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50 per cent or more in order that he may not become the object of solicitude on the part of the gallant army of reformers.

Something must be done about it, and it must be done at once. This insidious monster must not be allowed to thrive and grow. "The lips that touch sauer kraut shall never touch mine," should be sung everywhere. Either sauer kraut must be prohibited or its alcoholic content made to conform strictly to requirements of the Volstead act.

HEART INTEREST IN THE NEWS.

Millions of Americans watched with deep interest for the end of the great dog race just over in Alaska. In all the compiled records of romance nothing exceeds this. A dash of hundreds of miles across the frozen wastes. Blizzards to encounter. Rivers and mountains and arms of the sea to cross. Twenty dogs and valiant drivers were urged to the topmost speed. Not just to set up a record. Not for a purse of gold. The stake was human life. The stakeholder was Death himself.

Diphtheria, dread disease at any time, scourges the ice-bound city of Nome. "City" by courtesy. It is a spot on the map, away up on the northwest shoulder of the continent, just below the mouth of Behring strait. The last vessel leaves in October. The first one in comes in June. For eight months out of the twelve Nome is cut off from the world, save by dog-train. Telegraph and radio alone keep the people in touch with civilization. These bring the news that diphtheria is sweeping the camp. Only one doctor, and he without the medicine that is needed.

A special dog train was made for the race of hundreds of miles across the unsettled country, to carry in the drugs needed by the doctor. On it depended the salvation of at least 150 possible victims of the scourge. Just when the race seemed to be won, a terrible blizzard intervened, to slow if not to stop the rescue. But the dogs and their driver won through the storm. The precious medicine was delivered. Another effort is to be made with airplane. Man's latest triumph is to be pitted against his oldest antagonist. This is a sporting event of highest luster. The energy and endurance of man against the threat of Death. No wonder people are watching the news that comes from Nome.

STONE SPIKES THE MUD GUNS.

It took a Philadelphia lawyer to tame a certain group of the United States senate. Harlan Fiske Stone seems to have turned the trick very neatly. Nominated by the president for a place on the Supreme Court of the United States, Mr. Stone was immediately fired upon by the mud-guns. He was carrying on the prosecution of Senator Burton K. Wheeler, before the federal court of Montana. Also, he had set on foot a grand jury inquiry in the District of Columbia. Notice was served on Mr. Stone, not directly but by inference that if he did not cease to "persecute" Senator Wheeler, he could not be confirmed as associate justice of the supreme court.

Please not that the attorney general was not heralding his discoveries through the newspapers. He was conducting no three-ringed circus in the guise of an "investigation." By strictly legal methods of procedure he was going about to determine if a crime had been committed. To the charge that he was dragging Mr. Wheeler from his home in Montana to be tried before a court in the District of Columbia, the attorney general returned the answer that the Montana case would be tried in Montana. An entirely new case, involving a new state of facts, was being examined in Washington. Senator Wheeler would have ample opportunity, if he wished, to appear before the grand jury and tell his story.

But, and the attorney general made this very clear, the cases would not be dropped. So Senator Walsh and those acting with him have abandoned their case before the senate judiciary committee. Harlan F. Stone would not lay down. The opposition to him broke down instead.

MAJESTY OF THE LAW.

Judge Patrick and Judge Holmes, both of the municipal court, have declined to issue search warrants based on suspicion. They ask that when an officer swears that a crime is committed that he know what he is swearing to. It is not enough for the law for the officer to swear that he thinks maybe a crime is being committed or that he has been told that such is the case. He is asked to swear of his own personal and positive knowledge.

This will tend to make the "boozie hounds" a little more certain in their work. Unfortunately it may give the bootlegger a little more security. But it comes a little nearer to complying with the law. The Fourth amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the person or things to be seized."

This does not leave much room for "maybe." It definitely and specifically sets out what the officer must do. Yet it has been most flagrantly ignored or abused in the process of enforcing the Eighteenth amendment. Now that the courts have begun to recognize the Fourth as well as the Eighteenth amendment, a more rational enforcement of the Volstead act may result. We are for the enforcement of all laws. But we are as resolutely opposed to the violation of one law in order to make another law look good.

EAT FROM YOUR OWN BACKYARD.

When primitive man turned to agriculture, he undoubtedly followed the custom as pertained to game. It was the practice when one of the tribe, or a dozen, killed a beast, all gathered to help eat it. Food was a common necessity, and the taking of it was a community pursuit. So, when tilling of the soil was forced upon the tribes, they worked fields in common. An echo of that resounded during the war. Americans by common necessity were turned to the cultivation of backyard plots, to supplement the usual sources of food supply. It worked well, if only for the moral effect it produced.

Nebraskans now have a chance to apply the principle to daily life. Either Joe Redfield or Harvey Milliken renews a suggestion that:

"If the people of Nebraska would patronize home industry to the extent of using Nebraska potatoes, Nebraska sugar, Nebraska flour, and other Nebraska agricultural products, it would bring a prosperity to our state never before experienced."

Nebraska raises more than enough good potatoes to supply the home needs. But millions of bushels of spuds are annually brought in from other states, and ours are shipped abroad. Nebraskans can consume but a small proportion of the wheat raised in the state. But our wheat makes the best of flour, and all Nebraska bread could well be made from the home product. Likewise, the sugar. One hundred and one thousand tons of good sugar were made in Nebraska in 1924. How many Omaha housewives ask for the sugar that comes from Nebraska soil and sunshine?

This is capable of great extension. Our people import thousands of tons of food every year, not a pound of which can be grown in the state. Millions of tons of food is shipped out of the state each year, for this is one of the greatest of food exporting regions in the world.

Would it not help a lot if the people of Nebraska began to eat more of the food that is raised in their own backyard?

A MOMENTOUS DISCOVERY.

Just as the food experts have succeeded in convincing the citizenry that the great need is vitamins, and that sauer kraut is the ideal conveyor of the same, along comes some scientific sharp to throw a metaphorical monkey-wrench into the digestive machinery.

This scientific investigator hurls broadcast the startling information that sauer kraut worthy of the time-honored name contains .72 per cent of alcohol. Horrible thought! That is almost 50 per cent more alcoholic content than is permitted by the Volstead act. If the Volstead act is made applicable to sauer kraut, then farewell, a fond farewell, to our best conveyor of the essential vitamins.

If the Volstead act is not applicable to sauer kraut, then what a vista of conjecture and suspicion is opened to our vision. Just think of the legal entanglements that will follow. When a man charged with imbibing a sufficient quantity of alcoholic beverage is haled into court and insists that it wasn't liquor, but sauer kraut, how is justice to be administered with even hand? How will the members of our constantly growing army of prohibition enforcement officers differentiate between the man tanked up on hooch and the man who has filled his stomach with the succulent and healthful sauer kraut.

It is clear that the momentous discovery of this scientific gentleman will necessitate the Passage of Another Law. Either sauer kraut is subject to the Volstead act, or it isn't. Either a man has the right to imbibe, or it is inhale, sauer kraut without let or hindrance, or its alcoholic content must be reduced

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie

DIVERSITY.

Good men and wise men can not see
All in a single light—
That which is dark to you and me
To others may be bright;
Our viewpoints differ more or less;
Our thoughts are not akin;
The things that you would fain suppress,
I'd gladly usher in.

But everyone who is sincere
Has equal right to feel
And judge the consequential here,
And his own views reveal.
The point of differing will bear
No emptiness, if we
Are true unto ourselves, and fair
With our sincerity.

"The best, no doubt, that we do not
Interpret things alike,
And all select a single spot—
A single way to strike—
And march along the path in line.
In step, with steady tread—
For life would all be gloom or shine,
And promises would be dead.

Worth Fighting For.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Can the 18th amendment to the federal constitution be enforced without violation of the 4th amendment? This question was discussed in congress when the Volstead act was under discussion, and not a few of the ablest members of the senate declared that the 18th amendment would prove to be in contravention of the 4th amendment. The 4th amendment reads as follows:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizure shall not be violated."

The price of flour follows the price of wheat, up but not down.

Did Somebody Say Something About a Coolidge "Myth?"



JOHNSON

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1925

Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words or less, will be given preference.

Opposes the Amendment.

Oxford, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: How many of our people are taking an interest in the pending child labor amendment? How many even know that such a law is about to be foisted upon a sleeping nation by well-organized minorities that are well equipped with means for lobbying the state legislatures? Though loud for "let the people rule," these organizations fought to death a resolution to let the people vote whether they wished to thus sovietize their government. They thus exposed their scheme and show their only hope to write this iniquitous law into the constitution is by subtle methods before state legislatures.

The greatest curse one could wish upon our children and young men and women would be to clothe congress with this autocratic power. It not only robs the states of their constitutional duty to protect and foster the welfare of their citizens. It lays the foundation for another tax-eating bureau with its hordes of inspectors prying into the affairs of every home in the land, and places another tax of millions upon the overburdened tillers of the soil. It is surreptitiously called "the child labor amendment" while child or children are not mentioned. Its real purpose is to place our young men and women up to 18 years of age absolutely under the control and dictates of congress, regardless of whether it is manned by statesmen or demagogues.

Thousands of our youth go to the land for lack of work to one that is injured by overwork. What man or woman worth their salt to society has not worked and worked hard before they were 18 years old? "What is a home without a mother?" will be changed to where is a home without a government inspector. The states that are the home of the I. W. W. are going to pass this amendment, but where is the great agricultural state of Nebraska going to stand? Will our legislature vote to protect our young men and women and their parents, or will they vote to jeopardize their welfare and to make this a strictly bureaucratic government?

A. C. RANKIN.

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LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press

Frank W. Brown, son of ex-Mayor Brown of Lincoln, and formerly a newspaper publisher in Kearney, is now publishing the Idaho State Journal. He was recently elected president of the Idaho Editorial association.

Will Cramb has been publishing the Fairbury Journal 28 years and says he is just learning to do the job right.

The York Republican suggests "Eat Another Chicken" as a good slogan for Nebraskans.

The annual business meeting of the Nebraska Press association will be held at Lincoln February 19, 20 and 21.

Dale Krebs of the Scotta Register is going to California. He admits that he isn't riding the cushions, but acting as chaparrone to a lot of Duroc, Berkshire and Poland China hogs. "But when I get there I'm going to put in 10 of the eight next days you ever heard about," declares Krebs.

Will Israel of the Havelock Post went to Rochester to learn what the matter with him. The docs told him to return home and take a rest. That reminds us of the mail carrier who was instructed to walk a few miles every day for exercise.

"Why not a band," queries the Merna Messenger. We'll bite. Why not a band?

J. B. HAYNES.

SUNNY SIDE UP

Take comfort, not forget,
That sunrise never failed us yet.
Celia Thaxter

A competent football coach having been secured for the University of Nebraska, it is now up to the legislature to provide an adequate appropriation for that institution of learning. The importance of football as compared with other branches of the higher education is shown by the fact that the coach will receive a salary equal to the combined salaries of three or four professors who teach such relatively unimportant branches as mathematics, chemistry, civil government, agriculture, dairy-farming, and such like subjects. The educational Rubicon has been crossed and once more is the higher education saved to our children.

Modern Definitions.
Statesman—Politician looking for a job.
Sinecure—The other fellow's work.
Reform—Asking the legislature to make others do something you are unwilling to do yourself.
Booster—Usually a fellow who tells what should be done, but never does it.
Crank—One who refuses to agree with you.
Advice—Synonym for German mark.

Brain Leaks.
Love flies out of the window when suspicion enters the door. Many church members look upon the contribution box as an admission fee to week-day indulgence. A majority of professional reformers would have to go to work for a living if salaries were stopped. The children a spinster never had are always models for the children of real mothers. Advice is cheap because the supply is always greatly in excess of the demand. Men ready with excuses are seldom ready with effort.

Nebraska Limerick.
There was a young man in Oshkosh
Who got his shirt back from the wash.
The bosom and collar
Inclined him to holler:
"They've ruined my last garment, b'gosh!"

How Did It Happen?
Of course you have noticed that square section cut out of the southwest corner of Nebraska, thus enabling Colorado to assume the shape of a square. Why was that section cut out of Nebraska? Why is it that Nebraska's western border is not straight? We have been asked that question numerous times, but we have never been able to find the answer. Nebraska was admitted to the Union prior to Colorado's admission.

Financial Note.
"My face is my fortune," chortled Miss Passay.
"Well, I'm no referee in bankruptcy," growled Oldrich Gotrox, reaching for his hat.

Waitin'.
Little touch o' winter—
Ain't complainin', fr I know
That another June is comin'
When th' roses bloom an' blow.
Shiver now, but I remember
That there'll be another spring
When th' violets are bloomin'
An' th' feathered songsters sing.

Little touch o' freezin'.
But I'm makin' no complaint.
Just a-waitin' fr th' June time
When th' freezin' weather ain't.
Shiver now, but spring is comin'
Just 'round th' corner there.
Worth while waitin' fr th' roses
Spreadin' fragrance on th' air.

Superstition.
Thirteen may not be an unlucky number, but the fact that 13 states have refused to ratify the child labor amendment has some significance.
WILL M. MAUPIN.

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(Signed) Harry Goble, Lexington, Neb., July 3, 1924.

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