"From State and

Nation"

-Editorials from Other

"Helping the Farmer."

oseph L. Bristow in Salina (Kan.) Journa

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of the last session boasted about

tical use. The trouble is that

fine measures that had been adopte

for the benefit of the farmer, by

they seem to have been of little pra

statesmen appear to think that the

way to help the farmer is to make

agricultural industry is carried on to

perience demonstrates that it does not help, but hurts him financially, to

dustrial and commercial life of that

of every character, fuel, machinery,

and farm equipment, must be moved

of a half dozen senators and a score

or so of congressmen, no one in con

part of our statesmen is the political

Our Altruistic "Isolation."

ces which Europe is now begging of

us and which we are altruistically

Popguns and Big Berthas.

Bulletins and proclamations by

paper bean bag has on the prece

political committee have about as much effect on public opinion as one

of the equinoxes. The waste basket is

other iniquities is another of the flour

nony, without partisan prejudice nust be convinced that Secretar

Bamboozle the People," Revenue bil

to catch votes; playing, in the house and in the senate, into the hands of

radicals with a preposterous program, including the reimposition of excess profits taxes—these are among the

expedients by which too many democrats in congress seek to obstruct

Democratic secretary of the treas

ury after democratic secretary of the treasury called for tax reduction.

Lopping off the high brackets of th aurtax was good democratic dectring when expressed by Mr. Houston and

Mr. Glass Coming from a republican secretary of the treasury it won

do. The republicans would "get the credit" of it. Why not take the high

partisan view, as some thoughtfu democratic congressmen do? Tax re

fuction is a rational necessity.

or prevent the realization of the ger eral demand for Secretary Mellon's plan of tax reduction.

The controlling influence

he expense of transportation.

A large majority in both branches

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TIME TO ACT, MR. PRESIDENT.

Edward L. Doheny admits that he sent Albert B. Fall \$100,000 in currency, several months before Fail as secretary of the interior approved leases that gave Doheny control of 37,000 acres of oil land in California. Doheny says he took Fall's note, payable on demand, bearing no interest, as security for the loan, and that no demand has been made for payment. He once boasted that the lease would net him \$100,000,000.

The public will not, and the president should not, regard Fall's weak denial that he was in any way influenced by the Doheny loan. If their friendship was so strong that the loan would be made as it was, it was strong enough to give the secretary a bias in favor of a friend so generous. Any other conclusion would be strange.

President Coolidge should act without delay to restore to the public domain the land Doheny says he is willing to return if by so doing he can clear the name of Al Fall. Likewise, the lease Harry Sinclair holds on the Teapot Dome should be canceled, and all other leases of whatever kind or nature made while Fall was secretary of the interior should be carefully examined.

If the president has not authority so to act, he should ask congress for the proper support without waiting for criminal investigations. The Doheny statement, made to the senate committee, and the action of Sinclair, in running away, leave no room

Such deals show on their face that they are not above suspicion, and, believing that "a public office 's a public trust," we also hold that any action by public officer that is not clean and clear in all its details should not be permitted to bind the public o its actual detriment.

TARIFF AND THE SHEEP MEN.

Whenever a democratic editor sets about to show the farmer what he should do to be saved, he usually begins by making a catalogue of the farmer's sins. Right at the top he sets down that the farmer voted for republicans who went to congress and passed a tariff bill. If it had not been for this, nothing would have happened, and everything would be lovely. What do the farmers say in reply.

Wool growers are usually classed under the general heading of agriculture, there being a sufficient connection between that industry and grain growing to warrant the connection. President Hagenbarth of the National Wool Growers' association, addressing the convention at Salt Lake City on Tuesday, dealing with the tariff said:

"The unusual threat of injury to the livestock industry from political influence and reduction or destruction of tariffs does not seem to be as imminent during the present presidential years as we have been accustomed to.

These are the words of a man who is deeply concerned in the affairs of an important branch of general agriculture. He ought to know the disposition of the farmer; he certainly knows what happens to the wool grower when the democratic party frames a free trade tariff law. President Hagenbarth will not meet general approval for his utterances in the councils that oppose the republican administration, but he talks like a man who knows what he is talking about.

MIRACLES PERFORMED BY MAN.

Little boys and little girls will stuff things up their noses or down their throats. Mothers can not always watch them. Once surgical science was unable to aid them. Many a time a sorrowing desperate mother and a sympathetic and almost as desperate doctor have been compelled to watch a baby gasp out its little life, because it had swallowed something that lodged in the windpipe or the lungs.

This menace is now almost completely removed. Surgical skill and invention has provided the means to overcome it. Twice within a week the bronchoscope has vindicated itself. A baby was hurried from St. Louis to Philadelphia, where a surgeon removed a carpet tack from one of its lungs. Another was brought to Omaha from North Platte to have a kernel of corn extracted. In both cases the work was deftly and expeditiously performed.

The modern surgeon works wonders. He takes hold of the very secret springs of life. Brain, heart or lungs, the most vital parts of man, are dealt with after a fashion that is almost uncanny by these men whose educated fingers are the instruments of a highly specialized mind. They can make inanimate instruments act as if they were alive. These two recent incidents of babies preserved from certain and painful death are land marks in the work of the modern surgeon.

IS LIBERTY A VAIN THING?

Is there to be no letup in the campaign now waged with the seeming purpose of depriving us of every possible liberty that has been won on many a battlefield, vocal and military?

When William Dorsey insisted upon cooling his coffee in a saucer in a Kansas City restaurant, he was thrown out. More, he was later arrested and fined \$50, ostensibly for throwing a brick through the restaurant window, but really for having indulged in the old-fashioned pleasure of saucer-cool-

ing his coffee. How long are we who love liberty and in the long ago somewhat given to exercising it, going to stand for this sort of thing? Must we be forever edging over and allowing ourselves to be divested of privileges as old as mankind itself, or must we arise in our majesty and, drawing our cloaks about us, draw a line and exclaim. "So far and no farther." We are willing to bow to the decrees of fashion and drink our coffee from the cup, or even sip it from the side of the spoon, but only because we have a desire to maintain friendships. But when it comes to being arbitrarily denied the solace of saucer-cooled

coffee, at the point of the bayonet, so to speak, w rebel, and glory in being called rebel.

If the glorious star-spangled banner under which we have so long and so proudly lived, permits the curtailment of many more of our liberties, we are going to hoist the banner hoisted by John Paul Jones, and which bore the legend, "Don't Tread on Me!" The worm is about to turn.

MR. FALL'S WONDERFUL FRIENDS.

Edward L. Doheney, also a multimillionaire oil of congress has declared in favor man, tells the senate committee that he loaned Albert of legislation that will "help the B. Fall \$100,000 as a friendly act. Mr. Fall was preparing to retire from the office of secretary of the interior. Also he was making ready to conclude a lease with an oil company, of which Mr. Doheney a wide of the mark. Members at the clos is the head, by which he would dispose of a valuable oil deposit. And he planned on buying a larger

Now, all of this looks quite simple on the surface. Mr. Fall was quite anxious to get into a sustaining business of his own. He had to have it easy for him to get into debt. The capital to start on. We have it on the testimony of Harry Sinclair that he sold to Mr. Fall certain a large extent by borrowed capital. The farmer as a class is now, and has blooded stock animals, wherewith to start his herd; always been heavily in debt. also that Mr. Fall was charged full price for these animals. Mr. Edward B. McLean of Washington, also a multimillionaire, has testified that he personal -ly loaned Mr. Fall \$100,000 as a friend, although Mr. Fall did not cash the checks.

On the surface again, everything appears to be shipshape. The one outstanding fact is that Mr. Fall was exceedingly fortunate in his selection of friends. Men who can write checks for \$100,000 and hand them out on simple promissory notes are good to have as friends in time of need. Yet, how does such friendship strike a cynical world? Men are o prone to be distrustful of these acts of pure philanthropy, you know. Messrs. Doheney, McLean and Sinclair did not think of the oil lease at all. What they had in mind was that Mr. Fall is a good fellow. They wanted to see him get along. He had been United States senator for a long time, at a in the building of cities, towns, homes starvation stipend, then a member of the president's cabinet, at an equally low salary, and these friends of his merely had the object in view of helping him

get something in the way of a new start. But the world does not see it in that light. Somenow, folks will question such kindly acts, and ask, 'How come?" If Mr. Fall's friends had really been kind to him, they would not have placed him in such an embarrassing situation. It will be a long time before ordinary folks will believe that loans of \$100,-000 or any similar sum are made without a "quid pro quo," and that is just what is troubling the oil that is not smoothing the waters around the Teapot one little bit. Another interesing point. When Mr. Doheney prepared to loan his \$100,000 to Mr. Fall, he didn't just hand him a check, which Mr. Fall would need to endorse and put through his bank. Mr. Doheney cashed the check himself, put the cash in a satchel and turned the satchel over to Mr. Fall. Funny way to handle a loan from one business man to another. But then this seems to have been funny

Senator Reed asks all who have knowledge of any ropaganda of any kind, past or present, to impart their knowledge to him. Senator Reed might step into a quiet corner and whisper into his own ear what he knows of the propaganda that resulted in his

pressing vice and scattering criminals are two separate and distinct propositions.

Among other policies of the Liberal league is to "check indiscriminate recourse to legislation." successful carrying out of that policy would result in a lot of professional reformers either working without salary or engaging in some useful line of human endeavor.

Senator Wadsworth said, "I have not read it, and that probably indicates my interest in it," referring to the Bok peace plan. A little more reading and thought might behefit even some of our sena-

A new spaghetti eating champion has been de-reloped in Kansas City, but we still keep our eyes glued on the medal won by Secretary Wallace as a

We have no hesitancy in admitting that it would take something more than a radio to reconcile us to a winter on an icebound ship in the frozen Arctics. ing to their wants." So much seems certain, that if we were at this moment implicated in European intrigues and rivalries, as a member of the League of Nations, we should be ipso facto incapacitated for the very services.

A San Diego policeman spanked a woman who was beating her husband. The bravery of our policemen become more evident with each passing day.

A corn-field sailor is to sit in on the shipping board. One of them once ran a large section of the United States navy, and he came from Nebraska.

Wouldn't it be the height of something or other f the winner of the Bok peace prize had to pay income tax on it in order to pay war's expenses?

Presence of several of Uncle Sams warships in the vicinity of the Mexican ports appears to have modified Huertistas plans for a blockade. If Claude Bossie should come back, he will be as-

sured of a reception at New York such as he did not get the first time he landed there. The inventor of the circus pink lemonade died the

other day. The inventors of synthetic beverages are still alive and taking toll.

Disclosures warrant the conclusion that Ludwig Lewissohn had a real reason for not coming to Omaha to lecture last week.

Having about located the sin in Sinclair, it ime to put some clarity into the situation.

That word "scofflaw" is calculated to make almost any normal man do that very thing.

What ever became of the move to disarm Jerry tary of the Interior Fall are another

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

FATE IS AS WE MAKE IT.

We may distrust the world that gives us that for which

And feel that credit is withheld and prestige given We may grow strong in loving, or in hating life grow

And by our actions elevate or falsify our lot. We may see gloom behind the sun's resplendent, ar

And sunshine we may view behind the drooping clouds and gaze Beyond depression till we are consoled and reconciled reach us to know our Fate is wrought by what we

We may see Age come stealing in upon a little child,

choose to be, And as we judge our fellow men thus are we judged

Along the trail to take or leave life's opportunity

What Counts

O, what is the all that matters To one who would follow far-With feilowly might and manner-The courses of things that are?

Not anything counts in heaven Or under the earth or sun. So much as a Christian effort Of labor uprightly done!

By mortal machines constructed. According to God's great plantarmer." It is universally recognized The complicate engine, woman, that the agricultural industry is very The complicate engine, man Dust flies! Fast the true attritions

Change forests to burnished boards Laid by Divine provision For paradise building hoards

Force fails! For the heart whee But not till its tireless strife Perfects the Creator's purpose For lending it breath of life!

Omnipotent Operator, Who sets all the soul wheels free, At turn-off time, O commend then To enter Thy joy with Thee! -Alta Wrenwick Brown.

get deeper in debt. What the farmer wants is a good price for his product juggle away tax relief at this session hey will give to President Coolidge give instruction. omfortably, but to pay his debts, the strongest of issues the sole issue The greatest burden on agriculture They know it is. The more they try oday is excessive freight rates, not to befuddle the people the more open only on the products of his farm, ly they confess. They can avoid that but upon the things which he has to issue by helping the republicans to buy. The bulk of the farm products end it. They can avoid it in no other in the United States is grown in the way. If it remains the issue, the re-Mississippi valley. The prairie states publicans will go into the next camcomprise the rich and productive section of our country. The whole in-

section of the country is dependent upon the products of the soil. The expense of transporting those products to market is of the most vital ducts to market is of the most vital supplies.

From the Detroit News.

Representative Ira Greenlief Hersey of Houlton, Me., took the floor in the house of representatives for 40 minutes on "Lincoln, the Man of Commor

household Sense. Unanimous consent was lumber, brick, cement, household granted, necessities of every kind that are used Repres Representative Hersey has chosen whom he will speak for 40 minutes. over the railroads. A general increase of a few cents per 100 pounds in freight charges is of more consequence to the people of that territory lasted all of three minutes. responded with an address which lasted all of three minutes.

than a federal tax bill. yet our representatives in their effort to help the farmer, most of them at least, dodge this issue. With the exception sense which Lincoln uttered in that address should be a great boon to the Lincoln's three-minute speech lives through the ages as the "Gettysburg Address."

Mr. Bok's Refusal.

ower of the railroads, organized as From the Brooklyn Eagle. Mr. Bok politely but firmly tells the of practically all lines centers in New York, and dominates the politics, not only of that region, but very materisenate that his personal expenditure in regard to the so-called peace plan is his own business. He refuses to give figures. He holds that he has the right to spend his money to secure "To administer to their wants, without being engaged in their quarrels."

"To administer to their wants, without being engaged in their quarrels."

"To administer to their wants, without being engaged in their quarrels." Fletcher Johnson in The North American Review. gards the action of the committee ta The words of Washington to Edward seeking the sum of this peculiar in-Newenham come gratefully to mind vestment as unwarranted by any pub-

a noteworthy example of lic necessity. their fulfilment, as the ideal of our Everybody knows that Mr. Bok's policy toward the nations of Europe. The want of Russia was that the sick should be healed and the hungry fed and the naked clothed; and we did that work to an extent and with a mittee may, fine or otherwise penalize what he knows of the propaganda that resulted in his re-election to the senate.

After General Butler drives all the crooks and other undesirables out of Philadelphia, and the cities where they flock drive them back to Philadelphia, what is General Butler going to do about it? Supof that country, the contents of which pathy for the Bok peace plan than are not distributed to the needy only the punishment of Mr. Bok by a comecause of the criminally perverse mittee dominated by senate shellbacks

colicy of the government in wrecking implacably hostile to any proposal for the national finances in an attempt to swind'e its creditors. The want of operation.

Our recent allies is that we shall all leges as a citizen if he seeks to influcontroversy over German reparations; ence public opinion in what he con-and to that call we respond by send siders to be a right direction. He may ing a commission of highly competent authorities to do that work. And in those who disagree with him may all this administration to their wants, make the most of it. The senate itself we scrupulously refrain from being in goes in for propaganda on a large and any way engaged in their quarrels. That is the answer to the insincere or ignorant reproach of our "selfish isolation." Where is there another nation in the world that has been so tready unselfishly to aid its neighbors? I have been temped to wonder whath. I have been temped to wonder whether some of those who rail against our present wise and generous policy are not more desirous of meddling than of helping, and would not prefer to reverse Washington's rule, and "engage in their quarrels without administering to their wants." So much seems in the control of the control o

Center Shots

a prejudiced committee.

Every man who has gone in and tried to stop a family row knows why Uncle Sam hesitates to interfere in Europe.-Akron Beacon Journal.

President Coolidge is said to be very fond of dumb animals. That's cersession.-New Castle News.

the inevitable home for that sort of the inevitable home is but a worm of the dust. He comes along, wiggles about a bit, and finally some chicken gets him.—

Norfolk Ledger Dispatch.

cratic politicians to turn the general such large numbers at Ellis island attention from the one point on which that the quota is expected to be exit is fixed unalterably. Anticipating hausted within a few days. From the report of the senate committee all accounts, it is rather a good time whose business it is to find the facts. to get out of Germany for good.—Chairman Hull's sages give their own Sloux City Journal.

rhetorical narrative and surmise. Those who have followed the testi-"Ford has bought a herd of prize milking cows." Thought they were steers. But what we started out to must be convinced that Secretary steers. But what we started out to Denby, relying upon neval experts say was that he has probably who believed that the oil would be abandoned the idea of giving the sucked dry by outside wells, is blame world a synthetic cow.-Toledo Blade. less, if any blame attaches to this aspect of the lease. The personal and pecuniary affairs of former Secre-

In Europe people have an idea that every American who lands has a lot of money. But that's the only time he has it—when he lands.—Bethle-hem Globe. Meanwhile this premature explosion

of the democratic national committee and the hombastes furioso rodomontade of Senator Caraway of Arkansas gang of robbers and pirates was arrested in Florida because they didn't rested in Florida because they didn't make judicious democrats grieve. For this is but another act of "Trying to News.

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"THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

Religious Instruction in Public Schools | day school or parochial school for re-Wausa, Neb .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Suppose there were on ance as the state can, and therefore the statute books of Nebraska a law so many millions of the children of

Sec. 1. Religious instruction shall be given two hours each week in all period and it prescribes the public schools located within incorporated villages or cities in Nebraska. All pupils above the second grade shall be required to attend these sessions, and may be excused only upon request of

Sec. 2. The instruction shall be given by clergymen, if obtainable, residing in or near the village or city, or in the absence of such elergymen, for our youth probably contributes by a layman or woman appointed by more than any other one thing tothe church not having a ciergynan. Sec. 3. The pupils of each school shall choose their own religious instructor, guided by the advice of their structor, guided by the advice of their itentiary. He found among all those parents or guardian, and shall be or-convicts only three who had ever at ganized into classes so that each pu-pil is placed in the class of the in-

Sec. 4. The clergymen shall be paid for their services at a rate per hour hour, and we find in one school of the state at least a chart containing

Sec. 5. In all schools outside of inorporated villages and cities the teacher shall give instruction in Biblical ethics at least one hour each week school

there would have to be more details peace plan because they think they and provisions to fit different circum- will not be counted. stances and conditions that might be I took pleasure in sending in my

In taking a general survey of condi-tions today one cannot help being or league of nations is that I have horses.

Cowpuncher—That line, you call is the court lady, we use for catching cattle and shocked at the alarming rate at which been faught league to nations is that I have Is there need of such a law? Well, more to send. shocked at the alarming rate at which juvenile delinquency is mounting. Something must/be done to inculcate adequate standards of moral integrity or our social welfare is doomed. But I hear some one give the old which is a peace plan only by name familiar philosophy, "Well, that job The democrats found out what the belongs to the church." Let us see. people thought of a league of nations, greater than any of its parts?

It has been found by recent investigal and so will President Coolidge find out Stude—A restaurant dough tion that there are in the United States what they think of a world court if Boston Transcript. 27,000,000 children and youth under he persists 5 who are not receiving systematic religious and moral instruction from fighting, neither will a world court

ligious instruction. The church cannot compel attend our country grow up untouched by any church. The state requires all children to attend school at a certain a well established fact that learning The two need go hand in hand to make good citizens, and promoting good citizenship is the fundamental object of our laws for compulsor;

This lack of religious instruction read of a welfare worker making a study of the convicts of a certain pentended a Sunday school, and they had attended only an inconsiderable time However, public sentiment seems to begin wakening to the needs of the structor of the school in which they the Ten Commandments hung on the wall of each room J. E. BAGGSTROM.

> Votes No on Bok. Wayne, Neb .- To the Editor of The

The above just suggests the main Omaha Bee: Many people will not oody without trimmings. Of course send in their "no" votes on the Bok "no" vote and wish I had a million

> highly to sacrifice for a peace plan The democrats found out what the Courts do not keep people from

any church, while seven out of every keep nations from fighting if they see fiftvers. Henry Ford seems unable to put on the market a single durable America are not enrolled in any Sun- If this propaganda gets us into a band wagon.—New York Tribune.

Abe Martin



t' th' left an' go ahead if you're drivin' an electric. Bunk won't hurt you if you don't inhale it.

world court, we might be fighting another hig war to regain our inde pendence in a few years. FAYE STRINGER.

A Prairie Chicken. Young Lady (on first visit to western

ranch)-For what purpose do you use

Math. Instructor-What do we

nean when we say the whole is Stude-A restaurant doughnut .-

Not in That Line. With all his skill at turning out

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