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RIFLES AND RIFLEMEN.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was inspired to write a notable poem by the view offered of a lot of old-fashioned muskets arranged in the arsenal at Springfield.

The musket that awakened the poet lobbed a round or conical chunk of lead about the size of a man's thumb something like 150 or 200 yards, and it seldom was accurate at any distance.

A Springfield rifle today is a weapon to deserve the respect of anybody, and the man who, like First Class Private Delbert Leffer of Holdrege, can knock off a score of 295 from a possible 300 at target practice is also entitled to the designation of "first class."

Everybody hopes there will never be another occasion to test the skill of these men under battle conditions, but that hope is none the less sincere when it rests also upon knowledge that we have men who know how to use their weapons if they have to.

GOOD OLD TIMES IN IOWA.

Matters over in Iowa are going very much as they used to in the olden days. Time was over there when Col. Ed Campbell of Fairfield, Col. Tim Walker of Bloomfield, or Col. John P. Irish of Iowa City, used to go galloping up and down, nostrils extended and eyes blazing, while they hurled all manner of defiance on behalf of the democrats at John Henry Gear of Burlington, Dave Henderson of Dubuque, Pete Hepburn of Shenandoah, Ret Clarkson of Des Moines, who did the sharpshooting for the republican party in those days.

Brookhart has been rampaging all over the landscape, demanding the recognition of soviet Russia as a method for stabilizing the price of wheat on the farm. Meredith has been attempting to out-talk Brookhart on the other side of the question, but with little avail.

Whether the air service of the United States has been put on starvation rations by congress. Each time the Postoffice bill has come before the house, since Burleson began his experiments the appropriation for the air mail has been stricken out on point of order, and only by reason of the fact that the senate has had the foresight to restore the item has the air mail survived.

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Most of the laws are wet enough for the time.

Homespun Verse - By Omaha's Own Poet - Robert Worthington Davis. DREAMING OF THE BABY SHE IS NOT.

"The People's Voice"

Credit and Cheaper Freight Needed. Fairfield, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I would like to suggest to you some ideas that might be of some service to you.

Your Omaha Chamber of Commerce is trying to help the price of wheat by paying small amounts of wheat. That, of course the farmer could do this, but they can't go very far as their resources will not allow them to extend very much credit, and the only way is for the intermediate credit banks to make the loan according to the present law.

The large corn crop is coming on and if this bank was started right now it would be in running order by the time the corn is ready to husk and also the stock to go into the feed yards.

Now, nobody would offend the small farmer by extending this credit as they would extend this help to do business. It might be too late to help much on the wheat, but had this bank been in existence in Illinois the receipts would have been avoided and wheat would never have been so low.

The farmer could have had money to work on the corn, but had this bank been in existence in Illinois the amount of wheat that they will have, I mean real wheat, as there will not be any excess of milling wheat in Nebraska.

There are other years coming for this wheat. The present price of wheat makes not such an awful difference as they have not the wheat, but they have the corn.

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"THE HELFENSTEIN ROAD AGENTS."

If John P. Helfenstein of St. Louis should venture upon a visit to Omaha at this time, he would meet with a very warm reception.

Another road agent who is a very warm reception. But Mr. Helfenstein is only a straw man in the hands of designing villains. His pretense claim to an interest in the 400 lots on the north side, and to which he has no more title than the man in the moon, is one of those rascally schemes begotten by unprincipled lawyers who are not a whit better than road agents.

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"From State and Nation"

Work Will Do It.

The Omaha Bee wonders if "it may not be possible that the present condition of unrest and dissatisfaction with things in general is due to the fact that we have been relying too much upon legislative enactment to produce prosperity, and relying too little upon individual initiative and effort."

Both the perency and truthfulness of the query are unquestioned. We neglect our business or our judgment and we therefor and immediately mount the intellectual soap box to decry the government and attempt to brow-beat the legislator into considering the plight to which we have brought ourselves.

It would seem that after a while it would bore into the mind that not all of our social and economic evils are solvable by legislative enactment, and that as individuals we must accept our personal share of the responsibility.

France gave no heed to the new C-bots Versus Kabotchniks. From the Wichita Beacon.

It may be the name of Kabotchniks in Boston—born in America, but presumably from some Slavonic or Slavonian strain—decided the other day that he would like to change his name to one of more American nationality.

Well, anyhow, Prof. Philip Cabot, head of the George school, Judge Cabot of Boston, Frederick P. Cabot, a distinguished attorney, and Dr. Hugh Cabot of Michigan university, all came to the scene and began to make a scene.

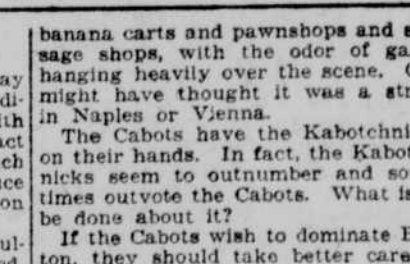
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Abe Martin



Our returnin' statemen found Europe just as they knowed it vuz —wet. Maybe if Edison could see Wilbur Bentley roll a cigaret with one hand he'd change his mind about colleses.

movement in music. Italy applauded only where there was the old note of the traditional opera. And it was through years of trials that he reached recognition.

The Short Game. Mrs. Grubbridge—George, you'd drive me out of my mind! George (an investor's offer)—That's not a drive, my dear—that's a pull!

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