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HIGH ROADS TO PROGRESS. Good Roads: What a change has come in the definition of this term?

Then Stephenson invented the steam locomotive. Good roads took on a new meaning. A good road became a road of iron, then a road of steel.

Then someone invented a new engine—the internal combustion engine. Selden fastened one of them to his old buggy, it ran. Lo, out of the inventive brain of man, almost in a twinkling, came the automobile, first in the cities, then in the country.

The old dirt road, the good road of our fathers, was graded up and graded down. No, it wouldn't do. Then gravel, then stone. The whirling gas buggies swept them up.

Some one has figured it out—it costs a farmer as much to haul a bushel of wheat one mile on a dirt road as it does in freight rates on the railroad to haul a ton of wheat one mile.

Transportation makes the nation possible. That state which stands first in good roads, good transportation, stands first in progress of every sort. The plans for extending good roads in Nebraska that are in the hands of the Good Roads association, will and should have wholehearted support.

GANDHI FREE, INDIA BOUND. Ramsay MacDonald is working out his policy without any waste of time. One of his recent moves can not be fully estimated just now.

Mr. Bryan's conscience does not hinder him from using the Teapot Dome scandal as a juicy bit of political propaganda, even if his conscience did impel him to desert the cabinet of President Wilson.

The three-mile limit has been extended to a 12-mile limit. If this thing keeps up it will be very easy to accomplish this "hands across the sea" thing.

Most baseball pennants are won at the same season of the year that the best gardens are made—while the steam radiators are sizzling.

Prince of Wales breaks his collar bone while teaching a horse to jump. One more proof that he is a regular he-boy.

Mr. Fall declined to tell his story to the senate committee, but he may yet have full opportunity to tell it to the judge.

When the storm king gets into action the line is always busy. Easy money—uneasy holder.

There is no politics in guilt.

NO TIME FOR LYNSHING BEE. Senator Robinson of Arkansas savagely berates those of his colleagues who he charges with "beclouding the issue with fine legal technicalities."

others have fully informed themselves. In the end no one will suffer and the country as a whole will be gainer, if the law is observed, even in its technicalities.

CAL COOLIDGE AND THE CO-OPS.

While the farmer, especially in Nebraska, is doing quite a little to help himself, much encouragement is being offered from other sources.

Mr. Coolidge's address to the national council of the farmer co-operative marketing associations, which opened a three-day session at Washington on Thursday, pledges "every encouragement" to the work.

There is need for co-operative organizations among agricultural producers to help both in selling their products for a better price and buying their requirements more cheaply.

Lowered cost of distribution means better prices for the producer and consumer as well. Elimination of unnecessary middlemen costs may not be accomplished all at once, but the co-operative marketing associations are now moving in that direction.

The fact that the farmer is setting about in an intelligent, systematic way to solve his most serious problem is a good sign. When the men who produce the food take an interest in getting it to the people who eat it, beyond the mere process of making a profit for themselves, it bodes good for all.

LOCATING A NEW GAS PLANT. Certain things connected with what is summed up in the general phrase of municipal housekeeping are not especially pleasing in their outward aspects.

Now the question comes up, where will the plant be located? That which at present is serving the city of Omaha was removed to its present site a quarter of a century ago.

General Manager Leisak of the Metropolitan Utilities district has given an estimate of the cost of removing the gas plant from its present location to any one of several sites suggested, none of them below \$4,000,000.

These are the outstanding facts in the situation. The real estate board advises that court proceedings be abandoned, and the work of erection on the container be pushed to a finish.

The religious war. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I have just read in the "People's Voice" the letter, "A Critic of Fundamentalists."

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Homespun Verse —By Omaha's Own Foot— Robert Worthington Davis IMMORTALITY. They may fight and win their battle— They whose power is less than truth: They may shout and rave and prattle, Less profound than shallow youth.

"The People's Voice"

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

Sympathy for Street Car Company. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: With curtailment of service imminent and with public discontent growing, the street car situation in Omaha is rapidly approaching a crisis.

Why doesn't the company build this cross-town line, improve the service and buy more equipment? The answer is simple: The company does not have the money and under existing conditions can not get it.

It is easy to surrender and sit down to wait it out. To throw up your hands and whimper and emit a doleful groan.

Somehow or other this old investigation thing reminds me of one of the Nast's famous cartoons—that one where every grafter in the circle was pointing to the fellow in front of him.

And at another time we loaned a vice presidential candidate 50 cents to pay for a shave and a haircut, and waited until he could go back to the hotel and get a check cashed so he could repay the loan.

Our pet peeve at this particular time of year is loganberry pie disguised as blackberry. And will Mr. Burbank kindly vote some time and effort to the propagation of a seedless blackberry?

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SUNNY SIDE UP

Take Comfort, nor forget That Sunrise never failed us yet" Celia Thaxter

THE MEASURE OF A MAN. It is easy to be cheerful when the days go like a song. And good things are coming easy and there's nothing going wrong.

It is easy to keep smiling when your path is smooth and straight. And you hit the ball a wallop when it sails toward the plate.

It is easy to "glide" smoothly with a feeling of pardonable pride. When the road is smooth before you and the car goes well in high.

Among other things we'd like to see is Judge Patrick smooth shaven. Judge Root with a full beard, Representative Sears in knickerbockers and Art Mullen in a dress suit.

We hope that we will not be understood as discounting the importance of the nomination of Poynter and Harrop for president and vice president in a convention held in Omaha.

Among other mysteries of a great city which we have tried vainly to solve is the system used by elevator starters in the tall office buildings and big department stores.

We can not commend Harley Conant, Omaha, credit too much. Harley is a mighty good booster, as divers and sundry men of our acquaintance will testify.

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"From State and Nation"

A Railroad Parable. From the New York Commercial. Once there was a man who brought a block in a city and paid for it \$20,000.

Now, it so happened that the same man built a railroad that ran from his home town to another city in an adjoining state. The property cost him \$1,000,000 and yielded no return in net earnings for a period of years, although it greatly helped both cities and all their inhabitants.

At last it began to pay modestly. At once the inhabitants of the cities connected by the railroad petitioned the government to pass a law giving the politicians the right to arbitrarily control the management of the railroad.

Finally it came about that a queer and eccentric man who lived in one of the cities asked if anybody could explain to him why the owner of the railroad had been so successful in building, owning and operating that piece of property and praised for getting rich from the business block that cost him but \$20,000.

And after he had asked the question no man answered, but publicly he was branded as a fool and one without sense. Furthermore, it was pointed out that when in his presence somebody had been heard to refer to the "intelligent public" the man had laughed derisively and after the manner of one who had heard somebody say something that was excruciatingly funny.

The Need of Clean Hands. From the Milwaukee Journal. The conviction of William H. Anderson, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of New York, is bound to have an effect on the cause of prohibition. A man cannot stand on what he claims is a moral issue and then engage in forgery without, aside from his personal guilt, reflecting on the cause which he represents.

And the dry forces all over the country should welcome it. Mr. Anderson appears to have been a part of a phase in the dry movement in which certain leaders advocated "fighting the devil with fire." They meant of course that they would do the things "they believed the other side was do-

ing. There is danger in that—danger for the cause concerned, and danger, especially, for the men who are doing it.

This question of wet and dry will be settled finally on the plane of mortality and public good.

Could Anything Be Easier? Of course, a man should own his own home, and he can do it if he will rear a family of bricklayers and plasterers.—Cleveland Times-Commercial

Safety for Savings. Savings and The CONSERVATIVE Loan Association Loans for Homes

When in Omaha Hotel Conant

"I Like That Fellow Now" Omaha has a wonderful future. No one questions that, but Omaha will only realize that future by the co-operation of its citizens.

I like that fellow now, since I know him better. In the "Know Omaha" campaign has done nothing more, it has made us know and appreciate "the other fellow."

Many Omahans have begun to "like that fellow" since they became acquainted, and more "Omaha-made goods" is being used now than ever before.

It's a wonderful thing for our community! Omaha Is Very Fortunate, for It Has Practically the Lowest Electric Light and Power Rate in America THAT'S WHY— "Omaha Is a Great Place in Which to Live" Nebraska Power Co.



Ever' boy hain't privileged t' go t' college, but ther's no reason why most any boy, in years' come can't look back on his good old saxophone days. Allus wait for the second thought. Copyright, 1924.



"I Like That Fellow Now"

Center Shots

Tex Rickard will not announce when he will open the advance sale of tickets for the democratic convention.—Toledo Blade

The suggestion indicates a paradox, but the committee, the north pole we should ascertain whether it will get us into hot water.—Cleveland Times

A reckless driver, in these fast moving times, is one who passes you in spite of all you can do.—Palatka News

Every time the politicians get to talking about the league of nations their consciences get so loud it wakes up article 10.—Des Moines Register

That senate committee seems to be trying to put the K. O. instead of the O. K. in Bok.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch

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