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PROSPEROUS TIMES FOR RAILROADS.
President Harding has outlined a program for legislative action in connection with transportation. Offered to congress with the weight of the president's influence, the proposal for carrying out the Cummins theory of compulsory consolidation will be of first importance. This plan is opposed by the railroads, the managers having one of their own, on which they are putting great emphasis. There is also much popular opposition in the west to the consolidation proposals, whether regional, as contemplated by the Cummins law, or in groups as outlined by the railroad men.

There is not much strength in the arguments that the transportation industry suffers for want of new capital, and unless something is done to make railroad investments more attractive, money needed for extensions can not be obtained. Returns to the Interstate Commerce commission for the year 1922 show that all the big roads enjoyed more than generous incomes. Union Pacific, for example, had net earnings, after all fixed charges were deducted, amounting to \$60,700,000, or \$7,000,000 more than ever before, available for dividends, at a rate of almost 13 per cent. Santa Fe had net income after all deductions of \$14.07 per share, and for the last ten years the Santa Fe has paid more than \$11 per share.

The net income to all the roads in 1921 was such as permitted the payment of dividends equivalent to 5.11 per cent of all the stock; that is to say, if one man had owned all the capital stock of the railroads of the United States that year, and had paid par for every share, he would have received 5.11 per cent return on his investment. Concerning the inflow of new capital into transportation, the showing is even more impressive. In seventeen years prior to government regulations, the period 1890-1906, publicly-owned railway capital increased from \$7,126,000,000 to \$10,172,000,000, or a total increase of \$3,046,000,000, an average of \$179,000,000 a year. From 1907 to 1921, under government regulation, the publicly-owned capital stock of railroads increased from \$10,172,000,000 to \$17,016,000,000, or a total of \$6,844,000,000, an average of \$459,900,000 a year, or a growth of more than double the rate of investment prior to government control, which has been said to have so adversely affected the chance to sell stocks.

Security of investment has never been greater than now, for the ratio of funded debt to value in 1921 was but 56.1. What the country demands is not greater combinations of roads, but lower rates. The repeal of the Esch-Cummins law, with its unjust basis for calculating rates and fixing charges, should leave the roads free to compete or co-operate, as prevailed under the Hepburn law. Relief from extortionate charges and improvement in service on competitive lines is the immediate need of the shippers of the nation. Co-ordination of rail, motor-truck and water transportation is a problem entirely outside that of regional or other form of compulsory consolidation of railroad systems. The issue should go to congress in the simplest terms possible, and this can best be expressed by the repeal of the Esch-Cummins act.

HOGS AND FARM CREDIT.
Hogs are selling today at less than they brought before the war. The price is too low to allow western stockmen any profit on the 80-cent corn they are feeding. It is not thus that the great corn and hog states, of which Nebraska is one, will get their share of the business boom. The fact that the drop in hog prices is coincident with the consolidation of the Armour and Morris packing plants does not help that combination in the favor of the farmers. Apologists for the low prices say that too many hogs are coming to market. On the other side, it is claimed that there is not much pork in storage, and that the demand should easily absorb the supply. At all events, it would be well of some of the live stock now headed for market could be held back in the country. Receipts of both hogs and cattle at the South Omaha stock yards last week broke all June records. Since June 1 arrivals of hogs in Omaha have exceeded 125,000 head. The market has failed to withstand this onset, and a severe setback has been given the farmer.

Two years ago, when farm prices hit the toboggan, the War Finance corporation got into action and financed the farmer so that he could hold his products until a favorable market was created. The question now is whether the farmers are rushing their products to market because they need the money, or for some other reason. If it is credit that they need, the government machinery for extending this should be oiled up and started anew.

HALF MAST FOR A DOG.
So many ways have been found for reaching the climax of absurdity in personal behavior and bad taste that no surprise is exhibited when a new one bobs up. The latest bidder for the prize in this regard is Governor Baxter of Maine. He has achieved a place all by himself in having the flag of our country displayed at half-staff over the state house at Bangor, in honor of his dog, just dead and buried. We can understand the devotion of the governor to his dog, a loved and faithful companion. Most people yield to the affection of a good dog and become greatly attached to one. Daily association with the sagacious and gentle animal breeds a fondness that justifies deep sorrow when the companionship is broken. "Puck" once remarked that "the undisputed ownership of a setter dog for six months would make a liar of the noblest man that ever lived." In this case it seems to have urged one to make a fool of himself.

Governor Baxter has a little dog cemetery, in which a number of graves mark the last resting place of dogs he has owned and lavished his affection on. So there is reason to think his present grief is not likely to prove inconsolable. But this is the first time he has affronted the sense of dignity of the sovereign state of Maine by a display of his private sorrow. He has achieved a peculiar distinction, and surely will hear its echoes for many a day to come.

MENACE OF THE FASCISTI.
What they could not do by the ballot the fascisti of Bulgaria have done by force of revolution. Had they been in the majority they could have swept the anti-militaristic premier out of office by a parliamentary vote. Being in the minority, however, they used the army. If the people of Bulgaria do not like the change, they can tell their troubles to the military tanks that parade the streets of Sofia.

The course of events has followed closely the fashion set by Mussolini in Italy. With Greece, Jugoslavia and Rumania threatening a similar overturn, there is indeed ground for the statement that the pressing danger in Europe is not bolshevism, but fascism. In France, Switzerland and Bavaria the cult of rule by violence is making headway. Recently a French cabinet member arose in the chamber of deputies and charged that a royalist conspiracy had spread throughout the republic, fostered by the spirit of fascism.

Thus far, however, the fascisti have not changed the outward form of any government. Though they are skeptics of democracy, apparently it is one of their precepts that forms count for nothing, so long as they are at the helm. Though in Italy they assumed all power, they left King Victor Emmanuel secure on his throne. He has absolutely nothing to do with the administration of public affairs, but he still has his crown. Nor was King Boris of Bulgaria molested by the revolution in his land. In fact, he is said to favor the military party which threw out the anti-militaristic peasant premier and put a socialist professor at the head of a new cabinet.

Mussolini also was a socialist, but there is nothing socialistic about the fascist movement. To a considerable extent it has risen to combat socialism, communism and bolshevism, but in practice it has resulted in excesses as bad as those of the radicals themselves. The old slogans of liberty and democracy are scrapped by the fascisti. Their great goal is power. They have a profound hatred for state regulation, and in fact many of their activities are carried on by volunteer hands whose connection with the state is extremely vague. Part of their tactics consists of giving doses of castor oil to those who are out of sympathy with them. In Paris this prescription lately was supplemented by a shampoo in purple ink. Nor are more violent methods beyond them.

Internationally the coup of Mussolini has not served to settle any of the problems of Europe. As dictator of Italy his foreign policy has been that of a man who would sell his services to the highest bidder. In Bulgaria the fascist revolution is said to favor Germany, probably, however, the military class rather than the peaceful and industrious majority. This movement, in whatever country it has taken root, is not a popular one, or it would not have to depend on force for its success. It is spreading among the active minorities of European states, and not so long since Mussolini announced that it would have a branch in America. The impatience, intolerance and violence that gives it birth is a bad thing for any country.

GIRLS OUTDOORS AND IN.
"Whohelo means work." Camp Fire girls know this, and that is why they spent the day on Saturday selling their little symbolic tags on the streets. It was to interest Omahans in the camp fire work, and to raise funds for the support of a summer camp. The little ball and cube, strung on a bit of yarn mean something to the girls who sold them, and the object of the sale inspired them. But work to a Camp Fire girl means more than a tag day adventure. It means directed, orderly industry, in the household arts, and in other useful ways. The girl who enters the society advances as she shows proficiency and adaptability in real work.

"Whohelo means health." This is as essential to the training of the girl as work. She can not be useful or beautiful unless she is healthy, and so the girls are taught to gain and keep good health. Exercise, diet, sanitation, and other things leading to the preservation of good health are taught them by precept and example, and they are required to apply in their daily lives the lessons so received. This means that the race is receiving the benefit of the training given these girls, for as they become wives and mothers they will take into their own homes the teachings of Camp Fire, and make a better place because they have the knowledge of what should be done and the ability to do it.

"Whohelo means love." Here is one of the real lessons of Camp Fire. The girls are taught the gentle, loving way of doing things, love for themselves and for others, for the lesser creature and for all things, so that a Camp Fire girl becomes in reality a messenger of the divine law. Work, health and love are the glorious trinity to which these girls are devoted, and, trained in these in their girlhood, they will not depart very far from them in womanhood. And the best part of it all is the training is not for any particular class, but all girls can have an equal chance at the society's fountain.

Spark Plug having reached New York, some of the nags that have been holding back in Omaha may now come in.

A South Side man is sentenced to fifteen days in jail for swearing. He must be remarkably proficient.

Nebraska never lost a crop because of too much rain.

Homespun Verse
By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davis

THE SILENT MAN.
The man who really does the most and thinks the things worth while.
Is usually the silent man who wears a kindly smile.
And does not lend his good advice unless requested to.
And then, with modesty, supplies the simple truth and true.
He's a sagacious listener, and tells from day to day,
And seems as happy in his work as cherubs in their play.
He gets the best there is in life because he does not seek
To find the faults of friends and of their many failings speak.
He does not play the wise man's part as some attempt
To do,
He does not claim the speaker's art, he does not bally-hoo.
But when the pressing moment comes he's equal to the who.
The silent man, the thoughtful man, who wears a kindly smile.

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Editors of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression of matters of public interest.

Who Knows This?
Lodge Pole, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee:—Has anyone told you where to get the poem, "The Flower and the Star," and who is the author? Some of the verses are as follows:
There is a story I have heard,
A poet learned it from a bird;
A story of a dim ravine,
O'er which the lowering tree tops lean.
With one blue rift of sky between.

For safety, o'er its petals white
There crept a blueness like the light
Of stars upon a summer's night.
And in its chalice, I am told,
This little flower was found to hold
A tiny star that gleamed like gold.
MRS. FRANK WOLF.

Some Old-Time Jingles.
Council Bluffs, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I find in an old volume the first verses of the following poems and would like to have the whole of each poem if you will kindly publish them in your paper. I have heard, or perhaps, if you do not have them at hand, some one of your correspondents may be able to furnish them:
I.
Sally Salter was a teacher who taught,
Charley Church was a preacher who preached,
Tho' his enemies called him a screacher who screached.

II.
The poor, benighted Hindoo—
He keeps up his caste,
From first to last,
And for pants he makes his skin do.

III.
The midnight and the setting sun
Is shining in the west,
The rapid rivers slowly run,
The frog is on her downy nest.
The nimble goat and sportive cow,
Harmonious, skip from bough to bough.
J. D. F.

Character First.
Bayard, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Why is there so much crime in this city?
When we learn to be honorable ourselves, teach and have it taught to all those in our reach, we will have solved at least a part of the cause. In engaging our preachers and teachers we should make sure they are capable of teaching honor along with other lessons. The example must be made to make it effective. We will have bank robbers and car-buzzlers of all kinds as long as the careless, forgetful child is allowed to help himself to the absent members' belongings. To borrow without permission from the owner is to steal.

The true, active meaning of honor must be taught in our churches and schools before crime can be banished. MRS. WILLIAM PINSKE.

Governor Bryan's New Issues.
Omaha, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The war, the wheat, the wood and hauled water for Governor Bryan and his celebrated brother for 20 years are well within their civic and political rights when they question the advisability of cluttering the initiative ballot with meaningless prebables and platitudes.

It may be necessary to initiate some measures to clean up those stereotyped or Bryanesque phrases only produce confusion. Categorically speaking, we are not opposed to the proposed measures, but the time to put them before the public was last January, when Charley Smyrna, I. J. Dunn, Trenmore Cone and many other democratic wheel horses were talking the streets of Lincoln because the doors of the executive mansion were bolted.

It's a long, long time till November, 1924, and a lot of dirty water will go over the dam before that time. The difficulty with the pitcher the democrats have on the box is that the other fellows are on to his curve. Thanks to the United States supreme court, very distasteful issues have been permanently settled, but that does not absorb his excellency from political sins of omission. The West Point (Neb.) Republican published in a county that gave Mr. Bryan 1,429 plurality at the same time that it defeated his colleague on the same ticket (Senator Hitchcock) by 1,562. Recently said: "During the campaign of Governor Bryan many voters interested in the modification of the language restrictions came to believe that he would assist them if elected. If he will break his silence on this question and give his support to the proposed measure there will be good hopes for its passage."

One of the more active members of the "balance of power," "reward your friends and punish your enemies" party called upon the governor in the early part of session in support of the prevalent conviction expressed in the West Point paper and met with the following rebuff: "You seem to be the only one agitating this question."

This issue elected Mr. Bryan. He seems to question or ridicule the idea. The very nature of the circumstances leaves only one avenue of escape, and that is to prove it to him. Inasmuch as Nebraska is simply a pawn on the Bryan chess board, no doubt the former Lincoln editor and the members of his present journalistic staff, Messrs. Good and Hitchcock, would prefer to threaten the bushes with some local panaces than to explain the question Senator Bristow asked of Paul Warburg, the creator of the federal reserve bank. Senator Bristow: "What is the

Daily Prayer
Let them praise Thy great and terrible Name, O Lord.

Our dear Lord and Master, Thou hast set each family apart, and Thou dost set with each according to duties which will be his. We are founded. We come, humbly imploring Thy forgiveness for the errors and mistakes of the past, and we beseech Thy guidance for the days to follow. Well and truly do we need Thy every hour, and therefore we entreat Thy guidance, without which we would be led astray, or fall into danger. Guard us from the terror by night, and the arrow that flieth at noon-day. We have our trials, our necessities, and our distresses. Let these we bring into Thy hands, asking that Thou wouldst deal with us as little children. We have no fear of Thee, Almighty God, for we have the assurance of Thy love. Watch over all our business matters; help us to be honest and square in attending to them, and do Thou so guide us that we shall always do what is right in Thy sight. Lead us safely along the journey of life, and at last give to us all the Eternal Life, which we long for more than for the hidden treasures of earth. Save all whom we love from passion, pride and discontent, and finally bring us into Thy presence through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. WILLIAM F. JACOBS, D.D., Clinton, O. C.

We Nominat... For Nebraska's Hall of Fame.

Claire Briggs. CLARE BRIGGS, famous as a creator of "O Skin-nay," "The Days of Real Sport," "With a Feller Needs a Friend," "Mr. and Mrs." and other comics which now appear in The Omaha Bee, was a student at the University of Nebraska in 1891 to 1894. He married Ruth Owen of Lincoln. He then became a newspaper artist on the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, New York World, New York Journal, Chicago American and Examiner, Chicago Tribune and New York Tribune. His humorous drawings are well known today all over the land.



Nebraska has been the home of a number of other famous cartoonists. One of these is John Cassel, born and reared on a farm near Nebraska City. Rollin Kirby, also of the New York World, is a Nebraskan, too. Another is Herbert Johnson, cartoonist for the Saturday Evening Post, who was born in Sutton, Neb. Norman Rockwell, famous for his magazine covers, also is a Nebraskan.

fundamental difference between the Aldrich plan and the present federal reserve plan? "Well, the Aldrich bill brings the whole system into one unit, while this deals with 12 units and unites them again into the federal reserve board. It is a little bit complicated, but objection however, will be overcome in an administrative way." Bryan, Hitchcock and Gooch all thundered against the inequities of the Aldrich bill when it came in as a republican measure and then some one held a chloroform sponge to all of us while the same power was conferred upon the same private bankers by the democrats. W. H. GREEN.

Home Next to Heaven.
Beaver City, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: We hear so much at the present time of domestic trouble, divorce, suicide and murder. Are we as parents, wives and mothers, neglecting our home duties? There is nothing in this world so venerable as the character of Christian parents, no relation so enduring as that of husband and wife.

The only fountain in this life where man drinks of water totally unmixed with the bitter ingredients is that which gushes for him in the calm and steady recess of home pleasure. We may heat the heart with artificial excitement, amuse, dilute it with false dreams, we may eradicate its finer sensitiveness, but it is only domestic love that can truly render it happy. But, as the sunburn is composed of minute rays, so home life must be made up of kind looks, gentle words, laughter and loving and wise counsel.

There is nothing on earth so beautiful as the home where Christian love forever smiles and where religion walks, a counselor and friend. Home should be a place of refuge. Tossed day by day on the rough and stormy sea of life, harassed by the worldly cares, the weary husband and father should find rest and bask in the love and sunshine of a real home. A well constructed Christian home is the truest type of heaven and the noblest work of parents is to make the real home. MRS. O. A. HARVEY.

CENTER SHOTS.
Horse sense is stable thinking—Clarence T. Wilson.

Another very good memory test is the drip pan under the icebox.—Hartford Times.

Europe wants Uncle Sam to come across and sit in its conferences, but to come across, anyway.—Wall Street Journal.

A Texas girl has just inherited \$2,000,000 and says she will continue to work. We'd say that, too, if we ever got that amount.—Springfield News.

Among the other booms that come with April is a big one in the rain-check printing business.—New York Tribune.

Dancing five days and nights is darn near as foolish as worrying five days and nights.—Wheeling News.

One thing which it is easy to save for a rainy day is a picnic.—Asheville Times.

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"From State and Nation"

—Editorials from Other Newspapers—

Good Citizens.
There are certain conditions in every community that are very much the same.

For instance, there is a certain number of men in every community who have to carry the burden of the people in their locality. Invariably, these men are law-abiding and a high type of citizenry. It matters not how much time they give to the benefit of their fellowmen there are always a few who are not only ever ready to criticize but to condemn every action that they take.

After all, it is the public servant that makes it possible for the commoner to get some of the real pleasures of life that would be impossible for him to receive otherwise. Editors, reporters and newspaper men in general have taken the public servant too lightly. So have the people in general. The average office-holder wants to do the right thing—and generally does.

They are open to suggestions and they certainly get enough of them. The result of it is that they use their own judgment. But it is not their own judgment that they are through with a clean record.

The "handful" of business men who really do things for a town, city or community, are very much like public servants. They are damned for what they do, and they are damned for what they do not do. It is easy to criticize. Anybody can criticize. But it takes "horse sense" for a man to make good, regardless of his trade or profession.

And that is exactly what the "handful" of men use when they devote their time and attention to the up-building of the community. Anybody can sit back and say, this ought to be done and that ought to be done. But did you ever see a man of that type do anything? Look on the list of any chamber of commerce or booster organization and you will not find the name of a man of that caliber enrolled there.

This is not only true of Hastings and vicinity, but the same condition exists throughout the land. There are always plenty of fault-finders—just as there are too many gossips.

What a community wants is builders—men who produce. Men who stand around the street corners with their hands in their pockets are not living—they are just existing. All they can talk about is taxes, taxes, taxes, and it is very little they know about the subject which is closest to their heart.

As a rule, the men who really do things for a community are not appreciated. But let some spirit drift into the town and a little brass band accompaniment and he can get more assistance and more credit in 30 minutes than the hard working, loyal and law-abiding citizen who has borne the midnight oil night after night for the good of his fellowmen.

But, conditions were ever thus—and the chances are they ever will be.

Hurrying Love's Young Dream.
From the Fargo Tribune.
One would almost guess that there is an ax to grind in the proposal of the organized jewelers of the country that the traditional list of wedding anniversary presents, including wood, and tin, and wool, and linen, and so on, be abandoned in favor of an array that includes only the precious metals.

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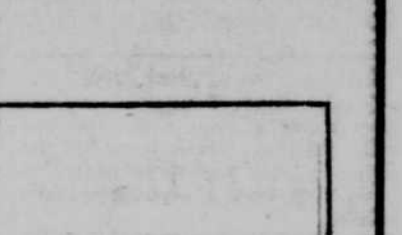
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Prof. Elmer Swank, leader of the Elite Jazz Orchestra, likes it so well he talks o' takin' music lessons. It now turns out that Lester Beasley did not swoon thro' lack o' nerve at Chateau Thierry as he's let th' contract for a new house. (Copyright, 1923.)

ed more in recent years, because their foundations were not laid so well. Customs, social habits, traditions and political organizations are fleeting, but sound principles are permanent. Political and civic liberty, religious toleration, popular sovereignty and education were the foundation ideals with which the forefathers built. They are as sound today as they were then. They have withstood the shocks of war and the attacks of communism, socialism and other imported alien doctrines. The unchanging character they have given to this nation proves their worth. Years ago this nation's line of development was determined, and the process has flowered in certain values known as Americanism. Whether or not its values are lower or higher than some Utopian dreams they condition the further progress of this country. Memorial day again comes as a reminder of this sacred heritage, containing a historic sheet of great principles, sealed and consecrated by the heroes of three wars. How can Americans on Memorial day look back and be anything but patriotic? How can they look forward with anything but loyalty and high hope? It is the memory of Memorial day that sets given this nation strength and perpetuity. Other countries have changed.



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