

Today

Mr. Warfield's Plan. Kill Potato Bugs. Queer Justice. Snakes on Stockings. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

S. Davies Warfield, president of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, plans an increase in profits for railroads, and better freight service for the public, through common sense consolidation of box car services. There are in the country 1,100,000 ordinary box cars owned by the different railroads. The life of these cars is wasted in being hauled back and forth, or stored on sidings empty. Mr. Warfield suggests a central agency to handle cars for the benefit of all railroads and all carrying business. That would be legal under the plan that Mr. Warfield suggests. It couldn't be accomplished otherwise except by putting all railroads into one great consolidation. That doubtless will come.

Britain forbids importation of United States potatoes, too many potato bugs. Canada also has potato bugs, but Canadian potatoes are not shut out.

Secretary Hughes' protest calls for equal treatment with Canada. He will learn from Great Britain that potato bugs within the empire have important redeeming qualities.

The British empire takes care of the British empire, and all inside it. Therein it differs from some of our mushy imitation statesmen, ever lastingly worrying about outside nations.

Why not take a few millions we lavish on foreign countries and use them to kill off systematically all potato bugs, mosquitoes and such enemies? If cattle ticks can be killed off why not other pests? How many billions would it be worth to get rid of flies and mosquitoes? What would that mean to the public health?

Justice works in her own queer way. The distinguished prize fighter, "Kid" McCoy, in private life Norman Selby, was accused of murdering a woman. A bullet went into the back of her head. He says she killed herself. The prosecutor says he killed her, and planned to kill her.

The jury brings a verdict of manslaughter in spite of the fact that it was either murder or not murder. Mr. "Kid" McCoy, now safe from hanging, at all events, will appeal and can only be convicted of manslaughter.

Judged by recent juries, it will probably be decided that he has "suffered enough" and he'll get off.

Ladies in Berlin wear snakes embroidered on their stockings, and golden snakes for garters. It's eccentric, but based on gratitude. Ladies would not have any stockings but, perhaps, for the original snake, that walked on the tip of his tail until sentenced.

Woman, the restless element in humanity, is certainly working out some important step in evolution, and no one should presumptuously judge her.

Collins, chief of police in Chicago says there are 93,000 men out of work in the city. And he predicts "more crime," where there is already plenty. It might be cheaper to find work for men, instead of waiting to find prison room for them.

The trouble is that it's paternalism, almost socialism to suggest creating government jobs where it is quite all right to give the man free board in a prison after he has started as a criminal.

To discourage crime might seem unfair to lawyers. The gentlemen that saved Leopold and Loeb from the gallows have been paid \$150,000 for their work. It was worth it, to the parents. They kept hangings out of the family record, so far as is known.

The doctors got even more money than the lawyers; it's worth more to swear that a murderer is crazy than merely to tell the judge that the murderer is innocent.

Lord Robert Cecil, an able Britisher, working for the British empire, says the United States would inspire the league of nations. It would do more important work than that. It would finance the league if this country were foolish enough to become a member.

"As your money first, inspiration, as much as you please, afterwards," would be the league program. (Copyright, 1924.)

Wheat Fields Bare. Beatrice, Dec. 31.—Farmers report that the wheat fields in some localities are bare. One of the strong winds which prevailed following the heavy snow of last week. While the moisture was beneficial to the crop, farmers say it would have been much better had the snow remained on the fields until thawing weather comes.

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Cost for Upkeep of County Roads Is \$1.26 a Mile

Douglas Gravels 32.5 Miles, Paves 21.5 Miles, Builds Eight Bridges in 1924.

Thirteen thousand, nine hundred eighty-two miles of roads were maintained in Douglas county throughout 1924, according to the annual statement of D. E. Adams, county surveyor. The total cost of upkeep was \$17,691, or \$1.26 per mile.

Thirty-two and a half miles of road were gravelled or regravelled, at a cost of \$20,564, or \$683.70 a mile.

Eight steel and concrete bridges were constructed in Douglas county, including the Elkhorn river bridge. Total cost of construction was \$103,045.

Nebraska paid \$181,603 for the building or widening of 15 state bridges during 1924. Five wooden bridges, constructed in Douglas county, cost \$7,791.

Grading in Douglas county cost 25 cents per cubic yard of earth. In this work, 202,813 cubic yards of earth were moved at a cost of \$50,963.

Ten miles of concrete paving, and two and a half miles of brick paving were laid with federal aid, the county's half of expenditures amounting to \$191,037.

Douglas county laid one and a half miles of brick paving, at a cost of \$38,049, or \$25,366 per mile. Four hundredth miles of brick paving, at a cost of \$166,272, and one and a half miles of bituminous paving, which cost \$48,418.

Snowfall Stops Mail Deliveries

Rural Carriers Prevented From Covering Parts of Routes for Weeks.

Gothenburg, Dec. 31.—December, 1924, holds the undisturbed record in Dawson county for heavy snowfall and low temperature. Snowfall to the depth of 14 inches, temperatures as low as 23 degrees below zero and high winds accompanied by light snows established this record. Practically all main traveled roads are open to travel, but miles of lesser traveled roads remain unopened. Rural mail carriers are trying to cover their route, but have not covered parts of them for weeks.

Christmas shopping suffered greatly and it is feared that much business will be lost until roads open, which in many places will take until spring.

Dawson County Raises Fund to Retain Farm Bureau Agent. Cashd., Dec. 31.—Cozad Commercial club, pledged its quota of \$370 toward the maintenance of a farm bureau agent in Dawson county, to carry on activities among the women-folk of the county during 1925. Business men of the county are

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joining the farm bureau as associate members in order that Maud Bean, agent for the last year, may be retained. Curtailment of funds available from the county from \$5,000 to \$3,500 by the state legislature would have made it necessary to dispense with her work if the business men of the county had not volunteered the money needed.

When Willie groans with the stomach ache, be sure that he hasn't appendicitis before you administer castor oil.

Grain Exchange Business Gains

8,354,300 Bushels More Than in 1923, Omaha Receipts Show.

One of the largest increases shown of the many Omaha institutions was

seen at the Omaha Grain Exchange for business during 1924. Officials of the exchange reported that they received 8,354,300 more bushels of grain in 1924 than in 1923.

Total receipts for the year were 76,323,100 compared to 67,973,800 bushels. The largest gain in the grains was that of wheat. The exchange received approximately 11,500,000 more bushels of this product during the past year than received in 1923.

Following is the number of bushels of grain received at the exchange:

Year 1924: Wheat, 34,234,300; corn, 24,735,200; oats, 15,500,000; barley, 772,800; rye, 1,185,800. Year 1923: Wheat, 22,631,400; corn, 23,370,200; oats, 19,112,000; barley, 1,260,800; rye, 1,499,400. The exchange also shipped 74,309,800 bushels of grain in 1924 compared to 61,293,000 in 1923.

New Year's Sermon. Rabbi Frederick Cohn will speak on "Religion in 1925," a New Year's sermon, at the regular services at Temple Israel at 8 p. m., Friday.

IOWAN'S PORTRAIT UNVEILING RITES

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Glenwood, Ia., Dec. 31.—John Y. Stone, former attorney general of Iowa, was guest of honor at a banquet given by his friends at Glenwood, Ia., Monday evening, when a portrait of him was unveiled. The portrait is to be hung in the attorney general's office in the state capitol. C. E. Dean was toastmaster, and

the speakers were Judges Lewis, A. D. French, J. R. Graham, Clyde Genung, Wayne D. Choate, Shirley Gilliland, Dr. Mouridge. General Stone also spoke briefly.

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