AN OVERSIGHT TO BE RECTIFIED.

THE MORNING BEE Mother's day, and Father's day, and Father and Son week, and divers and sundry weeks and days for this and that, but have we not forgotten one who is entitled to recognition? The feeble minded and those who have no sense of appreciation may laugh at the alleged wit of the hamfat comedians and the coarse vaudevillians who perpetrate jokes exclusively entitled to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper, and also the local news published herein. All rights of about the mother-in-law, but those among you who have been the recipient of her ministrations at the most critical, and at the same time most joyful, period in your whole life, will resent the sneers and the jibes. Next to a real mother there is nothing in the world so good as a real, genuine, average mother-in-law. Those of you who have been fortunate enough to have real grandmothers should not Main Office-17th and Farnam Council Bluffs-15 Scott St. S. Side, N. W. Cor. 24th and N. New York-World Bldg. Detroit-Ford Bldg. Chicago-Tribune Bldg. Kansas City-Bryant Bldg. St. Louis-Syndi. Trust Bldg. Jos Angeles-Higgins Bldg. San Francisco-Hollrook Bldg. Atlanta-Atlanta Trust Bldg overlook the fact that they were both mothers-inlaw.

You may think it smart, Mr. Young Husband, to lean back in your theater seat and guffaw when the comedian tries for his laugh with the stale and unprofitable mother-in-law joke. Comedians who resort to it long since realized that it was about the only thing they could do or say that would bring a laugh, and also that in every audience there is very apt to be those just feeble minded enough to be able to see something funny in it. But Mr. Young Husband, if you have not already called frantically upon that same mother-in-law when the great event is drawing near, you will, some of these days, and then we dare you to laugh at her. There won't be any laughter in your heart then, young man, when the sweat drops tell you of the agony of your motherin-law's daughter, and you are going to thank God with all your heart that there is one you and your loved one can trust. Should some lowbrowed comedian pull his stale mother-in-law joke in your hearing about that time you'd be less than a man if you did not punch him a few times, just for luck.

The mother-in-law, the real, genuine, good-hearted mother-in-law, is too noble an institution to be made the subject of ribald jests and cruel jokes. The chances are about a million to one, Mr. Husband, that she is too good for you, and that she raised a daughter too almighty good for you. She suffered more than you will ever know to make it possible for you to be the husband of your wife, and suffered again when she turned that daughter over to you. Why not be man enough to recognize and appreciate that double sacrifice? It is neither the sign of good breeding or possession of a sense of humor to crack alleged jokes about her.

Although somewhat tired of special days and special weeks for this and for that, the real men of America would doubtless be more than willing to set aside another day for mother-in-law, and to her pay the tokens of respect that have so long been her due but seldom paid. We realize that this suggestion, if carried out, would deprive a lot of bluejowled comedians of their chief laugh producer, and render the farce comedians and four-a-day vaudeville stale and unprofitable to a few auditors, but we also realize, or think we do, that the great majority of cleam-minded, happily married men, especially those who are fathers, will lend hearty approval to the suggestion.

SIMMONS STANDS FOR AMERICA.

More power to Congressman Bob Simmons, who has just held back a report of the United States tariff commission on cattle rates. New York and Pennsylvania feeders petitioned for lower rates on cattle coming in from Canada for feeding purposes.

Simmons calls attention to the fact that farmers in the western part of the United States have feeders for sale, and are entitled to as much consideration

"The People's Voice" Editorials from readers of The Mor-ing Bee. Readers of The Mornin Bee are invited to use this colum freely for expression on matters public interest.

Harness the Missouri.

Omaha.-To the Editor of omaha Bee: The Missouri river has me in for a good deal of attention ately. A visiting city planning engi neer has recommended that our river irives he developed. Of course this should be done. Where will you find nore beautiful and inspiring views than from the headlands of the Misouri? Government engineers

surveying the river. This is a waste money, for next year this survey will be useless. There is urgent need or spending money on the river where it will accomplish practical re-Why throw away the publisults. oney? Here is another example: In the spring a well equipped steamboat leisurely ambles up the river from Kansas City to Sioux City and then urns right around and ambles back gain, being sure to reach camping grounds before cold weather. Ocasionally a piece of driftwood is bulled out of the mud or a sunken ee sawed off under pretense of clearng the channel: but all to no purpose

by not spend enough time, me and energy to get permanent and practical results? The Missouri can easily be made an sset instead of a menace, not only to

maha and other cities, but also to a trge acreage along its borders. This ork is entirely feasible and comparaively easy. Beware of any visionary hemes for straightening the chan nel. If the channel were straightened he swift current would soon cut an

tense gorge much harder to handle han the river at present. The rive as found a normal course. Take that as a starting point. The East Omaha mprovements is a good place to com-

terial into the river that divides and effects the current and causes all kinds of trouble. This is the first thing to stop. Stop this cutting and confine the current to the middle of he channel and you have at once an artery of commerce, a navigable This is a comparatively simple matter and not very expensive, A ystem of retards properly put in and maintained will accomplish this part of the work. Who would think of building a railroad and then leave it without maintenance? Who would buy n auto and not expect to spend anything for upkeep? Any system of re patroled tards must be constantly and maintained. The river may swirl n behind a retard, or it may start utting a new place and at a different Provision would have to be ngle. for motor boats to constantly patrol the river, with river boats am ly equipped to put in retards at easy When the current is once confined to a channel in the center of the

stream it will deepen and clear itself. provide a navigable channel, reduce the danger from high water, and then the foundations are laid for other improvements of which power stations are an example. There is power going to waste in the Missouri diver to give power, light and heat every home within 50 miles of its

coast.

Large sums of money have been ed with lines of suffering, but bright banks. property along its banks. Freight of the Argonne:



out of the Union station a few years War Strategy to Kill Black Stem Rust ago. The khaki uniform, the overseas stripes, and a new artificial limb told It is good to hear from the leade

me at a glance that he had played of the movement that the fight against full well his part in the world's great-est tragedy. He was one of those fight to the finish. Continued warfare clean cut, manly fellows who, when he heard his country's call, knew at of the Conference for the Prevention

nce where his duty lay. Many miles of Grain Rust at the University farm. were before us, for he was going to Texas, and I to Illinois. So with the this fight are more formidable that lick of the ralls in our ears I slowly the obstacles in the fight of the cot ton interests of the south against the drew from him a story. 'It happened in the Argonne for- boll weevil. There is no divided opin "Enemy machine gun ion about the facts that underlie est." he said.

nests were hidden in the trees and we campaign against the weevil had orders to destroy them. I was a Everybody knows-and therefore sergeant with 24 men in my com-mand. Progress through the forest boll weevil is directly responsible for was difficult and the work was ex- tremendous losses in cotton produc trentely dangerous. We were making tion

an advance one day, and I don't know just how it happened, but something hit me in the back of the neck, in the done by black stem rust to that grain, shoulder and in the leg, all at the but not all have been brought to be same time. Things got black just as lieve that common barberry produces Finds his heart answering that wistful theard one of my boys say, 'I guess the spores that disseminate the black plea. they've got him.' They said that I stem blight in the wheat fields. There are still many who think the weather they found me. That was 14 months is responsible. These look upon the igo, and I've spent that 14 months anti-barberry fight as wasted effort in so far as it has any approciable efhospitals. We were riding through Pennsyl fect on wheat production. Thus there vania when he finished the recital of is some lack of solidarity in the forces his part in the great adventure, and that ought to be pooled in carrying on

when he grew silent again, we both the war. looked out upon the Susquehanna iver. Leafless trees bordered the tream, for it was the holiday season, regions of this pestllential bush. W Great progress is being made, how We

The river itself was a mass of icy are told that in the 1923 campaign, nummocks. On the other side rose 6,304, bushes a day on an average now-covered hills. There was a dis- were destroyed. Since the campaign ant look in my soldier friend's eyes opened in 1918 considerably over 7,000

and I knew that he was seeing what 000 bushes have been eliminated. to be could not see. With memory's eyes Minnesotans have a right he was looking up into skies in far proud of the part they have played off France, skies which at night were in this movement. Their state brilliant with the light of bursting the first to make an appropriation for star shells. He saw men fighting the purpose of co-operating with th each other in airplanes at dizzy federal government in making war on improvements is a good place to there in airplanes at dizzy federal government in making war of absence from office, shop or factory. It takes no small courage to face and the common barberry. For the most is to take the river just as to face and to save common the day work begins and stop erosion. This cutting into the banks dumps an enormous amount of waste marked ware many and many a time life and there also are still black stem rust, but

where many and many a time life and there also are still living barberry death battled for the mastery. I looked into his face, still showing is to exterminate these that the

I looked into his face, still showing is to exterminate these that the suffering of those months in the hospital, and said. "You've certainly had your share of trouble." Quickly he came to himself and with a care free note in his voice he almost sang back this reply: "Oh, I never stop to think this reply: "Oh, I never stop to think much about that. I'm mighty thank to think the think at the tot is an early thank to the tot is an early the early thank to the tot is an early the earl tul to think I got off so easy." Here and there on the train passen-cause any relaxation of the fight ful to think I got off so easy." gers chafed at the delays in making the train schedules, complained of the porter's service or fretted because of it is playing faise to the cause of petty inconveniences. But out in the sound farm economics not to use dining car and in the coach, my sol-dier friend was always smiling. The the biggest possible harvest on the me came to bid him goodby at last, least possible number of acres. Yield and the grip he gave and the con-agious enthusiasm and optimism he sight of in agricultural enterprise splayed convinced me that in the fu-tre, in every gruelling bout that life stands for the difference between eld in store, he would turn up smil- profit and loss.

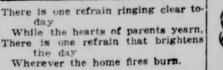
Wanted-A Job.

months," he said, "it's great to think From the Boston Transcript. that I will soon see the folks again." Within the next six Within the next six months, acording to an announcement by Briga-As Thanksgiving day approaches I dier General Hines, national director am thinking of folks I have met along the trail, folks whose lives exemplify the Thanksgiving spirit, not simply on the Thanksgiving spirit, not simply on veterans of the world war will have he one day we set apart, but through-ut the year. Along with the scores completed their course in vocational

training and will be ready for the job of faces which pass before me, I see that will enable them to take up again a civilian occupation. To secure work Large sums of money have been expended for some time in making the Ohio river navigable and protecting of my khaki-clad Texas friend—a hero

the help and co-operation of emp ers, both large and small. These re-habilitated soldiers have been taught

and have mastered some useful trade



The Children Are

Coming Home

t is ever new, yet, oh, so old: But to those who are absent

roam It seems a siren enticingly sings. "The children are coming home." Tom, with his bag half packed at best,

Your boyish man, with his spirit gay, With his pulsing, bubbling, buoyant

Is coming to quicken and brighten the day.

Mary, with chocolates and a new "frat pest. pin. Can hardly wait till the train pulls

And she gets an impulsive, strangle

hold On mother and dad, and Tom-if she's bold.

Bill, who follows a phantom bright, A phantom that bids him ream

"The children are coming home." be purty certain. A bootlegger kin These look upon the Business is business, yet Brother jump in a high-powered car, or dart

Cleve. Loved the refrain, his parents be-

up an alley, but most any dry of-ficer ought t' be able t' overtake a Heve: So, he, his wife and the twins full of brewery. (Copyright, 1923.)

glee Will be part of the merry jubilee.

As the train speeds o'er the darkened fields His worries drop, as a child he lives n anticipation of the joyous surprise That will bloom for him in his mothlast year's hat, drives a this year's car, and lives on next year's income.-Modern Grocer (Chicago). er's eyes.

The children are coming home"-A spirit of thankfulness-every "What town is this?" "I don't see no town." "You're looking on the wrong side where Felt in a thousand loving hearts,

of the car."-Stanford Chaparral. Echoed in countless prayers. --Anne Pedersen. "Did any of your family ever make

brilliant marriage?" "Only my wife."-Boston Evening absence from office, shop or factory. Transcript.

Porter-This train goes to Buffalo not charity. They have deserved well and points east. Old Lady-Well, I want a train that

gets to Syracuse and I don't care which way it points .- Dry Goods Economist

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ask.

itself free.

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Death an' taxis are also gittin' t'

THE SPICE OF LIFE.

He-Is she progressive or conserva-

She-I don't know. She wears a

Abe Martin

more because of the great expense of getting it them. Water transportation will affect this directly, because it will cost less to haul by water, and lower · freight rates on the river will necessarily mean that competing railroad lines must cut their tariffs or lose the business.

MORNING-EVENING-SUNDAY

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AMERICA'S GREATEST ITEM OF WASTE.

stood on the levee at St. Louis and watched the

mighty Father of Waters sweep by in the full ma-

jesty of strength and potential service, he expressed

amazement at the waste denoted. In his mind that

wonderful river should be alive with fleets of com-

merce carriers. He but echoed what has been in the

minds of many thinking people for years. No other

item of prodigality, reckless extravagance or wan-

ton waste that may be charged against the American

people equals their neglect of the great central wa-

terways of the country, natural highways for com-

its fifth annual session at Memphis on Saturday,

again adopted resolutions calling for federal im-

provement of the Mississippi and its three great

tributaries, the Ohio, the Missouri and the Illinois.

This action would be encouraging, were it not that

it is but a repetition of similar action that has been

taken, time out of mind. Almost half a century ago

Jerry Murphy of Davenport proposed the Hennepin

canal to connect the Mississippi with the Great Lakes.

He kept at it until "Jerry's ditch" came to be a jest.

Forty years ago a waterways convention at St. Paul

gave enthusiastic support to resolutions similar in

import to those adopted at Memphis last week, and

if the Mississippi Valley association will go to con-

gress with sufficient force, attention may be secured.

Recognition of the need of better methods of trans-

portation, which includes the use of every natural

facility, is general. One of the proposals recently

made to relieve the condition that prevails is to

parallel every trunk line railroad with a motor high-

way, that trucks can carry their share of the load.

This is one way out of the wilderness in which the

problem of distribution has so long wandered in the

the improvement of the great rivers. These afford

a means of hauling heavy freight, and even the light-

er loads, at a far less cost than rail or truck, and as

reliable and serviceable in the end. No grading is

to be done, few engineering problems are presented,

and none that have not been studied and remedies

provided for. All that is needed is to get the work

chiefly on the producers of the middle west. Far-

mers are hit both going and coming; the price of

what they sell is lower because of the excessive cost

of getting it to market, and what they buy costs

Cost of transportation falls heavily on all, but

under way; the rest will follow.

A less costly and more efficacious plan would be

Keeping everlastingly at it will bring success, and

The Mississippi Valley association, which closed

merce, that run unused to the sea.

little ever came from the effort.

United States.

When David Lloyd George, a few weeks ago,

The movement for reviving the use of the great rivers that drain the immense plain between the Alleghanies and the Rockies is taking on more strength " than it has ever shown. Railroads, with all their tremendous expenditures, have not been able to keep abreast with the growth of commerce. Talk is now heard of spending \$700,000,000 a year to complete a 10-year program of railroad expansion. That will merely put the roads in about the same relative position 10 years from now that they are in today. The internal commerce of the United States requires every available facility, and this means the use of the rivers as well as highways to supplement the a railroads.

SANTA CLAUS HAS HIS RIVALS.

Boy Scouts of Omaha are again engaged in one of those campaigns that really entitle the organizaion to genuine favor. It is good for them to light amp fires by the primitive method of rubbing sticks together. Such an accomplishment assures them against suffering from cold, should they ever get caught out without matches. Other elements of woodcraft are worth knowing, and proficiency in modern games and athletic sports has advantages, but these are not all the Boy Scouts do and do well.

The present campaign is to make two serviceable toys come out of the scrap heap into which three broken ones had been tossed. It is not a mere stunt they are working at, but a very practical philanthropy. Many a fortunate child breaks or tires of a toy; it is allowed to lay around, collecting rust and dust and dirt, under foot or cumbering a closet, until it becomes an eyesore. All this time another child, not so fortunate, is hungering in its heart for a toy of some kind. What the boys are doing is to restore the broken or neglected toys to something " approaching their pristine splendor, so they may be turned over to the child who has no toys and wants some

No better way of employing the natural bent of the average boy to play with tools. He is given all the joy of making things, and after he has had his, then the joy is passed along to some little boy or girl whose Christmas might be a blank, were it not for this toy repair work of the Boy Scouts. Here a is efficiency plus, for it is turning what has long been a a waste of energy into the productive channel out # of which comes unalloyed happiness to the giver and the receiver.

Santa Claus will have to hurry to keep ahead of the Boy Scouts of Omaha.

A fashion note intimates that it is pleasant to think of a wadded blue silk dressing gown, now that cold weather is here. It may be so, but there is a lot more pleasure in knowing that the coal bin is full and the potato stock ample.

Maybelle Gilman, ex-Mrs. Corey, says she can not abide America. However, she has little trouble in putting up with American long green her former husband so liberally provided for her.

It would be just like that Bok peace prize award committee to give the prize to some fellow who always has to take orders from his wife,

for sale, and are entitled to as much consideration as are the Canadian growers or the eastern feeders. the Ohio have a rather short railroad Perhaps, if the situation gets to that point, the haul to the seaboard, but it is found that it pays to take this traffic down farmers of New York and Pennsylvania may be inthe river to the Mississippi duced to put in with the farmers out in this section thus around by the Gulf. Compare of the world, and make a strong effort to secure this with traffic originating on Missouri, where all the water haul lower freight rates, which would accomplish the end would be in direct line for market. On they have in view as well as would letting down the parts of this Ohio work, at times, the the wild oats crop.—Chattanooga river in a few hours rises 60 feet Times.

above normal stage! Never but once in the history of the Missouri has it risen over 20 feet above low water bars to Canadian producers. At any rate, western men are to have a hearing on the point, thanks to Bob Simmons.

A New York publication is offering \$1,000 as a prize for the best article on "What I think about prohibition?" But the thoughts of some people would be barred from the mails.

Frank Crane is now devoting considerable time to proving that the income tax is all wrong. Frank didn't think about the income tax when he was a preacher in Omaha.

Quite a grist of speeders have been seized by the police, but not enough. Until the last bird who steps on it is taken and punished, the streets will be unsafe.

A Virginia postmaster has been serving for 45 years. Now just how many miles would the postal cards he has read reach if placed end to end?

age supply water for a navigable channel during periods of low water. William Wrigley is to be Hiram Johnson's campaign manager. But is it necessary to provide gum in order to keep Hiram's jaw a-wagging?

Judging by what happened in Philadelphia, we are into European affairs whether we like it or not.

Speaking of old songs, wouldn't it be a great relief to hear some politicians singing new ones?

A regular hen party is now going on-the annual poultry show at the Auditorium.

Santa Claus is on the way, and we suggest he first call on the weather man.

Just now the leading indoor sport is organizing ongress.

Tiajuana is temporarily pretty dry.

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-**Robert Worthington Davie**

RETURNING HOME.

At length the road familiar grew, The sumac glorified the way, And down the valley silent lay The village that my boyhood knew

I crossed the brook divinely fair Which rippled with consoling charm, And wound its way from farm to farm To fade from sight beyond Adair.

Before me spread the rolling loam. The fences and great stacks of hay, The pastures painted with dismay, The house that used to be my home

But, Oh, the vainness of my quest! E'en though I found the Used-to-be It was deplorable to me To know that I was just a guest

Center Shots You never see a bootlegger having willing to work, and if American emand

Daily Prayer

is, and to finish His work,

WILLIAM PIERSON MERRILL, D.D.,

NET AVERAGE

CIRCULATION

THE OMAHA BEE

for October, 1923, of

enough

visualize conditions if the water had Rock.) or should stand at 36 feet above the

Press.

station floor? Nearly all of the busi-ness part of Council Bluffs and a

water or washed away. This illustra-

One step in this work would be the establishment of large reservoirs on the upper reaches of the river to hold the water and reduce the spring fresh-

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sed to spend very large appropria-

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eys, or visionary plans for straightning the channel; but at once confine

the current to the center of its natural

channel, then other steps in the im-provement would naturally follow.

and prosperity of the community.

It Has Come to This! Prohibition agents are to be sent o the golf clubs, and for the first

time in the history of the grand old

game stymics will be laid on the 19th

green-the stymic consisting of the slip between the cup and the lip.----New York Tribune.

Inquisitive.

"Are you getting out among your onstituents to tell them what they

Not so much that," answered Sena tor Sorghum, "as to find out what they are going to do."-Washington

Not Considerate.

Flapper-Look here, father, I wish

that you wouldn't leave my millinery bills lying around on the table just

when Arthur is on the verge of pro-

ught to do?"

posing -Judge.

Star

The Missouri river would then be

see that this perfectly feasible plan is started and put across. There is no call for expensive and dilatory sur-cast no shade

S. J. WOODRUFF.

'I've been away from home 33

ployers do not close the door of op rummage sale .-- Greenville Dem portunity in their faces they should rat-Sun. not have to go far in their search for It is easier to grow than to harvest civil employment.

Consider what these men have gone through in order that the liberties of their countrymen might be preserved.

A cynic is a man who looks forward hopefully to a disagreement by the Rok neare prize jury — Detroit News A cynic is a man who looks forward mark, not normal stage, but low Bok peace prize jury.—Detroit News, from the quiet of the hearthstone to the arduous toil of the training camps water mark. In 1881 because of an A physician says that overeating boozing.-Arkansas Gazette. (Little of active military duty, these men re-turned to the United States, not to

the occupations to which they de-William and Bert Goforth-uh huh, voted themselves before 1918, but to we thought you'd guess it-went forth one of the many hospitals which cared good part of Omaha would be under water or washed away. This illustra. the sheriff's permission - they have been slowly nursed back to health, and have regained some me ure of their former bodily efficiency.

Missouri as compared with some of the work that the government is actually undertaking. The control it seems dull, because about once in it seems dull, because about once in and they, as they look for work, face and harnessing of the Missouri is a four years the uproar becomes so the handicap of five or seven years of very small matter as compared with putting a railroad through the Rocky and other mountain ranges of the from mere yowling.—Detroit Free

channel during periods of low water. There was recently published an account of a barge tow on the Mis-sissippi carrying 400 carloads of freight. This gives some idea of the possibilities of river traffic. It is pro-with Thee. May we walk with Thee now, when we aware, we have the operation of the with Thee and work with Thee through all the hours of the day, seeing Thee in all the life about us, and finding it our meat to do the will of Him Who sent Less than forty hours away on the Kansas City-Florida In the busiest moments, may we The big question is to get an in-telligent and determined public senti-ment, absolutely opposed to any form car service all the wayof graft, to back our men in congress from Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota to see that this perfectly feasible plan is weaknesses. Help us so to pass pass through this day that we shall

Kansas (Ity-Florida Special And when the day draws to an end,

may we have the quiet joy of know-ing that, by Thy grace, we have been Leaves Kansas City 6:00 pm Arrives Jacksonville 8:45 am The Missouri river would then be an artery of commerce, a servant of mankind, an addition to the land-found in doing justly, with loving (second day) via Frisco Lines and Southern scape, a source of power and heat kindness, and in walking humbly with and light, an addition to the beauty God. In the name of Jesus Christ, Railway

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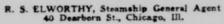
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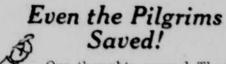


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