

Back to the mines! is the sentiment underneath the plain words spoken by Gifford Pinchot, governor of Pennsylvania, to the operators and miners of the anthracite district.

The public does not and can not see with your eyes and appreciate with your experience the background and the details of the present controversy.

Public opinion may be potent to overcome private greed, but never has it been faced with severer test than is here presented. Owners and men alike, feeling secure in their strength, have resolutely refused to budge a hair's breadth in the direction of a settlement.

Eastern users of anthracite may learn what western consumers did twenty years ago, that other fuel can be substituted for hard coal, but that is not the question. Coal barons and labor barons alike should be taught the lesson they need to learn, that they can not forever fight their battles over the body of the people.

Folks who have been singing the blues over the business situation in Nebraska may find a little comfort in looking over the report of the condition of the state banks, as of date of June 30 for 1922 and 1923.

Perhaps this does not argue anything, but on the surface it shows that almost a quarter of a billion dollars of liquid capital is held by the Nebraska state banks, and the inference is easy that most of this sum is owned in Nebraska.

Up in the Black Hills the folks have some interesting notions of what constitutes sport. Once upon a time the favorite indoor exercise was draw poker, and now and then a little stud or faro bank to vary the monotony, and the annals of the region will show that quite a fair percentage of the population became at least moderately proficient in the practice of the sport.

The one great event, however, was the drilling contest, in which the hard rock miners put forth their strength and endurance in a mighty effort. You can tell your folks it takes splendid team work for two men to drive a five-eighths-inch hole 42 inches into solid granite in 15 minutes, it has been done.

The winner will earn it, too, for the boys who will enter that competition are accustomed to handling the implements it calls for, and they are mostly he-men. To be a champion of anything in the Black Hills calls for both development and preparation, and this game, though it may not get as much publicity as a prize fight, will surely demand as great an expense of brawn and brain as a boxing match, and will be sneered at only by those who do not know what is going on.

LIBERTY LOSES TO LAWLESSNESS.

A most impressive lesson for all American citizens is contained in the story that comes from Pennsylvania. All the world will wonder why, in a land which is so completely devoted to law and order, such things can be, that a body of marching men can be assailed from the darkness by a gathering opposed, and a pitched battle ensue that brings death to one and injury to a number of others.

All of this perhaps is not to be charged to the "klan," although it will have to bear the brunt, for it afforded the provocation by its presence. The national head of the organization insists that the klansmen were in enjoyment of their constitutional rights of peaceable assembly, and that the display was not one of disorder or menace.

They who take the sword need not be astonished if they are called on to perish by the sword. One group of citizens can not expect to overawe another in this country without resistance.

Preservation of law and order should be left in the hands of the officers selected by the people. Klansmen who are patriotic, and who do sincerely love their country, and this should include all of them, may serve the God, their country and themselves, better by remaining within the law at all times, and leaving its execution to the authorities.

Let the klansmen march, if they will, but let them not march as the hooded terrors of the night, but as American citizens, with faces uncovered and eyes to meet the eyes of any critics. Whether the klans is justly blamed or not, the fact is that all over the land lawlessness has sprung up in its trail, and its presence has produced just the opposite effect of its announced reasons for existence.

In the death of A. M. Post Nebraska loses another of its honored citizens. He will, of course, be long remembered because of his eminent services as barrister and judge, particularly while he was a member of the supreme court of Nebraska.

Old residents of Nebraska will recall the bitterness of that year's campaign, and the energy expended by both sides to get out the vote and to support the party's nominee. The success of the republican party was due to the revival of its spirit under the pressure of the democratic and populist success of the year before.

The moochers of free publicity are not a present day activity. It seems that the publicity man of a cigarret manufacturing concern got in his work several centuries ago. In Genesis 24:64 he read: "And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she lighted off the camel."

Lord Birkenhead goes back to Jeremy Bentham for support in his declaration that the world can not be governed by idealism. However, no one will know until the plan actually has been tried.

The president congratulates the postmaster general on the success of the night air mail, but wait until they hear from Tinscher of Kansas.

"All water used for drinking purposes should be boiled for at least three weeks," says one water story. Seems rather long to boil it.

Nebraska republicans certainly appreciate the deep interest shown by the democrats in the party's prospects for 1924.

Being an official in the Balkans has its drawbacks as well as its compensations.

Jazz may be classic some day, but it will never be more popular on that account.

Furthermore, Pennsylvania was named for a man who believed in peace.

"Peaceable assemblage" in Pennsylvania is not always safe.

Books are ever dull and hackneyed, and the best of them are rife. There is but a single story in the out-of-doors of life. And the out-of-doors is calling to the aching heart of me To depart and see the working of the great reality.



The approach of the state fair season, with the great exhibition at Lincoln, makes timely the reproduction of the cover of the Omaha Morning Bee of Thursday, August 23, 1923.

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee, Readers of The Morning Bee, please send us your comments on matters of public interest.

Asks Council to Co-Operate With Howells

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It seems that R. B. Howell, general manager of the water company, has been first to take steps to ascertain whether our water is now pure.

Censures Council on Buses

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I have sent the following letter to the city council of the city of Omaha:

One of the citizens of the city of Omaha, wish to comment upon the steps just taken by you councilmen, in regard to the "public safety" group of men, who are working for the welfare of the city, should take such a step forward as that of stopping the "Husbandry" transit company from running the Minne Lusa buses.

Just a word with reference to the drivers of the buses, as I have ridden with all four of the drivers at different parts of the day. I have ridden in the buses after dark and feel as safe as in a street car.

I live too far north to have them crowded to take on more passengers. If that is their excuse, why don't they put on more cars. That is what I call a service. Do they not take on passengers, even though they were behind time and derelict?

Daily Prayer

Martha was numbered about mid-servant, and came to Him, and said, Lord, dost Thou not know that I have served Thee since childhood? And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful, and Mary hath chosen that, which shall not be taken away from her:—Luke 10:41-42.

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"From State and Nation"

—Editorials from Other Newspapers—

Automobiles and Good Roads.

The matter of cheap and rapid transportation between our cities and the open country is of greater importance than is generally given to this subject.

The scientific construction and maintenance of our highways should receive universal support. Good roads are better appreciated now than ever before.

It is greatly to be regretted that hundreds of thousands of people must be huddled together in residential districts in our cities. The density of population in parts of New York City is so great that if the same proportion were carried over all the United States, New York City would have a population of 200,000,000 people.

It is something of a snock to read that recent political controversies between Poland and Czechoslovakia may have been due to a mentally unsound diplomatic envoy. The Czech minister at Warsaw has just been confined in an asylum.

Great power for good or evil is placed in the hands of foreign ministers and their ambassadors. We naturally assume that their minds are in good working order. Yet can we now be quite sure that European diplomats are quite normal mentally? Recent events on the continent have filled us with dismay.

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—Editorials from Other Newspapers—

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Mr. Seward has taken from the Bible the material with which he wrote a beautiful story of the life of Christ. He begins his book with a reference to the days of the second Caesar, when Rome had reached the zenith of her power.

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