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A STATESMAN QUITS OFFICE.

Charles Evans Hughes will retire to private life on March 4, after twenty very full years of public service. Beginning with the job of counsel for the Stevens gas commission in New York in 1905, Mr. Hughes has been successively counsel for the Armstrong insurance commission, governor of New York two terms, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, candidate of his party for president, and secretary of state. He served as special counsel and investigator for the United States during the war, and for two years following the Armistice was member of a law firm in New York, to which work he will return.

Lacking any other explanation, and none is offered that deserves consideration, it is fair to conclude that Mr. Hughes seeks opportunity to work for himself for a while. His income as a practicing attorney will probably be several times the sum he receives as salary from the United States. This may seem selfish, but it is in accord with a custom so general that his will not be an outstanding example.

As secretary of state Mr. Hughes performed his most noteworthy work. He inherited a task that might well have daunted the strongest of men. Our country had come out of the war about as it went in, unprepared for war and equally unprepared for peace. No department of the government was as completely disorganised as that which deals with our foreign relations. Bryan, Lansing and Colby in succession had made a mess of affairs, and the illness that overshadowed Mr. Wilson's last days in office contributed to the general confusion.

Secretary Hughes was required to negotiate treaties of peace with Germany, Austria, Hungary and Mexico. To conclude treaties with the new nations of Europe, set up by the Treaty of Versailles, to which the United States is not a party. . The Washington conference for the limitation of armament. Participation in many post-war conferences in Europe. Setting in motion the events that led to the Dawes commission, with its plan that secures the peace of Europe. Delicate intercourse with Latin-American governments. In fact, the business of settling up the most confused and complicated foreign situation that ever was faced by the government of the United States. How well he did his work even contemporaries admit, and future historians will certainly find a wealth of rich material in the four years Charles Evans Hughes has served as secretary of state for the United States.

Frank B. Kellogg, who will succeed to the portfolio after March 4, is well equipped to carry on. He first came to general attention when he was made "trust buster" by President Roosevelt. Long service in the senate of the United States, where he was a member of the foreign relations committee, his legal training, his service as ambassador to England, all fit him for the work to which he is called. He is familiar with the affairs of Europe, and the announcement of his elevation is welcomed in England and France because of his qualifications.

In accepting the resignation President Coolidge writes as follows:

"But I can not refrain from expressing my feeling of personal loss at the prospect, of your retirement, and also the loss that must inevitably ensue when one of your ability and experience goes out of an office which he is so well qualified to fill. . I trust you may have a well merited repose and that satisfaction which alone can come from a consciousness that the duties of this life have been

Secretary Hughes' retirement is a distinct loss to the world as well as to the nation. He faced a tremendous task, and surmounted it with honor and for the benefit of humanity. From the day he began work as a special counsel for the state of New York, to settle a gas case, to the end of his term as secretary of state, he has served the public conscientiously and with a single purpose in view, the good of all. On this record his honor and credit will rest secure.

WHEN A GOVERNOR STOOPS TO FOLLY.

Jonathan M. Davis is winding up his term as governor of Kansas in a fog of disrepute. It is quite possible that the governor is innocent of any wrong-doing, either in act or by intent. Yet such a circum-stantial case has been woven around him as makes necessary the fullest inquiry before final judgment

can be passed. It has to do with the exercise of clemency, that function which is vested in every executive. It is the power to pardon criminals, to set aside the sentence of the court, and to pronounce the convicted culprit free and restored to citizenship. Governor Davis is accused of having participated with his son in the sale of a pardon to a man who was convicted under the banking laws of the state of Kansas. He was sentenced to prison and released on parole. His application for a pardon is by him said to have met with a request from the governor for a consideration. Carrying out the negotiations, a group of newspaper reporters, stenographers and others were assembled, concealed, and overheard the transaction.

Naturally, the governor denies any part in the transaction, other than signing the pardon. The son assumes all responsibility for whatever may be criminal. All the rest will be a matter of proof. How the public will regard the affair is quite another

thing. In these days when so much is heard of official corruption, the affair is not likely to be passed off lightly. Oklahoma impeached and removed a governor. Indiana sent one to prison. Now Kansas has a chance to try one for high crime.

The record is not a pleasant one. Weak men are as likely to get into office under a democracy, however, as are the crafty and venal under an autocracy. Human institutions are not perfect, but that is no reason to despair when a weak man is detected in wrong-doing, no matter how high his office.

#### STRAIGHT AHEAD FOR OMAHA.

The good things in this life are not going begging. Somebody is after each and every one of them. All'the time. Success only comes after effort. Hard, relentless, vigorous effort.

This applies to communities, cities, as well as to individuals. It applies to Omaha. If this city is to prosper and expand as it should, nothing can be omitted that will tend to bring home the bacon. It does not matter how big or how little the piece may be, if it is worth having. An example is afforded by Minneapolis. A committee of 100 leading citizens of that town has been organized. Former Governor Preuss stepped out of the executive's chair into the position of chairman of the committee. On the day he left office he said: "I will work half a day for the state of Minnesota, the other half on my new job."

What the committee aims at is told by A. E. Zonne, president of the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce association:

"The completion of plans to finance the actual sales and promotion elements of efforts to build up Minneapolis industrially fulfills a promise made to me when I accepted the presidency of the Civic and Commerce association a year ago. It was a great step forward in the program for amalgamating all efforts looking to the advancement of the city. The business men who have made possible this large program through their financial aid are to be highly commended, as there is nothing more important to the city itself at this moment than a vigorous campaign for new industries."

A fuller declaration of purpose is made by the ditor of the Minneapolis Journal, who says:

"We want to gather here no hodge-podge of short-lived industries, snatched from neighbor communities in an unneighborly scramble. But we do want here far-sighted, dependable, long-lived industries, and we want them here, not because we are 'go-getters,' not because they will smudge our skies with a little more smoke to which we may point with pardonable town pride, but because the location here of the right sort of manufacturing enterprises will be of immense mutual benefit to those who build their forges here, to the artisans whom these forges attract here, and to the nearly half million people who are already here, engaged in nearly every trade that North America knows."

There is thought for Omaha in this. Our rivals for commercial and industrial supremacy are active. If Omaha is to grow, Omaha must hustle too. Many worth while prizes may be obtained by the exertion of a little effort, and certainly the reward is worth going after with full power. The Greater Omaha committee and the Chamber of Commerce have the support of the city in what they may undertake.

#### A MOST POPULAR SUGGESTION.

Those members of the legislature who suggest short and snappy session should follow up their suggestion by action toward that end. Nothing could be more popular with the taxpayers of the state. With all the complaint that is heard about the burden of taxation, the taxpayers of Nebraska are not so much concerned about the amount collected as they are about the manner in which the revenues are expended. Give them an adequate return for the taxes they pay and the taxpayers will not complain to any considerable extent.

There is really little need for new legislation in Nebraska at this time. Amendatory provisions for the revenue act, some amendments to the guaranty act that will provide relief through more rigid examination and regulation, and the foundation of a good roads program are about all for which there is any demand. Nebraskans are thoroughly weary of political manipulation of appropriation measures for personal advancement. They know that a great and growing state like Nebraska demands a constantly increasing expenditure of money. They do not want their unfortunate wards stinted, nor do they want the state institutions to depreciate. They want scientific economy, not political camouflage. The legislature will not be censured if it makes liberal appropriations for needed purposes; it will be censured if it makes reckless appropriations and indulges in an orgy of useless lawmaking.

Nothing could be clearer, judging by the election returns, than that the voters of Nebraska are weary of grandstanding, weary of palavering for personal political preferment, and weary of carping criticism of everything and everybody. They have elected a legislature of more than the average mental caliber, and they confidently expect that legislature to do business in a businesslike way, do it in the shortest possible time, and adjourn.

A few amendatory laws, if you please; reasonable appropriations for needed activities, the repeal of some useless and conflicting legislation, and a speedy

California authorities have decided that a mosquito bite is a compensatable industrial mishap. In New Jersey it is a casualty.

Election of school board members by wards will be a change, but not an improvement.

## Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie

## DOWN AND OUT.

Said a disappointed fellow who was looking for a job:-'You've a way of growing roses in the frozen river,

And you paint delightful pictures of the man who's out You believe that every loser ought to wear a hopeful grin,

You predict that one with courage straightway to success will tread, And you're ever dinging, dinging on the good that lies

But there's not a thing disturbs you, you have naught to fret about .-

You at least are breaking even, you were never down and out; You know little of the hardships and the travall and

And there isn't one lota of dissension in your life; You should take the place I'm taking, you should meet with all I meet. And I'll wager that your music wouldn't be so dog-

"You'd be walling, wailing, wailing-worse than I have ever done, You'd be counted as a loser ere your battle was begun And your sunny disposition would be rather overcast

goned sweet.

With the clouds of melancholy, which have missed you in the past: You would chant the truth-not fiction would you harp

and harp about, And your own folks wouldn't know you if you were clear

down and out

It's a Poor Father That Won't Set a Good Example for the Rest of the Family



## Letters From Our Readers All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words and less, will be given preference.

This Settles It.

Council Bluffs.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Your editorial page has carried an undue amount of jocularity in the matter of Mr. Bryan recently becoming a member of the National Science association.

The great mistake is in your assumption that the doctrine of jackass or monkey origin, which Mr. Bryan unanswerably opposes, has any relation whatever to science or scientific facts. It belongs among the ancient and ghastily jokes which the human mind have originated, and is the wildest of the human mind have originated, and is the wildest of the capture of the republic and all the money given to charity some thing could not have been done for a beautiful virtuous girl like that. Now made concerning their own origin. The doctrine has no foundation whatever it truth, and is contrary to any and everything which mankind ever felt or saw or knew.

Science is revealed and demon.

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Council Bluffs.—To the Editor of the World Court.

But lo, and behold! I notice that an of literary bureaus where they sell the manuscripts without a charge and send the check direct from the action to the author and promised her my stenographic work to do. I took her work to do, but could not set any one to the door. I wish to say that I know personally distances of the republic and all the money given to charity some thing could not have been done for a beautiful. virtuous girl like that. Now why all the flowers?

WILLIAM H. OWEN.

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We Are the world Court.

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and everything which mankind ever felt or saw or knew.

Science is revealed and demonstrated truth, operating and acting, in its particular field or realm, and true science is an aid always to mankind. The belief that man is descended or developed from the lower animals is an absurdity, and results from the fooolish bewilderment of lost and blinded men, who try to solve the linded men, who try to solve the nestion of their origin and destiny y their own devising, and who for Omaha.—To the Editor of The girl he ever saw. Wonder if I ought et that only He who made us can fur-Omaha Bee: I read with interest in to give him a date?" hish the information desired. Like the the Public Pulse department, "We do ole they only burrow still deeper in not know," in regard to Malzie Reavis, Virginia Reel, he darkness which they have chosen and wish to correct that assertion. or themselves. The tendency has I went there in my canvassing work long been present in persons so sit- and, after being told by the mother usted to link themselves to the lower she could not afford to buy anything. animals, and so-called Darwinism is I started away, when a lady came out not a new theory by any means. It existed 2,000 years ago. For proof I asked her about it, and she said note the first chapter of the Book of Maizie, the daughter, was very talent. Romans, 21st, 22d and 23d verses, ed indeed in writing. I thought I take away that spring lassitude, and They are as follows:

"Because that, when they knew The lady had a roll of it in her hand you need not waste the rest. It will God, they glorified him not as God, meither were thankful; but became vain in the imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."

"And changed the glory of the un-corruptible God into an image made ike to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts and creeping

The author might well have added, ikeness to our present-day Darwinism would be complete.

Few persons are more to be pitted

Omaha.—To the Editor of The and tried.

Abe Martin

married a year or so. (Copyright, 1925.)

FOR COLDS AND FLU

Aspironal, the two-minute cold and drink at one swallow and call for your cough reliever, authoritatively guarmoney back in two minutes if you than those who are so lost as to their high origin and destiny in keeping with such origin, and I insist such foolishness is the very opposite of all true science.

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Jerry Sounds the Tocsin.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The

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One evening this week we are going to drop a couple of score years and ten from our shoulders and be a boy again. A rather thin, freckle-faced, touseled-haired boy, dolled up for recitation day at the village school house. "Chic" Sales is recitation day at the village school house. "Chic" Sales is going to be the magician who waves his magic wand and makes the years disappear. Clean, wholesome, running the gamut of human emotions, the Sales brand of humor is refreshing in these days of nudity, jazzity and suggestiveness. If there is gray in your hair, if your waist line is too much in evidence, and if you want to get rid of it all and just be a country boy again, come along with us and see "Chic."

In theatrical parlance we are "hooking for an angel." We have the sure-fire scheme, all right. We want to organize a concert company made up of real singers, four men and four women. We want mixed quartets, male quartets, female quartets and all sorts of duets, trios and sextets. The concert program will be made up of the old-time songs, arranged in cycles, and each cycle to be properly costumed and staged. We will extend to selection to be properly costumed and staged. will attend to selecting the program; all we want is an "angel" who will attend to the little matter of making it possible for us to secure the right vocalists and the proper costumes and take care of a possible deficit during the first season. The second season we'll guarantee the S. R. O. sign at all return engagements. There are enough people in every city who love the old songs to crowd the largest auditorium if only they can be assured that they will get what they want.

Our sorrow for the plight of the recent state employes is not the less sincere because it is not deep. Once upon a time we held a state job, and we thought the heavens had fallen and the future dark and dreary when we had to step down and out. Worth little enough at our best, we weren't worth a whoop for a couple of years, and then we landed again. But the second time cured us. We actually resigned before our time was up, and the best job at the disposal of the governor would not tempt us now. They aren't worth while. The young man who seeks a political job is to be pitied.

Great as modern inventions are, we still lack a few things. We'd like to have a nonlosable collar button, a shoestring that will not break when we are in the greatest hurry, a street car that will not glide by just before we get to the intersection, a telephone that will not get the wrong number, a typewriter that never needs cleaning, a lead pencil that will be in the upper left hand vest pocket when needed, a pastepot that will not dry out, a pair of scissors that will leap to hand when needed, an inexhaustible pocketful of matches, and a few other little things like that. The field of invention is still wide open.

On principle we are opposed to a movie censor law, but if the producers do not take a speedy tumble to themselves we are going to get busy. We do not pay our good money to sit and watch 500 feet of film run through the machine glorifying director, photographer, scenario writer, title writer, and such junk. The title of the picture and the name of the author of the story will suffice. And we are thinking seriously of Passing a Law that will protect us from being compelled to sit and read a lot of advertisements before we can get what we have

We have received a questionnaire from a gentleman down east who asks a lot about the value of the "colyum." Is it a circulation builder? Is it a circulation holder? Does your circulation builder? Is it a circulation holder? Does your paper or your colyumist receive many letters regarding the column? These are a few of the questions submitted. Our answer is the same to the first two questions: We don't know. Our answer to the third question is that the response is very our answer to the third question is that the response is that the response is satisfactory to us—we haven't bought a pipe or any tobacco for several months. Nor several other things we might mention but will not. The financial returns are satisfactory to us, if not to the front office. But what, may we ask, is the object of the inquiry. Are we to be made the subject of Social Uplift, or something?

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