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A MESSAGE TO THE EAST.

Things can never be right in America until agriculture is restored on a sound basis. Let the east turn its eyes to the west if it wishes to face the biggest problem of the time.

Senator Caraway of Arkansas declared in Washington yesterday that the nation is facing agricultural suicide. He spoke of the drift from farm to city and the danger, if this drain be continued, of the catastrophe of famine. To those who are able to call their grocer on the telphone and have delivered within a few minutes all that fancy or appetite demands, this will seem unreal. But is it?

Mark this down. If it no longer pays the farmer to raise plenty of food, he will raise less. The first indication to be seen of this is in the restriction of cotton acreage in the south, a maneuver that has kept the prices of that commodity on a level with those of manufactured articles. B. W. Snow of Chicago, who is generally recognized as one of the world's leading crop experts, predicts a general decrease in farm production during 1923. Shortage of farm labor he finds has in many instances prevented the replanting of fields that were winter-

One of the most distressing situations in the middlewest at the present is the slump in hog prices. No one knows how to apportion the blame for this condition. It is a fact that there has been an unusual movement of hogs to market. Some say that farmers who are pressed for money are sacrificing their live stock in order to meet their maturing or overdue obligations. There is the further view that in a few months the price of hogs will take a shoot upward, after thousands of farmers have sold at a sacrifice. Something is wrong there. Without doubt shipments have been too heavy. A way must be found to distribute the supply more evenly around the calendar. There is need for a farm leader to come forward with some workable plan for adjusting the marketing situation. Farmers must not expect the market to absorb without any flurry whatever tremendous amounts of goods they unload at one time. A scheme of rationing supplies in such a way as to stabilize the market must be developed as a part of the rejuvenation of agriculture.

Underlying the whole problem is the question of how to establish the prices of farm products and manufactured articles on a common level. Until a I hog, a steer or a bushel of grain will exchange for as much in the city as it did before the war, there can be no sound prosperity for America. The maladjustment between the prices of farm products and other goods is bound to injure all industries. The farmer necessarily restricts his purchases when the price of what he has to sell falls more rapidly than the price of the manufactured goods. When the actual condition is one in which the prices of farmstuffs falls while the price of everything else is rising, then indeed there arises the danger of agricultural suicide of which Senator Caraway warns.

HATS OFF TO '98.

Let your mind slip back 25 years. You will note a group of handsome young men, neatly uniformed, lined up on Harney street, in military order and panoply, about to take train for Tennessee, where they went into camp at Chickamauga. About the same time another similar group lined up at Seventeenth and Harney, ready to start to San Francisco, whence they were sent to the Philippine islands. One was the Omaha Guards, the other the Thurston Rifles, company G of the Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, and company L of the First Nebraska National Guard.

One battled typhoid fever, and came home five months later, shattered in health and worn by camp duty, disappointed because of not having "smelled powder," but proud of having done its duty. A year and a half later the First Nebraska returned from the Philippines, tried in the crucible of war and proved to be a splendid organization. Its colonel and 36 of its best officers and men were shot down in one fight, the heaviest loss incurred by any single regiment in all the campaign, and company L was the heaviest sufferer in the regiment.

On a June morning, 25 years ago, we gathered on the Exposition grounds, and lined the avenue while the Third Nebraska, with Colonel William Jennings Bryan and Lieutenant-Colonel Victor Vifquain at its head, passed on its way to Jacksonville, whence it later went to Cuba. No finer body of men ever marched behind the flag than the regiment Colonel Bryan led that day.

Nebraska had a proud share in the Spanish-American war and the Filipino insurrection that followed, and Omaha is proud today to welcome the survivors of those magnificent organizations. Our hats are off to the veterans of the Spanish-American war.

GOLD PLATED ROMANCE.

How cheap is a man who sets a value on \$1,000? This question is raised by the action of a young woman in Chicago, who has just been ordered by a jury to return to the young man whom she has v jilted the engagement ring he provided. She has the alternative of paying him the \$1,000 he paid for

the ring. She says he is a "bum sport." If her remark be given its reasonable interpretation, she holds to the view that he should relinquish any claim to the ring, allowing it to remain in her possession. This brings up the question of the sportsmanship of the girl, who would decline to keep her promise to wed a man, but who would also retain the presents he lavished on her, including the ring. It is admitted in ordinary circles that \$1,000 is a respectable sum of money, and that an object worth that much, a diamond, for example, is well worth having.

Is a man "cheap" because he values \$1,000, or any other sum of money? Most girls would esteem that trait in the young man they plan to wed. Thrift is a quality that has its proper place in any well regulated matrimonial partnership, and most of us will regard the young man as having shown good sense in requesting the return of a ring of any value after he has been rejected by the girl who

promised to wed him. On the other hand, the girl deserves to be listed among the "gold diggers," because she shows that she is willing to hang on to the ring she condemns her former swain for trying to recover.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE.

"It's your flag, and my flag, Your land, and my land, Secure within its folds!"

One June 14, 1777, Betsy Ross of Philadelphia finished making the first American flag, with thirteen white stars in a blue field, seven red and six white stripes, and a new emblem of Liberty was swung to the breeze. It first floated over a military post at Fort Schuyler, now the city of Rome, N. Y.; it first was hoisted in the navy by John Paul Jones over the "Ranger;" it was first carried into battle on the banks of the Brandywine. All these events were in

the year of its birth. Since then it has gone around the world, has been smiled upon by the sun of every clime, kissed by all the winds that blow, and everywhere it has gone the harbinger of freedom, of liberty, justice and right. It has inspired many poets, produced many panegyrics, none more worthy of memory

than that of Henry Ward Beecher, who said: "The American flag means, then, all that the Fathers meant in the Revolutionary war; it means all that the Declaration of Independence meant; it means all that the constitution of a people organizing for justice, for liberty and for happiness means. The American flag carries American ideas. American history, American feelings. Beginning with the colonies and coming down to our time, in its sacred heraldry, in its glorious insignia, it has gathered and stored chiefly this supreme idea: Divine right of liberty in man. Every color means liberty, every thread means liberty, every form of star and beam of light means liberty-liberty through law and law for liberty. Accept it then in all its fullness of meaning; it is not a painted rag. It is a whole national history. It is the government; it is the emblem of the sovereignty of the people. What wonder, then, that with the poet, we instinctively throw up our hats and shout wild huzzas as the glorious old ensign of our republic

"Purity speaks from your folds of white, Truth from your skies of blue. Courage shines forth in the crimson stripes

And leads to victories new." Today the red in the stripes is a little deeper, for it has the hue of the added sacrifice of heroes, falling that it might forever wave. Its blue has deepened also, as truth is firmer entrenched, and its white is ever purer, because of our longer experience with and enriched devotion to the eternal principles of justice. Forty-eight stars now gleam from that field where first there were but thirteen, emblematic of new sisters in the group that stand firm for all the old flag means.

And, as we stand today under the Stars and Stripes, we realize more than ever the meaning of Sam Kiser's words, part of whose poem is quoted

> "And half the world around Old Glory hears our glad salute. And ripples in the sound."

SENATOR BORAH LOOKS IN

In a hit and run interview between trains in Omaha Senator William E. Borah touches off the topics of the day with all the readiness and aptitude of Mr. Gallagher or Mr. Shean. There are not many statesmen of the caliber of the gentleman from Idaho who speak so frankly what is on their minds. Some public men use language to conceal thought; others use it and betray lack of thought; Senator Borah uses it instead of a club.

He is forceful, aggressive and outspoken. When he remarks that he is not a candidate for president, there is no reason to question his sincerity. No man has ever been known to refuse the nomination if it has ever been known to refuse the nomination if it were offered, but still a distinction must be made between active and latent candidates. In some particulars Senator Borah differs with the policies of Described to the policies of Described to the policies of the people of Nebraska if they expressed they between active and latent candidates. In some partic-President Harding, yet he has never broken over the party lines. The radical movement which sought to make him the candidate of a third party has not been therefore that man have been described in the properties of the propertie heard from of late, and evidently has received no enYou wonder why the people did not tentions shall never be nailed up in partial mind. granting the accused any old county judge's office in Ne man the legal presumption of innosidered in the legislature if they did braska. Can you blame them? Wiscence until proven guilty. posal to "outlaw war."

One of Borah's aversions is the world court. Inlature, but just swallowed at a gulp but repealed it last winter as unworted touch with the world's affairs as destead of President Harding's plan for America joinas the women lobbyists dictated, and the of place even among the crazy picted in the current press. He was a reader and therefore a thinker. And ing this tribunal, Borah would have the United States move to establish a new international court had sent their representatives to Lin- that the marriage vow is too often realize that the case was not being which would perform the same functions as that of this rather odd position of endorsing the principle of an international court but at the same time objecting to the one already at work is the opposition to anything touched by the league of nations. The even the one Mr. Harding favors. Borah's reason for thing touched by the league of nations. The average citizen is not able to draw the hairline legal disfinctions that lie between Borah's plan and the president's. There is not, in fact, any great difference ity. It increases the cost 100 per cent already overburdened. between the two proposals.

The winter wheat crop in Nebraska may be a little short this year, but just think of the alfalfa and corn and oats and rye and sugar beets! And, of course, we must not overlook the spuds and

After assuring us that Nebraska is one of the "dryest" states, Mr. Rohrer ought to put a quietus on that antedeluvian monster story from the sand hill lakes. The two do not go together very well.

William Jennings Bryan's "paramount issue" right now is to prove that he is not descended from a monkey. But why make one of himself in so

Governor Smith of New York is now giving us a remarkably good imitation of the man who tried to sit down between two stools.

China insists that Japan apologize, which may recall to some the old tale about the rabbit and the

King Ak is the only monarch wearing an easy crown these days.

Homespun Verse

-By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie

TOGETHER FOR A SPAN.

Together for a span. There dawns a gloomy day-Te boy becomes a man and hastens on his way; Into the world is led by dormant power of will. Enthusing words are said, but hearts with sorrow fill And tears beneath the smile departure's scene await To tint with gloom the while when he turns from the

The old home empty seems and all the joy is dead, And myriads of dreams are memories instead, The soothing songs of old return to grace the mind With jeweled thoughts and gold of happy doys behind And withered fingers touch the erstwhile seams of care With which they toiled so much when he resided there,

gate.

Together for a span of love and pride and joy-At length a stalwart man becomes the little boy, And distantly he goes the luring Vast to roam. Somewhere awaits, he knews, his own desired home-Some day, somewhere will he enchanting phrases say With pride, but solemnly, when his boy goes away.

"The People's Voice"

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Politeness Softens The Way.

Lincoln-To to Editor of Omaha Bee: Politeness is to do and say
The kindest things in the kindest
way."

That little verse might suggest that at times "Politeness" may be known for example the hard-working, over-burdened editor of a country news-paper who finds to his dismay that has to "write up" an account of the wedding of two prominent young people of the town. Now the editor knows as well as his next-door neigh-bor that the bride could not bake bread if her life were endangered for ot doing so; that the groom never arned a cent in all his mature 21 years; and that, eventually, they must eturn to the parental domicile, but publish it? No, he dares He simply writes a column or

wo on the social success of the affair, cautiously skates over the thin ice marked "Character" and all is He has done his duty; he has measured up to the social standards which are judged by "politeness," for he has said "the kindest thing in the indest way.'

Not long ago there was a letter in one of the "Please Tell Me" columns of The Omaha Bee asking if it were the proper thing for a young man to raise his hat when he passed his other and sister on the street. Naturally, the answer was in the affirmative, and the editor further added that, had the boy the proper respect for the feminine members of his family as well as those of other families, he would perform this small act of "politewithout any effort and certainly without off-stage prompting.

people because we respect them. We give to them little deeds of kindness cause we feel their years have earned them. Etiquet is a form of politeness that s almost, if not wholly, a habit. The ittle phrases that express to others ur feeling in regard for their consid-

ration of us, fall from our lips almost inconsciously if we have been care-The acts of children when they are away from home are exactly he same as when they are at home. is a mistake for parents who are rude and impolite to each other, tactess and disrespectful to others, to exect their offspring to conduct themselves properly in the presence of Yet there are fathers and nothers who put their kitchen table red youngsters at the same table with countless spoons, forks and nap-kins and expect them to get enough

of well-bred sockety, excellent envirnment and educational opportunities tember, 1922, where she is at the But as the writer listened he recalled and should be cultivated. A course in our public schools for the purpose of teaching the children one of the basic ciples of congenial living, polite ness, would not be amiss, DOROTHY STUBBLEFIELD.

Blames Women Lobbyists for Marriage Law.

starter. Think of a nice couple who had scraped up enough to pay for ring, a license and a small the preacher entering the judge's of fice with all the statistics required by their ancestors since the Declaration of Independence, and being told that a new Plumb progressive law had gone into effect; that they could not get married today, tomorrow nor next day, and that while it had been the ustom since the memory of man to take the couple's word that they indigestion wished to go into life partnership, that Don't tal this new motherly law required them life because you have forgotten your to file a written notice of their inteno file a written notice of their intenlicense then? Oh, no! After they had dug up for the cost of the notice he would have to post it up in a con spicuous place for inspection of the idle crowds for 10 days.

lock of marriage inspectors and buy News.

Daily Prayer

"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."-Ro-mans 8:17. Our Heavenly Father, we gratefully joys of the morning, the fresh outlook. Journal. the new opportunity, the unspent strength, the hunger for conquest. For life and health and work we prais May every hour bring thoughts of Thee, and a sweet sense of Thy favor resting upon us. Give us to go cheer-fully on our business, and to do our duty in our appointed place, not as hirelings, but as sons and heirs in their Father's house. Mercifully de-fend us from all harm. Teach us to take our joys as they come, and to make friends with our trials; to know that life is good, whatever skies it may please Thee to bring over us. Give us the ready word of cheer and comfort for those who may cross our path this day. We ask not for lighter burdens, but for greater for greater strength; not for easier discipline, but for more grace. Bless our homes bless our country. Hasten the day when Thy Spirit shall pervade all the affairs of men, and all governments ind rulerships shall acknowledge Thy most gracious sovereignty. And now, dear Father, we go forth

unto our work and to our labor until evening. At the end of the day, may

we enter into the peace and rest of those who have walked and worked

with God, through Jesus Christ, our

M. O. EVANS, PH.D., D.D., Cincinnati,

We Nominate----

For Nebraska's Hall of Fame.



HOUGH born in Mount Pleasant Ia., Ethel Evans is closely identified with art matters in Omaha, having been supervisor of draw-ing in the city schools from 1891 to The gospel of fly swatting, going inisconception. The ordinary citizen out from Kansas, was productive of ther study. At the end of two and a half years she returned to Omaha and was elected art instructor in Central High school, which position she held must it 1903 when she was called to pel. There is no telling what else he in thinks very little about this situation, but if the day ever comes when he world war to make the must sit in the defendant's chair, apart from the rest of the court, then he will give it a lot of thought. until 1903, when she was called to may develop New York City to take a similar position in the Bryant High school. 1911 she again went to Paris and de-voted herself to painting, both in the studio and out of doors until the outbreak of the war in 1914.

painted at Gloucester and other parts of New England during the summers and in Florida. Porto Rico and the Isle of Pines during winter seasons. Isle of Pines during winter seasons. Her work includes both portraiture and landscape and she has achieved distinct success as a painter of fishing boats and harbors. She is a member of the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors and of the Pen and Brush club of New York City, and is a regular exhibitor at their annual exhibitions. While in Paris she exhibitions. While in York City, and is a regular exhibited at their annual exhibitions. While in Paris she exhibited at the Salon des Artistes Francais in 1897 and the Salon des Beaux Artes in 1914. Durthe 12 most intelligent men of the 42, ing the Omaha exposition, at the rethe 12 men most capable of properly quest of The Omaha Bee, she wrote weighing the facts of the case and ara series of articles upon the pictures exhibited in the Fine Arts building. Politeness is one of the ear-marks working at her art in Florence and this type for the jury. They must

not to monkey with the mar- considerel lightly, and that young peo- tried in the newspapers, but these m riage laws, not to increase the useless ple should give more earnest consid-They paid little attention to prom-ises or the needs of their constituents, here is where our women clubs can and the marriage law they enacted do much good rather than trying to

"Don'ts of Every Day Life. Council Bluffs, Ia .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Here are a few 'don'ts" of every day life: Don't be an optimist in society and

pessimist at home. Don't be a Christian on Sunday and devil on week days.

Don't think because you are blue

you have religion. It may be Don't take the joy out of the child's

MARGARET HOLLAND. CENTER SHOTS.

If air flivvers ever become as plentiful as automobiles it may be neces-sary to build concrete caves as duck-In the meantime the couple would sary to build concrete caves as duck-have to hunt up some of Bryan's new ing places for pedestrians.—Canton

Egyptian "antiquities" will soon outnumber the spinning wheels that came over in the Mayflower.—Philaelphia Record.

Florence Yates of Beloit, who has just inherited \$15,000,000, still wishes to be a school teacher. It is a pleasacknowledge Thy providential love ing occupation, and it takes the mind and care. We thank Thee for the off of one's wealth.—Minneapolie

Alaska's psychological moment to Thee. May we live and move and be during the first hot wave.—Milhave our being consciously in Thee. waukee Journal. Friend: One who will lend you

Enemy: One who did .money. Enem Hartford Times. Cheer up, brethren. We have never yet missed having a warm spell be tween winters.—Des Moines Tribune

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"From State and Nation"

-Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Swatting the Fly.

From the Kansas City Kansan.

Jennie S. Owen speaks in the El Dorado Times: "When I was a kid it was always my job to cut cotton wood sprouts and shoo the flies off the table from the time mother 'set' it until the visitors had finished their meal. And then after I had eaten I had to hie mysif to the cow lot and brush flies off the cows while the hired man did the milking." into the box, the writer was surprised to find that this man, this reader, this thinker, this broad-minded man, was not among the chosen 12.

It suddenly dawned upon the writer that the examining attorneys did not want men of extraordinary intelligence to serve on that jury, they did not want readers, they did not want thinkers. They wanted men who had never read or heard of the case, if it were possible to find them.

man did the milking."

This reminiscence becomes singular apropos at this time, because the man who instituted the "swat the fly" campaign in Kansas, from which it spread throughout the world, is leaving Kansas and going to Sew York. Kansas and going to New York. concern all citizens. Many can remember what a pest the fly was before it was discovered duties of an American citizen. Under the fly was before it was discovered duties of an American citizen. Under that the same motion which swung the cottonwood sprout to shoo the pest away might kill it and in doing that end its own annoying habits and than the average intelligence, should

at the same time stop the possible breeding of numerous progeny.

Since Dr. Crumbine enunciated his gaspel of "swat the fly" the earth and of the ability to accurately bally and the court prohas traveled far, and that gospel has been preached throughout the world. The results have been great, for such an apparently trivial thing. There is not one fly now to where 100 of the posts made life a misery for everybody then. Public health has been improved because the fly has almost disappeared.

And think of the energy that has has traveled far, and that gospel has ance contradictory testimony. Ideally

And think of the energy that has been conserved by doing away with the fly brush, substituting the swatter whole jury system is laboring under of the United States.

The gospel of fly swatting, going misconception. The ordinary citizen

In Another's Place.

The writer was sitting in a court President Harding said that if war During the period of the war she accused of a major crime. The de-ever comes again we will not only fendant sat apart from the attorneys call to reserve the youth of the land call to reserve the youth of the land. "but we will draft every activity and

riving at an opinion

Sicily, returning to New York in Sep- want fair-minded men, impartial men, fense of the reinstatement of Roscoe a certificate of health, and then, make Arbuckle, basing his argument on the positive proof that they are not crazy fact that the comedian had been regu-for wanting to get married. Now, if larly acquitted by a jury, and how a all has gone well and they can find prominent lawyer had taken issue some friend who will loan them with that contention, saying: "We money enough to pay the extra ex- all know what the opinion of the aver-

riage Law.

Oxford, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Your recent editorial, "Getting Married," charged those who are told in acclaiming man was carefully sounded out as to expressed disgust with our legislators' the good to come from the law, and horseplay as being mostly cranks. We might add, "not many stay at the home marriages either." Why, Kansas newspapers, some of them had heard

not want it. Why, bless your heart, consin. the home of freak lawmakers. Here was a man of intelligence. He it never was considered in the legis- passed a similar law two years ago, was in the habit of keeping in daily I heartily agree with the editorial yet he was broad-minded enough to

Abe Martin



"I've often walked more'a mile

he never would have become president Papers and persons who were say ing such things at that time were de-

Difficult to Identify.

"A man should be content to let well enough alone," "Very true," replied Miss Cayenne.
"But think how wonderfully wise a
man must be to recognize well enough

Not so very long ago it required a little bit of brains to learn to dance.

Vose Small Grand

From the Hastings Tribune.

In his recent memorial address

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