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FREE SPEECH AND FREE COURTS.

Application has been made to President Coolidge for pardon for Charles L. Craig, who has been sentenced to jail for contempt of court.

Comptroller Craig wrote to Lewis Nixon, then public service commissioner of New York, rather caustically criticizing the action of the court.

Craig sought escape by habeas corpus, and the case has gone on through the several courts until finally a few days ago the supreme court of the United States found him guilty, but rests the decision on a technicality.

Two vital, fundamental elements enter here. Craig felt that he had the ordinary right of free speech. As a public official, trying to protect the interests of the people, he felt justified in his strictures on the court, however severe they might have been.

Yet beyond even this is the graver question as to whether a man should be punished when he merely has made a mistake as to his legal rights.

Justice Holmes, discussing the case says: "I think that the sentence from which the petitioner seeks relief was more than an abuse of power. I think it should be held wholly void."

How will this all appeal to the lay mind? Will it not seem as if a man's liberty is worthy of more consideration than the preservation of the court's rules?

JOHNSON HITS A POPULAR NOTE. "If the constitution prohibits such laws—child labor and minimum wage for women—then the constitution must be amended."

This plank in Senator Johnson's platform will commendation from a large number of people, who were sorely disappointed by the supreme court decision that knocked out the child labor law.

Economic conditions in the United States will permit, and, indeed did permit, prosperity without calling on the children to give up their childhood to become machine tenders or industrial drudges.

WOMEN HAVE WISE ONES GUESSING. British election canvassers complain that the women over there are not divulging how they intend to vote at the election on December 6.

One thing has been pretty well proven in this country. Women do not vote for the best looking candidate, as some suggested they might. In practically every instance where it has been determined that the women actually did control the outcome of an election there was found a very good reason for their voting as they did, and their choice has in every instance been a worthy one.

PRIVATE MARRIAGE PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Dr. Merrill Brown's discourse on the Nebraska marriage law only goes part way to the root of the matter. In giving his approval to the statute, the preacher considered merely the single point of the state's right to regulate conditions preliminary to entering upon the marriage relation.

In doing this the parties interested are doubtless within their rights, and consequently are not subject to criticism on that score. But the purpose of the law is not to lay hardship on any, but to further safeguard the institution of marriage, the perpetuation of the home, on which finally all society rests.

Instead of this being an intrusion, it is for the benefit of all. Much of this knowledge is needed in the combat against disease. Science of healing lags in many respects for lack of exact information on which to rest conclusions.

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MR. HERSHEY COMES THROUGH.

M. S. Hershey, the millionaire candymaker, is welcomed to the honor roll of philanthropists. Not the ranks of those who dole out charity, mind you, but to the ranks of those who contribute in a practical way to the future of America's citizenship.

In time a stately shaft of bronze and marble may mark the last resting place of Mr. Hershey, but no matter how high that shaft, nor how enduring its materials, it will be neither so high nor so enduring as the monuments he has erected for himself in the minds and hearts of untold thousands of America's future citizens.

A Chicago man hanged a dog because its barking annoyed him. He has been arrested. A proper sentence would be to give him a small dose of what he gave the dog.

Judge Deneen's Monday morning reception ought to be carefully noted by any who have an inclination to step on it. Omaha's streets are not speedways.

The precision with which the bandits pick their victims is likely to cause distaste for display of precious stones in jewelry hereabouts.

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A new novel entitled "Bunk" sounds like an infringement on a lot of novels we have tried to read during the last few months.

The presidential turkey was purchased by the president this year, which may also set a precedent for future holidays.

After facing another crisis or two perhaps Germans will be able to walk right up to one and smile in its face.

If you have any thanks left over today, send a few to the weather man for his part in the performance.

Hi Johnson has sounded his keynote. Pitched, of course, in the treble clef.

The Klan still makes the front page.

Homespun Verse

The checked coat is hanging where his mother hung it then. The battered toys are lying in the garret dust arrayed. The dolls seem sad and lonely, and the little soldier men stand ever at attention in the room where Willie played.

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column as a medium of expression on matters of public interest.

Denial Proof of Evolution.

Omaha, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: For the past few years I have been interested in the articles that have appeared time and again in your "People's Voice," especially those which refer to the Bible and kindred subjects.

In this evening's column I notice a letter under the caption: "In Reply to Mr. May." In which the writer appears to discredit the Bible in its account of the creation of the earth and man.

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Street Car Topics.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Having read several copies of "Street Car Topics" we are prompted to ask this question: The state railway commission has conceded that 7 per cent is a fair return on the investment of the Omaha Rapid Transit Street Railway company.

Admitting for the sake of argument that the property is worth \$13,000,000, let us consider the income feature of the investment.

We wonder why the street car company is entitled to twice as much as some one tell us? Again, let us see what money is earning in some other lines of business.

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Daily Prayer

But it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.—Zech 14:7. We speak to Thee, O Lord, our Father, not as a child to his father, but as a man to his God.

Twin Shares

(A Thanksgiving Thought.) You may fit in a round hole, my neighbor. I may fit in a square one, but say: Just for what—except life—shall we people?

Countless good may be yours, if you've earned it. Or received it as legacy free. But we joy in our halves, don't we, neighbor.

All the land may be yours that you've purchased. Or inherited, being an heir: But we both—in equal proportion—Claim the wonderful weather and air.

We can give what we have and that only. Do you use to the best of your might All your land and your gold? Do our talents.

Does Nature, through us, fight for right? We were born for a definite purpose. In our freed from care moments of bliss.

Of us ask: "Have I come to the kingdom For such time, for such service as this?" 'Tis deemed in His book called the Bible.

That "my God shall supply all your need." And, "according," it says, "to His glory by Jesus." Indeed.

Then, if He wants a thing done by yourself. Or if He wants a thing done by me, He will fully equip us, provided We, His workmen, in willingness be. If He wants not that thing done by us.

If He wants not that thing done by us, He will see that it's done by some Meek disciple of His ministry.

Moth and rust may corrupt our position. Thieves may break in and steal what we buy. But, according to His wealth in glory, God, by Christ, all our needs shall.

Oh, the land and the gold may be your share. But how sweet it is, neighbor, to know That twin shares include glad Thanksgiving.

For all things that we need here below.—Alta Wrenwick Brown.

crease fares or something equivalent in order to keep the company out of the hands of a receiver, while virtually admitting that the company is earning nearly 5 per cent. The item termed "extra" merely represents the extra 2 per cent.

It looks like the company was now making more money than the average business, and as a going concern, it is a success of continuing for a thousand years, as the city and the people will probably be here for many generations.

It is a wonder where this commission, whence comes this mandatory power, that they can decree one corporation's dollars of double value, and what is more wonderful, why sell the people for such a ruling and offer no protest. In mere self-defense it would be better for the people to buy the property on a bond issue at 4 1/2 or 5 per cent, for the extra 2 per cent compounded, would pay out in 36 years.

Mr. Endres and the Law.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It seems that the law as found in the statute reads that it is unlawful for any person, partnership or corporation to sell, keep for sale or give away any cigars, tobacco, cigarettes or cigaret material. I still contend that I do not violate any law, for the reason that I am not selling, but am giving away my cigars, tobacco, cigarettes or cigaret material. I still contend that I do not violate any law, for the reason that I am not selling, but am giving away my cigars, tobacco, cigarettes or cigaret material.

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The Wheat Tariff. From the Cocoa Record. There is nothing of a partisan nature in the endorsement of the wheat tariff which comes from George C. Jewett, head of the American Wheat Growers' association and the fact that this association, interested as it is in wheat prices and in the future of the wheat industry in this country has declared in favor of a still higher duty on wheat, cannot be construed to mean nothing but a keen interest in the effect of the tariff on wheat prices and has no political significance of any sort, however important it may be to have that sort of an endorsement given to the tariff idea at this time.

Wheat prices have ranged right along at about the average of 20 cents a bushel higher in Minneapolis than in Winnipeg, with the tariff differential which exists between this country and Canada, and the wheat growers have evidently concluded after careful investigation that a still higher tariff will still further send up the price here at home as compared to the price of Canada wheat.

Those people who have so long argued that Liverpool makes the price of wheat on this side of the water, have been continuously charged to observe that Liverpool doesn't come within only about 20 cents of making the price as high as Winnipeg as on this side the line which appears to pretty well demolish the idea that Liverpool fixes the price of American wheat. Liverpool is a great wheat market and so is the United States and the price of wheat can be sent still higher in this country, inside of the price that consumers are now paying for bread.

Plainly the wheat tariff is one of the reasonable means for stimulating the price of wheat in this country and as such will undoubtedly receive the most careful consideration of the organized wheat growers.

Why Don't They Write Home? From the Aberdeen News. Without doubt the most pitiful messages which come to the News are the letters from fathers or mothers asking the newspaper to help them find their boys. So many of them are written in the cramped penmanship of old age and the words form a touching appeal for help in finding a boy from whom they long to hear.

What a pathetic thing it is that so many mothers, and fathers, too, wait through the days and long all the nights for the letters that never come. How tragic their last appeal to a strange newspaper for aid in renewing the sacred ties of family affection. The newspaper always wants to help and is glad and willing to do so, but how little hope it really can offer that

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"From State and Nation"

—Editorials from Other Newspapers—

Know Your State.

From the Nebraska City Press. "Nebraska—Broad, deep, fertile." That is the slogan which Dr. George E. Condra, head of the department of survey and conservation of the University of Nebraska, offers to Nebraska City and every other community in Nebraska.

It is a slogan which should be deeply considered, for it expresses tersely and concisely the underlying factors on which the prosperity of this state is founded. It deserves especial consideration in this community, for this community has been favored by nature with the most fertile, the deepest and the broadest soil on the face of the earth.

When men are despondent and blue at some upset in their economic calculations let them remember George Condra's slogan. When they prepare to chase that will-o'-the-wisp which so frequently causes men to become nomads, let them remember that slogan. When they are "firmly convinced" that Nebraska has been overdeveloped and exploited to death, let them remember that slogan which gives them the lie and should encourage them with new hope and courage.

For Nebraska is broad, deep and fertile. It is the center of the best agricultural district in the known world. Its changing climate, which is so frequently cursed and reviled by those who bank like parasites in the near-tropical zones of this country, is the great cause that has built a hardy, healthful, energetic conformable race.

Nebraska is the source of real wealth, wealth that will increase as the years go by. It should be the repository of the hopes and the bulwark of the faith of its people.

Battles of the Strongest.

From the Kansas City Post. Contests for supremacy upon the gridirons lack the deliberation of baseball, and the football enthusiast has only a little while in which to let off the surplus steam of fervor for the success of the team to which he pins his faith.

Football is the game of youth. The seasoned players must get their experience in a few short seasons and in few years. Only amateur football counts for anything in the world of Nebraska, the source of real wealth, wealth that will increase as the years go by.

Adapted from the British, football of today in the United States is something distinctively American and affords spectators thrills to be found in no other athletic contest.

With the close of the 1923 season near at hand, the interest of sections center in their respective contests, and in Missouri and Kansas the feeling runs high as the annual variety clash nears.

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Advertisement for New York Central featuring a large image of a train and text: "Leadership The men who operate the 20th Century Limited have won their highrank in New York Central service by years of training under the most exacting standards of railroad discipline. THE CENTURY Lv. New York 2:45 p.m. Ar. Chicago 9:45 a.m. Lv. Chicago 12:40 p.m. Ar. New York 9:40 a.m. 20 hours via the water level route. NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES. Omaha Office—808-809 Woodmen of the World Bldg"

Abe Martin



Cashier Leslie Pine arose at the usual hour this mornin', an' after partakin' of a hearty breakfast 'o' toast an' eggs an' coffee, he kissed his wife an' children goodby an' walked 't' the bank with a firm step. "If you hain't been hit with one o' 't' new glass rollin' pins you hain't seen nothin' yet," remarked Lafe Bud, 'd'ay.

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among its thousands of readers the cry of the aching hearts will be heard in the only chambers where recollection will reach the love that prompts the appeal. Now and then it has to its credit a reunion, but so often no trace is found, that we take these letters now with a distinct feeling of regret at the disappointment that is almost sure to follow.

If boys and girls only knew, if they could only realize the rising and falling tide of hope that comes with every passing day, until the time goes by with nothing but a dull, dead ache where hope once sprung.

What a simple gift is a letter and yet how one is more appreciated than this?

Her Broad Platform. A thoughtful woman is running for mayor of West Hoboken on a platform calling for "Milk for babies," "milk for mammals, beer for papas."—Minneapolis Journal.

A Handy Place to Eat Hotel Conant

14th and Harney—Omaha. The Center of Convenience