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WOMEN WAR ON IGNORANCE.

A note of optimistic resolution rings through the slogan of the Nebraska women, adopted at their Beatrice conference. "No illiteracy in the United States in 1930," a cry that will surely attract attention, is really a call to arms. In it is found an echo of a general movement which has support all over the land.

Americans were awakened by the war to the fact that lack of letters was growing faster than meant for safety in the country. Not only was it the alien coming to our shores who had no knowledge of how to read or write, nor the American negro growing up in ignorance in the south, but such a number of native born whites as amazed those who had thought the splendid public school system of the United States was doing its full work.

The census of 1920 shows that in a total population of 89,739,315 of 10 years of age and over, illiterates numbered 4,931,905. Of these 1,242,572 were native born whites, 1,769,740 were foreign born whites and 1,842,161 were negroes. While this shows a notable and encouraging decrease from the totals reported 10 years earlier, it also gives an idea of the job that is ahead.

Much work has been done, especially in the south among the negroes, to decrease illiteracy by getting the children into school, and even in some instances the adults. However, stricter attention will have to be paid to the observance of laws that exist, providing for compulsory education. Not so much new laws, but better enforcement of those on the book is required. Women will help mightily in this undertaking, by the exercise of their tremendous influence. The safety of our institutions rests on the intelligence of the citizens, and this in turn depends on the ability of the citizen to understand what is going on around him. To do this he must be able to read and write.

HEALERS WHOSE ART IS NOBLE.

Three thousand American specialists, gathered in convention at the Chicago meeting of the American College of Surgeons, paid a tribute to the good old family doctor. They but join themselves with millions who sing the praise of the patient, devoted men in whom science has not put out the light of human understanding nor dammed the flow of human sympathy.

In his day the general practitioner, or family doctor, was the best loved and most useful man in his neighborhood. With pill and bolus, plaster and poultice, he soothed the ills and lightened the He brought them safely into life; he tenderly watched over their infancy and childhood, sharing with mother and grandmother all the anxieties and worries that beset the care of little ones; he followed them through callow youth and sturdy grown up life, and not infrequently he sat beside them as that life slowly went out, a friend and sympathizer, on whose counsel they might rely and to whom they could confide the deepest of their secrets.

Specialists are all right; they have their place in the world, and through their single-minded pursuit of particular knowledge have brought much of good to mankind. Yet they can not advise in all matters, and so must leave a great deal in the healing line to others. Many become dogmatic because of their uneven training, but the old family doctor becomes more catholic in his beliefs and practices each day he lives. He will listen patiently to any plea or tale, and is not always above trying an old woman's remedy.

The art of healing has made great progress since the days of Hippocrates, but it has not entirely outgrown the fundamentals of the most ancient of physicians. Exorcism and magic draughts are abandoned, and nature's own methods are given more of a chance nowadays, but where it is vital to assist nature in her fight against the evils that beset mankind, confidence will rest on the doctor whose kindly heart and gentle manner begets that feeling in the sufferer.

All who can aid when help is needed are useful, and among them high place and honor must go to that man whose knowledge of human nature is as broad and as general as is his understanding of the medicines he prescribes. His ministry is a holy calling, as is that of any whose life is given to the amelioration of the ills that beset mankind, and most of which are endured because of lack of understanding of simple laws to follow which brings harmony and happiness.

THRILLS THAT DIE OUT.

"Well, you've got to give us credit for one thing. We never took any Fords. Our speed was 70 miles

an hour." The speaker is an old and tested freebooter, aged 15, boasting to the police of his exploits in taking automobiles for the purpose of joyriding. He, with three others around his age, was looking

for a "thrill." A recently published cartoon has for its title a line suggesting the despair of a boy whose father declined to adopt labor saving devices, saying that as long as he had a growing boy at home he would stick to old-fashiored ways. Boys who have tasks at home seldom get arrested because of their quest

for thrills. The first boy, who had stolen rides in other people's autos, has brought shame and sorrow into a home whose light he was. Father and mother took pride in him, and mingled love with their pride, so that he had as much as they could give him. This was not enough. Home life lacked the kick, the punch, that he thought necessary. His

adventurous spirit led him on, and now he is in jail. Seventy miles an hour was his speed. Entirely too fast for a 15-year-old boy to travel. Faster, too, than he ever will go again. Other boys should think of this, when they are tempted to go searching for thrills. The biggest kick in life comes from doing right, and the false excitement of doing wrong always brings the headache that follows getting caught,

WHO OPENED THE MUD VALVE?

Careful perusal of the statements made by the engineers and superintendent of the plant with reference to the breakdown at the Minne Lusa pumping station last August leaves the mind cold. None of them touch the spot, which only one dis-

Accepting each statement at its face value, and agreeing that at the time referred to, the low Will the Law Ever Get This Fellow? pressure pumps were being driven beyond a safe speed, the great fact is left that a danger which developed and was known to all in authority around the pumping plant is left unexplained.

The public had been requested to go easy on use of water; restrictions had been laid on lawn sprinkling; apology had been made for the unusual turbidity of the water, and generally signs were given that the plant was under a strain. This can be understood, and shows that the men in charge were aware of the thin ice on which they were

It was not a leaky pump that opened that mud valve. However old and decrepit the machinery may have been, it went bravely on, pumping all the water the city was using, and at least 2,500,000 gallons a day that did not get into the downtown mains, for it flowed directly back into the river. Wornout machinery can not be blamed for this.

Somebody opened that mud valve. Whoever did it was not experimenting. It was a deliberate act, intended to accomplish just what followed.

Superintendent Hunt is quoted as saying that it "roared like a young Niagara." Through it ran back into the river water that might have saved the need of opening another valve that allowed the "soft, creamy mud" to get into the big-mains and so pollute the city's supply.

Such a deed is a crime that deserves punishment. Whatever puts the health and comfort, the lives of all the people, into jeopardy is evil no matter in what form it appears. Pollution of the water supply of the entire city has the aspect of attempted murder on a huge scale, and the perpetrators of such a deed should be hunted out and properly dealt with.

A grand jury should be called to make such investigation as is needed, to fasten the guilt on the right man or men. So far as the inquiry by the directors of the Municipal Utilities district goes, it is bringing out statements that are astonishing, because of the disclosures they make. None of these, however, has shown any sign of the trail that leads to the parties who are responsible for the open

Do not leave this in the great collection of unsolved mysteries.

REMOVING A PRESIDENTIAL BURDEN.

The Scottish Rite Masons in Washington who refused to add to the president's burdens by subjecting him to a long handshaking ordeal, not only earned the president's gratitude but set an example that should be followed by others, individually and collectively.

In the old days when travel was difficult and visitors to Washington comparatively few, it was all very fine for the president to hold receptions and shake the hands of all who passed along. The lines were not long, and it looked, and was, very democratic. The president then could spare the time for the receptions, and the ordeal of handshaking did not tax his physical ability. But it is different now. Our presidents are severely taxed, mentally and physically, by the arduous duties of their office, and while it may gratify the pride of visitors miseries of uncounted millions of his fellow mortals. | to Washington to be able to return home and say they have shaken hands with the president, it really serves no other purpose and it does demand too much from the chief executive.

The old fashioned custom of presidential receptions should not be abandoned, but some of the features connected therewith might well be abolished. and chief among them is that of requiring the president to stand in one spot for hours at a time and shake hands with the hundreds who pass by, a majority of them merely actuated by idle curiosity or seeking to gratify their pride. It is a terrific physical ordeal. Just how much so is well indicated by President Coolidge's letter of thanks to the Masons for their thoughtfulness in not compelling him to submit to it.

Nebraska beef is feeding folks on board United States vessels, yet there is no novelty in that, for Nebraska still furnishes materials for the world's breakfast, which, according to Strindberg, is prepared in Omaha.

Twenty-eight thousand billion cells constitute the electric battery that keeps the human frame in motion. Just remember this the next time a telegraph operator tries to impress you with a view of the battery room.

The Louisville Courier-Journal says both old parties suffer from lack of leadership. Maybe it would be better to say each has too many leaders going in different directions.

As far as it has gone the inquiry into the muddy water affair shows that somebody failed to look after something that should have been attended to

French duels are forbidden by law, but that doesn't make them any more laughable when one

We may not have the brown October ale, but we do have a full chance to revel in the golden October

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie

BLISSFUL BLESSEDNESS. It's fine when the children are playing and shouting

their jubilance gay,

And when they are tenderly saying their prayers at the close of the day, You feel the content that is dearest of all that is joyous and bright-

You kiss them and leave them to slumber and dream with the passing of night. Years pass, and you watch them grow older with wondrous enjoyment and pride.

They learn from your virtuous teachings by all that is good to abide. With fervor of mothers and fathers you see them go distantly then To meet with true courage and master the problems of

women and men. At length when the children have prospered and you are decrepit and gray.

You view them again in your visions, you kiss them again, and they play ames with the erstwhile elation. Your goal is

attained, and you wear The smiles of the proudest of parents for all of the blessings you share,

"From State and Nation"

Editorials from other newspapers.

Doesn't it beat h- how some peo

e can put on "dog" with other peode's money? Yes, we have them in Sidney, just the same as they have them in every other city in the try. It is the crime of the age. Many things are responsible for them Among which are the craving for uxury and pleasure, jealousy, snobredits and our bankruptcy law. An honest debt is not a crime. But when a man contracts a debt which ne knows he cannot or does not ins the fancy dictates, or to give magthe sack for a year's supply of gro-ceries and the landlord for the rent, and the coal man for the winter's supply of coal, and so on down the supply of coal, and so on down ine when he has money to blow in or his personal luxuries. Such a man s a crook, pure and simple. And yet, they get by. How they do it is more han we know How a man can braznly enjoy luxuries when he knows erstand But the shame of the thing be there. I think the conflict

From the Kansas City Times. It has just "come out" in Washing-

one. Senator Curtis, as a boy, rode much for the initial sh for the Kipling broadside: "That was a frigid and After retiring from the turf Colonel Wagstaff was for years a justice of and began a numerous progeny."

The rag and the bone and the hank of his leath, which occurred only a few years ago. But Colonel Wagstaff was something more than a race horse owner. He was a politician of the old school and was a power in Fifth district political affairs. He was a possible sex and married at once and the progeny."

The rag and the bone and the hank of har had to be brought into it, or it wouldn't have been Kipling. Neither wouldn't have been Kipling if the remark had been other than acrimonious. It was intended to shock, and no doubt it accomplished its purpose.

No one knows how Pithecanthropus been operating through all the past ages and will continue to operate so

And, for that matter, the way Senator Curtis, as "whip" of the republican majority in the United States senate, rides the grave and dignified senators in the parliamentary races in that body today might suggest to them that he has not forgotten some of the old tockey tactics.

By the syllogism of the logician.

It is not necessary to apply the syllogism to Kipling. He only meant to shock his hearers, and since they were university students, with their minds still filled with illusions, his audience was twoefully lacking in shock absorbers.

Optimism is all right, but if spread out beyond judgment and comprehension, it may be an evil. of the old jockey tactics.

A Chirp From Bernstorff.

From the Louisville Courier Journal. Count von Bernstorff, former Ger-nan ambassador to the United States, an ardent advocate of the League ern unreason? There, as I said at

Daily Prayer

the world, be Thou ever near us. Be grow stupider and stupider un Thou our traveling companion. We mind shall blow and civilization shall meed Thy presence every passing moment. For the companion with the companion of the com ment. For the gift of Thy Son, our adorable Christ, we thank Thee, O God. He brought eternal calm to our surging hearts, and made our sin-tattered lives to rejoice. Give us a new brus vision of Him as we toll this day. May the we see the rift in the clouls as we look up to behold Him. Soften our earts, direct our thoughts, steady ou step, and shelter us by Thy care until our traveling days are done, we humbly ask in Jesus' name. Amen. REV. F. W. MUELLER, Cleveland, O.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of October, 1923.

W. H. QUIVEY,

(Seal) Notary Public.



ever attracted by the voice of the The Omaha Bee welcomes letters from readers on observations of pature.

An Intelligent Dog. ward, 60 miles per hour. About a lation of road rules, such as bright half a mile ahead a man on horse-back, assisted by a dog, was driving back, assisted by a dog, was driving cutting corners, driving on wrong a herd of a dozen cows along the road side of street. Only the other night a crime to sport a fine automobile, or to dress in the height of fashion or the cows heard the train coming they broke into a crime to sport a fine automobile, or the cows heard the train coming they broke into a crime to dress in the height of fashion or the cows heard the train coming they broke into a crime and southered to take pleasure trips here and there broke into a run and scattered in several different directions, several wrong side of the street, which the running in the track ahead of business to play golf. But it is a fast-approaching train. The man tried to drive them off, but his horse became for a man to let his grocer hold came frightened and bolted with him. Then the dog, seeing the danger these few cows were in, ran on ahead and drove them off one at a time, and as the last cow left the track, just as the comotive passed, the dog jumped off. barely missing losing its own life. It all happened inside of 30 seconds.

and almost everyone else in town what more is wanted? The Italians chows that he can't pay his grocery got out of Corfu, and if it had not knows that he can't pay his grocery got out of Corfu, and if it had not or coal bill, is more than we can unloes not seem to penetrate his cal sulted in a victory of public opinion oused hide and he goes on enjoying over the policy of might. Italy yield almself as long as his creditors will ed to the public opinion of the world tand for it, and then, when they I look upon the league as a public set too warm on his trail, he resorts hall for dealing with world questhe bankruptcy court and comes tions, especially those of Europe. ut with a smile of content as though And Bernstorff has poignant reason he had honestly paid all his debts. to regret that there was no such pub-And then he immediately finds an lic hall in 1914. angel in disguise with money for him

Shocking the Public. and all of the other luxuries and he From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

takes his place in the business or so-cial world with never a thought of class of individuals who, to gain adshame. You know the kind of a jas-ger we mean—every community has it is immaterial to him whether his would only recognize the fact that sub-acid remarks, his departure from It is not a disgrace to go through conventional usage, make people mad, bankruptcy. Many and many an honest man has failed in business and the bankruptcy court has been a blessing to him. And on the other hand, it has been abused by many and many and many and many and many and many the unusual thing he feels it in cumbent to joit his hearers. It was ing to him. And on the other hand, it has been abused by many and many was equally so with "The Vampire" buryons and governing a and "The Female of the Species." It When Senator Curtis Rode the Ponies. was strikingly set forth in his de-from the Kansas City Times. was strikingly set forth in his de-scription of the water that Gungha can be such a thing as "universal Din carried to the wounded soldiers. As rector of St. Andrew's university and destiny that has caused most sity. Scotland, it is only natural to find the old Kipling in his inaugural address. Speaking on the subject, "The Glorious Privilege of Independence," he declared that the first use of other nations and peoples. onal race last Saturday between Zev dence," he declared that the first use of other nations and peoples. man made of speech when he evolved Out in Kansas the story is an old from a monkey was to tell a lie.

for the initial shock. Now owners of the early days in Kansas from what we know of their dewas Col. "Dan" Wagstaff of Salina. scendants today they were probably both individuals and nations to wan After retiring from the turf Colonel of opposite sex and married at once to mix in and run other people's at

days of Kansas. When the young man began to ride the political horses, in later years, he found men like Col. "Dan" Wagstaff ready to bet their money on his races, and they "backed" by all with the political ambitions.

And for they matter the way Sen

Under the circumstances Kipling, no doubt, surprised himsef. Fatigue and Stupidity.

filaire Belloe in Yale Review.

Now, what is it which lies at the Hilaire

Nations and of his country's en- the outset, is a harder nut to crack rance therein. He thinks the league We can all of us note examples of rance therein. He thinks the league of second in the contemporary stupidity. It is much more difficult to trace them up to slow, plodding system of education, and that affair he says the common seed, if they have such and that mostly by example, allowing ague's "object has been attained. a seed. We may be certain that a posterity not very remote will laugh at us heartly. But for a contemporary to see himself is difficult indeed.

Mr. Chesterton, who has powerful Save Thy people, and bless Thine inwision in such things, would ascribe make democracy safe in Americaeritance.—Ps. 28:9.

wision in such things, would ascribe make democracy safe in Americaeritance.—Ps. 28:9. heritance—Ps. 28:9.

Our Gracious and kind Heavenly Father! We lift our hearts to Thee at dawn, though we painfully recognize and feel our unworthiness of Thy uncounted mercles which are new every morning and fresh every every morning and fresh every every morning and fresh every every morning. We throw ourselves upon Thy clemency. Put Thy protecting hand, with its tender touch, upon our drooping heads, and though we venture not to look up, may we hear Thy reassur-ing and forsign to the whole affair, I see fatigue. The ing heads, and though we venture not to look up, may we hear Thy reassuring and forgiving voice. Here we are grouped together at the foot of Thy cross, because we know Thou hast room for us all in Thy great yearning heart. We long for Thy tender caress and Thy smile of forgiveness. Put about us Thy everlasting mighty arms, and carry us safely through this day. As we take up life's business afresh and hasten out into the wild hurry of the world, be Thou ever near us. Be the worlder and stupider until a grow stupider and stupider until a

> Better Get Busy. With so many boys going to college

One Thing Right After Another.

With Pinchot in hot pursuit of the residential chair, that rest schedule Secretary Bascom Slemp has worked out for Calvin Coolidge may be upset Richmond Times-Dispatch

> Calves Liver With Fried Ham

Cut the Ham thin and fry until crisp. Fry the sliced liver in the ham fat. Serve on toast - a slice of ham and a slice of liver. Cover with thickened gravy well seasoned with

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"THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

Careless Drivers.

Omaha .- To the Editor of The Please allow me space n your paper in regard to the proosed license law. I want to say I in favor of it for this reason My occupation places me in a posion where I am able to see a great pany automobiles in use and how they are operated, especially from 9 they are operated, especially from the first of a license should be given a jail sentence.

In case a driver is convicted of reckless driving or speeding, he should forfeit his license for 30 days; sections of the remaining five there are three that ignore the rules. I have ond offense he should forfeit it six months, and third offense should formachine after machine for some vio-lation of road rules, such as bright feit his license permanently. lights, no lights at all, parking wrong,

Because one car was driving on the driver admitted. When asked how long he had been driving a car he replied six years. Asked if he knew the rules of the

oad, he said "yes." That is only one out of a hundred. say we have as fine a set of road aws as any state in the union, but they are not respected by many drivers. Every driver should respect an officer in performing his duties and obey the laws. Then our death and injured column will decrease.

A READER.

World Peace.

Ainsworth, Neb .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Now that the allies have withdrawn from Turkey and Constantinople, if Great Britain withdraw from India and Egypt, Spain from Morocco, Japan from Russia, France from the Ruhr and the United States from the Philippines, what a stride that would be toward universal peace, that we hear so much about these days.

That would do more for world peace than all these conventions, confer ences, leagues and covenants that we hear about. there has never been created a race

other nations and peoples, can be such a thing as "universal

So dividuals, and for one nation to mix in and try to run the affairs of other nations has the same effect as for on souri and Indian Territory, and, if truth must all come out, he was known as a "corking good jockey." Among the well known race horse ord of the meeting of the world's second liar, but yet, it seems to be the easiest and owners of the early days in Kansas most natural thing in the world fo

district political affairs. He was a contemporary on the race track and in politics, of the late "Uncle Cy" Leis merely guessed at by a study of the is and no one need look for "universes reland, who also was a breeder of race horses at his Doniphan county farm, and its first use was no doubt for the Colonel Wagstaff never tired of telling of the days when "Charley" Curtis rode his string of horses in the racing days of Kansas When the young man has been a considered by a study of the sail peace, while such influences remain. Much better use our energies in bettering conditions rather than trying to accomplish the impossible, and this can be done best by allowing days of Kansas When the young man

suggestions of reform or betterment arouse resentment, and this is equally

There are some things even better than "world peace," and among them is liberty, both individual and na-

You cannot pound your ideals into other people by beating them over the head with bludgeons, nor force religion, morals or political reforms into them at the point of bayonets. them to work out their own salvation

Instead of continuing to strive to make the world safe for democracy it might be well for us to strive t make democracy safe in America-

law being passed at once or as soon as possible. You might include that in should be certain limitations on securing a license.
First, one should not be less than

18 years of age, along with the other necessary qualifications. A violation should mean confiscation of the automobile of not less than 90 days and a greater period according to the offense committed. R. H. SULLIVAN.

Old Friendship Recalled. Orchard Ranch, Wood, S. D.

To the Editor of The Omaha

Bee: I was very much pleased to read in The Omaha Bee the conthese days it behooves us elders to gratulation expressed by Mr. Robert brush up a little to keep abreast of the new generation.—Providence Journal.

S. Oberfelder of Sidney, Neb., on your article. "Up and Down and Round About Omaha," with which I heartily agree, and to learn that my good old friend of yore, "Bob" Ober felder," is still in the land of the liv

ing and "lets the folks know he is in town," as he did nearly 50 C. P. JORDAN.

on the frontier. Examinations for Drivers. Omaha.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Every driver should be

required to pass an examination be fore being issued a license to drive. Any one arrested for driving a car when not the holder of a license should

The Spice of Life

Coca-Have you read "To a Field Cola-No, how do you get 'em to listen?-Purple Cow.

Paul-I'd go through anything for Pauline-Let's start on your bank ng account .- Melbourne Punch.

repairs.—Arkansas son's over. Ther's no fool like an Springs). Thomas Cat (Hot Springs). "We want a man for our informa- rich he's himself his only parallel. tion bureau," said the manager. must be a wide-awake fellow and accustomed to complaints. "That's me." replied the applicant.

I'm the father of twins."-Cornell Widow. "Yes, my 'usband's laid up, a victim who have gained nothing by it. But

"But I didn't knew 'e even played the game. doesn't. 'Ee sprained 'is larynx at the match last Saturday!"

-The Passing Show (London).

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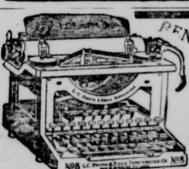
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O' course ther's no yaks in this country, but jest th' same we'll bet King Ben, wanted at Benton Har-Some so called open minds should bor, 'll be glad when th' huntin' sea-

> Milking a Patient Cow. Something having been added to the wages and profits of those who have gained much through war inflation, something may be taken from those this is not a method which appeals to

Or if it Could Do Something. It isn't as if the League of Nations ad nothing to do.—Toledo Blade,