- Grows

Where the Tall Corn

The Council Bluffs Nonpareil mourn-

row my gondola and singa my song, And my Mary she smile prettily; geta excit, something goes wrong-I fall in the wat, but the floo

I think maby somebody they hear, And think I'ma rob them and soon be dead, But I graba my gun—then I gotta

> freece—
> I'ma 'fraid that maby I gotta die.
> And I talk alla time 'bout my sweeta And, like a bambina, I cry and

One day I get sick and I feel like

fanta go back-oh, taka me, ion. To my dear Italy, where skies are s

For my poor hearta cry for my sweeta Venice. -Carolyn Belle Adams.

excitement they caused. But their

work was important in building the nation. Once the rich mineral regions were located there was little left for other morning told of the passing of Lafe Fyffe, one of the few remaining plored by science a thin the prospected regions, but the prospected regions are proposed as a second region of the prospected regions. unprospected regions, but the pros plored by science—a thing of which the veteran knew little and cared less. Some day the last prospector known other prospectors who have be gone, perhaps Fyffe was the last tramped from the Klondike to the The world will not even pause when The world will not even pause when Comstock is sufficient to have a feelight learns of the passing of that indi-ng of friendship toward the Cripple vidual. It has continued its pace folof far more important personages.

> but for men, and the prospector answed a thousands of his comrades of the pick to take unnecessary chances."—Wash ington Star.

No Cook. Two inhabitants of a sagebrush own were seated on a cracker box exchanging desultory conversation.

much getting the gold as in the enjoy-ment he found in finding it. A rich Forlorn Hope restaurant?" "Yes, I know 'em."

"Ever try 'em? "Yes, I've tried 'em.' "What do you think of 'em?"

out in the hills with his gold pan and ment "That feller's not a cook, he's a tended for him. His comrades before juggler."-Exchange

Described to a T.

d the "Can you give me a good descrip-tion of your absconding cashier?" since suavely asked the detective. by the sourdough. When the last was prietor, "I believe he's about five feet completed, the prospector and his five inches tail and about \$7,000 burro disappeared through the veil of short."—Exchange.

Elections circulate money result in lowerin' taxes or settlin Convright, 1924.

Visitor-Can you tell me if Bil

some one else.-Purple Parrot Hobbs (seeking divorce)-She says he married me to reform me.

Hobbs-Don't know exactly; but if t's the idea that I couldn't live withut her she's succeeded admirably,-Boston Transcript.

out your way?" saluted the able edi-tor of the Turninville Torch of Lib-"Tollable quiet, yur of late," replied

with the prospect of inning the year low metal somewhere within was wine to his being. Those mountains called to his being. Those mountains called "Why is everybody in Crimer Gulch carrying a gun?"

This here," answered Cactus Joe "This here," and the boy. 'is Safety First week and the boys had their own ideas about the way not

The citizen thus appealed to gazed reflectively toward the footnills for some minutes and then rendered judg-

Let Dot Man Put Asunder

Abe Martin

demoralize business, but they never wanta my moosic, my gondola, Ike Lark t'day, but it wuz too late as ever'buddy had formed an' opin-

The Spice of Life

ones is up in his room? Fresh-Sorry, there's nobody home in the top story.

Visitor—Oh. excuse me, I'll as:

Dobbs-Reform you of what?

"Well, Mr. Sockery, how are things

world knows about, but if one could modern the present the sound of the think the sound of the think the sound the think the polar the sensible drys believe that the 18th them.

Consider, for example, our modern could willain." Originally this world sensible drys believe that the 18th them.

The Davenport Times remarks that poke around the think populated mountainous regions bordering the the hills and he felt best there. A the sound of corn the hills and he felt best there. A vista of unconquered mountains ahead, with the prospect of finding the yellow metal somewhere within many relics of those stirring days.

"Seems to me the turtle is unduly

"What kind of speed would you make in your car if you had to carry along your garage?"-Louisville Cour-

When in Omaha

My Sweeta Venice

you pleece—Alla time hoory up, hoory up, or losea my job.

I go home from worka so tired

All night I dream of my dear Italy, And my sweeta Venice I can'ta for

jump up vera quick and scratchs and saving half the time.

One more item on autos that have electric storage batteries-would pay most of your road tax right now that the cars can't be run to keep the battery charged; as a neglected batand a new one in the spring will cost the car owner from \$15 to \$20, which he might not have had to buy if he

There is no arguing any way you put it, against the hard surface road not paying its way many times what That's 8 to 10 cents an acre when

you can go some place and bring you What's your Missouri farm worth

ing of friendship toward the Cripple

of Lafe's kind remaining that th

numan relics of those stirring days.

Lafe spent much of his money

bring enjoyment to his friends,

willingness to take his own shirt

rom The Sait Lake Tribune. sourdoughs. Fyfie as a personality was not known to us, but to have

The Waterloo Tribune insists that the insurgents in congress ought to in-troduce a resolution of sympathy with nodernists who are trying to wreck

Grove Eagle announces that "the man they overstepped his hospitality, the call. who drinks bootleg booze in this bringing disrepute. How like old-time May t country thinks little of his morals and sourdough was that act. It was a less of his stomach."

as dangerous now as it was in war

The Hampton Chronicle arises to one of the few whose sudden riches announce that Burton E. Sweet is the did not lead to premature end. But

burro, doing the work that nature inhim likewise squandered their money investments in the large centers of

I am seeking the nomination for state railroad commissioner on the republican ticket in the primary elec-I am manager of the Manning traf-

about the future, Jones."
"No: that never bothers me until it becomes the present."—Boston Tran-

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Nation" -Editorials from Other

"From State and

Some people will spend \$2 worth of The Coon Rapids Enterprise says dollar's worth of road taxes, says the Governor Pinchot stands no show for the republican nomination because his That paper sure tell That paper sure tells the truth an barrel is too big and he is too much any person who drives a car over the disposed to use it in campaigns in kind of roads we now have here in which he is interested. The Enter-Missouri will say it is correct. prise seems to entertain some pecu- hard-surfaced road would not only liar views about political procedure. save half the gas, but the saving on tires also pays more than half the tax, let alone the heavy wear and tear

lican nomination for senator is not From the Green Castle, Mo., Journal.

The Cedar Falls Review admits that the Bok peace plan may be worth the money, but fails to see where it will contribute substantially to the ure of riding on a nice smooth surface settlement of the problem.

The Anderson Herald, after a care my sale if it don't rain." What would ful survey of the local situation, and it be worth to you to be able to go nounces that one-half the people are to town any day or night, regardles rying to live up to their future, and of the weather? the other half trying to live down

The Davenport Times, noting that gon with guns, suggests that Senator Brookhart be loaned to the Mexican government to teach the Mexicans how to use the guns.

The Coon Rapids Enterprise afraid that if the anti-Brookhart aspirants do decide upon one man to nake the race, some other anti-Brookhart man will jump in and mess things all up.

The Clinton Herald complains that manded peace. He brought peace to Russia. He drove out misery and strife. He gathered together the a fellow can't commit suicide by of your farm. Farms in California jumping from a tall building these on paved highways sell as high as days without alighting on an auto top. \$1,200 an acre and none less than \$500 "What a joyful day it will be," exclaims the Keokuk Gate City, "when the American billboard ceases to mar the scenery and insult the American

sense of beauty!" California's annual shipment of \$25, 00,000 worth of prunes isn't a marker to the millions Iowans annually take to California, is the mournful plaint of the Ottumwa Courier.

the churches.

"If there is one thing this country needs," sagely observes the Glidden thing to be cherished, and violation Graphic, "it is stability; 'rocking the of that friendship through unscrua sourdough for a friend was some boat' will get us nowhere, and is just pulous actions generally meant a dead

we are a good neighbor of Mexico if the generally meant misfortune and the we won't lend her a gun when she disaster, and history is full of tales needs one?" queries the Davenport of discoverers of famous mines who met tragic deaths. Fyffe is perhaps

lone man who can defeat Brookhart at even he always felt best when he was ment of profit on exorbitant terminal

service.

If the large cities must have expensive terminals, let them pay the freight.

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SOCIALIST SPARKS THREATEN MACDONALD. Ramsay Macdonald, having kissed the king's hand and exchanged seals with Baldwin, is fairly launched on his job as prime minister of England. For the next four or five weeks he will have comparatively simple matters to deal with, assuming that the labor ministers will as adroitly occupy the front bench as their predecessors have done. This may be expected. They are experienced parlia-

mentarians, and should be able to fend off the attacks that surely will be made by the tories. The ides of March, though, mean something to Macdonald just as they did for Caesar. Then will come the end of the fiscal year. The budget will have to be brought forth. What that will disclose must profoundly affect the future of the Macdonald government. Another very significant portent is noted in the list of cabinet officers named by the

Sidney Webb, one of England's most ardent socialists, is given the place of secretary of the Board of Trade. The importance of this can not be overlooked. As such Webb will have the oversight of all the industry of the United Kingdom, domestic and foreign alike. His personal attitude is exhibited in a recently printed book, written by Webb and his wife, Beatrice, "The Decay of Capitalist Civilization." In this the theories of socialism are championed with much ardor. This may well cause trepidation among those who hold to the system that has

made Britain great. It is possible, even probable, that Webb will furnish the explosive and light the fuse to blow the Macdonald bark out of water. It is to be expected that Macdonald, Clynes and Thomas, who are the big men in the cabinet, will do their utmost to redeem the pledges of moderation they have made. Here is a fine chance for dissension inside the government that faces enough trouble on the outside. Webb has long argued with others of his class for the capital levy. He demands the nationalization of transportation, and the means of production in general. He is committed even more than his chief to the en-

tire Marxian program. How will he react to the opportunity to try the experiments he has advocated with such fervent zeal? Can he content himself with the restraint advised by Macdonald and others? Can he be satisfied with a piecemeal application of the doctrine he has preached? When the socialist group of England learns that the men in power are postponing the promised millenium, what will follow? These are some of the things behind the looking glass through

which Ramsay Macdonald has just stepped.

PANAMA CANAL PAYS ITS WAY. Five hundred and six commercial vessels passed through the Panama canal during the month of December, 1923. This gives an average of 16.32 per lay, and marks the high record of use of the canal no far. Tolls for the month aggregate \$2,335,791.31, ind the tolls for the calendar year come to the respectable sum of \$22,966,838.18, a monthly average through the year of \$1,913,903.18. More than

5.000 commercial ships used the canal during 1923. It was this the president had in mind when he said that money spent in providing waterways was not an expesse but an investment. In 1914 the canal tells amounted to \$1,508,737.36. At the end of 10 years the aggregate has mounted 14 times. Good judges insist that the capacity of the canal will soon be reached, and that it will produce surplus which is to be set aside to defray the cost of building the second canal that will be needed to care for the traffic. Commerce is going around the world faster than ever because of this great facility afforded by

What does this mean? It ought to stimulate the effort to make the Mississippi, the Missouri, the Ohio, and the other great rivers of the central empire of the United States commerce carriers. Not a stream in Europe of the size of the Missouri is idle, and many much smaller work for the people. While the war was in progress the French government carried on and completed a huge tunnel northward from Marseilles to connect the port with the inland water system. In the United States, what happened? Work

of improving the rivers was suspended.

rivers. It is truly an investment to improve the waterways of the country.

Now it is being urged again, not as a rival but to

supplement the railroads. Americans are beginning

to understand what they have so long neglected.

'The revenue that is coming in from the canal will

some day be matched by that derived from the great

WE JOIN IN PROTEST. Once more are we impelled to line up alongside the esteemed Milwaukee Journal to make a determined fight, yea, a last stand if necessary, in defense of what seems to us now to be the last stand of masculinity. The business women of New Orleans have made demand that they have free access to the barber shops, there to take their turn with mere men in receiving the tonsorial attention of the skilled attendants. The Journal voices its protest, and to that protest we add our own, conscious of our own rectitude and convinced of the purity of our own

We insist, with what feeble might is left us, that this one refuge, this one sanctuary, of mere men be left to us; that there shall be forever maintained for us one spot where we may foregather at least once a week, there to submit to hirsute abbreviation and feel free to talk of the good old times before emancipation for one portion of society merely meant additional shackles upon the other portion.

May we mere men not have left to us even this little bit of privacy? Is there no place to be left to us where we can submit to facial massage, to unguents, to the application of healing facial lotions, without prying feminine eyes to see and carping feminine criticism to sizzle and sear? Shall

there not be retained for us one place where we may doff our coats, divest ourselves of collars, and loll about in luxurious ease while awaiting the ministrations of the craft so long devoted to our pulchritudin-

ous uplift? Though meek and long suffering under the tremendous revolution that so quickly deprived, us of long cherished prerogatives, we raise our voice in protest, and rallying to the standard uplifted by the esteemed Milwaukee Journal, we declare our intention to fight till the last chair, if necessary, in defense of our barber shops, our sartorial ease and

our sacred facial caressment. We have been pushed too far. Our back is against the wall. Our long suffering resentment is aroused at last. We have buckled on our sword and encased ourselves in armor, and neither shall be laid aside until victory shall have been won, until it shall have been decreed that amidst all this crash of matter and wreck of worlds there is to be left to us, once lords of creation, one sacred spot where we may

mingle with our kind and secure from interference. We call others threatened with oppression to follow the guidon, to keep their eyes riveted upon the oriflamme so proudly raised by the Milwaukee Journal, and to which to have pledged our life, our

fortune and our masculine honor.

BOK BAITERS CATCH A TARTAR. Edward Bok, Hollander by birth, American by adoption, and advocate of peace because he believes in it, showed the senatorial inquisitors that he knows a church when he see it. Messrs. Moses and Reed discovered that Mr. Bok's long residence among the Quakers has not dulled his wit, nor entirely obliterated his joy in a nice bit of a dispute. In fact, the senators who have for years made a Roman holiday of all proposals for general peace, no matter by whom brought forward, discovered in Mr. Bok a foeman worthy of their very best steel, and, resting

on points scored, the credit for the first round must go to the former editor. Deferentially replying to one of Senator Moses' carefully framed inquiries, Mr. Bok advised him of something that is apparent to all, and should have been known to the senator. That is, that the money so far expended in pushing the Bok peace prize undertaking is or was Mr. Bok's own money, and it is no business of the senator from New Hampshire how or in what manner a private citizen of the United

States spends his own money, so long as no law is broken nor the public peace put in danger. This ought to get home to everyone. Whether Mr. Bok is right or wrong, it gets us nowhere to ridicule him for his endeavor to get the public to support a vision he thinks means good for the world. Differ with him, meet his arguments with arguments as sound, but do not try to discredit him because he is footing the bills for what he frankly admits is propaganda. Nor should his efforts be condemned

because they include propaganda. The opposition

uses it, not so adroitly, maybe, but as persistently.

propaganda appears to be getting over, and Moses,

What is of real interest here, is that Bok's

Reed, and others are having a hard time to stem the tide. That is the milk in the cocoanut.

DESTROYED IN A BREATH. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth," said the great proverbialist many thousands

of years ago. And it is as true today as when ut-A Grand Island school teacher inadvertantly made a remark that her pupils construed as a warning that a local bank was in financial straits, and within 36 hours the rumor had grown and spread until a run was started and the bank, oldest in the city, was forced to close its doors. It was the old story of

the three black crows told over again, with one of its many variations. One little breath of scandal has withered and destroyed many a well built reputation. One derogatory remark has ruined many a character. A big financial institution that has served its community for almost a half-century, that had survived drouth and panic, that had safely handled millions entrusted to its care, that has seen two generations of business men come and go as it dealt with them-all made as

of a school teacher. An unruly tongue can scatter more destruction and woe than an army with banners. Austria went to work after the war, earned and

secured the confidence of capital, and is now getting along in good shape. Austria's example is good enough for a few other European nations to emulate. It is darned decent in Ol' Bill McAdoo not to come and take Governor Bryan's state away from him, but at that politics out here is mighty uncertain

Frank P. Corrick has signed up to manage the Coolidge campaign in Nebraska, but the battle will not be on until Frank Harrison sounds the tocsin. Taxes in the United States last year amounted to \$68.37 per capita, and don't fool yourself with the thought that you did not pay your share.

effected, but the Standard goes right along without Now that the wets know where the president stands, it continues to be their move.

An Old Subscriber wants to know when the January thaw is coming. So do we. It appears that Mr. Bryan's "man of the hour" not even a good split second.

ing that Teapot affair.

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

HOME. Home is the place to which we go to flee the web of care, And oft we do not get the most of blessed virtues there. Nor see reflection's precious gems of joy which bear

Nor love the saintly quietude until the home is lost.

not cost.

sciously.

illusion see.

Robert Worthington Davie

Too often is the home a place to fling our coats and While thoughts are wholly centered on the deeds of dawning day,

While eyes that should view beauty there some far

home's diviner atmosphere is breathed uncon-

Home is the sunny vale of life, unmeasured as to worth; Home is the shrine of love and truth-the Paradise of Home is the hearth of cosmic things-the life-warm

Home is the guiding hand of God to Death from Baby- the

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this commn freely for fully admits that the prospect for one prominent republican in the state conesting with Brookhart for the repub-

expression on matters of interest.

An Omahan's Estimate. Omaha-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Progressive-minded people the world over today mourn the passng of the greatest statesman and

Never has an outstanding figure een so denounced and villifed, never has a man been so loved and cherished by the common people as Placed as though by destiny at th

head of a war-torn nationa where over 150,000,000 of people were the prey of starvation, anarchy, and death, Lenin has left behind him a nation restored to order-a nation of life growing better with every Far more responsible for Lenin's

death than the assassin's bullets (Dora Kaplan's and other attempts) were the grave burdens of the position into which he was thrust—the burden of war on 17 battle fronts, the den of ruined factories, the burden of asualties the burden of the wardows and orphans, the burden of amine—burdens such as czars and caisers exact of ruined nations. man in a war-crazed world and de-

planted wheat. Idle smokestacks were returned to their task. A great But he paid the price.
Omaha Branch, Workers Party.
TOM MATTHEWS.

wisted rails and built railroads. Vhere famine laid waste the land he

Peril of Revising the Bible. Omaha .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In connection with the nodernist - fundamentalist discussion ermit me to point out that the origiuries ago and some of the words ng then than some of our modern nterpreters are trying to fasten upon

word "villain." Originally this word years. meant an inhabitant of a "villa" or small town. Imagine someone today trying to interpret early Roman hisomans when using this word dld not that the word meant a thug in those ndicate how ridiculous is the attempt of Professor Goodspeed or any other atter day evangelist to define scrip ural language and draw a different meaning from it than was arrived at centuries ago by the early Christian teachers who were practically con-temporaries of Christ and His apostles, and who certainly knew better what the original Hebrew, Chaldaic or Greek words really meant than does

ome fellow trying to tell us about it .900 years later.

Just about the time the scientists get all cock-sure on some pet theores, some Einstein comes along to up set the apple cart for them. I recall in my school days that the physical investments geographies cited the "nebular hypoth-population." geographies cited the "nebular hypothesis" to account for the creation of the earth, and in looking over my boy's school books I find a new theory. Science can safely be defined as "today's guess," as it may fined as "today's guess," as it may fi change tomorrow. Real scientists, like sateur, have often been fundamentalists. Do you think a man is superstitious because he is humble enough to acknowledge the power of God and refuses to encompass it with restrictions, because the human mind is feeble and doesn't know all of God's secrets?

F. C. DARROW.

Cheers Drive for Peace.

Wausa, Neb.—To the Editor of The maha Bee: I am selfic bureau and Manilla traffic bureau and thoroughly conversant with the railroad situation, based on 17 years' experience. Omaha Bee: I am sending herewith my ballot on the Bok peace plan. It naught in a single day by the unguarded utterance

Omaha Bee: I am sending herewith my ballot on the Bok peace plan. It is indeed amusing to watch the fierce attacks made by the "irreconcilables," both within and outside of congress, upon this peace plan. Somebody must be hurt, or at least badly scared. "Propaganda to get us into the League of Nations," they cry. Why, the United States senate itself approved of our joining the league with reservations exempting us from the provision of article X, but President Wilson disapproved it. He insisted we should go into the league armed with real guns. Later President Harding called a conference of the nations to meet in Washington for peaceful discussions. Much was accomplished at the conference content of the press, to whom all seekers of public offices must look to for support or condemnation. What is the minimum charge on freight shipments between Iowa stations?

The board of railroad commission-ters have taken no action to compel the railroads to observe the 25-cent minimum carried in the Iowa classification.

This is one instance showing the necessity of having a competent trafto meet in Washington for peaceful discussions. Much was accomplished at that conference and it showed what could be done if nations got together in peaceful conference. The Bok peace plan does not provide for the United States joining the League of Nations at all, but that they co-operate and participate in the work of the league as a body of mutual counsel under conditions which substitute moral force and public opinion for the mill.

This is one instance showing the necessity of having a competent traffic expert a member of the board of railroad commissioners.

If the 25-cent minimum were enmany thousands of dollars to lows shippers annually.

Put a shipper's man on the board.

W. L. CARNEY.

conditions which substitute moral force and public opinion for the military and economic force originally implied in Articles X and XVI.

Again they point out that the "league was submitted to the American people in a referendum vote at the election of 1920 and was overwhelmingly repudiated." Yes, that was the league with Articles X and XVI included intact, as President Wilson insisted they should be. Had it been submitted in a form that did not bind the United States to participate with armed force to help settle other countries' disputes, but to co-operate with peaceful persuasion and moral force (as the peace plan contemplates, in great and its very plain that he is not worrying about any future reward following an excellent service rendered for the conditions of the condi Another amalgamation of oil concerns has been

What this country needs most of all is an old shioned chinook wind.

There seems to be good grounds for investigating that Teapot affair.

Evidently the Roosevelt tribe has not gone to ed.

Homesman Verse

with peaceful persuasion and moral force (as the peace plan contemplates, though without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would, without question, have been sub in gan excellent service rendered for the relief of humanity. His unselfish regard for the ones left behind while on the greatest adventure of his life and the willingness to "do it all over again," as the song goes, is a wonderful reiteration of true Americanism.

Many men of similar experience would, without us joining the league the result of the vote would in gan excellent service rendered for the relief of humanity. His unselfish regard for the ones left behind while on the relief of humanity. His unselfish regard for the ones left behind while on the relief of humanity. His unselfish regard for the ones left behind while on the relief of humanity. It is unselfish regard for the relief of humanity. It is unselfish regard for the relief of humanity. It Strange, though, that those who con-demn the plan agreed to be the best

one among more than 22,000, decline to suggest a better one themselves. An Iowan on Rail Problems. Manilla, Ia.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Freight rates and trans-portation facilities are the basis of

ir commercial life. Without adequate transportation, the farmer, merchant, manufacturer and laborer are unable to function. Freight rates are next in im-portance. Rates that are too low re duce transportation facilities.
Freight rates that are too high stifle commercial activities and nullify adequate service.

I believe in state supervision of intrastate traffic.

chant, manufacturer or laboring man of Iowa should pay interest on the in-

I do not believe the farmer, mer-

vestment of the superexpensive terninals of the larger cities—New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas I cannot conceive a situation where the purely intrastate business of lowa should be taxed for the pay-

A Philosopher.
"You don't seem to bother much

V. A. BRIDGE, Cir. Mgr.