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RELIEVE THE WHEAT GROWERS.

William Williamson, who represents the Third South Dakota district in congress, knows what will help the wheat growers. He was born on a farm, worked on a farm, and knows farming through and through from practical contact with the dirt himself.

He has introduced a bill raising the tariff on wheat from 30 to 50 cents per bushel. This measure deserves and should receive the support of congressmen from the middlewest, the great wheat growing region of the United States.

This measure is simple justice to American wheat farmers. Until some sort of relief is afforded, prosperity is not secure. The Williamson bill should be made a law without delay.

The entire wheat production section is behind Mr. Williamson, and the Third South Dakota district is to be congratulated upon having sent to congress a representative who knows what is wanted and how to get it. More power to the go-getter from the Third South Dakota district.

"WITH HIS BOOTS ON."

Asa Rensburg died with his boots on. Not like the gunmen of the early days when he came to Nebraska as a mere boy, but as he was pursuing his peaceful tasks among the big cattle herds he loved so well. The death of Asa Rensburg near Lisco, Neb., marks the passing of another pioneer of the old Texas trail, of another pioneer Nebraska cattleman.

When he homesteaded in western Nebraska the rails of the Union Pacific were scarcely worn, Sidney was a mere military outpost, and the unbroken prairie stretched out for countless miles in every direction. He saw thousands of prairie schooners pass by his sod house, headed for the El Dorado beyond the horizon's rim, and he saw thousands of them coming back filled with hopeless men and women who later found their hopes fulfilled and their dreams come true in the young state they had once pursued.

He played his part like a man from the day he settled down under his own roof. He was of the time when it meant a day's ride in the saddle to get his mail, and the time when the airplanes roared over his home and the rural mail carrier stopped at his very door. He read by the light of a tallow dip, and lived to read by the light of an electric lamp glowing because of power generated on his own farm.

One by one the pioneers of those early and strenuous days are being called from the scene of action. Nebraska owes a debt of gratitude to them for the magnificent work they accomplished. It owes it to them and to herself to keep their memory green, to preserve their deeds and heroic services in song and story.

RULES IS RULES, BUT WHY?

Rules that govern amateur sports are complex, but generally rest on justice. One of them is now being applied to Molla Bjurstedt Mallory and may prevent her from taking part in the Olympic games as a representative of America. This one simply says that a contestant who has represented one nation in the games can never represent another.

Such things have been done. Considerable scandal was created in our own land a few years ago, when it was discovered that colleges were acquiring promising young athletes by methods that would not bear close scrutiny. Extension of the plan to nations might not be so easy, and yet it could be done.

Yet even the best intended laws now and then work hardship, and in the case of Mrs. Mallory this is noted. When she played in the Olympic games as a representative of Norway, she was a native citizen of that country. Since then she has acquired not only American citizenship but an American husband as well.

merely regarding her as one who once took part in the contests as the champion of one country, and so is debarred from ever representing another.

The rule might easily be rewritten, without destroying its letter or spirit, to the end that cases like this can be considered and acted upon justly. Amateur sport will be the purer if its rules are not so onerous as to defeat their own ends.

EDITOR M'GEE FOES FREE.

Only the mildest of interest prevails in these parts concerning the domestic politics of New Mexico. Nebraska has enough of her own to occupy anybody's attention. Yet there is something of real value in the final acquittal of Carl McGee, Albuquerque editor, on a charge of criminal libel, preferred by Clarence J. Roberts, former judge of the supreme court of that state.

Editor McGee had written articles that reflected on the acts of Judge Roberts, basing his opinions on information furnished him by a member of the bar. That the judge did not sit in the case was admitted by the defense, but the plea was made that the editor has written in good faith, believing that what he had been told was true, and that his article was intended for the public good.

The jury's verdict gives further support to the doctrine that in such cases the editor must be guided by what is better for the public welfare than for private interest or reputation. It is a very solemn thing to deal with the character of men, especially of judges of our courts. Yet it is for this reason all the more incumbent that judges so conduct themselves on the bench and off that no occasion for complaint may arise as to their actions.

Freedom of speech and publication is accompanied by responsibility for utterance; the law does not contemplate, however, that venal or corrupt men shall escape criticism or condemnation on this account. Editor McGee has successfully withstood trial for contempt and trial for libel, and in vindicating his own freedom he has aided in more firmly establishing that of all other Americans.

DOLLARS IN HIDING A BURDEN.

Along with the proposed reduction in taxes, to be included in the new revenue bill, congress is expected to give consideration to an amendment to the constitution which will permit the taxation of securities that now escape. The president had this in mind when he told the house and senate:

"Another reform which is urgent in our fiscal system is the abolition of the right to issue tax-exempt securities. The existing system not only permits a large amount of the wealth of the nation to escape its just burden, but acts as a continual stimulant to municipal extravagance. This should be prohibited by constitutional amendment. All the wealth of the nation ought to contribute its fair share to the expense of the nation."

Several billions of dollars have found a bomb proof funk hole in tax-exempt securities, and produce income that is beyond the reach of the collector. This naturally throws an additional load on the wealth that is employed in carrying on the industry and commerce of the country. These tax free securities represent money that is expended on public improvements of various kinds, and, as Mr. Coolidge suggests, the fact that such bonds find a ready market at good prices stimulates municipal extravagance.

Early passage and submission of a resolution for the amendment of the constitution to end this situation will be one of the most serviceable acts the congress can perform. It is unfair that the earned income which represents the portion that goes to the workers, and the unearned income, which arises from wealth employed in carrying on the business of the nation, should be compelled to sustain the entire cost of conducting the government, federal, state and municipal, while billions of dollars produce revenue to be enjoyed by their owners solely and have no part in maintenance of the government that makes them profitable.

Table Rock reports a trainload of walnut logs just shipped out, which ought to stimulate the planting of walnut trees, so that the shipment may continue. Trees can be made to pay in Nebraska, if only attention is given to their planting and propagation.

Mabel Normand thought the shots were firecrackers, while down in Kentucky the deputy sheriffs thought the firecrackers were shots. How easy it is to be mistaken at times.

The death of several thousand people from sleeping sickness last year may explain why several people did not drop in and repay that five spot "next Monday."

The mercury seems to have recalled that passage from Dante which reads, "E'en in the lowest depth a lower depth still opened to receive me."

Thirty-five hundred tons of structural steel is the first order Omaha has placed on the 1924 building campaign, and it is only a starter.

Fewer street lights and fewer policemen mean less protection to property. Economy might have been directed in some other channel.

Such days we have had lately ought to move everybody to help the Free Shoe fund.

Even a 4 per cent cut in city costs will sound good to the property owners.

Contemplating past weather records does not help warm the house.

Dogood certainly is no name for a counterfeiter.

Homespun Verse
—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie

THE SNOW STORM.
The flaky air, the white above,
The crystalline below,
And peacefulness—the part I love
And treasure of the snow.

"From State and Nation"

—Editorials from Other Newspapers—

North Dakota Diversification.
The most products was shown recently in the increase of 1,500,000 pounds in the quantity handled by packers in 1923 over 1922. There is no such thing as a surplus, nor much probability of there being one in the near future, as production is still below the figures of former years, in proportion to population.

The wide scope of increased farm property values, among members of the boys' and girls' clubs, show the wide scope of their activity, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Kind of property, Value 1922, Value 1923. Rows include Kind of property, Farm, Pigs owned, Dairy cattle owned, Sheep, Other livestock, Building, All property.

It will be noticed that dairy cattle run second only to pigs and that the greatest proportionate gain has been in sheep raising.

Let Burbank Carry On.
Declaring that he has invested \$7,000,000 in cactus plants on a desert tract of public land in Arizona, Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, has appealed from the ruling of the department of the interior prohibiting his further use of the land because it has not been surveyed.

Luther Burbank's services to agriculture and horticulture have been so important that the department of the interior has approved the use of the land because it has not been surveyed.

State Bonuses First.
There are lively indications from Washington that senators and representatives favoring a national soldier bonus are hearing from the country in a pretty emphatic way. The people are for the tax reduction proposed by the administration, not new obligations that would continue present taxes for a long, long period, and possibly increase them. And they are letting the members of congress know about it.

Unusual effort will be put forth during the coming year to emphasize the need in this country of forest conservation and reforestation. It is strange but true that, despite the rapid denudation of timber lands by lumbering activities and by fire, it has been an exceedingly difficult task to focus the attention of congress and the several state legislatures on the subject in the way that the problem deserves. Indeed, it may be said that such attention has not yet been procured.

The question is not alone one of wood and lumber supply. It has to do in a very important degree with agricultural productivity and with the economic benefits that flow from a utilization of the country's water power resources. It relates directly to the substantial interests of every man, woman and child in the country, and it has a serious bearing on the welfare of the generations yet to come.

President Coolidge has made his plea for such economic policies as will give a better chance to every American home. He realizes that a constructive policy affecting the forests is one of these.

"Reforestation," he says, "has an importance far above the attention it usually secures," and he drops the matter there, except to say that a special committee of the senate is investigating the need and that he will welcome a constructive policy based on the committee's findings.

The senate committee is not the only agency, of course, that is studying the problem and seeking its solution. In nearly every state experts representing the federal and state governments are co-operating in their quest for a systematic nurturing and rebuilding of the country's forest resources. One of these is the forest products division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers which favors joining the boys' and girls' club of the American Engineering society in an adequate portrayal of the facts

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee.

Wonderful Events at O'Neill.
Decatur, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I want to voice for the veracity of your O'Neill correspondent which I have heard discussed here, and am sorry to say that some people seem to doubt him. For my part I believe he has seen everything he has written about. I had the pleasure of visiting him at one time and after a couple of hours spent in what he calls his rodeo cellar, I saw some wonderful things myself.

First, we started to hitch a team to the buggy, which somewhat resembled a cross between an old fashioned carryall and a flat topped caisson. After a little trouble with the left hand spark plug, we finally got the traces hooked to the radiator cap and started for town. Not much happened on the way, but when I alighted at the station, I had to walk between rows of talking white crows and curly haired snakes to where the porter, a golden haired Chinaman, set down a pink pumpkin decorated with onions and mistletoe, for me to step on in order to get into the coach.

Once inside I had no trouble in getting a seat. I had just opened the window, when a purple haired mermaid with a necklace of balls drifted in and delivered a lecture on prohibition. She then tucked the conductor of the train under her arm and fell through the roof of the car. After a short wait the train started and while going through the mountains we had to stop a few times to chase a flock of singing doves out of the way.

Everything went well from then on until, as we were crossing a river on a ferry propelled by two green monkeys with oars, the brakeman came into the car, and not liking the looks of the passengers, folded up the train and put it into his pocket. By that time, being slightly dizzy from the effects of the roots in that root cellar, I crawled into a lady's hands on the seat next to mine and went to sleep. So I don't know any more that happened on that trip, except that I woke up under a pump with a good sized stream of cold water running over me.

READER.
The Conflict of Religion.
Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Of course the modernist controversy would come to any community where people thought and demanded the right to think. The community would be one where intellectual stagnation reigned supreme.

Dr. Oliver D. Balty exclaims in alarm and in words of warning, but the opposing stand will not be the ground and counter argument made again and again, and I am sure that all of us will be the better for it. Human reason, faulty as it is, is full of hope for the future, and it is the modernist controversy, but it has attracted my attention for quite another reason. Religious controversies are usually more wearisome than profitable, more confusing than enlightening. Modernism is essentially a movement for freedom of thought, an unlimited exercise of the faculties given to us. Not by accident were modernists called "ecclesiastical bolsheviks." It was happily and logically done. Orthodox church and state are disturbed by adverse criticism and aroused to ire by outright rebellion. The safe, pleasant, approved thing in religion and politics is to stay satisfied. Some of us are not content with sharing the ordinary dogma, but aim also at dogma that keeps a world of useful workers in bondage of body and soul.

We do not need to argue about God; the existence of a supreme power seems to manifest for that. "Closer is He than breathing, nearer than hands or feet," but not because a volume of high literary and historical value says He exists, nor because the good and gifted Dr. Balty declares that a loving Heavenly Father visits eternal torment on all who do not believe the book from cover to cover. Skill in theological disputation and creedal articles of great antiquity leave many inquiring minds unmoved, while kindness, patience and tenderness may open wide the way to the deepest serenity and the most abiding, intelligent faith. Experience explains. In hands that clasp and cling, in lips that touch and thrill, in eyes more eloquent than words, in the love of man and woman—is God. I am not old, and much remains ahead, but twice already have I been made to know that an ordinary human being can contain enough of Divinity to carry through all the vicissitudes of existence and, calmly and hopefully, up to and through the gates of death.

The longest life leaves much to be explained, but what it offers ought to satisfy and fit us for another world, if there is one.

"Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene—one step enough for me."
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LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press

Editor Carlson of the Aurora Republican insists that if the new year is to get off to the right kind of a start a large majority of the Christmas neckties must be put where they will not injure the optics of innocent bystanders. Brer Carlson must be jealous of some of us who got neckties that he wanted and didn't get.

The York News Teller insists that the word of Secretary Hughes is better than that of all the representatives of the Russian soviet government put together.

The Neligh Leader congratulates Lieutenant Governor Johnson on being relieved of the troubles that beset Lieutenant Governor Pell Barrows. "There are two important reasons," says the Leader. "One is that Johnson is a republican and Iryan is too suspicious to give him a chance to sit in the gubernatorial chair. Another reason, and by far the most important one, is that Governor Iryan, regardless of party, is not permitting authority to slip out of his fingers."

"The real 'good fellow' does not have to be appalled to—he is," saucily remarks Fred Howard of the Clay Center Sun.

Editor Sutherland of the Tekamah Herald says Charley Sloan is "a sane, able business man, a good orator and a safe man to elect to any responsible position."

The Beatrice Express quotes a Beatrice woman as saying that "reputations would get along better if all the neighbors stuttered."

"Blessed are the poor in pocket," murmurs Lew Shelley of the Fairbury News, "for a scandal in their family seldom gets on the front page."

The Beaver City Times-Tribune reports that a man in that town took a correspondence course in bee culture and got stung.

Ole Buck of the Harvard Courier quotes a local shoe clerk as saying that Harvard women want their shoes large on the inside and small on the outside.

Ole Buck of the Harvard Courier says the withdrawal from the presidential race of a man with Henry Ford's money is a great disappointment to a lot of politicians.

Taking cognizance of the report that Governor Bryan "has his eye on the presidential chair," the Norfolk Press recalls several serious accidents resulting from wading out beyond one's depth.

Because of continued ill health Editor Shields announces the suspension of the Benedict Rooster. Benedict and the newspaper ranks both lose.

Mrs. Merwin, who conducts an interesting department in Fletch's paper, the Beaver City Times-Tribune, says with convincing earnestness: "The woman who has been denied the privilege of little arms, of her own flesh and blood, encircling her neck, may take refuge in a string of pearls, but she will not find the desired peace."

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We've made a heap o' progress since holdin' hands wuz regarded as about th' last stop this side o' th' altar. Mother kin flare up, but thank goodness she can't find another job as quick as a hired girl.

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Center Shots

It does not appear that there is much danger of a war in Europe now as Jack Dempsey has said that he is going over there soon.—Newark American Tribune.

The University of California co-eds who get vaccinated on the leg, "where it won't show," have got confidence in style makers.—Rochester Times Union.

Don't divorce your wife. Take her a dozen roses. The shock will kill her and you can use the flowers for the funeral.—Walla Walla Bulletin.

It's a wise farmer who knows his condition—after reading what the politicians say about it.—Okmulgee Democrat.

Dead leaves bring memories. When my neighbor burns them they remind me of nickel cigars.—Evansville Courier.

Even to the exaggerated ego there comes a period of deflation.—Toledo Blade.

We have been wondering why the klan is so inactive lately, but we suppose it really is getting too darned cold to be about at night in one's night shirt.—Erie Times.

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