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Omaha Where the West is at its Best OUTDOOR AMERICA. Sociologists have expended much time and energy in a more or less bootless discussion of the change in American life from rural to urban predominance.

Plenty of room is available, however, for the folks who need civilization, and some to spare for those who love to get into the wilds now and then.

For example, it was the Izaak Walton League that secured the passage of the law last summer to establish a government sanctuary for wild life in the great Winnishiek Bottoms on the Mississippi river.

Somebody's Foot Slipped. California is noted for many things. In fact, so many and varied are California's claims of superiority that it had seemed impossible for any Californian to think up something new to attract attention thereto.

SAD NEWS FOR THE SOB SQUAD. The governor of Missouri has imparted sad news to the Sob Squads scattered here and there throughout the land.

who have grown weary of seeing all the sympathy showered on criminals, while honest folk are permitted to suffer. It is all right to give law violators another chance, but it is far better to afford better chances to those who have never violated the laws.

"NEVER HAD A CHANCE."

We print today an article by Charles E. Matson, county attorney of Lancaster county, referring to a case that is now before the courts in Adams county. As an officer of the court, and one whose integrity is beyond question, Mr. Matson will be exonerated in advance of seeking to prejudice the action of the court.

He had every chance that Abraham Lincoln had, or Grant, Rockefeller, Harding, or an innumerable host of successful Americans. They began on the farm, at the bottom of the ladder, heirs to hard work and possessed of a spirit that did not let them rest.

What the Adams county youth lacked was courage, moral and physical. He was coward enough to murder another in cold blood, rather than to get what he craved by honest labor.

Only a coward commits murder, and he makes it doubly despicable when he pleads in agony that he never had a chance in Nebraska.

LED BY APRON STRINGS.

Mr. H. G. Wells, annotator of history as well as forecaster extraordinary, turns his vision toward America, only to discover that which causes him worry. He finds our manhood in great danger, because our boys get their early training from women.

Now, if Mr. Wells had based his conclusions on observation instead of observation, his statement might be occasion for uneasiness as to the future of our land.

The American boy has learned something else because of being tutored by woman. Something not easily defined, but might be called gentleness. He shows it all through life, wherever put.

SMILE OF A CHILD.

Here is a bit that floats into our office from the outside world. We do not know who "M. F." is, but we do know that the sentiment he or she expresses is worth the attention of every motorist.

Our idea of wasting time on the inconsequential is counterfeiting Russian money, yet fifty Russians have been executed for that very thing.

He "Never Had a Chance"

By CHARLES E. MATSON, County Attorney, Lancaster County "I've never had a chance."

This is the lying, whining wail of a young desperado, caught after a chase of thousands of miles, and after a plea of guilty at a preliminary hearing at Hastings, Neb., on a charge of murder, as ever disgraced the criminal annals of the state.

Donald Ringer, 19 years old, born and reared in Nebraska and "never had a chance." His mere assertion is proof of his falsity, but, sad to say, it will catch the fancy of the super-sentimentalist and the superficial thinker.

Donald Ringer was not reared in the tenements of a city, or in the workshops or sweatshops of the nation, or in the mines of north, south, east or west.

No, Nebraska is not to blame because Donald Ringer chose a life of crime that leads to the electric chair, instead of a life of usefulness that leads to honor and respect.

The school boy patrol, the committee says, furnishes a very practical outlet for the pupil's activity in carrying out such lessons and at the same time giving actual assistance to traffic policemen at certain periods of the day.

The Highway Education board has demonstrated the adaptability of educational contests among elementary school pupils, and safety control lessons among the elementary school teachers.

The highest grade of technically-trained men is required to deal with the traffic problem, and the committee believes the time is not far distant when engineering schools will find it not only desirable but necessary to plan an entire curriculum to meet the needs of those who wish to follow this career.

That adequate playgrounds should be provided, particularly a playground available for every school, and that special attention in safety measures be provided for playground supervisors.

That engineering schools undertake the training of traffic engineers through special courses or by including such instruction in existing courses.

That standards plans be developed and put into operation in all communities for the selection and training of traffic control officers; and that such training be organized on a state basis or arranged for in special training communities can benefit by the opportunities of the larger cities.

was taught discipline and where an attempt was made to stimulate his thoughts and direct his energies along useful and lawful lines. He was reared to an indulgent parent. He was permitted and encouraged to labor in the open fields, and then he killed, gruesomely, crushing the skull of his inoffensive victim with a hammer that he might easier steal his victim's automobile! And yet, he "never had a chance!"

That state of Nebraska will be to the blame, however, if it does not make an example of Donald Ringer that will be a deterrent to the next individual who is tempted to rob or murder rather than engage in honest toil.

He was committed to the state's Industrial School for Boys, where he attended Divine worship, where he

Street and Highway Safety "Accidents are primarily the result of ignorance," says the Committee on Education of the Conference on Street and Highway Safety in its report to Secretary Hoover, and that is the reason that "any rational program having for its purpose a reduction of the traffic accident rate presents a fundamental problem of education."

The report takes cognizance of the present dearth of training of educational curricula in the use of motion pictures and dramatization; and through talks by local traffic police officers in uniform.

That education in safety and accident prevention be incorporated in the curricula of all elementary schools, whether public or private, parochial schools, private schools, by the following means: As a part of the curriculum of the citizenship subject matter of other courses; through educational contests; through organized school boy patrols and junior safety councils; through the use of motion pictures and dramatization; and through talks by local traffic police officers in uniform.

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

NEBRASKA. They always come back to Nebraska. No more in the distance they roam; Italy, Chile, Alaska, Nebraska is always their home.

While selling Nebraska to the outside world, let's sell Nebraska to Nebraskans. Of all good things Nebraska has the most; of bad things the least.

My Old Home Town The old streets look familiar As I wander back today To walk in sacred places Where my young feet used to stray.

He Was Right. A foreigner accompanied by an American friend entered a butcher shop and after some effort succeeded in getting the attention of the butcher's assistant.

L'Amour 1924. They had been married 13 years. Just 13 years. "I adore you more every day," he told her.

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