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WHAT THE FIGURES REALLY SHOW.

A correspondent writes us: "I refer you to the records, from which you will find it is a fact that the masses of the people have been growing poorer and poorer each year." He neglects to tell us where to get these records. Those to which we have access show a different state of affairs.

In the years 1921 and 1922, the latest reported on in detail by the bureau we find the following: Total number of individual re- 1921. 1922. turns 6,662,176 6,787,481 Number reporting income of \$5,000 or under 6,136,570 6,193,276

The great outstanding fact is that the income of the wage earning groups did show an increase for 1922 over 1921. We will show at another time that the savings of these groups also increased. That the end of the year did not find them worse off than the beginning. Wages were higher, and more workers were employed.

ARE THEY EVER TOO OLD? Ezra Meeker, hero of the Oregon Trail, is 94 years old, or young if you like it. What is more he is now a candidate for the legislature up in Washington.

General Sherwood is a veteran, for this will make his tenth campaign for congress. His first office was that of probate judge of Lucas county, Ohio, to which he was elected in 1860.

What an inspiration it should be for the younger men, who are inclined to avoid public service, to see the activities of these venerable leaders. They are not seeking to satisfy personal ambition, but to serve the public.

FOOLS AND FATAL FUN. A New Jersey boy worked in the afternoon one day last week, cleaning cars in a village garage. The next morning his dead body lay in the village morgue, while the authorities rounded up a group of men who had "played a practical joke" on the boy.

loved him and longed for his companionship. He was to call at 4 o'clock in the morning at a house that stood just outside the town limits. Flattered and persuaded, the boy kept the appointment. Fourteen men leaped from the darkness and welcomed the lad with shots and shouts. It was great sport. The boy was so frightened he did not run, he did not even call out. He just fell on his face and remained quiet.

"UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE." Milk is not only food for babies, it is their very life. Mother's milk is best, for it is the provision of nature for the sustenance of the little one.

The service is 100 per cent free, without money and without price, to those who benefit by it. Hundreds of strong young men and women are alive today because this work was commenced years ago and has been faithfully carried on.

Source of True Salvation. O'Neill, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The writer read your splendid editorial, "Not a Poverty Stricken People," and also a few of the comments upon same.

GEORGIA REGISTERS PROSPERITY. Again the calamity howler is out of luck. Up from the southland comes a tale that just knocks the everlasting spots off the assertion that no farmer is doing well or will do well until either John W. Davis, or "Fighting Bob" La Follette, or Duncan McDonald, or W. Z. Foster, or some other accredited agent of good fortune is elected president.

The first car of the Nebraska wheat crop of 1924 sold in Omaha for \$1.13, and the outlook is for a fair crop of wheat, some 40,000,000 bushels, thank you. Corn is up, cotton is up, wool, hogs, cattle, sheep, hay, everything the farmer has to sell is advancing.

Telegraphic advices from the effete east show that Brother Charlie's presence there was not without result. Gasoline has dropped from 24 to 12 cents at Albany, and all over New England the Standard, Sinclair and other companies have announced reduction.

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

MUD ROADS. There is mud upon the highway, there are autos plowing through. There are thoughts of brick and asphalt, there are bold assertions, too.

The Great Question



Letters From Our Readers

hope the American people are not to be fooled by their sophistries again and again. I, for one, believe that just now we should let well enough alone. This is no time to experiment with new chemicals of government.

Abe Martin



Miss Tawney Apple's toes wuz run over this mornin' as she wuz tryin' t' smile an auto t' a stop. "Love and let live," wouldn't be a bad slogan for th' women folks.

NET AVERAGE PAID CIRCULATION for June, 1924, of THE OMAHA BEE Daily 74,616 Sunday 76,224

SUNNY SIDE UP Take Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet

Picking up one of our favorite exchanges this morning we are confronted with the question, framed in bold type, "How Are Your Garters This Morning?"

If we determine to pin our nose up with a safety pin, who is there to say us nay? If we determine to let them roll as they see fit without boots it to others? Were we to fail in our bounden duty to protest against this growing evil of peering into our purely private affairs, the first thing we know we will be greeted with inquiries as to the condition of other articles not intended for public view or explanation.

We are looking for a barber shop of a certain kind. There may be such in existence, but to date we have not found it. What we want is to find out where we can enter, await our turn, get into the chair, state definitely what we want, and then get it without being asked if we want a shave, a shampoo, some tonic on our hair, a face massage or any one of a dozen things not requested at the beginning.

Having wearied of about all of the political issues advanced in recent years, and becoming thoroughly disgusted with Peerless Leaders who veer with every shifting wind to fill their sails with the breath of wild-eyed clamor, we have decided to form a Fourth Party.

Political Definitions. Harmony—Yielding everything and claiming nothing. Gratitude—(Obsolete). Progressive—Me.

A growing tendency to obesity has given us the privilege of sitting to the waiting world the real reason why the Wanderer Jew continues to wander on century after century. He engaged in a vain search for a shirt that will stay put.

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SUMMER FARES EAST Reduced Round Trip Fares to many eastern points, on sale daily to Sept. 30, return limit Oct. 31st. Liberal stop-overs. Here are some of the return trip rates FROM OMAHA to: Asheville, N. C. \$50.70; Asbury Park, N. J. \$7.48; Atlantic City, N. J. \$3.96; Digby, Nova Scotia \$3.95; Halifax, Nova Scotia \$6.15; Lake Placid, N. Y. \$78.61; Marblehead, Mass. via Boston \$90.11; Montreal, Que. \$75.45; Montpelier, Vt. \$25.50; Newport, R. I. \$35.88; Niagara Falls, N. Y. \$35.80; Norfolk, Va. \$80.45; Portland, Me. \$88.84; Sandusky, O. \$44.90

ANNOUNCEMENT

Covering a long period of time, it has been inconvenient and at times impossible to reach our main office and yard at 4500 Dodge street with an auto.

We are pleased to announce that the repairs to this section of Dodge street have at last been completed and you can drive up to our door on a new smooth pavement.

We wish to extend to our many customers and friends an invitation to again get into the habit of calling at our office and yard in person. We will extend to you a cordial WELCOME.

"It Is Our Business to Serve You" UPDIKE LUMBER AND COAL COMPANY Main Office 4500 Dodge Street

BIG ULCER ALL HEALED Now She Can Walk "I'm Happy," Says Peterson "Here is another letter that makes me happy," says Peterson. "One that I would rather have than a thousand dollars."