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DEMOCRATS TAKE THE LID OFF.

Pressure became too strong for the democratic boiler, and the long expected blow-up came on the floor of the senate Monday. Heat engendered by the consideration of the Muscle Shoals project sent the safety valve of party discipline flying, and out rushed the expressions of pent up feelings that certainly eased the souls of some of the party members, if it did not help the immediate prospects of the party.

UNCLE SAM IS MAKING GOOD.

While the court over at Chicago is grinding away on the case against Forbes and Thompson, in this conspiracy to defraud the government through misapplication of funds intended for the relief of disabled service men, something else is going on at Washington. Announcement has just come from the capital that five more hospitals for the accommodation of veterans of the A. E. F. will be erected at once.

SEERESS GIVES A TIP TO ALL.

The queen of the New York star gazers has peered into the heavens. She has oriented the zodiac, taken the declension of the planets, examined their houses, their moods, and modes. No secret influence remains untested by her charts and psychic media. Therefore she knows. And, says she, the motto for all, to be put over the desk where it can be seen at any lifting of the eyes is: "Get it—and keep it."

YOUTH AND THE PENITENTIARY.

L. C. Oberlies of the state board of control gave the state teachers' association a shock when he told of the prisons of the land being filled with young folks. We hope that when his hearers get their balance again they will do a little research work for themselves. They will find that this is not a new condition at all. Unfortunate as it may seem, it is a natural attribute of youth. Boys and girls alike transgress the laws of God and man carelessly or unwittingly.

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie
THERE IS TOO MUCH TO LEARN IN LIFE.
There's, oh, so much I do not know
In this great world in which I dwell!

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couragement. Our public schools are not short cuts to state's prison, nor wholly immoral in their influence.

SCIENCE GETTING ON SOLID GROUND.

Filate cynically asked, "What is truth?" The question had been bandied for thousands of years between schools of philosophy. Not yet is it answered, but modern investigators are pursuing an earnest search for some traces of it. These received encouragement from President Coolidge, who greeted the American Association for the Advancement of Science thus:

"It has taken endless ages to create in men the courage that will accept the truth simply because it is the truth. Ours is a generation of pioneers in this new faith. Not many of us are endowed with the kind of mental equipment that can employ the scientific method in seeking for the truth. But we have advanced so far that we do not fear the results of that process. We ask no recantations from honesty and candor. We know that we need truth; and we turn to you men of science and of faith, eager to give you all encouragement in your quest for it."

It is not to be assumed that the president means that truth has been discovered. Rather, he intends to convey the thought that definite errors have been located and abandoned because they are error. And it does take courage to turn the back to what has been cherished as truth and turn anew to the quest for the absolute. Slowly but surely a mass of understanding knowledge has been dug out from the chaos of superstitious surmise, all tending to give man a higher conception of the Creator and the relations between God and man. This is the work of the scientist, who seeks only truth, and whose aim is not to destroy faith but to strengthen it by giving it tangible support.

Aside from the moral aspects of the president's address to the scientist, he discussed a very practical one. That is the poor money reward the nation gives those learned men who spend their lives in the service of the public. On no branch of the government does more of the comfort and happiness of the people depend than on that which deals with research and discovery, analysis and examination. And, proportionately, none is more meagerly compensated. While respecting and profiting by the work of these men, people ought to provide ways to reward them in ratio to the good they do.

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SUNNY SIDE UP

Take comfort, not forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet. Celia Thaxter

Are we becoming a thin-skinned people? Fifteen below zero seems to have put us all on the blink. Thirty or forty years ago men wouldn't have paid any attention to it. We had real cold weather in those days. When Mayor Jim was riding range in Dawson county because the atmosphere froze solid and wouldn't let the bullet out of his rifle. In January of 1884, Os Gardner, homesteader in what is now Scotts Bluff county, rigged up a horsepower and attached it to his grindstone. By revolving that grindstone at top speed he was enabled to light a friction match by holding it against a stone for an hour or two. Homesteaders came for miles around to light their matches. In the same month of 1881, according to Joe Oberfelder, barrels of whisky sitting by red-hot stoves in whiskey saloons froze solid and half the men in town wore their front teeth down to the gums eating whisky instead of drinking it. In spite of all the scientific sharps say to the contrary, our Nebraska climate is growing milder all the time.

It is not generally known that Edson Rich, who helps untangle legal knots for the Union Pacific, was formerly a newspaper man. As a boy he learned to set type in the office of the Auburn Granger. At the age of 17 he bought the Peru Pointer, and for seven weeks he was a full-fledged editor and publisher. Edson has run out of money and couldn't get his patent inside out of the express office, so he retired from the newspaper game and took up the study of law. Thus do little things change human destinies. Had it not been for a hard-hearted publisher of patent insides, Edson might now be writing editorial paragraphs and three-line news items for a country paper, instead of being one of the really great railroad attorneys of the country. Doubtless he has made more money as a lawyer than he would have made as a country publisher, but just think of the fun he has missed.

Speaking of railroad attorneys, it may surprise a lot of people to know that William J. Bryan once belonged to that class. The law firm of Talbot & Bryan looked after the Peru Pacific's legal business in Lincoln for a time. If memory is not at fault, Mr. Bryan appeared in district court once to defend a damage suit brought against the Missouri Pacific, and lost the case. That may explain why he went into politics and Mr. Talbot into the fraternal insurance business.

A tram car conductor who can and does enunciate plainly the names of the streets is a Great Prize. Such, however, are a rarity. Much as we like the boys and will stand by them, candor compels the statement that most of them pronounce street names as if they had their mouths full of small change.

Speaking of Joke Laws, there is the one requiring people who desire to confer with legislators about pending legislation to register as lobbyists. Owing to lack of space we are unable to print a list of Fool Laws now upon the statute books. But, in addition to the registered lobbyist law, we would call attention to the corrupt practice act as now framed.

While every Nebraskan will thrill with pride at sight of the new capitol building, many an old-timer will feel pangs of regret at the passing of the old one. In its time it was really a mighty pretentious building. That was when Nebraska was young and things didn't have to be big to be impressive. But the old gray stone building that convicts erected under the supervision of Boss Stout was a credit to the then young state. It has housed some big men in its time, and in the house chamber some big men have been elected to the United States senate.

The greatest battle in Nebraska's political history was fought around the candidacy of Col. Tom Majors. In 1884 Majors won the republican nomination for governor over Jack McColl of Lexington by the narrow margin of one-half a vote. Edward Rosewater, the editor of The Omaha Bee, bolted Majors' nomination and espoused the candidacy of Silas A. Holcomb of Custer, who had been nominated by the people's independent party and endorsed by the democrats after a party split in convention.

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