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BURNING UP THE DOLLARS.

Look out of your office window. Any time of the day, in any direction. You will see some chimney vomiting huge clouds of dense smoke. Try to realize what that means. Half the value of the fuel is going up in the smoke screen that is doing nobody any good.

Fuel at \$7 per ton is expensive. When \$3.50 per ton goes up the chimney, and out to offend the atmosphere, it means that the amount that serves to produce heat or other form of energy is used at the rate of \$14 per ton.

If the coal dealer were to double his price on fuel, what a chorus of protest would go up from the building owners. Yet they will permit antiquated or inadequate furnaces, plus unskilled and iguorant firemen, to double the price of their fuel, and fancy they are handling their affairs efficiently.

Smoke is an evidence of waste. It is a sign that combustion is not perfect. Only one way is known to obtain anything like the heat value of soft coal, and that is to burn it properly. This calls for admixture of oxygen with the gases that arise from the smoldering coal. A sufficient quantity of atmospheric air admitted to the firebox at a temperature that will ensure the combination of the oxygen with the other gases produces the result sought. Only in this manner can it be obtained.

Many properly constructed furnaces are available. Methods of preparing soft coal for fuel purposes are known. There are grades of coal that we call "smokeless." In reality these grades of coal burn better, more completely. Any plan that gets more heat out of coal will save money, and big money to the large user of fuel.

But, "the smoke goes up the chimney just the same." and it represents dollars that are passing through the firebox and leaving no trace of usefulness. #

Downtown Omaha should not be everlastingly under a pall of soot and smoke. Why not do something to remedy the situation? It means a large saving in actual cash as well as improving the conditions under which we live.

CURING THE LAW'S DELAY.

Two notable addresses to the state bar association emphasized the same point, although from different angles. President Wright mentioned the well known congestion in the Nebraska supreme court docket. A case appealed today, he pointed out, will be decided late in December, 1926. That is, the court is two years behind in its work, and is not eatching up at all. Various reasons have been assigned for this condition. Whatever the cause, the effect is discouraging to litigants. Cases on appeal involve matters that should be speedily adjusted, that the parties to them will know how to proceed in their business affairs. The law's delay in this is mighty costly.

Judge Woodrough spoke of the great burden that has been laid on judges of the federal court, whose work has been enormously increased by the antiliquor and narcotic laws. More judges are needed, he says with some reason, to handle the business that now presses on the district courts of the United States.

To the one problem the answer is comparatively any. Increase the number of judges on the federal listrict bench, so that they may expeditiously look after the work that comes to them. When it comes to the state supreme court, the remedy is not so certain. Similar situations in past years have been met by the expedient of employing a commission, which would enable the court to overtake its work. Euch a plan is suggested as available now.

Another plan, not so attractive, is to constitute an intermediate court, which will have final jurisdiction over certain specified classes of litigation. This would check a portion of the mass of cases that now clogs the docket. Another remedy, one that lawyers talk of in conference, but for obvious reasons are reluctant to openly discuss, is greater industry on part of the court. If the number of cases handled by each judge in the course of a year were brought up to the mark attained by some who have adorned the bench in Nebraska, the congestion would be reduced if not wholly removed. Rights of litigants demand that some adjustment of the condition be made, that the law's delay be less vexatious.

HENRY IS GREATLY TO BE PITIED.

Henry David of Springfield, Mass., is a poor, miserable unfortunate to whom our heart goes out in pity. Unfortunately for Henry he is so situated that we can not extend relief. If he will but come to Nebraska we will point out to him ten thousand relief stations.

Henry wrote to Collier's asking the why of the undercrust in pie. He said it was always soft and soggy, always indigestible, and nearly always inedible. We have no doubt that Henry stated the truth. Henry lives in Massachusetts, you know. While they may know how to bake beans and prepare the succulent codfish ball, we take it that the art of piemaking is unknown, or having once been known is now a lost art. Pie-making in all its pristine glory is best known in Nebraska. Here we find, even in the restaurant , pie with undercrusts crisp and flaky.

In tens of thousands of homes there daily appear pies with upper and nether crusts so rich and toothsome, so alike in texture and composition, that it requires an unusual amount of "filling" between them to keep them from coming together to talk, one to the other, about their superior virtues. Nebraska housewives take to pie-making as naturally as a duck takes to water. To build a pie in Nebraska is a labor of love, not a mere detail of the daily toil, and Nebraska women are so loving that we just can not help loving them. No, not for their lucious pies alone, but for their own sweet selves. And because they put so much of their own sweet selves into the pies they bake, Nebraska pies are the best in all the wide world.

If David Henry will pry himself loose from the provincial purlieus of Springfield and trek out here to Nebraska, we'll feed him pies that will cause his outlook upon life to become rosy with cheerfulness.

MEN WHO TRAVEL KNOW THE ROADS.

No surprise need be expressed that the traveling men are for good roads. It would be amazing if they were not. The automobile is a little more than an adjunct to their business. It is indispensable. To get the best use of the automobile, they need highways in condition to travel in safety.

So the traveling men, 100 per cent strong, have put their influence back of the movement to get rid of the "mud tax" in Nebraska. They have endorsed the program of the Nebraska Good Roads association. Gasoline tax and all. In fact, the traveling men know, as do the farmers who have looked into the matter carefully, that the substitution of a gasoline tax for the "mud tax" is really a move toward economy. Good roads mean more miles per gallon, because less power will be required. Saving in power means lowering the ton cost of hauling.

If the 1924 yield of wheat, corn, oats, hay and sugar beets alone in Nebraska were hauled to market as such, it would amount to the transportation of 15,190,750 tons. If the average haul were but five miles, and the saving effected by good roads over bad were but 10 cents per ton mile, the actual saving to the farmers on the one crop movement would be more than \$7,500,000.

In other words, that is the mud tax the farmer pays on just five items of what he has to haul. Assuming that he hauls stuff from town, and that he transports cattle, hogs, sheep, potatoes, and other commodities to the market, the final calculation will show this just doubled.

Regarded in this light, does it appear extravagant to ask for a program that will return in a very few years the cost of building roads in actual saving on

The men who travel know the roads, and that is why they are so enthusiastic in favor of good roads.

HER LIFE FOR OTHERS.

Mrs. Edith Shinrock's name will probably never shine from the pages of history. She did no deed of single daring, no act of high endeavor, to win even passing fame. However, she did devote her time to a work that gained for her the gratitude of many of the humble and the lowly, the unfortunate and the afflicted.

Many years ago Mrs. Shinrock took up the work of promoting ideas of temperance among the children of the Sunday school in the church of which she was a member. This soon led her into a broader field of work. Among the prisoners in the city jails, the unfortunate wherever they might be located, she found occupation. It was not alone a message of religion, of redemption and salvation, she taught, but one of love, of help, and of courage for the future.

say. She did good, though, for no effort as sincere as hers is put forth in vain. She truly gave her life for others, not by dying, but by living that she could assist those who needed aid, and at the time they needed it most. And of the many ho heard her kindly voice, her gentle counsel, some must mourn because their friend has gone.

A motion picture director at Hollywood died, leaving an estate of \$4,000,000. His estate would have been much larger had he saved a lot of film wasted in the preliminary titles and announcements of the pictures.

It seems that W. J. Bryan forgot to sign the check he sent to pay his membership fee in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. What's this: more monkey business?

William H. Anderson, convicted anti-saloon league leader just released from Sing Sing, says he is a victim of persecution. He ought to know what persecution is, too.

The manufacture and distribution of the socalled looney gas will not be appreciably curtailed in Nebraska until we have a distinct modification of our primary law.

Wreckers tearing down an old courthouse in New York state discovered a bottle of 100-year-old Scotch whisky. There are no courthouses in Ne-braska that old.

It seems to be a close race between New York's gunmen and wood alcohol purveyors to ascertain which can accumulate the largest casualty list.

A revival of the old-time parental discipline ad-ministered in the woodshed might help make some youthful glands function properly.

Governor Bryan has been photographed at a desk in the new capitol building. Flashlight, and

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Post-Robert Worthington Davie

LOVE.

While others are penning wild briefs of affection In various measures and hues, And naming it Heavenly—when, as I take it,— They're ill with the miserable blues-

I'm working like sixty from five in the morning Till night when the clock clatters nine, To settle for clothes,

And the victuals, God knows, That I owe to the dear ones of mine. Yes, love is a task in this world of adherence

For those who are men with a care; And love is the pleasure of fighting the battle, And fighting it honest and fair; And love is the hope that persistently struggles. And flaunts our Illusion widespread,

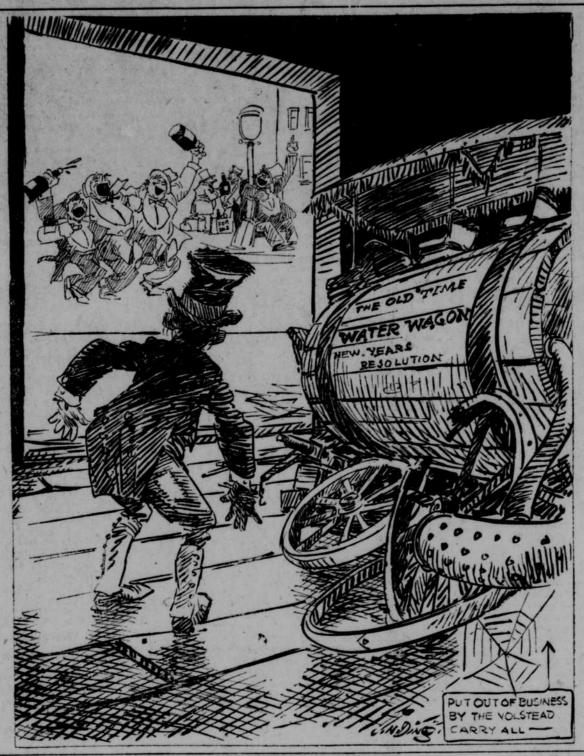
And rises in shade When the soul is afraid, And gallantly leads us ahead.

Love once was a dream to this bard who has whiskers That reach nearly down to his toes-A beautiful isle such as artists have painted, As poets have tried to disclose;-

For various causes of need Have proven so well-As adventure must tell --That love's not a dream-but a deed

But time and considerable effort expended

Almost Enough Business to Pay to Rig Up the Old Bus



Letters From Our Readers

umpire a kids' baseball game. You'll be swamped with many viewpoints of the same question. A judge can make every one else shut up while he thinks, anyway. One judge took 10 days in the mountains to think on a case the likes of which other judges have given a decision in a hurry. Remember it?

Sumple, not as a mighty being on a throne, surrounded by adoring multitudes, but as a magnificent personititudes, but as a

suppose young Graham could have had the advantage of a considerable defense fund? What if Clarence Darrow's keen mind could have laid his defense for the state to hammer down? Couple the minds of some of Omaha's criminal lawyers and let them scheme his found in the conception of God.

Etiquet of the Hat.

Without consulting any of the authorities on etiquet, we will answer the question, "When is the proper the question, "When is the proper time for a man to lift or remove his shampooed, and when standing on the head.—Dodo. down? Couple the minds of some of Omaha's criminal lawyers and let them scheme his route to freedom? What would have happened in his honor's court? Would it have been? Syears? What would it have been? No need to guess.

No need to guess.

The lad may or may not be captured. Darrow or his equal did not defend him. The decision has been defend him. The decision has been let's give our sympathies.

You let's give our sympathies. made. Now let's give our sympathies out where they will do some good, and our criticisms, too. His honor or the court were put to no test at all. Wait until the state pulls a good letters I seldom read, for one and really does something before putting out all the space, commen and sob stuff. When the state and some judge puts a man where he beongs. (and keeps him there), in spite of money and quick-witted lawyers you've got something to crow about Why all the hullabaloo about the Gra ham case? Thanks.
I. T. DUZZENMATTER.

One Man Outlines His God.

Omaha-To the Editor of the Omah Bee: On this Christmas day, 1924, I shall not write very much abou Christmas, but it is altogether pos-sible that the spirit of the season has descended upon me and enforces this writing by a mandate all

A few days ago I finished one of the best sellers, but it is not a new book. In fact, it is centuries old. I had read parts of it many times, but never all of it.

It portrays a windictive, jealous Jehovah. It supplies authority for the subjection of womanhood and the slayery of the mind. I turn, how-ever, to the story of the stable and the birth of Jesus, to the Psalms and he Proverbs and passages in elsewhere, and can understand the nigh literary value of the Bible and the peace and hope and purity of life it has brought to so many who have anchored their souls in its

Abe Martin

Many more details might be in

Why the Hullabaloo?

Missouri Valley, Ia.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: His honor, Judge Wheeler, is the center of a little criticism which he should not receive. With the facts and the law before him—why find fault? To honestly and fairly decide a great many things even less complicated—try to umpire a kids' baseball game. You'll be swamped with many viewpoints of the cause all my capacity for reverence and rectitude specific that is, in people that are, in problems of earth. I like to think of God, for example, not as a mighty being on a throne, surrounded by adoring mulpromises. If I am unable to ascribe

but which are treasured for the wealth of patience and kindness and character which they contain. Also

cluded, making a more satisfying ex-planation, but why be so frankly re-vealing? Some things should be

A huge stack of Christmas cards from every section of the

A nuge stack of Christmas cards from every section of the country testifies to friendships that are above price. A good job that privileges us to work with a bunch of mighty fine fellows is a treasure more valuable than rubles or much fine gold. The good fortune to be permitted to live in a city whose open-hearted generosity is making it possible for Christmas to enter every home is not to be measured in delices and country and country every home is not to be measured in delices. enter every home is not to be measured in dollars and cents.

WILL M. MAUPIN.

SUNNY SIDE UP

Jake Comfort nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet

Pretty fine, wasn't it? Twenty-five or thirty choirs from

Possible now to ge through the stores. Christmas shop-

Where do Christmas trees go when they are discarded?

Possible now to ge through the stores. Christmas sales ping is over. Bargain sales now on, but people pausing for breath. Day or two will see them milling around after the January snaps. Christmas decorations still in sight, but rather bedraggled. Why do the girls wear their goloshes flopping around their rankles? Prices of neckties slashed since Christmas. What has become of all the fur caps the men used to

Aha! Likewise O-ho! The National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' association has decreed that spring styles in skirts shall show the hem ten inches from the ground, and in

extreme cases fifteen inches. But why the discrimination in favor of the fifteen inch class? Is not thought to be given to

those of the dear creatures who really, don't yer know, are in-those of the dear creatures who really, don't yer know, are in-terested in skirts more concealing? We suppress our personal inclination to favor the fifteen-inchers in order to do justice to those who really need a ukase from Dame Fashion to the ef-fect that three or five inches will be en regie.

This is a wonderful country. Its possibilities are un-

bounded. It can do more for a man than schools or colleges

It can pick up a man who doesn't know tieplate from a Miller coupler, elect him to congress or the legislature, and before the ink is dry on his commission he knows more about building

and operating railroads than all the men who have spent their lives in the railroad business. He may not know the difference

between a watt and a transformer, but election to a law-making

body equips him with more electrical knowledge than Edison possesses, and more ability as an electrical business executive than the head of the General Electric company ever dreamed

of having. It is not only the land of promise, it is the land of

blades in a package there are only five. This is a matter that demands the immediate submission of another Constitutional Amendment. Merely Passing a Law will not suffice.

Our labors are bearing fruit. J. Hyde Sweet of the Ne-

Our labors are bearing fruit. J. Hyde Sweet of the Schraska City Press is writing a Sunday sermon every week, and they are mighty good sermons, too. Lloyd Thomas, who secretarys for the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, sends us a New Year greeting card bearing several scriptural references. A letter from Frank Helvey contains a couple of Biblical verses pertinent to the subject he discusses. For a long time we felt discouraged, but now we are beginning to realize that our labors

An enthusiast says Nebraska's new capitol building will be the Taj Mahal of America. Very likely. The Taj Mahal was erected as a sarcophagus, and the new capitol may be just that for a lot of political ambitions.

dressed the annual meeting of the Nebraska Bar association, their addresses were not nearly so interesting as the exchange

of experiences in the group meetings that met informally.

With all due respect to the eminent gentlemen who ad-

We have just discovered that instead of six safety razor

as many churches and almost as many denominations, meeting under one church roof to sing Christmas carols to the Christ that all those denominations profess to love and worship. There comes instinctively to mind the questions:

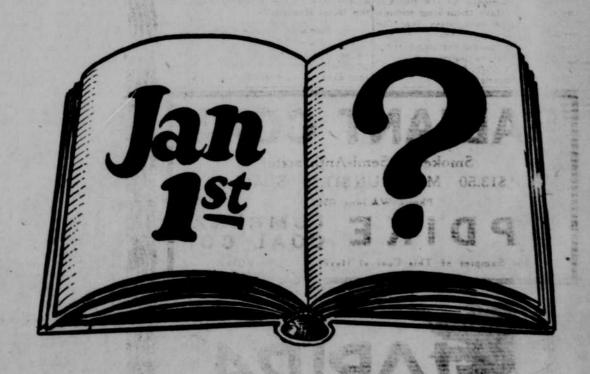
Why so many choirs and so many churches and so many denominations? Why all divisions and bickerings and jealousies? Why all this divided effort, instead of a united effort, to save

a world from its sins?

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reckon I ought t' be mighty I don't look like a guinea pig," said Farmer Newt Still (day, while kind neighbors an' friends wuz pickin' th' shot out of him. Chicago is said t' have th' best policemen money k'n buy. (Copyright, 1924;

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