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WE NEED ROADS, NOT POLITICS.

Whatever else the good roads program may or may not be, it should not be a political hunting ground. Governor Bryan unfortunately handled the problem as politics. The good roads program is years behind as a consequence. Bryan succeeded in jumbling what had been regarded as a hopeful start toward getting Nebraska out of the mud. His mistake should be ample warning to the group of short-sighted politicians who are again trying to connect themselves with good roads.

Complaint from democratic sources is to the effect that Governor McMullen will not follow the lead of Governor Bryan. Let us give thanks for that. The republican platform, on which McMullen was elected, declared specifically for a gasoline tax. The Bryan-controlled democratic platform, conceived in the spirit of Bryan evasion, side-stepped the issue. What further may be in the plans of the governor-elect is for the administration and its advisers to work out. Adam McMullen has not yet outlined his plans. At least not for publication. It might do no harm if his critics were to await his action.

Efforts to commit the governor in advance to carrying over any of the Bryan appointees are also premature. This does not imply that the state engineer is not well qualified for the position. His predecessor also was well qualified. Further, too, he had made a good record in office. A special committee of the legislature, admittedly hostile to the McKelvie program, investigated complaints in which both misconduct and incompetence were alleged against Engineer Johnson. All the road work done under his direction was reviewed, and the committee's report not only exonerated him from the charges, but approved his work.

Yet Governor Bryan felt it advisable to relieve Johnson and name Cochran. Whether political considerations entered into the problem or not, it evidently was Governor Bryan's desire to have an engineer who was in full sympathy with his road program. Subsequent events have shown that the governor was not in any way pleased with what his predecessor had done, and a sweeping change in road building followed. On the pretense that a deficit of several hundred thousands of dollars had been created, most of the activities in the department were suspended, and the general construction work was checked.

If the retention of Cochran in the engineer's office is to be for no better reason than that he was Bryan's selection for the job, his claims may as well be set aside at the first.

We have no thought of anticipating any of Governor McMullen's appointments. He will make his own selections, and probably with little thought of the wishes of those who so earnestly opposed his election. We feel sure, however, that the good roads question will be kept out of politics. The program looks to the ultimate expenditure of more than \$43,-000,000. It affects every citizen of the state and must not be made part of any partisan effort. Nor does the success of that great enterprise depend upon the presence of any one man in office.

If Mr. Cochran and his real friends are responsible for the charges now being directed at Governor-elect McMullen, they would do well to call a halt. It is such mistaken zeal as this as may render Mr. Cochran unacceptable. It savors of a threat that Adam McMullen could not bow to and be safe for a

First and foremost in this matter, politicians, contractors and zealots must keep in mind that Mc-Mullen must carry the load of responsibility. Having that in mind, suppose the critics lay off for a time and wait for McMullen to speak.

THE RIGHT SORT OF LEAGUE.

There has been founded in Elizabeth, N. J., a league of the right kind. It does not plan to reform the world. It is not intent upon Passing Laws. It has no paid professionals going up and down the breadth of the land. It is content to remain right at home, making Elizabeth a far better city in which

The League of Neighbors of Elizabeth is just what its name implies. It is promoting real neighberliness among Elizabethans. At its meetings men and women of different races and creeds get together and become better acquainted. They participate in the common pastimes of closer friendship, mutual forbearance and common purpose. Americanism. civic pride and a respect for the opinion of others

are among the lessons taught. The founders of the League of Neighbors may not have intended it to be more than an Elizabeth affair. If citizens of other cities are wise they will proceed to make the League of Neighbors their biggest and best civic organization. About the only thing now needed to make this old world as near perfect as we can hope to make it by finite effort, is to realize the real meaning of the word "neighbor," and then do our best to do the right thing by that neighbor. It is not a problem to be solved by law enactment. Professional reformers can not perform any real service in the work of bringing about the

solution. All that is needed is for men and women to unbutton their hearts and let the neighborly spirit in. There is no city too big or hamlet too small for

a good working Neague of Neighbors. The Elizabeth idea should spread and prevail. It is a league to which no right-minded man or woman can object. It can wipe out differences of creed and politics, ignore racial lines and work for one common purpose acceptable to all.

WHAT THE UNIVERSITY NEEDS.

Setting aside the matter of leadership, friends of the great University of Nebraska find themselves concerned in some of the material needs of the school. A survey discloses the fact that in 1874, when the university began its beneficial work, the primitive building in which its activities were housed represented an investment of \$1,100 per student. In 1924, with what a great many regard as a magnificent plant, the total invested in buildings amounts to \$300 per student.

The plant has not grown as rapidly as the student body. In some essential regards it is today totally inadequate. The library, for example, has in its reading rooms capacity for but 200 students. In consequence, reading rooms have been established in other buildings on the campus, taking space needed for other activities. Such makeshift arrangements are detrimental to the real service of the university. Until an adequate library building is provided, to house and accommodate what is really the heart of the school, service at the University of Nebraska

The Dental college, the Electrical Engineering department, and other engineering departments, are all housed in buildings that are antiquated and of insufficient capacity. The building given over to electrical engineering, for example, was constructed thirty years ago at a cost of only \$13,000. It is hardly worth half of that now. A new heating and power plant is an urgent necessity. When other new buildings are erected, this will have to be looked to. It is employed to its full capacity now.

The university has no place to house its splendid telescope. Such study of astronomy as is indulged must be carried on under the utmost of difficulty and physical discomfort. The gymnasium was a fine place when it was erected thirty years ago. This was at a time when the university had an enrollment of only 500 students. Now, with 10,000 enrolled, the old building is a joke. Its accommodations can not meet the needs of the students who are expected to take physical instruction. When a convocation is held there, and it is the only place for the student body to assemble, most of a morning is consumed in placing the seats, and the afternoon in removing them. This takes the gymnasium out of commission

Here are just a few of the things the University of Nebraska needs. The chancellor and the faculty are doing all that can be done with the facilities at their disposal. It is up to the people of Nebraska to make better provisions for the great institution that has done so much for the state.

FACTS FIRST, THEN CONCLUSIONS.

The tramway case has moved two notches nearer to a settlement. The company has petitioned the State Railway commission for permission to increase fares. The city commission has voted to ask permission from the state board to order an audit of the tramway books. This latter is the first step in the right direction. Before any definite conclusion may be reached, the fundamentals should be known. What is the true state of affairs as to the company's financial situation. On what does its claim of value on have enough faith in the religius which to earn rest. Can the demand for increased revenue be met in no other way than added charge to patrons.

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Examination of the books of the company will lead in the direction of a solution. Other things may need to be developed, but these will come in time. Mayor Dahlman recalls that it took two years before the last increase in fare was made effective. Whatever time may be required, the issue should not be closed until all the facts are made known. The company can help in this by letting us have the facts, all of the facts, without hindrance or delay.

Congressman Edgar Howard insists that the Coolidge budget is usurpation of the prerogatives of Well, until Edgar makes good on his promise to collect all those foreign debts we simply have to devise some method of saving.

Hight, the Mount Vernon minister who is on trial for murder, claims that he is a victim of Alz-The best thing to do is to choke heimer's disease. it off before it becomes any worse.

Complaint is made that the local tramway company is weak on orthography. The company explains by saying it has been suffering a bad spell for

freshman year will not be harassed by thoughts of how he is going to make the football team in his It develops that the big Chicago rum robbery

An Iowa man of 75 is attending college. His

was faked to cover up illegal withdrawals. Mr. Wheeler needs more help, or less, depending upon the viewpoint.

It is reported that Lloyd George's head has grown a quarter of an inch in circumference during the last twelve months.

France insists that she can now stand alone. Other European nations admit that they can stand a

And again, Lick Springs seems like a good place for the healing of democratic sores.

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

OLD SILVER CITY.

Robert Worthington Davie

Old Silver City of my past So strange you seem today. Lithold impressions can not last When friends have gone away Inveterate remembrances Grow vague and valueless, And erstwhile treasured premises

Lose all their sacredness.

So many years ago.

And far, far bence in Helicon

Half happily deplores!

There is that tinkling yearning old Like chimes far hence and faint;-There is the zest that mem'ries hold, And recollections quaint,-But these are merely shadowings Of that which make you glow Resplendently in other things

Old Silver City, who has none Somewhere to thee akin, Where life's initial tasks were done,-Where youth's playgrounds have been! Old Silver City of each one Who from your solace soars,

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Letters From Our Readers

He would move methodism from the solid rock of its foundation onto shifting sands of expediency. Just now he is engaged with masterly addresses in an attempt to seduce the young people of the church with pious sweet-meats rather than to encourage them to heroic efforts aganist evil by sturdy moral convictions. I evil by sturdy moral convictions. I

cal attitude, he would feed his men on cake and ice cream, let them smoke cigarets while training, be very careful that they never sweat a drop while working out. He advocates the holding of young people by indulgence instead of the scriptural way gence instead of the scriptural way and discipate the company in your newspaper, takes me back to the old street because of the constant of the county and state in which it is paid, which is as it should be.

by training and guidance and discipline.

The world has never seen a finer lot of young people than live today. Sacrifice and labor and love by the preceding generation has given them better health, finer opportunities, keener intellects, and graver responsibilities than any group of young people who have ever lived. The inventions of the day have put in their people who have ever lived. The inventions of the day have put in their laborated and rail-paper, takes me back to the old street lamps. I have cleaned many of them and filled them with oil bought from the Standard Oil company. We used a two-wheeled cart to haul the cans about and took out the empty can people who have ever lived. The inventions of the day have put in their laborated to the old street lamps. I have cleaned many of them and filled them with oil bought from the Standard Oil company. We used a two-wheeled cart to haul the cans about and took out the empty can people who have ever lived. The inventions of the day have put in their property and give service. We know that several families are kept in each town and are paid thousands of dollars each year in salaries, these salaries are ands unmeasured power for good or evil. Now the question is are they making a reasonable use of these

Here is the darker side of the pic-fure. Judge Ben B. Lindsey of the Juvenile court of Denver tells us in his lectures of the great amount of crime committed by mere boys. Ol-sen of the Chicago court claims that it is 30 per cent. A New York judge while initiating a new member to the court of general sessions asserts that we are the most lawless nation on earth and that the "vast majority" of crime is committed by mere youths. Besides the records of the courts he quotes the investigations of various his position. It seems to be conceded that the principle cause for this con-dition is lack of discipline in child-hood. At the same time we are spending: 22 per cent of the national in-come for luxuries, wasting 14 per cent, crime costing 8.5 per cent; but can only afford less than 3 per cent for religion and education combined.

I suppose that our good bishop would take a colt fresh from the pas-ture, hitch him to the buggy, throw fown the lines, wave his hat and let him go. There is no doubt but that

Abe Martin



Folks that are really worth listenin' to never blurt out "jest what they think." Ther wuz a 30-pound turkey at the home o' Tilford Moots Thanksgivin' as he's so thankful he hain't been skinned out o' th' savins of a lifetime. (Copyright, 1924.)

and therefore help make the towns, and I might add they eat the farmers' produce, and each family pays their share of our taxes.

What about the trucks and busses which use public highways. Do they Young Folks and the Church.

Omaha—To the Editor of the Omaha Bee: Bishop Hughes has done more, perhaps, than any one man to rob his church of the vitality of its doctrines and practices and leave only the husk instead of the kernel of spiritual life and power. His attitude towards religion is at about the same angle as that of Brookhart, Mangus Johnson and La Follette to politics. He would move methodism from the solid rock of its foundation onto

ay, so trained no load thes. Why are we compelled to pay higher railroad fares and freight cleaned once a week. They did not give very much light and if the wind blew very strong the lights went out. In the evening after the lamps were the Trucks.

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The Editor of the Editor of well as the other corporations.

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WHEN HIS SHIP COMES IN.

Burton Williams of Fremont has a ship coming in somewhere. And inspired by the few verses concerning our own ship, Burton sits himself down and versifies about his schooner, Poets sing in expectation-

How they'll celebrate and gloat, How their noise will jolt the welkin When they recognize their boat.
But there'll be no shrieking whistles,
Nix on cheers, or yells, or din;
Just a sneaky, silent welcome
When MY phantom ship comes in.

I'll not neck for fairy captains, Worry about uncharted seas;

Crab if sprites should fail to man her; Sniff for sails on perfumed breeze, She can be a barge or schooner,

Void of gold or lace so thin; Smeared with blubber, grease and seagrass,

When MY ship comes rolling in. I admit I often ponder Will she really make the grade?

Fighting pirates, dodging broadsides, Slipping past the Dry Brigade. She'll not need to enter harbor Freight down with Scotch and Gin,

'Cause I'll swim that 12-mile limit When MY booze ship stumbles in.

All right, Burton; may your schooner

Yacht or ywal, whate'er it be, Come to port a whole lot sooner Than you could expect to see, May she run against good weather

Till the limit interferes; Then we'll swim out, Burt, together— May she come before New Year's.

bonds into the Missouri river, and prohibition agents recently turned 6,000 gallons of alcohol into the same stream. This desecration of the Big Muddy simply must cease.

Mail train bandits say they cast a million or more in Liberty

A London scientist has invented a machine that will register thoughts. It will have to be a mighty durable machine if it registers our thoughts of the man or woman who would wantonly destroy childish illusions at this time of the year,

A public speaker should be sure of his audience before he attempts to make a point. That's where we missed out the other night. We were seeking to make a point by telling about the indifference of American voters, and to illustrate we asked all in the audience who had voted in the last election to hold up their hands. We were going to chide about 50 per cent of them for their indifference. It happened to be a meeting of the Business Women's club, and every woman in the audience, more than 100 of them, held up her hand. Then we had to flounder around for a minute or two before we could make a

There is something wrong with the man whose heart does not go out to every crippled child he sees. We wouldn't trust him as far as we could throw Taurus by his caudal appendage. There are handicaps enough in life for the strong and physically capable, but to enter life with the handicap of physical infirmity; to be physically incapable of joining in all the playtime of youth; to sit and watch others and feel the pangs that must come to the heart of the child crippled and forlornwell, as we remarked before, the man who is not touched by this carried around in his breast a chunk of reinforced concrete instead of a real heart, and we hope it becomes misplaced and

remember the time when you started in eating buckwheat cakes and kept it up every day until you contracted that thing called "buck-heat itch?"

WILL M. MATPIN By the way, harking back in memory to other days, do you

lamps were set on a wooden post and you might know every boy in neighborhood had his name cut in said post. The old oil lamp days were Lights of Other Days.

days of real sport. I could wrie a very sliver Creek, Neb.—To the Editor of large book of Omaha's history of 3.

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