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### COME ON FOLKS. THE WATER'S FINE.

That picture of Senator Howell quaffing a beaker of city water should be convincing. As general manager of this public utility, he is in a position to know more about the purity of the water than is anyone -lse. Dr. Pinto, the city health commissioner, adds his testimony to the lack of germs in the water.

Within the city, where the clear flow is to be seen by the mere turning of a faucet, it is apparent enough that the danger anticipated from typhoid has been avoided. The period when this water required boiling is now past, and Omaha actually has a clearer, better water supply than ever before.

It is important that this news should be conveved to those persons outside the city who look forward each fall to visiting the Ak-Sar-Ben celebration. There has been all along a tendency to exaggerate the temporary breakdown that accompanied the installation of a new pump and filter. Thousands of people in Nebraska and Iowa still have the idea, because of the continued attacks on the municipal water plant, that it is unsafe to come to Omaha on account of the water. It was not entirely a joke that 250 visitors at the Den from Lincoln brought their own jugs along filled with Lincoln water.

Unless this political sniping, this reiteration of attacks on the management of the municipal utility, is stopped, and stopped immediately, the attendance at Ak-Sar-Ben is bound to suffer. Every merchant will understand what this loss of custom means.

For the benefit of those who do not see through the insidious campaign which holds Omaha's water supply up to suspicion, let it be said that there is not a word of truth in news of this sort. The people of Omaha, 200,000 strong, are drinking the city water, and there is no typhoid in all the city. No one need hesitate for a second over deciding to come to Ak-Sar-Ben. The program of parades, races, carnival, ball and pageant is better this year than ever before.

And let it be understood also, that there is not now another town in the state, or a well on any farm, that has purer water than right here.

#### ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DEAD.

How soon we will find out the full extent of destruction in Japan by the earthquake depends on the restoration of communication and the actual amount of damage. If 100,000 people have died in this catastrophe, it is one of the greatest blows nature ever has dealt. The longer detailed reports are delayed, the more certain it will be that loss of life and property is great. It will be well to recall that in the case of San Francisco, in 1906, several days elapsed before the full scope of the disaster was known. Interruption of direct communication was responsible for this, and something of the same nature will doubtless prevent information coming through from Japan.

Enough is known, though, to justify the belief

### ONE MORE VICTORY FOR PEACE. On terms of complete friendliness with Mexico

once more, the United States enters upon a mission of even greater usefulness than ever in the Americas. A final adjustment of serious difficulties has been attained by the exercise of patience. None can doubt that it would have been possible, long ago, for this nation to have enforced its will on the people below the Rio Grande, and the provocation was strong to do so. Yet the issue is brought to a generally satisfactory conclusion without resort to arms, and in a fashion that ought to show the people of all the less powerful republics that our attitude is one of friendship and our purpose to be helpful to alle

A great deal of friction with Mexico grew out of

property rights. On this side an impression has gone out that the United States was holding off to protect big interests. While justice to a big concern is as much a matter of public duty as to a small one, and the corporation deserves protection in its legal rights quite the same as does an individual, the truth is that in the dealings with Mexico the big oil and land corporations were really in second place. A great many thousands of Americans went into Mexico years ago, at the invitation of the Mexican government, there to establish themselves. Nearly all of these were forced to flee the country by the revolutionists and bandits who ravaged the land for so many years. Some of them lost their lives, and all of them their homes.

Justice for these were asked. Great private holdngs were pushed to the front to complicate the settlement, yet all all these questions have been adjusted on a fair and equitable basis. Americans were not greatly interested in the dealings of the Mexican government with its own people, the Luiz Terraza family, for example, but did want justice for the many American victims of the revolution. This is obtained. Also, the settlement provides adjustment for the oil interests, and for the other socalled big business enterprises.

The outcome is a triumph for the patience and skill of Secretary Hughes, whose policy has been to deal firmly yet fairly, and who has convinced the Mexicans that we are not enemies, nor seeking to manage their affairs. All the world has been watching for the settlement of this question, the end of which shows that the United States government can deal fairly and squarely with a weaker power, and that our professions are not idle utterances. Washington is indeed a beacon in a world that is in sore need of sane guidance.

#### START JUST A LITTLE SOONER.

A pretty little Portia successfully pleaded the cause of her boy friend before an Omaha police judge, and secured his release. He had been arrested for speeding, and sentenced to a day in jail. One of the excuses offered in his behalf was that he had promised a girl's mother that he would get her home from the club dance before midnight, and had only a few moments to make good in.

The boy is a "four-letter man" at the Central High school, which means he has attained some prominence by reason of his proficiency in studies, student activities and the like. The girl, not a hero worshiper but a sincere young woman, did not want ploye of The Omaha Bee at that time. to see his record spoiled by missing an assignment, and generously offered to serve the day in jail that will find it in frequent use. The first the boy might go free. Everybody is interested in such unselfish devotedness.

Yet the incident contains a lessen that ought not to be overlooked by anybody. Not many months ago a prominent business man was before the court on a charge of driving too fast. He gave as his excuse that he was hurrying his pastor to a train. In both these cases the fault grew out of the same

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### Omaha Bee Revives Days When Men Were Men From the Editor and Publisher"

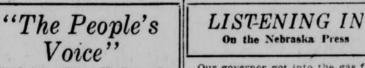
In the beginning of things in Ne- the alfalfa belt, are pre-eminent for braska there was The Omaha Bee. To farming and stock raising. Edward Rosewater never left any go over its pages from those early one long in doubt as to where he days is like viewing a pageant that stood on any issue worthy an opinion.

Politics in 1872 had many angles, and dramatizes the story of this great censome of these were shown in the city tralwestern commonwealth. government of that day. That it did In a series of articles republished not come up to the standard of the rom the files of the 70s, 80s and 90s, editor of The Bee may be noted by going over the files for February 16, The Bee is now refreshing the memory of those strong and stirring days 1872

When, in 1871, the legislature in when men were men. Through this daily feature, all Ne-braska will be enabled to view the ernor David Butler, because of his growth and development of their state complicity in alleged land frauds, the through the eyes of Edward Rose-water, founder of The Bee. matter did not end. Early in 1872 a clamor was raised for an extra session There is much that is pungent, of the legislature to deal with Acting stinging and caustic in these pieces Governor James and others. An ediof pioneer journalism. Much also torial on this, entitled "Gubernatorial that is inspiring, enlightening and Corruption-Necessity of Immediate neer journalism. then, when the foundations of today 1872.

were being hewn out of rock. Fifty years ago being a policeman The first article of the series is a in Omaha had its excitement, the Rosewater editorial printed first in The same as now. Gamblers were quite as Bee in July, 1871, then but a few unruly as bootleggers now, and the weeks old. The editorial descants conflict between them and authorities upon the climate and soil of Nebraska, took on a form quite as lively at times and predicts a future which has in 52 as any witnessed since. On one years been fulfilled beyond the widest casion, the officer of the law was had! visions of men of that day. The first beaten up by an old-time gamble article also referred to the small be-Bill Lawrence. So, on January 1 So, on January 10

Fort Kearney and North Platte. To- editorial entitled, "The Captain of the day these localities, in the center of Police Has & Head Put on Him."



## Voice" tals from readers of The Morains Bee, era of The Moraing Bee are invited to this column' freely for expression on rs of public interest.

Likes the Editorials.

Miller, Neb .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I am a reader of your little on this matter. McMaster beat valuable paper. Permit me to say that your editorials are simply wonderful. I'm not surprised that The

Omaha Bee has found its way into the best homes of Nebraska. If the ministers of this state do not subscribe they are making a mistake in-W. F. HUGHES. What Has Become of the King?

Omaha.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: When I came to Nebraska, something over 40 years ago. everybody talked corn. As rapidly as the wild prairie was subdued it was planted to corn. In the country

newspaper offices we made it a point to display big cornstalks and the first ipened ears. Right here in Omaha in those days, and later, it was not uncommon to the fact that she can neither wash see large cornstalks as a part of the dishes, bake a biscuit or sew a seam;

enough to supply the farmers. For years the slogan, "Cotton is

King," had been an admitted fact. Then some bright mind evolved the epigram, "Corn is King." It caught the popular fancy. I was an emand if any one has a mind to look over the old files of the paper he parades of Ak-Sar-Ben exploited corn and the street decorations bore evilence of this being a corn-producing

state.

Omaha

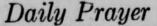
advantage.

Arthur Brisbane says that Cal This is not in any sense a remi fornia roads are all good and that that we talk too much of wheat and tires used on them make from 14.00 not enough of corn. From all rethe mileage that is secured from good tires in Nebraska. With such ports, Nebraska is to have a bumper

Blade.

News.

is largely consumed on the farm, that factory the raw material into beef construction of reads in Nebraska millions just as soon as a corporation equal to those of California. Tire has acquired them. It has been so economy is but one of the many savings that the construction of good with the street railways, the gas com is located in the midst of the world's greatest corn section: it roads brings about .- Aurora Repub is the "Buckle of the Cornbelt." Iowa lican. is a corn-producing state; so is Mis-souri, and South Dakota, and north-Here's the best one we've heard ern Kansas. We are holding a grain of wheat so close to our eyes that on bobbed hair for quite a while, and is true: A Fremont girl wrote t obscures the big ears of corn. The south fell into poverty because a letter to her mother, who is out of town, asking permission to have her hair bobbed. The mother wrote it pinned its faith to one crop-cot-ton. To be sure, cotton was king Your mother back: "Don't do it. knows you are a nice girl, but other intil the moths got into his crown. folks don't.-Fremont Tribune. The Union Pacific has made a hit that the boll weevil has been



O Thou, my God! save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee - Ps. 86:2. In Thy mercy and love, O God, we are permitted to greet another day. Thy guardian angels have watched

over us when we have not been able to care for ourselves. Sweet sleep has refreshed us, and now we loo into another day confident that Thou wilt guide and strengthen. Help us this day to walk uprightly that no good thing may be withheld

Forbid that any of us should be care less or indifferent to the opportunities of service that may be ours. May Thy Word which we have just read be source of strength and uplift, and may we treasure it more as the days and the years slip by.

God bless the sick and the tempted Strengthen the weak ones and com fort all who sorrow. Bless our min-isters and missionaries and deacon-esses, and all who devote their lives specially to the work of Thy kingdom And now, our Father, as we saparate for the day's duties, may Thy loving presence be with us, in our home, and at school, and at business. And at the close of the day may we realize

Many years were to elapse before the city of Omaha owned its own gas plant, but in the spring of 1890 Mr. Rosewater expressed himself in a most emphatic magner on the subject. On Priday, March 28, of that year he dis-cussed the subject of franchises for public service corporations. that "the trivial round and the com-mon task" have indeed brought us we ask all through Jesus Christ

wuz killed last week by a pay rol cavin' in on him. Even after hangour Lord. Amen

REV. S. E. MARSHALL, B. A. B. D., St. Catharines, Ont., Canada. in' around watchin' President Cool idge wind up, th' politicians don' know no more about his style o

pitchin' than they did before. France Prospers WHITHER HAST THOU FLOWN:

From the Kansas City Star. It is gratifying to know that both For thee my heart yearns, oh, deal

try's prosperity. Their report is re lieving, both because we wish France well and because it seems to free the United States of the imputation of

supply of gas and water as well is a municipal monopoly. Competition is always followed by combination, and the only check to the exactions of these monopolies is the intervention of municipal power. The manifest object of the promoters of the com-not been gas company is to recourse.

Five pigs were hauled to the South object of the promoters of the com-omaha market from Hooper, Neb., peting gas company is to procure a in an airplane. It made an inter-valuable franchise. If their company about it. We hated to think our esting item in the papers, But it sim-ever becomes a formidable rival to country would grind France down the existing gas company, it will either sell out at a big profit or conwill under its heel, but it seemed that is what it was doing by refusing to steadily and rapidly that before we event they will enrich themselves we haven't collected our debt or even without materially hencitting the state of the state

without materially benefitting the any interest didn't seem to make any difference. France was ruined as com "That a reduction in the price of pletely as though it had paid it. gas will benefit the public we will But if Mr. Mellon and Mr. Rocke concede. But the city council already feller agree that France isn't ruined

has the power to reduce the price of in spite of all we have done to her gas without granting any new fran-chise. The charter expressly confers ing the poor opinion we have had to this power upon the city council and hold of our own country. We will be the price of gas from time to time. think well of one's own country if

If the contract between the city and one can without disappointing too many eminent Americans who insist that France is ruined.

obliged to take its gas from the pres-ent company, for a fixed term at a fixed price, the taxpayers can not get be so with every corporation that relief by giving a franchise to another succeeds in fastening itself upon the ommunity with a right of way over

head, on the surface or undergr pany will simply mean one of two hings .- a company with its gas hold

ning through the city council with boodle as a pernicious influence, and Doesn't the King Tut style obbed hair more resemble that work a sell-out in the end: or the digging by "Tarzan of the Apes?'-Seward anaging uprooting of pavements, and a consolidation with the existing

company within a very short time. 'In either event the only parties benefitting would be the boodlers, job bers and speculators. "Omaha has granted all the fran

ports, Nebraska is to have a bunnet good tires in Nebraska. crop of corn this year. Let's exploit results the saving on tires alone, to franchises are always represented as it. Corn was the crop that first made any nothing of the lessened wear and tear on a car, would pay for the millions just as soon as a corporation

My prince, my charming prince, idol of clay? Perhaps in some far, distant, lonesome clime You will remember me, oh, prince of mine! Throughout the world a wanderer you

And cast aside the love of one who cares!

Prince Charming-ah, indeed, prince to me

My heart's own jailer-thou dos hold the key!

All through the evening hours I pine and sigh. But when dawn comes no word does

come from thee Somewhere, in this great universe you are.

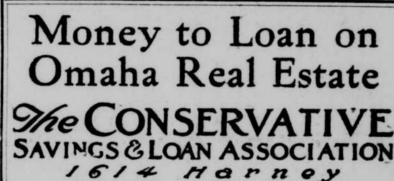
Though wandering in distant lands afar.

Close to the earth, perhaps, your breast is pressed.

ocean waters rack your troubled sleep-No matter where you be, my love

will burn As a great lighthouse lamp till your

-Catherine Elizabeth Hanson





Heinie Moots' uncle, in Germany

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silver moon droops low while

I stand here in my garden all alone

My heart is calling-whither has thou flown?

Ab, couldst thou find such love as I

prince of mine

breezes sigh-

could give.

Yon

Abe Martin

ty will grant the incorporators a 0-year franchise for erecting and operating gas works. "The conditions under which this franchise is asked are very tempting. The projectors propose to furnish to the city of Omaha and the inhabi-France, are convinced of that counthe city of Omaha and the inhabi-tants thereof gas at a rate not to ex-

"NO MORE FRANCHISES."

o the council by certain capitalists

and speculators to establish compet-ing gas works in Omaha, provided the

'A proposition has been submitted

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Our governor got into the gas fight ceed \$1 per thousand cubic feet, with little late. He is making up for a reduction of 10 per cent on all bills paid before the 16th of each month. "It is an established fact that the the delay by the vociferous manner n which he has been whooping it up for the past few days. Some one supply of gas and water as well is a having ruined that country.

ought to tell Charlie to"soft pedal a him to it .- York Democrat.

Five pigs were hauled to the South in an airplane. It made an inter-esting item in the papers. But it sim-ply indicated that the advantages and

be done through the paths of the public skies. The next decade is so portent with miracles of achievement that ne

one need be amazed at anything like hauling pigs to market by airplane.-York Republican

Few persons are deserving greater pity-and, if it is their own fault, contempt-than the girl of 16 to 20 years who prides herself or

window decorations. So far as wheat was concerned, little was raised; not the greatest little fool on earth.-

Grand Island Independent. If Germany hasn't enough bushels of grain to go around, why doesn't mpan

he Agricultural department take a "The franchise to another gas com tip from the financiers and reduce he size of the bushel?-Norfolk

ers on paper and its pipe line ru

that a dreadful calamity has overtaken the capital, Tokio and Yokohama, a town of half a million population, and one of Japan's principal seaports. These might easily suffer considerably from even a slight earthquake shock, and the conflagration would make a swift race through the buildings of fiber and paper. Even this, slight as it may otherwise seem, is heavy to the Japanese, for it means the accumulation of many years of human effort, and its replacement will be a serious task. Great loss of life, too, is inevitable under the circumstances.

All of this will call for aid from outside sources, and the Japanese will find Americans as ready to respond to their call as we have been to the Chinese or any other people afflicted.

Nature's ruthless destruction is here seen at its worst. Nor is man less cruel than nature. In Asia, an earthquake-in Europe, a war. Two nations on the opposite side of the world appear about to set out on a contest as to which can destroy most of the other's lives and property. Nature is terrible in storm or earthquake, but has not brought the business of killing men and wrecking cities to the science man has made for his own uses.

#### UNREST IN THE BALKANS.

Greece has appealed to the league of nations for protection from Italy, and Mussolini is reported to have notified the Italian delegation at Geneva to refuse any intervention of the league. Here is the ground laid for a clash between the fascisti and the powers that make up the league of nations.

Italy and Greece are charter members of that organization, whose constitution provides:

"If there should arise between members of the league any dispute likely to lead to a rupture, which is not submitted to arbitration as above, the members of he league agree that they will submit the matter to the council.

Mussolini asserts, with the characteristic indifference to facts that has marked his rise to power, that Italy is seeking only moral reparations from Greece, and has committed no act of war.

In the meantime Italians have occupied Corfu, and have turned back Grecian merchant vessels seeking to enter the port, announcing that the Corfu channel is closed to them. Italian troops have occupied Samos and other outlying islands of the Grecian archipelago, saying their presence is but temporary, yet asserting full sway. What sort of moral suasion would Mussolini have the world think he is pursuing?

Meanwhile, the little entente, which includes Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, Albania and Greece, is being stirred by the action of Italy. This is a combination not to be lightly dealt with. Turkey found it so, and later Bulgaria. Already smarting under the Italian seizure of Fiume, which was to be the Jugo-Slavian "window on the Adriatic," and from the attitude of Mussolini towards any settlement of the issue, the Jugo-Slavs will cheerfully seize any pretext to join with Greece against a common foe.

Mussolini may be prompt in bullying a weaker power, but he will hardly dare face the displeasure of his far stronger allies by openly flouting the league of nations, to which Italy is committed. He may deride the Greeks, but is he sufficiently wrapped up in himself to affront the world by launching another war?

The test is not only for the league of nations, but for the man who has been parading as a leader sincerely devoted to bringing his own country back to tranquility and prosperity. That road does not lead through war, and Mussolini is assuming a heavy responsibility if he now forces a conflict on a weaker

cause. The start was not made soon enough. It is not easy to tear away from the charms of

the dance or the other social function, where all is and pork. joy. At such a time duty does not call very loudly to youth. Duty has a way, though, of asserting itself, and in this instance it took the form of arrest for speeding. Some day, maybe, people will begin to consider this phase of the question, and then the traffic cop will find himself like Othello, his occupation gone.

Another tragic chapter is written in the annals of Arctic adventure, to record the fate of those left Progressive people of the south adon Wrangel island to hold possession until it could be more formally claimed. Steffansson's idea was big, but the outcome was disaster. Nature still has her way of laughing at man.

A Massachusetts woman offered her husband for sale, to call attention to the fact that he is out of a job. Lots of other women get rid of their mates for less cause than that.

An Omaha boy won both cups at the Citizens Military Training camp at Des Moines. If there had been more prizes up he might have done better.

Maybe if Brother Charlie will look a little closer at that senatorial boom, he will not be so profoundly grateful to the promoters.

Hiram Johnson received an enthusiastic welcome home to San Francisco, if that interests the Coolidge or Hoover men

A league to bring employer and employe together on terms of understanding will find a lot to do in Pennsylvania.

Twenty-four Italians got their citizenship paper: just in time to get away from a possible call to the colors.

Chicago's pest of mosquitoes may stimulate activity in the way of draining marshlands where they breed.

Will Jimmy-Auten please tell the world why he nks Chancellor Avery ought to resign? ficials themselves cannot safely go through without incurring the risk of life and freedom. If they are unthinks Chancellor Avery ought to resign?

Omaha Italians have a sane view of Italy



I scan with gladness your design. I lift you from your cozy place, An angel blush is on your face. And you are mine!

Love divine, long have I sought . Whom you could be, but now I know-An infant, and I treasure so

The bliss you brought

blessing in disguise; it has taught nouncement of its policy on minister ial transportation. A few who give their whole time to missionary work the farmers that a diversity of crops the farmers the brings prosperity. Let's get the king back on his brone. R. B. WALLACE.

may receive passes, but resident mi isters will be given only clergy rates of one-third off. Many applications have been refused. The bill was

Mexican Recognition. Omaha .- To the Editor of The

passed in the name of the poorly paid pastors of the small churches, but will Omaha Bee: One doubts seriously, when one reads and hears about the chiefly benefit the higher salaried ecognition of the Mexican republic by the government of the United men of the large institutions. rather the institutions themselves, as previously these men did not pay States, whether or not the outcome will be for the good or had of both their own fare. It is objected that the bill made all, whether they wished countries concerned. Is or is it not wise step that we the American to do so or not, contribute to the pay cople take in this matter? ment of ministerial fare, but if it in

It is a well known fact that the country of Mexico is as yet an un-civilized and an unruly nation. Is, then, the Mexican government caparegarded as an evil this annou ment lessens the evil.-Aurora Register.

Now that a Massachusetts man ha ble of receiving this great honor at its face value? One wonders if it swum the English channel all New Englanders will now be making a mac will not use it as an excuse in order to perpetrate more outrages upon the rush for the wild waves to see if they can't swim out to the three-mile many citizens of the United States who limit.-Hastings Tribune. ass through Mexican territory.

This is indeed a serious step that this great nation is now taking. It is an important one in the eyes of Who killed the bear, or who lo ered the price of gasoline, is in dis pute. From our viewpoint the credi the world at large. But, again, who of us can foretell the outcome of this is largely due to the governor of South Dakota, the next in line is the Omahi diplomatic victory, or shall we say defeat? The recognition of the Mexinomile club, who had bought six arloads of gasoline and arranged wit can government by the government of the United States is in itself an the garages for its distributi n. Abox this time Governor Bryan returne from his vacation, but not in time to do anything before the Standard Oil company reduced oil to 16% cents re

The great question arises, however, will the Mexican government respect the life and personal liberty of the Fear of competition is what did Americans who chance to be within its boundaries? And, again, if willtail it and not anything done by Nebraska -Cozad Local ing, is the Mexican government able

to protect Americans as they should be protected? We all know that Mexico is mostly hills, which the of-Shallenberger, because he was sue essful in inducing the legislature ote \$285,000 for tuberculosis eradica ion over the protest of Governme Bryan, has grown so cocky that he as sumes to direct Nebraska democracy able to protect themselves, are they able to protect others? and pose as the leader thereof. probability is that Governor Bryan was right, that this protection is more Time alone will and can tell the autcome of this venture. Let us hope for the best! H. STANLEY WILSON. tarmers, and that it will be adminis tered in a wasteful, and ineffective manner. As between Browfective for the large herd owner than for th

Likes G. R.'s Voice. Omaha-To the Editor of The Oma-ha Bee: Just a word in protest to the Daily News unjust criticism of manner. As between Bryan and Shallenberger for leaders, we will take our chances with Bryan.-Aurora Register "G. R." the WOAW announcer. His

emarks are always appreciated by he radio fans. They bring a lively note to the evening's entertainment, and I am sure that the public enjoys this with the same that much as the num-bers on the programs. The News should turn its criti-cisms in other directions, as "G. R." s deserving of only high praise and mmendation

More power to him! MAX GUTTMAN.

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