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### OUR FAITHFUL BURDEN BEARERS.

In all the rush and bustle and worry of the Christmas shopping season, did you pause for a moment to give thought to the men who have been so patiently struggling to deliver the enormous mass of Christmas mail?

Oh, to be sure they get paid for it. And if they don't like their jobs they can quit. But that does not do away with the fact that if they shirked on the job; if they slowed up at this particular season of the year, Santa Claus would have a much harder time getting around, and your Christmas would lose a lot of his happiness and cheer. No matter what the weather-and fortunately for the mail carriers in these parts it has been unusually pleasant this Christmas season-the mail carrier is always on the job. You can come mighty near setting your watch by his daily visits. He is often compelled to carry a burden that only a hard-hearted prospector would pile on the back of a patient burro. But the mail carrier never balks, and he usually makes his rounds with a smile on his face, although his feet may be throbbing with pain and his back aching like a sore

Practically every day in the year he makes his rounds, but never is he more welcome than during the Christmas season, when he comes with mail bag stuffed to the limit and his arms piled high with the token from distant loved one. Christmas means more hard work to him, a doubling of duty, with a consequent doubling of physical and mental strain.

Most of us are prone to take the mail carrier's work as a mere matter of course. We are very apt to overlook the hard labor entailed as he brings us our daily messages of joy or sorrow, love or sadness, smiles or tears. Who can reckon the romances in which he plays a part all unknown to himself? Who can figure how many the tragedies of life in which he plays an innocent part?

Why not take a few minutes off to show some visible appreciation of his faithful services through storm and sunshine during the last year?

Of course he will get his pay check in due time, but that isn't enough. You know how it is yourself -a word now and then of appreciation makes the day brighter and the work easier. Try it on your mall carrier.

### WILLIAM D. M'HUGH.

William D. McHugh missed being a judge of the federal district court for life because a republican tor from Nebraska favored another democrat. Retring from the bench after almost a year of serbecause he was not confirmed by the senate, e McHugh devoted himself to the practice of law with such success that his material reward was far more ample than could have come from the judgeship. Nor was he deprived of opportunity for public service, for he got a full chance to be useful to the people as attorney in the celebratmits between the city and the old water com-

His talent as a lawyer brought him the position of chief counsel for the International Harvester company, where he spent the last four years of his life. For more than 30 years he was active at the bar in Omaha, and won for himself an honorable place in the roster of local fame. A democrat in politics, he was true to the best traditions of his party, and was held in high esteem by its leaders. He did not seek office, and his selection by Grover Cleveland to fill the vacancy left by Hon. E. S. Dundy on the federal bench was a tribute to his fitness for the job, rather than a reward for partisan ef-

Judge McHugh had other attributes than those of a successful lawyer. He took his place as a genfal, companionable man in society, and had a deep interest in all that went on around him. It was but natural that such a man should have many warm personal friends, and to these the news of his death, anticipated as it had been, came as a shock. Billy McHugh will not soon be forgotten in Omaha.

## "LOSERS WEEPERS: FINDERS KEEPERS."

Let us hope that final judgment of the world does not rest upon a test recently made in London. A New Zealander and a London reporter conreived the big idea of trying the people of the metropolis by a practical test of their honesty. Accordingly they dropped in various parts of the city 10 wallets, the outward or visible aspect of which denoted wealth. A wallet, you know, in London is what in Omaha we call a pocketbook. Of the 10 dropped only four were returned, which leads to the snapshot conclusion that but 40 per cent of the people are honest.

On the surface this may appear correct, for the supposition is that in each instance the finder was supposed to know the loser. Submit the test to a little closer examination. Naturally, one is surprised at the sudden appearance of a fat-looking pocketbook on the sidewalk. In a crowd it is not always possible to tell who dropped it, and so it is permissible for the finder to examine its contents. Finding them, as in this instance, to consist of bits of blank paper and torn envelopes, chagrin would give way to disgust, and the finder would quickly rid himself of his treasure trove and give it no more thought.

Then, there is a more or less reasonable expectation that the one who loses a considerable sum of money is willing to pay a reward to have it returned. Whether this is morally or ethically sound, it is a very general practice for the finder under such circumstances to wait for an announcement from the loser. The law even recognizes this, by vesting title in the finder if after due diligence he fails to discover the owner.

Such a test as that made in London is not a fair one. It merely discloses that people act much the same when confronted by such a state of facts, no matter in what part of the world they are located.

Now we are getting "Mussolini's Message to America." Takes a lot of cheek for any of the European leaders to address advice to this country.

A convict at Sing Sing has been pardoned because he is a good actor. Most of them get in because they are bad actors.

### VENGEANCE AGAINST THE DEAD.

Long before King Tut was carefully packed and filed away for future reference, the Egyptians had very well developed notions with regard to the service of burial. The court of the dead was held on earth as well as in the nether regions, where Osiris presided as supreme judge, and the body to which burial was denied after solemn trial, was covered in the sands on the shore of the lake, and left there to

It was not a fancy with these people, for they held that the soul that had done evil only in the world, and had offended the gods by its misconduct. did not deserve to find a body waiting when it had completed its journey to the west, but should be left to wander forever in the darkness and suffer accordingly. Other peoples held similar ideas. At one time in England a suicide was buried at a crossroads and a stake was driven through the body, to prevent its ever rising to haunt any of its earthly neighbors. Certain classes of offenders have long been refused interment in consecrated ground.

Down in Maine, a man, presumably insane, for only a maniac could have committed his terrible deeds, was refused burial in the cemetery, and was laid to rest in a shallow grave scooped out in one corner of the farm he owned. Not even there could he rest, for in the night his corpse was exhumed and burned in the cottage he had lived in.

How can any justice, human or divine, be measured by an indignity visited on a corpse? Whatever this man was or was not, he had gone to face the bar of eternal justice, and the miserable lump of clay that had been the tenement of his immortal part was insensible to praise or blame. Detestation for his crimes is natural, but it might have been better expressed than by the ghoulish act that crowned his infamy with a greater.

### TERROR OF A WILD FLIGHT.

Readers of Victor Hugo never forget his description of the havoc wrought by the great cannon which broke loose from its moorings during a storm at sea. Nothing more vivid has ever been set down in words, describing the potential malice of an inanimate object set in motion by forces that merely act upon and not through it. The flight of the Dixmude offers a similar field to one gifted with sufficient imagination.

The great airship, with 52 men on board, is floating helpless in the upper air, and has been for several days. What ultimately will happen to it can be conjectured; gas may be liberated by the is now being made to more intensive land Plain Dealer. rupture of one or more of the inflated bags; an explosion may cause the wreck of the big balloon; its crew may be powerless to aid themselves; airplanes may be sent in pursuit, and relief be furnished in spectacular fashion; any one of a number of things may occur, but the fascination will cling to the great misadventure.

The men on board are enduring privation as well as danger, for the food supply they took with them was limited, and normally would be exhausted within four days. What else they have endured while their vessel was tossed and driven by the gales that held them in sport will not be known until the wild ride is over, but speculation will clothe the experience with much of dread.

A French air officer is quoted as saying the ship and crew are lost, also that none may guess the suffering the men on board are sustaining. Whether he is right or wrong, the affair is getting worldwide attention, as it deserves. Nature still laughs at man, and swoops down on him at the most unexpected moments.

The gesture of the prosecuting attorney of the and producers of the middlewest is a rate structure that puts the middleby a Napoleon, but one wonders if it is a crime that lake cities. Even then the east would one's name appears on a written list? You know a have an advantage in being nearer the bootlegger has a right to copy anything he fancies.

Dandelions, crickets and other signs of spring may fool some folks, but the robins have not yet returned, and until they and the ducks trek to the north it will be as well to keep the home fires burn-

"French money was very weak vesterday." burbles Mr. Brisbane in a recent kolm. Must be pretty weak around these parts, very little being able to creep into pockets within our ken.

Ruthenburg, executive secretary of the Worker's party, says that Secretary Hughes forged the Zinoviev letter. That ought to end the argument.

Governor Bryan should give Jerry Howard plenary power, that the absence of the executive from the state may not stop the wheels of progress.

Ford-for-President club will carry on, it is announced. Its promoters have nothing else to do,

and are averse to idleness. Another marketing plan to help the farmer is about to be devised. How is he ever going to keep

track of them all? One thing in favor of the Mellon plan is that it will take less figuring to arrive at the amount of

The early bird at the filing office gets first publicity, but he will not be lonesome on primary day.

Cider is not a soft drink, says the United States court. No, not when it's hard.

Poincare isn't Santa Claus.

# Homespun Verse

-By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

## I'VE HAD THE BUDGET FEVER.

I've had the Budget fever and I've tried to make it go I've planned ahead and saved for that which ever I've thought I had the problems solved-like people will, you know-

But something always seems to come to prove my judgment wrong.

've figured living pretty close and itemized my bills, And set a day when they'd be paid to my heartfelt

delight, But "Blunderbuss, near-sighted cuss," I say as ills and Increase the debts I owe until I dread the things in

Though we may plan for rainy days, and follow Bud-

We learn that printed pages don't forever prove their We have to trust to Providence and figure-if we do-

We'll keep from going hungry as long as we're on And if we can escape the worst there's reason for

There's ecstasy in trying, though we fail to get ahead; There's history in making to encourage and beguile The others who will struggle for subsistence when The Omaha Morning Bee: Friday, December 28, 1923-

## "From State and Nation"

-Editorials from Other

### Our Forestry Problem.

From the Minneapolis Tribune. The American people are coming Are growing dim by many a tear lowly but surely to a realization that 'Tis time that made it so. onstitute a very important economic actor in the life and welfare of the Which graced her pretty brow, nation. They are indebted to Raphael Could not withstand time's load on of the United States Department of Agriculture, University farm, It is changed to silver now among others, for a clear and impres-sive presentation of the case as it af From Mother's cheeks so soft and pink ects the interests of both town and Thou, too, hast taken toll; Seeing her, I sometimes think

that the forest question be thought of and dealt with in terms of crops that have gone should be considered, he says, as a vital phase of agriculture. It requires many years to produce a crop of usable trees, but there nothing in the economic necessity You meet time face to face, make them hesitate to undertake tree And years like autumn leaves opping. On the contrary there is You can not stop time's pace. bundance of reason why they should

have made a careful estimate that an increase in population to 150,000,000 by 1950 or 1952 will call for an increase of not more than 35,000,000 As any e're could be, acres of productive farm lands. In the states of Michigan, Wisconsin and the states of Michigan are also as the states of Michigan and the states of Michigan are also as the states of Michigan are als 00,000 acres of cut-over lands. Som of this land can be made profitable for agricultural purposes by right methods and choices of farm production, but a great deal of it can much better be rededicated to forestry pur-poses, even if timber crops thereon were not available for use for decade

Unused areas of cut-over lands yield little or nothing in revenue in the sas City Star. there must be schools and roads, pay ment for the building and maintenance of which must come largely out of the pockets of city people. In the long way as well as the short way the cities have a sumstantial direct interest in the productive usefulness of cut-over lands, whether for farmriculture of the sort which diversifled farming implies, fewer cultivable res will serve larger consumptive needs, and there will thus be still reason for reforesting those lands that are not well adapted for profitable farming.

It has been estimated that at the past and present rate even the better | Eagle. areas of Minnesota cut-over lands would not be taken up for agricul-tural purposes for a hundred years. Meantime, the last forest frontiers are being heavily invaded, lumber is becoming more and more expensive, and the demand for wood materials growing despite the use of steel,

concrete and other substitutes.

These are some of the considerations that go to make the forestry problem increasingly important as an economic question, and there are

### Freight Rate Structure. m the Kansas City Times.

The rate revision demanded by the niddlewest is not merely lower rates on farm products. Farm product rates are of first importance. That is all.

Middlewestern rates must be such as to encourage the locating of manufactories and other big industries in the cities and towns. If unbalanced rates continue to give cities on the Great Lakes and the Atlantic seaboard the flagrant advantages those sec-tions always have enjoyed there can be no substantial growth in the markets in or near the western field of production. That would be bad for production. That would be bad for the railroads as well as the public. It is within the power of the Interstate Commerce commission to reconstruct the rate schedules so as to eliminate the gross injustice to the middlewest. Since the earnings of the roads are governed by the rates ordered by the commission, a redis-tribution of the charges would not cessarily make any difference in

What the middlewest insists upon is a square deal at last. It is tired building of the east and the lake cities at its own expense. It is tired of the "density of population" argument. The lesser density of certain sections of the west is offset by the greater expenses of terminals and operation in the congested parts of the east. There is nothing to that. The mid-dlewest is not obliged to listen pa-tiently to the argument any longer

than it is disposed to.

This is not demagoguery. Indeed. the demagogue has no place in the campaign. It would get along a lot better without him. But the fight has to be made. It is going to take a lot of aggressive, but level-headed fighters to win it.

are some merits in this practice, as it pect to repay before the beginning of the next year, but at the same time it is one of the brakes that the Chin-ese put on progress. If the restrains persons from borrowing more than they reasonably can ex-pect to repay before the beginning of the western commercial world does business on loans for 90 days or less, large number of them are regularly enewed and actually are for long eriods. Cities and states, great corporations and farmers make loans for 10, 40 or 50 years. It is by such means that idle money is put to work and becomes capital in the hands of the borrower. No great enterprise exists in the United States without a large permanent debt and some-times an equally large floating debt. The lender is really a partner in such an enterprise. He gets a definite re-turn on his share of the investment —usually not large—but has a first vency, and may or may not have any usiness.

Possibly the Chinese system of pay ing off all debts on New Year's day is one of the chief reasons that coun ry accumulates little capital of its wn, its industry is stagnant or stationary and the mass of the people live a miserable life. The want of apital, which the socialists denounce condemns the average Chinese to n better than his great-grandfather had.

Oh, time what havoc thou hast played Around my dear old home Canst thou not stop, thy tide be stayed And not at wanton roam?

Mother

Why. Mother's eyes once brown and clear, With radiant youth aglow,

forest preservation and reforestation That Spartan wreath of nut brown

It is the essence of the Zon counsel Thou thief, where is thy goal? From Mother's voice, ah, therein lies

and not in terms of the mine. The The charm that baffles time, production of trees to replace those Though steps grow slow, and dim the

dopt tree culture on an expansive But when you gaze at Mother dear Cale.

When you clasp her time-worn hand,
According to Mr. Zon, economists Her eyes are just as brown and clear As back in childhood's land.

## Center Shots

luck in the world is when the teacher assigns his heart's desire a lot of extra work and she doesn't have time to answer his note the same day.—Kan-

18 derived its name from the number of states, but we are wondering now whether it may not be from the number of third parties it has attempted to launch.-Chicago Evening Post.

it cannot be denied that the bloc shipper to ask for rate reductions members are right in demanding rea-Chicago court decides that a woman who complained that she had washed dishes for 20 years is entitled to a vasonable consideration from the regular organizations of the old parties. The

Nobody is much surprised by the news that the Krupp officials have been released by the French govern-The martyrizing of individual Germans is no part of the great game of Poincare, though this is distinct tively a freeze-out game.-Brooklyn

justice in Saxony recently granted a pardon in exchange for a bushel of tatoes. At least the official's policy the following states lay aside party exhibited as much intelligence as some pardoning governors in this country have shown .- Detroit Free

In Chicago a man who killed another was acquitted because nobody so a number of the southern states, could prove that the dead man had It means a large number of members ever been alive. The law ought to of congress are determined offensive some of its comedies.-Glovers-

Life sometimes proves a series of disappointments, but few are worse than finding that the spare tire has no air in it .-- Huntington Advertiser.

What is essential to both consumers the withdrawal of a single president from the fight with their own self- of the 28 persons lynched in 1923.

## The Spice of Life

"Kind sor, I have no home." Some times I envy men like you My home has two mortgages on it. -Louisville Courier-Journal.

"De hardest housin' problem in our settlement," said Uncle Eben, "is git-tin' de people dat sho' nuff belongs dar, in jail."—Washington Star.

Beggar-Kind sir, will ye give m a dime for a bed? '24 (cautiously)-Let's see the bed first .- Purple Cow "I hope," said Uncle Eben, "dat a

way will be discovered yet foh one part of de human race to reform another part without allus startin' some kind of a fight."—Washington Star. "Do you have to see a doctor be-

fore you get booze in this town?"
"No, afterwards."—Harvard Lam-"Why is the little fellow crying?"

"Because he can't have a holiday."
"Why can't he have a holiday?" "Because he doesn't go to school et!"-Meggendorfer Blaetter (Mu-

"What's the matter with Smith? Got lumbago or spinal curvature or "No, he has to walk that way to tit some shirts his wife made for hlm."—Exchange.

# Daily Prayer

Where Debt Paying Is Overdone.

From the St. Paul Dispatch.

Chinese in this country, as well as in their native land, are preparing to celebrate New Year's day by paying debts and starting the new year with a clean financial slate, as has been their custom for centuries. There

Our gracious Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the light this morn ing. Endue our hearts with gratitude and love for the blessings of the past it is one of the brakes that the Chinese put on progress. If the same that we may render the custom prevailed among white races, all modern business would come to a standstill. The Chinese plan prohibits loans for longer than one year that the company the company that the company the company that the company th its loans for longer than one year that we may realize and appreciate or even for a shorter time. Though every day of our lives that we owe every day of our lives that we owe all to Thee and that all the good things of life come from Thy mercy and gracious kindness. All this we ask for Christ's sake. Amen. GEORGE T. JESTER, Corsicana, Tex.

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W. H. QUIVEY,
(Seal) Notary Public.

# "THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

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

consumer, and live by their wits.

There is no doubt about certain lo-

tical battles ever staged in Washing-ton, and regardless of the final re-

sult, or which element is successful

vided in the coming election next fall.

The "old guard" wants it distinctly

own and control Washington and con-

rule has been: The people will re-ceive consideration only when they

advance on bended knee, and the fight

now is to see whether certain weak members can be induced to straighten

up their legs and stand and fight for what is right.

It is no trifling matter to witness

done so: Idaho, North and South Da-

Wisconsin,

kota, Minnesota,

gress in everything that is done. The

# Demanding Fair Play. | tial election coming on next year it The Omaha Bee: What condition in if a tremendous effort is not made our public life has called into ex-istence the "farm bloc," and what is offering moderate concessions to certhe bloc endeavoring to accomplish? tain members. The farm bloc, so-called, consists of a number of republican and democratic senators and congressmen, who the railroads, and the repeal of the

have agreed to refuse to be bound Esch-Cummins act, with the results by partisan caucus decisions when-ever certain legislative propositions is not surprising, for the people know ever certain legislative propositions favoring special interests are before congress for passage, and primarily the object in view is to secure the passage of just laws in the interest of the whole people—opposition to predatory political vultures is the purpose of this bloc.

No particular locality or class of producers is favored, and the object in view is to safeguard industrial life against the insidious assaults of organized, speculative, gambling elements—that element which lays in waiting between the producer and the consumer, and live by their wits.

onsumer, and live by their wits.

The idea of a legislative bloc is not corporations, and as a result we are The idea of a legislative bloc is not new to the political life of this country, for the original bloc is commonly known as the money bloc. Large financial interests early recognized the advantage of organization, and the advantage of organization, and sa a result we are left to ride on a train and freight rates which that th' real an' principal trouble the article offered for shipment. Pastince then virtually all of the more mile, and freight rates were fairly since then virtually all of the more mile, and freight rates were fairly seems t' want it enforced. Circuses more mile, and why should they not well ciled and in perfect working or be so again? The situation is out. well oiled and in perfect working orwell oiled and in perfect working order to look after their wants in Washlington. The sole object of each of be timid in demanding the repeal t' stay fer th' concert anyhow.

(Copyright, 1923.) ler to look after their wants in the second of less combinations is to promote legistory beneficial to certain lines of industry, and it is only of late years the producing portion of the public ry, and it is only of late years the Esch-Cummins act remains on the ous assault, 2; rape, 6; attempted rape, producing portion of the public statute books. That law gives the in. 1; killing officer of the law, 2; wound-terstate commerce commission exclusing officer of the law, 2; no charge sive authority to approve rates equal-reported, 3; assisting man charged ing a certain per cent of the 'claimed' with rape to escape, 1; resisting posses combat what is generally considered There is no doubt about certain lovalue of the roads, and this 'claimed' searching for man charged with rape, calities and corporations having here-value accounts for the present unit cattle stealing, 1; "trying to act to fore received more than a fair share reasonable rates charged and the entitle white man and not knowing his tofore received more than a fair share reasonable rates charged and the en. like white man and not knowing his of consideration at the hands of con- ormous dividends earned. But this place." 1; insulting woman, 1; peeping gress, and the farm bloc members is not the most offensive feature of in wind of that body have taken a position in the law. If a complaint is made that tion, 1. opposition to such measures and com-manded attention such as it was never thought would be received. The peo-not be heard and disposed of until ple have woke up, and we are now long after the necessity for such witnessing one of the sharpest poli-change has ceased to exist Under a rule which prevents early action by the roads (and this act does that very

fore it ever gets consideration from

A. C. POTTER.

The Shameful Record of Lynchings. Tuskegee Institute, Ala .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I send you the following concerning lynchings for the past year as compiled by Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research, Monroe N. Work in charge. I find that there were 28 persons lynched in 1923. This is 29 less than the number 57 for the year 1922. Thirteen of the persons lynched were taken from the hands of the law, 7 from jails and 6 from offic

he congressional representatives from We also find that there were 46 inenacted, and these have virtually prevented lynchings. Four women, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and al- of lynchings were in northern states thus saved. Six of these preventions and 40 in southern states. In 37 of means a large number of members the cases the prisoners were removed of congress are determined offensive statutes which we now have shall be repealed, and others enacted. This is not an easy proposition for the old conservative guard (which is the special conservative or the guards augmented or other preclai interest's reresentative) to cry charged with being connected with lown, as the bloc members appear lynching mobs were brought to trial. so far to be able to hold their own, of the 52 persons thus before the News that the White House is in and will so long as they stand to courts only two were sent to the peni-

respect left, and also be admired by 26 were negroes and 2 were whites; the people for their effort to right two of the former were women 7 or The hope of the opposition one-fourth of those put to death were



Abe Martin

in window, 1; striking man in alterca

occurred and the number in each state are as follows: Arkansas, 2; Florida, 8: Georgia, 4; Louisiana, 1; Mississippi, 8; Missouri, 1; Oklahoma, 1; Texas,

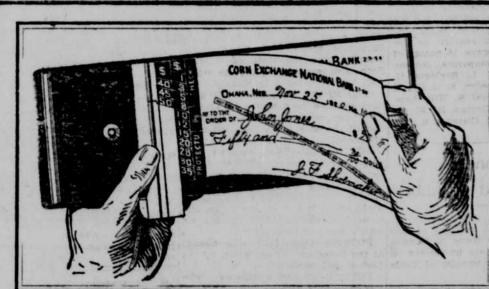
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things. The hope of the opposition is the possibility of the regular party influence to induce certain members to withdraw and line up with the special interest class. The special interest class means the railroads and corporations receiving undue and unfair favors from congress, while the producing class is compelled to shift along as best it can. The fight is interesting, and is getting warmer instead of cooler. With the presiden-Ozark Lump



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