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GOOD COMES FROM CALAMITY.

Omaha has just had a remarkable illustration of the truth of David Garrick's remark, that "A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind." When the citizens awakened on Tuesday morning to find that something had gone wrong with the water, and that nauseous mud flowed from the faucets in place of the crystal streams to which they were accustomed, it was a real calamity. Then it was they began to realize how much they depended on the modern utility supply for their comfort and well being.

No time to philosophize, however, for the first thing to do was to get water for domestic needs One of the earliest bits of relief was the supply afforded by artesian wells and springs, in different parts of the city. Owners of these generously put them at the disposal of the public without stint or limit. Then came our sister city over the river, Council Bluffs, put its plant at Omaha's disposal, and provided water for all who came. The Nebraska Power company, with its great distillation plant, took care of its own needs and those of the tramway, that these services would not be interrupted, and yet had some water left to give to all who applied.

Automobile owners got into the game in splendid spirit, putting their cars at the service of those who had none, to assist in providing all with as much pure water as might be needed or available. Thus it was all along the line. Everybody tried to the utmost to aid all others, and through this splendid spirit of co-operation the severity of the calamity lost much of its force.

The Omaha Bee desires to thank all who responded to our call for volunteers to assist in distributing water supply. The service was well done and thoroughly appreciated. It is not a time, though, for giving or claiming especial credit, as all came through swiftly when the need was made known. However careless city folk may seem under ordinary conditions, a touch of disaster proves that our hearts all beat as one when help is needed and we can give it.

WHY NOT JUST BE CAREFUL?

A smooth stretch of highway, a motor running sweetly, and the bright clean air of a summer afternoon or evening, Juli the driver's judgment to sleep, and the first thing he knows he is bowling along the road at a rate of speed that is dangerously high. Others are affected the same way, and soon the joy is taken out of joy riding because too many motor cars are traveling too fast for safety. Some excitement may be had from whizzing past another car, yet it is purchased at the price of imminent accident and perhaps death.

A coroner's jury in Omaha has just returned a verdict of unavoidable accident in the case of a good man who died from injuries received in an accident on one of Douglas county's well-paved roads. It was brought out at the examination that the car in ich the dead man was a passenger was traveling at between 35 and 40 miles an hour, and was trying to pass another car, traveling in the same direction but at a slower rate. Coming from the opposite direction was a third car also moving very fast. The combination is simple enough, and the result certain. The first car was forced into the ditch, turned over three times, and one death resulted.

Such accidents as that are not unavoidable; a little care will make safety certain. One or two seconds of time may be lost, but in this case a life would have been saved, by slowing down a trifle and waiting until the way was clear before taking the spurt to pass. The roads are filled with drivers who do not expect to harm themselves or anyone else, but who neglect the ordinary precautions that make for

safety at all times. The unavoidable accident is a rarity. The accident that can be avoided by simply being careful is so frequent that it is shocking to contemplate the record of lives lost or bodies maimed that might have been spared if drivers only used good sense at all times.

FAMILY MATTERS IN GEORGIA.

Are these things done better in Georgia than elsewhere, or should we be shocked rather than stirred with envy when we read of how family difficulties are settled down that way? John W. Minter had among other things in his family a son-in-law named Millard Trouton. The latter had quarreled with his wife, who had returned to her father's roof. A not unnatural course on part of Trouton was to endeavor to get his wife to return to his home. To this Minter objected, and now in his confession to the police he tells how simply but effectually he went about to settle for good and all one of his domestic problems.

A family party was made up, consisting of Minter, his four sons, three sons-in-law and a friend. They went to Trouton's house, called him out, threw him into an automobile, and drove away to a grove on the bank of a river. Just what took place here is not told in detail, save that the proceedings were concluded by Minter firing five bullets into Trouton's body. The hands and feet of the corpse were then tied and it was thrown into the river.

Presumably peace and quiet settled upon the patriarchal household, the head of which had thus summarily ridded it of an objectionable member. Lawabiding folks will wonder just what form of civilization is known in a region where such things occur. In darkest Africa or the South Sea islands a happening of that sort might not surprise anybody, but in a highly cultured commonwealth, such as Georgia, a murder like this is a challenge to the authorities that cannot be ignored. It is but one of a series of crimes that have blackened the good name of the state, and ought to arouse its citizens to a sense of their situation.

Wheat was too low. The Omaha Bee took up the campaign to increase its price. It has gone up 8 cents a bushel. Gasoline was too high, and The Omaha Bee took hold of that problem. Gasoline fell 61/4 cents a gallon. That's evening things up.

Uncle Andy Mellon came home with some well defined notions of what Europe needs, one of them being that France ought to let up just a little on the policy she is pursuing. This just about makes it

unanimous outside of France.

BREAKING UP THE BATTLESHIPS.

Expressed in dollars and cents, the contribution of the United States to the peace of the world through participation in the limitation of naval armament will be noteworthy. It is impossible just at this time to give exact figures, but an item in the total which ultimately may be made known to the people is the cost of the two unfinished battleships at the Brooklyn navy yard, the South Dakota and the Indiana. Work on these vessels was about 35 per cent completed when the conference at Washington stopped building. A little more than \$20,000,-000 had been spent on them as far as building had

Orders have gone out for the sale of the incomplete warships to the highest bidder, the purchaser to break up and remove the material now on the ways. This material represents a cost to the government of about \$150 a ton, and naval experts look for a final return on the sale of about \$9 per ton. Some shrinkage, but it is part of our payment for peace

While it is not expected that the hulks will be dismantled with anything like the celerity displayed in building ships during the war, when everything was under forced draft, there is an opportunity for a real test. We used to read of the incredible number of rivets driven day by day by the workers with the pneumatic hammers. How many of these same rivets can be taken out in a day? A good guess is that of the reply given by the soldier who was undergoing a civil service examination. He was asked how many British soldiers came to this side during the revolutionary war, and, not knowing the figures, he wrote down: "A lot more than went home."

Americans, however, are willing to pay the price of making good on the professions of their representatives at the Washington conference. The faith of the nation was then pledged to the world, and it will be kept.

TRAGEDY OF A NEW YORK STREET.

A little baby buggy stood empty in the street all day long, and all day long a mother washed little baby clothes, trying to still her aching heart, hoping that each sound she heard was her baby coming back. When night fell, a father, tired and worn from his search, dull from grief and worry, slowly pulled the little empty buggy into the home and set it by the little empty crib.

Baby is gone, where none can say. She was snatched from the little buggy by a woman who was passing and who fled with the treasure she had seized. Charity holds she was demented; she must have been, or she would not willingly have visited on another woman the anguish of sorrow that comes with the loss of the baby. Even that sorrow, keen and poignant as it is, might be lessened if the mother but knew that the baby is dead. She has not even that poor consolation. All she knows is that the little mite of bone of her bone and flesh of her flesh, soul of her soul, is missing, and, like Rachael, she mourns for her child and will not be comforted.

It is hard to visualize such a tragedy. Mothers all over this land look more joyously into their cradles, hold their little ones a little tighter to their breasts, and silently thank the Father of All for their safety, while sympathizing deeply with that stricken woman. All that man can do is being done to discover the babe and restore it to its parents. Policemen, taxi drivers, radio operators, every possible agency, is enlisted in the search, which we hope will be successful. It will be good news to all when the word is flashed that little Baby Lillian McKenzie has

FOR YOU CAN NOT EAT A MEDAL.

Helen Wills will get her picture in the paper of the west, there must be no further addition made to the agricultural resources of the country. Whether or not it is possible to improve the agriwho are going to the Iowa state fair at Des Moines to show what they know about household arts. It is and restore the value of farms there to show what they know about household arts. It is and restore the value of farms there does not enter into the consideration. a distinction to be a tennis champion, but not a bar they are largely unprofitable and are to matrimony, as is shown in the case of May Sutton, who became Mrs. Bundy, or Molla Burstedt, who is now Mrs. Mallory. Yet, if a girl is to make a choice of career, whether she will be tennis champion or tive acres of the nation. The developbreadmaking champion, she will do well to choose the latter. One can not make much of a meal out the latter. One can not make much of a meal out of New England, it is now proposed to array those interests against the product of the west having brought has because experience teaches that they will go out for the money as soon as they get the offer, and then, according to our present argoes a long ways when one is hungry.

Council Bluffs will be represented by three teams at Des Moines, and we doubt not will be well represented. The girls go with a full understanding that the winners will have to know their stuff, for three Iowa girls from Eddyville last year topped the country and won a trip to Europe for their ability as

Iowa has not turned out many athletic champions of either sex, although she has a lot of boys and girls who can play a great many games well, but she also has a lot more who know how to take care of a home and do the thousand and one little odd jobs appropriation by the present congress that turn up in the course of a day, and they are the ones that count in the long run when it comes to for this preliminary work the allowperpetuating the institutions for which the United States is noted.

The Moors are after the Spaniards again, but that has been going on so long it is hard to get excited over the fact.

Governor Bryan's coal plan begins to look like his tax plan.

Now you know what clean water is worth.

Homespun Verse

Robert Worthington Davie YOUTH.

Youth was gay, and youth, we say, was dear for what Of smiles and tears to tint the years with optimistic

thought. In dreams we played; in dreams surveyed the vast expanse before

We saw the great, immaculate dream fashloned joys in Beyond the years of shallow tears through which we swiftly sped;

We saw the light where Hope was bright, we hastened on ahead. Today we gaze o'er faded ways of youth forever gone,

And gather the propensity that keeps us plodding on; Within the gloom of working room the smiles we used

Endow with zeal the minds that feel the horridness of And though we ache, our fingers shake, and Hope seems We grief defy and pain decry because of rapture fled.

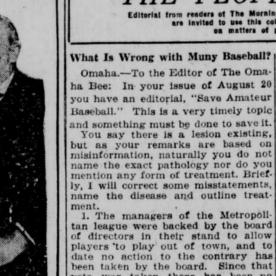
Our hearts are glad for all we've had; we can not fail to Our gratitude. Our attitude the world will surely know,

True youth remains and thought retains the erstwhile youthful zeal Desire is young; the songs we sung still ring with strong

And so we tread, inspired, ahead and follow right and truth.

And profit by, and e'er rely upon, the dreams of youth

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is wrong to bar the young players.

Therefore, I would name the lesion

on week days, and I am sure there

are thousands of other fans who

Participation in games in such a cague in no way conflicts with A. A. J. rulings and will not harm one's col-

egiate amateur standing. I do not want to belittle the great

nd they are not through yet, and I

ruling one player in and another out to be due wholly to their only half-

carted approval in a law which, if

changed, would make the association

work the more pleasant and many

embarrassing situations would be

avoided. The player, the managers and the backer would all know where

they are at and more ball teams and

good ball games in the association

About Bread and Flour.

with the consequent raise in wheat,

without increasing the cost of bread.

is indeed a most praiseworthy idea

price, and has been quite steadily de-clining. I think we may be pardoned

if we look for a possible motive other than pure philanthropy.

It is well known that the "buy a barrel of flour" movement has re-

sulted in the storage of a lot of the

low-priced flour, which, with the cool

weather coming, will mean that

finding it so very much cheaper a

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great many homes will enjoy the treat

Omaha.-To the Editor of The

JAMES F. KELLY.

feel sure that the inconsistencies or

od done by the Muny associa

think the same.

Muny association

In 1890 the people of Nebraska were intensely interested in the general subject of irrigation. Especially was this intense because the state had feit the premonition of the drouth that later brought such dire distress to the farmers and cattle raisers. Mr. Rosewater was then battling for federal control of the reclamation work, and on Saturday, March 15, 1890, he published this editorial.

"THE EAST AND BRRIGATION." lands of the west by irrigation began to be seriously discussed that every effort to put into effect such an enterprise under the auspices of the government would encounter a vigorous opposition in the east. So far as the matter has been given any consideration by the press of that section the top the press of that section the top the press of the pression has been unfavorable to the section the top the pression has been unfavorable to the pression has been unfavorable to the pression to t ands of the west by irrigation began tion by the press of that section the expression has been unfavorable to the government having anything to do with irrigation, and so far as we know there is no eastern member of congress who does not hold a like view. This opposition seeks to justify itself with the argument that the ify itself with the argument that the the thousands of fans who congregate government has no right to perform there and who wish for and are enwork of this kind, the benefits of titled to the best ball that we can now being cultivated. The govern-ment might spend money, the op-sportsman and a gentleman. conents of irrigation assert, to remove the surplus stones from the farms of ganda will make a wrong right. It New England as properly as it might spend money to supply the lacking isture to the farms of the west.

"It is easy enough to find argunents of this sort, to presume waste great number of players consider it and fraud, and to assert that the plan no sin and will not sign up to play and such assertion may appear to til they are allowed this permission tif they are allowed this permission. Some as honest evidence of a sincere concern for the welfare of the public treasury. It is shown in this frank declaration of the New York Comdetern for the welfare of the public treasury. It is shown in this frank declaration of the New York Comdetern for the legion of the legion of the New York Comdetern for the legion of the legion

"Fortunately, the farmers of the east will be a unit against the project. The farms of all New England are all grown, the Sirce that Omaha has outclining in value through western that we should have one league for eclining in value through western ompetition. To waste hundreds of nillions of dollars in intensifying this competition and precipitating this desiline will be resisted even by the loyal republican farmers of Vermont.'

That we should have one league for the higher classification and more liberal ruling. This is not an attempt to professionalize anyone who does not wish to become a professional. On the other hand, it would provide a league which would serve as a finish-This is the sectional dog-in-the-league which would serve as a finish-

manger feeling that is at the bottom ing school for the youth of the town of eastern opposition to the govern who wish to and are able to make of eastern opposition to the government taking any action for reclaiming the arid regions of the west. Because agriculture in the east is less profitable than formerly and farm lands consequently less valuable, due the in part to the competition of the higher class leagues? I because the part to the competition of the higher class leagues? I because the higher class leagues? I because the higher class leagues? ment of the west having brought mis osal to enlarge development in the nly practical way in which it can be done, for without irrigation in a large degree by the government the arid egions may never be reclaimed, or, t any rate, will not be until the deor more hence, make the absorption of this territory by settlers imperative. In the meantime, New England farms might recover their lost value, but in that event the gain to the counry would be small compared with the ben'efits to flow from reclaiming our

ast unwatered empire.
"Doubtless this eastern opposition will be effective in preventing any eyond what is necessary to continue surveys of the arid regions, and even ance may not be liberal. But the sec onal and narrow spirit which now stands in the way of a policy that would add 50 per cent to the produc ve capacity of the country, with the would result. Omana is getting big-imost absolute certainty that every follar expended for this purpose would. Yours for a little growth in the he many times repaid to the govern-ment, will not always be as influen tial in congress as at the present."

And so On.

The United States is manufacturing small airplanes to be carried inside submarines, and the next step will be to produce a smaller submarine to go inside these airplanes.—Toronto Mail farmer by boosting the price of flour farmer by boosting the price of flour submarine to go everyone.

Race That Persists.

The Puritans abolished the May pole because it hurt their sensibilities to see human beings happy. The descendants of these Puritans now live in America.—Louisville Courier-

Daily Prayer

Our dear Heavenly Father, w thank Thee that during the night we rest and sleep under the shadow of Thy protecting wing. We are grateful for the opportunities for service which come with the new day. We pray for strength to overcome evil and perform our tasks. May we show the spirit of the Master in all we think, say and do.

Bless our absent friends and loved nes, and keep them in Thy holy will Remember in mercy the tempted and tried and afflicted ones, and sustain them in Thy grace. Bless those in authority in our state and nation with visdom to know and strength to de

Thy will. Sustain those who labor for the es tablishment of Thy Kingdom at home and abroad, and hasten the time when all men may know and obey Thee. Fo

esus' sake. Amen. REV. HOWARD A. KRAMER, Cleveland, Ohio

"THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

What Is Wrong with Muny Baseball? | well as better, will in many cases result in a continuance of the practice, restoring the home baking, which has Omaha.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In your issue of August 20 become almost a lost art.

you have an editorial, "Save Amateur" Of course this would result in de-Baseball." This is a very timely topic creased revenue for the bakers, higher dent. priced flour would largely put a stop

to the flour buying movement by the ordinary consumers.

Also, I have no doubt but that the large bakers have their flour con-tracted for from six months to a year ahead at the present low price, dur-ing which time matters will probably have adjusted themselves.

I noticed in the same issue of The 1. The managers of the Metropolitan league were backed by the board of directors in their stand to allow players to play out of town, and to date no action to the contrary has been taken by the board. Since that vote was taken there has been no meeting of the board. neeting of the board.

2. You state that the association bered that said law years ago last governor. But things will not soo years ago last governor. But things will not soo years ago last governor. But things will not soo years ago last governor. But things will not soo years ago last governor.

2. You state that the association has existed successfully and has grown, etc. It seems that its existence has been very stormy, for instance, the Townsend-South Omaha age of food. (The law did not fix the Merchants flasco of last fail and spring and the inconsistencies of their rulings on law violations this summer. For instance, Lindberg went out of town, played ball, suspended. Krupski went out of town, played ball, not sust he cost in short weight breads and went out of town, played ball, not sust he cost in short weight breads and

went out of town, played ball, not sus-pended. Moore went out of town, has never been enforced. played ball, no action of any kind I noticed in the reports of the Colotaken. Three different rulings of one "It has been apparent ever since laken. Three different runings of the subject of reclaiming the arid law. I would say successfully inconver recently, that the average price of a pound loaf in that state is 7

greatest number" is what we all want, and as there seems no hope of reduced price of bread in Omaha, regardless of the cost of flour or other ingredients, by all means encourage

A Return to Competition.

a work of this kind, the benefits of which will go largely to private parties, and it refuses to see any advantage to the whole people from redeeming and making available for the production of wealth, and for the homes of a population as large as that of the country at present, an area equal to more than half the land in the nation more than half the land in the nation more than half the land in the nation may being continued. The government, shall say what the seem reasonable to bar a player because he is good when the passe a player because he is good when the people of this country must say whether American industry shall continue to be operated by politicians or by the owners of these industries, whether these politicians, by authority of our government, shall say what is a fair market value of products and services, or whether the natural law of "supply and demand" and competition" shall fix the pricé.

To elect or appoint a political ap-Going out to a nearby town and coping with the inventor of manip earning a few dollars by playing a game of ball is no sin. At least a great number of players consider it ulation, will never adjust the price satisfactorily for the producer, con-sumer and middle man. Government and state dictation to American in dustry, before the fact and through commissioners, is the menace of the age, impedes honest industry; forms onopolies and is a breeder of fraud. The trust and monopoly in classes of business has reached such a bold and open practice in America, in the absence of laws to prevent them from such practice, and thus aided by price fixing commissions, that the grown the Simon-pure standard and

popular demand of the bolshevik, as an alternative of the oppressed, is communism or government control of nd dictation to first one industry and The only remedy to such a condi monopoly legislation, with penalties severe enough to destroy such op-

Railroads did once, and will, best serve the people, with laws enacted with metes and bounds, within which

The farmer did once, and will, best prosper when the working of the natural law of supply and demand at a Class D level. We give them the best education there is—why not do formed and forced trusts and merly, with the possibility of still dearth of Omaha boys reaching the farther depreciating, therefore there big leagues in the last seven or eight crimination, inflated and depressed years. They have been getting sus-pended before they really knew how to play ball, because experience teachprices at will, retarded service for of small industries, permanent politi-cal machinery and untold disturbances as soon as they get the offer, and then, according to our present ar-rangement, they are young outlaws. in the commercial and industrial world

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LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press

Every cloud has a silver lining. The state has needed a good laugh for some time. It has now been supplied by Congressman Shallenberger's support-for machine purposes only-of Henry Ford:-Grand Island Indepen

Pure bunk! Governor Bryan, than whom nobody can claim more with less right, says he has cut the state assessment \$1,000,000, and some folks believe it. Sure, the levy will be must less, but he fails to specify the items which would prove he hadn't a thing in the world to do with it.— Gering Midwest.

Former Congressman Stephen wants to be governor of Nebraska, ac cording to a Fremont friend of that gentleman, who says Dan V. will file when things look right. Mr. Stephen is capable. He would make a good governor. But things will not soon to have been put over to build war morale.-Norfolk Press.

below the cost of production.—Ne-braska City Press. moved from th' calaboose t' th' jail, th' constable fearin' group action. braska City Press.

Perhaps your state taxes have been

reduced. It all depends on how you figure. Your assessment is raised and the tax rate lowered. You pay less per hundred, but you pay more on hundreds. It is a pretty game.— Gering Midwest.

Abe Martin



Senator-elect Johnson o' Minnesoty is goin' t' learn that ther's a lot o' difference in gittin' elected t' th' senate an' findin' somebuddy braska this summer, principally because the farmer is short of inclinaion to sell wheat at a price which is Lark a second hand car wuz re-

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First National Bank of Omaha

Is your motor headed for the junkpile?





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