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LOW PRICE FOR A HUMAN LIFE.

One dollar and twenty cents is a very small sum for a human life.

Yet that is what Albert Knispel of Omaha is alleged to have risked his life to obtain.

Why do men do these desperate things? Usually because they foolishly imagine that it is easier to rob than to work.

Moreover, anything that is stolen is taken from its rightful owner, who has achieved it through his own efforts and therefore is entitled to its full use.

Only now and then is a footpad shot, but any one of them may be. How foolish it is to risk life and liberty, self-respect and good conscience to obtain something that might be gained by only a short time of honest effort.

SPLITTING HAIRS INFERNALLY FINE.

No one who has heard Geraldine Farrar sing will question her wonderful ability.

The Atlanta divines seem to have indulged in the too common theological pastime of splitting hairs infernally fine.

Of course those Atlanta divines have the great American privilege of exercising the temporal authority given into their hands.

OMAHA'S DISPLAY OF NEW HOMES.

Sixteen hundred and forty-two new dwellings have been erected in Omaha this year.

First, that 1,642 homes have been erected; not all for new families, for the occupants of many have hitherto paid rent, and have just emerged to the happy condition of home owners.

This rate has been going on for years; 1,600 new dwellings will make a fair sized village.

Omaha is growing rapidly in all ways, is becoming more and more important industrially and commercially, and certainly is not losing any ground intellectually or spiritually.

President Coolidge finds the Monroe Doctrine is headed all over the world.

Notice how the democrats are helping to maintain confidence and harmony in the government by doing everything they can to block progress in congress.

MAKING WAY FOR NORRIS.

From Washington comes the news that Representatives M. O. McLaughlin and John H. Morehead are awaiting definite and final word from Senator George W. Norris as to his intentions, they aspiring to the senatorial toga in event it is laid aside by its present wearer.

If anything of uncertainty attaches to the attitude of Senator Norris, it must be ascribed to his health. He has been urged by warm personal friends as well as capable political advisers to again make the race for the senate.

Five terms in the house and two in the senate make up the long time Senator Norris has given to a never ceasing battle for what he is convinced is the best interests of the public and especially of the people he directly represents.

This fact should be taken into consideration at all times. Critics and detractors can not fail to recognize that Senator Norris has always battled on the side of the people, and never spared himself, even when his course called down upon him the wrath of the president and the bitter comment of those who had been thwarted because of his courageous action.

If Senator Norris decides eventually to run, it requires no gift of prophecy to foretell his re-election. He has received such assurances of support as well might hearten any man, and he would be less than human were he not touched by them.

THE RAILROAD SUES.

Repeated warnings from press, pulpit and police, have had no effect upon reckless motorists who insist on trying to beat the train to the crossing.

President Markham of the Illinois Central, weary of paying heavy damages to motorists who disregard all signals and warnings, took a new tack. A reckless motorist ran his automobile into an Illinois Central engine, but before he could bring suit for damages against the railroad, Mr. Markham brought suit against the motorist for damages sustained by the locomotive.

A majority of accidents at grade crossings are due to carelessness or recklessness of automobile drivers. It is not possible for heavy trains to "Stop, look, listen" at every road crossing, but it is possible for every motorist to do so.

Mr. McAdoo now finds himself uncertain as to the desirability of public ownership of railroads.

Dark word comes from the Ukraine of renewed massacres of Jews by the red army.

The most contemptible thief on earth, and that is saying a lot, for all thieves are contemptible, is the man who steals a toy from a child.

Thirteen prisoners "leaked" out of the Kansas penitentiary through a drain the warden knew nothing of.

A 16-year-old boy in New Jersey is reported to be happy with a 50-year-old bride.

Iowa's radio girl forger thinks she can smile her way out of prison.

Italy is the scene of the latest disaster, the steady march of the terrible belting globe with distress.

Sunday was a fairly quiet day, only eight fatal automobile accidents being reported for the country.

Pill box patrol service has justified the outlay and effort.

M. Poincare's Sunday sermons are losing savor.

Homespun Verse

Must be goblins at my window, spectra makes the vision real; Shadows shaped like living beings through the night's seclusion steal.

The People's Voice

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

Post Thanksgiving Thoughts.

South Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Another Thanksgiving day has just passed. We as a nation and people have things and country blessings to be thankful for.

Cities and towns grow and prosper because of an American booster. Boosters build churches and schools. Knocking down the old and building the new is a united country.

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Center Shots

Every farmer agrees with the president that the typical farmer "has sense." But dollars are more interesting, and prices—well, prices interest him higher at the farm, no matter what consumers are paying.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Europe put her faith in arms with little profit. It might be a good idea now to try her knees.—Vallejo Chronicle.

The arduous negotiations for peace with Turkey begun in November, 1922, have, I am happy to say, been brought to a successful conclusion, says King George to parliament.

Political experts agree that the 1924 campaign is already badly scrambled. Hope no one will make it worse by setting some bad eggs into it.—Des Moines Register.

Mr. Coolidge says he has given no thought to the 1924 convention. In other particulars, however, he is very human.—Paterson News.

Where the Tall Corn Grows

The Sibley Tribune remarks that a law is not the easiest thing past. "There is the buck of enforcement," gravely remarks the Tribune.

The Boone Republican-News advises Governor Kendall to find some way of making the legislature stick to code revision or find some way of proroguing it.

Speaking of Governor Pinchot, and remarking that he is seeking self-aggrandizement, the Hampton Chronicle says he is like some western governor. "None is possessed of any great ability," says the Chronicle, "and all have gone into office on the unpopularity of their opponents rather than because of any merit of their own."

Noting that a southern Iowa man has reported that he killed a golden eagle, the Marshalltown Times-Republican asks: "But why did he kill it?" Our guess is that he killed the eagle because he didn't have as much sense as the eagle and was jealous. Will the T-R inform us if we have given the correct answer?

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From State and Nation

Why is Grass Green? From the Aberdeen News. A big corporation is now trying to find the answer to the question, "Why is grass green?"

People talk about farming so many acres of ground. They don't at all. They farm so many acres of sunshine. Practically everything we want, except our fuel, is raised. It is important, when our present fuel supplies are exhausted that we know how to trap sunshine and lay it out for the periods when we want it.

It is surely an important quest. Already the problem seems to have been partly solved by the discovery that plants can be raised by artificial light and heat, though not so well as by direct sunshine. Some day there may be a complete substitute for our great life-giver of our world, to use in cold climes, or in another great ice age, or when the human race is millions of years older and the sun light is dimmed by age.

While the scientists are trying to find out why grass is green, why not inquire into why green is the one color which eyes prefer? A satisfactory answer to that question might reveal much about the origin and development of the human race.

Home Traders

This closing time in Salem At Wait Wood's grocery. The central floor is littered with stock. O'erdue at destinations: Apt clerks, in haste to flee. Give overweight with one eye on the clock.

A tight and toothless grandpa Leans on his hick'ry stick And waves a wallet, yelling out: "This way!" For just enough of candy To tantalize his lick, Reluctantly, he lets a penny pay.

A buxom colored flapper, Endowed with ready wit, Avowed, while loafers laugh at her ado, 'Ah've toted back yo' butah— We all can't stomach hit; Hit's strongh'n Samson foh he cotched his flu!"

A poultry raiser, bringing Dressed chickens, sits and bides Her time to settle up with Wait and quote Her wares. A sleek bystander, Unnoticed, slyly hides An apple in the pocket of his coat.

Good natured Miz McMurdy Is phoning for a steak. She jolles up the butcher's tired smirk To 10-horse motive power. With oily words that make Sweet compensation for his overwork.

A farmer from the Bottom Buys flour. He loves to brag About himself and fling his friend a flout; The change is in his favor: He knows it—skakawag— But lets the grocer lose and passes out.

Oh, what if "they are fogles, Uncultured, full of faults?" Do they not win a commendation crown— Such citizens as Salem's, Commingling late at Wait's, For patronizing trade in their home town?

ALTA WRENNICK BROWN.

the opposition's column because of a lack of understanding of the needs and wishes of the western voters. Already this section has the visible evidence of the beneficial results of republican administration. The west is liberated by the farmer, were bequeathed to him by a democratic regime. It has been the task of the new leaders to work out remedies, and that many of these have been efficacious can hardly be doubted by fair-minded men.

The west, in common with other parts of the country, has realized the advantages of a protective tariff, the reduction of federal taxes in the amount of \$2,000,000,000, the decrease of the national interest bearing debt by an equal amount, and the reduction of the expense of government by the discharge of more than 100,000 people from the national pay roll.

Let the good work go on. It can go on by returning to the White House and to the senate and house of representatives those men who are in sympathy with this program and who will push it to its successful conclusion.

Senator Warren has let it be known that he is in the hands of his constituents and that he will be guided by their wishes. He will run if they wish him to.

Is the only civil war veteran left in the senate to be shelved now? Is

Abe Martin

Th' worst drawback 't havin' a reputation fer bein' close-mouthed is that so much is expected of us when we do ut loose. 'O' course farmin' ain't what it might be, but folks that live out in 't country ought 't be glad they ain't steppin' on discarded chewin' gum all 't time.

Wyoming's first citizen, the man who, though never having tasted defeat, today stands as the dean of the west, at great deliberate body, to be ordered home just as his work is bearing its greatest fruit? The answer is up to the people. Let's give it right away, and let's make it emphatic.

The Matter With Our Fiction. From the Boston Transcript. Mrs. Katherine Fullerton Gerould is undoubtedly justified in assigning, as she did in a lecture on the modern novel at Yale, a slight superiority to the living English novelists as compared with the Americans. Some of us would be inclined to account for this superiority on the ground that the masters of the novel in England at this particular moment happen to be writing their own brain power and imagination, but Mrs. Gerould finds another reason. It is that America lacks a centralized civilization or background; we have no London, no Paris, at once the political and economic capital and the home of nine out of ten of our thinkers and writers, to inspire and form our literature. For this reason, the middle western group of authors, who do have a motive and a background, are the only group that may be called a school—the only one, perhaps we may say, that hangs together. Mrs. Gerould places Edith Wharton alone in her grandeur as the American novelist of the first rank.

It may be a presumption to quarrel with this judgment, but one really wonders to what extent London was responsible for the genius or the output of Hardy, Meredith or Kipling, or whether it did anything for Barrie or George Eliot that New York or Boston might not have done for country-born Americans, provided these Americans had possessed equal powers of mind and imagination. The call with us seems to be, perhaps in a larger degree, for genius, or for the attraction of genius to the field of literature, than for a particular center of civilization, though no one could deny the importance of such a center in making up the account. And the fact remains that in America fewer people learn to write than in England, and very many more undertake to write without knowing how.

In politics the only side that realizes how unprofitable reform is needed is the outside.—Trinidad Pickett.

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Daily Prayer

Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.—John 16:24. O God, our Father in Heaven, we worship Thy name, and bless Thee for Thyself. We acknowledge Thee to be the source and stay of our lives. We are Thy creatures. Thou wilt not leave us to suffer eternal woe; Thou wilt not leave us to lack for daily bread. We are Thy children; we believe ourselves descended from Thee. O grant that we may not neglect Thy Fatherhood in vain! Let us not stand either as aliens or orphans, but as the heirs of God through promise. Give us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may perfectly reveal us to Jesus Christ the Son. Give us to know Him, that we may abide in Him, and that His Word may abide in us. May neither prosperity nor the attentiveness of the world wear our thoughts and faith from Him. Pardon our sins and cleanse our hearts, that we may become a habitation of God through the Spirit, that Christ may dwell in us and we in Him. Guide and direct us in our intercourse with men. May our words and influence become a savor of life unto life. Show us how we may help to bring Thy Kingdom upon the earth. Admonish us in the days of health, nor forsake us in sickness and the hour of death. When our change shall come, give us to dwell forever in the house of Thy Fatherhood in Heaven, through the merit and grace of Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

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