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On Wednesday Americans will celebrate the natal day of the nation, and we believe that in the joyous acclaim of the event will sound the undertone of reverence and deep regard for the God of Nations, under whom a mighty people has grown up to majesty and dominion in the world.

And that appeal still is potent and sincere. For the rectitude of our intentions in all our national undertakings we have looked up to the Most High for approval. In the most eloquent address of any American president, Abraham Lincoln pledged himself that "this nation, under God," should go forward.

Why, then, should there be any question as to the destiny of such a people, or of its devotion to the truths of religion and the fundamentals of worship? Here and there a zealous sectarian may imagine that we are lax in our piety, because his particular tenets of peculiarities of belief do not prevail.

In this very thing should be the answer to those who sorrow for the future. No lack of reverence is discernible in the fact that membership in the churches of the land is steadily increasing; all denominations report new adherents, and all around in the erection of more commodious and costly edifices, dedicated to the uses of religion, to worship and praise, is shown the outward evidence of the prosperity of the church.

Time and money, those chief worries of the modern age of haste and display, have no meaning for them. Most of these brides and grooms are starting life on slender means. A guest for dinner may require the last cent in the house, but for all that it is a joy to have some one view their happiness.

How happy also in after years are the memories of those honeymoon days. Sacrifices set at naught, hardships ignored, without fear or foreboding. To meet life always so bravely and gaily is to conquer. It is not that love does not deepen with the years or that this carefree existence is the happiest period of life.

Victor Hugo once was asked to write a poem on Spain. He bowed his thanks and declined, saying, "Unfortunately, I have been in Spain!" In other words, his poetic imagination refused to essay a flight where he would be continually hampered by material impressions.

Such types are represented by a young woman, arrested for stealing garments in an Omaha department store. She excused herself on the ground that she is a writer, seeking for sensations that she may incorporate in a volume she expects to produce.

The books of most potent appeal and undoubted influence in bringing about reforms, such as "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Bleak House," and the like have been written without their authors actually experiencing the things written of. Even Victor Hugo wrote "Les Miserables," by many esteemed the most impressive of all human records, without having been to prison, or undergoing any of the adventures that befell Jean Valjean.

The incident at Savannah the other day will go far toward discouraging mob violence.—Norfolk News. One of the surest ways to forge ahead is to stay put.—Clay Center Sun.

"OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM."

"I have found a new slogan," said the president to his friends in Utah, referring to the well known motto: "Utah's Best Crop is Babies." Conceding to the Mormons all credit for having originated the line, it is as well applied to Nebraska, to Kansas, to Iowa, Minnesota, Colorado, or any of the new and uncrowded states of the great west.

All this region was peopled in the first place by sturdy, vigorous men and women. Marriage and giving in marriage went along with life, and the building of homes and rearing of families occupied their attention. Homely virtues were cherished, and manners were not corrupted by evil communications.

Babies are the best crop in any country. They get more attention now, because they are better understood than ever, although no more appreciated. Mother and father have always been proud of their wee ones, but improving conditions make possible more comforts for baby than could be had, even a generation ago.

Most people begin their knowledge of Abraham Lincoln at the little cabin near Hodgenville, Ky., and jump almost directly from there to the White House, pausing, perhaps, for a moment at Springfield, but hesitating nowhere else. A considerable journey lies between the beginning and the end of this great man's career.

Maybe that is the purpose of Dr. William E. Barton, pastor of the First Congregational church of Oak Park, near Chicago, and one of the many biographers of Lincoln, who has just completed in three and one-half days the ride of 687 miles over the route pursued by "Tom" Lincoln and his family on their migration from Kentucky to Illinois.

Too much biography of Lincoln and other great men has been written with too little preparation. A journey of this sort will not afford any especially intimate knowledge of a subject so vast and so important.

It would be nice if something of this sort could be said of Lincoln's father, who was just the opposite of thrifty and industrious. Standards of 114 years ago were different from those of today, but even by those standards Thomas Lincoln was looked upon as being a little below par.

A real story of the journey of the Lincoln family, and some more intimate information of Lincoln's boyhood, will be a real contribution to the history of America's greatest man, and will be welcomed by all who love to trace the rise of an individual from obscurity to immortality.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NEW CAPITOL.

One of the most interesting bulletins on American ethnology, issued by the Smithsonian institution, deals with the dwellings and ceremonial structures of the Indians of the central and northwest. In it is carefully described the apparently insignificant details of construction, location, and management of the tepees, wigwags, or wickiups that distinguish one tribe from another, and one nation from another.

This distinctive quality of architecture is noticeable among all peoples of all ages. Formal structures or simple edifices express the characteristics of the people, its aspirations and achievements, at any particular period of its development. This is why the Nebraska statehouse, now being erected, is attracting such interest among the general public. It is, as one architect expresses it, "We are making progress in this art of beautiful and expressive building."

Whatever may be said as to which, if any, schools or types of architecture inspired Goodhue in his design, the answer will probably be found in this comment by another architect: "The architect has drawn from nearly every known style, type and period of architecture, and in their combination at once defied precedent and achieved a striking success."

Nebraska is made up of representatives of many peoples and races, and what could be more fitting than that the capital of the state should exemplify this mixture of nations—a composite of many ideas and ways, all fusing into the harmony of common citizenship, with a single purpose, that of the security and prosperity of all? Why should not such a state give to the world a new idea in building, as it has in other ways?

Steadfast, sincere, purposeful in all undertakings, the citizenry of Nebraska is of the quality that makes our nation great, because it is such as give strength and solidity to the foundations of the government, without being held fast by the things that have been or are being outlived.

Gate City of the West T. W. McCULLOUGH In the Stereotypes' Souvenir.

Omaha is so young that many men still live here who came when the city was but a straggling village. Some of these recall the first settlement. A walk around the city will disclose many proofs of how new we are, in the main, as a city. This same evidence, however, also will disclose the advantages of being new. Omaha has been enabled to adopt all the benefits of great discoveries with little or no inconvenience.

W. J. Boyce, an Indian trader, had a stockade on the present site of Omaha as early as 1827. It was not until 1854, however, that settlers from Kanessville, which afterwards became Council Bluffs, crossed the river and established themselves, following the enactment of the Nebraska territorial bill by congress. A considerable settlement already was in existence at Bellevue, south, and Florence, north of the present city of Omaha.

In 1854 Francis Burt of South Carolina was appointed governor of the new territory of Nebraska. He came to the territory in the summer of 1854, and found two rivals for the honor of being named the capital for his domain. Nebraska City, fostered by St. Joseph, Bellevue and Florence all pressed their claims as Omaha, and with such vehemence that Governor Burt, already in low health and worn out by his long journey, was taken ill and died ten days after he had reached Nebraska.

Long before the railroad came, Omaha was a commercial center. In the days before the Civil war, outfits were supplied and started from here, freight as far west as Utah, Idaho and Montana, and when gold was discovered at Cherry Creek and the rush that founded Denver was begun, Omaha was the jumping point.

One of the incidents of the rush to the Cherry Creek diggings must be of interest to anybody connected with the printing industry. The first copy of the Rocky Mountain News was printed in the new camp on the banks of Cherry creek from type set in Omaha.

Daily Prayer

I believe God, that it shall be even as I have said. The night has brought us rest and refreshment and renewal of strength and hope. Father, the day opens to us its opportunities and brings us its manifold tasks and, it may be, its trials and burdens and cares.

We seek the direction which shall set us forward along right ways, the wisdom which shall cause us rightly to choose in every issue, the integrity which shall keep us wholly loyal to the truth.

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Reference to the passage of the expropriation bill in congress and its receipt at the Omaha exposition of 1898. On Sunday, June 21, 1898, Edward Heuser watered the story of the birth of the state in an editorial, here reproduced.

"HOW THE EXPOSITION ORIGINATED."

"The Bee cheerfully gives space to a letter from R. W. Richardson relating to the origin of the Transmississippi exposition. While according to Mr. Richardson due credit for bringing the Transmississippi congress to Omaha and exerting his influence with the representatives of this and other states to have the project of a Transmississippi exposition endorsed, we do not think his statement detracts anything from the claim that the inception of the exposition came from The Bee and its editor.

The original idea of holding an interstate exposition at Omaha was presented and advocated by The Bee years ago when the state fair was removed from Omaha. Incidental to the interstate exposition project was the establishment of a permanent exposition of products of the Transmississippi country. This idea had been repeatedly advanced and the erection of a permanent fireproof exposition building in the heart of the city urged from time to time.

"Working Together With God" is the theme of Rev. C. A. Segerstrom at the First Swedish Baptist church tonight. He will say: "For we are laborers together with God." Cor. 3:9. No higher honor can be given a person than working together with God. Of only those that are God's children can it be said that "All things work together for good."

"Thunder or Angels" is the sermon topic of Rev. George A. Miller at the First Christian church, today. He will say: "One time when Christ was speaking in Jerusalem there came a voice from heaven saying: 'I have both glorified it (my name) and will glorify it again.' Some of the Jews said: 'It thundered,' others said: 'An angel hath spoken to him.' Why not both? It is not possible to see God both in nature and revelation. Might there not be an angel in the thunder?"

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Out of Today's Sermons

"Moral Courage" is the theme of the sermon of Rev. H. G. Heuser at Miller Park Presbyterian church this morning. He will say: "The outstanding characteristic of a hero is courage. Courage displayed in times of danger of individuals or nations. Soldiers, firemen, life savers become heroes through their display of courage in the hours of duty and struggle. Through use of physical powers and acquired skill they excel their companions and displaying courage come forth from the test 'heroes.'"

"The True Greatness of a Nation" is the topic of Rev. Frank H. Anderson of Plymouth Congregational church this morning. He will say in part: "We are living in a great country. It is great in extent. Few nations contain as much area as we do. It is great in resources. Its rivers, farms, factories and forests and mines constitute a vast reservoir of wealth. It is great in the cities that teem with life and power."

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LISTENING IN On the Nebraska Press

If William Jennings Bryan keeps on monkeying around he may yet get us placed in some menageries and zoological gardens where the wild animals can take a look at us.—Shelton Clipper. The incident at Savannah the other day will go far toward discouraging mob violence.—Norfolk News.

Why are so many prominent statesmen reluctant about expressing themselves on the repeal of the dry enforcement law in New York state? Every man should have the courage of his convictions and not sacrifice principle for political effect.—Tekamah Herald. In speaking of the dry campaign costing millions of dollars, it is generally not related that its fines amount to more than it costs, and that it is the bootleggers who are paying the millions. Those who sympathize with the bootleggers in their law-breaking activities hold up their hands.—Aurora Register.

It is no trouble for a wife to get her husband to dress up if a bunch of pretty girls are coming. But it is different when she entertains the missionary society.—Harvard Courier. EAT IN COMFORT At the Henshaw Cafeteria It is the Coolest Cafeteria in Omaha BEATTY'S Henshaw Cafeteria Hotel Henshaw

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