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FREEDOM FOR THE FILIPINOS. President Coolidge's letter to Manuel Roxas, who heads the Philippine junta at Washington, should be a tonic stimulant to patriotic Filipinos.

When the United States took hold of affairs in the Philippines, it entered upon the greatest philanthropic experiment ever undertaken in the history of the world.

Savage customs have been abandoned or broken up. Religion has been freed. Life and property has been made secure.

The Wood-Forbes report on conditions in the islands recommended "that the present general status of the Philippine islands continue until the people have had time to absorb and thoroughly master the powers already in their hands."

"We find the people happy, peaceful and in the main prosperous and keenly appreciative of the benefits of American rule.

"We find everywhere among the Christian Filipinos the desire for independence, generally under the protection of the United States.

"We find that a reasonable proportion of officials and employees are men of good character, and ability, and reasonably faithful to the trust imposed upon them.

"We find that the government is not reasonably free from those underlying causes which result in the destruction of government.

freedom to the Filipinos. When the flag does come down over there, it will be for all time. It is doubtful if a protectorate or anything of the sort will be set up, under which the islanders will be permitted to rely on the United States in time of trouble.

Help in this work must come from those who are to be benefited by it. Politicians at Manila and elsewhere are not helping by the course they are pursuing.

Good advice to the Douglas county board of commissioners is confined in that adjuration of the good roads committee, "Stop playing horse with the Lincoln Highway paving."

Years ago, when the big paving project was first taken up for serious consideration, public sentiment in favor of brick for surface material was shown unmistakably.

Much brick has been used in surfacing the Lincoln Highway out of Omaha. On January 1, 1924, the accounts show \$541,393.09 expended on this form of paving on this road.

Why should it now be necessary to scheme out some method to get material other than brick, in order that the uncompleted stretch of pavement on the Lincoln Highway be finished with something other than was intended and contracted for?

The county commissioners will know the sentiment of the public. It has been plainly expressed at every opportunity. The matter has been taken into court, and the result was the same.

Volstead Injunctions. Judge Woodruff has added to his interpretative rulings on the Volstead act another decision of utmost importance.

The same condition exists to a great extent with all primary productions, while, at the same time, practically all necessities required in production have declined in price.

Importance of Dr. Hedger. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Dr. Caroline Hedger's visit to Omaha will be profoundly beneficial to all the people of Omaha.

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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.

Suspects a Wet Campaign. Allion, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It will be remembered how in the world war vessels sailing the seas were often screened by huge clouds of oil smoke that they might move along in comparative safety.

Our democratic friends have been telling us that prohibition is not an issue in the present campaign, whereas it is the very heart interest.

Let us then, while we watch for eyes in the shadow, keep our eyes open for the shadow of the rum ship through the smoke.

Not All Roses in Canada. Trossachs, Saskatchewan, Canada.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Noting by the Canadian papers that owing to unfavorable economic conditions in the United States, that a large immigration is expected from the western central states to Canada this spring, I am led to submit a few facts to those who may be led to see only one side of economic conditions as they exist here in Canada.

Having lived here since 1905 the writer has learned of some of the dark as well as the bright phases of Canadian conditions and will make no statement that cannot be proved by reasonable investigation.

That the soil is fertile and capable of producing good crops cannot be held in question, but drought, hail, rust, grasshoppers, frost, sawfly and price failure are often able to prove the best of efforts to produce, a failure.

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Led by Governor Clinton, the combined enemies of the constitution gained clear control of the convention, but they were in no hurry to act. They didn't want to come into the union, but they were not at all sure that they dared to stay out.

The battle for ratification was led by Hamilton. His arguments were unanswerable, but Clinton had what, in politics, is more effective than the most convincing arguments.

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New York was now out on a limb. To stay out of the union alone, or with only North Carolina and Rhode Island to keep her company, meant commercial ruin. The United States office and file like any other citizen.

There are a number of desirable women who can be elected and who would be an improvement on the men who are misrepresenting the people.

I have championed their cause when it was not popular and I am surprised now that they have the franchise and I do not make use of their privileges.

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What of America?

By EDWIN G. PINKHAM.

How New York Was Forced Into Union

Were the pictures which have been drawn by political jealousy faithful likenesses of the human character, the inference would be that there is not sufficient virtue among men for self-government; and that nothing less than the chains of despotism can restrain them from destroying and devouring each other.—James Madison, the Federalist, No. LV.

AS THE contest went on the remark of Washington that "the opposition to the constitution is addressed more to the passions than to the reason" was well illustrated.

Another member, waving away the great names made by the federal government in this matter he "would not trust a flock of Moseses."

A standing army, racks and gibbets would be the mildest of the "instruments of discipline" the federal government would employ, it was predicted.

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SUNNY SIDE UP Take Comfort, nor forget That Sunrise never failed us yet

LONESOME. It's dreary now at the evening time, At the end of a weary day, When I sit in the gloom of a lone-some room With my kiddies so far away, The bare walls seem like a prison dream.

The daylight fades into twilight deep As the slow hours drift along, How I miss the smiles o'er the far-flung miles, And the lit of their childish song, It's weary watching the daylight fade And know when the day is done No kisses wait at the cottage gate In the glow of the setting sun.

Dream faces come in the twilight gloom, With echoes of childish glee; And my sad heart yearns as memory turns For home where the love ties be. The dark comes on and the shadows fill, Over the gloom of the graying walls, And I long to hear, ringing sweet and clear, The lit of my children's calls.

A sign over a door on "South Fifteenth" reads: "Closing Out Sale. It must have been attractive. At any rate the room is empty." The Council Bluffs critic who objects to the way this department is made up is advised to begin at the other end and read up, quitting when he gets good and ready. But at that we admit that his objection is well taken.

"Thieves Get Some Cash From South Bros. Register," headlines the Hay Springs Sentinel. It will be admitted that the thieves thought there was something in a name.

Now comes Kansas with the claim of being the champion mule raising state. As a native Missourian we arise to make indignation protest. Not now, nor ever, will we admit that any state can excel old Missouri in mule raising. But we will cheerfully admit after a long and somewhat intensive study of facts and some adroit political gyrations that Kansas can and does produce more donkeys per square mile than any other state. Or than any two states, for that matter.

One wonderful result of being permitted to broadcast over WOAW is again seeing and hearing the names that has long since slipped from memory, only to be instantly recalled, together with happy recollections of former pleasant and profitable associations. Letters and telephone calls by the score have given us an immense amount of satisfaction, and we hope that our knowledge of how prone one's friends are to exaggerate will enable us to retain our accustomed poise and not become victims of an inflated ego. Believe it or not, just as you please, but we have actually blushed two or three times during the last two or three days.

A New York authority on male institutions informs a waiting world that spats are on the wane. At times we have ventured to appear in the



When in Omaha Hotel Conant

In the olden times of pyramid building hundreds of strong, stalwart men were used to place a single mammoth stone into place.

As the burning sun beat down upon their bare backs, these men, with the crude tools of their time, labored for years to build these monuments which still stand.

It was Man Power that ruled then. Now it is Electric Power.

A firm of a switch now will hoist many tons. Great electrically-driven derricks swing skyward with their immense loads with as much ease as a child lifts a pencil.

Electricity is a great factor in the development of any community. It is the ally of industrial progress; it is the bulkwark of development.

Omaha industries make general use of electricity because of the extremely low power rates here. "Electricity Is Cheapest in Omaha." That's Why— "Omaha Is a Great Place in Which to Live" Nebraska Power Co