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EASTERN EYES SLOW TO OPEN.

Editorial expressions in eastern newspapers indicate a softening of the attitude toward the farmers of the west. Bank failures and other unmistakable signs have impressed the leaders beyond the Alleghanies with the thought that something unpleasant is going on out in this part of the world. The Philadelphia Public Ledger, discussing the situation under the caption, "Soothing Away the Last Sore Spot," says "Industrially, it is a sectional matter, confined to half a dozen states. Politically, it is a national problem."

Such narrowness of view is hard to understand in a great newspaper, yet it fairly typifies the stand of that region. If Philadelphia's textile or metal interests were threatened, or Boston's wool and leather, or New York or Baltimore's commerce, then the whole nation would be disturbed with the protests. That would be sectional, just as the wheat growing industry is sectional. But the problem is national in its industrial as well as its political

Ever since Daniel Boone marked the trail across the mountains into Kentucky, and the New Englanders began to press into the western reserve, this region has been tied like a tail to the kite of the manufacturing region of the east. Progress in this part of the world is on a new basis, and has been since the frontier disappeared and the tide of migration turned back on itself. Just now, through the adventitious presence of water communication, the coastal regions are waxing fat, regarding troubles of the central empire as "sectional."

Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York, or any of those states would starve in short order if left to feed themselves. If they can beat down the western farmer to the condition of peasantry, it will be to their advantage in one way. But they overlook the fact that the best customers of their mills and factories are found in the regions that are now distressed. Intelligent self-interest should prompt them to a different course.

The New York World, for example, advises the farmer to look to Europe, to aid in opening up the European market. The wheat farmer of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, or the Dakotas would greatly prefer to sell his output in New York, which now buys largely from Canada and Argentina. Folks out here are patriotic, and are willing to aid in the work of keeping the eastern mills and factories running, but they do want an even break, which they are not getting.

Politically, it is a national question, as the Public Ledger says, and some of the hardshells along the Atlantic coast will do very well to give it consideration on a national scope. People in the west know they can not borrow themselves out of debt, and that unless they get a chance to sell what they raise they must go out of farming. Wise men of the east know this, but just now are not looking facts squarely in the face. When will they come to?

TRYING OUT PUBLIC OPINION.

In certain quarters an accepted method for testing the pudding is to chew the string that ties the bag. However, it may be questioned whether this is always satisfactory. Extending the practice to straw votes, a variety of results has been obtained, from which almost anybody can pick one to suit. The Literary Digest has in mind another nation wide referendum on the Mellon plan, and the bonus, and proposes to ask 15,000,000 voters to say yes or no on the question.

Remembering what has happened in other similar attempts to get at what the public is thinking on such subjects, there is much doubt as to the efficacy of the method. The editor of the Digest, in his note of prospectus, calls attention to the fact that 27,000,000 votes were cast in the last presidential election. From this he argues that the expression of 15,000,000 in their straw vote will give a fair reflection of a considerable cross-section of the public mind. As the vote in the last presidential election was less than half the possible vote of the country, the 15,000,000 ceases to be so impressive.

Again, if no greater proportion of the voters approached by the Digest are interested than of those who are privileged to express themselves on the far greater issues of government, as well as on the personality of candidates, the possible value of the

test dwindles materially. One of the deplorable facts in connection with our present political situation is the indifference, the apathy, the inertia of public opinion. This is what gives to pertinacious little groups their great influence. No doubt can exist as to a general public demand for tax reduction; on the bonus there is a wide difference of opinion. As a laboratory experiment a test referendum, such as is proposed will be interesting, however uncertain its practical value may be.

"NEXT!"

Hunting out the antecedents of the various members of the Macdonald cabinet, somebody has discovered that one is a barber. James Stewart, mark that name, and from Glasgow, is under secretary for Scotland. He is the only barber in the British cabinet, probably the only one whoever got there, but he is not the first of his kind to get the spotlight of fame.

No romance of Louis XI is complete without some reference, sly and mysterious, to Olivier. This notable daily shaved the king of France, helped to arrange his amulets and saint's images, and whispered into his ears the information he was able to pick up around the court. Philip of Comines is credited with having been the chief adviser of Louis in his statecraft, which principally was craft, but Olivier

furnished him with the gossip. Even today the followers of the razor and shears,

the lather cup and the clippers, do not regard themselves as mechanics. On the contrary, they are described by one who has a right to speak for them as artists, and some even make pretense to being professional. Whatever else may be said of them, the barbers are always at the head.

George Eliot made a barber shop the starting point and one of the central stations in one of her most powerful novels, "Romola." In other works the barber figures extensively and worthily. As Samivel Veller said with regard to donkeys and postboys, "you never sees a dead donkey lying around; no more do you ever see a dead postboy." So no one ever saw an apprentice barber, which accounts for ities. Drawing its students and inities. Drawing its students and inities. Drawing its students and inities that some of the really good ones. have just emulated Topsy, who only "growed." A tailor once became president of the United States, so a barber yet may reach the White House.

SELF-RESPECT, NOT SELF-PITY.

How to treat convicts while in prison has always beeen more or less a topic for discussion, never reaching a satisfactory settlement. One side stands for severity, another for leniency and kindliness. One is certain the main object of imprisonment is to punish, the other that reform is sought. Somewhere between the two points thus outlined may be found the real answer. "The Prison Problem from a Medical Angle," is the title of a report just issued by Dr. William Lathrop Love of New York. Dr. Love is a member of the state legislature and chairman of the senate committee on penal institutions. He condemns the existing institutions in his state, because of antiquated conditions that prevail. He also explains:

"The greatest cause of moroseness or sulkiness of prisoners is the sense of injustice resulting from the inequality of judicial sentences for the same offense. The object of imprisonment is to reform the prisoner, not to crush his manhood and his spirit -not to inculcate the idea that law differs from

Commenting on this, the Christian Science Monitor says:

"When, too, the Golden Rule is generally applied to prison conditions, the prison problem, which has withstood the cruder methods of attempted solution, will find itself practically solved

Conceding the weight of these statements, it remains true that neither takes into consideration one of the main difficulties. The criminal is almost necessarily undisciplined, mentally and morally. The first step to reform is to induce some idea of discipline and orderly behavior in the mind of the culprit. When this is done, then maybe it will be possible for the convict to understand that he is not a victim of injustice, but rather of his own misconception of justice. Remove the element of self-pity, which is reflected in moroseness, and then it will be

Finally, the Golden Rule, even in its most beneficent form, can not be applied until the offender comes to understand that he is an offender and has done something to atone for. To deal with prisoners on any other basis is irrational. Many imbibe the notion because of the mistaken views they hear or read that to be a prisoner rather sets one up instead of down. This, too, is a symptom of self-pity, which is to be removed in favor of self-respect. The latter status is not so readily restored, but it can be done. When it is, the work of the prison-reformatory will be complete, and not until then.

WHAT A DAIRY COW CAN DO.

The prospect of a meeting at Lincoln next month to complete the organization of the Nebraska Dairy association brings with it ample signs of its need. Settlers in the sand hills region are asking where and how to get the cows they need for dairy herds. From other parts of the state similar requests for information and assistance are heard. The dairy industry is getting serious notice all over Nebraska.

The report of the Douglas County Cow Testing association carried with it some convincing data. Two of the cows whose records had been kept earned net profits of \$145 and \$140 respectively, on butterfat alone. If the skim milk is used for feed or other purposes for which it is available, the return from these cows will be considerably higher. Add a calf to this, and the real profit of the well bred, properly cared for dairy cow begins to attain real interest.

Nebraska's 70,000,000 pounds of butter may easily be doubled or even trebled at no expense to the other farm output. Cheese may be in time added to the list. Americans are getting to know the value of cheese as food. Heretofore it has been esteemed chiefly as a relish or as something to go with a piece of apple pie. A little "cheese" education will be of great benefit to everyone.

What is chiefly worth while knowing, and which fact is soaking in, is that a good cow is worth more every year of her active life for milk than she is for meat. This takes no account of her progeny, nor of the fact that in the end, after she has served her other purposes, she will make pretty fair beef. Any way you look at her, the dairy cow is a profitable institution.

Benson's new school association ought to remind everybody of the growth of Omaha in that direc-tion. School facilities should be provided out there without unnecessary delay.

Women are willing to serve on juries, but the great state of Nebraska still witholds the boon. Here's an issue for some candidate for the legisla-

A visiting poetess is looking for rest and solitude. She hit a mighty poor town for either, for Omaha is busy and sociable.

Why wouldn't the democratic senators be considerably vocal? This is the first real chance they have had in many years.

One of the by-products of the oil scandal is an opportunity for Josephus Daniels to come up for air.

Get your eyes ready for the ground hog.

Homespun Verse

Robert Worthington Davie

A COZY LITTLE CORNER. There's a cozy little corner in the hearts of everyone Where love's embers burn incessant, where the lights of comfort glow

When the tranquil gloaming pauses, when the weary When we treasure those about us and in silence tell

And in hovel as in palace the love-lurid embers burn, While the beacons of contentment cast their opalescent rays O'er the home as fair as Heaven, as alluring as the fern

Efflorescing in the garden on delightful summer days. To the cozy little corner of our hearts and homes we go. Where the glintless gold of Galilee through smiles and mellow eyes

ficems to comfort us and give us hope, and strives to

That our home is really heaven in reflection, in dis-

'From State and Nation" -Editorials from Other Newspapers-

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Watch Dogs.

A Projected World University.

That is an ambitious and commendable undertaking now being discussed electric in the matter of costs: It emptying the dirt by the World Federation of Education does not require long transmission associations, to establish, probably lines, and in can produce energy more in America, a world university for the flexibly responsive to the demand. study of sociology, economics and polworld, it is assured in advance that Some correspondents in out-of-town reasearch and study would be direct-ed, necessarily, from a basis automat-statement recently made by the Naed, necessarily, from a basis automatically excluding every narrow or selfish national viewpoint. Surely and convincingly it is being realized that emancipation of the world from its slavery to war and the terrible considerable or securing to a respect to some must be secured as a securing to the securing the source of the securing to the securing the se sequences of a resort to arms must was worth his meat and bones as a come through a clear understanding of the desires, the ambitions, the conof the desires, the ambitions, the conceptions of right and wrong, of those brought now into only occasional coneral belief that an inside dog is a good

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An Uneven Load.

peoples concerned.

om the Sloux Falls Press. Getting deeper into debt has beome increasingly fashionable for departments of government in the afterred-haired men are very ambitious."
war period. Nations have set an exThis girl is wrong. And, because be found wanting. ample which states, counties and we like all the girls in the Univercities have been willing to follow, in sity of Minnesota—and all the girls Thee for all Thy favors of recent date.

proved too much of a temptation to most public officials.

Latest statistics on the total public debt of people of the United States places the amount at nearly \$33,000.

On the gray-haired, and even those who have no hair at all a chance.

They are all ambitious. True, most stood on this corner selling shoe of them never set anywhere but that places the amount at nearly \$33,000.

900,000. Some of this is offset by funds held in trust or deposit, but there remains a per capita debt of \$286.76 for every man, woman and child in the country, calling for an nual interest and amortization charges.

When years ago likely Enstein the conner selling shee them never get anywhere, but that is because their brains are inferior "Oy, oy! if Ikey had only walked and not because their hair is not red up and down he might have owned the block."—Boston Transcript.

Neither was Shakespeare. Michael

of about \$16 from each one.

This would be a really serious burden of debt on the average individual, especially on the one the average individual, be is chock full of ambition. The same especially on the one wage earner at the head of a considerable family. the head of a considerable family.

But the load isn't evenly distributed. simply bubbling over with ambition We called him the "Man with the These able to sink their money in taxexempt securities issued in creating the debt escape much of the levy im-posed to carry it. The rest of the ountry owes the money to those security holders, who have reason to not red. Even Dr. Cook is not red-rejoice as the bulk of the obligation haired, and yet his ambition led him

rows larger. No blame attaches to the individfortunate enough to have the rest of the nation paying interest on the public debt to them. But it is an unfortunate arrangement which takes such a condition possible. Sub ract these tax-exempt security holdrs and those who succeed in evading heir taxes from the list of those en-itled to pay their \$16 each and the ourden of those who actually pay will be found much heavier than that

gress to halt the promiscuous issue of tax free securities. It deserves encouragement. A companion move even more important, aimed at halting public extravagance which is adding to the public debt every year. interest on the present obligations.

Great Saving Promised.

grow where but one grew beforeand he is—what becomes of the man who makes one pound of coal do the work that two did before? He certainly would cut the mining and transportation and labor cost of coal in two, and that means practically the entire cost of coal laid down in the entire cost of coal laid down in the manufacturing corresponding to the same period in 1922.

10 years of research in the plant of fore it.

General Electric company, at Sche. So, even if it did need to sacrilce nectady, N. Y., has devised what is known as a mercury boiler, which greatly increases the amount of energy recoverable from the burning of coal. A mercury boiler is substituted for the present steam boiler in an electric plant and the tripical state. in an electric plant, and the thing is accomplished, so it is claimed. At any rate, a tryout is being given the new system at the plant of the Hartford Electric company, and a mer-cury boller was there placed in operation early last month.

Mercury, it is explained, boils at

677 degrees Fahrenheit; water at 212. The vapor from the mercury boiler is used to furnish energy to the turbine, and the exhaust still has sufficient heat to produce steam in a water boiler for its turbine. The same heat has supplied two turbines with energy. The mercury, now re-condensed to the fluid state, returns automatically to its mercury boiler, to be used over again.

be used over again. Engineers say it may mean a revolution in power production. At any rate, hydroelectric costs have not been worked down to such a fine point that it is always possible to produce two hydroelectric kilowatt hours of energy at the same cost as one kilowatt proWhere the Tall Corn Grows

The Davenport Times asserts that the mopping up of Philadelphia shows that it is possible to "Put lawlessness to flight if the proper spirit and sys-It emptying the dirty water over other municipalities?

sonably well satisfied.

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It does not matter greatly in what particular country such a university is located. Perhaps as the forward-looking educators in the United States are now regarded as the leaders in the movement, and American capital the movement and these rabbits were the city poor, but has taught me to concentrate."

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The waterioo Tribune sorrowtany gina legislature.

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"A bill of repeal an act to prohibit fishing within 500 yards of the mill dam make mistakes."

of votes. One girl, however, wrote ness concern had been invited out to "He need not be good looking, but dinner by a friend. At the table the he must have red hair, because all host asked him to say grace. It was

too many instances. In America, the ease with which money has been obtainable on tax-exempt securities has proved too much of a temptation to

he is chock full of ambition. The same Even as You and I. with La Follette, Borah, McAdoo, Un- To the top, with coal, and when 'twas

and yet they have no red hair. And Summer Grin,"
there is William Jennings Bryan. You But "10 below" came and froze hi

have no possible doubt of his ambi-tion, and yet the two or three hairs he has left on the top of his head are not red. Even Dr. Cook is not red-

Do not impose this limitation upon the boys, dear lady. Marry the one who first finds the way to your heart. If his hair is yellow or green or ab-sent, forgive him. He may still make

an ideal husband. From the Milwaukee Jouinal.

glars and New York policemen.

Hair and Ambition.

The girl students of the University

they wanted. Good looks, money, health, chivalry, and other qualifica-

Judge Gary reports to President Coolidge that the eight-hour day is working smoothly, but that it has in creased the cost of production by 10 per cent; and the president prompt! suggests that the consumer should bear this cost, for the sake of the benefits conferred upon labor. That suggestion might meet with heartier approval if United States

adding to the public debt every year, should be put under way at once. The average citizen will pay off his share of the present debt, keep up the necessary running expenses of the reports, a surplus of \$499,000,000. Its government and survive, if given time. Be he should not be loaded with new debts faster than he can pay the loaded will be declared again within a few days, if Wall street prognostica tors are correct. But these dividends by no means mark the magnitude of rom the Seattle Tribune. earnings. The company not only has If he is a benefactor of the human a surplus that now equals its entire race who makes two blades of grass common stock issue, but has extended its operations consistently. Even now a huge new tube mail is being completed at Gary to

the manufacturing company's furnace. The government will sell you coal in the ground at 10 cents a ton. The price paid for the coal at the But the declarations of extra dividends factory, or in the home either, is and comfortable cash reserves do not a small profit on the invested 10 or indicate that United States Steel is a small profit of the invested to or the control of the control of

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W. H. QUIVEY,

(Seal) Notary Public

The Webster City Freeman Journal the good men of Ogallala, Neb., to opines that the people of Iowa do not seem to be getting worked up to a high pitch over the presidency. Evidently the states believes that rabbits as we have been advised, distributed to institutions that we know Coolidge will be re-elected, and is rea- tributed to institutions that we know

The Waterloo Tribune suspects that of our city. We know that these is a half-dozen republican candidates for stitutions have money to buy a few governor indicates that the republicans expect to elect a governor again mates that can be purchased at the

the honors that have been conferred as well as other people think that all poor families of our city should

The Spencer News-Herald admits hat it was all right to pay \$50,000 to the man who wrote the prize win ning peace plan, but insists that to be paid to fortunes in the recent slump. It other \$50,000 ought to be paid to fortunes in the recent slump. It went through must have been a shell game, after ning peace plan, but insists that the the committee that went through

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Criticises Distribution of Rabbits.

Omaha-To the Editor of The Bee The rabbit car sent to Omaha, by are supported by contributions from lodges and drives made on the people meat markets at a low price, where the poor man out of work has no The Algona Republican is willing to money with which to get anything needful for his family, and the writer

by a systematic interchange of students and instructors in colleges and universities. There is even greater promise in the properly arranged curriculum of a world university dedicated to the cause of humanity.

It does not matter greatly in what particular country such a university.

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It is said that Chicago and Ne York egg speculators dropped large Abe Martin



Wearin' our hearts on our sleev

An enthusiastic young admirer sale Arnold Bennett shortly after one his more thoughtful books was ublished: You have been a wonderful help

me, Mr. Bennett."
"Indeed! In what way, may I "Oh, that last book of yours!

concentrating on?"
"Oh, lots and lots of things," was
the reply.—Boston Transcript.

No Time to Loaf.

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