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#### MAKING PUNISHMENT FIT CRIME.

A committee of Omaha detectives is visiting Lincoln to interest the legislature in the matter of putting teeth in the criminal code. Just to get the matter before the house, these detectives move that certain definite penalties be attached to different crimes. For example, burglary in the night time will be punishable by imprisonment for life. A sufficiently severe penalty is urged for conviction for a series of specified offenses.

We are heartily in sympathy with the idea, if not with the method. Dread of the law does not reside in any terror it may inspire, but in its majesty, its inexorable operation. Let the prisoner be assured in advance that he will have to pay a penalty, and he will not take a chance so frequently.

Let us here renew the proposal several times made, that to the merely punitive section of the law a retributive function be added. Require that the thief restore what he stole, either in money or in kind. Compel the one who damages property to make the owner whole. Impress on the person contemplating mischief or crime that he will be forced to pay in money or in labor for all he destroys, damages, or converts to his own use. It may take all he can earn in a lifetime of work, or more, but require it with exactitude.

Such a law would take a lot of the fun out of the venture. Now it is possible to steal and never repay, to break up property and not replace it. The actual loss falls on the victim, who has no recourse. If restitution and compensation accompanied every sentence pronounced by the court, thievery and the like would lose much attractiveness. Those who regard crime as a substitute for work might not relish the prospect of working for a "dead horse."

#### "THE BRITISH AERODROME."

Those who have been reading the fascinating story of the Round the World Flight, now appearing serially in The Omaha Bee, must be impressed by the numerous references to "the British aerodrome."

All the way across India the fliers found the hospitality of British flying officers on British flying fields. Modernly constructed hangars of cement in those far away places. At the same time that the story of the world fliers has been revealing British air equipment in the Far East, Arthur Brisbane, in his column To-Day, has been urging upon America, "preparation in the air."

It would seem that in far away India the British have as many aerodromes as we have in our own country. Should the world again be cursed by war it will be fought in the air.

History is a long record of wars. There is nothing to show that we have reached that millenium that means the end of war.

The United States is as helpless in the air as Germany, the slapped and whimpering child of Europe. If we do remedy this situation we may find some day that we are too late. Soldiers with bullets and cannon ball will not fight the next war. It will be carried on with airplanes, poison gas and

disease germs. Revolting to think of? Yes, but we'd better think of it.

#### LAW MACHINES IN ACTION.

Forty-four lawmaking machines are now steadily at work grinding out laws, congress and the legislatures of 43 states. That reminds us of the story of the profane but charitable man suddenly converted. At the midweek prayer meeting he was called upon to pray, and proceeded to ask the Almighty to look after the poor. He asked that every deserving family be provided with a barrel of flour, a barrel of pork, a barrel of kraut and a barrel of pepper. Then, realizing that he had gone too far, he exclaimed: "O h-l, that's too much pepper!"

This country has too much lawmaking machinery. There are too many lawmakers, and they meet too often. Too many laws are passed, and not enough laws are enforced. More than two million laws cumber the statute books, federal and state. The country needs a rest.

#### TALKING FOOLISHNESS.

The first thing a young fellow does when convicted of crime in Nebraska is to put up the plea, "I never had a chance." He knows better. He knows that he has had every chance in the world. The trouble with him was that he would not accept

There isn't a boy in Nebraska who enjoys average health and possesses average brain capacity who can not work his way through school and fit himself for honest and decent manhood. If he fails it is because he is lazy and shiftless, or prefers to mooch his way rather than earn his way. In the old days the criminal put up the pitiful plea that it was "booze." Now his plea is "I never had a chance." Prohibition has not yet emptied the prisons, and all the wealth of opportunities for education and advancement have not served to appreciably deter crime. Ninetynine times out of 100 the criminal commits a crime because he would rather be dishonest; because he prefers to steal rather than work. The criminally

inclined know that a criminal excites the sympathy of the maudlin and can get favors that an honest

poor man may never hope to have. It is high time society turned a deaf ear to this "never had a chance" foolishness and make criminals understand that punishment inflicted fits the crime. Maudlin sympathy must give way to common sense in the treatment of violators of the law.

#### GODS OF THE MOUNTAIN.

Long's peak looms up within easy view of Denver, a magnificent prospect and a perpetual invitation to the hardy and adventurous. It has been surmounted so frequently that its summit is familiar to many. A few days ago a young man and woman made the trip. Reaching the top in safety, they started back, satisfied with the day. Then, as in the Dunsany drama, the gods of the mountain exerted themselves. A sudden gale of icy wind whipped over the peak and down the side of the mountain, and the girl was frozen to death. The youth escaped, and a rescue party went to recover the body. One of its members also perished.

Mount Everest stands supreme over all mountains. Its untopped head pierces the sky almost six miles above sea level-29,141 feet. Such a challenge to man must be accepted. Last summer two Englishmen, George Leigh Mallory and A. C. Ervine, climbed 28,227 feet, within 900 feet or the length of three city blocks, from the absolute summit, Higher than man had ever climbed on solid earth. Victory and triumph just before them. Their companions watched from a lower point, anxiously peering through glasses to note the winning of the crown of Everest.

Something, not even the watchers so close can tell what, happened, and the two climbers were seen no more. Again the gods of the mountains had laughed at man. But these gods do not know man. Another expedition will assail Everest, and another if need be, until at last the tallest of earth's peaks shall have been pressed by man's foot. If it were not so, man would yet be dwelling in the darkness of primeval forests, huddling in the shadow of a cavern, terrified by wild beasts, shivering in the cold, and suffering because he dreaded to challenge fate.

The gods of the mountains are terrible. So are those of the seas, and those that dwell under the earth. But no terror has restrained the soul of man, who has penetrated every forbidden spot, and steadily is pursuing the innermost secrets of nature. It is the Godlike in man that has moved him to triumph over the lesser gods, and will sustain him until his last triumph has been made secure. Otherwise he would not deserve and could not win that heritage which is his birthright.

#### "AIN'T NATURE WONDERFUL."

We confess to having endured a shock on reading a bulletin sent out from the North Dakota Agricultural college. It declares against a cherished be-

"As angels for a good man's sin, Weep to record, and blush to give it in," we unhesitatingly admit that maybe Biddy is not the industrious, self-devoted producer of hen fruit we have hitherto esteemed her. The director of the extension bureau of the Brookings institution indicts a considerable number of the hen tribe as being indolent, parasites, star-boarders, so to speak.

Supporting his indictment, he cites several instances reported by poultry raisers. One will do: In a flock of 84 hens a survey discovered 38 who were "coasting." They ate regularly, and laid nothing. So they were ruthlessly removed, and the reeggs daily harvested. The 46 survivors brought forth

more than the original 84 had done. That looks all right as it is told. Yet it opens the door to some justifiable inquiry. Did the presence of the convicted 38 hens actually deter the 46 who were spared? Is it possible that one hen wanted to play lady, and disdained to work, and by her conduct so exert a pernicious influence on her sisters? Or is it not possible that those who escaped execution were spurred to greater endeavors by dread of the fate that seemed to hover over them? In order to survive to old henhood, did they not put forth unusual efforts to satisfy their owner's lust for

Either end of the proposition intrigues inquiry. Supports as well the proposition that nature really is wonderful.

One of the funniest jokes of the season was perpetrated by some Nebraska boys, who filled a moving picture theater with carbon monoxide gas They did not kill anybody, but might have killed all. The only way to make that joke funnier would be to treat those enterprising youths to a thorough dose of extract of leather, well mixed with elbow grease.

Local Chinese will have an added attraction for their New Year's celebration, in the form of a partial eclipse of the sun. Something else was eclipsed when "Meliclan man" observed the 1st of January.

Might help Omaha and the school superintendents both were the next meeting of the latter to be held

A "McGee" sentence does not look so terrible, after the supreme court got through with those

passed in Omaha. Moves of the Burlington look like indefinite postponement of the union depot for Omaha.

Bills pouring in at Lincoln indicate an industrious session, even if it be not a short one.

Friday night's meeting showed Omaha strong for the World Court.

#### Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

CALLERS AND THE CHEER THEY BRING.

At night when we're weary From toiling all day, And more or less dreary, And more or less gay,-

Feet cross the veranda, And tappings begin, And George and Miranda And children come in.

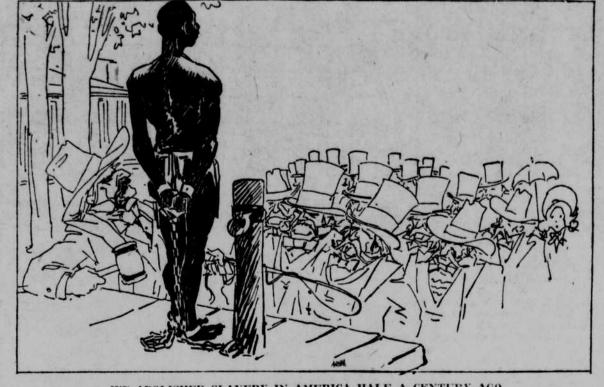
For hours we visit, We rock back and forth; The wind shricks-what is it?-A gust from the north-But hang the old weather,

While we sit together With comfort in doors. Offr thoughts go a hieing

And all other bores,

To cheerful old things .-We're literally flying To Eden on wings. And all that was dreary

When evening was new Is heartfly cheery When evening is through As to the Child Labor Movement



WE ABOLISHED SLAVERY IN AMERICA HALF A CENTURY AGO



WE OUGHT TO BE WILLING TO DO AS MUCH FOR THE KIDS BY THIS TIME.

## Letters From Our Readers

cars and a street car, and thereby speed up traffic at least 20 per cent; then, in place of a 10-minute rule, which is too brief to even take time to go up to a fourth or fifth floor of any office building and back to car, make it 29 and enforce it, and not make it 29 and enforce it, and not make it 20 and enforce it and it is an increase it an increase it an increase it and it is an inc lowa license number, any more privilege than an Omaha motorist, who
pays auto license and wheel tax in
Cmaha and thereby aids in city maintenance; that is, do not penalize the
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efforts of our city police department.

Tations and ladies' clubs aren't in
terested to the extent your paper is.
There are many disgruntled young
the discovered from time to time by
investigators of the national child
investigators

the condition outlined in your paper of January 12, 1924.

The writer has a high regard for efforts of our city police department to better existing evils, but let's do something practical; let's spend a comparatively small sum to gain a lasting relief from an all but intoler.

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Hebron, Neb.—To the Editor of The Comaha Bee: The writer of the follown ow for the nation to act and to produce the company of the

lic," is pertinent and timely and de-The Bee Reader's columns are of vital Serves careful study.

You say: "Mr. Van Orsdel serves importance to women as well as men. without salary" and that "Mr. Burk-

statement with the large salaries of in general was addicted to strong other public officials, their political drink without the advice of a promi-secretaries and supernumeraries, puzdes the average citizen. President of the Board of Educaion and chairman of the Utilities

oard are the most important positions in the city or county. I wonder do the people comprehend the responsibility that rests upon the men and women who make up the school board and directory of the

tilities district. There is a passage in scripture which says "that the laborer is wor thy of his hire." Consequently by not paying these officials for service rendered the people are guilty of vio-lating that quotation in the Book of JERRY HOWARD.

Why Tempt the Weak? O'Neill. Neb .- To the Editor of The

Omaha Bee: Why do some writers tempt weak women with suggestions regarding the right to abort a child she does not want? Every one knows such an act is a crime the same a and death results; she is tried and sent to prison, and if it were known any one advised her to the deed, they would be responsible. What a vile cowardly thing to destroy the see planted by parents. The innocent baby is given life without its knowledge or consent, and, aside from the spiritual wrong done, we all know the mother is taking her own life in her hands. How many, many we her hands. men have taken their own life in their attempt to destroy their own flesh nd blood, and how many familles are left motherless because a little broth er or sister was denied admittance little bud forming in their own body. straight an' narrow path. if they only understood they are edu (Copyright, 1923.)

cating their child before it enters even as it has been, were willing to Omaha .- To the Editor of The this world, from the beginning their consent to better laws and call Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Being an Omaha business man with offices on Farnam street, and in my work compelled to cross said street many times a day, the writer feels qualified to offer a partial solution of the auto-parking problem.

this world, from the beginning their consent to better laws and call for better laws for the new decade, and their looks, then isn't it likely if in your desire to murder your own unfor the debutant: that is, a dress that forms said street many times a day, the writer feels qualified to offer a learn to love the child and are amplificus for its future, don't be survived will be street.

A CITIZEN,

Domain is blessed with wide streets, but we are trying to force the ever-increasing stream of traffic through the bottle's neck of a 60-foot road-way. Our downtown streets are 100 feet in width, but we have taken too large a proportion for sidewalk space, that is 4-10, or 40 feet, which, as compared to West Madison street, Chicapard to West Mad would be ample for a city of 700,000 preach such doctrines. Many of us Every state now has full power to r 800,000 population; but, say we nar-

states need it most of all.

set a high standard in protecting their tect all the children. That some of the letters written in dren's rights. ALICE PARK.

You say: "Mr. Van Orseel serves importance to the prohibition party, ithout salary" and that "Mr. Burk- In conclusion the prohibition party, by takes down the magnificent sum lead in part by the W. T. C. U, as peared in the home paper: "If George provided in party is mentioned, saw that man be previously mentioned, saw that man be previously mentioned, saw that man be provided in general was addicted to strong brown, who deserted his poor wife drink without the advice of a prominent physician much the same as women were of many durg habits.

The school laws had been deserted his poor wife and baby 25 years ago, will return, the aforesaid baby will knock the stuffing out of him."—University of lows Frival The school laws had become strin. lowa Frivol. gent for years demanding children's

Abe Martin



While on her way t' a mail boy into this world, the door to this life this mornin' Mrs. Em Pash wuz shut in their face by the parents who held up by bandits who tore th' invited them in-forced them in And another important consideration: stamp from her letter an' escaped mothers knew their thoughts, deeds in a high-powered car. Nobuddy and emotions were registered on the ever kicks on a detour off th

help that was needed at home. In other words, aristocracy had also other words, aristocracy had also creeped into the minds of the school home or the like became unpopular

comparatively small sum to gain a childless families? Personally the lasting relief from an all but intolerable condition.

Let's hear from our city engineering department and city improvement ing department and city improvement clubs.

JOHN CAMPBELL.

Which have good laws against child labor, and which enforce the laws they have use goods produced in all the states. So all people in all the states. So all people in all the states are using articles produced in part by child labor.

All honor to the states which have good laws against child labor.

The Central City Nonpareil denounces the habit of loose English and says it ain't gonna stand for it in part by child labor.

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The Central City Nonpareil denounces the habit of loose English and says it ain't gonna stand for it in the days that you are not entirely satisfied, the purchase price will be refunded at once, upon request. This

Discovered.

It comes out that the cross-word puzzle is British propaganda, designed to introduce into America an Australian three-letter bird called the "emu," to replace the honored turkey on holiday tables of the western world .-New York Telegraph

Thoughis while taking a stroll about Omaha on a Sunday afternoon: Standing on corner of Fifteenth and Farnam, recalled days when Boyd's old theater occupied the site. Interviewed Duncan B. Harrison at the Boyd one night. He was managing a company featuring Jack McAuliffe. Corbet Sullivanyan fight soon to take place. Asked him how love the fight vanyan fight soon to take place. Asked him how long the fight would last. "One punch from John," said Harrison. Saw him a year later and twitted him about it. He denied he ever said

Take Comfort nor forget.
That Sunrise never failed us yet.

Meeting a fellow newspaper worker we chatted about the Press Writers' club. Recalled old Omaha Press club of the early 96s. Was acting president for several months. We pulled several "benefits," one of them Nye and Burbank at the old Grand theater. Another was "The Burgomaster" at the new Boyd. Club rooms on top floor of Bee building, later in Patterson block, Club entertained members of Burgomaster company at old Schlitz roof garden after performance. Volstead was an eventual ty of future time in those days. G'ancing across at Paxton hotel was reminded of Uncle Jim

Kitchen. One of nature's noblemen. Nebraska Press association was to meet in Omaha in February, 1898, and Edgar Howard and the writer waited on Uncle Jim to get a rate for the members. Uncle Jim said he'd leave it to us. We suggested \$1.50 a day, American plan, but Howard said \$1.25 was enough. We submitted Howard's rate to Uncle Jim, and he said: "Don't you think that's pretty high? Let's make it an even dollar." Them was the good old days.

Corner Fourteenth and Farnam site of old Union Pacific city ticket office. Office now at Sixteenth and Farnam, but Louie Beindorff still in charge. Eack of old office was favorite rendezvouz of many good fellows in the old days. Johnnie Kern presided. If all saloons had been conducted as Johnnie conducted his, conditions might have been different. What has become of the old printer gang of the handset days that used to gather in the alleys waiting the call of "time"

Remember the old clock in the tour that surmounted the Continental Clothing company building on the corner now occupied by the Rialto? Rome Miller's first catering venture in Omaha was in that building. The ambitious lighting scheme planned for Douglas street may restore ancient prestige of that thoroughfare. Those were the days when the Millard was the leading hotel of the middlewest, and the Arcade, just across the street, wasn't far behind. If memory is not at fault Billy Burgess operated a theater in the same block with the Arcade after he was burned out at the old Boyd.

Lower Farnam, between Ninth and Tenth. First work we ever performed in Omaha was in composing room of the old Bee office down there. Pretty green and much younger then. Think our string netted us \$2.90. That was a lot of money. Few people in those days thought that business would move westward as far as Sixteenth.

Trip out over the Sherman Avenue line. That's the way we used to go to the Trans-Mississippi Exposition grounds. Way out in the country. No trace of exposition left. Fine residence section of the city now. O, the lights on the lagoou, the haunting melodies of the Midway, the wonderful band concerts in the Plaza, the glorious illuminations and the gorgeous fireworks! Now and then we open up the tin box and look through the passes we carried to all the Midway attractions. There have been bigger expositions, but none better

Skyscraper of the Telephone company. The first two or three years we worked in Omaha couldn't afford a telephone in the house. Rate per month too high, and initial deposit wholly beyond us. But the telephone was considered something of a uxury in those days. What has become of the sputtering arc lights? Remember the electric light towers across the river

WILL M. MAUPIN.

ADVERTISEMENT.

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The Gland That

back, head and legs.

#### LISTENING IN On the Nebraska Press

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feet to each side of street, and thus

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The says side of street, and thus says side will no restriction on under the cloud and new filter out of the blood, the irritation, but the children need protection, but the children of those five states need it most of all. The 1920 census said that 1,060,958 taboy, Betzer! Biddy Hen deserves bladder, making urination difficult the best you can give her. and painful and causing pains in the

Allan May of the Auburn Herald allow one car, because it carries an low license number, any more privilege than an Omaha motorist, who

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