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LOOK AT THIS SQUARELY.
On September 12, the sixth anniversary of Pershing's victory at San Mihiel, one of the most brilliant and successful major operations of the world war, a little experiment will be tried by the War department.

Against this a deluge of protests is pouring in on Secretary Weeks of the War department. Well intentioned individuals and organizations who deplore war are equally opposed to the country ever being ready for war.

Can we always get along without fighting? Let us hope so. But just a day or two ago an American vice consul, a native of this land, was cruelly beaten to death by a mob in Teheran.

These are just a few of the things that might lead to a situation where the United States will need both an army and a navy. In June, 1914, peace was profaned throughout the world.

Do we want to go through with all of that again? Or, will we learn something from our own experience? In 1893 we learned more about the importance of sanitation in camps than we knew before.

America's genius is for peace. For pleasant relations with all the world. But America has had to defend that genius by arms. It may have to defend it again.

MEASURED BY AUTOMOBILES.
At the end of 1923 13,464,009 Americans owned automobiles. This was exclusive of motor truck operators.

AS WE GROW OLD.
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Homespun Verse
By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davis

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they are at the beginning. The presence of 13,464,000 passenger cars in the United States is not an argument in support of allegations of general poverty.

NO CUT IN GRAIN RATES.

A year ago a special request was made from the Omaha Chamber of Commerce to the railroads, asking for an emergency rate on wheat and wheat products intended for export. This was denied.

The reason given by the majority commissioners, that the advancing prices to the farmer removes the necessity for the reduction, is not in itself convincing.

A general belief exists that freight rates on heavy goods, such as farm products, livestock, lumber, and other bulk shipment stuff are too high. It was for this reason that President Coolidge said to congress:

"Competent authorities agree that an entire reorganization of the rate structure for freight is necessary. This should be ordered at once by congress."

Congress, however, did not order any such reconstruction. Neither did it effect relief in any other way. Congress left the railroad situation just where it was before the president's recommendation.

Your editorial was chiefly concerned with my statement to the effect that the masses of the people are getting poorer each year, and for proof that my statement was in error, you give the number of income tax returns for the years 1921 and 1922 showing an increase of 117,969 in the number of returns on incomes of \$5,000 and under.

PIFFLE IS HIS PARAMOUNT ISSUE.
Governor Bryan has made his gubernatorial campaign to date on the price of gasoline. He insists that his successor on the state ticket shall be a man who will carry out his policies.

Not a single constructive idea about government, about finance, about diplomacy—just gasoline. Not a single constructive idea about relief from excessive freight rates, high interest charges, tax free securities or world relations—just gasoline.

All his talk about being a progressive, all his talk about being a rescuer of the dear people, all his talk about standing between the dear people and those who would exploit them resolves itself into a dinky little filling station at Sixth and South streets, Lincoln—just gasoline.

Naturally Chairman Sackett favors giving the voters every opportunity to register their choice. That is good republican doctrine. Its reverse is seen only in democratic states south of the old Mason-Dixon line.

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Countess Salm von Hoogstraten has lost a \$2,500 diamond, but she can not blame the count this time. He is in Europe while she is at Newpprt.

Judging by the length of the platforms the builders must have thought they were constructing boardwalks.

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The Counter Invasion



Letters From Our Readers

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

Another Look at the "Hole."

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Bee: Now that you have replied to my letter through to editorial columns of The Omaha Bee, let me call your attention to some of the statements you make.

I know it is hard for the republican enthusiasts to understand the farmer, for he has a peculiar way of doing business under stress of necessity brought about by an almost unobstructed succession of republican administrations and congresses dating from the Civil War.

It is a grand old game of poker, growing in size as the nation grows in wealth. The rules are the same as when it was only a penny ante affair and the big end of the stakes still go to Wall Street.

The increase you note in the membership of the loan and building associations is not indicative of an improved situation any more than is the increase in the membership of the Kiwanis club or the Ladies Aid.

I agree with you that "agriculture suffered more than any other" as stated in your paper today. But, more than that? More than Wall Street? Or more than labor? You admit, then, that some one has really suffered during these golden days of republicanism. But that is directly antithetical to the theme you have set upon.

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"From State and Nation"

—Editorials from Other Newspapers—

Against War, Yet for It.

The democratic platform is a curious jumble of practical politics and idealistic unrealities. There is no coordination in it. Perhaps in the fury of the Klan and League of Nations rough and tumble there was no time for co-ordination.

It is backed up by another, to this effect: "Our government should secure a joint agreement with all the nations for world disarmament and also for a referendum of war, except in case of actual or threatened attack."

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Tree's "Impromptu" Speech.

Here is a new story of Sir Herbert Tree, the English actor, and hero of a thousand stories. It is told by Cosmo Hamilton, in his new book of reminiscences, "Unwritten History."

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SUNNY SIDE UP

Take Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet.
Most of the traveling public are not accustomed to travel. These are the impressions of railroad management from the employees with whom they come in contact, and a grouchy, discourteous employe can do more harm in a minute than the head officials can overcome in a month.

We hope the Burlington's managers appreciate that sort of service. It is doing for the system what more money will not do. And we further express the hope that "Mac" and Nelson will be on the job for many years to come, and that we may be permitted to happen along occasionally during those years to exchange friendly greetings with them.

Met Emerson Purcell of Broken Bow on the street the other day. He was just finishing the last lap of a 5,000-mile auto trip. He declares that he didn't have a bit of car trouble on the entire journey. That permits us to continue as holder of a world's record.

Speaking again of auto travel, of which we have enjoyed much and expect to enjoy more, we are going to organize a Society for the Boycotting of Scenery Defacing Advertisers. After seeing a huge sign painted upon a giant rock in Cheyenne Canyon, "Wear Squeezem's Shoes," we wouldn't buy a pair of Squeezem's shoes to win a bet.

And, being just human, we never approach a hamlet of 150 or 200 people. Where can I park my car? I walked out of the club with him, and offered my congratulations, he looked all about him in the exaggerated way that is associated on the stage with the impending give-away of an all-important secret, chuckled, put his hands on his shoulders, and told me that he had merely delivered the after-dinner speech belonging to a part that he had been memorizing for months, and would appear in at His Majesty's theater as soon as his plans permitted.

It is delivered, manner and point it was perfect. It brought forth roar after roar of laughter at its witty turns of phrase. His satirical references to the particular political butts of that time raised several bursts of applause, and, finally, ending just at the moment when everybody most desired it to continue, it brought down the house.

The whole thing was epoch-making, especially coming from Tree. When, several hours later, I walked out of the club with him, and offered my congratulations, he looked all about him in the exaggerated way that is associated on the stage with the impending give-away of an all-important secret, chuckled, put his hands on his shoulders, and told me that he had merely delivered the after-dinner speech belonging to a part that he had been memorizing for months, and would appear in at His Majesty's theater as soon as his plans permitted.

Sure Thing. "Of course, you were sure from the first that the convention would have to end some time."

Yes, agreed Senator Sorghum. "It stood to reason that the hotel people wouldn't let the delegates stay after their money gave out."—Washington Star.



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