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NATURE SPOILS THE MOON'S ACT.

It was very unclubby in Dame Nature to interpose a cloud screen something like three miles thick between the eclipse and the astronomers. We can have fogs any day in the week, almost, especially on the Pacific coast, where at least once every twentyfour hours everything is blotted out by the gray veil the old Pacific spreads. Eclipses, however, are of rare occurrence, and such a favorable opportunity for observing one does not come twice in a life time.

Astronomers knew this, and they were hot after results. No greater assemblage of genuine enthusists ever sat down before a more magnificent collection of instruments. The barrage of devices was intended to wrest from the sun secrets hitherto, and yet, for that matter, puzzling to the scientists. Not only would the observations disclose new wonders, but they would afford opportunity for a checking up on previous conclusions. One of these is the Einstein theory that rays of light are bent by gravity, and that the sun itself is not where we see it but some distance, even in astronomy, off to one side.

Observations taken during the eclipse of September 21, 1922, in the south seas, when the totality lasted six minutes, or twice as long as that of Monday, brought varying results. One group of scientists holds that Einstein was splendidly vindicated, another that he was utterly upset. It was up to Old Sol to referee this dispute, and probably he would, but here comes the fog bank and the clouds, and so the matter will have to go over under the head of unfinished business.

Not until 1925 will the inhabitants of the United States get to see an eclipse of the sun again. We will have to worry along until then, not knowing whether the rays that come from the god of day follow the shortest distance between two points, or if they go dodging around like an Omaha pedestrian keeping out of the way of automobiles. However, we can get plenty of proof from these pedestrians that the rays come straight enough in July.

BATTLESHIPS TO THE DISCARD.

General Pershing, speaking at the dedication of a memorial to the founder of the Pershing family in America, says the world needs our help, and pointed out that the best and most practical plan at this moment is to give that help by maintaining our own high national character. This may seem just a little far-fetched, especially to those who are bent on rushing in and taking the brunt of the world's troubles on our home shoulders. Its more definite aspect is that America, by holding aloof from broils and disputes where her presence will aggravate rather than pacify, remaining firm and steadfast in her promise to aid in all proper ways, does more for the good of the world than would otherwise be either possible or practicable.

How is the example of our country doing good for all the others at times? That question can not be answered readily, because it is not at all cer just what the effect of our influence is, other than the reasonable assumption that it is for good. One thing must impress all the world. The United States government is preparing to scrap eleven great battleships, from its first line of naval defense. These are not obsolete vessels, worn out in service or back numbers, but the newest and latest. Among them are the South Dakota, Indiana, Montana and South Carolina, each of 43,200 tons, veritable Leviathans, but devoted to destruction rather than to peace; the Constitution and the United States, each of 43,500 tons. None of these is fully completed, and each will be sold and broken up for scrap metal. After these are disposed of, the Iowa, Massachusetts, Constellation and Ranger of the same class, will go under the hammer, and then will follow the New Hampshire, Louisiana, Georgia, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Michigan, Kansas, Vermont, Nebraska and Delaware, all ranging from 12,000 to 16,000 tons, floating fortresses, a navy any nation would be proud of, but sacrificed on the altar of peace, an earnest to the world that Uncle Sam meant what he said when he promised to reduce his naval armament. Is such a show vain, or will it convince the world of the sincere purpose of the United States in its professions of peace and helpfulness? As long as the mightiest nation on earth can voluntarily forego any advantage that would come from its strength, and be content to settle its disagreements with other nations by peaceful methods, depending on justice and right, rather than strength, the case for humanity is not hopeless. Uncle Sam is surely leading the way.

HOLT COUNTY IS SEEING THINGS.

More than twenty-five years ago, long before the Wright brothers had snatched the secret of flight where Langley had missed it, Omaha got all excited over mysterious lights that appeared in the sky. Reputable citizens testified to having noted the phenomenon, and much speculation was indulged as to the meaning of the portent. The easiest was that some unknown inventor had mastered flight, and was giving his ship mysterious tests after nightfall. Beatrice came to the front to back this up, one of the enterprising residents of Gage county having discovered the ship at rest between its den in Kansas and its goal at Omaha. That passed in time as a new wonder came up to occupy public attention.

Holt county comes forward now with another, and

seemingly different set of lights to mystify beholders. The Omaha light looked like a huge lantern hung in the sky; the Holt county lights are ghostly manifestations, traveling in groups, and behaving after an uncanny fashion. Explanations so far evolved are but guesswork, and do not contain a suggestion of the real solution.

If it were Indians alone, one might think they had been worshiping too devoutly the god whose service requires the indulgence in peyote. No drug, not even hasheesh, is provocative of such weird dreams as follow a mild dose of peyote, and when too much is taken ghostly lights are the least of what one sees. But we do not suspect the whites of Holt county of following an Indian fashion, and some other cause must be sought.

Whatever it is, the portent is not horrid, for the life of the region goes on otherwise, following its placid, orderly course. We suggest that Marshal Denny Cronin give his office to one of his subordinates for a few days, while he goes back to O'Neil and sets things in good running order again. They never had those lights while Denny was sitting on the lid.

ONE WON AND TWO LOST.

Conciliation has won another outstanding triumph in the anthracite coal industry. Despite the

spectacle of Greece, submitting practically to terms dictated by Italy, because the great tribunal to which the Greeks had appealed for justice found itself unable to do justice.

Poincare, looking ahead to November, when the general election is to be held in France, rejects an offer from Germany that contained all he can possibly hope to get, through force or otherwise. Germany must kneel to Poincare, or there will be no peace in the Ruhr.

The effect of this must be plain to all men. Force can hold what it seizes only so long as it is dominant. Soon or late, justice will assert sway, and the edifice raised up by force will crumble. Italy may hold Corfu, extending its domain so as to command the whole of the Adriatic; France may retain the Ruhr, with its rich resources of fuel and other valuable deposits and advantages. Yet both will have to answer for this in the future.

Dictators are not nice things to have around at any time, but the world might profit if some great international Pinchot could call the contenders together and keep them in conference until a settlement is reached. Nations are but miners' union and employers' associations on a larger scale, and could settle disputes by agreement rather than by might. The League of Nations can not do this, it seems; where will we turn for the relief the world needs? The League of Nations can not do this, it seems; where will we turn for the relief the world needs?

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Lax on Motor Tags.

Omaha .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The auto dimmer iaw is not the only one not enforced. Take the auto license law. Hundreds of trucks are operating on pleasure car licenses and wheel plates, and chauffeurs without badges. On Saturdays small school boys are driving cars. Nights, Sundays and holidays hundreds of cars are operating with 1923 licenses, paper licenses, dealers' censes or none at all.

The city and state are losing thousands of dollars by the lax enforce ment of these licenses. FRANK J. CAREY.

Money Question.

Omaha.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In discussing the money question, and weighing the good and

Fifty years ago inventive genius ran about the same gamut as it does now-adays, and produced some things as interesting and as useless as any that or turned out by industrious men to-day. One of these was a desk in-tended for the personal use of General Grant, then serving his first term as president. Read the following descrip-tion, printed in The Evening Bee of Thursday, January 24, 1873, and try to imagine a business man of today sit-ting in front of such a desk to do his work. the bad of any monetary plan, it should be borne in mind that no financial plan can be devised which could possibly make a dishonest person hon-Hence it would be useless to argue

that because some men are dishouest who utilize our present plan on a large scale therefore the whole system is wrong. Such a statement is illogical and of no consequence. Any mcnetary plan must be of human origin, whether based on gold, paper,

or on the value of crops. In any case the plan will partake of the weaknesses of human nature. We must assume, in reason, that there are more good men than bad ones. We should also believe that some monetary plans have more good points ind are more in harmony with reason and common sense than others.

Germany and Russia have recently had experience with the bad ones, and General Grant from the builder, Fredthey have nearly wrecked these counries. They have been fooled on the miles from Helena, in Montana Terri-ide of unsound money. Germany is tory. It was shipped in four sections, about to return to the gold standard, or boxes, and a description of it, ob fact that the miners stopped work more than a week ago, the adjustment was reached rather on a basis of understanding than of yielding to force. Against this outcome must be contrasted the Against t as Austria has already done. When tained from one who knew all about

"PRESIDENTIAL PRESENT.

A Magnificent Desk Forwarded to

Washington as a Gift to General

Grant."

thing. The opponents of the gold ed around, bringing into view six buyers' strike. There is no need of business men, we should press her to standard say that it is managed by drawers, a mirror, inkstand, pigeon governmental relief to the oppressed do so by calling the French loans standard say that it is managed by drawers, a mirror, instand, pigeon the juggling financiers. They must be our bankers in our cities and towns, and in that mysterious district fourth is an arch which can be re-towns, and in that mysterious district. known as Wall street. Are our bankers, with their assistants, managers desk, when and directors, the juggling financiers, 11 feet high. under the control of dishonest inter-national magnates fooling the people

on the money question? ment is not true. another letter.

D. F. DOLAN. inlaid, and of the finest polish. Concerning Wages.

"Two years were consumed by Mr. Omaha .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The popular indoor sport just now, and for some little me past, amongst antagonists of

organized labor is the frequent refer-ence to the high wages received by some classes of mechanics, notably the bricklayers of New York. some instances the daily wage has been asserted to be as high as \$16. The fact in this case is that the scale paid is \$1.50 an hour, and the em-

"From State and Nation" -Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Economic Law in the "Sporting" bread of the flour so obtained. Not being reduced to the point of starva-tion, the western people refused to go World. From the New York Times.

The postponement of the boxing upon a grasshopper diet. The bureau of agriculture of the match between Mr. Leiner, alias Leonard, the world's lightweight by locusts. has issued a builetin conchampion, and Mr. Carrora, alias Dun- taining recipes for cooking locusts dee, the world's featherweight cham- which will interest the curious. These recipes follow: pion, ought to put a stop to some of

Preparation-Pour alive into boiling the cries for government regulation water. Spread out on shallow trays heard lately among followers of the boxing industry. We have had many of body Trim off wings, legs and tip Remove hood, which can shakings of the head over the exces easily be done by separating the head sive number of world's championship first. Rinse in water. Small locusts attles set before the public this year. need not have legs removed, as they Friends of the people have complained are tender Locusts can be preserved that boxing fans were being forced to mortgage the old homestead or fall behind in the rent in order to buy Langostas on Tomatoes—Boil lo-

ringside seats at all these attractions. custs in vinegar, crushed garlic and These laments were loudest among salt for about five minutes. Take the who for one reason or another semi-cooked locusts from wanted to set other attractions before leaving the pan-carajay. Put on this the customers; but whatever the in- pan sufficient lard, sliced onion, salt spiration, the remedy was always the and plenty of sliced tomatoes, crush

spiration, the remedy was always do ing ingredients together as they be same. The government must do ing ingredients together as they be something about it to save the con-come tender. Then add the semi-cooked sancochado-locusts-and let In the Leonard-Dundee case some

In the Leonard-Dundee case some-thing has been done about it. The fight has been postponed, and may never be held. The matchmaker who called it off seemed to feel that rev. the semi-cooked locusts. for antediluvian tradition re-Adobe de Langostas-Boil locusts quired him to give a reason appealing

for about 10 minutes in sufficient vinegar, salt and crushed garlic, and to the public's sense of sportsman-ship. He said that Mr. Dundee had when the vinegar dries off fry in lard. fought an obscure Mr. Wagner in

Philadelphia and thereby shown him-self to be in poor condition. Mr. Dun-dee, a Scotch-Italian—and the recent

With an abruptness which is start-"Yesterday afternoon there arrived and well remembered Baron Sonnino ling Mr. Fred W. Upham, treasurer taught the world that the Scotchin this city by the Union Pacific a Italians are a canny race-proclaimed of the republican national committee, that he was in perfect condition. But magnificient piece of handiwork in the taken on to Washington as a gift to General Grant from the builder, Fred-erick E. Schultze of Bozeman, 100 with Mr. Washer which distinct a business out the true reason. Mr. Dundee had it has up to the present been lacking. prospective customers for his next It was not so much that Mr. fight. Dundee was in poor condition as that

tries, issued with the sanction of story there is a book stand on each their government, does not make their money easier to get. It is very plen-place for a seat. The second story is a secretary, and is composed of less it is worth, and therefore the more a person must have to buy any there. The sold ed around, bringing into view six the supply of Leonard-Dundes fights, al-the demand. The natural result is a the demand. The natural result is a the components of the sold ed around, bringing into view six volved so as to show either side. The desk, when placed into position, is 11 feet high. Nine hundred feet of cedar and 200 feet of pine were used Wills, an Afro-American, has long the parameter. Mr. be distinctly a novel one, it has nev r the people in its construction, and it consists of wanted to fight Mr. Dempsey. Mr. The state- 4,109 different pieces, and not a nail Jack Kearns, secretary of state and be distinctly a novel one, it has nev ertheless seemed that as creditors we we will resume the discussion in having been used. The weight is inet, is not so eager to let his artist which Mr. Upham has for the first 2,300 pounds. The ornamental work fight Mr. Wills. So the courts are time given expression. A cursory is of the most ingenious design, being asked to keep Mr. Dempsey from fighting Mr. Firpo and to make him fight chology would scarcely lead to the b Mr. Wills.

Schultze, assisted by his son, Fritz, in building this remarkable piece of fur niture. It was all done by hand, there being no machinery in Bozeman, which is a piace of only about 300 in habitants. "Prof. Hayden, who when he was west saw the desk says that if its the track of the says that if its the track of the says that if its the says the say

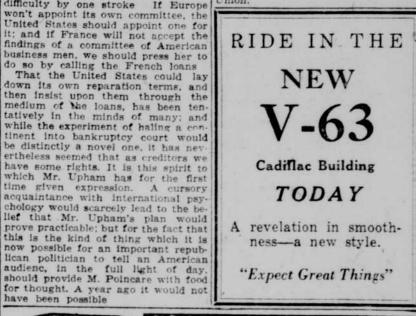
west saw the desk, says that it is stuff this week. Mr. Kearns, who was have been possible not above digging up the burled sock ship in the world and he is lending some assistance to Mr. Schultze in bringing it to Washington. An influ

oil slowly for about 10 minutes. Langostas on Pina-Prepare as

ing and transferring in Chicago is now in effect, due to the great demand upon movers' services at flatdwellers' migration time. Which recalls the experience of one Kansas City migratory bird that it has been cheaper to move right on October 1. the busiest moving day, than on any other day in the migration period, for reparation plan an energy in which the reason that men who work by the hour move along faster on that day than they do on other days when there are fewer jobs to be moved .--Kansas City Star.

Cal "Courage."

Eustis Lake Region says "Coolidge and courage sound a good deal alike." Well, the former will have need for quite a lot of the latter when it comes to meeting the demands of the "small fry" politicians.-Florida Times-



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"Well, we only live so long any how," said Joe Moots, cannydate fer sheriff, when told that th' office

Moving Day. The semi-annual price hike for mov

seeks to inject into the Hughes

of procedure; but the disinclination of the French either to allow such a commission to be appointed or to abide by its findings has so far given

Settling Europe Ourselves.

rom the New ork Sun.

That the United States could lay down its own reparation terms, and then insist upon them through the medium of the loans, has been ten-

WHAT ARE BRAKES FOR, ANYWAY?

"My brakes were not working very well since Friday," explained the driver whose car had nudged another. "Fifteen days," responded the judge.

Sounds harsh, but it ought to be a warning to the man who goes out to drive, knowing his brakes are not working.

A young man is held to await trial for manslaughter, his victim having died in the hospital a few hours after the accident. "My brakes did not hold," the culprit explains, yet he was starting out to do a day's truck driving around the crowded streets of the city, without having made sure that his brakes were doing their part.

Warning does no good, it seems. Otherwise the 'number of traffic accidents would be greatly lessened. Drivers depend on their brakes, but apparently do not make sure when starting if the mechanical device can be trusted. Usually the first intimation the driver has that something is wrong is when he tries to stop and the brake does not respond.

Fifteen days in jail may seem a heavy dose for a little negligence, but it does not look so big when the possibility of that negligence developing into the death of some person is considered. And that is always present. Most drivers realize, and all should, that safety rests on vigilance, and should know that every part of the mechanism of the car is in good order before starting out to mingle with the great crush of cars that crowd the thoroughfares at all times.

Human life is too precious to be exposed to the carelessness of a driver who sets out, knowing that his brakes are not working well.

Some communities are still arguing the price of gas, but Omaha is doing very well, thank you



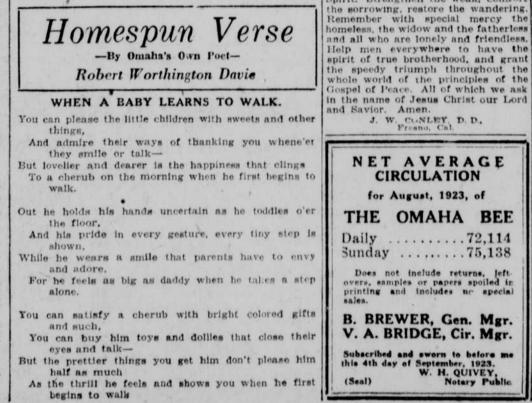
Small wonder that the mind of the early sailor was disturbed by thoughts of the monsters that dwell in the deep and reach out to grab the unwary mariner to drag him to his doom. Whirlpool and cross current, tidal wave and fog all worked together to confuse the men who went down to sea in ships, and the thought is not that exploration was so long delayed, but that ever men were found with courage enough to venture into the unknown.

Americans are just furnished an impressive illustration of what it means to combat the mighty forces of the ocean. Seven splendid ships of war are lying on a point of rocks, not in the wilderness, but off the shore of one of our most enlightened states. These ships were manned by the most expert of sailors, men whose skill and ability as navigators had been tested in the severest of practical work. During the dark years of the war these men were accustomed to go out in the fog and the storm, through the blackness of night, with no lights or other method of guidance, and not only to retain formation, but to pick up convoys and guide them safely into port. The wonder of that will never be exaggerated.

It was not lack of skill in seamanship that brought about the terrible wreck at Point Honda. Unusual currents, begotten of the dreadful calamity that overtook Japan, 8,000 miles away, seized these vessels and pulled them far off the course they were thought to be following. No science can meet this on the ocean veiled in fog. Man loses such a contest against nature.

Twenty-two gallant sailors are gone, seven ships are wrecked with all their costly equipment, and the nation is shocked by the incident. Men will not be daunted by this, any more than they were by the first shipwreck. Always there will be going and coming over the waters, just as on the land, and the knowledge that disaster is possible but adds a little savor to the adventure. Man's soul is above the ocean's sway.

Gretna is the latest Nebraska town to go in for paving. They are all doing it now.



at the same time, until work is re acquaintance of the Krutli brothers of The fact is overlooked that the this city."

needs efficient bricklayers. If bricklayers are to he had when were compelled to show up every day most needed they must be compen-sated so that they will not take up perhaps a full day, but many times

An Early Minnesota School. other lines of work during dull build- returned home with their lunch boxes other lines of work during duri build returned nome with then rulen for border lines of work during and building operations resume. Building contractors of experience re-alize that in order to have bricklayers not walk to work, went to the street Historical News, "recalls one of the when needed most said bricklayers railway. It took action by the gov- earliest experiments in education must be kept interested in their trade, ernment itself to relieve this situation. within the boundaries of the present

and that this can only be done by but since the recent strike of packing state of Minnesota-the 'Lake Har paying wages that will carry the house workers a reversion to former riet Mission School for the Sioux'."

workman over the dull season. What is said for the bricklayers will apply to many other lines. If a preacher, or a lawyer, or any other person, were only employed a few Conditions is taking place, according to reports by workmen. The inspiration for this letter came through a talk made by a South Conditions is taking place, according 1836 established a day school and boarding school for "Indian children of pure and mixed blood" on the shores of Lake Harriet in 1836. It was months out of the year he would be in which he dwelt on the so-called ab-taught by a niece of Stevens, and had gin to look around for something to normal wages demanded by some disciplinary regulations of a rigidity do in the interim, and if he found something that he could make a living at, furnishing steady employment, the chances are he would fail to show up

on the job when the time came. We recall conditions in the packing plants, for instance, when workers sent handled is simply a game of run-scribed "Eight and a half hours for

Daily Prayer

Spirit. Strengthen the weak, comfort

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ning around in a circle, with the sleep, six hours for study or school worker gradually losing just a little hours, four hours for labor, three more ground in the race to keep up hours for meals and family worship, with the cost of living. Every time two and a half hours for recreation." he gets a 10 per cent raise, for in-stance, the cost of living is boosted reading, arithmetic, geography, speak-Hast thou not known? hast thou not ard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, a Creator of the ends of the earth, inteth not, neither is weary?--Isa-15 or 20 per cent. When it is co-called that the whole scale of living in the United States has increased 70 Cons.dering everything, it is permis-

Our Heavenly Father, with rever to 80 per cent since before the war, sible to speculate whether elementary ence and humility we would bow at some of the so-called exorbitant wages education has progressed so much, in the Throne of Grace to obtain mercy and find grace for our daily needs. Conscious in some measure of our weakness and sinfulness we earnestly thoroughly and bonestly it will be

weakness and sintumess we calchestly in boroughly and bonestly it will observe that seek. Thy forgiving mercy, rejoicing to found that they are not so exorbitant as our friends the enemy would have the public believe. Unquestionably that fear Him." We thank Thee for our home, and for the love that sweet their power unrighteously and selfisher or the chronicles of the early in the selfisher of the cording to the chronicles of the early in the selfisher of the cording to the chronicles of the early in the selfisher of the cording to the chronicles of the early in the selfisher of the cording to the chronicles of the early in the selfisher of the cording to the chronicles of the early in the selfisher of the cording to the chronicles of the early in the selfisher of the cording to the chronicles of the early in the selfisher of the cording to the chronicles of the early in the selfisher of the cording to the chronicles of the early in the selfisher of the cording to the chronicles of the early in the selfisher of ens and beautifies home life. To each member of our family circle grant such blessings as are specially needed. blogers, but they are the exception. blogers of this country used to be

member of our family circle grant such blessings as are specially needed. Enlarge and deepen our sympathies. Preserve us from selfishness. Help us to learn patience and self-controi. Keep us from hasty, thoughtless and unkind words, and from misunderstanding and misjudging others, and deliver us from anxiety and complaining. Fill Thy church with missionary zeal and with the presence and power of the Holy Snirit. Strengthen the weak, comfort

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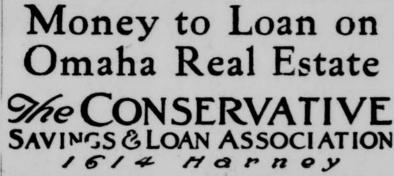
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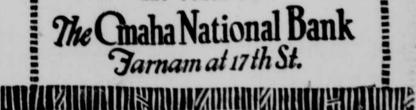
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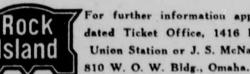
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