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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.

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.

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.

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.

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 ill and lightened the miseries of uncounted millions of his fellow mortals.

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.

THRILLS THAT GIVE OUT. "Well, you've got to die us credit for one thing. We never took any Fords. Our speed was 70 miles an hour."

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.

Accepting each statement at its face value, and agreeing that at the time referred to, the low 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Home spun Verse - By Omaha's Own Poet - Robert Worthington Davis

It's fine when the children are playing and shouting their jubilation 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.

"From State and Nation"

Editorials from other newspapers.

MOTHER NATURE'S CHILDREN

What have you seen? Are you ever attracted by the voice of the world of nature which surrounds you? The Omaha Bee welcomes letters from readers on observations of nature.

An Intelligent Dog. The fact is that a dog is a very intelligent animal. He can understand a great deal more than we give him credit for.

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B. BREWER, Gen. Mgr. V. A. BRIDGE, Cir. Mgr. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of October, 1923. W. C. CLERK, Notary Public

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Advertisement for Eatmor Cranberries, featuring an illustration of a man carrying a large basket of cranberries and text describing the product's economy and health benefits.

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Advertisement for All Makes Typewriter Co., featuring an illustration of a typewriter and text describing their rental and sales services.

Advertisement for Pioneer Cords, featuring an illustration of a tire and text describing their long endurance and real quality.

Advertisement for Peters National Bank, offering double store, ground floor and large basement vault and storage space.

Advertisement for J. W. Lumber & Coal Co., featuring large stylized letters for 'LUMBER' and 'COAL' and text describing their products and services.