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"SELL YOUR HAMMER, BUY A HORN."

"Forward, Omaha!" That is the slogan which animates the leaders of the community, no matter what their work may be.

The first thing that really is needed to bring to pass all that is expected or hoped for is harmony of thought and unity of action.

The really big men of the city, that is, the men who are at the head of the big enterprises or institutions, are awake to the need for a constructive program.

"One for all, and all for one," the wise motto of the quartet immortalized by Alexander Dumas, should find exemplification here.

All these things are truisms, but sometimes they are overlooked or forgotten. A great, prosperous city must always have the welcome strife of competition, the struggle for position, wealth, rank and honor.

Omaha can learn from Des Moines, from Kansas City, Minneapolis, Denver, or any other city that has prospered.

Omaha is a hive of industry. Bees do not work aimlessly or without leadership. Omaha can well afford to emulate the honey bee in many ways.

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MARRIED IN HASTE—REPENT AT LEISURE.

One of the earliest and swiftest courtships on record was that where the servant went out and secured the daughter of Bethuel, Rebekah by name, to be the wife of Isaac.

These show about the limits of time consumed in preliminaries to matrimony in patriarchal days. Some may have been swifter, but none were longer.

An Omaha judge is reported to patch up a peace

between two young persons who were wedded after a three-day acquaintance, and who fell out the next morning because the eggs were improperly cooked or something like that.

The question is whether a bark so hurriedly launched is worth saving. Matrimony is generally regarded as a relation not to be entered upon lightly.

Happily for humanity, most marriages survive. This despite the records of the divorce courts. Young men and women regard the proceeding seriously, and when they have assumed the vows earnestly strive to observe them in all particulars.

LOOMIS AND FORTY-THREE YEARS.

Forty-three years is a long time or a short, depending on which way you look at it. If looking ahead, 1927 seems quite a way off; or on the other hand, 1880 seems just as yesterday when it is passed.

George W. Loomis could tell quite a story, too, was just giving way to the new bridge. There was talk that the B. & M. would some day be extended to Denver.

Alliance was not even a dream town then. Bridgeport, and all the other places out in that part of the world, save Gering alone, were yet in the womb of the future.

Forty-three years, looking backward, is not a very long time, but wonders have been wrought in Nebraska since George Loomis became a stenographer in the office of the general manager of the B. & M.

BILL ELLIS AND THOSE PETITIONS.

We want to say a word to the committee that is weighing the qualifications of several men being considered for succession to the position of commissioner of the Chamber of Commerce.

W. A. Ellis has proved his worth as assistant commissioner under "Bob" Manley and "Davey" Larson as well. The petitioners who seek his promotion argue, why not give him a try at the big job?

The story of a screen star who refused to accept a valuable ring from an unknown admirer and had it raffled off for the benefit of the poor, sounds to us very much like a report that an ex-cabinet officer had refused to accept a big fee from some oil concern.

The coal problem would be solved if some method could be devised whereby political hot air could be piped into our residential radiators.

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Homespun Verse

Home is not what it used to be, before Radio came in. Now it's all confusion—used to could hear the drop of a pin. Father's got a set down cellar—likes to be by himself. Mother's got hers in the kitchen—on the pantry shelf.

"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: It is impossible for one to come into the presence of so wonderful a personality as that of Mrs. Margaret J. Blair, without being compelled to adjust one's thinking cap and sit up and begin to wonder how the majority of women (being slaves to modern fashions and habits) can get by with it long enough to attain the age of 45 or 50 years even.

After watching Mrs. Blair's graceful work on the stage during her lectures and gazing in wonderment at her with a supple and yet vigorous form, it forces the average woman to admit that she does not live in the true sense of the word, but that she merely exists.

During Mrs. Blair's demonstrations Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, I was at a loss to know which to give the greater share of my attention, perfectly wonderful advice so generously and earnestly given in her lectures. I sat spellbound with a deep inward conviction that most of those we made up her audience were much younger in reality.

Mrs. Blair, you are truly a wonderful woman! I wish that you were great longevity to carry on your coveted work. I wish to express my personal thanks to The Bee for the opportunity through the courtesy of that paper, I am also taking the privilege to thank The Bee for all those who have made up your audience, for through their presence in the care of their bodies, and their appreciation is sincere and great.

Carolyn Belle Adams. Facts on Prohibition. To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I examined with interest the liquor map published in The Sunday Bee. It probably, I think, is not published with the permission of the prohibition department, but The Omaha Bee is to be complimented in doing a little of a newspaper's work—to secure and publish the cold, hard facts on anything of interest. Rock hot on anything of interest. Rock hot to base thinking and judgment. When we are convinced that a thing is good, bad, or right, I think it is a great pity to turn right around and as sincerely try to prove the opposite.

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Horace Walpole's question and answer. "What has an army of 50,000 men, fighting for sovereignty, achieved in America? Retreated from Boston, retreated from Philadelphia, laid down their arms at Saratoga, and been finding an increasing answer in England. Public feeling was divided between discouragement over the length and futility of the war, and disgust over its conduct by the government.

Lord Germaine trotted off to a weak end party with forgotten orders for overseas in his forgotten parliament, when it was too late, when the vote to restore the status quo; the king stubbornly urging on hostilities, and the ministers allowing generals to undertake a study that too much activity need not be shown; Clinton and Cornwallis intriguing against each other; the public debt piling up; continental powers declaring war; the export trade and home industries stagnated; these spectacles and these results, long before Cornwallis' surrender, had produced a peace party among the British.

It hardly needed that voice to tell the parliament the end was come. Lord North threw up his arms at the news from Yorktown. "O God, it is all over!" he exclaimed. The house of commons voted an address to the king.

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In only seven states will the average exemption of \$10,000 be exceeded, and that only on large estates. The farm lands, constituting 28 per cent of all the farmers in the United States and nearly 50 per cent in Nebraska, will, of course, pay no tax under the Ralston-Nolan bill. The burden of this tax will fall heavily on farmers who totally vanish when the facts are known. The tax will fall heaviest on lands held out of use for speculation. Lands worth thousands of dollars per acre, etc., and on city property. Just to give one example in closing: New York City contains 10 square miles, or one-half of a township. The bare land value equals \$4,000,000,000, and nearly all is owned by 4 per cent of the population. If every acre of the 75,808 square miles of Nebraska were estimated at \$100 per acre, it would just about equal New York.

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What of America?

By EDWIN G. PINKHAM.

The World Turned Upside Down

It is impossible for me briefly to communicate the fund of intelligence which I have derived from General Washington. I will now say only, that I have formed as high an opinion of the powers of his mind, his moderation, his patriotism, and his virtues, as I had before conceived, from common report, of his military talents, and of the incalculable services which he has rendered his country.—The French Minister Gerard to the Count de Vergennes.

CORNWALLIS reached Virginia in May, 1781, and took over the command of the British forces that had been driven from the coast. A campaign of devastation followed. The state was defenseless save for a small force under Lafayette, who could equip her excepting, perhaps, a minor few of the younger ones. Mrs. Blair, you are truly a wonderful woman! I wish that you were great longevity to carry on your coveted work. I wish to express my personal thanks to The Bee for the opportunity through the courtesy of that paper, I am also taking the privilege to thank The Bee for all those who have made up your audience, for through their presence in the care of their bodies, and their appreciation is sincere and great.

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SUNNY SIDE UP

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

THE SITUATION. I confess I'm growing weary Of long-winded speeches dreary, Full of bunk. Ev'ry small-souled politician Seems now playing for position With that junk.

I admit that I am yearning For the country's quick returning To the days When we had real statesmen working, 'Stead of politicians smirking To catch jays.

I am filled with satisfaction With hot air investigation Nowhere leading, Commensurate, and less of blowing; Less of guessing, more of knowing, We are needing.

Much too prone to "let George do it," Seems the case, as now I view it, With many voters. They prefer to shirk and cavil When they see the very devil Raised by floaters.

Too much guff, to little action; Too much rife by bloc and faction, Too much strife. We need less of rubber-heeling, More of patriotic feeling, In public life.

Often have we made up our mind to do it, but at the last moment our courage failed. We feared to lead out. We stood in need of courageous leadership. Now we have seen it done. Yesterday's man seated across the table from us in a restaurant paid his check and slipped the waiter a nickel. We have never had the courage to tip less than a dime. Thus encouraged we hope soon to reach that high plane of independence when we can pay our restaurant check without a tip. Perhaps it may come to pass that in time we can give the hat-and-coat check artist the fishy eye.

Rev. Dr. Jenks of the First Presbyterian church informs us that he plans another Sunday evening of old-time songs in the church. With the most pleasant recollection of the initial program of old songs we look forward to an evening of rare enjoyment. We have in mind two or three old-timers we would like to have rendered on that occasion, and shall submit them in due time. We might even agree to sing one or two, were it not for the fact that we are really interested in having a capacity congregation out on the night in question.

Referring for a moment to the Omaha Press club, we wonder how many remain who were members of the old Omaha Press club when it entertained the New York Press club en route to the Pacific coast? The reception was held in the club room on the top floor of the Bee Building, and Colonel McCune's punchbowl is still remembered by the visiting newspaper folk.

The signwriter slips now and then. A placard in a North Fourteenth street window calls attention to the fact that a line of neckties is "Very nifty." An immense sign across a store front announces "Reddressing Sale."

Next Saturday ends the time for filing for public office, and we have not decided what particular office we shall file for. But we have long since decided upon our brief platform. It is: "Give us a rest from new reforms until we manage to catch up on some we now have."

After mature deliberation over a considerable period of time, we believe we have put our finger on the real

weak spot in our educational system. We have gone to such an extreme in providing equipment and conveniences that we have made education something to be accepted instead of something to be acquired.

Favorite Songs. J. E. Davidson—"We're going 'ohm to die no more." E. Buckingham—"Shall we gather at the river." Judge Day—"There'll be no parting there." Old Probs Robins—"When the mist has cleared away." Harley Conant—"There is rest for the weary." Superintendent Beveridge—"When the roll is called up yonder." Mayor James C. Dailman—"Draw me nearer." Carl R. Gray—"Pass me not." Chief Dineen—"The waters of life."

And doubtless Messrs. Doheny and Sinclair would pay liberally for a proper revision of the old song about "The oil of gladness on our heads." By the way, can you remember back to the time when the clothing merchant threw in a pair of suspenders when he sold you a new suit?

Those were the days, as you may recall, when the young fellow who owned a sidecar buggy was even more popular than the young fellow who is now permitted to drive pa's sedan or coupe.

We have abandoned many of the cherished ambitions of our younger days. But we still cling to the ambition of at some time or other owning a home with a lot of hollyhocks blooming in the back yard.

Famous Rems. Pa.—In our trousers. High—Dye. Please pay — Three lawyers, two of whom shall remain nameless, were conversing in front of the Omaha National yesterday. "I have been married 25 years and a wife and I have never exchanged a cross word," declared Lawyer No. 1. "I wish I could say that," remarked Lawyer No. 2. "Well, why don't you?" said Judge Ben Baker. "You can lie just as fluently as Lawyer No. 1." WILL M. MAUPIN.

Another One? Noting that the editors of the Morning Star have sued Frank Vanderlip for \$500,000, Gus Bueschler of the Grand Island Independent wonders if they are figuring on buying another one.

Safety for Savings and The CONSERVATIVE Loan Association Loans for Homes

When in Omaha Hotel Conant



—and the Court appointed an administrator

Why you should make a will and name a trust company

MR. J. was providing his family with a good living and intended to provide for their future, too—but making a will "could wait." A sudden attack of pneumonia caused his death.

There Was No Will The widow was at a loss to know what to do about her husband's business, his investments and his real estate.

Search for a will was begun. Meantime, application had to be made to the Court for allowances from the property for the support of the family. No will was found.

Trouble for the Widow The widow then learned that she would receive only a third of the personal property and a life interest in the home, the other two-thirds of the personal property, passing to the two minor children. This involved a hardship as she was appointed administratrix of the estate and guardian of the children totally without investment experience and unqual-

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