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Omaha Where the West is at its Best NOT A HOSPITAL ALONE.

For many years we have heard talk about the establishment of a city and county hospital of modern type. Each time the matter has been brought up it has been given a sleeping powder by some one.

We question the wisdom of connecting this project with anything in the nature of a big real estate deal. Away back in the "boom" days of the 80s something of the sort was under way, and the present building at the county farm was the outcome of the maneuver.

Look ahead ten years, and note what may reasonably be expected. No one can doubt that the southwestern part of the city will be far more densely populated than now.

One very wise and popular method for disposing of the present holdings would be to renew the lease to the Field club for not too long a term of years.

Another enterprise suggests itself in this connection. The University of Omaha will in the not far off future be under necessity of looking for a new campus.

In any event, it would be unwise if not absolutely wasteful to try to remodel the existing building to meet the wants of a city and county for a hospital.

The need of the proposed hospital is admitted. A home for the old and helpless must be had. Why not combine the two with a broader vision, and consider the value of the present site for other uses?

RADIO ACCOMPLISHES WONDERS.

"How are you going to keep them down on the farm?" queried the old song. And now comes back the answer, riding in on ether waves: "Get a radio!"

And the lonesomeness of the farm has been vanquished. Instead of being isolated and apart after the sun goes down, the country home is at once in touch with the world, through the air.

JOGGING ALONG THE HIGHWAY.

Very promptly a bill to levy a gasoline tax for the purpose of road building appeared in the legislature. With equal promptness appeared a petition in protest of the tax.

The program for the state contemplates the construction of highways by which all will be benefited. It is to continue until such time as each county is cared for, and every community in the entire state is connected with a serviceable highway, one that can be used 365 days in a year.

This can not be done all at once. A start must be made somewhere, and some county may have to wait while another is being served.

It is what is necessary that some part of the local control of highways be surrendered in order that a general program for the good of all may be carried out, then the concession should be made cheerfully.

KEEPING THE RECORD CLEAR.

Augustus Caesar had bronze tablets erected in widely separated parts of the Roman empire. On these were inscribed the emperor's own estimate of his achievements.

Neither of these goes beyond the uncertain status of an assertion. Facts to support either are wanting. We have no doubt that Mr. Bryan will continue to make these claims, just as he persists in some other of his fiction regarding his beneficial presence in Nebraska politics.

We believe the people will agree with Senator Cooper. No objection will be made to Mr. Bryan's engaging in the coal business, wholesale or retail, as a private individual.

NOT A PRECEDENT.

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Homespun Verse

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Almost Before We've Got Ourselves Through the Wringer From the Last One



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It is the article is just too good to pass up without letting you know of my deep appreciation I have towards you for printing such facts in your good paper.

In the article is a "painted picture" of Mr. Roper of the Federal Farm Loan association of Dodge county. It seems that Mr. Roper has gathered in all the information that is available regarding the combined products of the Nebraska farmers for this year.

It states that the combined products amount to \$350,000,000, or an average of \$5,700 per farm. I am quite sure that this \$10,000 is very conservative in these figures, as I sincerely believe that each farm will produce closer to \$10,000 than what Mr. Roper states.

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SUNNY SIDE UP Take Comfort, nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet.

It begins with a preliminary shiver up one's spine and a sort of stuffy feeling in one's head. After that its progress is rapid. A shiver of cold is followed by a flash of heat, one's head feels like it was ballasted with feathers one minute and lead the next.

An Omaha man told the judge that he would rather be in jail than live with his wife. It is a good thing for the country that wives have more self-restraint and are given to greater sacrifices.

Speaking of the jail feeding controversy, perhaps there would not be so many prisoners to feed if the prisoners were compelled to work hard enough to earn their grub.

For a long time we thought we were immune from the bite of the radio bug. We were mistaken. We have been deeply bitten. Our veins are running blood inoculated with the deadly virus.

The proposition to abolish compulsory vaccination should appeal very strongly to those who are opposed to the enforcement of laws compelling sanitation.

Adam Breede informs us that in a few weeks he is going on a big game hunt in Africa. Africa, we are informed, is the natural habitat of that ferocious game animal known as craps.

By contrast the gobs of silence in and about the executive offices at the capitol are almost painful.

The midwinter meeting of the Nebraska Press association will feature things Nebraskan, especially music and songs by Nebraska composers.

By the way, how long has it been since you heard the excuse that much time is saved by having one's hair bobbed?

"Ole"—It draws well, the aroma is increasingly pleasant, the flavor becomes more palatable with each passing day. It is a daily reminder of an acquaintance that began when you were a lad in roundabouts and which we hope will continue through many years to come.

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