

# Today

**Fools Have Value.**  
**Four Greatest Horses.**  
**For C. H. K. Curtis—**  
**Some Comfort.**  
**By ARTHUR BRISBANE**

A fool has value—to the knave that robs him.

Bucket shop cotton brokers in bankruptcy include in their assets, valued at \$100,000, a precious "sucker list."

That list, chief asset of many dishonest concerns, includes names of the people that write and then sent in money in reply to "come-on" letters from bucket shop, oil swindlers, etc.

"Once a sucker, always a sucker" is the thieves' motto. The same human fool, like the sucker at the bottom of the pond, will bite again and again at the bait that has hooked him. The court ordered the "sucker list" of 65,000 names placed in a special account.

The four greatest race horses in the world—or at least the four best advertised—Zev, Papyrus, Epinard and Grey Lag, will race this year at Ascot.

Any one of those horses would sell for at least \$100,000. The automobile show, not far off, will show you various cars, selling for a few hundred dollars, any one of which could take the four greatest race horses, one after another, and run them all to death in one afternoon.

Once fast horses were important. Now they are part of gambling machinery, and they won't last long.

Here's comfort for Cyrus H. K. Curtis, who changes the New York Post price from 3 cents to 5 cents. It's the kind of paper you make, not the price that counts. When the Chicago Evening American sold for 1 cent it had a big circulation. The price of paper went up, it sold at 2 cents and had a bigger circulation.

The price of paper doubled, wages increased. The Chicago American sold and now sells at 3 cents. And in December, 1923, it beat all circulation records for December, whether at 1 cent, 2 cents or 3 cents.

In fact, at 3 cents, as you may learn, from that able newspaper man, Victor Lawson, the Chicago American exceeds in circulation the fine circulation of the Chicago Daily News at 2 cents.

It's the kind of paper that decides the circulation. Publishers are interested in that.

Lord Gorell, leading British authority on education, says the trouble with British character is lack of initiative—the energy that starts things going. Americans, he says, excel all others in initiative. England's trouble comes from too severe suppression of the tendency to brag. No English young man must, by any chance, talk as though he thought he might ever amount to anything.

It is not so here and was not always so in Britain.

The young Briton that took Quebec and died in the taking, bragged and strutted so much, before he undertook the task, that his superior was tempted to dismiss him. But the bragging changed to action, initiative, when he reached the foot of the steep bluff. Bragging in moderation is only ambition letting off steam. Don't discourage it too severely.

Some dull, overfed editors that specialize in attacks on Hiram Johnson, using sluggish minds and ox-like humor in their attacks, are not serving their bosses as well as they might.

It looks now like a Coolidge nomination, and to many, perhaps the majority, and certainly all those that hate paying taxes, it looks like a Coolidge election.

But there are some months ahead. There is in Hiram Johnson an amount of fighting energy that dull persons should not forget. Too much stirring up may stir up more than the Johnson opponents have in mind.

Secretary Hughes gives out more "important proof" of the dangerous attempt by Russia to establish bolshevism here and put the red flag on the White House. You tremble as you read an article "written to be published in a red newspaper that was to be published in Chicago."

The "red" newspaper was never published in Chicago, and so the article was never published. But just think what might have happened if somebody had published that red newspaper in Chicago and that red newspaper had printed the article.

Could anything have saved the White House from the red flag then?

Australia is building factories to manufacture turtle soup on a gigantic scale. London will easily absorb the whole crop.

## Parole Asked So Convict Can Serve Life Term

### Charles Curry, Man of Mystery, Is Identified as an Escaped Prisoner from Colorado.

Lincoln, Jan. 6.—Charles Curry, convict at the state penitentiary who sprang into national prominence several months ago as the possible possessor of information regarding black-millers of the late J. J. Folsom who committed suicide while mayor of Irvington, N. J., is an escaped life-terminer from the Colorado penitentiary.

This was disclosed today by N. T. Harmon of the state board of paroles and pardons who has listed Curry for a hearing before the board January 8 when it is expected that he will be turned over to Colorado authorities.

Harmon refused to divulge the manner in which Curry was traced to the Nebraska penitentiary, but denied that his whereabouts had been disclosed through newspaper dispatches regarding Curry's connection with Folsom.

### Record in Wisconsin.

The Colorado records show that Curry was received at the state penitentiary at Canon City, May 7, 1903, and escaped May 11, 1916. Curry has declared, Harmon said, that he was convicted of manslaughter and given a life sentence following a shooting in a poolroom. He maintains his innocence and places the blame upon a companion who escaped. He is called, on the Colorado records, Red Price, which is one of three aliases used by him, the others being Charles Perry and Charles Mallard.

Under the name of Charles Perry, Curry was sentenced to the Wisconsin penitentiary November 21, 1915, for assault and robbery, and was released February 21, 1923. Milwaukee police who apprehended Curry following the robbery declare that he had been previously arrested a number of times for being drunk and disorderly.

### Rebbed Omaha Policeman.

Curry was sentenced to two years at the Nebraska penitentiary September 17, 1923, on a charge of breaking and entering. In his last exploit he had the misfortune to select the room of an Omaha policeman, George Padgett, as the scene of his endeavors and was captured by Padgett.

The convict first gained prominence when his name became linked with Mayor Folsom, whose suicide because of blackmail to which he was subjected aroused widespread interest. Folsom had been an inmate of the Auburn penitentiary, New York, but after his release had made good and was a prosperous and respected citizen of Irvington when blackmailers, known to him in the past, threatened him with exposure.

Although Curry has never admitted the fact, and the state board has no record to prove it, he has been assumed that Curry first met Folsom in the New York penitentiary.

It is in possession of information which would lead to the apprehension of Folsom's blackmailers but said, when pressed by newspaper men for information that he would reveal nothing until after his release.

### Maintains Silence.

His statement brought the son of the late mayor, Louis Folsom, from Irvington to Lincoln where he interviewed Curry behind closed doors for more than an hour. When asked if he had secured the information he desired Folsom intimated that he had but that it would not be made public until after he had conferred with New Jersey authorities.

Whether or not Curry visited the mayor at Irvington during the seven months intervening between his release from the Wisconsin penitentiary and his apprehension in Omaha will never be known unless Curry abandons his position of stony silence or Louis Folsom reveals what he learned when closeted with Curry at the Nebraska penitentiary.

Records of Curry's past are as hazy as his name. The penitentiary is in possession of two statements regarding him, in one of which his birthplace is given as Franklin county, Nebraska, and in the other as Aurora, Ill. At one time he declared he had a daughter married to a wealthy man in New York from whom he was trying to hide his unfortunate possession, but prison records declare him to be unmarried.

### Faces Life in Prison.

His appearance before the board of paroles and pardons January 8 will be simply in conformity with the statutes, it being said that there is no question of his being released to the Colorado authorities who are coming to get him. He has waived extradition.

"We are not releasing this man," said Harmon "so that he can go out into the world again, but feel that his place is in Colorado where, unless he again escapes, he will spend the remainder of his life. There is no point in his occupying a cell in our already overcrowded penitentiary."

A small thermometer in a blue leather case is equally at home in the bedroom or living room.

## Around Nebraska's State House

By R. H. PETERS.

Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, Jan. 6.—The hearing of the senate committee investigating Nebraska's road bill tangled with and without Charles W. Bryan Tuesday unless the governor has a sudden mental somersault. Hiding behind a meeting of the board of paroles and pardons, which falls on the same day, Bryan expresses his regret that Nebraska's penitentiary inmates and their desire for freedom will prevent him from moving a \$400,000 deficiency exists in the road fund.

When it is suggested that the hearing may be continued for another day the governor, instead of eagerly embracing this opportunity to come forward with his figures, announces that he will have to give the matter a little consideration.

"I only just received the committee's invitation," he pleads, which passes muster until some one is unkind enough to point out that the governor has known, for months, that he would be asked to appear.

As a matter of fact, Governor Bryan is not required by statute, to be present at the hearing of the board of paroles and pardons. The constitution provides that "said board, or a majority thereof, shall have power to remit fines and forfeitures and to grant commutations, pardons and paroles after conviction and judgment \* \* \* but no such fine or forfeiture shall be remitted and no commutation, pardon or parole granted except upon the approval of the majority of the board after a full hearing in open session."

Two members of the board can sit with full power to act and have done so in the past. For two meetings Attorney General Spillman was absent, but the action of the board was not impeded. However, there is nothing to prevent Governor Bryan from attending the morning session of the board and a portion of the afternoon session, as well, if he desires and still arrive at the state house in time to give his testimony.

The following pretty well expresses the opinion of state house officials on Bryan's attitude:

The truth of the matter is, the governor has no great liking for the committee's hearing where every statement that he makes can be checked up by figures gathered together after months of investigation. The governor is as adept as any politician in Nebraska in presenting one side of a case, but when there is a likelihood that both sides will be forced in evidence it is a different story.

It may be clever politics to stay away from embarrassing questions, but Governor Bryan will find that the road situation is no longer political. The road name of the state of Nebraska and its credit standing are involved. Road claims are no longer footballs to be kicked from one camp to another. The senate committee has long since realized this and has been careful to keep a political axe from creeping into the investigation.

The governor has been asked to appear because, through public statements, he is apparently in possession of information regarding road claims. The committee is entitled to that information. It is understood on good authority that the committee is prepared to prove many of the governor's statements' exaggerations—to put it politely. That, however, is beside the point. The governor has publicly declared that Nebraska has a deficiency of \$400,000. He owes it to Nebraska's voters to come forward and either prove that declaration or disclaim it.

Thomas W. Browne, state railway commissioner, has been chosen as chairman of the commission, succeeding H. G. Taylor, who must stand for re-election this year.

Governor Bryan is evidently a careful reader of newspaper editorials. When he is warned against throwing democratic candidates out of court because they are allied with issues growing out of the war he promptly announces that he had no such intention.

"I was dealing with issues, not personalities," says the governor, and throws in a few bouquets for the gentlemen who are anxious to lead the democratic party.

It will be interesting to see if the Bryan delegation to the democratic national convention will be actuated by the same generous impulses when a poll is taken on W. G. McAdoo and Oscar Underwood. Republicans at the state house are willing to stake their reputations as prophets to predict that Messrs. McAdoo and Underwood will find the going hard and stony when they issue pleas for the Bryan controlled delegates.

There are 16 votes from Nebraska and these, with the few that William Jennings can gather together in his travels about the south, can cause a lot of trouble for any candidate who must overcome the rule of the convention that a bare majority does not elect.

Of course there is always a catch. Charles W. Bryan may not arrive in

## When Mabel and Edna Were Questioned



Telephoto shows Miss Normand (in the foreground) and Miss Purviance (at the left) entering Los Angeles police station on New Year's night with Detective Lieutenant Jarvis. The movie queens were taken into custody after Miss Normand's chauffeur had shot Courland S. Dines.

Chicago with 16 votes in his pocket. Mr. Morehead from Falls City may have something to say about that. Should Morehead prevail and capture several delegates, however, it won't be because Bryan hasn't tried.

## Psychology Books in Demand Here

Library Reports "Seasonal Rush" of Readers—Henry James Most Widely Read.

Works on psychology are much in demand during the post-Christmas rush at the public library, according to Miss Blanche Hammond, acting librarian. The children's library, in charge of Mrs. Elv W. Echols, is constantly filled, due to the vacation period.

According to Miss Hammond, people have little time for reading before Christmas. "The present rush is purely seasonal," she said.

The "fad" for psychology is attributed to the teaching of psychology classes in Omaha. It is part of the wave which is sweeping the country at the present time, Henry James is perhaps the most widely read author.

Next in popularity comes fiction. Gertrude Atherton's "Black Oxen" is a widely read as any other, in the opinion of Miss Hammond. Western writers enjoy great popularity. The "Intellectuals," such as Voltaire, De Maupassant, Nietzsche and Oscar Wilde are also widely read. Little interest is shown in classics, except for an occasional withdrawal by someone who has read them in school.

History is read occasionally by older people for enjoyment and by the younger generation in connection with their school studies.

In the children's department fiction is most popular. Little Willie prefers the Green Fairy Tales, while his older brother scans them in favor of King Arthur's knights and the days of chivalry. Animal stories and books on "how to make things" are popular. "The girls like 'board ing house stories' best," said Mrs. Echols.

## Freight Cars Plow Through Bridge in Wreck at Howe

Howe, Neb., Jan. 6.—Eleven freight cars, part of westbound Missouri Pacific freight train No. 143, were derailed here Saturday night when a flange on a wheel of one of the cars broke. Several of the cars went through a bridge and tied up traffic for the night. Traffic, according to F. F. Keene, trainmaster, Omaha, will be resumed some time tomorrow. No one was injured.

### Absolutely Pure imported POMPEIAN OLIVE OIL

Makes the most delicious mayonnaise and French dressing

---

### ALWAYS HEALTHFUL SKINNER'S Superior EGG NOODLES

## Professional Men Meet Today

Dr. A. D. Dunn and Dr. Palm Finley will speak today at a luncheon of the Professional Men club at the Fontenelle hotel.

## OLD-FASHIONED FAMILY REMEDY FOR COLDS, GRIP, PNEUMONIA AND BODY BUILDING

Father John's Medicine Builds New Strength to Fight Off Serious Illness.

A Doctor's Prescription. Free From Alcohol and Dangerous Drugs—68 Years in Use.

Father John's Medicine is a doctor's prescription and was prescribed for the late Rev. Father John O'Brien of Lowell, Mass., in 1855.

Father John recommended this prescription to his parishioners and friends, and in this way it became known as Father John's Medicine.

This old-fashioned food medicine makes flesh and strength for all the family and helps to build up energy to fight off cold and grip perms.

Father John's Medicine has a history of sixty-eight years' success treating coughs, colds and throat troubles, and as a body builder. Guaranteed free from alcohol or poisonous drugs.

## Adele Garrison "My Husband's Love"

Dr. Pettit Came as He Said He Would.

I saw in Harriet Brant's face the same terror, only a hundred-fold more intense than had been mine, and I answered her quickly, even as Dicky had responded to my query but a few minutes before.

"No, no," I whispered the words so that her mother should hear nothing. "Edwin is all right, but—"

"Then I told her in as few words as possible of the terrible accident which had killed her sister and left but a few hours of life to her brother-in-law. She made no outcry—I think her relief at knowing her husband to be safe outweighed every other emotion for the moment—but she caught at the nearest chair back and sank down heavily while the gray pallor which shock often brings blotted out the color from her cheeks.

"Lisa, Lisa, Oh, poor girl," she whispered at last, and I knew that for the second she was visualizing the old days when she and the woman who so suddenly had been snatched from life had played together in loving sisterly comradeship. That Elizabeth Harrison by her own coldness and selfishness, had chilled the affection of her family I well knew, and I guessed that the sorrow of both Harriet and Dicky was made more poignant by the bitter reflection, blameless though they knew themselves to be.

The next instant she had sprung to her feet, palpably putting down every hint of emotion with an iron hand.

### Harriet Helps Out.

"How soon will that doctor be here?" she demanded.

"Any minute now," I answered. "He is the fastest and most reckless driver in all this section."

"That was a splendid idea of yours to pretend to be ill, Margaret," my sister-in-law said abruptly. "We certainly shall need a physician for mother. Will you—she turned to Mrs. Tiew uncertainly, and I hastily introduced the two women.

"If you will tell Katie about this," by sister-in-law went on, "and have her bring plenty of hot water ready—you'd better fill a couple of hot water bags."

She added a few other directions, to which Mrs. Tiew nodded capably. Then Harriet slipped her arm around me and put her lips to my ear.

"When that doctor comes I shall give him a hint to order some drops of heart stimulant for mother, under the pretext that she is too excited over you," she whispered, and then she said loudly for the benefit of my mother-in-law whose footsteps we heard upon the stairs:

"Just lean on me, Margaret. I'll help you to your room."

"Is she any better, Harriet?" my mother-in-law asked anxiously, and with a constricting little feeling of guilt for my deception I realized that her concern for me was genuine and affectionate. It was not the first revelation I had had that beneath her crustiness was a very real love for me, and the knowledge gave a keener edge to my sorrowful anxiety concerning the probable effect upon her of the terrible news we were waiting to break to her.

"Just about the same, I fancy," Harriet responded. "I want to get her to her room as soon as possible."

### The Doctor Arrives.

Ravenna, Neb., Jan. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bourne of Ravenna celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary here. A large family of grown children, as well as numerous grand children attended the festivities. Mr. Bourne's only brother, who attended the wedding 50 years ago, was also present. For 43 years, Mr. and Mrs. Bourne have farmed in this community.

Safe in my room, she turned my care over to her mother.

"If you'll just loosen her dress and shoes, mother, I'll go down and get a hot water bag for her feet."

"There's the doctor now," I said, with apparent coolness, as I heard a car drive furiously into the yard.

"I'll bring him right up," Harriet made a precipitate exit, and I knew that she would acquaint Dr. Pettit with our case, that he might act accordingly.

"Don't take off my shoes yet, mother," I stopped her as she bent to my shoe laces. "Time enough after Dr. Pettit comes up."

"That's true," she replied docilely, and I lay back with eyes closed, and kept them closed while Harriet led the physician into the room and to the bedside. At his first words I opened them to find his face set into a forbidding mask as he asked me a few perfunctory questions. I saw that he would not soon forgive me for forgetting the humiliating experience which I unwittingly had shared in trusting upon him, but little I cared for that when he turned to my mother-in-law with the gentle rally he always saves for elderly patients and children. It is a manner which completely transforms him.

"She'll be all right when I've fixed her up a dose," he said smiling, "but you must take one, too."

"Me? I guess not," she bridled. "I don't need anything."

"You don't think so, but you do. This excitement is too much for

## Ravenna Couple Is Married 50 Years



Ravenna, Neb., Jan. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bourne of Ravenna celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary here. A large family of grown children, as well as numerous grand children attended the festivities. Mr. Bourne's only brother, who attended the wedding 50 years ago, was also present. For 43 years, Mr. and Mrs. Bourne have farmed in this community.

you," he replied, taking her wrist firmly in his hand.

"I thought so," he said, after a few seconds. "Now, down with this."

He gave her a potion, and bled himself with apparent care for a little while. Then he turned to Harriet, and stood unobtrusively near while she took her trail moths into her strong arms and told her the thing for which we had been preparing her. But through our precautions saved her weak heart from stopping, and though she struggled bravely for composure, she was too old and weak to bear the blow without breaking, and after a wide-eyed staring at each of us in turn, and a convulsive twitching of her face, she clung against her daughter's shoulder in a merciful swoon.

## Nebraska Wesleyan Star Dies in Crash

Lincoln, Jan. 6.—Glen Yetter, 29 football and basketball player of Nebraska Wesleyan university, suffers injuries tonight from which he died shortly before midnight, when an automobile in which he was riding with six other Wesleyan students ran into Pacific tracks.

Yetter, as first thought not to have been seriously injured, was taken to a hospital, where he grew steadily worse. An operation by surgeons as a last resort was unavailing. None of the other students was seriously hurt.

The party was on the way from the university place to Lincoln and the driver, with the windshield frost-covered, failed to see the engine on the crossing.

## Flew Too Low; Jailed

Bekeley, Cal., Jan. 6.—Dewey Ward, aviator, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail yesterday for flying "dangerously low" over the crowd at the California Stanford football game November 21. He was prosecuted under a new state law prohibiting low flying over crowds, and was said by court officials to have been the first one convicted under the law.

See Want Ads Produce Results.

### LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE

IT'S TOASTED For 45 minutes! This costs a fortune but it saves the flavor.



### Your Credit IS GOOD HERE!

GOOD CLOTHES—Men, Women, Children. QUALITY DIAMONDS—Elgin Watches, 1847 and Community Silverware.

Advance Styles in EVERY Dept. Six Big Stores mean larger volume, lower prices and many terms. Dress well without paying the money. Open your account tomorrow or write for Free Catalog.

Omaha's Greatest Growth Store

### HARRIS-GOAR'S

507 & 511 SOUTH 16TH ST

# HARDCOAL

PENNSYLVANIA

### Best Fuel of All Order Today

## Udike Lumber & Coal Co.

Four Yards to Serve You

## Loan Value and Space Buying

**B**USINESS concerns seeking credit at regular intervals submit detailed audits by disinterested public accountants. The banker making the loan demands it.

These audits instantly disclose the exact financial condition of the business. They show the true value of inventories and assets; costs of operation; profits and loss. Such an audit creates confidence and is considered a necessity in banking operations.

The A. B. C. audit serves a similar purpose in advertising. A publisher or his representative in selling space presents his latest A. B. C. report. This shows quantity, territory of distribution, methods by which circulation was secured, and many other details necessary for the intelligent purchase of advertising space.

A study of the A. B. C. audit brings out every detail of circulation data, and immediately establishes confidence between the Buyer and Seller of Space.

For publishers to sell and advertisers to buy on the basis of A. B. C. reports is nothing more than putting efficient Business Methods into Advertising.

Let The Omaha Bee submit its latest A. B. C. report before you make your next advertising contract.

## The Omaha Bee

Charter Member A. B. C.

Write to the Audit Bureau of Circulations, 202 South State Street, Chicago, for a Copy of "The Measure of Your Message"