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CARRYING WHEAT BY WATER.

Failure of congress to pass the rivers and harbors bill was a sad disappointment to those who are so earnestly pushing the work of making the inland waterways of the country serviceable to commerce.

How deeply Nebraskans are concerned in this is shown by a recent brochure prepared by Alfred H. Ritter, dealing with the influence of the cost of transportation on the price of wheat.

The study shows that the proposed St. Lawrence ship canal would reduce freight rates from steved ports in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, to a point actually lower than the current cost from the Argentine farm to Liverpool.

Thus we see the St. Lawrence waterway, when completed, will bring that reduced freight rate for export wheat, for which The Omaha Bee has contended.

Assuming that Nebraska would have only 20,000,000 bushels of wheat, about half the annual crop, for export, and would benefit to the average between 2.9 and 12.5 cents, as the waterway advocates contend, there would be an average saving of 7.7 cents per bushel.

Is not such a saving sufficiently attractive to justify support of the canal project? Not alone does the St. Lawrence ship canal hold out this inducement to the farmers, but the possibility of using the Missouri and Mississippi rivers to reach markets at lesser cost, is also within the near future.

TREASURY ON PREWAR BASIS.

An indication of how far the republican party has brought about recovery from war conditions is afforded by the news that the United States Treasury has restored the prewar rate on treasury certificates.

Now that the old rate is restored by the Treasury, it is not out of reason to look for some concessions to borrowers who do not come with the prestige of the federal government to support their credit.

Easier money ought to mean extension of enterprise. Delayed building projects of various kinds may come in for consideration now, and in every way the new government interest rate ought to be helpful.

WE SHALL ASK FOR ADOPTION.

Macon county, Missouri, is soon to have its annual "Homecoming Day." All the sons and daughters of old Macon are urged to retrace their wandering footsteps and bask once more in the smiles of the old home community.

With tender recollections of early days surging through our mind, albeit we are not from Macon county, we feel the urge to ask for adoption papers that we might officially and personally accept the invitation and feel that we are of the elect.

In the address of welcome. Neither are we interested in the announcement that famous sons and daughters of the old county are to speak and sing and reminisce.

Home pride, patriotism and love of the truly good are all lacking in the bosoms of the wandering Macon county boys and girls who heed not the call of the old home and fail to troop back over the long miles that separate.

Whoever is in charge of that homecoming celebration has a head on him so long that he must go out of doors to turn around.

WHEN MURDER IS CONFESSED.

The law fixes death as a penalty for murder. A prisoner pleads guilty to murder in the first degree, hoping to receive mercy from the court.

Those are the salient, outstanding facts in connection with a case lately heard in a Chicago court. Along with this statement of the case should be given certain related facts. The prisoner, 30 years of age, once had a million dollars, which he lost in unfortunate ventures.

When this man pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree, he was acting on advice of his attorney, who hoped thereby to cheat the gallows.

When potential murderers come to know that the penalty for their crime is death, it is likely that fewer such crimes will stain our national record.

JUST ONE MORE HURDLE TO CROSS.

Standing high on the side of a metaphorical Mount Nebo, William Gibbs McAdoo gazes longingly across the Jordan of the two-thirds rule and views the Canaan of the nomination.

Other candidates, whose interests are as important to them as the hopes of Mr. McAdoo are to him, will have something to say about the proposed change.

And again, it is barely possible, isn't it, that Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler pronounced the democratic keynote several weeks ahead of the official keynoter, Senator Harrison?

One outfit objects to Dawes as being too conservative, and another is against him because he is too explosive. The voters will like him because he is progressive.

Orange and black auto plates for Nebraska ought to get a cheer from Princeton men who live here. We suggest Scarlet and Cream for 1926.

What a pity that Mr. Brisbane and Mr. Hearst didn't tell us in time that they weren't going to like the republican national platform.

It took a quarter of a century for some Iowans to find out that two railroads could not exist where there was only business for one.

Japan is cooling off nicely, and as soon as some Americans can do the same, everything will be lovely.

Time was when one delegate invited another out to take a drink. Now he invites her out to lunch.

The way Japan is acting about it is one of the many reasons for the exclusion act.

Homespun Verse

By Omaha's Own Foot—
Robert Worthington Davis

THE WELCOME.

Adown the long street, running they go at eventide—
Their little arms a-swinging, their spiritlights and pride

To meet their dear old daddy whose day of toil is done.
Adown the street, half madly, those little children run.

Since daybreak when he kissed them and trudged on at play
O, what is gold and leisure with a proud father's bliss!

The boy that is in giving the little ones their kiss
At morning, and at evening when work to comfort runs.

The cheerful welcome offered by his darling little ones.

Whip Behind There, Robert



Letters From Our Readers

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

Postal Salary Veto.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Why did the president veto the postal salary bill?

is called an enlightened nation. Why not consider, if a man kills a man he is a murderer, and if they hang the murderer or put him in the electric chair they are murderers who do it.

Why not give the murderer life imprisonment and let them work? If they can live and work, they are doing some good, but if you kill them what good can they do?

ened to this fact and we hope and wish that our nation would consider these things and get enlightened. I would hate to be the person that hangs or puts people in the electric chair. He is in favor of it, and he will have to give an account of it in the last day.

Not Through Yet.

Why worry? I called on President Elliot in his office at Harvard one winter day in 1900; in leaving, I said I hoped to come and see him again on my next visit to Cambridge; he replied that he might not be there. In amazement I inquired if he were going to resign. "Certainly not," but Mr. Phelps, I am 66." This struck me as so funny that I burst out laughing. Had

SUNNY SIDE UP

Take Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet

THEY ALWAYS COME BACK.

They always come back to Nebraska. No matter how far they may roam— California, Florida, Alaska— Nebraska is always their home.

No matter where grim fate is leading. Their hearts ever turn back to these: There's something inside that is pleading: Once more your great glories to see.

And whether it's east o'er the ocean, Or over the ocean it's west. I know they still cling to the notion That good old Nebraska's the best.

They always come back to Nebraska. No matter how far they may roam— Florida, Cuba, Alaska— They always look on her as home.

Our greatest regret at being unable to sit in the galleries at New York and watch proceedings is that we are thus deprived of an opportunity to watch our old friend, W. J. B., gallantly fighting to prove that the adoption of prohibition took the liquor question out of politics forever.

By the way, a whole lot of little opportunities missed might have been, if grabbed, the big opportunity you mourn about as never having arrived.

The thousands who have been thrilled by the eloquence of "Big Jeff" while being initiated into the mysteries of Ak-Sar-Ben, were not at all surprised at the nomination of Charles G. Dawes when they learned that it was "Big Jeff" who put him in nomination.

By the way, the nomination of Mr. Dawes recalls the fact that Nebraska has furnished some mighty big men to the nation at large. Among the many there comes to mind just at this moment the names of Blon J. Arnold, the world's greatest consulting engineer; Walter Wellman, explorer and journalist; Henry M. Stanley, explorer and journalist; Briggs and Johnson, the cartoonists; Charley Magoon, lawyers and first governor general of Cuba; Henry Estabrook, lawyer; and the list might be continued almost indefinitely by consultation with others.

And women—Ella W. Peattie, Dorothy Canfield, Willis Cather and Mary Holland Kirkaldy. Of men and women who have earned nation-wide fame Nebraska has contributed more than her quota. The good old state has never yet furnished the nation with a vice president, but right now the chances look mighty good.

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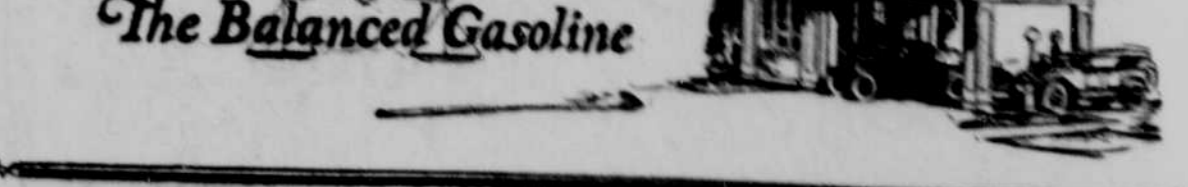
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Abe Martin



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