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WHAT WE SPEND FOR EDUCATION.

Dr. George D. Strayer of Columbia university told the members of the Nebraska Schoolmasters' club a few wholesome truths at its meeting at Lincoln. Among the things he stressed is that money spent in furthering education is a capital investment. Three years of research in surveying the cost of education in the United States shows that but 1.7 per cent of the population's income is expended on education. This is less than one-seventh of what is put into other public enterprises and very much less than the cost of maintaining some things that are not to be compared with education in relation to public service. Two years ago, when the subject of taxation was given such prominence in political discussion, the cost of the public schools in Nebraska was hectically debated. Not all the criticism leveled at the school management was justified, for it was shown that the main item of increase in expense was that of higher salaries for teachers. Other items had mounted in correspondence to increasing costs in all directions, but pay rolls represented the greater part.

Some of the objectors were shocked when they discovered that in spite of the advance complained of Nebraska still lags behind the average of the country in the matter of pay for teachers. Nebraska's average pay to teachers is \$11 below the median line of the United States. The state stands 30 in the list. Nebraska ranks 33 among states as to willingness to support education, 24 in rank as to income and 38 in percent of income paid for total taxes. These figures speak louder than many words.

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Within the last two or three years Nebraska has made considerable progress along certain lines. Many of the communities of the state have expended large sums of money increasing facilities and equipment for the schools. Magnificent plants have been established, and many other things have been done to set the schools in certain parts of the state abreast of the movement in the nation. The Omaha Technical High school is regarded as the best of its kind in the United States. Many smaller communities have erected high school buildings that are commodious and equipped with the latest of everything that is needed for not only instruction and training, but for the comfort and convenience of all. This is creditable and a source of much pride.

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tion as to methods and results. School processes change rapidly, and it is necessary to watch closely to keep up with the progress. Therefore the school exhibit calls for attention on part of the public. Superintendent Beveridge and his assistants should be encouraged by crowded houses all week.

LET'S MOVE IN.

Two hundred new members and the deficit wiped out by June 1. This is the program of the "gogetters" in the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. There could not be more cheerful news than this for Omaha.

The Chamber of Commerce, like Ak-Sar-Ben, has grown into an institution, and the folks in town have gotten accustomed to the one as to the other. Ak-Sar-Ben is the "whoop-la" of our city's existence, the Chamber of Commerce is the hum-drum shop, where the details of looking after the city's growth are attended to. The chamber has nothing to sell but service. It makes no profit for its managers, save the profit of work well done.

There is no opportunity for the spot light, only a patient plugging away. To function the chamber must have money for its activities; it must have men to carry them out. Some folk don't like the chamber -most of them are on the outside. It is our privilege to voice our opinions, our duty-if we are on the inside. If we are on the outside then our objections are purposeless-we are merely common kickers. Come to think of it, there isn't much purpose in just kicking. Any hanger on at the corner can do that

The chamber is there for all who have something constructive to bring to it. The chamber is anxious to give us a hearing, whether we come with a mild mannered suggestion or a double-fisted fight.

Yes, they prefer it backed up with doubled fistsif it is constructive. Oh, how the world loves a fighter, a fighter who builds, who scorns merely to attract attention.

Two hundred new members by June 1. Forrest Croxson will put your name on the rolls, pronto.

The deficit wiped out by June 1. John L. Kennedy will receive your donation.

Do you know, down in Miami, Fla., the funds for the chamber are raised by taxation and every man, woman and child in town is a member.

Takes better men and better women to join in this sort of work voluntarily, but then Omaha is a better town than Miami. How many of us are going to be among the 200 on June 1? How many will have done their part toward cutting out the deficit? The Chamber of Commerce is the heart of the city -if we aren't there where the heart beats, we don't really belong, now, do we? Let's move in.

A SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY.

May 14 was a significant anniversary in the annals of Nebraska newspaper history. On that date the Fremont Tribune entered upon its 42d year as a daily newspaper. For 15 years prior to that time it had been published as a weekly newspaper.

Only a handful of men and women survive who were adults when the Fremont Tribune was lauched upon the sea of journalism. The boys and girls of the day when the Fremont Tribune entered the daily newspaper field are, if yet upon the scene of action, the gray-haired fathers and mothers of boys and girls whose births were recorded in the columns of the Tribune. It chronicled their arrival, their graduation and their marriage. It has chronicled the birth of many a grandchild to those who were boys and girls in that far off day when it emerged from the weekly chrysalis and began its long and successful flight as a daily.

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THE TEST.

Job was a patient man, so I am told; A man who never lost his temper, quite. Who never thought to rant and rave and scold, But held the reins upon his temper tight. Now Job was mighty lucky, for you see. He only had some boils to make him ill; While lots of colvumists, including me, A column just like this has got to fill.

Now Solomon a wise guy was, you see, Although to other, views my mind inclines, For somehow it has never seemed to me Quite wise to have so many lady friends. But just admitting Sol was very wise, I seize this opportunity to say That he was one of the most lucky guys Who didn't have a column every day.

They tell me that Tom Edison's a shark For working night and day without a snooze; That Henry Ford is sure a shining mark For toiling 'midst the nuts and bolts and screws. But did they ever tackle something tough That really would some industry display, Like grinding out a daily grist of stuff To fill the space allotted every day?

It doesn't pay to be a pessimist. The other day a man dropped in on Tom Klopp and proceeded to unload a tale of gloom about business depression and hard times. Tom, who is an optimis of optimists, tried to lift the gloom, but the fel-low persisted until everything was damp and festooned with Spanish moss. After the visitor departed, leaving Tom feeling bluer than he had felt for years. Tom turned to his mail. One of the first letters he opened contained a renewal of a big insurance policy. Still feeling gloomy and depressed, and convinced that busi-

ness was shot all to hades. Tom canceled the policy. And so it happened that the agent of the insurance company

was the gloom spreader who had just left. If there is any moral to this story you can dig it out for

More Legislation Needed.

"Tis now and then I'm good and riled when as a scribe I'm forced to hear some old maid tell me how a child should be brought up from year to year. The old maid knows the game by rote and gives advice in strident tone. She knows a darned sight more, I note, than if she had one of her own.

When I had one I laid some schemes that looked all right a month or so. Now there are eight, and so it seems not one for sure thing did I know. If I with wide experience confess I'm often puzzled quite, how in the name of common sense can some old maid be always right?

The bachelor and old main, too, who know how to raise a child, often make me cuss till air is blue, and run around in circles wild. Until their duty they have done and added to the baby crop, the legislature on the run should Pass a Law and make them stop!

WILL M. MAUPIN.

LISTENING IN On the Nebraska Press.

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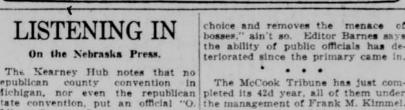
republican county convention in Michigan, nor even the republican state convention, put an official "O. K." on Senator Couzens. The McCook Tribune has just com-pleted its 42d year, all of them under the management of Frank M. Kimmel. Frank says his ambition is to make

Hank Leggett of the Ord' Quiz has it, and then a decade or two on top been sued for \$20,000 libel, and seems of that. to be willing to compromise right now if the plaintiff will collect and give back half of it. . . .

bosses." ain't so. Editor Barnes says the ability of public officials has deteriorated since the primary came in.

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Noting that Elmer Thomas damocrat, has been appointed prohibition



Something remains to be done, however. The survey made by the research bureau shows a variation in wealth of more than \$2,000 of taxable property per pupil in attendance between the richest and the poorest district in Nebraska. It is manifestly impossible to base a standard upon such disparity. It will either be too high for the one or too low for the other. Something must be done to equalize the situation, if public school education is to be placed within the reach of all the state's children on equal terms to all. Several school districts in Nebraska have been without schools for two or three years or longer, because they are too poor to provide public instruction. In other districts the school term is greatly curtailed. for the same reason.

A way must be devised to meet this situation. How best it can be done is open to discussion. It is one, however, that should no longer be blinked at. Children in Sioux county are entitled to consideration, just the same as those in Douglas or Lancaster.

At the 1923 session of the legislature the house passed a bill that was unfortunately lost in the closing jam in the senate that may well be revived and pressed to early passage. It provided for a full and careful survey of the situation in Nebraska as to educational facilities and needs. Only with such information available can sound conclusions be reached and definite plans be laid for putting our public schools on the foundation they deserve. This, matter lies very close to all citizens. It touches very directly the springs of our national life. Nebraskans should bestir themselves to actually attain the goal most of them believe has been reached.

SCHOOLS COMING TO PEOPLE.

No single institution after the government itself touches the life of the people of the United States more closely than does the public school. At some times it goes into every home, every little boy and girl is taken up by it and trained in ways that are essential, no matter what part the boy or girl is called upon to play in after life. Therefore the people should know the schools. This has been one of the great problems of those who have the work in charge.

People do not know the schools as they should. Here and there in the community groups of parents and teachers meet, and acquaintances are formed. Matters of mutual interest or concern are discussed, but seldom does the acquaintance ripen into that intimate understanding sought by the school people. How to get fathers and mothers to know what the schools are doing and trying to do is still unanswered. That it is not due to indifference is shown in many ways. Americans are always prompt to rally when the public school is challenged from any point. Enthusiastic support, however, does not content the school teacher. A close working knowledge of the school should be possessed by all. Such knowledge will make many of the administrative problems easier to solve.

Superintendent Beveridge is just now planning to bring the school to the people. He is arranging through the co-operation of the Brandeis store for a great exhibition on the eighth floor of the store building, where work done by the pupils will be on display. Here patrons may get first hand informa-

It has seen the prairies of Dodge and surrounding counties broken and planted. It has seen the soddie supplanted by the comfortable farm home, and it has seen Fremont grow from a stage station and a tank stop on the Union Pacific, to a busy bustling city with three great railroads carrying the products of its factories to the four quarters of the republic.

Nebraska had just donned the habiliments of statehood when the Fremont Tribune was founded. Not only has it lived to see the day when Nebraska's star was one of the very brightest in the flag's constellation, but it has played a vigorous part in bringing about that gratifying fact.

The Fremont Tribune has a right to be proud of the record it has made. It has been a potent factor in the construction of the commonwealth and in the building of the beautiful little city of which it is such an important part. To the Tribune is extended the congratulations and the continuation of the good wishes of The Omaha Bee.

Mayor Curley of Boston says Coolidge is to be the beneficiary of a great corruption fund. Not so many years ago Mayor Peters of Boston found Governor Coolidge knew his business, and the present mayor of the most hopelessly democratic city in America will probably make the same important discovery.

Magnus Johnson asserts that government ownership is the only solution of the railroad problem. After due deliveration will you please tell us what you think of a nationalized railway system under the management of Magnus Johnson?

The man who landed in New York without a shirt on his back 13 years ago is now said to have more than two millions. And we'll bet that most of them are minus buttons or have frayed neckbands.

Information reaches us that President Coolidge did not smile at the clown's jokes about prohibition. It is rapidly dawning upon a lot of folk that prohibition is not a joke.

The decision of the War department to abolish honorary colonels is enough to cause Kentucky to secede from the Union.

Jim Jeffries has just been declared a bankrupt, which goes to prove that all the knock-outs are not in the padded ring.

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-**Robert Worthington Davie** TIME IS PRECIOUS.

> The space is growing shorter, And the sizing up of those Who are asking for an office

- Keeps a fellow on his toes; And he reads the declarations Of reformists which would make Party faithfulness as nothing
- With the principles at stake. But heside the simm'ring cauldron.
- For the wake of future's cause, He forsakes the past and failure, And forgets the flukes and flaws-
- And parades with party banners Like a hero never would At the death of fruitless promise,
- At the birth of making good.

Partisan today as never Faces truths he can't evade, And beholds in all directions Blunders that each clique has made. We will get the service needed, And have reason to rejoice.

When the dan and not the party Is the object of our choice.

And I would ask also that you deside amendment. It is to be heard happen? What individual, whateve And I would ask also that you similar amendment. It is to be hoped his occupation, wants his affairs that when the bill goes to conference, thrown open to his enemies or to this vicious provision will be stricken any one.

the klan stands for. If the "Precious Principles of Dem If the "Precious Principles of Dem-oracy" are not the same as the prin-ciples that the klan stands for they are not true American. The writer, or speaker, of that last paragraph, must be mis-informed or uninformed. W.H. TOBUREN. P. S.-I am not a member of the klan, but I do know the principles that the klan stands for. Newcomer Protests. Omaha-To the Editor of The Oma-ha Bee: I am a comparatively new comer to Omaha and have not had a chance to know the ins and outs of sale dismissal of 21 city politemen-many of whom have served faithfully for years and years and are better fitted for their places than any new men might be. One of the statements in the cam-main for the "Neurone for the oma-the dismissal of 21 city politemen-many of whom have served faithfully for years and years and are better fitted for their places than any new many for the statements in the cam-many of whom have served faithfully for years and years and are better fitted for their places than any new many for the states than any ne

men might be. One of the statements in the cam-paign for the "Square Six" was that they had been in office long enough to be thoroughly acquainted with the work and therefore they should not be ousted to give place to untried men. And yet before the election re-turns are hardly cold. we find the po-lice commissioner with the assent of the other five of the Square Six, turn-ing out a score of the oldest men on ing out a score of the oldest men on

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the force and keeping on the force men whose appointments have not

even yet been confirmed. Is that fair and square? Does that show a right attitude on the part of these six commissioners? say No, and I think my answer will e echoed by thousands of others in Omaha who believe in fair play and a square deal. Let's not turn out the tried and true and keep the un-It isn't efficiency and any business man will tell us so. H. R. SHANLEY.

After the Game. As the poker game broke up one player said: "Well, I'll have to ex-plain where I've been. My wife is named Faith, but she never has any where I am concerned." "I'm in much the same boat," de

clared another player. "What is your wife's name?" "Mercy .- Louisville Courier-Journal.

Windy Salesman. Hesitant Flapper-Aren't those hose a bit flashy? Keen Salesman-Yes, miss: indeed they are, and the papers forecast strong winds for the next few days. Hesitant Flapper-I'll take them.-North Carolina Boll Weevil

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