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FARMING MUST PAY. With high freight rates, high interest, high taxes and high labor costs, the American farmer is at a disadvantage the moment he tries to compete with the peons of Argentina, the ryots of India or the mujiks of Russia. Those do the farmer a disservice who hold out to him the illusion of profitable competition in the world market.

Present indications, says Wallace's Farmer, are that unprofitable low prices will continue throughout the greater part of 1924. That prediction is based on the opinion that more pork is being produced than there is a profitable demand for.

The mortgage indebtedness of the American farmers is approximately \$7,000,000,000. The floating debt and bank loans of farmers are estimated by the Department of Commerce at \$3,600,000,000.

Nevertheless there is hope. The American farmer is indomitable. He has never been a peasant, nor is he willing to be reduced in the social scale by lack of reward for his services.

LIMITS OF MENTAL GROWTH. To each nature awards different gifts. It is for us to discover and develop them. Special abilities and disabilities must be taken into larger account in the process of education.

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And yet it is beyond the powers of any scientist or educator to select the ones who are best fitted for thinking. The opportunity must be open to all who wish to take it.

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet- Robert Worthington Davie PIPE DREAMS. Each evening when the stars are out I light my pipe and dream, I hear the hoot owls weirdly shout, I see those stars gleam.

FRANCE ON THE RHINE.

Development of science and industry have made the Ruhr region the richest prize in Europe. It could not be otherwise than a temptation to the French statesmen to seize and keep control of this region.

Mark Sullivan may point out that Poincare and Baldwin are suffering from nervous strain and ascribe General Degoutte's occupation policy to his lack of fresh air and exercise, together with illness in his family, but he would admit that there are deeper forces at work than these in the European situation.

"Duras received orders to turn one of the fairest regions of Europe into a wilderness. Fifteen years had elapsed since Turenne had ravaged part of that fine country. But the ravages committed by Turenne, though they have left a deep stain on his glory, were mere sport in comparison with the horrors of this second devastation.

Another armed march into Germany has come now. Doubtless the attitude of the French has been influenced by Bismarck's unjust annexation of Alsace and Lorraine, but this alternation of revenge must stop some day. Just as France's lost provinces guaranteed a new war, so would the theft of other territory from Germany sow seeds of further conflict.

Divorcement has been practiced among all races in every clime and country and all ages of human history. Many interesting volumes have been written around the institution of marriage, and not all the varying theories of sociologists are entirely to man's credit with respect to his motives for the sanctity of the vow.

In some societies it is considered good form to require the discarded or deposed wife to wait as servant on the new. This gives the husband a distinct advantage. He may continue to have the new feature into American divorce.

It remained for Marjorie Rambau to introduce to get on track of a novel symbol, but she struck one finally. She simply passed a bowl of goldfish across the table to her husband, and he accepted it as a sign that all was over between them.

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Twenty-one I. W. W. agitators at Los Angeles prefer state's prison to renunciation of their views. Thus does the list of martyrs grow.

Dope mixers down at Lincoln are fixing some fine tickets for next year, but the voters may yet decide the nominations.

But in spite of all this, we have the spectacle of a young girl speeding recklessly 43 miles an hour down Omaha's streets. She literally defied

Hostile to McAdoo. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: When the boy orator of Russia, Mr. Kerensky, was selling his speeches, he attracted the attention of Mr. Wilson, who exclaimed: "New Russia will make us a good partner."

The People's Voice

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to contribute to this column on matters of public interest.

Supports Idea of Poets' Club. Hastings, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The suggestion The Omaha Bee has made and is widely discussing of founding a poets' club or writers' guild for Nebraska, the midwest seems a good and potent one.

"The company now proposes to put in 400 additional hydrants at a yearly rental that will exceed the amount now paid for the 1,100 hydrants, providing the city will extend the franchise 12 years."

What the World Needs. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Not many days ago I heard a group of Christian people discuss what was wrong with the world. They discussed for some time the great need that the world needed Christianity.

Historic Spots Neglected. Ogallala—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Your editorial, "Drama in the Fields," is very fine and very suggestive. We need men and women who are big enough and broad enough to assist in keeping the society with the past.

The Home Town. From the Allotawagon Journal. "The home town," says Lorado Taft, American sculptor, "is the dearest place on earth. Why not make it the most beautiful?"

A Silent Revolution in England. From the London Outlook. A silent constitutional revolution has taken place this week, which will be duly chronicled by some future Hallam of parliament.

Drop the "I". From the Louisville Courier-Journal. Has the world of letters made up its mind that the American newspaper correspondent's formula, "I have this moment come from the Kremlin," in relating the assassination of a Russian czar, is the thing?

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Thirty-three years ago Omaha was discussing the question of municipal ownership of the water supply.

"MAKE HASTE SLOWLY." "The proposition to extend the charter of the American Water Works company twelve years beyond the limit of its present tenure should be carefully considered and weighed in all its bearings."

Drop the "I". "I have this moment come from the Kremlin," in relating the assassination of a Russian czar, is the thing? Is it other essential for substance, or important for form, that the writer's personality be intruded upon the reader, and intruded with an egotism that is distinctly repellent?

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LISTENING IN On the Nebraska Press

The young woman who dawdles over the keys of the piano, clad in the latest "style" her hands and neck white and alluring, her face leading glory to the sunset through the matchless advertising methods of the cosmetic makers and the superior salesmanship of the druggist, is less important to the world than her mother whose hands are red and water-soaked from a seance with the super duper, whose back is bent and tired from "picking up" after the family.

In all the world there is no better roadway, none more pleasing to home folks or tourists, winter or summer, wet or dry, than a roadway with a top dressing of Platte river gravel. Then why should Nebraska neglect to dress her highways with Platte river gravel? It is a question too big for me. It also seems too big for most Nebraskans, and so while it makes me mad to see Nebraska neglect the treatment of her roads, I am consoled and mollified by knowledge of the fact that the organized cement craze is dying as rapidly as the jazz craze, and that public sentiment will compel the dressing of 5,000 miles of Nebraska dirt roads with a coat of two of Platte river gravel within the next two years.—Columbus Telegram.

The Omaha Bee has been reproducing from its columns of the early seventies, editorials written by the newspaper's founder and original editor, Edward Dowling. These editorials show the concise and aggressive style of this pioneer editor. They show his wonderful resourcefulness, his dynamic expression. He went directly to the point without any circumlocution or any unnecessary loafing along the way.

Iowa is now commencing to pay the bonus to the capitalist of the east and incidentally the soldier lads will get a share of it for going to the front to save the world from being overrun by Germany and her allies. There is this difference between the soldier and the money lender. The soldier is to get a lump sum, and for every dollar he gets the people will pay two or more dollars before the race is finished and the soldier lad, if he pays taxes, will be helping to pay his own bonus.—Wayne Democrat.

The state of Nebraska has taken a very definite step toward curbing landscape disfigurement along public highways by the erection of unsightly bill boards, which prove a double nuisance in many instances in that they shut out the view of motorists at danger points. Under a bill passed by the legislature the Department of Public Works is made the guardian of the state's beauty spots.

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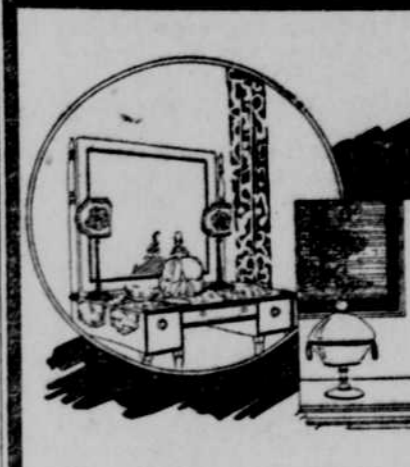
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A Book of Today

"JANIS"—By Reginald Kaufman. The St. Botolph Society. This book, the first efforts of a useful mind focussed on sex problems, has been deemed worthy of reprint by some of the author's friends. It deals with the tragic-comedy of an American boy who has been brought up alone, an only child, never attending a school, either private or public, nor having any of the natural associations of boyhood. Books and adults immersed in business or society make all his world. Just when he is ready to enter Harvard he meets in his own social connections a young woman who would in these days be styled a "beautiful vamp." This fair Dalilah beguiles his innocence and he departs for Harvard burdened with anxious thought.

The flood of books on etiquette continues in an unmanly way. A recent volume is that of Laura Thornborough, "Etiquet for Everybody" (Barse & Hopkins). Less bulky than others, it seeks to cover all phases of the subject and to be a guide to social usage for old and young.

Joseph F. Fishman served for a period of years as inspector of prisons for the United States government, and he has been an independent prison investigator and consultant for state and municipal governments. In collaboration with Vee Perlman he has written "Crucibles of Crime," being a strong indictment against jail conditions as he observed them in many states. The author explains that it is his purpose to arouse public sentiment. "The opinion has been expressed that once the public became cognizant of this barbarous situation, it will demand a swift change." Mr. Fishman writes. It is evident that the author was a keen observer while making his rounds in the penal institutions of the country. The book is published by the Cosmopolis Press, New York City.



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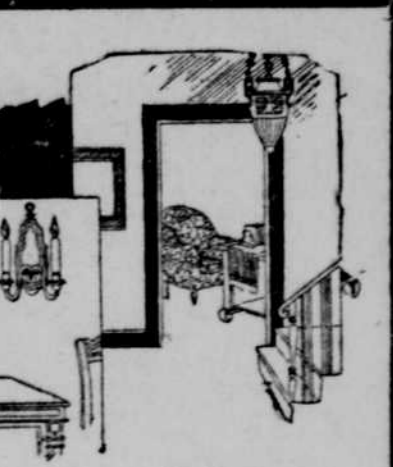
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Abe Martin



"Oh, give me another chance, don't be a brute!" shrieked Miss Fern Mopps, this mornin', when 'Squire Marsh Swallow told her she'd have 't wear cotton hose at th' reformatory. Life Bud washes his Ford ever mornin' so he kin identify it right off th' bat. (Copyright, 1923.)

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