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"NOT LOVE BUT VANITY." Not all the tragedy of war has to do with the carnage on the battlefield, nor in the homes darkened by the harvest of death.

A young man was caught up from his home in the sand hills and sent to the front with a uniform on. While serving as a soldier, he met a girl. Doubtless, the glamour of the uniform was over their acquaintance, just as it was over that of thousands of similar cases.

The boy came home, serious in mind and heart, unwavering in his love for the girl, and filled with a high ambition for his future.

Observing the record made by the boy, the conclusion is inevitable that the girl lacked those qualities which would sustain her under the obligations a wife must assume.

Like the young wife in "The Changelings," she regarded marriage as "a love affair in good standing." The sand hills of Nebraska afford a strong contrast to a society resort in Florida, but honest, courageous hearts are not bound by geography or climate.

These figures are from records gathered by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, and may be presumed to be reliable.

Consolation for motor car owners and for insurance companies lies in the fact that the proportion of recoveries to thefts is increasing, for, while stealing may never be brought to an end, the likelihood of ultimate loss is less and less each year.

George Washington Carmack, discoverer of the Klondike, died "broke." This man who not only accumulated a considerable fortune for himself, but set in motion one of the most momentous gold rushes in all recorded history, from which millions of dollars worth of the precious metal was brought to the use of mankind, has just expired at Seattle with less than \$1,000 of assets.

His career is but the repetition of the tale so often recorded of men who have suddenly become wealthy through some fortunate stroke.

Riches have wings, and fly away soon if not carefully guarded, and the big-hearted, generous men who suddenly come into possession of wealth usually fall victims to the less enterprising but more crafty, who prey constantly on such victims.

Buy a home, you'll not regret it—don't forget it—do it now!

GREAT ORDER CELEBRATES ITSELF.

Today the Elks of Omaha are dedicating their new home, in the ceremonies attendant upon the laying of the cornerstone. Many dignitaries and notables of the order are taking part in the exercises, which will get attention from thousands of citizens, whether members of the order or not.

The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks is unique in many regards. Originally a group of convivial spirits, who concealed any serious purpose they might have in mind behind an outward cover of good fellowship and enjoyment, this body has grown into one of the most influential of its kind in the world.

Elks in the total aggregate almost a million members, and annually disburse through definite channels around \$2,000,000 in charity or philanthropic undertakings. These distributions include money for the vocational training of disabled veterans, relief for war victims, the maintenance of a national home for disabled members, hospitals and other similar enterprises.

The new home for Omaha will comprise the features of a lodge building, a club house and a hotel. While designed for the use of members exclusively, the hospitality of the order is so well established that visitors who have not been crowned with antlers are frequently admitted to enjoy the privileges of the home.

Next to the American home itself, nothing is so important as the American school, for nothing touches the home more closely in all its relations.

However, in order to secure and promote the free exercise of religion, the Fathers set the church and state as far apart as possible, and this affects the school, for the business of education is conceived to be the work of the state in this country.

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Our Heavenly Father, as we close our eyes we would open our hearts to Thee. Thou knowest us altogether; the very thoughts of our hearts, our innermost ambitions and desires, our secret ways.

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"From State and Nation"

Editorials from other newspapers.

Is It Politics? From the Norfolk News.

Speemen all over the state will take alarm at the report from Lincoln that Governor Bryan is trying to force the resignation of W. J. Bryan, superintendent of the cash hatching at Gretna, in order to make a place on the state's payroll for one of his political lieutenants.

It is not simply the fact that Mr. O'Brien is an efficient and popular official who has held his present position with sevenfold benefit to the state hatchingeries for 29 years, through successive republican and democratic administrations that will cause a feeling of indignation among the taxpayers of the state.

Interstate Commerce commission activities under the transportation act of 1920 toward new and extended consolidations of railroads shift this week to the trunk line and New England carriers, and formidable opposition from the stronger roads is advertised to appear.

Various plans will come under discussion. One of them would combine the New England lines into a single system, such as Charles S. Mellen worked up in great part and was broken up by the government.

It will be interesting to see how the present effort to make them take over and carry all the work lines round about them. The transportation act, which Senator Lodge has called "a remarkable piece of legislation," is being administered through that long period congress has changed its mind and demands consolidation into a few great and so-called "trunk" lines.

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We Nominate— For Nebraska's Hall of Fame.

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Dr. Alexander has contributed to a considerable number of the leading American periodicals and some foreign, in most fields a little fiction, more poetry, philosophy, politics, reviewing, etc. Since student days he has had some connection with Nebraska dailies, i. e., as contributor, for the reason that he has always seemed to him that a man ought to cultivate the public opinion of his own community.

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A. M. TEMPLEN.

AN INVITATION

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The profuse floral decorations, the brilliant hues of blooming shrubs and plants, the magnificent forest trees with countless songbirds, the broad expanse of undulating landscape—all conspire to enhance the charm of the natural attractions of Forest Lawn.

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Experiment Ends

From the New York Commercial.

Oklahoma has repealed its bank guaranty law. It has been watched for a number of years as an experiment in paternalism but has failed, just as wise economists said it would.

It will be recalled that about the same time the Oklahoma experiment went into effect an attempt was made to have a national law passed of similar character. It created tremendous enthusiasm among a certain type of pseudo economists and for a time there seemed a possibility that it might be adopted. The arguments against it prevailed, however. These were that it would place a premium on lax management at the expense of the banks that were conservatively managed. The affirmative argument was that if the government granted a charter to a bank it was in effect endorsing the bank to the public and should therefore guarantee the depositors.

Oklahoma undertook to try the experiment and the result has been costly. There is a deficit of about \$10,000,000 as against what may be salvaged from failed banks and a small assessment from solvent banks. Commenting on this experience Mr. Thomas B. Braniff, a well known insurance man of Oklahoma City, said recently: "The state bank guaranty law constitutes one of Oklahoma's greatest blunders, although it is to be said to her credit that when she found she had made a blunder she had the courage to repeal the law. The public realizes that the banks instead of being weakened by the withdrawal of the bank guaranty fund have been relieved of a tremendous liability and the repeal of the law has had a tendency to strengthen rather than to weaken public confidence in banks."

In North Dakota there have been some fine examples of paternalistic government from which the state is now trying to crawl out. We have pending in congress a number of equally fantastic schemes, such as the Gooding bill for the stabilization of wheat prices. We have already gone some distance in the establishment of federal land banks, but these fortunately are hedged about with restrictions so that they can be made to serve a useful purpose without dipping into the public treasury. They are built upon the theory that farmers are entitled to have at their disposal a means of obtaining credit provided they have something to back it up with. The Gooding bill on the other hand merely leaves the government holding the bag.

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Abe Martin



WASH. D. C. MAY 25.—Abe Martin, the famous humorist, is expected to arrive in Omaha today. He is expected to give a lecture at the University of Nebraska.

A woman "I'll hang t' any ole kind of a husband if she thinks some other woman wants him. If King Tut ear-rin's 'I'll jest stay away as long th' next time all'll be forgiven (Copyright, 1923.)"

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