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#### POPULATION CENTER OF NEBRASKA.

According to the census bureau at Washington, the center of population in Nebraska has shifted six miles on a line 1.5 miles northward and 5.8 miles westward. This may not mean much to anyone not in a mood to analyze statistics, but it has some significance. Chiefly it shows that the population of the western end of the state is coming nearer to a balance with that of the eastern

In this is found a further reason for disregarding the oldtime North and South Platte tradition, that used to govern in political councils, especially for the division of high officials. Long ago the South Platte lost its supremacy in political councils, although some of the old boys are not ready to admit it yet. The people of the state began to select their officials on the basis of merit or fitness for the job, and not with one eye cocked on his place of residence. This is as it ought to be, although several shifts have been made in order to get regional representation on the supreme court bench, the regents of the university and other places in the government where the rule might be applied. Eventually, the people may select all their officers from a single city block, if they actually be the ones who are best qualified for the places to be filled.

Getting back to the center of population, it is 5.8 miles south by west from Clarks, Merrick county.

#### SHOWING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

The Christmas shopping rush is on in full swing, and the stores are crowded to the limit. In spite of the fact that all of the stores have put on extra salesmen and saleswomen, there will be the usual last minute rush, and perhaps the usual heartburnings. But why delay the exhibition of your Christmas spirit until Christmas day? Why not exhibit some of it right now, some of it every day while you are doing your shopping? Your shopping expeditions occupy only a small portion of your time as individuals, but remember that the time of the saleswomen is from early morning until late in the evening.

You can make life a lot easier and a lot brighter for the girls and women behind the counters if you will show them some consideration, if you will bear in mind that they are subject to weariness of the flesh and exhibitions of human nature, even as you are. They are your sisters, human flesh and blood, and just as likely to be weary and worn out by their long hours of hard work as you are after your hour or two of shopping.

Show some of the Christmas spirit in your shopping by trying to make things just a bit easier and just a bit pleasanter for the salesgirls. A few smiles from your side of the counter will make shopping easier and service quicker, "Thank you" from your side of the counter will probably make the salesgirl's "thank you" a bit more sincere. Yes, you do not like to wait for your change or for your parcel, and you are in a hurry to get to another department, or back home, but you will not speed things up by snarling at the clerk who waits on you or voicing loud complaints because she does not disregard previous customers to wait on you. Be just a bit patient, just a bit good natured, just a bit more "Christmasey," if you please.

Things will be rushing for the next two weeks. Everybody will be busy. But is that any reason why we should not be good natured? Is it any reason why we should grow grouchy and take it out on the tired salesgirls who are on the go from morning until night, with aching feet and frazzled nerves and human feelings the same as yours?

Let some of the smiles and "thank yous" go across the counters from your side. The considerate shoppers will be able to scatter quite as much Christmas cheer during the next two weeks as they will on Christmas day when they distribute the gifts that were sold to them and wrapped by the salesgirls. It doesn't mean much to the individual shopper, but it means a lot to the girls behind the

### BIBLE STILL THE BEST SELLER.

From time to time the advertising pages bloom with announcement of some popular book that has reached an unusual number of printings, and taken rank among the best sellers. One of these books is said to have reached as many as 1,000,000 copies; most of them stop far short of that mark, and one that goes as high as 50,000 is looked upon as having a remarkable run.

What is the best seller among all the books printed? The Holy Bible outranks them all. Accounts have been coming in of Bibles as old as 400 years, now owned in Nebraska. It is not to be wondered at that the first book to be printed was the Bible. No more fitting combination can be conceived than that the wonderful agency, that of movable type, should first be employed to release to the people of God's world God's word. So the first printers reverentially gave their earliest and best efforts to printing the Bible, and the care they expended in that work is attested by the fact that copies of the Guttenberg Bible, the first printed volume produced by man from movable types, still exists.

Some figures from the report of the American Bible society are of interest. From 1853 to 1922, inclusive, this society printed and distributed 20,-956,316 Bibles, at the rate of 286,518 per year, or almost 1,000 copies a day for 70 years. In 1922 the society issued 442,869 Bibles, 615,958 Testaments, and 3,504,240 portions, or a total of 4,563,067 volumes. In the 107 years of the society's history it has put out a total of 151,153,588 volumes of scrip-

Any need to expound the eloquence of these figures? Do they not convey their own message, and are they not inspiring to those who regard the Bible as the best possible guide for both here and here-

Those eleven new democratic senators exhibit characteristic modesty in demanding the choice committees. By characteristic modesty is meant the kind that impels the average democrat to demand what he is least justified in asking, and claiming to be able to do what he is least able to do

#### SMOKE GOES UP THE CHIMNEY.

Now that winter may soon be upon us, Omaha may as well get ready for the annual soot bath. It is too bad that the city and its people are compelled annually to undergo the deluge of uncomsumed carbon, since that is what soot consists of, but seemingly we must. One of the big items in the cost of living in this or any other community is the fuel bill, and it is not to our credit in any sense that fully half the potential service of that fuel is wasted. Most of this goes up the chimney in the form of smoke, unconsumed gasses, useless smudge, to dim the sky,

consumed gasses, useless smudge, to dim the sky, offend the nostrils and soil the linen of the multitudes that use the streets.

A smoke consuming furnace is not absolutely essential to a reduction of the smoke nuisance. Careful firing of an ordinary furnace will get heat and fuel economy at the same time, and without undue smoke. Whenever a smoke stack beliches forth great clouds of smoke, it is a sure sign that the furnace thas just been heaped full of coal, and the door closed. Every particle of the smoke is wasted fuel, unconsumed gas that, had the stoking been properly done, would have been burned in the furnace and added its quota to the resultant heat.

Men who own the buildings where the smoke pours out intermittently during the day in cold

pours out intermittently during the day in cold weather might do well to interest themselves in this. A little correction of fire room practices will maybe not only do away with a considerable percentage of the fuel bill, but also aid materially in brightening the vista from a downtown window by cutting down the smoke clouds.

Prince Alexander of Schaumberg-Lippe killed himself because he was not allowed to marry the girl he loved. Lucky girl, to escape marrying a fellow who couldn't keep a stiff upper Lippe and marry where he pleased.

Are our great universities slipping? Comes now Notre Dame with the notice that its football schedule will be cut from 10 games to eight because the longer schedule interferes with class work of the team members.

A Philadelphia brother has prescribed conditions on which all may go to heaven, but only those who accept his creed. That man is likely to be surprised some day at folks he meets inside the pearly gates.

A judge admitting that his threatened punishment was a joke is calculated to make a lot of people believe that some judges are about as much of a joke as some of the laws they pretend to enforce.

The Birmingham News says the world's champion pessimist is the man who refused to take one of Henry Ford's checks. And now you have one guess as to who is the world's champion optimist.

The local federal land bank looms up with assets of \$100,000,000 if you are looking for a real financial institution. As the assets rest on farm lands in the vicinity, they are worth full value.

A Missouri man who was bitten by a dog recov-

ered \$600 from the dog's owner. Men bitten by the presidential bug will have to grin and bear it, there being nobody to sue for damages.

complain about in the president's message, which was not written with the thought of pleasing the hardboiled democrats in the senate.

adio waves in any particular direction. This may be all right until two people want to use the same air at the same time.

A Minnesota woman has been sentenced to five years for manslaughter because the automobile she was driving killed a pedestrain. This may excite comment in Nebraska.

nating "Doc" Cook in the checker contest, but the courts very successfully eliminated him from the oil stock promotion game.

Those Texas convicts may not succeed in elimi-

Not much evidence of a combine when a Des Moines insurance company comes to Omaha and snatches a nice chunk of business away from the

Governor Bryan thinks he will try to get along without an extra session of the legislature. He does not want to blow up what he considers a good cam-

How much water can a cow drink? This question was brought up in one of our local courts, but the answer was not that the cow ought to be water proofed.

Conditions in Europe are not so bad that the countries over there are unmindful of the fact that the Monroe doctrine is mighty sound and strong for

Courts that complain about the growing disrespect for courts should bear in mind that the courts only wink at his infraction of such temptations lurk and snares are set. are accorded about all the respect they are entitled

The threat of the movie magnates to leave Los Angeles is calculated to incite other municipalities to reinforce their sanitary ordinances.

The courthouse chimney has a right to smoke; that is what it was built for, but it ought to do so in more decorous manner.

Delay of a bowl of cracked ice cost three lives in a Chicago dance hall. The hot head certainly needed the ice.

Some men are awfully lucky that courts can not fine or imprison for contempt felt but carefully sup-

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

TRUE GOLD.

When one begins the journey that leads him to his Goal, And to celestial regions where all that counts is Soul-We think not of the riches his tircless toil has brought But of the marks eternal his kindliness has wrought.

And if he has been proven a husband tried and true, A cheerful, faithful brother, a loving father, too-A comrade of his neighbors and loyal to the end-The world will long remember and prize him as a friend.

It's not cold wealth that measures a mortal for his worth. Nor monuments colossal that give the most to earth; But rather it is being a faithful, kindly one

That wins the praise of others-and counts when day

# "The People's Voice"

#### All Not Junk That Rattles,

law for automobile drivers, which one of the players was an attache of was approved by the Tenth Ward a foreign embassy. Near his chair Improvement club, contained this was an interpreter. It was ever so

bootlegger who drives a high-priced finally saying to me: "If the senor discussion of all the means of making party in the coming campaign.

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the sailor of whom you speak. Then agree that America should bear a a congressman from Kansas explain-payments yet to make on it.

One law abiding citizen has as much rights to the streets and highways as another, regardless of the interpreter explained to his chief, the interpreter explained to his chief.

a Bee: Have been reading with in- language just like "that's good." terest your proposal to license drivers of automobiles, which for safety's sake, seems an excellent idea, as through such procedure, reckless I made the discovery that one of my driving and speeding, of course, shall cards was a club, whereas I thought be reduced, but I cannot approve of all five of my cards were spades. And the scheme if the proposed ordinance the scheme if the proposed ordinance the and Englishman at the table told requires that deaf mutes be not allowed to drive their cars. The thing had intimidated the foreigner who is being stretched too far, then. I am could not speak my language. I guess a deaf mute and have driven my car he meant to convey the idea that I for over three years without having was a blawsted bluffer at whist. troubled anyone, not even have I ran over a stray dog or fowl. Then why, tell most careful deaf mute drivers From the Minneapolis Tribune: that they cannot use their cars on Omaha streets? There can be but one answer to this question, other the New Republic so to posture themthan to suggest a touch of prejudice is being enacted into the proposed ordinance.

Selves on current issues that they will appear isolated and conspicuous. It would be interesting to know what

have in the course of my three years of driving caught sight of speeding fire trucks, stopped and steered my gravely in doubt about the wisdom of Dr. Buftler's definition of liberalism

the deaf mutes to drive their cars, because they know the deaf, as a prule, are keen-eyed, adapt and versatile in matters. Is Omaha going to deny licenses to deaf mutes just because it thinks it is above these cause in any particular direction. This may all right until two people want to use the same at the same at the same at the same time.

That would be a dreadful mess, they have a damonish, and since we are a prosper admonish, and since we are a prosper admonish, and since we are a prosper admonish, and since we are a prosper. The ous people, "we would be prudent to deny licenses to deaf mutes just because they know the deaf, as a rule, are keen-eyed, adapt and versatile in matters. Is Omaha going to deny licenses to deaf mutes just because they know the deaf, as a rule, are keen-eyed, adapt and versatile in matters. Is Omaha going to deny licenses to deaf mutes just because they know the deaf, as a rule, are keen-eyed, adapt and versatile in matters. Is Omaha going to deny licenses to deaf mutes just because they know the deaf, as a they would be a dreadful mess, they have a demonish, and since we are a prosper admonish, and since we are a prosper admonish, and since we are a prosper admonish, and since we are a prosper. The would be a dreadful mess, they have a different course, the light of the people is may be admonish, and since we are a prosper admonish and particular for a supplier supplier. The course it thinks it is above these cause it thinks it is above these caus

LEO R. HOLWAY.

Critic of Prohibition. Omaha—To the Editor of the Oma-na Bee: I have noticed from time to umn, and while I am, personally, very well satisfied with the absence of sations and have no difference of satisfied with the absence of satisfied with the ons and have no difficulty in avoiding the bootleggers. I realize that it is One thing that amuses me most is

ic officials, urging the people to "sup-ort the constitution and strictly obey the law until modified or repealed. If universally obeyed, when would it ever be repealed?
I actually heard, recently, a prom-

ent local orator make the above plea and then, in the next few moments, he was glorifying our forefathers for breaking the laws of their time and It all depends on how you look

No law was ever repealed if respect ed and obeyed by a large majority of the people; but, if passed by a bare najority and neither respected observed by a considerable portion of that majority as well as by all or a large part of the minority, it be-comes simply a question of paid officials shutting off the supply and forc. of the earth. Thou art worthy of our ing compliance. It is so hard, how-daily love and constant gratitude ess of fermentation.

n the breaking. Say what you will, evil one.
t is less a matter of "what the law Help t think about it and what chance of drously blessed by Thee. Grant that detection by interested officials." I believe that the prohibitory law proscribes the manufacture, sale or casts out suspicion and fear. We conre than "one-half of one per cent" ridiculous and unenforcible. It breaks the law no more to drink 50 per cent

whisky than it does to utilize a fruit juice that has stood for a couple of Today, in our family worship, we weeks on a pantry shelf.

GEORGE H. LEE.

## Center Shots

Historians are discussing European possibilities in a manner implying foubt as to whether the great war was ever actually finished.—Washing

The assassin of a Bulgarian minis ter at Prague has been imprisoned for This will warn him that i he murders anybody really important he is likely to draw a heavy fine. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE OMAHA BEE A New York jury has awarded a voman a verdict for \$5,000 for a stolen kiss which the man in the case says he never got. When business en erprises of that kind are entered upon nowadays all parties should ist on receipts in black and white for every transaction -- Kansas City Star

Dr. Mayo has declared that met have only 25 per cent control of their edily activities. Which puts the ent off .- Louisville Courier-Journal.

Those who go to church may lear nore about heaven, but those who cutoing on Sundays get there first. Canton News.

# "From State and Nation" -Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Why America Is Wanted.

capital away from the loan.

There is, however, only one answer

on's note there is no object in Amer-

Liberalism Versus Radicalism.

mentum of majority determination.

Dr. Biftler's definition of liberalism

Haves in liberty and justice. Libe

ism is having one of its hardest fig

Old Sam Jackson rose from his seat,

demanding: "What about me, Mr

the aged sinner. Brother Johnson

said tensely: "Never you mind, Mr

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modify his recalcitrance.

Despite Secretary Hughes' very

Whist as Played in Washington. | would be if it were under a benev Did you ever play cards with a man the editorial office of the New Repubwho did not know how to speak your All Not Junk That Rattles.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Oma | you did not know how to speak? It a Bee: In your news columns an is very interesting. Last evening I tem regarding the proposed license held a seat at a whist table where Last evening I

who works six days a week, highly his speech is unfathomable, not ca-respected in his neighborhood, but pable of being reproduced in the lan-But M. Poincare's most earnest derespected in his neighborhood, but his character is disputed because he takes his family for a ride on Sunday afternoon in a "bunch of junk." There is no such word in the language of Illens on same.

I am in favor of the proposed license law, but not to discriminate against a man just because he does not have a swell car and a lot of payments yet to make on it.

But M. Poincare's most earnest of sire to get American participation in whatever inquiry is made is easily understood. Nothing can be done in Europe without money. Sound money is going to be needed for the restoration of German currency. A foreign loan will be requisite. All sides agong the surprise payments yet to make on it. ejaculated something which

DRIVER OF A "BUNCH OF JUNK." sounds in some languages like the political effects at home and the Defends Deaf Drivers.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omalike "gute," and in our own Nebraska like "gute," and in our own Nebraska literation in our own Nebraska like "gute," and in our own Nebraska

#### Why Can't We See This Light?

It requires no small ingenuity at times on the part of the wise men of Science knows that deaf mutes are these savants would do to improve quicker of eye than hearing people, because of their loss they depend on Lord's Prayer, the beautitudes and their eyes threefold, and this, together with their wonderful ability to obscientiously than hearing people. I refer you to the great Helen Keller—the less said of her is enough. refer you to the great Helen Keller— planets are functioning a hundred per the will or sanction of the majority, the less said of her is enough. I cent strong in the test of this earthly from the consent of the governed,

of driving caught sight of specials of fire trucks, stopped and steered my car to make way for their right of way. Two of these instances were when they were coming along from behind my head.

Dr. Biftler's definition of liberalism is worth memorizing. Here it is:

"To begin with, liberalism is rather a temper, an attitude, a state of mind, by inquire these sages, if, after we have the same of the country. What would happen, bland-ly inquire these sages, if, after we have a same of the country. We found our the same of the country when they were coming along from the country. We found our the wisdom of the car to make way for their right of reducing federal taxation, or in other is worth memorizing. Here it is:

"To begin with, liberalism a temper, an attitude, a state of mind, then a fixed and definite creed. It The great cities of Chicago, New York, Detroit, and others permit of the deaf mutes to drive their cars, ways and pay their owners in cash?" than a fixed and definite creed. It looks backward in order to learn whence man has come and what his experience has been. It looks for-

maha streets with their cars, for plunge into the country's activities as business man. The New Republic Here's hoping your ordinance suc should not stop with proposals that cent scale; it should counsel us to increase taxes heavily so that we we keep on paying taxes on the remay have a good sized volume of cash on hand to make generous first pay-ments on purchases. Obviously Secretary Mellon has not In the end liberalism will prevail nents on purchases.

from what we have read and heard, throught a long, perspiring evening to not even the long-visioned progres convince his colored congregation of sives in congress have been able to the dreadful fate of those who re one thing that amuses me most is comprehend in their great wisdom mained unsaved.

The plea from press, pulpit, and public and foresight all that is envisaged in the concluded, "And the wicked with the concluded," "And the wicked with the concluded, "And the wicked with the concluded, "And the wicked with the concluded," "And the wicked with the concluded, "And the wicked with the concluded with the co this editorial sanctum. They appear shall be cast into outer darkness; there to agree with Secretary Mellon that shall be wailing and gnashing of taxes should be reduced, and there is teeth. very little doubt that an overwhelmmajority of the taxpayers are gropheir way with blinded eyes, to- Johnson? unable to catch out of the haze Leaning taily unable to catch out of the haze Leaning far over the pulpit and the light that the New Republic floods shaking a long, bony foreinger at

> What a land of happiness, prosper What a land of happiness, but this lity and even-handed justice this be provided. —Everybody's Magazine.

# Daily Prayer

O God and Father of all the families stop the very common pro-fermentation. Thou knowest we can never be other than children crying to Thee for food No exhortation to "obey the law" raiment and shelter for our susten-will have any effect upon one who ance and protection. We stretch our knows that a great majority of his friends and acquaintances will not paths we cannot know, beside which to the paths we cannot know, beside which to the paths we cannot know, beside which to be set the paths we cannot know, beside which to be set the paths we cannot know, beside which to be set the paths we cannot know, beside which to be set the paths we cannot know, beside which to be set the paths we cannot know, beside which the paths we cannot know, be set the paths which is the paths which is the paths which is the paths which is the paths which we cannot know, be set the paths which is raiment and shelter for our susten

Help us to appreciate our earthly and more "what your own people family relations, established and wongood will among all of its members never be enforced so long as it by that love for one another which of anything containing secrate it with all its interests to Thy care and service, that the yearning Such limitation is in itself of our hearts for Thy approval and in dwelling may bring us godliness with

> confess our sins that He Who is faith ul may forgive and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. As we go forth o our individual tasks, give us cour uce, strength, patience and that wiswhich cometh down from above to be entreated, full of good works. All of these blessings we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. PRESIDENT I. N. McCASH. LL.D.,

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# LISTENING IN

The Omaha Bee having asserted that Hi Johnson's keynote was pitched in the treble cleff, comes now the Kearnev Hub to insist that it is pitched in the trouble cleff.

Ol Man Weekes of the Norfolk News hopes that if there are automobiles in heaven they will be the kind definite and very negative reply to that never need repairs. He doesn't

illowing democrats to vote in republican primaries, and vice versa. The Lisco Tribune is first-paging

Al Mathers run for the senate: And the Tribune demands that Norris run for governor. The Curtis Enterprise wants to orcanize a Coolidge club, not for political purposes, "but in order that some

Gus Buechler of the Grand Island Independent quotes a minister as say-ing that the word damn would clear the atmosphere at many a deacons' Outside of the full and free inquiry meeting. Gus takes this as an intima-which Secretary Hughes had in mind tion that the minister is going to make which Secretary roughly to Lord Curan especial appeal to golfers.

can participation in the reparations The Central City Nonpareil says it is high time to remodel our jury laws and make it possible to secure an in-telligent jury to try a murder case.

courage to preach the gospel of gen-eric liberalism in these days of dicta-Don VanDusen of the Blair Pilot torial regulation of opinion. The man who does so must believe firmly in his rights and in the rights of his fellows, and he must care nothing of the penaland he must care nothing of the penal-ties which may be visited on him for of a custard pie from clinging to his A Handy Place to Eat boldly opposing a trend, which, in its ears. various forms, seems to have the mo-

E. W. Huse of the Wayne Herald is None is so open or positive in anpositive in an-bureaucracy. and other materialistic tendencies and

# Abe Martin



No wonder a bank takes advan age o' ever' holiday an' locks up Gene Westervelt of the Scottsbluff Anybuddy that's ever stepped on Republican thinks he knows what's chewin' gum will study a long time the matter with politics. He says it is before they'll be fer Johnson and Wrigley.

double-leaded, pica demand that we are going on to a fall and will have to start civilization all over again. Has anybody been slipping a pair of blue glasses into Brer Huse's spectacle case?

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J. R. Sutherland asserts in the Te kamah Herald that the world never people may learn to keep their mouths looks upside down to the fellow who keeps himself right side up.

Ole Buck ventures the opinion through the Harvard Courier that Shallenberger's filing for another term in congress has taken a load off

Governor Bryan's mind. The Beatrice Express declares that this country's greatest need is an election or two that will draw world series crowds to the polling booths.

. . . Billy Westervelt, who was brought up in his father's print shop in Ger-ing and Scottsbluff, has gone over into

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