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SMALL INDUSTRIES FOR THE WEST.

Sound reasons exist for believing that the economic center of America is shifting to the middlewest. Such a movement, by which industries will seek sites nearer the sources of raw material and power and where labor and living costs are less is in line with the principles of modern efficiency. Always it has seemed preposterous to middle westerners that they should be called upon to pay freight to the mills on the Atlantic seaboard for their raw products, and then foot the bill a second time when the finished materials are shipped back 2,000 miles to be consumed where they originated.

High freight rates are playing a major part in discouraging this wasteful shuttling back and forth of middle western products, but there are also many other factors working to the same end.

Undoubtedly the more plentiful labor supply of the north and east have had much to do with their great industrial development. Great factories were established there before the first wave of settlers swept into the middlewest. There was even a time in American history when the manufacturing interests of New England fought the opening of these western lands to settlement, fearing the loss of since she inherits other of the qualities of her great their labor. However, the great exodus to the plains was inevitable, and immigration from Europe came to the rescue of the eastern mills.

Now, however, with immigration falling off in some cases even below the quota set by the restric- discard for the reason that it takes ten acres to tion law, the east is experiencing a labor shortage. No longer are there two men clamoring for a sin has an appetite no less dainty, and so would be regle job, but there are actually more jobs than men quired to cover an immense area in order to live to fill them. The labor supply of many western at all. Such journeys in search of food would have cities is more adequate than that of our eastern disclosed him long ago. We hope the hunters will competitors. Moreover, rents and costs of living are generally lower out here. Workmen have more answer to these and other queries that arise in conchance to get ahead and buy a home of their own | templation. instead of living in slums.

If this shift of industry to the interior comes about, it most probably will be through the coming of moderate sized plants rather than of trusts terians fair notice of his intent to battle for his or larger combinations. It was these combines that views as to what shall be taught in the churches of closed down so many of the middle western plants | that denomination. He does not recognize the suband moved their business east. And in the last few years more than one of these huge concerns "shall." Less than this would hardly have been what one advocates why doom to everhave lumbered into bankruptcy through inability to cope with smaller and more alert competitors.

At a recent meeting of the Society of Industrial Engineers, Joseph W. Roe of New York stated | tion of his own conviction, and his courage and dethat moderate sized plants represent now about votion have been proven on many hard fought fields, one-half the working force of American industry where he has gone down, manfully and strenuously and about one-third of our production. Although contending for his idea. the larger consolidations of capital have certain advantages, chiefly in the field of purchases and sales, siderable notice some two years ago by his attack he declared that smaller plants have their compensating factors. In the main the actual managers down to the so-called Darwinian theory of the deof such places are the owners, with keen and vital interest in the operation. They have a free hand, and can act quickly and adjust their policies to changing conditions, whereas the managers of larger concerns must penetrate a thick wall of officialdom before they can alter polices. The small plant, with no aabsentee ownership, but personal supervision, is the form that seems most suited to the middlewest.

A VICTIM OF THE SPOILS SYSTEM.

It is, perhaps, expecting too much to expect that Governor Bryan could rise high enough above petty public servant of opposite political faith, and reappoint that servant. The secretary of labor of Nebraska is a most efficient officer. It was the code law so emphatically denounced that gave the wage earners of the state the recognition to which they were entitled, and put the workingmen and women on the partisanship to recognize the valuable services of a raisers, the poultry fanciers and the bookkeepers. The secretary of labor, who is compensation commissioner, is, in addition to his other duties, a judicial officer. To him are referred all accidents and claims for compensation under the law. He investigates all the claims and in a judicial way makes his findings the same as any judge upon the bench, and his decisions are final unless overruled by a district court of the supreme court.

Frank A. Kennedy, who has served as secretary of labor for the past four years, has rendered most | from the present chief executive of Nebraska? valuable and efficient service. He has stood as a bulwark against those who would profit by preying upon the industrial cripples, and has proved himself a benefactor to wage carners, a great majority of whom are uninformed on their rights under the compensation law. He has secured for injured workers, without a penny of cost to them, compensation amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars, and in addition has saved them other thousands of dollars in physicians' and hospital fees. Mr. Kennedy has taken a just pride in the work of his department, and has thrown his whole soul into the work. He enjoys the confidence of the toilers who have had dealings with him, and at the same time has commanded the respect and confidence of the insurance companies and the large employers of labor. He has awarded compensation in nearly 800 contested cases, and thousands of his decisions have been cheerfully accepted without a question.

If Governor Bryan wanted to recognize meritorious service instead of merely finding a place for some "deserving democrat," he would not hesitate to reappoint Mr. Kennedy. If he were really desirous of recognizing that great body of toilers who are content to earn their daily wage, instead of merely rewarding some man who claims to carry the labor vote in his vest pocket, he would proffer Mr. Kennedy reappointment and thus give satisfaction to the sober, right living and right thinking elements of

labor, which elements are really in the majority. Mr. Kennedy has demonstrated that he is first of all a servant of the people and the guardian of the rights of the workers, and makes politics wholly secondary. That sort of thing, if we have been able to make just estimate of the mental processes of Governor Bryan, is quite beyond the gubernatorial comprehension. But Frank A. Kennedy will retire from the position he has honored for the past four years with the confidence of the workers and the respect of every rightminded citizen of the commonwealth. "

SEEING THINGS AT HAY SPRINGS.

Back in the Pleiocene days, a matter of two or three million years ago, the western end of Nebraska formed the verdant slope of a lush prairie, reaching down to the arm of the primeval ocean since shrunken to the Gulf of Mexico. Stigmaria, sigillaria, club grass and such like vegetation flourished, and dinosaur, pleisiosaur, icthyosaur, oysters as big as washtubs are today, and similar fauna matched the flora of the time. Pterodactyls winged their way sluggishly from swamp to swamp, occasionally battling with one another or with some beast that could not fly or run fast enough to get away from his pursuer. It was a day of life, crude and primitive, but far removed from the original,

and certainly lively. In the merganser duck Nebraska sportsmen are familiar with one of the descendants of the ptero- regard for that which is right dactyl, and it is not altogether out of the range of honorable can hardly help being inpossibilities that some of the other beauties of the moral welfare of our city and that far-away time also have left descendants. At country in general, even though it might seem like "butting in" on some any rate, fishermen who frequent Alkali lake, down of these women's differences south of Hay Springs a few miles, insist they have ing at what is right and what is discovered therein one of the original group. Only WI his head has been seen, but that is enough. One weman with a real womanly heart or of the points in favor of the serpent is that he was not discovered until prohibition had become effective. Yet some little cause for speculation still

though all these years? Sioux Indians at Pine Ridge used to tell of their fathers having seen the brontotherium and titanotherium, and ascribed to these prehistoric beasts responsibility for the disappearance of the buffalo. Mayhap the serpent, dinosaur or whatever it may be, took part in the destruction of the buffalo, and then gave attention to the herds of the cattle man. Even this hypothesis leaves something to be answered, for it would take considerable beef to fill such a maw. A lake of the dimensions involved would have to be miraculously prolific to bring forth the fish to sustain in good health an ordinary reptilian monster, which adds

One who should be wise in the ways of serpents, mother, Eve, suggests the thing may eat mud or grass. Even admitting this, the point is raised that the consumption of mud would in time greatly extend the lake, and the grass theory goes into the support a steer up there, and surely the monster soon bring him to the surface, when we may get the

W. J. BRYAN AS A LAY BROTHER.

William Jennings Bryan has given the Presbyjunctive "may," but insists upon the imperative fooked for from one so ardent in the advocacy of his own views as Mr. Bryan. His course of conduct at any given time rests on the adamantine founda-

on the theory of evolution. This has been narrowed motherly instinct for good can ac. The twain set out with the caravan scent of man, as popularly understood. Mr. Bryan positively refused to accept as sound any teaching that includes the thought that man has evolved from that includes the thought that man has evolved from the fire," so it would appear to the average intelligence that under existing the fire is smoke there must be some fire, so it would appear to the average intelligence that under existing the fire is smoke there must be some fire, so it would appear to the average intelligence that under existing the fire is smoke there are some fire. The streams of commerce are cheked by the snags of impossible to the fire is smoke there are some fire. The streams of commerce are cheked by the snags of impossible to the fire is smoke there are some fire. The streams of commerce are cheked by the snags of impossible to the fire is smoke there is smoke the interest. lower animals, no matter what. He rests immovable on the statements of the first and second chapters of from the W. C. T. U. or from other other days are statements of the first and second chapters of from the W. C. T. U. or from other appears. All other proposed remedies will not solve the situation in favor

The Philadelphia overture, laid over from the last assembly, deals with the case of Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, whose liberality in the expounding of gospel has greatly aroused the fundamentalists. As moderator of the General Assembly, Mr. Bryan could have named the chairman of the committee on bills

probably not a true index of the division of senti- play, boys!

Let a committee of women voters, ment among the delegates, but the announced inten-such as the real American mother chairman of the committee to which the moderator assigned him, assures the world that the proceedings witchcraft committee, attend a week sessions at Judge Wappich's court of the body will not be dull or indifferent.

Rumors that "Bill" O'Brien is to be removed from all American born voters and then to se compare their evidence with that of ually. the superintendency of the state fish hatcheries naturally reminds one of fish. And speaking of fish, how about the "suckers" who hoped for reform

The Delaware peach crop having been regularly and sufficiently damaged by frost, we may now expect the usual big crop. It is a bad token whenever a spring passes without frost hitting the Dela-

If Henry starts that string of banks, wonder if second-hand flivvers will be accepted as security for small loans?

Of course, if President Harding returns by the water route he will keep well inside of the three

Homespun Verse By Robert Worthington Davie

THE MAN OF MEN.

used to envy the travelin' folks when the trains went a-speedin' by: sat on the seat of the reaper then beneath the sultry

An' dreamed of a city dress-up job an' freedom I thought was a charm-

I used to long for a place to lilde when the rain in torrents fell. I used to hate the loneliness of the silent rural dell I watched the trains go a speedin' by, an' often I used "I'll go to the city before I die if things just come my

The city's glare, an' the city's grace, an' the city's Are different now to the knowing face that smiles on

the Used-to-be. I speak to the boys and the girls who dwell on the

The man of men in the world today is the man behind | Oh, Love will you ever find mine?

"The People's Voice"

The Omaha Morning Bee: Monday, May 21, 1923-Page 4

A Man Replies to "A Woman."

Omaha-To the Editor of the Oma-a Bee: In the "Peoples Voice" olumn of The Omaha Evening Bee, date of May 15, there appeared an article entitled, "A Woman's Defense Wappich," signed, "A Woman," to which I have been hoping some woman would reply to, but it may be the sentiment of the women in general that this letter is not worthy a reply, and perhaps such an opinion is justifiable. Even a man, if he has

It does not seem possible that any what this letter perports to publicly advocate. It would seem as if this "A Woman" is always in sympathy with the "under dog" no matter if Where has he been, and what has he lived on from the sentiment expressed later the letter.

In the very beginning of her state pich advocates a "red light district" in Omaha, and she openly agrees with him in this sentiment, also that we need that close and intimate adjunct the "red light" district, the open

decent woman can't walk the streets in attacking injustice, and safeguard-of Omaha without being molested." in, as far as possible, popular internot guilty of the charge of "A Woman," are too cowardly to come to the moral defense of mother, wife

It can hardly be admitted that women of Omaha are solated in their homes to that extent hat they cannot come downtown to the stores and other places of respect-ability on account of the nefarious conduct of horrible men and unwomanly women.

The one question that is uppermost in my mind when I hear a "red light district" advocated by any one, is, who is going to supply this distric with its inmates and who furnish recruits to maintain such a place. Will this "woman" offer any sug-gestions or assistance or furnish a daughter or a sister or urge that other's duaghters go to make up this motly crew who, as according to her evidence, Judge Wappich advocates? lasting destruction those dear to the bearts of other mothers and friends. It is not necessary to come to the defense of the W. C. T. U. in regard to any parties & which they may be identified, for who has done more, As a "fundamentalist" Mr. Bryan attracted con-derable notice some two years ago by his attack

GEORGE H. HAWKINS.

A Vote of Confidence in Wappich.

Woman" "A Woman" (and that she sure is) equal in number to the puritan the W. C. T. U. committee. These W. C. T. U. wom

you, cast the first stone." You see history will repeat itself. The girl of the Bible and the girl of Judge Wap.

Give us eyes to see, and ears to pich's court.

court, were investigated it might prove something about "family skeletons and dark closets," idleness and

Wappich and give a man his due even if you have to be rough with "Miss Prim" and "Miss Laizy Gamp." AN AMERICAN.

Another Woman on Wappich.

Defends Wappich" in the "People's Voice" column, she says relative to the red light district: "Now, ladies, the red light district: "Now, ladies, wouldn't it be much better to have these women in one district, where we could find them, instead of them part of the city and let them ply their trade; also all the murderers, etc.? It is just as reasonable, just as sensible, as to confine all those who violate the social laws, in one district.

We can agree as she says: "That it would be far more Christ-like and Christian to give those who need it kindness, sympathy and human un derstanding, and pull them out of the gutter;" but we can never imagine Jesus, the Christ, advocating saloons (she says: "I, for one, agree with Judge Wappich that we need saloons") or a red light district!
ANOTHER WOMAN.

STARVED HEARTS.

Starved hearts, starved hearts, Asking for love divine: Starved hearts, starved hearts -H. F. Gilbert. We Nominate----For Nebraska's Hall of

Fame.



of the Wayne Herald, has altrust manipulated by the internation merits of the projected merger. Transportation of the "red light" district, the open aloon, that breeder of iniquities.

After such a statement is it to be wondered at that the writer did not will carn a fair profit and still make the public to travel and will carn a fair profit and still make the public to travel and will carn a fair profit and still make the public to travel and wondered at the public to travel and the public to the public to travel and the public to the wondered at that the writer did not sign a true name, but rather signed awarded the silver cup by the Nebras railroads, but if put to a vote we be it possible for the public to travel and lieve the majority of men and women for producers to ship their farm here would favor public ownership. for not wanting to be knowingly identified with such sentiments in these times of more decency and respect, do you? It is noticeable, however, that there are no ficticious names attached to the complaints against Judge Wappich.

A such that the post original editorial published during the year in the state. Always his editors the special public ownership. The so-called public control of war days gave it a backset with people who don't dig below the surface, it is true, but the excessive rates are most good and the least harm, point making many advocates for government ownership. against Judge Wappich.

The article further states "that a reserve force to employ, if necessary, out and urge high standards, with a

What a travesty on the police est and public and private rights.

Orce of Omaha, and what of the manhood of the fathers and sons, who, talent a knowledge of all branches of journalism, which has enabled him to or daughter if "A Woman's" state- favor by leading trade magazines of America and Canada. His ambition to make a rural newspaper respected and self-respecting has measurably succeeded. His ambition to build a weekly newspaper that spurns char ity, rests on a foundation of service and that does not prompt a community to whisper apologies, has been

A Book of Today

THE ROSE OF SANTA FE," By Ed. ly 50.50, with p win L. Sabin. George W. Jacobs & little in the lead. Company. Mr Sabin has written another interesting story with a historical background. In this instance he has gone back to the days of the Oregon and Santa Fe trails, when Independence.

Mo., was "panoramic with bizarre duced cost, Government ownership is the logical solution of the railway to logical solution of the railway trails. less weakling. The book gives an interesting cross-section of life in for railways being operated by private avans braved the dangers of plain ment. and desert, the destination being the either as an organization or as in and desert, the destination being the dividuals to help the fallen, than this ancient Spanish settlement of Santa women nationally known for their true Christian acts and lives reaching to cast his fortunes with a picturesque wrong of the proposed consolidation of the right or the right or the road problem is not the right or the road problem is not the right or the road problem. Fe. Dick, Ohio university graduate. character known in the story as of the various systems into a few "The Long American" or "Old Jack", gigantic systems. The need of the omplish.

Just a word as to Judge Wappich.

Senorita Rosa, romps into the picture

the information that the play in a slightly different form had been refused by three leading New York pro Arlington, Neb .- To the Editor of ing dramatic critics differed severely The Omaha Bee: As a native born in their opinions as to its merits, American citizen I wish to forward but that to others it seemed one of your column an appeal on the very best American comedies to behalf of Judge Wappich to the peo- date. By the next day John D. Wilple in general and to Judge Holmes liams, producer of "Rain" and "Be-and his associates, that they do not youd the Horizon" and other out-

Daily Prayer

sessions at Judge Wappich's court | Our Father in Heaven, it is fitting Let them be homeloving mothers with that we acknowledge Thee every day; unmarried sons and daughters, Thou dost not forget us. Teach us to set Thee before our eyes contin-

Our reasons for thanksgiving are women want new every morning; give us grateful o remember this is the United States hearts. Keep us from sin; cleanse us in 1923 and also that the Bible says, from its pollution; save us from its Let him who is without sin, among guilt. Grant us true repentance for

I might add that perhaps if the we value our time, see our opportunihear, and hearts to understand. lives of these W. C. T. U. women, ties, and hear and understand Thy who can afford so much time in voice. Help us to love Thee supreme ly, and our neighbors as ourselves.

Give us our daily bread, and something for those who lack. Keep So, kind friends, be just to Judge our eyes lifted up to the white fields, appich and give a man his due and to the Lord of the Harvest, Who Grant to us some share in the labor and some sheaves to bring with re-

Hasten the coming of Thy King dom, and the doing of Thy will among Tecumseh, Neb.—To the Editor of men. May our days end in peace, and The Omaha Bee; As a taxpayer and may the House of the Lord be our a voter I should also like a little dwelling place for evermore. Amen. space in your paper. In "A Woman Defends Wappich" in the "People's Whitinsville, Mass.

Center Shots

being scattered in our homes, amongst our daughters and sons?"

According to this, her theory, why not segregate all the thieves in one there were no money in it?—Detroit

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B. BREWER, Gen. Mgr. V. A. BRIDGE, Cir. Mgr. Subscribed and aworn to before me this 2d day of May, 1923. W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public Rail Problem Puzzles Nebraska

Consolidation of Lines Into Few Great Systems Has Advocates and Opponents-Strong Sentiment for Public Ownership Reported by State Editors.

Nebraska City Press.

are effected than it is in securing the sort of service it believes it is entitled to. There is a wide difference in opinion on the propriety of rail-road consolidation ranging from the radical view which still believes in the Plumb plan to that conservative be-lief which holds private property sacred and inviolable. Public ownerthip sentiment is not rampant as it was five years ago.

The Wymorcan. J. M. Burnham: Further consolidation of the great transportation lines of this country, would be detrimental to the prosperity and development of besiness. The strangling of comdual effort are against the best interests of the people and the masses are against consolidation in any line of in-dustry. Let us strive to develop the ndividual to greater efficiency instead of forcing him to become an unknown unit in a gigantic corporation.

Norfolk Press.

Marie Weekes: The proposed railthe people, as we see it, neither would it do them much more harm, for the to be asked for by the transportation get them. Opinion is divided as

A. S. Berry: In my judgment, peo-ple do not want government owner-ship of railroads. Past costly experi-ence has changed the minds formerly last experience under the McAdoo favorable to government ownership, regime, but the average business man Neither do the people want consolidation of railroads. If you consolidate ses his opposition to this system. you get poorer service. People who had anything to do with railroad and other public utilities, however, if is working satisfactorily in Europea transportation during the war were taken from the control of politics, thoroughly disgusted with the inde- seems to be about the only remaining ment control

Hastings Tribune:

Adam Breede: In my humble pinion the proposed consolidation of railroads would be a big benefit to the people, because it would simplify the management and co-ordinate service rendered the public. Sentiment in this community relative to public onwership of railroads is near-ly 50-50, with private ownership a private ownership a

Lindsay Post.

life," and was no place for a help- the logical solution of the railway those venturesome days when the car- enterprise than the Postoffice depart-Columbus Telegram.

ion which will stay the hand of the a flery bery of the American people. At this

The one and only possible remedy

Capital and Surplus Two Million Dollars

the instant repeal of the infamous terested in who owns the railroads or bandit statute and give control of the back to the several states and then it will not matter to the patrons whether the roads shall be consolidated in gigantic groups, or remain under present management. perative is the need of the country that President Harding should im mediately call the congress into session for the special purpose of repealing the Esch-Cummins monstrosity. sentiment would impel and compel the congress to repeal that

bandit law within a week.

The sentiment of the people in Nebraska and in the nation is overwhelmingly in favor of public owner-ship of railroads, but they realize such ownership cannot come im-mediately. Pending the arrival of public ownership, they are demanding that the several state laws, fixing maximum freight and passenger rates shall again become effective and that no Interstate Commerce commission at Washington shall hereafter have the power to set aside any law passed by the legislature and approved by the governor of any sovereign state.

Scoutsbluff News.

George 'Grimes: This community Senator. (Copyright, National Newspaper Service wants and needs lower freight rates. roads already have all the benefits but it is doubtful whether the of consolidation in the infamous Esch- majority opinion is that government Cummins law, which leaves little more ownership would be the means to in high freight tariffs.

Falls City Journal.

Aaron Davidson: Falls City being primarily a railroad town with more than half of its people directly or in-A. S. Berry: In my judgment, peo- for a livelihood, government owner-

of employes under govern- panacea for present day ills. the present system the crity is ever menaced by railroad and coal strikes. One never partment, one of the largest institu-tions in the country. Public ownership should be given a fair chance.

Hartington Herald.

tion is a big one which the average Public centiment here favors a return mind cannot fully grasp but our opin- to real competition, which would in

Abe Martin

Mr. Artie Small's auto crashed into a stone quarry t'day as his girl's elbow hid th' road. Anyhow, know where Senator Borah stands, an' that's going' some fer a

vinced that the people would be any better served under such a system have been able to ascertain the sent ment of this community is not part! cularly strong for the public owner

Kearney Hub.

M G. Brown: The country might gain in improved service by the proposed railroad consolidations, but not in reduced rates or lessened discrim-"competition not consolidation." sumup the question in a nutshell. particular community considers the question temperately, but believe there should be healthy competition and enforced consistency in rate

Saline County Democrat (Wilber.)

The people are in favor of public ownership of rallways as the system countries. Government control of the railways during the war taken as argument or as a measure country's for that period was abnormal in the consolidated railways.

Central City Republican.

Sentiment in Merrick county is no strong either for railroad consolida-tion or public ownership. They do tion or public ownership. not appeal as means to the end of The problem of railroad consolida- securing lower transportation rates ion is that it would prove of doubtful clude disposal of unnecessary embenefit to the public. We are not con- pieves and other existing evils.

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