoters of the Colonial Timber and Coal corporation. The prison sentences and heavy fines meted out to the leaders of this conspiracy to pick the pockets of innocent investors mark the close of an epoch of wildcat financing that reached a climax in the years of inflation following the world war.

It was the bluest of blue sky that the Colonial outfit had to sell. Claiming ownership of 700,000 acres of land in West Virginia to which they had only the flimsiest title, they issued \$2,000,000 in bonds and \$10,000,000 in stock and set out to unload on the public.

Great sums were spent in the defense of these promoters. It is said that one of them expended almost a quarter of a million dollars in the desperate but unsuccessful attempt to win freedom. The United States district attorney's office deserves great credit for this victory for the people.

Thus ends the longest trial held in federal court in this district. Ends also an era in which millions of dollars were plundered from the investors of Nebraska by all sorts of fraudulent schemes.

Homespun Verse. The man who works the hardest seldom gets so very far. Least people never praise him for the merit of his work.

He's lucky if his earnings keep him even with the fray. He seldom has a minute to forget his work, and play. He plods forever onward. He's just a man, no more! So common few will miss him when he sails to yonder Shore.

"From State and Nation"

Editorials from other newspapers.

Weighed in the Balance and Found Wanting.

The most incoherent and inconspicuous document ever emanating from the office of chief executive of the state of Nebraska is the message of Governor Charles W. Bryan vetoing the Dyras-Mathers code bill.

The governor declares in his veto message that the Dyras-Mathers measure is "shameful and unprecedented defiance of a public mandate."

The governor complains that the republicans sacrificed every good feature of the code system for the sake of making provision for salaries of "code secretaries."

The governor's final complaint is that "the Maters bill does not modify the cabinet form of government, but destroys it, and makes it impossible for code secretaries to meet and confer with the governor."

The French spoliation claims were not put to rest in any way. The war claims are not adjusted yet. At the last session congress appropriated a small sum to reimburse the heirs of the Pennsylvania brewer for taxes illegally collected 20 years before.

The government of the palefaces would go bankrupt if it had to reimburse the Sioux Indians for the loss of their lands. The answer seems to be 300,000 years.

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We Nominate For Nebraska's Hall of Fame.



MENTOR A. BROWN, veteran editor of the Kearney Hub, had originally a literary and poetic ambition. He has written considerable verse, more ambitious efforts being published in the Express.

Mr. Brown was born in Japewille, Wis., February 19, 1853. At 13 he was a printer's apprentice on the Jeffersonian in New York. He struck out for Nebraska when 17. Summer and fall, 1870, he worked in Nebraska City, Omaha and Council Bluffs, going to Beatrice July 19, that year.

The Code Stands. From the Norfolk News. Governor Bryan in his campaign speeches promised to repeal the code law and put the functions of the secretary of state in the hands of elective state officers.

A Man Upholds W. C. T. U. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In a recent issue of The Omaha Bee I read a column from a woman who attempts to defend Judge Wappich from the censure directed against him by a committee of Christian Temperance union.

In Nebraska. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The native Nebraskan's heart strings are deeply rooted. To paraphrase the famous remarks of the late John J. Ingalls, anent Kansas, "Once a Nebraskan, always a Nebraskan. We may wander, we may roam, but eventually we come back to Nebraska."

Ten Cents a Head. From the Nebraska City Press. The packers' merger, we are informed by a man connected with Armour & Co., will save the American people \$10,000,000, through reduction of "overhead" and facilities for marketing, and the elimination of duplications.

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"THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

Editorial from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

"Woe to Them That Are at Ease in Zion."

Pender, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Lo! I dreamed a dream of a wonderful chain, the strongest and most beautiful creation that had ever been on the earth; for its 48 links were divinely welded together.

As thoughts of the Mayflower flashed through my mind I cried: "How can these things be?" A voice answered: "Modern ideas and conditions. The toilers now of desk, shop and field demand recreation vastly different from the old-time restful baths of their fathers to fit them for the stress of a new week, and Sunday baseball, movies, theaters and lark."

Strangely fascinated, I examined further and found, to my consternation, that the rust of Christian indifference had in some of the most attractive links developed to an alarming extent the corrosion of industrial disaffection, mounting to a great tidal wave of flagrant crime abroad in the land, where reigned the violation of law and the defiance of justice.

Then my anguished heart prayed to be shown the remedy for these conditions, and the answer came in "a still, small voice": "When the God-fearing, law-abiding, Sabbath-keeping, home-loving spirit of American citizenship shall be breathed on all the links of this great chain, these elements be crystallized in an invincible centralized government that shall swiftly dispel the forces of disintegration, thus perpetuating forever the traditional American ideals for which it is a delight to live, and for which millions have dared to die."

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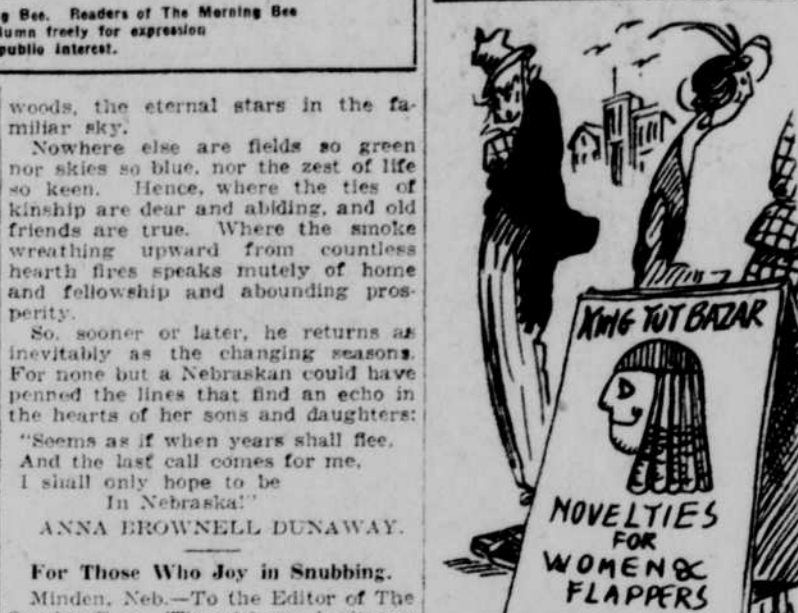
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Abe Martin



Advent dry officers raided Life Bud's home 'day an' confiscated the coil in his water heater. One fine thing about endurance dancin'—young girls are out o' harm's way as long as they keep dancin'.

Worrying Over Details. From the Nebraska City Press. How many human wrecks have been cast upon the shore through constant worrying over trifles no man is able to compute. Close attention to the little things which should be left to subordinates promotes the growth of gray hair, deep wrinkles in the skin and hinders one's footsteps toward the well known grave.

Why Six Years? A Massachusetts writer, we are told, has become a rich man in six years. What is there wonderful about that?—Boston Transcript.

Quite Natural. Scientists are again asserting that life is diminishing, but it always seems that way in the springtime.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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