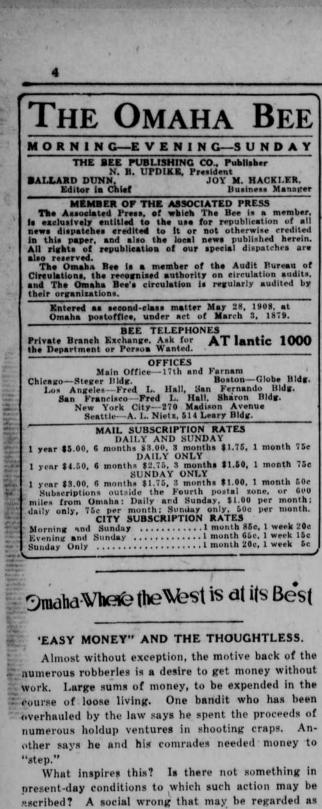
### THE OMAHA BEE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1925.



present-day conditions to which such action may be ascribed? A social wrong that may be regarded as the source of the loose thinking that leads to crimes of violence against person or property? We think there is. "Easy money" is a catch phrase, but it had its origin in a wrong. That wrong persists.

One of its most flaunting manifestations is that of a public officer taking undue gains from his position. Using his office as a source of wealth. Piling up pelf at the expense of those who come under his charge. When, as is the case in Omaha at present, the chief law enforcing officer of the county can turn his public position into the means of private profit, putting away "easy money" by reason of a twist in the law, is it to be wondered at that rattle-brained boys and men feel licensed to provide for themselves with little regard for law?

The office of sheriff of Douglas county has for many years been regarded as the juiciest plum in Nebraska. Simply because the sheriff has control of feeding the prisoners, and through that can turn into his own pockets thousands of dollars each year. Not a session of the legislature has met in nearly 40 years but an attempt has been made to remedy this situation. Always it has failed, and finally the sheriff has been left in control of the situation.

If the legislators are really interested in making Omaha a better place in which to live, they can contribute by removing one of the glaring examples of

fabulous gains. None, it appears, stopped long enough to inquire into his methods, or his responaibility.

Every "mike" cheated by the notorious Maybray gang during its operations here was animated by the same desire. Supported by the same promise. If the sucker had not been given positive assurance that he was participating in a game where the other fellow had no chance to win, he would not have invested a cent. It was a sure thing, so into it he plunged, only to lose.

This trait of human nature always runs true. It has no variation. Swindlers know this, and are never so safe as when they arouse the cupidity of a victim. The latter eventually learns that greed can very easily run beyond its goal. Exposure seems not to be the remedy, for the crooks are always brought to light. Man's nature will have to be worked over if the game is ever to be ended.

#### WET SPOTS IN CHILDHOOD.

Mrs. Sadie Templeton, mother of Paul Templeton, blames the prohibition law for increase in drinking among the young.

"Before prohibition?" she said, "any minor who took a drink was looked down on by his companions. Now no party is complete unless the boys and girls have their flasks. And the one who won't drink is laughed to scorn."

There is the statement of a mother whose son has gotten into deep trouble. He was not inherently a bad boy, just a careless youngster whose inexperience was a poor guide. The sorrow is that he is but one of a multitude of boys who are going the same way.

We see in the unseemliness of present day proceedings one of the sad effects of the policy of prohibition. Not so very many years ago a youth who became intoxicated was disgraced. Today he is regarded as a daring adventurer, if not exactly as a hero.. Then no boy would think of carrying a bottle of whisky to a dancing party, where he met other boys and girls. Now few dare to go without one. Where once the drinker at such gatherings was ostracized, now he is popular. Home gatherings and parties all have liquor, and it is drunk as if it were the last in the world and each reveler is anxious to get his share before the supply disappears.

Moralists may reflect and ponder on this. Theorists will find in it much material for their consideration. Its solution comes back to the home. Discipline, rigid and inexorable, must replace the indulgence that permits the looseness. Parental authority, effectively exercised, alone can stem the tide. It may mean curtailing the freedom that is now granted the children, but it will also mean fewer oroken-hearted mothers, mourning for sons who are in jail, or daughters who have fallen from young inaidenhood's bright path. Boys and girls do not understand these things, so it is squarely up to the arents to teach them. Prohibition is not saving the home, nor safeguarding the youth of the land.

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the firing was under battle conditions, approximately. No resistance was offered, a factor that must be considered. Nine hours of pounding was needed before the Monarch went down. A similar ship, the Oestfriesland, was sunk by the American air forces in much less time. The Washington, however, was afloat for three days under similar fire. One easy deduction is that the so-called "post Jutland" type of vessel is not so easily disposed of as were the Monarch and the Oestfriesland, both of which took part in that famous hit-and-run affair. Another is that, were resistance offered, results might be different. Finally, weapons of offense and defense may test out very satisfactorily, yet the real conclusion must be left to the trial of actual combat. And we hope that no American gun, airplane, battleship, soldier or sailor will ever again be ubjected to that trial.



# Whassat? An Agreement? There Must Be Something Wrong With It SUNNY SIDE UP Jake Comfort, nor forget, Jhat Sunrise never failed us yet.

Detailing officers to watch the public dance halls and see that girls under 16 or 18 do not frequent them unattended by parents or guardians. Excuse us while we laugh. Parents who allow that sort of thing are the ones to be looked after by the police. We've so many laws now regulating children that it is little wonder a lot of parents have grabbed the notion that they no longer have any responsibility. In nine cases out of ten where a child is punished for incorrigibility the punishment should have been visited on the parents.

We remember a young lad of 16 who was forbidden to attend a certain gathering in a Missouri town. The lad attended just the same. Did his father appeal to the police? Did he ask the judge to pronounce the lad incorrigible? He did noti Forming an alliance with a substitute for a bedslat the father held a consultation with the lad, the scene being the carriage oom in the barn. It was a well swept room at the conclusion of the consultation. But that was so brutal, don't you know. It wouldn't do to resort to such extremes these days. But, just the same, that sort of treatment produced the desired results.

We insist that the children of today are no worse and no better than they were a generation ago. But, having some re-gard for the truth, we will not say that the parents of today are the equal of those of former days. We know that parents of 50 years ago didn't rush to the legislature and the police of-ficers to get assistance in disciplining their children.

The box came from Missouri. You are not in on that, but we are. A couple of times a year the box arrives, filled with genuine pork sausage, a big mess of chines-that's pork back-bone to the uninitiated-real cider apple-butter, real peachbutter, a jar of quince preserves, and divers and sundry other edibles. The arrival of the box is always a signal for an informal gathering. It is addressed to Erstine King, and he mediately calls us on the phone and sets the hour. What the two families do to the contents of that Missouri box is tion. Those folks down Plattsburg way know just what to pack in a box for shipment to Omaha.

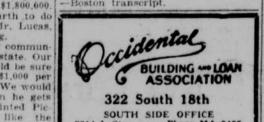
We are unable to understand why the officials of Omaha Post No. 1, American Legion, should be compelled to keep everlastingly at the task of recruiting membership. If we were eligible to membership in the American Legion you couldn't keep us away, from the adjutant's desk with a sawedoff shotgun. We'd be so proud of a Legion button that we'd wear one as big as a dinnerplate. And if we were eligible to march in the big parade next fall we'd so swell up with pride that not more than four like us could march abreast up Farnam street. That's what we think of eligibility to membership in the American Legion.

We did not see the eclipse. Knowing that the atmosphere would be murky we seized the excuse to remain in bed, letting the eclipse do its worst without interference from us. The eclipse that gets any attention from us must arrange to take place between 9 a. m. and sundown. We saw the total eclipse of 1869, and all others since that time have been weak and

It is not enough that head-lights and tail-lights be attached to livestock being driven on Nebraska roads after nightfall. We insist on front buffers for the goats and four-leg brakes for the steers. The cows should be compelled to honk their horns at stated intervals. WILL M. MAUPIN.

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"easy money" that now disturbs the community's peace of mind.. We need a well-framed law that will put the feeding of prisoners in the Douglas county jail on a business basis. Sapheads who go in for robbing people should not be permitted to get inspiration from the "easy money" that is going to swell the bank balance of the chief law officer of the community.

#### CHALLENGE TO CIVILIZATION.

"Bloody Williamson has added another splash to the gory record made in that county within the last three years. A deputy sheriff and a former prohibition enforcement officer "shot it out" on the main street of Herrin Saturday. Both were killed. Others were engaged in the fray and several were wounded. This is but one of several battles that have been fought between these forces, and yet nobody has been punished. Illinois has been content, so one might gather, in sending state soldiers to the scene. restoring quiet by a temporary truce, and then withdrawing till somebody else has been murdered.

At the same time, in Chicago, another gang leader is shot down. It was done in the approved fashion. The victim was entering his home after a shopping tour with his wife, his arms full of bundles. Expert marksmen fired at him from a closed automobile, and he fell riddled. At a hospital he is battling for his life, but will not talk to the officers of the law. He will revenge himself if he lives.

It is not merely the double killing of Glenn Young and Ora Thomas, nor the attempted murder of Johnny Torrio, that demands attention. It is the existence of law and order, the foundation of government and of civilization. Constituted authority in Illinois is confronted by a most serious task. Williamson county has been notorious for years for its lawlessness. Johnny Torrio has been known as a gunman, a bootlegger, and a gang leader in Chicago for years. He has been arrested and escaped. For the reason that "he had political influence."

Does Illinois have no citizen with sufficient "political influence" to arouse the authorities to action? Can murderous gangs run wild in Herrin or Chicago, zettling affairs according to their own code of murder and rapine? The biggest funeral parade that ever passed in Chicago was that which followed Dion O'Bannion, dead gangster, to the grave. But no report is made of any arrest for his killing. How long can civilization endure if these crimes go unpunished?

#### GREED GOES BEYOND ITS GOAL.

In spite of many warnings, in spite of the examples of failure, men and women still try to get rich quick. A plausible plan baited with a promise of unreasonable profit lures dollars from safe investment into ventures that invariably end with loss. It was so when the craze of speculation followed the war. Millions were then paid out for bits of paper that were not always well printed. Victims still mourn the loss of earnings that went to line the pockets of smooth-talking swindlers.

One of the latest examples is that of the New York boy who began with nothing and succeeded in talking \$1,300,000 out of the pockets he never should have reached. It is said he was ruthless. Neither old or young escaped him, big sums or litthe. Each of his victims, though, relied upon his ability to so handle their money as to turn into

Seems like carrying coals to Newcastle for the commissioner of internal revenue to warn folks not to pay too much tax. His real job ought to be to get what actually is coming to Uncle Sam.

Suppose Attorney General Stone had not been vigilant in carrying out his obligations to the public, would the senators then think him fit to go on the supreme bench?

The new French ambassador says he does not want to talk about the debt, for fear of hurting somebody's feelings. He need not worry, if he is prepared to talk turkey.

Let a few other citizens get as strong a hunch as did Grocer Guliek and play it as well and banditry will lose much of its charm.

Maybe it might be worth while to look up where the supply of ammunition used at Herrin comes from.

If winter comes, the seed catalogue is not far behind.

Law and order got a good start Saturday night.

There is no cause in any case

For careless shabbiness,-

The latest fads and frills, I'm glad, indeed, that I am not

In line to pay the bills.

Is just a place to stay,

Worlds aren't made so easily,

Nor run by what we wear.

And more than do their share.

And blossom forth in gaudiness,

Sunshine and pleasure may we find

And while the time away.

Along the fleeting years,-

But not at those extremities

Of foolish lovs and tears. The old and not all easy rule

And is, the work we do.

Still holds as sound and true-

The thing that counts has ever been,



legger, and left because he could not invitient allow his puritanical conscience to mythical "Rainbow's End." Joke about the Constitution; yet he never would have thought of any-thing like that had it not been sug-President, State Bank of Poole.

Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communi-cations of 200 words and less, will be given preference.

gested by the toastmaster. Prohibi-tion means nothing but a name. The Back of Real. Omaha-To the Editor of The Oma-Ten Commandments are all prohibi-tions. Who pays attention to them all? Not one in a thousand. He couldn't if he wanted. Society and our

system of doing things won't allow fulfilling his sworn obligation in issu him to do so. If we get over this jazz era inside of 20 years we will be lucky. FRANK DOANE. FRANK DOANE.

Replies to Cashler Lucas. violate the law that he might prose sute them for a violation of same

Poole, Neb.-To the Editor of The Yet that is the case of your prohib Omaha Bee: In your "Public Pulse"

a few days ago there appeared a let-ter from C. D. Lucas, cashier of the Royal State bank, Royal, Neb. This letter was brought into out bank by a very irate farmer who was so worked up over it that he didn't even stop at home long enough to eat his breakfast. Wanted to know if that was the opinion of bankers in general, or if there was something After reading it, I don't wonder that this farmer, or almost any other farmer for that matter, would be excited about it.

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I wonder again that you would print such an article without com ment

We don't know anything about the We don't know anything about the size of the farms in Antelope coun-ty, but will consider that they aver-age about 160 acres per farm, as they do here. Even that is more than they will average in the state.

they will average in the state. Mr. Lucas says the following words (and you print them): "I would judge, however, that the average farmer is going to clear up close to \$9,000 this year per farm, and it might even go higher than that." I did not read the article of Mr. Roper, but ff he said the average

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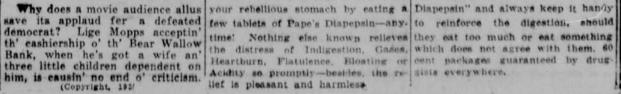
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