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RAILROAD MAN FOR GOOD ROADS.

Every once in a while some brother rises to his feet, gets the chairman's attention, and then proceeds to dilate on how the motor truck is snatching business out of the hungry maw of the railroad.

While he argues from the standpoint of a practical railroad man, looking at the union of two elements of the transportation service, Mr. Hughitt also has the viewpoint of a good citizen.

Mr. Hughitt also has a thought on the point recently referred to by us, in the editorial on "Good Roads and Their Users." The thoughts expressed in that editorial have been generally approved in letters from our readers.

Therefore, we would advocate in behalf of the farm and the transportation line, a co-operative plan that will serve both of them by good road construction that will penetrate the farm community and serve as a feeder to the steam line, thus promoting real service.

ARCHDUKE WHO DIED A SOVEREIGN.

If in very truth John Salvator is finally dead and buried, a paragraph will be written in the running story of the scandal that surrounds the House of Hapsburg.

What he did was to escape the exactions of the life, to which he objected, dangling around the imperial throne of Austria.

Out of such artificiality passed John, archduke and next to the throne itself, leaving behind him a broken sword.

NELSON THE VIKING.

One of the wonders of man's experience is the courage of the old vikings, who put out to sea in their long ships, and took a chance on what might happen.

One of the descendants of these vikings brought his ship into Philadelphia, 23 days out from home, after sailing through a continuous storm.

It was men of Nelson's type who spread civilization over the world. Great mass movements of men were possible on land.

never would have met. From the time the first Phoenician captain set his prow to the west on the inland sea down to Christian Nelson, there stretches a glorious company of bold adventurers and courageous explorers to whom the world owes a debt that never can be paid.

COUNCIL BLUFFS REPUBLICANS AWAKE.

We heartily congratulate the republicans of Council Bluffs on the splendid victory won in the city election on Monday. It was a clean-cut triumph, and places control as well as responsibility in the hands of republicans.

The effect of this will be noted in November next, for national victory begins at the precinct elections. A militant party organization gains its strength from units that are knit together, firm in their determination to carry on for the right as their party represents it.

It shows that the party has not been weakened by the slanders that have come from the Washington mill. Republican voters have the courage to meet the foe, and to boldly and firmly stand for what the party represents.

FOOTBALL STARS TO CONTROL.

New York is moving to a solution of the subway traffic jams that might have suggested itself long ago. Police Commissioner Enright has put on a special squad of former football players at the Grand Central station, whose special duty it is to apprehend those who crowd or push unnecessarily.

Omaha has not yet reached the point where traffic jams are serious, for our streets are broad and the passage of a fairly large and steady stream of traffic is easy.

Order is the only remedy for the evil. How to instill a sense of order into the multitude is quite another question. When all are going the one way at the same time, it seems too much to ask anyone to give up a place for another.

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Eric von Stroheim may be a devil before the camera, but a Los Angeles judge tamed him in court.

If the tuning-up roars of the Lions mean anything, Omaha is going to have some party in June.

April 1 went by without any building trades strike. Let us keep up that record indefinitely.

What will an Ak-Sar-Ben parade look like with out Ev Buckingham and Charlie Black?

Council Bluffs "seen her duty and done it."

Homespun Verse

By Omaha's Own Poet—Robert Worthington Davie

FISHING AND FISH.

I've read the tales of fishermen, and I have fished a bit, I've tried my luck in calm bayou, in rolling lake and brook,

I've shared the deep suspense that is the saddest part of it, And I have tried in vain to get the fish to bite the hook.

I've tried a score of coaxing schemes and used the proper bait, I've seen the fish jump high above the water,—teasingly;

Upon the bank I've stood from dawn till night was growing late, And sensed the shame of seeing fish with rudeness laugh at me.

But in life's whirl of sundry things the human fish respond Without delay or thoughtfulness to baited hooks and such, And thus it seems so strange that those in river, lake and pond, Have been endowed with wisdom which the others need so much.

—Robert Worthington Davie.

Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words and less will be given preference.

About the Bonus Bill. Sutherland, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It is with no little pleasure that each morning just before "starting to punch the keys" I always pick up The Omaha Bee to read your splendid editorials, Brisbane's column and "Sunny Side Up," written every day as only W. M. can do it.

Now, 'tain't it if I think the boys are not entitled to some more, 'N especially those that saw service on the other shore, But just the same, it sort of somehow seems to me That this new bonus bill ain't drafted just like it 'orter be.

Insurance part is fine—they don't get it for twenty years, But after careful study, don't look so good as it at first appear, Seems to me that Uncle Sam had better watch his p's and q's Or else an awful sum he stands a chance to lose.

Just supposin' now, say within the next five or six year, That from coast to coast we once again the cry should hear— "War's declared," 'n the boys all called again to beat the Dutch Uncle Sam might lose some dough—ever figure out how much?

'N so I makes a motion that to this bill I we add this clause, "In case of war, insurance all is canceled." Well, because figurin' the boys might all get killed, Gosh, Uncle Sam could never stand it, the risk is too darned great. HAROLD L. DUNN.

Exposing the Conspirators. Red Cloud, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The people of the county are being given a rare opportunity to view the inside workings of the commercial conspiracy classes who live by plundering the public and polluting the body politic with bribery and other criminal practices.

It has long been known that these cunning persons were engaged in a nefarious practice which would long ago have resulted in their being put in the penitentiary, but for the steady-going nature of our citizens.

This is a big, healthy country, which explains the ever increasing assaults made on the rights of the general public without regard or consideration for the consequences to either the country or the persons who are the victims of the scheme.

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"From State and Nation"

The Washington Probes. From the Salt Lake Tribune.

In the course of one of the investigations now in progress in Washington it was determined by the senate committee that there should be an examination of contributions to the publication national campaign fund in 1920. A proposal to call certain witnesses for questioning was made and promptly adopted.

Now a member of the investigating committee proposes that contributions to the democratic campaign fund in 1920 be looked into just as promptly the committee authorizes this inquiry. There were no votes in opposition to the proposal to scrutinize the democratic campaign accounts, nor was there any opposition vote when it was proposed to investigate the contributions to the republican war chest.

It is difficult, of course, to keep the senatorial investigations free from the flavor of politics. The natural desire to reap partisan advantage crops out now and then, but the very political aspect of the scandals is making certain that the investigation will get to the bottom of matters, at whatever cost.

The public reaction to the Washington disclosures is having its full effect at the capital. If partisanship creeps into the investigations it will only serve to sink the probe deeper into the nasty mess.

About the Woman.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I was much interested in the article, "Are Men More Depressed than Women?" by Fanny Heaslip Lee, in Sunday's Bee.

It isn't stated when or where or how Nathaniel Talmer lost his two legs. He may have been a cripple from the day of his birth. More likely he was the victim of a railroad accident. Anyway, he had no legs a decade and a half ago.

Talmer decided a few months ago that he had had enough of creeping and crawling and cringing and groveling and whining and begging. He decided that he was sick of being a cumber of the ground, in everybody's way, his head hardly above the knees of other folks.

Family Jobs. "How would you like a job beating rugs this afternoon, Bobby?" asked Bobby's mother.

"All right," replied Bobby, absently, "but I'm afraid I can't take it because Dad gave me 25 cents to do something for him this afternoon."

"What was that?" "N6t make a lot of noise."—Everybody's Magazine.

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Green things a' growin' ever'where I look, But I gotta study this blamed ol' book, Ain't a bitta use in this doggone thing 'O' keepin' up school when it's done turned spring.

Pa says 'Natur' knows more'n teachers do, An' my pa's jus' right, I'm a tellin' you, But, d'you know 'tall, pa, jus' says, "Son, You mus' keep goin' till 'th' school year's done."

I can't hardly wait fr' 'th' last 'o' May, Fr' then comes what they call Commencement Day, There ain't no sense in 't as I kin see; 'Stead 'o' commencement it's 'th' end fr' me.

Again, by the way, now that prohibition has forever put to sleep the old "wet or dry" fights we used to have in the old days, we wonder what small cities like North Bend find to scrap about at their annual spring elections.

Bill Hall-locks, back in the old home town in Missouri, was a little bit the best speaker we had in our midst. We always used Bill on the Fourth of July, and our colored friends and brothers always had him down for an address on the Fourth of August.

He always showed up at town meetings for civic betterment to throw monkey-wrenches in the machinery. He supported candidates for city office at one election, only to abuse them and oppose them at the next election.

The assertion that bobbed hair means a race of baldheaded women in the near future, won't do. If she wants it bobbed, libbed she'll have it if she has to wear a wig next week.

The moral of this reminiscence lies in the application of it. WILL M. MAUPIN.

of sympathy, not having enough gumption to stand erect and face their fellows eye to eye in the struggles of life.

Capitalizing Sentiment. Although a waiter, he was very human, so when he perceived that the young couple assigned to his table had many matters of a tender and confidential nature to discuss he withdrew to a respectful distance and stared at the opposite wall.

Roasted, Stewed, Hashed Mince. There were callers at the house and little Charles felt that he should contribute something to the conversation.

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