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"ONE MORE UNFORTUNATE."

She was a butterfly of Broadway; young, beautiful, daring, and without sense of responsibility. Men flocked around her, and her favors were shared by many.

That road has but one end. "The primrose path of dalliance" has always led to the same destination, "the everlasting bonfire." It was so with Louise Lawson. She was brutally murdered.

Alone, neglected, unwept, she lay three days at the morgue. Then her cortege passed alone through the streets of Gotham. It was a single truck, with a driver and an assistant.

"For every light on Broadway there weeps a broken heart," runs an old song. Many believe it is true. Louise Lawson was just another poor little moth, whose wings were singed in the bright lights.

AMERICA'S CLAIM IS WAITING.

Uncle Sam has a little bill of nearly \$400,000,000 against the German nation. He expects it will be paid. Last week notice was served on Americans who have personal claims against Germany.

A bill was presented in the French chamber of deputies last week, intended to ratify an understanding whereby the United States be paid \$250,000,000 on account of the occupation of the Rhineland after the armistice.

A disposition to require the United States to stand back and wait for the second table has been manifest ever since the reparations commission began to function.

THE WIZARD AT SEVENTY-SEVEN.

We hasten to congratulate Thomas Alva Edison on having advanced a milestone nearer his fourth score of years. That he is in good, rugged health, sound in mind and full of hopeful vision is something for the world to be congratulated upon.

When, therefore, he tells us about the wonders yet to come, he speaks as one having authority. He lights a beacon of hope for the race that will be here in centuries yet undealt with save by the men who dream these great dreams.

willing to believe him. The day is far in the future, but will be provided for as occasion arises. Also, when Mr. Edison tells us that Calvin Coolidge is the best man for the place and should succeed himself, we cannot help thinking he voices the sentiment of many of his countrymen, including Heary Ford.

CONSERVATION AND THE COMMON WEAL.

In his Sunday letter to The Omaha Bee Mark Sullivan reviews in an interesting manner the story of conservation, as it has to do with the Roosevelt-Taft-Ballinger-Pinchot affair.

Sparks, who hailed from Illinois, was named under Lucius Quintus Lamar, the general secretary of the interior, from Mississippi. His suspension and subsequent rejection of more than a million final proofs was the beginning of a policy which, after an interim of 12 years, was greatly extended under Roosevelt.

The question has two sides, and has been ably debated on both, with support for both from able and capable men, who honestly differ in opinion. The Cleveland-Roosevelt idea, that the public domain, and all that pertains thereto, is to be kept and used for public good, and not for private enterprise, has had the better of the argument, for the very obvious reason that the American people are partly awake to the effects of the opposite policy.

If, as suggested by Mr. Sullivan, out of the Fall affair shall come such consolidation of public opinion as will forever prevent any recurrence of a Teapot Dome scandal, or an attempt to alienate a huge area of mineral bearing or coal carrying land, to be exploited by private enterprise, the upheaval will not have been in vain.

POPULAR PARK PROJECTS.

Two very interesting propositions are being brought forward just now by Park Commissioner Hummel. One is the purchase of land and construction of the Riverside drive. The other is the improvement of the water front at Carter Lake park.

Nowhere along the entire stretch of the Missouri, from the time it leaves the mountains in Montana until it gets to the Mississippi, is there a more naturally beautiful stretch than at Omaha. For miles up and down the stream is a continuous frontage of bold headlands, interspersed by deep ravines, all covered with fine timber.

Before some Nebraska democrats denounce Fall for refusing to testify before the senate board of inquiry, they would do well to consider Governor Bryan's refusal to appear before the state senate board of inquiry into the road and bridge fund situation.

Funny that Lloyd George should have sprung that Wilson-Clemenceau story while the Tiger still is living. Why not wait till both are dead, and so start a real argument?

There are indications that some people are more intent upon smirching the characters of men in high place than they are in getting at the real facts of the oil scandal.

That bottle in the doctor's office at the county jail must be loaded with some of that B. P. stuff we used to hear about over on Douglas street.

Mr. McAdoo appeals to the country, but he will first have to be examined by the senate committee.

Know Omaha week is almost over. Don't forget what you have learned.

Homespun Verse

By Omaha's Own Poet—Robert Worthington Davis
ANTICIPATION AND REALIZATION.
We're oftentimes gladdened by things that arise, With swiftiness and gladden in front of our eyes, And seem at a glance to have blazoned the way Where men have endeavored to journey for aye.

What of America?

Origin of the Representative Principle.

By EDWIN G. PINKHAM.

And first it (law) is a rule; not a transient, sudden order from a superior to a particular person; but something permanent, uniform and universal.—Blackstone.

HERE never was a time in the history of the English kingdom, Saxons or Normans, when it was not conceded in law and custom, that the king could not tax his subjects without their consent.

When in the days before the Conquest, the Saxon kings got into trouble and consulted their wise men as to how to get out, they were called upon to give them their consent. That principle goes back to the very earliest times of which we have record.

We find this representative system creeping in everywhere. Thus, when Henry II ordered a collection—a tax really—to finance a crusade, some of his subjects complained that their share was too great.

Nearly six centuries later this same principle was written into the constitution of the United States in two places. The fifth amendment says: "No person shall be... deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

John's barons thought they were working for themselves, but now we see that they were working for a great principle of government that was to outlive them and all their kind.

"The People's Voice"

Editorials 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.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Patrons of the Omaha street railway are familiar with the propaganda that is circulated through the medium of the cars.

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Lincoln

By Catherine Elizabeth Hanson.

In a log cabin many years ago, A child was born and God was kind to us To let him live to lead his people through.

Through those long months that he tried men's souls, The furrows deepened on his lofty brow, The face grew sadder as disaster came.

He was the first to see the light of peace, Above the battlefield of fallen men, He was the man whose clear, red words

He was the man whose clear, red words, Baptized a nation's union, sealing it, And now, the ages claim him as their child.

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and others just keep still. An explanation may save a law suit, but it never healed nothing.

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The Troubles of the Artists.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of February, 1924.

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SUNNY SIDE UP

Take Comfort, nor forget That Sunrise never failed us yet

THE TRIUMPHANT TRIO.

She's a mild and gentle creature, fair of form and fair of feature, Worthy of your highest honors every day.

Her endeavors you can't shackle, and the echoes of her cackle, I know, A sound across our good old state from east to west.

Here's a trio full of beauty, falling ne'er in daily duty, And we ought to sound their praises loud and strong.

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A Tribute by President Coolidge to Abraham Lincoln

WESCORE and ten years ago that Divine Providence, which infinite repetition has made only the more a miracle, sent into the world a new life, destined to save a nation.

—Calvin Coolidge

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