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FINDING THINGS IN OMAHA.

Noting that Omaha detectives recently arrested some parties who had been passing counterfeit dollars, the York Daily News-Times remarks that "always something to be found in Omaha."

The statement is absolutely true, but the unfortunate fact is that there are so many people who are so constituted mentally that they are always looking for the bad, thereby rendering themselves unable to see the good. There is much of bad in Omaha, to be sure, but not more than may be found among an equal number of people elsewhere, whether they be congested in small space or scattered through numerous small communities. But there is so much of good in this great city that one may find much more delight in looking for it than one can in looking for the bad.

For instance, Omaha's percentage of home owners. in proportion to population, is perhaps greater than any other city of its size in the country. No city of Omaha's size in all the country has a larger park area or spends more money per capita in keeping them in proper shape for the people to enjoy. Omaha's school plant is not excelled by that of any city of equal size in all the world, nor has any city anywhere a better conducted public school system. It is safe to say that Omaha has more churches per 1,000 of population than other cities of equal or greater size. Equally safe to say no other city in America has pulpit orators of great ability or greater sin-

Omaha has a splendid boulevard system built for the benefit of its citizens and its guests. Its fire department is a model of efficiency, and despite outstate rumors to the contrary its police department will rank up with the best in the country in point of morale and efficiency.

Too often all these good points about Nebraska's metropolis are overlooked by people who seem bent on searching only for the bad or peeking around to find something to criticize or denounce. Omaha asks no especial favors, but it is wholly within its rights when it asks that it be judged by its good things. and not judged by its bad things. It claims to maintain a pretty high average of civic decency and righteousness, and while not boasting of superiority in good things and disclaiming any intent to advertise wickedness, it is quite willing to at any time be judged along with its equals in population and

PAINTERS, PAINTINGS AND CRITICS.

"Who shall decide when doctors disagree?" Omaha is being mildly entertained just now by the criticisms visited on the portrait of Willa Cather. executed by Leon Bakst. - Some insist that the verb "executed" is the correct one, save that the execution was not carried out exactly as they could wish.

Professing no virtuosity in criticism of any of the seven arts, we timidly venture some suggestions that may assist those who are just now troubled in soul because of the alleged deficiencies of the painting. Let us consider the variations and imperfections of the human eye. Oculists tell'us no two are exactly alike. Alienists assert that no two brains are the same in all respects, and psychologists long ago discovered that in certain essentials bodies differ one from the other in composition and in method of functioning. Allow for these individual variations, and what do we get?

Room for honest difference of opinion. Consider also the fact that Bakst is of that peculiar race that defies classification. One generalization commonly used is that the Russian is somewhere between the ancient Greek and the Turk, and this means he is oriental, if anything. Bakst has shown us designs that are magnificent in their massing of gorgeous colors; he has envisioned combinations that appear riotous to western eyes, yet entirely harmonious to his. May he not have had a glimpse of Willa Cather none other has yet caught?

Finally, Miss Cather selected him, sat for him, and must have noted the progress of the picture as it developed under the painter's strokes. If she is content that it be displayed to her honor in the Omaha gallery, and apparently she is, why all the fuss?

The dispute will probably go on, world without end, until "the oldest color has faded, and the youngest critic has died." We all would have some comfort in the knowledge that a Nebraska painter had been asked to perpetuate for us the lineaments of a Nebraska writer, but the latter willed it not so, and the rest of the chapter might be left unwritten with no especial loss to art or literature.

TALE TOLD BY A BANQUET.

Farmers of Union county, Oregon, have just treated themselves to an object lesson. They served a banquet, the food provided by themselves and served by themselves. After it was all over, a computation was made, showing that the cost was 16 cents per plate, calculated on a basis of farm price for the provisions and the labor cost of preparing the same. A similar menu served at a Portland hotel would have cost \$1.55 per plate.

The difference, \$1.39, is set out as an interesting illustration of how costs grow between the farm and the city table. At first glance it is impressive, but a little examination may give another view. To begin with, Union county is in the extreme eastern part of Oregon, and Portland is in the western. About 300 miles of distance separate the two. Over this the food would have been carried, crossing one very high mountain range on the way. Out of the freight rates would have come wages for engineers, firemen, brakemen, conductors, telegraph operators, section hands, station agents and others. Then the farmer would have had to pay something for his cost

of hauling from the farm to the station. In Portland the food would have been delivered at a commission house, and then to the hotel. Two transportation costs would have to be met here, and the commission man's fee. When served at the hotel, the wages of the chef, the waiter, the dishwasher, and several other necessary members of the not esteemed in the country, but used in the city, must be counted.

Giving every item its due and proper weight, the \$1.39 does not look so big. Our general life is no longer so simple, and the complexity adds to the cost.

MAGIC IN A SENATOR'S MITTS.

Biologists, psychologists, neurologists and conchologists all give great weight to environment in any problem they have to solve. Every now and then something crops up to convince the ordinary run of mortals that the scientists are right. Right now the Iowa legislature affords additional proof in support of the proposition.

Davis county, Iowa, has long been noted for its remarkable men. Whether it be Hacklebarney, the Hairy Nation, Soap Creek, or any of the other locally famous subdivisions, the bailiwick is a producer. It gave the state John A. T. Hull, lieutenant governor and afterward congressman; it gave the nation James B. Weaver, congressman and greenback leader, and named first candidate for president of the populist party; out of Davis county came Timothy O. Walker, democrat and raconteur, whose ready wit still adorns many good anecdotes, and the echoes of whose big voice still lurk in the cavernous corridors of the capitol at Washington, where he served as reading clerk for the house; to the journalistic world it gave Will Vanbenthuysen, loved by all who knew him, and to the printing craft Moxy Monheimer, who could set type by hand faster than any other man who ever lived.

Now Davis county is to the front again, with John Ethell, state senator, who filled in a day with a showing of thaumaturgic stunts that bewildered all beholders. Another Ethell who came from the same county was Henry, who built an enduring name for himself as country editor, when he also had to develop magic in order to meet the weekly pay roll.

Perhaps the sleight-of hand displayed by Senator Ethell may clear up some of the mystery that surrounds the doings of the Iowa state senate. Wondering constituents may see therein an explanation of what becomes of some of the measures that enter that body and never emerge.

ANDREW JACKSON, REAL AMERICAN.

One act of President Coolidge during the week occasioned quite a little lifting of eyebrows in Washington. The president on Tuesday placed a wreath at the base of the "rocking horse" statue of Old Hickory, commemorating the great victory at New Orleans on January 8, 1815. No republican president ever before did this, wherefore the gossip.

Andrew Jackson was the first president of the United States to be actually the people's choice. He was opposed by a powerful machine, by press, pulpit, commerce and finance, all the organized power of the nation as it then existed, but the masses rallied behind him, and he began eight years of office that were continually contests between him and influential men. Clay, Calhoun, Webster and other giants of the time opposed Jackson. He broke the "succession." by which the president named his successor through making him secretary of state; he disestablished the office-holding class, that was already a menace and growing in its potential danger. Several of those who were removed from office, and over dancing as this minister does should whom greatest clamor was raised, turned out to be surely avoid it. He hasn't the right beauty," declares that confirmed old whom greatest clamor was raised, turned out to be defaulters or embezzlers. Some fled the country to escape prison.

Intrigues in his cabinet and in congress distress. ed and embarrassed Jackson, but through it all he reach the very ones who need it most. steered a straight course, and in the end he vindicated government of the people, for the people and in

by the people.

A republican president does well to lay a wreath to the memory of this great man. Jackson's name brightens as years go on, and he is valued more and

Which is not cultivated will dwindle away. The more you stir the earth at the roots of a weed the more determined that weed is to grow.

SINCERE BELIEVER more as he is better understood. A century has cleared away much of the cloud that shrouded his real service, and he is getting a belated but deserved appreciation from his country.

A few weeks ago Governor Pinchot was grumbling of America. because President Coolidge was not active enough in enforcing the prohibitory laws. The Marine corps officer loaned the Pennsylvania municipality seems to have made a pretty good start in the front yard of Governor Pinchot's commonwealth.

The Department of Agriculture is just out with for the benefit of humanity. a statement as to the number of farmers who lost money in land speculation in 1920. Why rub it in -they know it well enough without being told.

The Salt Lake Tribune devotes a column of space to an editorial discussion of "Investments in Chile." We've been making a lot of investments like that during the last few days.

James Middleton Cox still is engaged in flaying the administration. It will take him a long time to lorget what the voters did back in 1920. That was ome flagellation.

The first candidate for city commissioner to come out into the open declares himself to be a progressive. They all will be until after election, then Charley Dawes has landed in France and we'd

have given a pretty penny to have heard what he said when some Frenchman kissed him on both

fore catching a glimpse of the rim of the hole.

When the reparations commission meets our guess is that the cussing will be well under way before the discussion get started. We gather from what we hear that Hiram John-

son's peace plan was not even considered by the Bok jury of award. Why waste so much time? To get a mental rasp of what Hiram opposes just ascertain what

Calvin advocates. Right now the campaign managers are all funda-

mentalists, with the accent on the fund.

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie

DOING HIS DUTY.

If he trudges ahead in the usual way, And raises his chickens and harvests his hay, And keeps down his weeds in his acres of grain And always looks out for the season of rain-His life won't be given to naught, even though He doesn't save up an abundance of "dough."

If home is his castle, his haven and shrine. His goal is exalted and humbly divine, And if he is honest and ever the same, And takes what is given but sticks to the game In sunshine or shadow does all that he can-The world, with due merit, will call him a man

If he's good to his children and true to his wife. And struggles to give them the pleasures of life, If he's kind and congenial to others, and lives For the sunshine he gets and the smiles he gives-He won't need to feel, as he waits for the end, The want of a neighbon or lover or friend

"The People's Voice"

Wholesome Fun for Youth.

Council Bluffs, Ia .- To the Editor "The Voice of the People" that peace award. imply make one want to take a stand. Healthy American Youngsters,"

I don't know when I have read anything in the papers about the social "must come prepared activities of the community that ular advertising rates." eemed as sane and broad to me as d the account of the New Year's and carried out by such places as the contributed money and material haperons that can be produced.

It is human nature for the younger t and many of the older set (myself eing 30-or thereabouts) to amusement and recreation and what ould be sweeter, cleaner and more Broome. un than a party as was had at the

ong ago, about the men who dance not having clean thoughts? Please don't put such thoughts before the but it will not start the flivver these such as must have gathered into the Chieftan. good "Y" New Year's eve.

Girls and boys who frequent dance ialls and places we "righteous ones" vould have them avoid, many times are there because they know of no

are in producing the right kind and which he talked so much about a food for serious reflection. pleasure resorts among the clean couple of years ago.

minded, as are at the "Ys." The error of dancing comes in the had no experience? When we think we need a doctor we don't call in a blacksmith or when we need a plumber we don't call in an occulist. So
why not get our advice from some
one who has had experience and
should know what he is talking about?
A jack-of-all-trades isn't usually competent in any certain one. It isn't
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possible for one to make a specialty of
one thing and be an expert in very

Editor Gardner of the Eigin Review
has been figuring and finds that 15
years ago wheat was 88 cents and
flour \$1.35 per 50-pound sack. Now
wheat is 80 cents and the same sized
should know what he is talking about?
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is \$1.15. The Review man refuses to
attempt to explain why, but offers
one thing and be an expert in very

The expectation is that this sort of business sense. In attempting to finance out of the public
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do a good job of it.

According to figures

many other lines.
Why, if dancing is so corrupt, was amps during the war, when we wantoften told me about the army dances and how they were looked forward to. If the good in dancing was lauded more, as for the exercise and harmony that most of them will hang them increase of 430 per cent. Part of this selves early in the game, thereby making increase is traceable to the late war, but the excuse of war expenses also was utilized for an abnormal expansion of ordinary political wastage. (of which many of us need much more) instead of emphasizing the error, which isn't in dancing but in some minds, the wrong in dancing (as in everything else) would soon be done of the sleeding snow came down.

The Wayne Democrat wonders if the population increase for the same is a prohibitive license on bobles. It hasn't seen one since the fine sleeding snow came down. of which many of us need much more) away with.

kind of thoughts to dance rightly I fear some people who are endowed with the authority to try to show the rest of us the "straight and narrow

Stop emphasizing error and imand error will cease to exist.

IN ALL THINGS GOOD.

Opposes Joining League. Bayard, Neb .- To the Editor of The

I hope, after the lesson we just had, we will avoid placing our rights where any other country or countries can demand our people or our money. I believe we are, and always will be capable of knowing, how, when and where to make use of either or both for a lot of repairs.

There is nothing we can sign with hem but what places us in the hadow of the league of nations. E. PINSKE.

The 12-Hour Day.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Oma-na Bee: I have read the article in the "People's Voice" column, written by Clarence Reckmeyer of Fremont, Neb., regarding his investigation of the 12 hours per day worked by Union Pacific watchmen, and the result of his findings. Could anything be more heartrending to the human race than the report of his investigation and the business in Nebraska then. the report of his investigation, and to hand to the public eye a statement of this poor old crossing watch-man, that he is satisfied with the 12-can't see it. "German finances begin to look up," shrieks a headline. They'll have to look a long ways up bewho works 12 hours per day.

watchmen is like that of the writer, Mr. Wintersteen, a watchman for the Union Pacific, who wrote that his co-workers were all satisfied with na right along I would like to hear

working on the Union Pacific, but I have heard that they are a good bunch of men and work hard and have the confidence of the company.

A UNION WORKER

The Good and Bad of Ravenna, Ravenna, Neb .- To the Editor of

I have lived in Ravenna a good many years, in fact I was here before there was any town at all. Working conditions of the town are unsatisfac tory. I believe that the work should be given to the man that has that trade: The bricklaying to a bricklayer, carpentering to a carpenter, plas-tering to a plasterer, decorating to a decorator, painting to a painter, etc. and not to a retired farmer because he can do it for so much less money

than a working man can keep his famwhat keeps the mail order houses going. And when the merchants in Rahave a better town for everyone. We have a large mill and a large duce religion to a mere philosophy, reamery, but as far as being a good S. J. WOODRUFF. creamery, but as far as being a good

LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press

The Geneva Signal announces that it is defending only the 10-day proviion of the eugenic marriage law, and wants its criticizing contemporaries to stick to the text.

The Grand Island Independent f The Omaha Bee: I don't mean to quite sure that there will be a battle lo all the talking but things come up over the winning plan of the American

wrote in an article not long ago
The Holdrege Progress insists that
and signed "The Mother of Three it costs money to produce a newspa-The Holdrege Progress insists that but per, the opinion of the average politimust put in my say again, if I may, cian to the contrary. Therefore the Progress notifies those seeking favors "must come prepared to pay the reg-

"If patriotism demands that men arty the two "Ys" put on. It had should risk life and limb in the ser-uch a joy filled, clean tone to it. vice of their country for principle, When such good times are planned then apply the same rule to those who "Y's" it will do more to draw mands the North Platte Farmer-Labor young people away from the dance Herald. "Until this is done all talk halls where we don't want them than about ex-service men being lacking in all the preachers' sermons and police public spirit in demanding a bonus is merest bunk and hypocrisy

A. E. Clark, formerly a publisher at seek Gordon and later at Scottsbluff, has purchased the Alliance News of Frank

Please, Mr. Minister, who made that the Burlington has promised Sidney strong assertion in this column not a real depot during 1924.

well, thank you.

Startling Figures.

From the Sloux Falls Fress:

In the tax alarm pamphlet issued by the national industrial council, the evaporation. By this means 100 collecting those debts Europe owes us.

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tered upon its 16th year, feeling pretty

Editor Botkin of the Gothenburg penditures for all government pur independent has it all figured out. He poses in the United States were Independent has it all figured out. He ed to keep our young manhood in the is in favor of giving the candidates all \$1.773.186,000 best possible trim? My brother was a the root they want at the start at becap our young manhood in the possible trim? My brother was a the rope they want at the start, so that most of them will hang them increase of 430 per cent. Part of this

"A woman thinks more about the bachelor. Adam Breede, in the Hastings Tribune.

"Try working instead of wondering"

tage about being married is that only the wife's thumb gets into the soup.

Noting that an Omaha landlore de. dropped dead while collecting rent. the I Neligh Leader wants to know if it

"Whenever a public officer begins among themselves, the most and best to allow others to dictate the way the we can do is to stand ready to aid the office should be run, it is a sure sign watching," says the Blair Enterprise

> The Fremont Tribune man admits that when he first glanced at the headline on that story about the perfect and hold public officials to strict ac-rib roast, he thought it was going to count on the records. They'll take

Something like 333 Nebraska ex- economy changes referred to the fact that Sat-urday, January 12, was the 36th anniversary of the big Nebraska blizzard

an, that he is satisfied with the 12-can't see it. We can go to other our day. If you could take this old towns and buy Ravenna flour cheaper dency to drive trade away from town Mr. Reckmeyer's investigation of rather than to bring it, for if they he conditions of the Union Pacific haul their cream to other towns that other pay more, they also trade there. Now, if anyone can tell me these things are happening in Raven

Omaha.-To the Editor of The maha Bee: In a recent letter Mr The Omaha Bee: I have been reading Loomis of Gibbons, Neb., cites the after the oil is found there is no in The Bee the different opinions of first chapter of Matthew to disprove guarantee that the supply will be sufsome of the people of this town. I the virgin birth of Christ. Matthew ficient to repay the amount that has find there is quite a difference in opinion. I will give you mine.

the virgin birth of Christ. Matthew ficient to repay the amount that has been spent in that particular pool or Christ was on this wise: When, as His field. Then there is the hazard of mother, Mary, was espoused to Jo- fire, of lack of water and, above all seph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy

(v:19): "Then Joseph, her hus

band, being a just man and not will ing to make her a public example was minded to put her away privily v:20); "But while he thought of these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in dream, saying, 'Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary, thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." that keeps up the merchant; if it was claimed by Mr. Loomis is harry connot for him the merchant would have tradicted by this same first chapter of Matthew that he quotes. Is it posestly take such a position? ronize him, how can the merchant ex-pect to be patronized by him? That is ter with even more detail. To deny the virgin birth simply means to deny the Gospels and leave the Christian venna wake up to that fact they will religion without any foundation. That is the real aim of the modernist, to re-

"From State and Nation"

-Editorials from Other Newspapers-

ments which may wipe out the ma

gin of profits at any time and make

that which in recent months has play

Sugar Beet Flour.

up the beets and drying the water

The Mystery Men.

The burst of suspicion and of rage

the mystery men in the senate noth-

ing is what it seems. They lay wise

fingers along wise noses and declare that they are bound to get at the

wicked realities behind the plausible

appearances. They angrily assert that

that now they are resolved to find

out who are the sacrilegique resurred

at dead of night venture to

tionists that with dark lanterns and

back the abhorrent thing into the breathing world. Hence the senator-ial demand for a rigid investigation.

the senate foreign relations commit-tee if he whispers into hushed ears

again about the League of Nations.

The cause of this irreconcilable

The voting on the peace plan is

wrath it requires no detective to lo-

a sort of lese majeste, or flying in the

thought that they had forever dis-posed of the league. They never tire of asserting that it is a judged and

condemned thing. Americans put i

finally away from them in 1920 by a majority of 7,000,000. If any one now

dares to question that verdict, he is

is a hired traitor. The mere challenge of this arrogant assertion by the thou

sands of ballots that are being sent it

every day in favor of the peace plan

themselves on having done the league

killed and buried the league, and

Indiscretion After Ninety.

The hospitable Theodore G. North. an otherwise unusually promising out rup, whose invited guests failed to look most depressing. Closely conturn up to show him. From the New York Herald. turn up to share his 95th birthday nected with this hazard is the menace of a temporary over-supply, such as too much from these 10 nonagenar-ians. When he on Tuesday called up the homes in which they lived it was in the oil industry. explained to him that they had over- It is not Mr. Marlaand's purpose done the Christmas eve festivities and be destructive or to discourage legiti-were unfit to go forth and conquer mate and intelligent endeavor in the ew worlds of turkey and pumpkin future conduct of the oil industry

That is the old story of impulsive ought not to go unheeded. The lesson youth at the holiday time, whether of this statement, in particular, is the age of the celebrator be 9 or 98. The temptations of Christmas eve are not to be resisted. Candy, oranges try, 70 years ago, approximately \$12, and popcorn lure boys and girls from 900,000,000 has been placed in the the temperate path. Their appetites legitimate channels of oil field develell them that, no matter what they opment and operation in the United do, they will be in trim for Christmas States. Only \$7,500,000,000 has been dinner. The whispers of experience returned from the sale of crude oil are in vain. Mr. Northrup's oldest inproduced. Thus there remains a devited guest, aged 98, probably ate one ficiency of \$4.500,000,000. This great

Mr. Northrup was disappointed over the nonarrival of his guests. "Amering for and producing crude oil, and he says, "needs some young men does not include money put into gross and women of 90 or over." It has ly inflated, illegitimate stock promo-some and Mr. Northrup will find them. Two were honored guests at a ban-quet in Los Angeles the other night The Sidney Telegraph boasts that 101, and Lewis B. Reed, aged 100. From the Indianapolis News: They doubtless had a wild time on An important additional us Christmas eve, but they waited 48 the sugar beet is found in the hours before plunging again into facture of flour therefrom. I heavy dining.

Perhaps, unlike Mr. Northrup's non lis turned out in considerable quanti mornings," mourns the Tecumseh agenarians, Cole and Reed have learned from experience. It may be that true wisdom comes only after the hundredth birthday.

Is turned out in considerable quantities at Suresnes, in France, where an enterprising person has built a large that true wisdom comes only after the hundredth birthday.

or air the missionaries I know of, one are doing more work than the collecting those debts Europe owes us, statistics presented certainly furnish No one from 357 pounds of beets. can study the history of taxation material contains more than 70 per It keeps on passing laws in an effort expansion in this country without cent of sugar—that is to say, there to find some that will work.—Trini-The error of dancing comes in the mind of the dancer, not in the dancer, not in the dancer, not in the dancer ing, and not all dancers have unclean minds, for many clean minded men and women like to dance. Why ask or take advice from some one who has had no experience? When we think we need a doctor we don't call in a selection of weather stunts. Bob Rice of the Central City Republican declares that Nebraska weather can agencies to keep on reaching for larger and larger proportions of the fruits of general toil. The glib excuses ever available for such extenses ever ever every full product. Accordingly, the latter, on being every 100 pounds of the evaporated product. Accordingly, the latter, on larger product. Accordingly, the latter, on being every 100 pounds of the evaporated product. Accordingly, the latter, on larger product. Accordingly, the latter, on larger product. Accordingly to such extenses ever avai Editor Gardner of the Eigin Review lowed to overcome ordinary consid-has been figuring and finds that 15 erations of business sense. In at-

According to figures presented by the industrial council, the total ex-From the New York Times which the Bok peace plan has drawn 1903 and from incurable enemies of the League of Nations was inevitable, we suppose but it surely is comic. A plain and straightforward thing has happened, sion of ordinary political wastage, was the bribe, and who took it?

"This increase," the council points it, "represents the additional sum earnings of the nation's population amount which can now be applied to the individual needs of the people themselves. A very substantial tion of the increase has resulted from the exercise of functions by govern advises Ed Curran of the Greeley Cit-izen. the scope of essential public activi-

The Silver Creek Sand quotes a During the 18-year period cited. local man as saying that one advantaxes for the support of the federal government increased 750 per cent: for the support of state governments. 400 per cent; for the support of mu-The plant of the Wisner Chronicle was totally destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$10,000. Editor C. C. Charles has the sympathy of the breth. taxpayers to fight for relief through the lowering of state and local taxes. It sounds easy except for the realiza-Omaha Bee: I am glad to see Dr. W. M. Ward and Arthur Brisbane uphold the independence of the United States the Leigh World, "is that they don't cut popular opposition. When one cut popular opposition. When one can't even stop anything, it's difficut to set it going the other way.

The listed government expenditures of \$9,373,595,000 for the year 1921 by the way, are more than the total crop production on the farms of the United States for 1923. A recent re-nort of the federal Department of Agriculture estimated the total cron production for 1923 at \$3.322.695.000. The increased cron production in this country has just about kept pace ronged in our own way as we see fit that there is a weakness which needs and can afford to do.

Watching." says the Blair Enterprise. scarcely stands as an "also ran" in

comparison with the taxation in-It's high time to eliminate alibis be another wise crack about the origin the hint in time if voters keep on of woman.

Dutting the skids under those who rate "pie" as more important than

Some Pointers on Oil.

From the Kansas City Times. Those who are planning a little flyer in oil some time soon might, with profit, look over a speech by E. W. Marland, president of the Marland Oil company, at the American Petroleum Institute, in St. Louis recently. Mr. Mariand told of the hazards of finding and producing crude oil. He emphasized, of course, that the oil industry is essential, that it plays a large part in modern life and that money has been made in oil by a com-paratively small number of people. But the hazards of the game, and the billions that have been lost in it The finding branch of the oil indus-try, says Mr. Marland, "is not a business, nor is it a science—it is a speculation, a lottery." Outside of the so-called "proven areas," the company with a good geological department has opening a new pool, Mr. Marland says; "where the wildcatter, without such help, has only one chance in one or two hundred." Maybe here is one explanation why so many oil "invest-

ments" somehow go wrong. Still, there are other hazards, Even perhaps, of uncertain price move

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Congress is not easily discouraged.

The first part of January should be a good time for the publishers to sell those books on will power .- Port Modernists may take away part of

collection plate.-Jersey The check boy may seem a pirate but just think what it will cost those whose hats are in the ring.-Wen-

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straightforward thing has been some sort of the must have been some sort of the must have been some sort of participation.—Chicago News. This is the land of the free and, ac cording to the divorce court dockets the would-be free.-Des Moines Reg

One reason why France would let

When we have a woman president wrongs advocates predict as not far away, will her husband be the first lady of the land?—Toledo Blade.

Judge Kenyon, importuned by his bring friends to run for the republican non ination for president, says he wants "only to be let alone." Well, he Ford's recipe .-Sioux City Journal. Sunday school teachers are in hard that he has evidence to prove that luck these days. With so many Lloyd George left behind him in this shocking examples among the clergy

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