

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.

The system is the same as prevails in the steel trade, where it is known as "Pittsburgh plus."

Here in the heart of the productive region the cost of living should be lower than anywhere else in the world.

Thousands of bags of sugar are produced at four refineries in western Nebraska.

The situation is one which is arousing general comment. The Chicago Daily News publishes the statement that the "country is honeycombed with similar practices."

SOUTH DAKOTA ADVERTISES.

The jangling notes of a brass band, blaring away on a strident tune, the garish dress of feather-decked Indians, the loosely worn chaparros of some modern cowboys, filled the streets of the city with a bit of diversion from the ordinary and accustomd noises of down-town traffic.

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.

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.

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.

"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.

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 resort to arms on our part.

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.

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.

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 devils are dying!"

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 he was asked to follow suit.

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.

"To the Goodies: 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.

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."

"Ah, gentle dames, it gars me great To think how many counsels sweet How many wholesome, sage advices."

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 reluctant elderly persons.

Captain Jack Pzsanowski rules that policemen must wear their badges on their chests, but not lower than the heart.

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-burst.

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

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

Maughan certainly is some flyer.

Homespun Verse

I allus figured 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 the air.

"From State and Nation"

Editorials from other newspapers.

No "Back to the Farms" Movement. From the Aurora (Reading) Press: "No amount of propaganda from farm clubs or business organizations will ever produce a 'back to the farms' movement."

A drive through any section of the state will reveal broad and fertile farms, some of them splendidly equipped and dotted with prosperous looking farmsteads.

The Cavalier county cast of "David Harum" remains the most widespread interest at the Community building at the fair during the last few days was not merely entertainment.

North Dakota is blessed more than any other states with a country life laboratory at the state college which has inspired communities of the state with the truth that the color, romance and inspiration from drama can be supplied easily from among the community folk themselves.

By being a dog, not a parasite. No body knows how many thousands of years ago the dog decided to come in and take his chance with man, but he did it deliberately and has never regretted it.

The normal dog doesn't expect a fat woman to sit by him and hold ice on his nose because "Fido gets so warm these days." He doesn't expect it, and he has to learn to like it.

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The battle between the Sioux and the Pawnee warriors in 1874, created by a student in Nebraska. Yesterday we published the first, and the Omaha Bee on the evening of August 19, 1923, published a special dispatch from the evening of August 19.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE BUTCHERY.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Kearney Junction, Aug. 9.—"The following particulars of the fight between the Pawnee and Sioux tribes have been received: The battle occurred about 12 miles above Frenchman's fork in the Republican valley. The Pawnees had prepared that day for a big buffalo hunt. The Sioux, being evidently aware of this, surprised their ponies, and distributed them around on the adjoining hills to lead the Pawnees to believe them to be buffaloes, and also drove a small herd toward the Pawnee camp, whereupon the best of the Pawnee warriors started out for the buffalo and the Sioux immediately attacked the camp, where there were but a few squaws and children."

"They succeeded in killing about 50 squaws before the return of the warriors, and a desperate fight commenced. The Pawnees, stung to frenzy by the loss of their squaws, fought like demons, but being greatly at a disadvantage in numbers and arms, were soon compelled to beat a retreat. They fled to the river and crossed, and the Sioux gave up the chase."

"The Sioux numbered about 750 and the Pawnees only about 250. The Pawnees lost everything they had, including the robes and meat of about 100 buffalo. They also lost about 100 warriors and 150 ponies. The Sioux were what is known as the Whistler band, under a chief named Snow Flack. The Sioux were armed with bows and arrows, and a young gentleman named Platt, from Baltimore, who was out on the hunt with the Pawnees, was captured and soon after released. The squaws from Fort McPherson, arrested soon after the fight and drove the Sioux back to their reservation."

"The dog has made good, and he always will. He gets a fair show, and he hasn't all his life with man, but he did it deliberately and has never regretted it. Neither has man."

"The normal dog doesn't expect a fat woman to sit by him and hold ice on his nose because 'Fido gets so warm these days.' He doesn't expect it, and he has to learn to like it. He wants to run errands, and look after his business, and fight anybody that doesn't treat his people right. He likes to carry a basket to the grocery and help to earn his bone."

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"THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

Editorial from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column for expression on matters of public interest.

Wheat Raising and Land Values. Geneva, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: As the price of wheat falls in value, so just in the same proportion does the value of farm lands of the wheat belt fall in value per acre.

For the 1924 wheat crop the acreage must be reduced 50 per cent at least. This will have the effect of not only doubling the value per bushel of the 1924 crop when harvested, but it will increase the value of the 1923 crop 50 per cent as soon as it is known that only a half crop of wheat is to be planted in 1924.

If these conditions can be brought about the values of our farm lands in the wheat belt, which are becoming dangerously low, will rise at least to the value per bushel of their present values. The farmers who are heavily in debt, and most of them are, will then, through the double process of the raise of values, be able to begin to pay off their debts, and in getting a portion or all of their land at a fair price, and soon the farm land will be operated on a more sound financial basis.

The farming classes will then become great consumers of manufactured products of all kinds. If, however, their present condition is to continue through a number of years, they will be forced to spend all of their earnings in getting a scant living and in interest and taxes; there will be nothing in store for them and other larger bodies of American people but disappointment and hardship.

To carry out a plan of this sort will require an immense amount of publicity and an organization on a township unit basis. Land owners must see by this time that profitless wheat crops on their farms not only run their farms down in repair and improvements, but the sale value of their land falls correspondingly, or there is no sales value at all price.

The attack on one line of business from this angle is an attack on every line of initiative and enterprise and the perfection of the theory a condition where each citizen would get his daily food, his weekly allotment of clean clothes if cleanliness was not abandoned his replacement of outfit, his daily paper, his movie tickets, his chewing and smoking (perhaps) from the state commissary and his

I do not believe the American public expects the American farmer, just because he is a food farmer, to conduct his business so as to continue to lose money. If the farmer cannot prosper, who else can prosper? It is the privilege of the wheat grower 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 selfishness as not to be willing to cooperate 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 overproduction of wheat and the continued fall of our agricultural land values through the year 1924.

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 plasterers with a low maximum production rule for the day, we are indeed facing a condition where I am glad the insurance business is ready to come out in the open and threaten the issues without any setting of traps.

Since a poor little minnow would not get anywhere barking at a man-eating shark I am glad to omit per-

Abe Martin



There's lots o' maddenin' things, but havin' somebody on th' curb tellin' us how t' back out is th' worst. Miss Opal Moots, who's been clerkin' in th' New Palace hotel cigar stand, has quit 'cause she couldn' learn th' ropes.

We have state half-fund insurance and I am reliably informed that a loss was recently allowed a subscriber for hessian fly damage by the hall insurance adjuster to be paid for out of the assessments on the farmers to provide indemnity against loss from hall damage.

Call it a trust if you don't know any better, but every citizen and every voter has his own idea as to the trusts that are operative to make the cost of living high and my own opinion is that there are some tariff fostered trusts that are some burden and you can't say that the tariff is in league with insurance prices.

Says Forget It. Omaha is thinking of having another exposition. The Kearney Hub wants Omaha to forget it. But Omaha never forget anything.—York News-Times.

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