

ABSOLUTELY, MR. HARDING.

Disrespect for the law is a national peril. If one set of citizens flouts any section of the constitution or encourages violation of one statute, then it may be expected that another set will become emboldened to flaunt disobedience of some other law which conflicts with their weaknesses or habits.

President Harding, in his address at Denver, came into direct conflict with those who urge that because the prohibition laws are difficult to enforce they should be repealed.

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It is to his regret that the prohibition issue has not been removed from politics, for, as he says, it will continue a demoralizing element in our whole public life and "be a paramount bar to the wise determination of many issues utterly unrelated to the liquor question."

"The prohibition amendment to the constitution is the basic law of the land. The Volstead act has been passed, providing a code of enforcement. I am convinced that they are a small, and a greatly mistaken, minority who believe the eighteenth amendment will ever be repealed.

The president speaks with the voice of common sense. The prohibition law must be respected and enforced to the same degree as are all other laws.

WITH LIFE IN THE POT.

"You'll have to kill me to get my money," said the victim of a holdup, and the robbers at once fired three bullets into his body. He died a few hours later at a hospital.

This was the end of a sordid story. The victim, a professional gambler, had "organized a party," and out in the country, far from the reach of city authorities, he opened a "layout" for gambling.

Excitement was what they were after. Most of them probably cared little if they won or lost; they craved the sensation that comes with a risk, the unexplained feeling of satisfaction in an adventure that has the elements of wrongdoing.

Not a great while ago a murder was committed as the outcome of a quarrel over payment for a jug of bootleg liquor. An Iowa farmer faces a future of prison life for this crime.

Now Iowa's fair name is stained by another murder, as wanton and as useless as that of the bootlegger, also the outcome of petty lawlessness. Men who engage in these bits of lawbreaking are not vicious, simply reckless.

Our esteemed democratic contemporary makes the mistake of quoting from the wrong Palmer in discussing the sugar situation. Instead of Truman G., it should tell what A. Mitchell Palmer did to help out when he was attorney general of the United States.

Sounds like old times to read about a schooner laying a shot across the bows of another, but in this case it was only a dry boat chasing a run runner.

Looking for a place to help? There's the Free Ice and Milk Fund; everybody's welcome to subscribe. It gives 100 per cent service.

"Al" Smith ought to read the Denver speech twice.

CONSCRIPTION OF DOLLARS.

When, on Memorial day, President Harding declared himself as in favor of drafting every dollar as well as every man into the service of the nation, in event of another war, he aroused a storm of protest.

Most of the objection to the president's proposal rests on the Fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which says, "Nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

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The government can take from these men their dearest possession, that of life itself, demanding that they risk it in the general defense; does it not seem as reasonable that the power that can conscript human life can also conscript dollars?

"The new German note offers as fair a basis for the settlement of the economic problem of reparations as is within the power of the German government to give."

Poincare, he says, wants a blank check from Germany, but if Cuno should hand it over, his government would collapse. He ventures to say that in such event a government of communists and social democrats would endorse the check, though without any intention of making it good.

This English financial expert has shown an uncanny gift of prophecy in the past. That makes more interesting his speculations on what would happen if another German revolution should break. Then, he says, the world would see Bavaria, Saxony, East Prussia and the Rhineland spitting off under separate governments, soon to be brought under French control.

"Queen of the Seas" is some title, but the Leviathan is big enough to wear it gracefully.

"Bob" Samardick has the federal court criminal docket all cluttered up again.

A good plan at the Mundy beach is to keep inside the life lines.

"Celess Sunday" was no delight to anybody.

Homespun Verse

By Omaha's Own Poet— Robert Worthington Davis WHEN SUMMER COMES.

Long have we sighed, long have we yearned, for summer's fragrant balm, And dreamed our dream and sung our song—our heart entwined in melody, Around the cozy fire we sat in winter cold and drear.

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee, which are published in this column weekly for discussion on matters of public interest.

His Life a Miracle of Faith.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Your would bring a message of cheer and hope to the

But he found a Savior in the Lord Jesus. He learned that Jesus is mighty to save. No less a Savior would do the man who knew his lost condition.

This is not imagination, nor the boasting of a man without experience, but the testimony of a man who for seven years lived an exceptionally good life.

Think of the cheap, one-sided, unsumingly laboring in his paint shop, working at night in missions or in the street, or holding little prayer societies in his shop or elsewhere.

Prefers English Propaganda. Cozad, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In the "People's Voice" column of June 20 was a letter

"Reinstate Trapp and Dunn." Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Let me express my

Daily Prayer My God, unto Thee will I pray.—Ps. 141:1 Holy Father, we thank Thee for the privilege of prayer, for the infinite amazing goodness that we are permitted to pray, and of Thine infinite wisdom that our prayers are answered.

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SUGAR BEET CULTURE.

A farmer who has for two successive years experimented in sugar beet culture in Colorado, gives his experience through the Colorado Press, from which we glean the following items:

The cost of raising sugar beets is estimated at \$10 per ton, which would therefore leave a net profit of \$13.25 per acre. There is no doubt that Nebraska soil is fully equal, if not superior, to that of Colorado for sugar beet culture.

With taxes on Nebraska farm lands increased more than 100 per cent, and the products of Nebraska farms being manufactured articles, the farmer is not as yet out of the woods into which he was shoved under the Wilsonian deflation policy.

Albert Kuhn, Pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church.

The New York "Ed" Issue. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: There are some western politicians who are so provincial that they think Governor Al Smith of New York has designs upon the presidency by the booze route.

It seems like the supreme court has found out the war is over. Now if the rest of us can bring ourselves to believe it, we will accomplish more for peace and good will than all that has been done in that direction.

not insult their intelligence by charging them with what a blind calf knows, that a presidential issue of this kind which might land New York in the democratic column would certainly take Texas out of it.

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LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press

Western Kansas is having floods. Two months from now the crops will be burning up. Kansas never could do anything conservatively.—Norfolk News.

Isn't there something inspiring about the smell of the freshly tilled soil and the sight of trees in full leaf? Isn't the spectacle of growing crops enough to gladden the heart of the most confirmed pessimist?

Try to vision the Platte valley of the future with four small irrigated farms where there is now one large farm. This valley will then be the wonder spot as well as the garden spot of the world.—Kearney Hub.

Omaha church members are asking the board of education to set aside one afternoon for children to attend a religious school for instruction, Shiffler, but not King Charles, no sirree.—Kearney Hub.

Governor Bryan is apparently enjoying the needed exercise of shaking the political plum tree. Not in too great a hurry, just an occasional shake, while the plum hangs heavy, with an occasional ripe one shaken off and anticipations whetted.

We doubt if there is a place on earth that presents a more beautiful picture or more inspiring scenery than a drive over the country roads of Nebraska at this season of the year.

A chemist claims to have discovered a substitute for coffee. But there are a good many restaurants who are already using one for years.—Grand Island Independent.

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It is stated by the statistician of the state bureau of agricultural economics that taxes on Nebraska farm lands have doubled within the past eight years. And not farm lands alone, it is probable that nearly every form of property is taxed to three times as heavily as before the war.

Just to avoid future complications the powers should get together and insist that if any nation starts an other war she must pay for it. C. O. D.—Norfolk News.

New they have started a contest among the farm girls in milking contests. Miss Elise Krasney of Kansas is in the lead. In two minutes she filled a two-quart pail full of superlative Jersey milk. Benice Wallen of Missouri was her nearest competitor.

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These men are afraid that the Tories are in the ascendancy in the democratic party and they have fixed up an issue to perpetuate their hold on the city and state of New York and the balance of the country can go hang.

Some of the trusts, profiteers and other grafters are broadcasting hopes of removing the spotlight from their own misdeeds. But that is another story. W. H. GREEN.

Postscript to the Hall of Fame

In the article which follows the editor of the Scripps Bulletin gives an interesting and altogether accurate estimate of the great question of Richard L. Metcalfe of Omaha.

It was natural that the question should have been asked. Metcalfe's picture did not appear in The Omaha Hall of Fame. The answer is that it was not by the Nebraska editor, but by the Scripps Bulletin. Metcalfe was one of the first Nebraskaans invited to appear in this gallery, but he was excused from the publicity because of the names of a number of other Nebraska authors who later appeared in the series, but it is regrettable that he himself was omitted.

The Omaha Bee is running a "Hall of Fame" column in which it has named various men and women whom it believes should be known to posterity for their individual greatness.

For one to know Nebraska as it should be known, it is necessary to know "Dick" Metcalfe, the man who has written millions of words that have sent the red blood coursing through the veins and causing the heart to sing songs of joy.

If Richard L. Metcalfe had never written a line in his whole life other than those which are to be found between the covers of his "Such is the Kingdom," or performed no other memorable thing, that alone should cause him to be famous.

It is reported from London that "The Merry Widow" has been revived. Since London went mad over the Egyptian excavations, there's no telling what they'll dig up next.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The weather sets the youth of the country at a bad example. It is willful, capricious and has no settled habits.—Kansas City Star.

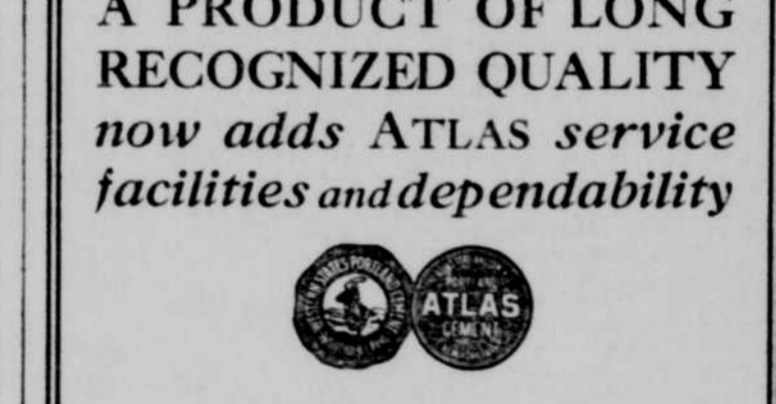
The honeymoon is over when he begins to borrow from her household money to complete the payments on the engagement ring.—Roanoke World News.

The real shirt sleeve diplomacy is having one's coat off when the boss comes in early in the morning.—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

If there's anything in this new French theory that fruits feel pain, the green apple would appear to have a good comeback.—Detroit News.

On account of certain tendencies in modern dancing it has been suggested that dancers be equipped with bumpers. And while they are at it, shock absorbers might not be an unwise accessory.—Nashville Banner.

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