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CORN-SHUCKING TIME.
Right now two contests are raging in the rural regions. Let 'em rage. Reference is made to the exciting contest between corn growers as to the largest average per acre, and to the contest between cornshuckers who are denuding the glistening kernels of their crinkly covering.

We have not the slightest interest in the cornshucking records made in the olden days. Right now our entire interest is centered upon the modern gladiators who have donned the husking pegs and are busy making records for future cornshuckers to shoot at, or should we say shuck at. We recall the time when friends could stand with one foot upon the floor and the other foot upon the brass rail and shuck more corn in one hour than any man alive could shuck in the field.

RIPPING UP THE FEDERAL LAWS.
One of the little odd jobs President Coolidge proposes to look after in the very near future is ripping some 36,000 pages out of the statutes of the United States.

This means that somebody must go through all this mass of laws and weed out the dead ones, the chaff that should be blown away, but still clings to the record because no attempt has been made to dislodge any of the dust of wornout and superseded things.

Here is one of the troubles with our law-making methods. Each of 48 states has its own legislature, working full time, and on top of that is congress, with its contribution of thousands of measures every year.

DRIVERS SHOULD BE COMPETENT.
A series of shocking accidents in Omaha and Council Bluffs gives greater emphasis to the need of better control for traffic.

The Sick Man of Europe seems to have been greatly benefited by letting of blood, but the nations furnishing it are not, it would seem, in quite so good condition as before.

The Minnesota enforcement officer who finds a deluge of hootch coming over the northern border must have been awakened by the dampness of the flood that has been flowing since 1920.

Why should a wild, a careless, or incompetent driver be allowed to jeopardize the lives and limbs, property and safety of others?

Another church cornerstone has been laid in Omaha, adding weight to the assertion that this is a wicked community.

Homespun Verse
—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie

Sometimes we hear of truths that don't
Exactly sound G. K.
And we interpret them in some
Extremely senseless way.

SOUTH DAKOTA FIRES FIRST.

Coming events cast their shadows before, just as in the days of Lochiel, and therefore the impending conventions in South Dakota are of prime importance. On Tuesday, December 4, less than two weeks ahead, what is called a presidential proposal convention will be held at Pierre, it really being a tripartite affair, at which republicans, democrats and farmer-laborites will name those who are to go on the primary ticket that will be voted for in January.

This is the first formal move in direction of the pre-convention campaign, and, while it does not preclude any candidate from going on the ticket in another state, it gives those who are out in the open a chance at a trial heat. South Dakota does not pretend to make or unmake candidates, but it does give them the first chance to come forward and make their desires known.

Four years ago the proceedings up there were of deepest interest, and attended by certain notes that drew great attention at the time. It is not at all likely that the contest up there will be marked by the excitement that went along with the contest of 1919.

Senator Smoot declares his readiness to support the Mellon plan for a general reduction in taxes, and as chairman of the senate's committee on finance the senator from Utah will have great influence in putting through the new revenue law.

There has arisen a controversy over the amount of duty to be levied on imported mah jong boards or boxes. Let it be hoped that the decision is about 7,000 per cent specific and twice that amount ad valorem.

A certain song about the lack of fruit supply is to be translated into Chinese and used as a marching song for Chinese soldiers. That is where it should have been used, and exclusively, in the first instance.

Pank Ford is not having a luxurious private car built by the Pullman people. He will take his chances along with common folks, who find the Pullman luxurious enough when they come to pay the fare.

The "port of missing dogs" seems to have been discovered by the police. Only the dogs were not missing. The man who had them knew where they were all the time.

Mr. Kavan's assurance that \$3 will be limit of admission charge to future boxing bouts is not enough. Will purchasers get even the worth of that much money?

Not many men live to tell of it after the Overland Limited train runs its full length over them, but George McCreary of Fremont has just had that experience.

Suppose that by some mischance Syracuse should win from Nebraska, how will that leave the count between Notre Dame and Colgate?

Monday morning's smoke screen wasn't a marker to the one that will develop next year when the time the flings for office are all in.

Nebraska farmers are reported to be turning to oil for fuel. That is better than burning corn. The proposed trip around the world for army airmen will not be a picnic for anybody.

"From State and Nation"

Editorials from Other Newspapers

The Green Grocer.
From the Nebraska City Press.
The green grocer is so-called because, in the old days, he sold nothing but spinach and green tomatoes.

Safeguarding the Human Body.
From the Minneapolis Tribune.
It is scarcely too much to say that the greatest secular movement in the United States today is that which has to do with organized and unorganized efforts to widen the span of human life.

CUT IN TAX RATE POPULAR.
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The Press and the University.
From the Brooklyn Eagle.
It is easy to understand the energetic indignation of Charles H. Den, editor of the Chicago Daily News, against those who are in the habit of regarding the press as a mere tool of the government.

Hobbes Going West.
From the York Times.
The authorities at Columbus report the city jail filled nightly by burnt westward bound. These men are not hands who have been picking corn, but men who have left cities in the central and eastern states for lack of employment.

He Who Forgets Not.
From the Detroit Free Press.
The speech he delivered over the radio indicates that Woodrow Wilson has forgotten nothing and has learned nothing since his retirement from public life.

Man as a Machine.
From the Chicago Tribune.
Dr. Crile, famous physician and surgeon, writes that man is a machine and has written a book to prove it.

Daily Prayer
Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise.
We thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

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Editorial from readers of The Morning Bee, Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

Eat Nebraska Potatoes.
Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Do you realize that 85 per cent and probably 90 per cent of the potatoes you are consuming each day in the great city of Omaha are potatoes that have been raised on soil foreign to that of your own state?

Are you aware that the west half of the state, that part of the state that depends largely upon potatoes as the big money crop, is practically boycotted in the city of Omaha?

The writer saw a letter recently from one of the commission firms of this city to a large potato consumer, wanting to put in a card for him and, what potato do you suppose he wanted to put in? Minnesota potato, of course.

What is a congressman? queries Edgar Howard himself once through the columns of the Columbus Telegram. We'll be in better shape to answer Edgar, when we get an answer to this one: "Why is a congressman?"

John Kearnes of the Beatrice Express advises Oscar Underwood so to organize the republicans of Alabama that the state will be doubtful, if not to Ohio.

John Sweet of the Nebraska City Press admits that he always gets a hearty laugh when he sees a scornful politician drawing conclusions from an election.

The Kearney Hub admits that there is a feeling that Senator Norris' last word is not final. Possibly Edgar Brown feels that the senator is giving

Abe Martin



Charley Schwab is generally pretty level headed, but when it comes to 'discuss' happiness, we'd prefer to 'listen' to somebody that don't live quite so close to 'Easy Street'.

Low Shelley of the Fairbury News regrets that the Coolidge dog doesn't get into the public prints as often as Laddie Boy, but expresses the belief that it isn't Cal's fault.

Fred Howard always wants to hear the news of his Clay Center Sun though reliable. Hearing that a Clay Center woman made her guests dance in their rubbers to protect her frescoed floor, Fred made a personal investigation.

Asa Wood of the Gering Courier admits that he takes in all the football games and roots for the home team as becomes his age and dignity. And to think that there are so many of us who labored under the delusion that Asa had neither.

The York Republican complains that whenever a group of Nebraska newspaper men meet there will be found special representatives of the special interests of the state.

Referring to ex-Senator Kellogg's appointment as ambassador to Great Britain, the Wayne Democrat admits that after looking over the horse and senate the people will admit that they are very often fooled.

Noting that Cass Barnes has bought the Madison Star-Mail and retains Bill Barrows to write republican dope while Cass writes democratic dope, the Norfolk Press, published near by, expresses the expert judgment that Cass and Bill ought to be able to catch 'em coming and going.

A Handy Place to Eat

Hotel Conant

14th and Harney—Omaha
The Center of Convenience

Advertisement for Nebraska Power Company. Features a large illustration of a power plant and text: 'For safety's sake', 'invest your savings in preferred stock of Nebraska Power Company', 'Each share pays over 7% on your money', 'NET AVERAGE CIRCULATION for October, 1923, of THE OMAHA BEE Daily 72,295 Sunday 76,995'. Includes a 'FREE BOOKLET COUPON' and contact information for B. Brewer, Gen. Mgr. and V. A. Bridge, Cir. Mgr.