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#### LOST ADVANTAGES.

"One of the unsolvable mysteries to the average layman is the method used by producers of common necessities in maintaining higher prices at the seat of production than at points scores or even hundreds of miles away," says the Wyoming State Tribune. It takes its text from the fact that in Cheyenne and Laramie the cost of gasoline refined in Wyoming is higher than at Fort Collins and other Colorado points. There is a refinery at Laramie and Cheyenne is between the Casper oil fields and

The system is the same as prevails in the steel trade, where it is known as "Pittsburgh plus." By this method western buyers of steel are charged with the cost of freight from Pittsburgh, even though the steel is produced in Chicago. A number of western states are engaged in fighting "Pittsburgh plus" before the federal trade commission. If an order can be secured abolishing the steel graft, it may have far-reaching effect on similar practices in other lines, all of which are affecting adversely living conditions in the middlewest.

Here in the heart of the productive region the cost of living should be lower than anywhere else in the world. What is it that prevents this? Glance again at the Colorado towns which buy their gasoline cheaper than Wyoming, where it is produced. There are sugar factories in those towns. Do the inhabitants purchase their sugar cheaper because of that fact? The refiners could, if they wished, give their neighbors a price concession based on the fact that there is no freight charge to get it to them. Yet what happens? Fort Collins and the other sugar factory towns are forced to pay the regular rate plus what it would cost to ship the sugar to Kansas City and back.

Thousands of bags of sugar are produced at four refineries in western Nebraska. There is another as near Omaha as Grand Island. Yet nowhere in Nebraska is sugar sold for less than it could be shipped in from the cane fields of Louisiana. This trade custom is one which moves the Lincoln Star to reply to the slogan, "Buy Nebraska-made sugar" with the question: "If Nebraska consumers are to give Nebraska sugar the preference in their buying, then why shouldn't the manufacturers of sugar in Nebraska show some consideration for the con-

The situation is one which is arousing general comment. The Chicago Daily News publishes the statement that the "country is honeycombed with similar practices." Cement, brick, butter, flour and innumerable other commodities, though produced next door to the consumer in a Nebraska town cost him as much as if they were shipped in from the nearest big center of production. The higher freight rates are, the higher the prices, even though goods are not shipped. If "Pittsburgh plus" is a tax on consumers, so are there many others of similar kind. The condition is one that hampers the whole middle west, removing as it does most of the advantage of being close to a source of supply.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA ADVERTISES.

The jangling notes of a brass band, blaring away on a strident tune, the garish dress of feather-bedecked Indians, the loosely worn chaparejos of some modern cowboys, filled the streets of the city with a bit of diversion from the ordinary and accustomed noises of down-town traffic. It was a reminder of a day that is gone. The frontier has vanished, the cowboy and the Indian both have cut their hair, and the present only sees an imitation of what the past knew as its daily dish. Yet that is all the promoters claim for it, a show to keep alive some of the glories of the real frontier.

Back of it is a deeper and more worthy motive. These people from White River have something to sell, and they are going about in a most effective manner to get public notice. No, it is not the wild west show and the Indian dances that are daily displayed at the town by men who know the business thoroughly. That is the part that most of the visitors will note, and it is well worth the trouble of any of those who did not know the cowboy in his heyday. What these enterprising and enthusiastic promoters really are trying to do is to direct attention to the fact that they live in one of the best sections of a fertile farming empire, and desire settlers to develop the region.

Maybe they have picked a poor time, when farming is at such a low ebb of prosperity, but they also know their business. Steadily the number of people in the world is increasing, and each day sees more mouths open for food than the yesterday beheld. Farms and farmers are the basis, the foundation of society, and these business men of White River know they have a good thing to offer. Indians and cowboys are merely the outside wrappers on the package.

## SHOWING RAILROAD CURVES.

When Baron Haussmann, under the Second empire, set about to remodel Paris, he proceeded with a directness that gained him everlasting fame. Laying down a map of the city, he located the center and then drew lines as straight as a ruler could make them, designating the avenues and boulevards for which the French capital is renowned. While Hausmann may have had in mind the military necessity of a proper defense of the emperor against his subjects, he did set a precedent that immediately became popular with American railroad map makers.

The Union Pacific has just put out a folder that departs from this time honored practice. So far as is possible on a map of the United States, thirty inches across, the deviations from the air line are shown. Curves and bends suggest how the lay of the land and the location of the town require the road to bend. Yet everybody at all familiar with the facts knows that the Union Pacific owns some magnificent tangents. E. H. Harriman plowed back a good many millions of earnings into the work of eliminating curves, reducing grades, and the like, and he shortened the distance from one end of the road to the other materially. If the Lake Shore be excepted, no other road in the country has as little reason for hesitating to show its curves on the map as does the Union Pacific, and after all, Hogarth drew a curve as the line of beauty.

#### "REMEMBER THE MAINE."

The death of Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, U. S. N., will recall to the minds of many in a most vivid manner some of the things that agitated the world a quarter of a century ago. February 15, 1898, the battleship Maine, of which vessel Charles D. Sigsbee was captain, was blown up in the harbor of Havana. A war between the United States and Spain had slowly been coming on; friction over the Spanish government of Cuba and other islands in American waters, the last of the great empire in the New World, had endangered peace for many years, ever produce a "back to the farms" culminating in a great rebellion in Cuba, which was begun in the early 90s, and continued in guerilla form until the United States was deeply impressed

with the necessity of intervention. Negotiations were in progress, under President McKinley, who had inherited the problem from the Cleveland administration, and hopes were entertained that an adjustment would be reached without that such is and has been the case in resort to arms on our part. Weyler's course in Cuba Nebraska and adjoining states. Nebraskans need not be greatly conhad incensed Americans, as well as humane persons generally throughout the world, and had added to the difficulties in the way of a peaceful solution of

When the Maine went to Havana it was on a peaceful mission, the quiet visit of a vessel of this country to the port of another with which we were on friendly terms. The mystery that surrounds the a reward commensurate with the inexplosion on the Maine is buried many fathoms deep in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, where the bones of the old vessel lie, after she was raised and removed because of constituting an obstruction to Havana harbor. Captain Sigsbee was relieved of his command, and lost the promotion and post that the ambitious and progressive will would have been his, but the fate of his ship wrote a new and entirely creditable page in the history of the American people.

Cuba was freed, Porto Rico was taken over, the freedom of the Philippine Islands was purchased, and Spain stepped forever from the stage as a world power. Civilization is advanced, because the Republic of Cuba has succeeded an island principality, maintained as a source of revenue and grossly misgoverned by Spanish grandees; Porto Rico is being developed under the Stars and Stripes, and savage Moros and Tagalogs are learning the ways of peace providing a community with a wholeand industry, because Uncle Sam has been schoolmaster over there for two dozen years.

Sigsbee will not be forgotten, neither will the Maine, nor Dewey or Sampson or Schley; and, as Clark said at Santiago: "Don't cheer, boys, the poor be adequately filled. devils are dying!" Montejo and Cervera deserve remembrance, because they did what they could for the country of their allegiance.

#### THE BURGLAR'S WIFE.

"Somebody has to weigh the coal," said the man to the committee, after being informed that his partner in the fuel business had joined church and the development of many communi- under a chief named Snow Flock. he was asked to follow suit. Among savage and civhe was asked to follow suit. Among savage and civership lead to a fine and healthful "A young gentleman named Platt, ilized man alike, the male has been the hunter, the stimulation through the medium of from Baltimore, who was out on the warrior, the bread winner. The feminine half of the community hall or theater. the sketch was not supposed to ask any questions about the source of the provender her mate brought to the family larder. She prepared it for the pot or mented by other features of entertain- the Sioux back to their reservation. the frying pan, and they partook, sometimes together, sometimes tandem.

Now comes a break in a practice as old as the world. A wife at Kansas City looks askance upon her husband's vocation, or, maybe it is merely his avocation. He, it seems, is an industrious, hardworking bandit, who has gathered in considerable quantities of select and valuable loot, through the simple process of sticking a large pistol against the person of an unsuspecting pedestrian, or within the som of a family where the sanctity of the home good comedy, a play with a theme on his nose because "Fido gets so close to the heearts of the people, in which the people of a community can it and he has to learn to like it. bosom of a family where the sanctity of the home ried home, not to put into the pot, but to be exchanged for something that can be cooked. One family has received through the mail a package of stuff stolen in a bandit raid, accompanied by this

"To the Goudies: I am sending this stuff back to you as I do not want my husband to make a living for myself and family in such a manner. Hoping this ends the matter, I remain, "Wife of Bandit No. 1."

Such wives, according to Solomon, are worth something, "for her price is far above rubies," and he goes on: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil." If the husband in this case will only be guided by the spirit of his good wife, there will be one bandit less and one honest workman more in Kansas City, where they have a surplus of the one and a dearth of the other. Yet, we recall the lament of Bobbie Burns, when telling of Tam O'Shanter's waywardness:

> "Ah, gentle dames, it gars me greet To think how mony counsels sweet, How mony wholesome, sage advices The husband from the wife despises."

Serge Voronoff has set up a big farm in Africa to breed chimpanzees, that he may have a steady supply of superior glands for the rejuvenation of deemed us with a great sacrifice. For give us for having sinned against Thee.

As Thy children Thou hast replaced important reconstruction. Hard as ill fortune and financial reverses may be to bear, they can be will continue to accept the verdict of nature.

Captain Jack Pzsanowski rules that policemen must wear their badges on their chests, but not lower than the heart. What is one to do whose chest has gone below his waist line?

One good thing about Colorado is that the ground most stands at such an angle that it doesn't take long to drain off the results of the average cloud-

When ten bottles out of twelve get broken in transit, it looks as if some careless packing had been

State Food Inspector Zacek will testify that the federal rum sleuths in Omaha are vigilant.

Maughan certainly is some flyer.

## Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie

#### TRUE GREATNESS.

allus figgered greatness as common as a straw. An' rather looked with pity upon the ones I saw A-struttin' round like monarchs, their heads high in

As if they thought no equal was livin' anywhere.

An' since I've done some trampin' about this world, an' met With every kort of creature that's been created yet I've come to the conclusion that what I thought was

The biggest man is oftentimes the smallest feller, too.

The violet that graces the valley like a gem. Reminds me of nobility upon a little stem.

An' so I've come with reason, where'er my path has

To jedge a feller by his heart an' never by his head.

## The Omaha Morning Bee: Friday, July 20, 1923

## From State and - Nation"

Editorials from other newspapers.

No "Back to the Farm" Movement No amount of propaganda by farm nothing else will determine the number of people who go in for farm-

ing. If conditions are such that the farmer can make an honest living. vithout slaying his entire life away, and at the same time enjoy some of the conveniences of modern life, then will people of intelligence and ability be found tilling the farms. We think cerned over a flocking of peoples to the cities. A drive through any section of the

state will reveal broad and fertile acres, farmed by modern methods and dotted with prosperous looking farmsteads. These splendid farms will not be left to the shiftless and unintelligent as long as farming yields If economic conditions become such that the intelligent citizen can no onger earn a fair living by farming. there will still be no scarcity of farmers. As has already happened in some sections of the eastern states seek other occupations, the dull and plodding will remain on the farms or find their way to them. urning prosperity and better prices,

#### Community Drama an Inspiration.

at the fair during the last few days ing results that can be obtained from and warriors. some medium of expression.

inspired to go and do likewise, a void demons, but being greatly at a dis-in many a country community would advantage in numbers and arms, were

are many other states with a country and the Sloux gave up the chase. among the community folks them- warriors and 150 ponies. selves.

can be given by home talent in any soldiers from Fort McPherson arcommunity, and which can be supplement to give community folks a me-

keep the best of the young people on regretted it. Neither has man. the farms. Community halls, wisely directed, are furnishing keen enjoy- always will if he gets a fair show, ment in scores of localities, and are and hasn't all his spirit and eager bringing the wholesome effect of good ness either bred out of him or petted lean drama to thousands of people. out of him.

success. So were the other features and help to earn his bone, at the Community building. If the Dependent? A real good same idea could be planted into every head of his family. community in the state, a great need and craving would be satisfied. May the Little Country theater idea spread From the Wayne Herald. still more in North Dakota,

#### What Is a Dog?

The woman who wanted an exempdog, because it was a "dependent." knows as little about dogs as she does about income tax regula- the lid was clamped down

A good dog is not a dependent. He A dog that earns his way does it

### Daily Prayer

"Ye are not redeemed with corruptible things," but with the precious blood of Christ."—1 Peter 1:18-19. Oh God, we would come to Thee with reverence and fear, for Thou art great in majesty and holiness, yet though in a measure inevitable, with confidence and love, for Thou art spreads unwholesome gloom and our Heavenly Father. Thou hast re-As Thy children Thou dost desire us to be holy, that we may be like Thee. poses. Cleanse us from all sin. Save us from pride and unbelief and self-will, from evil tempers and everything farming spots in the state should not that is low and mean. Make us generous and forgiving. Perfect in us
The best service one could render
Thy love. Reveal in us Thy Son. Fill
the community would be to persuade us with Thy Spirit. Dwell Thou in its people to hasten the funeral, bury our hearts. Beautify us with Thy Salthe dead, put away the gravecloths. vation until we shall indeed be lights remove the crepe and try to forget in the world. Save and sanctify our radiating the spirit of hope and cour a rebellious spirit against Thee, or be indifferent toward Thee! Have mercy apon the nations and peoples of the on a rising sun, a new day, aglow world. Pity them that are wrapped with promise. n spiritual darkness and ignorance Comfort them that mourn and are broken-hearted. Bind up and heal the hurts made by sin and wrong. Over throw oppressors. Outwit evildoers Incline the hearts of all men to ceive Thy Son as Savier and Lord, to love Thy law, to do Thy will, to work for justice and truth, that Thy blesse kingdom of righteousness and peace may speedily come and fill the whole earth. In His name, we ask these Amen.
MISS EVA BOOTH
New York City, N. Y.

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their wheat crops.

o suggest the following remedy:

in Nebrassa, test, as it run in The the first account, as it run in The Omaha Bee on the evening of August 8 and today we have a more detailed version of the affair, contained in a special dispatch printed on the evening of August 9:

#### FURTHER DETAILS OF THE BUTCHERY.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Kearney Junction, Aug 9 .- "The ollowing particulars of the fight being dangerously low, will raise at ween the Pawnee and Sloux tribes least from 25 to 50 per cent of their curred about 12 miles above French- heavily in debt, and most of them public servants. nan's fork in the Republican valley, are, will then, through the double The Pawnees had prepared that day process of the raise of values, be able for a big buffalo hunt. The Sioux, to begin to pay off their debts, or being evidently aware of this, strip at least sell off a portion or all of we believe there is no danger of such a movement in the large middlewest. for a big buffalo hunt. The Sioux, to begin to pay off their debts, or at least sell off a portion or all of ped their ponies, and distributed them around on the adjoining hills to lead the farm land will be operated on a the Pawnees to believe them to be more sound financial basis. The The Cavalier county cast of "David buffaloes; and also drove a small herd farming classes will then become which attracted widespread toward the Pawnee camp; whereupinterest at the Community building on the best of the Pawnee warriors started out for the buffalo and the It Sloux immediately attacked the camp. furnishes an illustration of the striking where there were but a few squaws be forced to spend all of their earn-

"They succeeded in killing about 50 terest and taxes; there will be nothsquaws before the return of the war- ing in If "David Harum" could be given riors, and a desperate fight commen disappointment and hardship. n every community in the state, and ed. The Pawnees, stung to frenzy by community would thereby be the loss of their squaws, fought like soon compelled to beat a retreat. North Dakota is blessed more than They fled to the river and crossed,

life laboratory at the state college "The Sioux numbered about 750 which has inspired communities of and the Pawnees only about 250. The "The Sioux numbered about the state with the truth that the Pawnees lost everything they had, color, romance and inspiration from including the robes and meat of about drama can be supplied easily from 500 buffalo. They also lost about 100 Social starvation, and the lost but 30 warriors. The Sioux were lack of social contacts which stunt what is known as the Whistler band,

Scores of plays are available which tured but soon after released.

dium of expression, and opportunity by being a dog, not a parasite. No o find themselves and thereby build body knows how many thousands of up a satisfying community spirit.

Boys' and girls' clubs are doing a in and take his chance with man, but splendid work in North Dakota to he did it deliberately and has never

A community to be satisfied needs. The normal dog doesn't expect a stimulation for the finer instincts, and fat woman to sit by him and hold ice take part themselves, is one of the wants to run errands, and look after satisfying means of expression for the kids, and fight anybody that

these instincts.

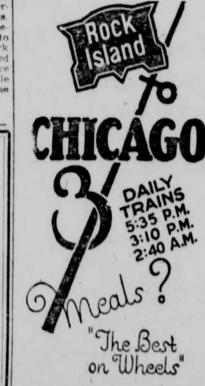
"David Harum" at the fair was a likes to carry a basket to the grocery Dependent? A real good dog is the

#### Take Off The Crepe

One of the richest farming sections in Nebraska, where an unusually high order of intelligence and fine citizen ship prevails, is in the dumps over a bank failure and the consequent losses tion in her income tax on account of and hardships. For a few year peo le over-borrowed, and the bank oo liberal in extending credit. Finally earns his way. And a dog which is Channels of business were obstructed. dependent is no good as a dog. The bank struggled to make collec-

loyal to each other than were the traps. cole of this community to the totterng bank. But their fidelity and sacri fices were not equal to the giant task. The bank failed. Then the spirit of the people sank and flagged. they think and talk too much of their losses-a state of mind that remedied quickest by looking ahead instead of behind, planning the fu-Help us not to thwart or disappoint ture instead of bemoaning the past Thee in Thy gracious desires and pur resolutely salvaging the wreck and undertaking the work of rebuilding

loved ones. Oh may not one lift up age rather than breathing the afflux um of foreboding hobgoblins and blue devils. Let the people fix their minds



## "THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

#### Wheat Raising and Land Values. | sonalities and get right down to what Geneva, Neb .- To the Editor of The will reach the fair-minded public "Thrice armed is he who has his quarrel just," and the policy of smothomaha Bee: As the price of wheat falls in value, so just in the same ering the facts is too old fashioned proportion does the value of farm to appeal to business minds today; lands of the wheat belt fall in value \$7,708,956 in premiums for stock comlands of the wheat belt fall in value pany fire insurance in Nebraska for per acre. Can land owners afford to 1922 and losses paid against this of allow this process to go on any \$5,113,813, or 66 per cent, leaving 3 Good business judgment per cent for all expense of business, dicate a most emphatic no. commissions to soliciting agents. would indicate a most emphatic no. When a business concern finds that it rents, supplies, collection is producing more than can be convarious taxes and fees loaded on the sumed at a good and profitable price, business. This does not compare un steps are taken at once to reduce the favorably with the percentage of ex production. So just in the same way pense and profit foured in any there must be less wheat produced in merchantile line or in the percentage North America if the wheat growers we pay for the wheat when it reaches desire a better price per bushel for us as bread. Still I say that the cost

ultimately faces the wheat growers cialistic state insurance of North America, if present condi-When I catch myself thinking every ions are to continue, that I presume one else a crook I kick myself for fear it might be my mind is getting warped. If figures submitted by in must be reduced 50 per cent at least. surance companies and checked by This will have the effect of not only public officials are wrong we ought doubling the value per bush a of the to turn 1924 crop when harvested, but it will saints. 50 per cent as soon as it is known demonstrated to any fair-minded per-that only a half crop of wheat is to son. Adoption of such promulgated If these conditions can be brought the companies and combination the companies and combination to maintain high rates is violation of

great consumers of manufactured be eliminated. products of all kinds. their present condition is to continue through a number of years, they will

state insurance and would support it ngs in getting a scant living and inand taxes; there will be nother the last 40 years. Socialists them, and you can't say that the tariff is larger bodies of American people but selves have given us no fully worked in league with out system for this paternalism and To carry out a plan of this sort saving if state insurance is good will require an immense amount of publicity and an organization on a then state newspapers, state labor or penal servitude including the indus-try of agriculture, all directed and con-wants Omaha to forget it. But Omaha township unit basis. Land owners must see by this time that profitless wheat crops on their farms not only entirely eliminated and thrift and Times runs their farms down in repair and brains of no greater personal value than idiocy and profligacy. their land falls correspondingly, or

every township of the wheat belt of North America organize to cut the 1924 crop acreage 50 per cent? The daily food, his weekly allotment dean clothes (if cleanliness was n his chewing and smoking (perhap

ormal acreage, in each township, di vide it by two, and then apportion to each grower wheat acreage in proportion to the amount of land owned. The organization must be a strong by contract and penalty not to exceed

he acreage allotted. If this plant for the 1924 crop can be carried out, the surpluses from previous crops can be so reduced and rotten out of the way at a fair price. such drastle action will not be necessary for the 1925 crops.

plan would be to take the 1923, or

I do not believe the American pub lic expects the American farmer, just because he is a fool farmer, to con-duct his business so as to continue to prosper, who else can prosper? It is the privilege of the wheat growers to raise wheat at a good profit or not at all, and I hope that wheat growers and land owners as classes are not so wrapped up in individual seloperate when their most selfish business interests depends upon it. There will be some problems to be

worked out in the use of these abandoned wheat lands for the year 1924. but they will be small as compared with the problems of the continued tion of wheat and the continued fall of our agricultural land values through cheap wheat.

WARD T. DEMING.

Does Bryan Favor State Insurance? Omaha-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: With "5 cent hogs and 70-cent wheat" and \$16 a day for eight-hours labor for bricklayers and Lack of money compelled refusal of plasterers with a low maximum procans to perfectly solvent institutions. duction fule for the day, we are is indeed facing a condition where I am glad the insurance business is ready tions and retain its footing.

Damon and Pythias were no more out the issues without any setting of to come out in the open and thresh

> Since a poor little minnow would not get anywhere barking at a maneating shark I am glad to omit per

of insurance can be reduced by proper It is because of the utter ruin which methods. But the remedy is not so

to turn the government over to the tellin' us how t' back out is th' 1924 crop when harvested, but it will saints. Methods of rating fire risks increase the value of the 1923 crop are business methods and can be worst. Miss Opal Moots, who's Adoption of such promulgated hotel cigar stand, has quit 'cause rates is essential to the solvency of she couldn' learn th' ropes. (Copyright, 1923, ing dangerously low, will raise at adequate rates is financial suicide for religious worship and their

clude the expense of assessment, fully must charge selling cost, heavy hall damage. taxes and many items that cannot

An authoritative statement from

The attack on one line of business line of initiative and enterprize an tion where each citizen would get h abandoned) his replacement of ou fit, his daily paper, his movie tickets from the state commissary and his

Abe Martin

There's lots o' maddenin' things but havin' somebuddy on th' curb been clerkin' in th' New Palace

a company. Coercion by a loan agent activities from the lord high marpresent values. The farmers who are is violation of law; report it to your shal of the bolsheviks

We have state hall-fund insurance In Mr. Green's letter to the "Peo and I am reliably informed that a ple's Voice" column he cites the cost loss was recently allowed a subscriber of tax collection but he fails to in for hessian fly damage by the hail equalization, the town and county of the assessments on the farmers To this insurance right- to provide indemnity against loss from

Calleit a trust if you don't know any better, but every citizen and every voter has his own idea as to Governor Bryan that he advocated the trusts that are operative to make the cost of living high and my own Social. opinion is that there are some tarif HENRY H. LOVELL

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