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SWEEPING BACK THE TIDE WITH A BROOM.

Is education in America to become a matter of studiously following a prescribed routine, deviating neither to the right nor the left in pursuit of knowledge, or is it to broaden with human experience, holding fast to the truth that has come down through the ages, but equally eager to seize and fix the thought of today?

Americans today, more than ever, are thinking for themselves; the processes may not be orderly, may not be of great assistance, but they are going on, and out of it progress surely will come.

This does not mean that the safe anchorages of human relationships are to be abandoned, or that the landmarks of civilization will be engulfed. Old ways will probably be modified to meet new conditions, even at the great schools of the country.

FROM SEA TO SEA.
What will be the longest continuous journey ever undertaken by a president of the United States started from Washington yesterday.

The mileage alone in this journey is imposing, equal to a journey of halfway around the world, but it will also afford the president an opportunity for doing something he has wanted to do and should have done some time ago.

It is well that the president should seek this chance to get his own views and opinions directly before the public. He will not only meet the multitudes who will assemble to greet him at the points where he is scheduled to speak, but he will get direct attention from the citizens in general, who will read his speeches for what they are, the first-hand statements of the president's plans.

The journey has another aspect, in that it will give the president an opportunity to get a first-hand view of some of the problems he will be called upon to deal with. The Alaska railroad, from Seward to Fairbanks, with its great port at Anchorage, and the Panama canal are two of the greatest government-construction feats in modern history, and they have to do exclusively with peace purposes.

"AIN'T NATURE WONDERFUL"
We are all familiar with the remark of the man on seeing a hippopotamus for the first time. "There ain't no such animal," expressed his sentiments exactly, but the animal is there just the same, and so it goes.

One of these is just now reported from Louisiana, where potatoes grow on the roots and tomatoes on the stems of the same vine. This duplicating of the product of the vegetable kingdom is puzzling its beholders, the more so because it is not the outcome of an experiment after the fashion of Burbank, but the result of a move on part of the bountiful old dame herself without any help from the gardener.

MELODIES.
Songs of contentment, songs of delight,
Songs that bestow a happiness bright:
These would I sing wherever I roam—
Songs of the beauty and quiet of home.

WHY THE HOG SQUEALS.

Farmers are receiving less for their hogs today than before the war. To them that means a heavy loss. But to the consumers of pork products it means nothing so far as lower prices for meat are concerned.

The bureau of labor statistics at Washington keeps accurate tab on the cost of living. In a recent pamphlet it lists meat prices at the leading retail centers and compares them with prewar costs. This shows that on March 15, 1913, pork chops were selling at 20.3 cents a pound, and on the same date in 1923 they sold at 28.3 cents.

Since March the price paid to the raisers has undergone a still greater decline. Yet this is not matched by any extensive change in the level of meat prices.

It is a fact that hot weather limits the market for pork and that a good deal of this meat and lard has to be carried over. But if economic laws were allowed to work freely, when the supply of pork exceeded the demand at a certain price, then the price would be lowered to encourage consumption.

OFFICERS TRAPP AND DUNN.
A police department without discipline is a menace, not a protection to the people of Omaha. The action of five city commissioners in dismissing Officers Trapp and Dunn for carrying out the orders of Police Commissioner Butler cuts at the very heart of law enforcement.

There is not a crook in Omaha that does not rejoice at the breaking of these two policemen. The morale of the police department can not be upheld under such destructive interference. More than anything else the police officers need the backing of public opinion and the confident knowledge that the police commissioner is able and willing to uphold them so long as they carry out orders.

Mayor Dahlman's defense of his position is a tissue of sophistry and a joke. If the city charter does not allow the police commissioner to give orders to his force, then it should be amended. The man in charge of law enforcement must be the actual head, and not a figurehead. When he orders the police to make a raid or pursue a certain policy, it must be made plain that he is assuming the responsibility, and that the officers will not be penalized for their obedience.

Every citizen knows that in practice it has been customary for the police commissioner to issue such commands, and this is too late a date to drag in any technicality.

Concerning the legality of the search of the P. and B. cigar store, if there was any irregularity of procedure it is Police Commissioner Butler who is at fault, and not the men who followed his orders.

And if the five commissioners believe that any unlawful action was taken by the police, then it is Butler that should be tried.

Omaha is shocked at the shallow reasoning and wanton injustice of the suspension of two of its police officers, at least one of whom never has had a black mark against his record in six years of service. Commissioner Hopkins is to be praised for standing out against the unworthy action of the majority of the city council.

The police are constantly under criticism, and very often in danger. There are times when they risk their lives for the protection of the people. With what spirit can they be expected to carry out their orders if they feel that their action is subject to being reversed and disowned by the city commission?

An emergency confronts the people of Omaha. Unless they protest now, the police department may disintegrate until it is without nerve or authority.

Some day Arkansas folks will get over the notion that emptying a shotgun into a crowded room is the proper way to establish social equality.

Lincoln county citizens will eventually get at some facts in connection with the blaze that burned the old court house.

Lincoln has now had due warning from the klu Kluxers, and it will be interesting to watch what comes out of it.

The Majestic docked dry enough, but some of her passengers must be nursing a lovely "hang-over."

When a policeman becomes an "ex" he ought to be more careful when he starts shooting at people.

The backbone of winter is bent; if not broken.

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davis

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"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee, and letters to the editor, are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

Favor Week Day Religious Classes.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The appearance of an article on "Extra-Mural Religious Instruction" in a recent issue of the national weekly, America, furnishes me the occasion to address you on the subject of the proposed plan for such instruction to Omaha public school children.

I was pained, therefore, to find very soon after that The Omaha Bee editorially opposed the system proposed which I had so favorably reported and that it did so by arguments that seemed to carry their own refutation.

My assuming a position of antagonism to your proposal, and a controversy in which you were committed to the wrong side, and this was the more deplorable because it was a betrayal of The Omaha Bee's position as a power for public education, and a promoter of true educational reform.

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THE PROSPERITY OF THE UNION PACIFIC.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: While the editorial writers of the Omaha daily papers are discussing the wonderful prosperity of the Union Pacific and while this transportation question is being discussed in all the newspapers, I am a little better than a cow trail. Today it is one of the greatest roads in this country.

Advice From a "Wet."
Missouri Valley, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Our good friend "Nebraska" in Washington, in commenting on the action of New York with respect to prohibition seems to forget that law enforcement like charity begins at home.

Daily Prayer

The Lord loveth the righteous.—Ps. 145:8
O Lord, our God! We present ourselves to Thee in the Name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who has given us a joyous sense of our acceptance with Thee in Him. May the Spirit of Thy Son in us now cry "Abba, Father."

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