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"PRESSURE" FOR A NEW DEPOT.

Terminal facilities are just as essential to railroad operation as are tracks. Without the one the other would be useless. Unless the terminal facilities are adequate to care for the traffic that is brought to them, delay and loss is inevitable. These are transportation truisms, just now reflected in the Union depot issue in Omaha.

That better accommodations for passenger traffic are needed is confessed by the action of the railroads themselves. Freight depots have been greatly enlarged and extended since the passenger stations were erected. If the freight business demanded enlarged facilities for its proper handling, certainly the passenger traffic deserves the same attention. It, too, has enlarged. In 1900, two years after the present depots were put into commission, Omaha had a population of 102,000; now the census credits us with 204,000, an increase in 24 years of exactly 100 per cent, and still growing. Facilities at the railroad stations have not increased accordingly, although the demand on them for service has more than doubled.

Not Omaha alone, but the surrounding country is concerned in this. Population has increased, travel has increased, the number of people going in and out of the Union and Burlington stations each day is steadily growing, and will grow. It is on this basis that Omaha asks for better accommodations.

Walter Head put the matter very neatly, when he assumed that Mr. Gray had felt the gentle pressure of popular demand. We appreciate the situation of the railroad executive. His problems are complicated by demands from all sources and of all natures. Each has its advocates who press with all convenient zeal for the furtherance of their ends. Omaha is necessarily included in this list. Only Omaha is not asking an unreasonable thing in this. No thought is held that a great monument shall be erected here. Thinking men have questioned the wisdom of such investments as have been made in other cities, where hundreds of millions of dollars have been forever fastened in passenger stations. These are an economic burden on the whole public. Every dollar that has been lavished on features that are not serviceable is a dollar wasted.

What Omaha wants is a passenger station that will take care of not only the present needs of the city, but will reasonably anticipate the future. One that attended the acceptance. Not only was praise very conservative estimate, made by a corporation whose business requires it to look ahead, considers Omaha as certain to double in size within another score of years. In the very nature of things, the railroads must provide for this growth.

President Finley of the Northwestern pleasantly suggests that Omaha build the depot and rent it to the railroads. That might not be beyond reason, if the rest of the Plumb plan were accepted, or even the Howell plan. The Northwestern just now is a tenant of the Union Pacific so far as the Union station is concerned. So are the other lines whose trains enter the station. Were the city in position to finance the operation, it might as well collect the rents as the railroad company.

But that does not solve the problem. It is one which the railroads must adjust between themselves If it comes to an independent corporation, such as the Kansas City or Denver depot companies, let them form such an organization, and finance it to a success. If a modification of the Charles Francis Adams leases, on which the present tenancy rests, is needed. that also is for the railroads to work out. The courts have held the leases good, and any change that is made in them will be for negotiations between the companies.

What is admitted by all is that better arrangement for handling passenger traffic in and out of Omaha should be provided. No bitterness exists, and we trust none will enter into the consideration of the big job. A station that is easy of access, that will quickly and safely care for the people who must use it, that will not be unsightly, is all that is asked. For their own profit the railroads need such a depot. Why delay?

VANDERLIP ASSUMES A MARTYR'S CROWN.

A rebound of his remarkable course seems to have hit Frank A. Vanderlip. According to his own account, he is about to retire from any active participation in the numerous business enterprises of which he has been a director. This was precipitated by a request that he be removed from the directorate of the Continental Can company.

This will excite some comment, but the effect of the gentleman's own action should surprise no one. That he will emulate some others, who have posed as martyrs because removed from responsible positions after forfeiting confidence of those responsible for the management, is forecast by his conduct. Yet it should not be forgotten that when Mr. Vanderlip was placed under oath and asked to tell on what he based his allegations, he admitted he had no proof, that he was simply repeating gossip.

No amount of insistence as to the purity of his intention ever can warrant anyone in retailing scandal. To repeat slander or libel is an offense not only against the law but against good morals as well. Good motives can not be pleaded in justification of such conduct. A man in high position, he does infinite harm when he publicly states what he after-

wards admits he can not prove. Especially is this true at a time when the public is being stirred deliberately for partisan purposes. Mr. Vanderlip will be required to answer in court for a portion of his foolishness. He will also have to answer in the court of public opinion. "The work I am doing in Washington," to use his own words, so far has been to assume that he is the criterion of

public morality, so far as the government is concerned. If he knows of any corruption that is not yet disclosed, he should not delay to bring it forward. Mere assertions do not prove anything, and his one great chance to make good passed when he admitted under oath that he did not know what he was talking about.

KEEP GOOD MEN WHEN YOU GET THEM.

When the law creating the Omaha Water board was passed, it contained a provision that membership should be divided between the two principal political parties. This provision is carried over into the law that constitutes the Metropolitan Utilities District. The obvious purpose was and is to make the board absolutely nonpolitical in its nature.

Members of the board are charged with the administration of three great business undertakings, water, gas and ice supply. The first two are paramount. Domestic life of the community can not be carried on without them. Collectively they represent an investment of more than \$12,000,000 of the people's money. Nobody questions the fact that the business has been efficiently handled, that public interest has been protected, and that nothing has been omitted that will safeguard the welfare of the city in its relation to these institutions.

A private concern would not think of removing any of its executive or administrative officers, whose record was clean and whose services were in all regards satisfactory, simply to give the place to some one else who wanted the job. Such things are not done in private business. No more should they be majority of said committee? done in public affairs.

Fred D. Wead is a veteran on the Municipal This painted child that stinks and Utilities Board, having served from its inception. W. J. Coad has had several years of such service. Each is a business man of approved capacity. At all times and under all circumstances they have been public officials they stand for re-election. Such service as they have given justifies their continuance in office. For this reason they are recommended to the voters for favor on election day.

HASTINGS CELEBRATES ITSELF.

Hastings has just celebrated an event that marks an epoch in the city's growth. It was the informal opening and acceptance of the municipal auditorium, "the full realization of a dream of three decades or more," according to the Tribune. It is located on what is to be a civic center of magni- And himself one vile anthesis." ficient proportions.

Let us admit without argument that the building is all that is claimed for it, that it is the finest and best appointed of its kind in the state. That is what it should be, to meet the needs and aspirations of a community so enterprising and farseeing as to bring such a dream to fruition. Its importance lies in the fact that it is a substantial evidence of the civic spirit of Hastings, the German government exercised and as- the acts of the German government in unified expression of the public purpose on which the greatness of any community large or small finally must rest. Public buildings advertise to the eye, not of the stranger or casual visitor alone, but the citizen more than anybody else the importance of his home town.

No man whose heart is not wholly calloused but will feel it swell as he approaches a structure in which is combined the efforts of all the citizens in their endeavor to provide something that will typify the courage, the energy and the confidence of the people who make up the community. Therefore, The Omaha Bee congratulates the people of Hastings on having brought to pass the vision they have nurtured so long, and under the circumstances of the rules of all civilized naval warfare against the republican naval warfare gave no opportunity for the saving of the lives of American. A vote for Norris at the primary will be a vote indorsing his pro-German activities and his anti-republican career. Why not for a change elect a true blue republican and a loyal American. We will have an opportunity of doing so by voting for Charles H. Sloan. will feel it swell as he approaches a structure in have nurtured so long, and under the circumstances given the mayor who launched the enterprise, the architect who planned the building, but the contractor and his foreman were congratulated on the faithful manner in which they had carried out the trust they assumed. Long may that building stand a credit to Hastings.

SENATOR, "SAYS A MOUTHFUL."

Out of the tumult and shouting at Washington emerges a still small voice, something like the conscience of a senator, trying to make itself heard above the din. Senator Robinson of Arkansas warns other senators that a great mass of public business is going unheeded. Legislation needed and promised is neglected, relief is being denied, and the senate is wasting time. He enumerates quite a list of matters that should have prompt attention, if the senate is to come anywhere near justifying its ex-

The public has known all this for some time, but we wonder who it was told Senator Robinson. He surely did not discover it from Roxie Stinson, or Al Jennings, or Gaston B. Means, or any of the other "notables" who recently have been regaling the world, and the senate especially, with tales of their own importance, and, we fear, their own invention as well. Senator Robinson has devoted considerable time in the senate since the first of the year, supporting his amiable colleague, Carraway, in his assaults on republicans, and particularly on the president and his cabinet. If time has been wasted, nobody knows better when or how or why than does Senator Robinson.

A Norwegian scientist is credited with inventing a plan whereby the next war will be fought with mechanical soldiers guided by wireless. But why should there be any next war?

The Sherman avenue housewives won their battle against the paving material plant in jig time. All they have to do now is to consolidate the victory by getting the plant removed.

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

OLD AGE.

Old Age comes stealing over us Like cloudlets cross the sky; This part of Fate we cannot now Nor later on defy.

Our hair will turn to snowy white, Our dimples slowly fade As down life's lane we wend our way . From sunny youth to shade.

But buoyant hearts need not grow old, Nor weariness reveal. And rapture ever will portray The way we live-and feel; While we must wear the gray of Age

Like autumn's columbine. Within our hearts the spark of youth May with resplendence side.

The pacid silver will replace The auburn and the gold; The mirror will prove unto us That we are growing old;-But laughter deep within our hearts May well dispute the truth. And give us power to retain

The loveliness of youth.

Letters From Our Readers

Query For Senator Wheeler.

Laurel, Neb .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Now that Miss Roxine nson has for weeks testified as to what she has heard has been paid to Jesse Smith, now dead; Gaston ed bribery) has also testified as to what large sums of money he has received and paid to said Smith; the Hon? Frank E. Vanderlip has testified as to rumors concerning the amounts paid for the Marion Star to our kate President Harding, now dead; and Al Jennings (ex-train robber) has testified as to how much Jake Hamon, now dead, paid to Boise Penrose, now dead, would it not be pertinent for Senator Wheeler, prosecutor, jury and judge of the Daugherty investigating committee, the champion scandal monger, gossip purveyor and rumor chaser of the world, to testify or at least state to the public, how much money, if any, Dictator Lenin, now dead, has contributed towards bolshevik propaganda throughout the United States, and whether or not, while in Russia, he discovered the system of convicting an official of this country on hearsay, gossip and rumor, without the right of cross examination of witnesses, nor defense, which system "Yet let me flap this bug with gilded

wings stings Whose buzz the witty and fair annoys Yet wit ne'er tastes nor beauty en-

So well bred spaniels civilly delight In mumbling of the game they dare As shallow streams run dimpling all

the day. And as the prompter breathes the puppet squeaks; Or at the ear of Eve (Roxine) familiar Half froth, half venom, spits himself

In puns, in politics, or tales, or lies, spite, or sonnet, or rhyme or blasphemies His wit is all see saw between that and this

Now high, now low, now master, now

Norris Stand Against War.

serted a right to fence off a large part destroying peaceful American coming the approaches to Great Britain
and France, but also to the neutral nomination as a republican candidate

Public sentiment in the United States finally culminated in a demand for this government to take up arms in defense of American rights. And in response to this demand President Wilson delivered his famous war message, asking congress to declare that a state of war existed between Ger-

many and her allies and the United This action of the president was halled with delight by the great mass of the American people. The lower house of congress by an almost un-amimous vote adopted the declaration. In the senate a pro-German minority of seven senators entered into a conspiracy to prevent a vote on the this occured in the last few days prior to March 4, when that congress would expire they succeeded by talking

against time. The leader and the brains of this pro German combination was Senator La Foliette and the talk of it was Neraska's senator George W. Norris The fact that the American people were practically unanimous for this

Abe Martin



Referrin' again t' th' ole time doctors an' whiskers, Doc Mopps such a demand on him that he had t' cut his beard off t' git a little rest. What dandy parkin' places we see when he hain't got a car.

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

THE REMEDY.

He mouned about corruption till he weltered in his woe And he cussed until the air was fairly blue.

He groaned about disruption, and confessed he didn't know What the blasted, blooming country's coming to. He damned all the politicians up and down from morn till night, And sung the doleful song, calamity, by rote. He wept about conditions, but he overlooked his right

To get out and change conditions by his vote. He swore by the little fishes and the great horn-handled spoon That the country is hell-bent toward the reef. He declared he only wishes to see something happen soon

That would bring a speedy end to all his grief. He said politics is rotten and dishonest men in power.

And he sat around and whined his time away.

Just one simple thir, forgotten, that it only took an hour To get out and calt a vote primary day. In his whining all so bitter he has overlooked a bet-

That would mean escape from all his woe and grief:

He's a double-barreled quitter, with a yellow liver, net, Who refuses trying hard to get relief. All the moaning and bewailing he can do in ninety years Won't suffice to change the bad into the good. He must rouse himself to sailing out with lusty, rousing cheers, And then do his bounden duty as he should.

Gene Westervelt of the Scottsbluff Republican is not only a big man mentally, but he is a giant physically. Recently an undersized man was introduced to Gene, and, after looking the big editor over, he remarked:

Gee, I wish I had your size; I'd make some fellows I know step lively when I talked to them."

"Well," drawled Gene, "if you had my size with your present disposition you'd be in the hospital most of the time."

This thing of changing time at North Platte or Broken Bow when traveling around is a large, quivering nuisance. It causes a fellow endless worry lest he miss his trains or his We never worry much about the trains, but it is expensive buying two or three extra meals a day just to be sure of not missing one at the proper time. The only remedy seems

Harry Franks is pastor of the Christian church at Gering. and Paul Hillman is pastor of the Methodist church. Both are ardent fishermen. Last Tuesday they got out their tackle and went trout fishing. They met with fair success, too. But Parson Franks, after fighting a big trout for 15 minutes, lost it because his line parted. He recled in the rest of his line and sat down on the bank of the creek and said never a word. After a couple of minutes Pastor Hillman said:

'Harry, I agree with everything you are thinking." The side tracks and beet spurs in the North Platte valley are lined with empty tank cars.

I wonder what's the reason for so many idle tanks?" remarked Dave Martindale, who travels for the Byrne-Hammer

company of Omaha. Probably getting ready to take them down to Washington as witnesses in the investigation," growled a man from Casper, Wyo. WILL M. MAUPIN.

North Platte, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: "Lest We Forget."

The events leading up to the entry of the United States into the world war developed into a remarkable dramatic situation. For the first time in the history of civilized warfare the German government exercised and as-

Senator Norris is asking for re. Mount Union Dynamo, Norway, Sweden, Denmark for United States senator at the and Holland.

And Germany proceeded to ruthlessly destroy the American commerce found within the prescribed area. with the use of the submarine. And contrary to the rules of all civilized contrary to the rules of the submarine.

THOMAS C. PATTERSON.

Walkers Who Delay Traffic. Omaha-To the Editor of The Oma-

ha Bee: Cannot something be done to that prevent the balky pedestrian from insisting upon taking whichever side of the pavement his or her fancy dictates, regardless of the fact that by walking on the left side they are impeding the progress of those com-ing from the opposite direction?

Due allowances should, perhaps, be made for those in from the country but Omaha folks are just as guilty in this respect as the "Main Streeters." Then again one observes so many pec ple choosing the center of the walks to stop and converse, which the writer has seen happen time and again on even so crowded an inter-section as Sixteenth and Farnam

It has taken me minutes to walk a block on Sixteenth street, all the time being engaged in trying to avoid those coming the other way. I have made far better time in congested New York and have yet to visit a city either east or west where people walk in such a haphazard manner as they do here.

Sometime ago we had some signs up reading "Keep to the Right." Has Omaha removed these because it considers it a hopeless task to teach the inconsiderates and provincials the proper method of walking in a city? I would suggest that these signs be again posted in conspicuous places so that in time the people will move

"What makes you think they're engaged? She has a ring and he's broke."-



Stability!

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"From State and Nation" -Editorials from Other Newspapers-

om the Minneapolis Tribune.

"Kendrick for President!" This is a slogan that comes out of ice. the west. As we set it down herenot as an advocate, but as a mere chronicler—we wonder how many readers will ask themselves: "Who is Kendrick"

John Benjamin Kendrick is United

States as a single from the west. As we set it down here common public schools in his formal education, but that fact did not stand in the way of his rising to the governorship of his adopted state.

Is the Buffalo Voice merely crying in the wilderness or is it both.

John Benjamin Kendrick is United States senator from Wyoming, and he's a democrat, 64 years old, who entered the senate in 1917 and was re-elected in 1922, administering a William Gibbs McAdoo, who has been re-elected in 1922, administering a first-rate heating to the republican candidate, F. W. Mondell, who sat in the house of representatives continuously for 24 years, and was republican floor leader in two sessions.

Who launched the slogan? We are not sure, but the Buffalo (Wyo.) Voice, democratic is spushing it along with democratic, i spushing it along, with Film and Phonograph Museum.

the unqualified assertion that "the Frowhole west is for him." Kendrick was born in the steer us, if the rest of the world adopts country of Texas, drove a herd of cattle from Matagorda bay to Wyoming in 1879 and settled down for life record museum in London.

The new museum, if it is formed, will raises cattle on a large scale. He has the biggest ranch out there, and he already in the possession of the important of the Western Stock.

educate-and elected. The western Challapin. turning to a man of his type, inde- Shackleton, and various others. POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT.

A Western Voice In a Battle Cry. pendent, progressive in thought, p gressive in spirit, progressive in deayor, and unwavering in his so

From the Living Age.

The future will both see and hea Kendrick was born in the steer us, if the rest of the world adopts

is president of the Western Stock-men's association, whose interests dreds of thousands of feet of moving men's association, whose interests dreds of thousands of feet of moving range all the territory west of the Mississippi river. He has no love for the big packers, and he is credited with being the wielder of a powerful cudgel in behalf of the man who produces calves and rears them into eers.
The Buffalo Voice likes Kendrick which they are made eventually conbecause, it says, there is no tincture tract, but a new celluloid material of oil about him, although his habitat which is unshrinkable and unburnable is almost within halling distance of promises to solve this difficulty. One the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve, film also in existence chronicles events From the floor of the senate Ken- as far back as 1899, showing Queen drick has assailed the oil leave as "victous and criminally wasteful."

"It may be remembered," says The former kalser as one of the mourners Voice, "that the western frontier To the purely visual collection of

made a Lincoln, when once before the the war museum may be added the people turned to an Honest Abe from strictly vocal collection of the British the then frontier of Illinois. The museum. This includes phonegraph western frontier built a Roosevelt, a records of the voices of King George man whom the west moulded, helped and Queen Mary, Patti, Melba, Caruso. to educate—and elected. The western Challapin. Among the statesmen frontier made a Kendrick, and today whose voices have been taken are Mr. the nation, not one county, one state. Asquith. Lloyd George, Winston or one section—the whole nation—is Churchill, Admiral Perry, Sir Ernest

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT.



No use to nominate someone on the Republican ticket and then suffer defeat in the November election. Speaker Mathers is not a politician, but he is a shrewd, keen debater and a wonderful campaigner. True, he is a new man in state affairs and has never been a candidate before, yet during the last session of the legislature he kept close record of the state's political affairs and knows C. W. Bryan, his methods and his record. With the nomination, Speaker Mathers will campaign this state and fight his way to victory over Bryan, as no other Republican candidate We Republicans want Mathers governor, first of all because

Republicans and many Democrats have had enough of Bryan and his henchmen Bryan is for the "Spoils System" and "Professional Politics." Mathers is against the "Spoils System" and "Professional

he has in every way the qualifications and in the second place,

Let Mathers have the Republican nomination April 8 and during the following campaign Bryan will not get away with his usual line of "political bunk." "deception" and falsification.

Mathers has the facts and will call Bryan at every turn All over Nebraska people are saying that Speaker Mathers is the one Republican who can and will defeat C. W. Bryan, Nominate Mathers in the primaries and he will eliminate Bryan in the election.

HARRY E. AYRES, Chairman. Scotts Bluff County Republican Central Committee.

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