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#### SEARCHING THE LIGHT.

The Searchlight, published at Washington and pretending to represent all that is good in public life, and posing as the defender of the people and the public conscience, says:

"Yet, in this tragic hour, with the very fate of democracy at stake, we find practically the whole press of the country united in an effort to chloroform the public conscience, to stifle intelligence, to twist and turn popular opinion toward the belief that these investigations are only 'political,' that it is the duty of congress to cease its 'muck raking,' and turn to legislation.

More of downright misrepresentation it would be difficult to compress in a paragraph of equal length. Not only is the charge laid against the press of the country false, but it is a libel that would be indictable if laid against an individual. There is not a to have graft and corruption exposed and the guilty ones punished as this Washington publication that seeks to rally support to itself by making direct appeal to prejudice and ignorance.

There is not now, nor has there been, any propaganda aimed at suppressing the investigations. On the other hand, there is an insistent demand that the investigations proceed. But there is an equally insistent demand that the investigations be pushed with a view to ascertaining the real facts and not with a view to making political capital or advancing the selfish political schemes of men who disguise their personal plans under a cloak of self-righteous-

Suspicion and innuendo are not proof; scandal mongering is not prosecution. Fair-minded men will not convict on the evidence of ex-convicts and discredited and discharged employes who tell what "they heard" some one say was said to them. In almost every case the third person in this triangle of hearsay is dead, and can not come forth to defend himself. Those who demand that the investigations be conducted fairly, and on the constitutional idea that innocence is presumed until guilt is fixed, are not rightfully to be charged with spreading propaganda calculated to discredit all investigations and conniving at the covering up of corruption and graft. The newspapers that are demanding honest investigations and fair hearings are doing far more to uphold the constitution and banish corruption in high place than sensational publications like The Search-

Because a few men charged with corrupt and illegal practices have demanded the same consideration that is shown to murderers, they are charged by The Searchlight with flaunting the sovereign power of congress to investigate. The charge is as false as it is absurd. Were Daugherty and Fall and all the rest of them as guilty as hell, the fact still remains that they are entitled to make defense, and within their constitutional rights when they criticize an inquisition that seems determined to fix guilt on testimony that would not be admitted before a justice of the peace.

No doubt The Searchlight, as all other newspapers that have been praising the hearsay scandalmongering in Washington, is figuratively tearing its hair because of the indictment of Senator Wheeler, one of the leaders in the investigators' three-ringed circus. No doubt, too, they praise the "inquiry" which is giving Wheeler and his client, Campbell, indicted with him, a chance to fix up their defense.

The case against Wheeler and Campbell will finally be tried before the courts in Montana. They both have the assurance that hearsay testimony will not be admitted against them. That they will be protected against men and women who merely have big tales to tell.

## NEBRASKA CAN STAND INSPECTION.

"Know Nebraska!" That slogan is beginning to be heard from many quarters. It will be worth while, too, if it is followed out. So many things to know about Nebraska that only a few ever find out.

Everybody is acquainted with the general knowledge that Nebraska turns out a lot of fine foodstuffs every year. This is not merely the wheat and corn, the potatoes, beef, pork and mutton, the butter and the eggs. Nebraska raises all of them, and in addition sends out a lot of fruit, vegetables and similar produce. All this is known.

Other information that should be disseminated has to do with the geography of the state, its topography, climate, latent resources and possible opportunities. Get acquainted with the fact that Nebraska has a rise in elevation of 3,000 feet from the Missouri river to the Wyoming line. Learn that two watersheds divide the state; and that while all its rivers eventually reach the Missouri, some flow east, some flow north and some flow south. The highest point in Nebraska would be a mountain anywhere else, but here it is just a rise in the ground. Two Omaha men once made a trip of over 500 miles in a canoe, all on Nebraska rivers, and inside the state. They rode the Dismal, the Calamas, the Loup and the Platte rivers, and had a corking good time.

Nebraska has lakes, where fishermen enjoy themselves. She has some of the most beautiful scenery that lies out of doors. Many poets, including John G. Neihardt and our own Will M. Maupin, have tuned their harps to the beauties of the landscape. while painters have rhapsodised over the sunsets and the sunrises that are on view here all the year

Nebraska has towns and cities, villages and hamlets, each worthy of a special study. Minden, for example, with its summer band concerts, to which the country people resort on summer evenings. Hastings, with its project for a civic center; Pawnee City, Grand Island, Alliance, Scottsbluff, Fremont, Norfolk, North Platte, Beatrice, Broken Bow, just Till the finer things are visions in our reminiscent eyes.

to name a few at random, each with its own distinct characteristics, and all worth visiting.

Get the notion out of your head that Nebraska is dell and uninteresting. Nebraska does not go cavorting around, insisting on having public attention, like some have done, but the visitor or native who takes trouble to inquire will find recompense for any effort in the really worth while things to be found in Nebraska.

#### "EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST."

Tokio is reported to be "resigned" to the decision of the United States with reference to exclusion of Japanese from America. It is a "crushing blow" to ambitions cherished for two generations, but must be sustained, in hope that the future will

Do not be misled by the assertion that only 146 Japanese a year is involved in this. More than that number have reached America under the gentleman's agreement, and more than that will probably come through in spite of the law barring them out completely. Smuggling of Chinese has been common for many years, and Japs will be found equally profitable. Citizenship of the United States is involved. A standard of living, of personal conduct, is concerned, the maintenance of which is important to the people of the United States.

Americans have not departed from the well known statement contained in the Declaration of Independence, that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pusuit of happiness." The right of Americans to pussue their happiness along lines that are divergent from Japanee customs and manners will not be disputed. Equally, we can concede the same right to the Japanese. "East is east and west is west," and their ways are not our ways. They may be better, but we do not follow them, while they have shown little desire or aptitude in the matter of

Where the Japanese is by himself in the United States, he outwardly conforms to the manners and newspaper in the United States that is not as eager customs around him. Where he is present in numbers, he retains the ways of Nippon. For these and other reasons he has been denied citizenship, and the exclusion act is aimed only at such aliens as can not become citizens. The policy is not novel, and should not shock anybody. Americans are desirous of assimilating all who come to our shores seeking to be made citizens, and who are worthy of such honor. For the others, let us quote from President Coolidge message to the congress:

"American institutions rest solely on good citizenship. They were created by people who had a background of self-government. New arrivals should be limited to our capacity to absorb them into good citizenship. . . Those who do not want to be partakers of the American spirit ought not to settle in America."

It is not numbers we are looking for now, but quality, and the exclusion is not aimed at the Japanese alone. This reflection may soften the blow in Tokio. It should also have some effect on all the world.

### WHY TAKE A CHANCE?

Doctors are still arguing vehemently whether bovine or other lower animal forms of tuberculosis can be communicated to man. This has been going on for many years, and without a definite conclusion. Those who contend that the animal infection is not transferable to man hold to their conclusions with a tenacity that is unequaled in en piricism. It is always possible they are right, but it is equally possible they are wrong.

The fact that animals of different species can contract the disease from one another is established. It has also been established that in man the disease is not transmitted by heredity, that a tubercular mother may bear a healthy child, and rear it in health if she be careful. But it has also been established that milk will carry the germs of the disease. One of the first efforts of the anti-tuberculosis crusade was to secure, a supply of pure milk for infants.

Nebraska has made a fine start on the road to eradication of the plague among animals. The effort has been going on for years. It has strong support among the men who are directly interested in the big undertaking. These have cleaned up their herds, and they object to having them continually exposed to diseased animals. No one has taken trouble to study or make inquiry will object to this attitude of the dairymen.

Finally, so long as there is a dispute between doctors, why should anyone be exposed? When the question is definitely settled one way or the other some benefit will have to come. Until then, is it not the part of wisdom to avoid unnecessary danger? The tubercular cow is a menace, and should be destroyed in Nebraska as she is elsewhere.

The senate's Daugherty committee drew a blank when it called Postoffice Inspector Donaldson to the Donaldson testified that he had not been interfered with in the investigation of the Rio Grande land cases, that National Committeeman Creager had helped him. and that he had not been called off by anybody. But Senator Heflin says he was, and there you are.

Somehow we can not help admiring the Creston pastor who punched the nose of a trouble-making parishioner. That is one form of argument anybody can understand.

Expense accounts being filed by candidates indi-cate careful management of the primary campaign. To Jupiter Pluvius: "Do your stuff!"

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

#### Robert Worthington Davie MY OLD FRIEND ISAAC.

recall my old friend Isaac and his cozy little cot. And his garden that in summer was a captivating spot, And his rolling forty acres where he grew his corn and

Where he shared life's independence and was stylish in

can see him drive his cattle from the lea at close of

I can see him fixing fences, I can see him mowing hav-And the echo of his warble to my senses is revealed

Neighbor Isaac, garbed in denims, with a broad-brim-Neighbor Isaac, plowing, grinning, with a cob pipe in

And a face as deeply crimson as old Phoebus would And a streak of dust promiscuous upon his moistened

Neighbor Isaac, hale and hearty, in the midst of things Loam and foliage about him, depthless firmament above.

As I vision and behold him on his forty-acre field.

But so few of us, like Isaac, are appreciative, wise

Letters From Our Readers All festors month be signed, but home will be withhold open ret

has gone on some first the gir

torials on matters of a religious maings are very fine on these subjects. As the hunteres can at the close of the colored year, and the government at the end of the firmal year. Take stock to find out where they are at so all thristians and believers.

stand. Shall be disbelieve it grows in a way that seems vagarious, but because he can not understand how it draws from the soil, the air, the sun, the components out of which it builds itself? No, he uses more reason in everything else. I read last winter where a modernist said that the miracle would be a violation of Gregory thought to avoid having the due to physical causes; in others in-Nature's laws, Now, that is fine logic: great feast of the Christian church tellectual. Whether normal or "He who planted the ear shall he fall on the same day as that of the mal, they are always natural,

not hear, and He that planted the Jews, so he fixed a phantom full moon as the time for basing the actual call.

Any "law without a lawgiver is unculation. This did not work, for several calls and the fixed appearance of t

long list of prophecies concerning Him or the wonderful works He did. made about His being the "Son of God." But when he says "I am He." ought to be sufficient for anyone that has followed Him from Bethlehem to Golgotha, saying nothing of all the accumulating evidence that have piled mountain high in 1.924 years in the remaking of the untold millions of yet. So much for fixing dates human lives that have in turn blessed the world beyond measure. Yours for a real Christ, the Son of God. "He is not here, for He is

A PREACHER'S SON.

Let Father Time Alone.

Omaha.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: For an unknown num-ber of years the world has spun on its axis and swung on its orbit. Once in 24 hours it turns completely around; once in 365 days, 48 minutes and 45.51 seconds it makes a complete trip around the sun. This has been going on for so long a time that we might county started to frog raisen as a other replied.

"Is she happily married?"

Yet ever since man has had gump-Yet ever since man has had gumption enough to divide time by some other method than daylight and darkness, and to recognize four instead of two seasons—summer and winter, as they do in Duluth—he has been fooling with the calendar. Very early in the 15th century Gregory XII called

Cone moonlight night not long ago, and after discussing that girl is so happily married that she has to go to the theater for a good cry."—London Opinion.

Making Business.

Dr. Phee—What do you mean that I owe you money? the 15th century Gregory XII called his wise men together and had certain corrections made in the Julian calen iar, in order that a discrepancy might he removed. The system adopted by Gregory's astronomers and mathematicians was so very accurate that only about once in 5,000 years does the unaccounted for time amount to as much as a day. That seems to be little enough to worry over, when we ought to be planning on eternity.
Only twice in each year, however is there an equal relation between the

hours of daylight and darkness. In March and again in September, the earth stands on its axis perpendicu-lar to the plane of the sun so that the solar light strikes directly on the globe. The equinox is the occasion of more perturbation than its effect on the solar system seems to warrant.

Between the equinoxes come th solstices, the one in June, when the hours of daylight reach their maximum, and that in December, when daylight is shortest. For six months the period of light waxes, and then for six months it wanes. All this is elemental, known to everybody.

Abe Martin



Pinky Kerr picked up a dandy Airedale yisterday, an' he's afraid Madame Neuralgia, th' palimist stoppin' at th' hotel, 'll tip it off t' th' owner. Most ever buddy seems learn from experience but a young widower. (Copyright, 1924.)

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Nation"

York, Neb.—To the Editor of The chung in space in response to God's thought for commend the division. He wants things as he thinks they comb the division. He wants things as he thinks they much be to be the commend to the division. thinks they ought to be.

Consequently, we find plans for Watson. He reproduces pictures "daylight saving," adjusting the clock which form in his imagination, cape

rake stock" to find out where they are at, so all thristians and believers should the more carefully balance their faith and works at Easter time. For, if Easter loses its meaning, then all is lost. If the report the angel gave to Mary at the empty tomb that "He is not here, but is risen as He said." Is not true, then the scheme and. "Is not true, then the scheme has failed and we left hopelessly help making an earlier start in the morn large paintings, represents the spirit.

has failed and we left hopelessly help less. And all who try to account for this birth, His miracles, His resurrection, in any other way than that given in the Scriptures have no right to the joys of Easter time.

No man looks out of his window at a tree or blade of grass or flower, but sees bonething he can not understand. Shall he disbelieve it grows hecause he can not understand how the seems to the property of the seems to the grass or flower, but seems to the seems vagarious, but which he says gives him ideas and directs him in painting them.

As usual the spirit is in the mind, and not outside of it. The visions which the negro has are fantasies. Gregorian calendar. This because the phantasmagoria and illusions; may be making an earlier start in the morn cloth and wood in color. One of his paintings, represents the spirit, which he says gives him ideas and directs him in paintings, represents the spirit, and not outside of it. The visions the phantasmagoria and illusions; may be seen to the gold line of the spirit in the afternoon. That is what day which he says gives him ideas and directs him in painting them.

The church is again examining the phantasmagoria and illusions; may be seen to the gold line of the play sooner in the afternoon. That is what day which he says gives him ideas and directs him in paintings. The paintings of the spirit.

thinkable." He who made the law eral times since Easter and Pesach William G. McAdoo is well qualified can He not use it or remake it or sus- have come on the same day. Now it by experience to warm the people pend it for His purposes? Any other is proposed to rearrange the entire against "pluto-democracy." as he did answer to that is saying in few words system of recording time in order to in an address at Sait Lake City. He that you are holding yourself equal have Easter fall each year on the has issued a "clarion call" for a "new to Christ or holding that because you cannot do such things no one else can. When Christ asked His disciples "Whom do men say that I am?" Peter said, "Thou art Christ, the Son of God;" to which Christ said, "Upon this rock (not Peter but that confestion to accommodate a Christian feast to accommodate a Christian feast to the month of the mon this rock (not Peter but that confession) will I build My church." And anyone who does not accept His divinity has no right to preach the New moon's phase that controls was arbitrarily fixed by somebody so long ago that no record is had of him. Now, if long list of prophecies concerning least to accommodate a Christian feast to He went into President Wilson's can interest the comparatively free of its sordid influence. He resigned to make moon's phase that controls was arbitrarily fixed by somebody so long ago that no record is had of him. Now, if leaster should be given a fixed date.

There is no use in going over the law, as it afforded unusual optomation of the law, as it afforded unusual optomation of the law, as it afforded unusual optomatic in the law in the law in the Him or the wonderful works He did, or recite the many statements He days that come in April, and let the many statements He made about His being the "Son of calendar alone?" made about His being the "Son of calendar alone?" It is curiously interesting in this connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations with men still in office made him more valuable as an attorney than the protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the Protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the protestant nations of Europe did not accept the connection that the connection that the connection that the connection that the con ministration, that still had more than Gregorian calendar for more than two many others who had devoted years

centuries after it was promulgated, to practice in and out of court, and that Russia has not accepted it Like a moth to the candle, M Like a moth to the candle, Mr. Mc Adoo was attracted by the glare of gold in sums of \$100,000 or more. He has admitted receipts of fees totaling heny, the oil magnate, certain of the Omaha Bee: Uncle Pete of O'Neill. C. W. Morse corporations, and the Re-Don't Need to think that Holt county public Steel company. How much has all the onuseal happenins. It more he has earned, nobody but Mr. don't. Why, ain't this Bill Maupin's home town? An we allus feels free to discuss any proposed new law with him. But what we started out to tell Mammon.

OLD FOGY.

Ain't Nature Wonderful?

Gering, Neb .- To the Editor of The

about wus Banner county, Nebraska,

which you will find, by lookin' on your

maps, joins Scottsbluffs county on the south, an' is a good deal like

Missouri.
One of the ranchers in Banner

One moonlight night not long ago,

hair, keeping the water so stired up

AUNT RUFFUS.

Happily Married. They were talking about women on friends.
"Do you see Emma often?" one in-

"Oh, yes, quite frequently," the

"Is she? I should think she is. Why

to put an embargo on any more bobbed hair. As all the lady frogs sion? I'm the boy who spread the whooping cough all over the neighborwere in a constant turmoil, disscuss-ing the merits an' demerits of bobbed

When in Omaha Out of Reach.
Senator Reed of Missouri, never will be any closer to the White House than he is right now, and that is not saying that his proximity to it is anything to boast of.—Sjoux City Journal. **Hotel Conant** 

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Rock Island

"From State and SUNNY SIDE UP

On the Wing in Nebraska: "Knew Nebraska Week" is all right save for one thing-it ought to "Know Nebranka Year." The more we see of the old state the better we like it, and for the pass week we have been seeing a lot of it. To be privileged to be the guest of various business organizations and given the opportunity to talk to them in our halting and stumbling fashion, is something to treasure in memory.

The other day we held a bunch of Kiwanians at North Platte spellbound, whether by our elequence or our temerity in attempting to make a speech, we know not. But if that bunch of wide-awakes enjoyed listening one-half as much as we enjoyed talking, then we all had a galorious time. We have known North Platte from the time when it was a scattering frontier village whose only claim to fame was that it was Buffalo Dilla how how. falo Iuli's home town. Now it lays rightful claim to fame as being a big railroad center, the trade center of a wonderfully developing territory, and a city that is chock full of enterprise and civic spirit. Far be it from us to invite anathenia and denunciation by venturing to express an opinion as to which city in Nebraska is entitled to the designation of "Third City," but as a friend to all the claimants we proffer the advice to keep

It seems only yesterday that the dusty streets of North Platte were filled with ard-riding, hard-drinking, fast-shooting cowboys, and the whole country round about dependent upon long-horned cattle. A cowboy in chaps would be a curiosity in North Platte now, and the whirling dust has been laid by paved streets. The long-horn was long since banished by the whiteface, and the open range of yesterday is the well tilled farms of today. Tall buildings have taken the place of the one-story shack with the false front, and I am told that a man may now actually wear a tall hat on the main street without fear of having it shot off his head by some hilarious citizen. Instead of shooting out the lights the sports of North Platte now go and shoot a few holes of golf, and the wildest dissipation is to drink coco cola and play bridge whist.

But it is a fact that every now and then some eastern tourist steps from an Overland Limited train, and after looking about for a moment, exclaims: Why, this cawnt be North Platte. There isn't an Indian

North Platte is known the country over as a "railroad town," because this is a Union Pacific division point, with huge machine shops and everything. Then, too, it has the largest railroad icing plant in the world. But this splendid city is far more than a "railroad town." It is a city of splendid business buildings, handsome and cosy residences surrounded by well kept lawns, splendid churches with working congregations, wonderfully efficient schools, and a citizenship that co-operates and works as a unit for North Platte's advancement.

We came near overlooking the fact that North Platte has a mighty fine new court house, but that was because we hesi-tated about mentioning some recent occurrences that North Platte folk would like to forget. WILL M. MAUPIN. Platte folk would like to forget.

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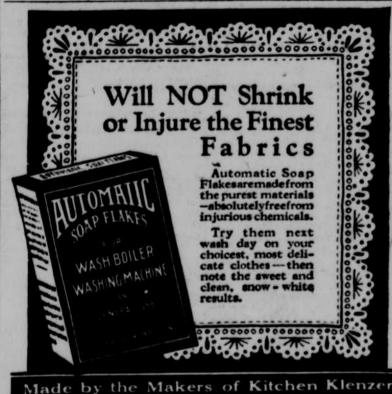
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