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WHEN A NATION MOURNS.

As the funeral train bearing the body of Warren G. Harding moves swiftly along to its destination at the capital of the nation, the world is given an impressive spectacle. A nation in mourning is exemplified by multitudes of its citizens, quietly assembling at the stations by which the train passes, even where it does not stop, day or night, standing with bared heads and sorrowing hearts to pay a silent tribute to the memory of a good man.

Omaha had anticipated a visit from the president this fall. He had given a tentative promise to be here, depending on the nature of his engagements. When the announcement was made of the change in his plans because of his serious illness, the program for his return to Washington included a "bread journey" stop of at least 24 hours here. It would have been a pleasure to Omahans to have had the president as their guest at the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities; they would have laid themselves out to entertain him. Also, it would have been the unanimous effort to have given him a restful day and night here on his way home from the west, had he been spared to make that journey.

With mournful hearts and genuine grief, Omaha people lined up at the Union depot in the early morning hours, silently respectful, as the train made the necessary halt here. Civil and military bodies were on hand, to represent the dignity of organized government, but equally noteworthy was the group of citizens, each mourning the loss of not alone the chief magistrate of the nation, but of a man who had been honored because of his established worth.

Such a sight is possible only where the life of the one who has gone on was such as truly endeared him to the people. Men do not shed tears or beat their breasts when a tyrant or a despot dies, but it becomes a nation of freemen to signify its sense of loss when one of their number, called to highest of honors and gravest of responsibilities by their ballots, lays down his load, a sacrifice to his earnest effort to serve those who trusted him. The silent throngs that give this most sincere respect to the memory of Warren G. Harding thus notify the whole world of the stability of our institutions.

"TO A LITTLE CHILD."

Nothing so appeals to the heart of humanity as the baby. Tiny, weak, unable to do anything for itself, its helplessness is pathetic, and its appeal beyond resistance. Baby has its wants and needs, and knows how to register them. Loving watchfulness and tender care has taught us how to meet these wants and needs, and baby responds by giving its confidence to those who give it attention.

But that attention frequently calls for something that is beyond the power of those to whom the baby has been entrusted. Babies frequently brighten homes where the only radiance is that shed by their presence, which lightens the gloom of poverty, but adds a greater worry because of the baby's need for something that is not easy for father and mother to provide. Then the little one becomes a problem.

Acting as agent for almost 1,000 individual contributors, The Omaha Bee turned over to the Visiting Nurse association, through its Free Ice and Milk Fund \$1,528.66. This money, freely given by generous souls, goes to help solve the problem for the fathers and mothers, who could not meet its demands otherwise.

Fresh, wholesome milk is furnished to feed hungry little mouths, that little bodies may be nourished in health and comfort, and grow up to become useful men and women. Good milk must be kept good, and along with it goes a supply of ice, to cool and preserve the milk, and thus the generosity of the contributors dispels the greatest bugaboo of summer life among the lowly in Omaha.

"Even a cup of cold water to a little child," said the Man or Sorrows, who knew what hunger and thirst means to the little ones. So the Free Ice and Milk Fund does a blessed work, for it gives and preserves wholesome food for those who would languish and die were the fund cut off. Donors to this fund know to what end they are subscribing.

HOME BEFORE OUTSIDE HONORS.

How much real money is it worth to gratify an

There's no answer to that question, for ambitions vary and people vary, and no hard and fast rule can be laid down to govern the point. We have the case of Mr. Sires of New York, who sets out in court that his wife's desire to become a political leader cost him \$100,000. She became a leader, a committeewoman, and got a divorce and \$1,000 in lieu of ali-

Was the game worth the candle? Mrs. Sires may think so, but her former husband seems to hold otherwise. He does not especially regret his wife's going, but he does look longingly after the \$100,000 he says he let go of in order to make her happy. And the tragedy of it all is, instead of making her

happy, he only made her restless and discontented. Not knowing any more of the family life of the Sires than is disclosed by the reports in the New York papers, it is impossible to say accurately if politics was the mainspring of their trouble or not. Very likely there was some other reason, but it is not disclosed in the court proceedings, these merely showing that Mrs. Sires paid more attention to politics than she did to her home work. It seems too high a price to pay for political distinction to break

up a home in order to be a leader. American political life turns on the home and rests on the sanctity of that great human institution. The man or woman who lets ambition get the better of family life is making a serious mistake. Our presidents all the way back to the beginning illustrate the truth of this, for only one bachelor has been elected president, and one other succeeded when his chieftain died in office. Americans love the home, and that is why they are interested in government.

Senator Cummins may be right as to one term being long enough, but Americans might find a way to make it easier for the president while he is living.

Oldtime printers will take solemn pride in the fact that President Harding never forgot the "boxes."

Keep right on helping the farmer hold his wheat; it is good insurance for future prosperity.

POOR PICKING FOR PARTISANS.

Whatever may be the reason for the price of wheat, and a great many possible causes have been assigned, there is little justification for the endeavor of certain of the democratic brethren to make political capital out of the situation.

Especially strained is the attempt of the esteer ed Lincoln Star, which quotes from a letter sent out by one of the Omaha banks, in which the statement is made that the farmer who owned his land before the From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. war and who was able to finance the greater part of his operations with his own capital is making money, but the one who is trying to pay out on the 1919 the Japanese beetle, which, like the peak price for land is up against it. Following this locusts of old, is stripping bare the up, the Star proceeds to put all the blame on the

Bless their hearts, do not the democrats know and the Star as well, that the purpose of the tariff was to establish something of a parity in the home market between the wheat grown in the United States and that grown on the prairies of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta on the north, and the pampas of Argentine on the south? Land there is just as cheap or cheaper than it was in this country before the war, and wheat grown there competes, or did before the tariff went on, in American markets with that grown in Nebraska.

Argentine and Canadian wheat was coming into this country, taking the market from home-grown wheat, and it was to stop that the tariff was passed. How would it help the Nebraska farmer to restore the conditions that existed two years ago, when wheat from Argentine was sold 500 miles inland from the Atlantic seaboard cheaper than our wheat?

It was "a condition and not a theory" that we were dealing with, and the same is true today. One of the plans suggested by the group that is asking for an extra session of congress is to put an embargo on all foreign wheat. How would the free-trade democrats like that as a remedy?

WHERE DO THEY GET IT?

If a man sees a thief breaking into his neighbor's house, he will give an alarm, and do what he can to help catch the criminal. That is only what is expected of a good citizen. How far may this rule be extended into business life?

To illustrate: One of the rascals suspected of looting the Hibernia Bank and Trust company was known around Denver as the "boy broker." He was also known as a lavish spender. For the last two years he has attracted attention by the prodigality of his way of living. Parties at the fashionable hotels cost him as high as \$1,000 each; he spent \$1,200 to \$1,500 at a visit to jewelry stores; in the year he has purchased for his wife more than \$15,-000 worth of diamonds alone.

Would it be expecting too much to require that when a youth, no matter what his position in life, began to throw money around, that a quiet inquiry be made as to the source of his income? Of course, a "boy broker" is expected to have more money than a boy working on a salary, but business men ought to be aware of its source. A man seeking credit is examined very closely as to his probity and dependability, but the man who pays cash is seldom looked

When a merchant has cause to suspect fraud or wrongdoing of any sort, he usually takes pains in a quiet way to expose any crookedness. He can not, in the very nature of things, ask every customer to come to him with a certificate of character; such a proceeding would be absurd. But when "boy brokers" go to imitating drunken sailors, a little quiet investigation may stop a great crime. If this lad had been looked up a few months ago, a considerable part of \$400,000 might have been saved to

MACHINE OR MAN SAFETY?

A great eastern railroad is experimenting with a machine to control its trains, trusting thereby to prevent accidents. A device has been perfected by which a train may be stopped when anything is wrong ahead on the track, and well within the limits of safety. Under certain conditions all trains in either direction will be stopped.

This sounds like the sort of safety we all have been looking for, but who can guarantee 100 per cent continuous efficiency for the device? Experience has shown that in other matters electricity fails, just as do other forms of machinery. The mind of man can not always be relied on, but it functions more certainly when it is kept alert by responsibility. When divided between itself and a mechanical device, it is apt to come to rely altogether too much on the machine.

Some hazard exists in every sort of undertaking, and that is why men are continually striving to improve operations to make safety more certain. The best results so far attained have come through training men to be careful at all times.

Omaha public parks are said to be worth more than \$2,000,000. That is the real estate valuation. The multitudes who visited them yesterday would proceeding now along regular lines. cheerfully say they are worth 10 times that much.

We hope the next time Governor Bryan takes a vacation, he will be thoughtful enough to leave an emergency address with some of his confidants at the state house.

General Duncan is going to try to bring Whisky here for Ak-Sar-Ben-but in this case it is a horse with a suggestive name. A California court has ruled against picture

marriages, and put a damper on another phase of the "yellow peril."

An effective form of flattery is to tell a boy that the down on his face is bristles.

Mr. Volstead's "rats" may be as potent as anything Al Smith says.

Bought your Omaha-made tire yet?

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davis

WHERE FAME BIDES.

He knows his books, he knows his art-a scholar deep and wise: There is a glimpse of lore within the glamor of his eyes He knows philosophy; he writes with science as a guide, And yet, the beat of human heart he has himself denied.

The angel smiles of cherubland, the traits of babyhood He does not picture with his words as e'en a mother

The high, sublime-it is to him what heartaches are And so I wonder oftentimes for what is poetry?

Folk songs and ballads! Time has made them dear for what they give Of virtue and content to us as through the years we

That it forever dormant lies within the halls of home.

And oft I think, while fame might bide in some exalted

-The Omaha Morning Bee: Tuesday, August 7, 1923-

"From State and Nation" -

Editorials from other newspapers.

War of The Wasps.

The angry ichneumon, with his brother parasite, the tachinid, has been enlisted in the warfare against The beetle, as its name implies

came from the east, and from the east comes the insect army which is to put him to rout. The newcomers are outnumbered 1,000,000 to 1, the entomologists say, and are strangers in a far land and a difficult climate. The first winter may kill them. Their foes have become acclimated, and are thriving on the fat of the land, battening on the crops which should come to our dinner tables.

Fighting one pest with another is no new strategem of science. Some times it is a dangerous one. familiar sparrows were brought to this country, in the memory of some men now living, and released to war upon the caterpillars. Half a dozen other curious instances might be cited

of similar import.

The wasp and fly parasites which are to exterminate the beetle may flourish and propagate to a point in future years where we will be forced to go into the fields of the world in search of insects to war on them in turn. As De Morgan says:

Great fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em, And little fleas have lesser fleas, and so ad infinitum. And the great fleas themselves in

turn have greater fleas to go While these again have greater still, and greater still, and so on.

However, scientists have pointed The streets were described. is a warfare in which one pest preys to the orderly processes of nature.

Advice to New Teachers.

Neligh papers last week stated that no less than six teachers of the Neligh teaching force had been married since the close of the present school terms. This recalls to mind the old admonition of W. H. Clemmons, former president of the Fremont Normal college. Invariably, at the commencement exercises each year, he would theorize thus:

"Now young people, especially the young ladies, if you wish to be sucessful as a teacher, you will do well slightest idea that you were going to follow teaching for the next 20 years, and is now thought to be out appointed. My advice to the young ladies is to not figure on teaching more than three years, at the outsolutely nothing to do with the young men who wish to pay court to the Friday nights. But during the third you get the school againlet the school go to thunder, and get he man.

In Justice to Government. m the Kansas City Star.

To The Star: If it takes \$6 comissions to govern Alaska, as stated in your editorial, "Too Much Govrnment," it would be interesting to know what they find to do. been in Alaska, and I doubt if there are 24,000 white people there, as you state. But I think I saw many bears. to administer government for the

bears. Only two of them do that, tion, a portion of the depot sheds was There is one commission for the black blown off, and perfect havoc played bears and one for the brown. Re-cently when for some unaccountable bridge and the transfer, so that up between the two commissions over which had jurisdiction in the case. turned black. The commissions ac-We cite these facts as a warning to necessary to probe the mental

Mr. McTver against over-statement.

From the Nebraska City Press Two men were killed at a railroad On each side of the crossing. a newspaper reporter who saw the results of the accident declares, the track may be plainly seen for more than a mile. There were no screens of trees, no high embankments. track was level; so was the road. The accident occurred in a section known for its lack of hills and valleys, the exact opposite of the topography of eastern Nebraska, accidents are sometimes unavoidable den from view behind embankments or screens of foliage. But this accident, which resulted in sudden death

Daily Prayer

Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, hat I will do.—John 14:11. Thou, O God, art our Father. We are the children of eternal love. Help us, we pray Thee, to live our lives in Let nothing unworthy claim our hearts, and may we find in Thy will our peace.

We pray that Thy likeness may be formed in us, and that our lives may abount in the love and peace an joy of Thy Holy Spirit. Help us to love Thee with a pure heart fervently, and to love those who love Thee and are loved by Thee.

Bless, we pray Thee, all for whom we should pray. We name their names in the silence of our hearts. Pity the ungrateful, the wayward, the Comfort the lonely and the desolate. Let thy peace rule in our hearts and in our home. Whon nave we in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon the earth that we

desire but Thee. When we stumble, may Thy strength support us. They wisdom strength support us. lead us, Thy love redeem us. our hearts to receive Thee, the Divin Guest, into the home of our souls and may we hold fellowship with Thee as we walk trrough the path of We ask all in Jesus' name Amen

HUGH THOMSON KERR, D.D.,

"CYCLONE." Terrific Wind Storm Strikes the City and Does Considerable

Damage." "Shortly after 6 o'clock last eve ning the atmosphere of the city indicated a coming wind storm, of extraordinary proportions. The barometer fell two inches within fifteen minutes and the sky to the west and north became overcast with a lurid glow. A few moments later the cyclone burst upon the town with terrible fury, sweeping heavenward immense clouds of sand and dirt, tearing off shutters, blowing down fences, unhinging gates, and disarranging the telegraph and telephone wires throughout the city it times without number that life rific velocity of the wind rendered gallon pedestrianism more than dangerous. upon another. If there were not accidents and tragedies beyond counting in every stratum of life the germs against window and door, biding all view of the surrounding landscape. flying things, the furred and toothed in the north part of the city the four-footed races would have crowderfects were felt most severely. At ed us humans off the earth long since. the commencement of the storm the The importation of the beetle extern house of A. J. Miller, situated on minators is merely giving assistance Irene street in Shinn's addition, was to the orderly processes of nature.

Irene street in Shinn's addition, was a war measure. Neither can one be struck by the cyclone, lifted from its foundation, and carried over the fence slip-o into an adjoining lot, where it fell times

with a crash, which dashed it into a thousand fragments. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were both in the building at the time of the catastrophe. Assistant Postmaster O. C. Campbell lives near by hearing the noise of the the house fall, a long string of lum-ber marking the spot. He hastened to the scene of the accident, and found Mr. Miller lying on the ground, outside the ruins, bleeding and un conscious. Mrs. Miller, though seri-ously bruised, was conscious and able cessful as a teacher, you will do well to walk to a neighboring residence, to follow my advice. The faculty, from Mr. Miller was at first thought to be the president down, has labored inces- fatally injured, and was borne on a some time he regained consciousness we should indeed be very much dis-danger. His escape and his wife's average loan of \$500 to each wheat appointed. My advice to the young from instant death seems nothing grower would enable Rube to hold

short of miraculous. than three years, at the outDuring the first year have abto have been over Shinn's addition.

At the same time in which Mr. Milteacher. During your second year, if you happen to be so fortunate as to 'get in good' with the board and get a second term, you might entertain the young man, say once a week, on Friday nights. But during the thouse was destroyed a small frame dwelling by Ittner's brickyard was also demolished, no one, however, being hurt. Mr. Ittner's brickyard suffered heavily from the cyclone, two kins of brick, just ready for the burning, being entirely destroyed. As long as the wheat remains in the stack or bins it is safe. "So why should you worry?" Rube is not worry wing. For the love of Mike, give us a rest; you give us a pain in our middles. Have a heart Besides these two accibarn moved from its foundation, and another barn adjacent was nearly de-

molished. "Throughout the whole northern part of the city more or less damage was done to fences, sheds and outbuildings. The force of the wind was beyond comparison. At one point, n a single yard, the trees at opposite

ground in different directions. 'At Council Bluffs and the transfer the force of the storm was felt, though in a somewhat less degree. J. H. M'IVOR. | The wind tore off the tin roof of the Mr. McIvor should not exaggerate. The 36 commissions referred to do not administer government for the postoffice and landed it in the middle of Broadway. At the transfer empty not administer government for the line for the lin reason some of the black bears turned to 12 o'clock today only one wire was brown there was a serious conflict working between this city and Chi-

The row threatened to disrupt the for two, occurred just where there government, but happily nature should be no chance for such a averted the calamity later in the seaon when some of the brown bears seems, that the trouble frequently lies with the man who drives the automocepted the compromise and we under- bile, not always with the railroad stand the government of Alaska is company, the road builder or Provi-proceeding now along regular lines. - dence. Perhaps we shall yet find it fications of the man who sits behind

That Town Will Boom.

A crank by the name of Albert J crossing in central Nebraska the other Moore, head of the Life Institute of is going to found a place called "Heaven." near Harvard, Ill. This guy is the head of a "love cult" and his finish is assured soone or later. He has bought a farm and he people who live there are to work

but two hours daily. This two-hour stunt is what is going o make the place popular with the sluggards and weary willies of the The love cult has had its lay, but the two-hour system is some hing new and has peculiar attrac

The founder of this "Heaven" has bought a farm and his dupes are working from 12 to 14 hours daily to nour "guests" who are to come later. Barnum underestimated the number of fools that are born in a minute. However, Barnum lived some time ago and may be forgiven for his con

No One-Man Government. will not constitute a capital offense ugton to confer. Times hanged.-Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

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W. H. QUIVEY,
(Seal) Notary Public.

"THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

Settle the Wheat Question. Omaha.—To the Editor of The things, says:
"Don't think that just because New Omaha Bee: "Buy a bushel of York repealed its dry enforcement laws that the country is going we from Chambers of Commerce and again. . . Trotting out the and from other sources? Last fall the cient and honorable wet and dry is slogan was "buy a bushel of pota-sue means absolutely nothing to the toes" and help the farmer. Some are common herd.' . . . We believ petitioning the railroads to reduce it nothing less than criminal to inject the freight rates on wheat. Suppose the roads would reduce the rates 25 cents per bushel. Does to obscure the really live questions of pose the roads would reduce the our (labor union) analysis at this time rates 25 cents per bushel. Does to obscure the really live questions of any one think for a minute the farmers would receive 25 cents more on the bushel? What do some of you mental law of the land—it is in the the bushel? What do some of you

Wou will have us farmers trading our wheat for German marks after we buy all the gold bricks on this kum, insincerity and sheer hy-"Buy a bushel of pocrisy." eady informed the people that bread will not be any cheaper, but will be improved in quality. Happy thought.

A few years ago farmers were ad-

vised through the columns of The Omaha Bee to market their potatoes when the thermometer registered 20 legrees below zero, as the roads were then nice and hard. In the winter and spring of 1922 the state was overrun with men sent out by "commer cents per bushel.

up with the Lord only know what, late commander-in-chief. and then the dear public can have it at 12 cents per quart, or 48 cents per

"Buy a bushel of wheat!" farmer can not take his wheat to mill it is a thoughtlessness, that is all the and exchange it for flour, although how much toll the miller is to take. from a mill unless he is a merchant and buys it to resell to the public That was slipped over on the public slip-over on the dear people in war

I have raised potatoes for market for the last 15 or 16 years and, with two or three exceptions, have been lic. I have sold potatoes to a mer-chant, and he resold them, some the same day he bought them, for \$2.50 per bushel more than he gave for them, and I will gladly give name and address of merchant to any one. a crime for one to ship a car of fruit or vegetables and sell to public and they make it work in some places, too. Say, you fellow that don't know what wheat is i you was to see it, give Rube a rest santly the past year to make you shutter to a neighbor's house, while He is not kickin'. You wise guys better teachers, but if we had the Dr. Van Camp was summoned. After get behind the farmer and help him to get credit on that wheat (money of what I mean), to tide him over.

> months and then if prices are no bet ter let him feed it to his stock. Cabbage is retailing at 6 cents per

come home.

Let Rube hold it six

pound and a truck gardener can not get an offer for what he raises. Apples. \$2 to \$3.50 per bushel, and apples rotting in orchards around Omaha. 8467 North Forty-second street, Labor and Liquor. Omaha.-To the Editor of The

Omaha Bee: As I said in a previous letter, it is gratifying to me to learn from reports coming from various parts of the country that the liquor nterests are not being supported by organized labor so unanimously as nce seemed to be the case instance of this is the Electrical Workers Journal, official publication of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Journal makes no claim to being "dry," in an editorial entitled "Why

| 'Kid' Yourself?" it, among othe

the bushel? What do some of you hicks want, anyway? Have you some shares of stock to sell. Do you want Rube to give you the wheat and pay the freight besides and buy all of your gold bricks? What is the big wave the wage workers keep their have the wage workers keep their constitution—and as a practical matter it is next to useless to hope to get an amendment out of the constitution after it is once there.

We are more concerned in trying to have the wage workers keep their constitution—and as a practical matter it is once the constitution—and as a practical matter it is once the constitution—and as a practical matter it is once the constitution—and as a practical matter it is next to useless to hope to get an amendment out of the constitution—and as a practical matter it is next to useless to hope to get an amendment out of the constitution after it is once there.

wheat." Wheat goes lower, flour a interests are learning, slowly perhaps It seems, Mr. Editor, that the fiquor that labor unions are not organized solely for the purpose of being a barrage behind which the said liquor interests may safely hide.
I. J. COPENHARVE.

Noted With Sorrow.

Omaha.-To the Editor of The maha Bee: It was with a keen sense that I read that the South Side Legion post was staging a brutal boxing cial clubs" advising Rube to plant post was staging a brutal boxing potatoes. It worked. I raised nearly match at the very moment when the 1,000 bushels and realized minus 50 funeral services were being held in San Francisco for our dearly belove

late president. prices to consumers. The dairyman gets 16 cents per gallon for pure cows' milk. It is then run through a separator and a certain amount of butterfat extracted, then doctored up with the Lord, only brown and separator and some modicum of respect for their sas Thomas Cat

It was probably thoughtlessness on the part of the South Side boys which caused them to ignore the sorrowfu feelings of a bereaved nation, but if ore marked, displaying as it did, lack of consideration by the represen tatives of one of our greatest pa triotic societies.

Boys, boys, think what you are foing! The American Legion has held the respect and confidence of the greater part of the American people

Abe Martin



Th' Pittsburg feller that's alleged t' have killed his wife an' then had his legs cut off by th' cars may go free, but he'll never be able t'skate agin. A ladies' handbag containin' powder an' pistol awaits th' owner at th' pust office. Copyright, 1923.

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ening.
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