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STRAIGHT TALK FROM A SINCERE MAN.

An absence of fuss and feathers marked the coming together of the commission of experts at Paris, which has set about its business by making Gtneral Dawes its chairman. These two signs indicate that the proceedings will be business like.

Whatever else may be said in relation to big business, this is one case where politics has had to call on business for assistance. No question will be made to, the assertion that politics has had its full swing since the signing of the armistice more than five years ago, and that the chief problem of the peace settlement yet holds on awaiting adjustment. Diplomats have tackled it again and again, and always have come out just about where they went in.

Now an attempt is to be made by men accustomed to dealing with big affairs from the practical viewpoint of commerce and industry; not for what is good for a dynasty, or the national or international prestige of any government, but to get to brass tacks on a definite question. How much should Germany pay, how much can Germany pay? On these points all the settlement depends, and this is what the experts will try to agree upon. General Dawes is under no illusion as to what

lies before the commission. In his opening address "The success of this committee depends chiefly

on whether in the public mind and conscience of the Allies and the world there is an adequate conception of the great disaster which faces each ally and Europe, unless common sense is crowned

It is no time for mincing words, says the man who goes direct to the center of the problem. What will be more important than his utterance will be the reaction of the nations to his warning. If indeed they are ready to crown common sense king, and to cease wandering in what he calls the gloomy labyrinth of reparations, a way out may be found.

The committee and its vigorous chairman will be watched with much concern by an interested world, and politicians should not be allowed to interfere with its course. Too much high flown nonsense and bad temper already has been spilled, holding back a peace the whole world yearns for, and national pride must now give place for general security.

LIQUIDS, HARD AND SOFT.

Omaha women who were foremost in opposition to hard likker are now crusading against hard water. Having made soft drinks the rule, these good women are now demanding water that is softer. They are not, however, complaining of the water as a hard Irink, but because it is not the right kind of water for culinary, laundry and ablution purposes. Because of its hardness it does not lather well, it irritates the skin, deposits a hard substance in the culinary utensils, and must be softened by the addition of chemicals before it is really fit for laundry

The indictment against the water seems to be almost as severe as that against a favorite libation of the old days when water was used merely as a "chaser." If it is possible to conform to the demands of the women, it is to be hoped that the manager of the Metropolitan Utilities District will waste no time in doing so. Recent experiences prove that when organized womanhood demands something the thing demanded should immediately emulate Crockett's coon and come down without waste of time and ammunition.

Meanwhile the good women might try the oldfashioned plan of setting a tub under the spout of the eaves trough and catch the melting snows upon the roof or the rains that now and then patter down upon the shingles. There is an insistent and growing demand for softness-softer drinks, softer water for household use; and softer answers that shall turn away wrath. But let us beware lest too great a demand for softness result in too many "softies" among the population.

THE RUSHING POLITICAL WATERS.

A Nebraska exchange that indulges in one of - Years Ago Today" departments gives the information that thirty years ago, January 11, Congressman Meiklejohn made his maiden speech in

What a vast volume of water has flowed under the political bridges in Nebraska since that day thirty years ago when "Gentleman George" Meiklejohn arose to address his colleagues. That was so long ago that only the oldest of the old-timers even remember that Meiklejohn once represented a Nebraska district in congress. He and David H. Mercer were the only republican congressional survivors of the populist wave that swept Nebraska in 1892, and it was the first term for both. Since that day a distinguished Nebraskan has made one unsuccessful race for United States senator and three unsuccessful races for the presidency. Five men who have represented the state in the senate have passed to their reward. The direct election of senators, the primary, the Eighteenth and Nineteenth amendments, the state railway commission, the interstate commerce commission, the bone dry law and the administrative code have come to pass since then. The excise boards of Omaha and Lincoln have faded away before the effulgence of prohibition, Nebraska's two largest cities are government by commissions, four representatives who served with him in the house have died-all since that day thirty years ago when Meiklejohn arose to make his maiden speech. The democrat whom he defeated for congress, John Robinson, is dead. Six men who have served as governor of Nebraska have died during

that thirty years. The day Meiklejohn arose to make his maiden speech in congress Nebraska was away down in the statistical tables that gave the relative positions of the states in the matter of productivity. Since then it has reached a position near the top in the table of averages, and the top of some tables dealing with

single things. Then western Nebraska was almost wholly an open range country, whereas today it is the home of thousands of progressive farmers and the site of scores of prosperous towns and cities. So rapid and so many have been the changes during those thirty years that columns would not suffice to enumerate them. But the man who made his maiden congressional speech thirty years ago last Friday is still among the living, and doubtless enjoying many hours of indulgence in reminiscences of those stirring political days when partisanship was extreme and men took their politics very seriously.

COMMONER NAMES HIS MAN.

Mr. Bryan has again set his countrymen to looking through "Who's Who" and "Why's Why," and probably has engendered a lot of gibes from scoffers who are ever ready with ribaldry when the great commoner is presenting an issue or a man. Thoughtful members of his party will not poke fun at his selection, however. Dr. A. A. Murphree of Gainesville, Fla., is scarcely less known than was William Jennings Bryan of Lincoln, Neb., prior to the democratic convention of 1896. So much for fame or notoriety.

out of each three of the delegates to the convention which is about to be called may be left for further developments, but that Mr. Bryan brings him forward seriously will get for him attention from those who expect to control the proceedings. While the colonel left his heart in the grave at San Francisco, he has shown so often his remarkable power of recuperation that his opponents must ever be prepared to reckon with his influence in any gathering of the party for counsel. His issues have not always prevailed, nor have the men he has championed always come to the fore, although his success at Baltimore will always blaze before those who would do without him.

Therefore, the announcement of the Bryan choice as nominee for president will have respectful consideration from his party. It offers nothing more remote than the chances for James M. Cox in 1920, or Woodrow Wilson in 1912, and it does give the democrats something to think about.

SHOULD LOOK OVER GROUND PERSONALLY.

Irrigated Nebraska naturally feels bitter disappointment over the fact finding commission's decision not to look over the irrigation projects personally, but to meet in Salt Lake City and merely take testimony on all of them. Such a hearing will simply be a wrangle between projects seeking priority incompletion, and individuals who seek redness from evident injustice will have little opportunity to be

The irrigation department of the reclamation service should play fair with the men and women who took Uncle Sam at his word and entered upon the reclaimed lands to make their homes and promote the greater development of the whole cuontry. They relied upon the ability and trustworthiness of the engineers Uncle Sam put in charge of the irrigation projects, only to find them either incompetent or untrustworthy, for projects estimated by engineers to cost \$35 an acre have cost from three to four times that, and in no recorded instance has any project cost less than twice the original estimate of the

who have been financially betrayed in the house of

"Studied carelessness" is the vogue in male at- it can be called such, the misunder-

own political fortunes.

President Coolidge may have split an infinitive in his message, as the Detroit News charges, but it's a certainty that he sawed a mighty fine lot of wood before the splitting.

Uncle Sam reduced his indebtedness a half a rapidly when he exercises his right to tax all kinds of securities. billion last year. He will be able to reduce it more of securities.

An Omaha man has kept himself poor for several years paying for the advertised courses that promise to show him how to become successful and wealthy.

Adam put up the plea that the woman tempted him and he fell. The modern woman offers her him and he fell. The modern woman offers her life by so doing it must engender national hatred and encourage a future

Police arrested a man because he had \$50 worth resort to war. He would forget the animosities and the petry quarrels of Public ownership of a considerable of silk underwear under his coat. Pray where should he have it?

Now you have one guess as to whether Dr. A. A Murphree is a fundamentalist or a modernist.

Homespun Verse

-By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

THE WHIRLING CRAZE OF BEAUTY.

The beauty contest schedule moves along with perfect chuggin'. There is Sally, Winnie, Minnie; there is Katherine Mc Guggin:

There are fairer ones preparing for the test-as one supposes-Wasting time in beauty culture on their cheeks and of congress.

They are dreaming of surpassing what the older ones

Hands adept at decorating smooth the rouge and pow-

Till the smiles and ogle glances of the smoother charm on its merits, untrammelled by clam or forced by balleting which does a Eyes that shun the thread and needle and the most of represent the sentiment of the

Read and revel in the pages for the furtherance of time to send in their ballots, so cun mingly contrived that a man has real beauty And the beauty contest suffers not for want of competi-

tion,-Though 'tis growing far too common to be jointed to

While the young prospective husband is inclined to be suspicious, And the age of silk and satin and the purpose of coterle

Caution him to count his money and go forward somewhat leery,-But the maudlin craze of beauty to the unknown zenith sallies,

While the world-amazed, astounded-sinks despondent-

"The People's Voice"

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

A Voice for Bok's Plan.

ter, or is it growing worse?" It is not difficult to point out some bad indications; but there are also some good indications. One of the most gratifying of present world phenomena is the earnest seeking for a way to establish a concord of nations, through which law and order and peace would bring world-wide prosperity and happiness. In the presence of the terrible conditions that exist in several countries and that affect the interests of all countries, to my mind there is a bright light shining and pointing toward the establishment of law and order and peace.

The time world wide prosperity and happiness, In the presence of the terrible conditions that exist in several countries and that affect the interests of all countries, to my mind there is a bright light shining and pointing toward the establishment of law and order and peace.

The time world wide prosperity and happiness and attention to laying wires for his time and attention to laying wires for his time and attention to laying wires for his time and attention to laying wires for his capped by conflicting interests and responsibility and threatened with disintegration. A plea in its behalf is personal to the present congress, and the basic fault, apparently, is a fault of the whole forest policy, which he is giving a large share of his time that the is giving a large share of his time that the is giving a large share of his time that the is giving a large share of his time that the is giving a large share of his time dattention. A plea in its behalf is disintegration. A plea in its behalf is and attention to laying wires for his time dattention to laying wires for his time dattention. A plea in its behalf is pending to produce the presence of the presence of his services as the business executive of his services as the business of the full produce.

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rears ago is now, with all the present facilities of communication and transportation, looming up as a pracduring his term as mayor of Lincoln A Construction

der as prerequisites of peace and prosperity.

Let us not folow those who advise that we keep open house for all people and let them loot our pantry and our cellar, nor go to the other extreme and agree with those who hold list ambitions somewhat in check, there and agree with those who hold list ambitions somewhat in check of one blood all the nations of men that dwell on all the face of the earth."

This is what Paul said in the first century, Cannot the people of the 20th century rise to this level? What are we here for?

There is a right way that lies be tween the extremes of careless and indiscrete liberatity and the selfshness that forbids all friendly services and connections. The "peace plan" now widely published seems to be between the extremes to be between the beauting and the public service.

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behooves us to proceed cautiously. is well that this nation has not ply himself to the task.

The British Labor Party's Program.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Preparing to take public office for the first time in history, the British labor party has realfirmed while expressing a willingness to cooperate in the meantime with any other party along the lines of advance ment in that direction. The party, it more.

much disappointment is felt in the way Governor Bryan has been doing things for some months past. He freight rates is general. President Coolidge has asked congress to direct the interstate commerce commission definite purposes which as yet are but partially accompilshed. With the job not more than half done, he proposes to abandon it in order to go after something else that he wants ment in that direction. The party, it

who have been financially betrayed in the house of their supposed friends.

There aren't enough ciphers in the linotype machine to permit telling how many cubic yards of water there are within the crust of the earth. Stock promoters have every reason to feel encouraged over the outlook.

"Studied carelessness" is the vogue in male at"Studied carelessness" is the "Studied carelessness" is the vogue in male attire set by the Prince of Wales. Barring the studied part the vogue has long been prevalent in numerous sections of this country.

Politicians who attempt to play politics with the Mellon tax reduction plan are very likely to discover that they have only played thunder with their own political fortunes.

It can be called such, the misunderstandings, the pin pricks, irritations going on between France and ourselves are absolutely deplorable. Continuing, he said: "They are unworthy of both countries. They do not issue from the minds of the good people of either country. It would be a good thing to do, if we could only do it, to put them all behind us, to establish to put them all behind us, to establish with France, Italy, Russia, Germany, Czecho-Slovakia, all the people of all nations, an understanding, not of rival military forces, but an understanding of humane men and humane standing of humane men and humane. In making this journey to Washington at the time when the demo-

retain added political power. Mr. MacDonald makes it plain that the ious to perpetuate itself in power, to blame

ne reign of righteousness." will be a success and that the people substantial timber supply.

of all countries may learn a great lessifited the burden to federal

regard to the Bok peace plan.

I hope the people of this great state will wake up and vote against this infamous piece of propaganda that is being forced on the people as an indirect way of ramming the League of Nations down the throat of concress.

is pending in congress at the present time. It is not necessary to promote another plan, and congress should be allowed to consider the question

, no choice. The very fact that the award wa made by a committee who do not represent the people of the great middle west, but the men who conceived an tried to put across the league, is su Marmalade and cake and doughnuts lack the olden taste ficient for me to vote against the plan, and I only wish I could cast million votes against the plan. W. B. ABRAHAMSON.

A Willing Worker.

"Any unemployment in this parf the country?' "Some," answered Farmer Corn ossel. "The only thing that's work n' on Si Simlin's place is a barrel of -Washington Star

"From State and Nation"

A Constructive Rail Decision.

Coming just at this time, when cor

-Editorials from Other Newspaperslit launches reform in local taxation

Personal Politics Against Public Business.

The people of Nebraska who elect- tree crops on the farm. A Voice for Bok's Plan.

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ward the establishment of law and order and peace.
The time has arrived for laying the foundation for a world government and for doing something in the way of building the superstructure. It is a necessity. We must have it of each three of the delegates to the convention which is about to be called may be left ward the establishment of law and order and peace.

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cal and attainable thing.

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It would not be wise to presume city elected him as the head of their at some person or some association municipal administration, expecting gress is squaring away for railroad persons can work out in a short that he would devote his energies that some person or some association of persons can work out in a short time a complete and perfect plan for adaltities as a business man to improve the local government. But no claims to be able to do that should be skindly led to a back seat. But let was planning to use the suggestions and recommendations of intelligent, practical men and of view put aside all partisan prejudices and personal antagonisms or antipathies and keep steadily before the mind the establishment of law and order as prerequisites of peace and prosperity.

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widely published seems to be between the two extremes that have been advocated and I am inclined to think it is as good an outline for future procedure as can be produced, though it behooves us to proceed counting of the control of the process of the control of able administration if he would ap- be encouraged to insist on the elimi

en hasty in this regard.

BERIAH F. COCHRAN.

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Ply himself to the task.

Among these supporters who contributed to his election as governor, much disappointment is felt in the way Governor Bryan has been doing.

The demand for the reduction of

cost less than twice the original estimate of the engineers. The impossibility of making all this clear to commissioners who refuse to make a personal inspection of the projects will be very clear to any inquiring mind.

The fact finding commission is not serving the purpose for which it was created if it shall fail to visit each project, look it over carefully, and listen patiently to the complaints of the men and women of the house of the serving the patiently to the complaints of the men and women of the world from its house of the world from any actions are such as to throw more.

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women, who have no cause for war, inston at the time when the demonstrate national committee is to meet the man who made and worthy of there on January 15, Governor Bryan the man who made the made t divested of all those narrow and selfish considerations which, wherever manifested or made apparent, indicate a consuming desire to gain and for traveling all over the country. Mr. Bryan can rest assured that if his following dwindles in the next campaign he has no one but himself

ne past while striving to re-establish part of the forest area is fundamental to a sound forest policy. Good. To hold to high ideals, yet mbrace the progress of each opporunity, or, as Abraham Lincoln puts to "do the best we can" under the station at Cloquet, Minn., where pri-That contention was emphasized at cumstances, is a sane proposition vate interests asserted frankly that n which all classes can unite. Let it is impractical for them to under a hope that the MacDonald ministry take reforestation on the basis of a son from it. WILLIS HUDSPETH.

Warns of the League.

Loomis, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I have been interested in the letters printed in your paper in regard to the Bok peace plan.

I hope the people of this great the shifted the burden to federal and state governments. Now Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, who served as chairman of the select committee, has introduced a bill which acknowledges that responsibility and grasps at a solution.

It is not a committee bill in its

Wasting time in beauty culture on their cheeks and lips and noses;
We thought that the last election quisition of additional forest land and settled this question once and for by transfer of suitable parts of the good, but it seems that its friends are public domain: it provides for more quisition between federal still trying to put it across.

As the Harding and Coollidge plan and state governments in forest programment of fire liberal co-operation between federal tection and the suppression of fires

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1924. W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public

Cry of the Soul

The north wind's sullen blow, Let me meet you as you pass-You are my friend-not foe. laws, making them comformable to I care not for the sheltered life. the slow process of timber production. Warm rooms and pampered jo Warm rooms and pampered joy love the storm clouds' strife— The lightning's flash—the thunder's and it encourages the growing of

> My soul is only happy when The elements clash and jar; My soul-as it travels afar. go out through the endless space That Omar called a bowl We seem to meet-face to face-Heaven and my soul.

My soul and heart they Seem to always be at war, Not joy or peace or play, But just contentment striving far. -H. F. Gilbert.

Center Shots

New York is preparing to padlock the front doors of all its saloons, but patrons will doubtless be satisfied with the side entrances.-Norfolk Ledger

Abe Martin



We allus feel kind o' lost, kind o' Well, it might really be economy to like we'd jest finished a good book, have the navy chase the rum fleet. It when we make a last payment, would save the expense of going south for target practice.—Elizabeth Jour. King Tut took no chances, but at that he finally lost ever'thing.



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