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AMERICA'S OWN LIFE.

Senator Johnson used up an hour and a half of time in the senate to impassionately declaim against the Paris pact under which the United States will share in the reparations payments according to the terms of the Dawes plan. The burden of his song was that in the agreement our country may be entangled with Europe. His plea was that America be permitted to "live her own life."

With the plea we have sympathy. Yet it is difficult to sympathize with the thought that in so doing America must live a life of isolation. Such an existence is unthinkable. As a nation we can not withdraw from the world, and remain selfishly indifferent to all that goes on outside our boundaries. Such a course is fraught with perils quite as ominous as any that would attend our entrance to the league of nations.

Senator Johnson belongs to one end of the group that refuses to believe what President Coolidge said that the league of nations is a closed issue. To this group belong the irreconcilables who will not be happy because the nation does not endorse the league as well as those who oppose even an approach to the league. Neither of these factions is especially helpful at the moment. Instead of harping on the single theme, they might contribute something of assistance by aiding in carrying forward a constructive pro-

America's "own life," so far as it has been developed, has been a helpful one to all humanity. Americans are regarded abroad generally as being fundamentally idealistic. If that means anything, it means a readiness to assist others. Senator Johnson or Senator Borah, Dr. David Jayne Hill, or any of the rest of the anti-league advocates, would quickly join with any of the pro-league group in carrying forward an enterprise that would serve to avert the calamity of war. In so doing they would be helping America to live her own life.

That is what President Coolidge asks. That through the world court a step be taken in the direction of outlawing war. At least to render the possibility of war more remote. It is unworthy of Senator Johnson to insinuate that the middlewest is being s hed by a promise of money through the Paris agreement. He should know, if any one does, the temper of the middlewest, for he tried it thoroughly a year ago. If he would reinstate himself in this section, he can do it better by helping to push war farther into the background. Not by standing out for the privilege that none denies America, that of "living her own life," with total disregard to the lives of others. Such selfishness leads directly to destruc-

CITIZENSHIP IS WORTH SOMETHING.

Two Omaha women have just been restored to the condition of American citizens. They had forfeited citizenship by wedding aliens. Out at Columbus an alien has been denied citizenship because of his attitude during the war. In these instances may be noted something worthy of consideration.

Both the Omaha women were natives of Nebraska. When they were married it probably did not occur to them they were giving up their birthright. Under changed circumstances they ask the court to restore to them that which had passed, and which they have learned to value. They will be the better citizens for having learned the worth of the condition that sits so lightly on many who were born to it.

The foreign-born sojourner at Columbus made his bed while this country was engaged in a great war, and now he is compelled to lie in it. The law then enacted forever excludes from citizenship aliens who would not join the American army or that of our allies in war. Then as now, a country worth liv-

ing in is worth fighting for. Then as now American citizenship was priceless. Still it is in easy reach of any not born to it. Yet the action of the courts in dealing with applicants for the boon is putting a clearer light on the whole matter. Not every one who comes knocking will be received. And just as the law is effectively enforced, so will the value of citizenship enhance.

SAFETY FIRST.

President Coolidge is not given to excessive tergiversation; neither can it be said that he poses as an arbiter of fashion. Rather is he noted for his economy of speech and his tenacious holding to the primitive virtues. His advice to the college boys who called upon him clad in flapping trousers held up only by belts, is worthy of more than cursory thought. It naturally follows that President Coolidge being a cautious man and noted therefor, he should recommend suspenders.

There is a feeling of safety and security about suspenders that can never be contributed by a mere belt, especially if the wearer is built upon lines that exhibit no beauty, but rather follow the Gothic lines of architecture. Belts presuppose hing, and in these days of soft living and increasing adipose most men

have no more hips than a snake. This republic was not founded and developed by men wearing flapper trousers held in place by belts. It was set upon the road to greatness by men who wore lindsey-woolsey pants held in place by galluses, said pants being tucked into cowhide boots or tied with buckskin thongs around the ankles above

deerhide moccasins. Their belts were worn to hold knives, not pants.

The belt-makers may rave, but the admonition of President Coolidge spells a revival of the suspender industry. And with its revival will come comfort and a feeling of safety and security not now held by millions of men who have felt it incumbent upon them to sacrifice comfort in order to follow the dictates of Dame Fashion.

WHY NOT FINISH THE JOB?

Representative Harry B. Hawes of Missouri made an address to the house one day last month that should command attention. He brought out prominently the fact that that a grand total of \$1,255,-392,000 has been appropriated for "rivers and harbors," of which less than one-third has been expended on river improvement,

How this has been done is illustrated by the program between the mouth of the Ohio and St. Louis on the Mississippi river. This called for an expendditure of \$21,000,000 over a ten-year period. Instead, only \$1,900,000 was spent, at which rate 132 years will be required to finish the job. For the Missouri river between Kansas City and St. Charles, at the mouth, \$20,000,000 was to be laid out. Since 1913 the expenditure has averaged \$890,000 a year. 'At this rate 50 years will be required to finish the job. And the people along the river, who see it idly running under the bridge, are beginning to ask, "How

Water-borne commerce is increasing, although still far below what the railroads carry. For 1923, according to the report of the chief of engineers of the United States army, the total domestic commerce of Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf ports amounted to 361,320,000 tons. On the lakes the total was 125,000,000 tons. That year the railroads carried 1,387,942,000 tons.

On 25,000 miles of navigable rivers practically no freight or passengers were transported. With twenty great river systems capable of being serviceable for distances ranging from 100 to more than 2,300 miles, we get no benefit from them. All these facts have been stated again and again. Congress has often debated and seldom acted on the greatest

of all its problems. The Mississippi valley region, with an area of 1,250,000 square miles, with 60,000,000 people, a storehouse of boundless wealth, of possibilities beyond conception, could be served by improving the rivers. The coasts have been cared for. Why not give the interior the benefit of the rivers that only wait to be harnessed by commerce?

IDLE WATER FOR THE DRY LAND.

Phelps, Kearney and Adams counties, Nebraska, annually add much to the wealth of the state. But not so much as might be, were a little alteration in building of a canal from a point on the Platte river just over the edge of Dawson county, and thence traversing the three other counties. Through it would be carried water that now runs idly to the sea. It would be used to provide subirrigation, to supplement the natural rainfall. Half a million acres of land would be served, and a corresponding increase in the annual yield would be assured.

No doubt exists as to the feasibility of the project. It has been completely surveyed by competent engineers. Committees of congress have looked it over. Elwood Mead, the acknowledged authority on such matters, has given his approval. All that remains to be done is to get the needed legislation from congress.

Just now the matter is getting some attention.

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Omaha Bee: To the Editor of The country. Omaha Bee: The editorial in Thy Omaha Bee of January 27 explains list the way prohibition is working all ower the country. However, it only explains what everyone with common sense already knows and solventies, but please remember and societies, but please remember would turn out just that way. How same liquor law allowing everyone a certain amount of liquor. Then every nat.

Senators and representatives from Nebraska are working to interest others, to the end that the needed authority may be given. What chance there is for success can not be gauged, for all things at Washington are in a chaotic condition, so far as this sort | Dr of thing is concerned. Senators find all the time they need to talk about everything but legislation. In the house a similar spirit prevails.

But the tricounty project has made a start, and is gaining support as its merits are examined. Some day the canal will be carrying the now idle water to the land that is not dry, but which can do with ouite a bit more moisture.

Judge Sears never required any bodyguard while in Omaha. It does sound queer to learn that he is being watched in Washington. Aside from the fact that he plays pinochle and has a fancy eye for a good trottin' hoss, the judge is beyond reproach.

The Nebraska senate says it does not know E. T. Westervelt. That serves him right for spending his time running a newspaper. He should get out into society oftener and become acquainted.

Lots of eyes are being strained for the first robin. We suggest that nobody take 'em off until the first Baltimore oriole heaves in sight and starts weaving

An Omaha woman left her husband three years ago to "take a rest," and has not yet returned. Something must have made her very tired. Another peace pact has been signed at Herrin.

As it is silent on the question of disarmament, it may not mean much. Another sign of spring is noted in the adjourn-

ment from the back room to the sidewalk of the local statesmen.

"London may call India by phone," says a headline. But think of what India has been calling London lately.

Five thousand gallons of alcohol sounds big, but t looks small when compared with the national

It might help if the head of the army air service came down before he is forced to make a landing.

Bootleg booze and gasoline make a mighty risky combination, yet men insist on mixing them.

First jam to be put up this spring will be the ice-

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

PRACTICE BRINGS FORTH OUR BEST. Practice brings forth the best in most of us beyond the

slightest doubt We can't be sure of failing till we try and fizzle out,-And even so, most every task we all can do in part,

If we believe it can be done deep down within our heart, The first attempts may not surprise us greatly, if at all: The second effort will reveal some progress, and the wall Will yield to us if we will stay and try and try and try As though we have not time to fail, and facing failure

Each man who battles earnestly and never quits the fray Will gain at least a part of what he seeks some dis-

For each endeavor nearer brings the goal of every one, And striving isn't failing, though there's little really Perhaps We'd Better Adopt Another Form for the Income Tax Blanks



HE'LL SIT UP HALF THE NIGHT IN PURSUIT OF AN ILLUSIVE CROSSWORD PUZZLE-



the situation achieved. This alteration includes the BUT ONE LOOK AT AN INCOME TAX BLANK WILL MAKE HIM SO TIRED HE CAN'T GO TO BENEFIT CONCERT FOR A MONTH.

Letters From Our Readers

The women legislators should promptly file a counter bill, compelling world at large and his home town and state especially, by hanging a big ard in his place of business: "Bables admitted free for the

That might help some

hat good pal of mine. HORSE-SENSE MA.

Soldier Asks Square Deal.

I have been in this very store where thought it was, so came early If the public is going to adopt this manner of punishing bandits, why not

graph I noticed that Mr. Guillick There are two sides to a question, stated that he did not like their looks. and that day the people of Boone I have seen men do braver things than that and then did not get called heroes. I would call be comed to the country had an optical demonstration

Abe Martin

o' cle style

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All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words and less, will be given preference. | premeditated murder, to lay in wait ment.

Sergeant, Motor Transport.

Two Sides in Contrast.

hange husbands-rain or shine-for other side and it made a wonderful law is a joke, and still our lawmakers impression on the people of the keep on fooling away time and money

It was at the time of our summ Chantanqua, a good many years ago Fort Omaha, Neb .- To the Editor Mayor Dahlman of Omaha was to de of The Omaha Bee: As a constant fend the anti-prohibitionists against reader of The Omaha Bee, I would Mrs. Richards, a national W. C. T. U. ke to say a few words regarding the worker. This seemed to be the most silling of two soldiers Saturday night interesting topic of the term, and was by a grocer at Thirty-third and Grand widely advertised. Soon there were whispers that the wets would be I am a soldier, living at Fort Omaha there in full force and, beginning of with my family, and this happened almost at my back door. I do not be-lieve in holdups, but I do believe these was no room for the "few drys." two boys got more than was coming Whether this was really the plan or not, I am not sure, but the drys this shooting occurred, and by the began to fill the west side. Soon they position the storekeeper claims he had overflowed and filled the center space on the stairway, I think he could When Mr. Dahlman stepped upon the have covered those two boys and call-platform the group of wets cheered ed the police instead of shooting them in the head with a shotkun. him. When Mrs. Richards was introduced of course the drys gave her the

treat the civillan bandits the same way?

In your Sunday morning paper I noticed that in one paragraph this Mr. Davey said the two boys acted like gentlemen when they for the ever spoke a word. One look at the bunch words.

Richards.

When it was over a dry democrat to, yes, there is such a thing, exclaimed angrily: "I don't care, it wasn't fair. Dahlman was beaten before he ever spoke a word. One look like gentlemen when they first en-tered the store, and in another para-graph I noticed that Mr. Gullick There are two sides to a question.

of the wet and dry sides more con of both speakers have long been forgotten, but the picture of the two parties in the big tent remains and is often remembered with a smile as bibition ending in the 18th amend

the will a great majority of the peo-ple. willing to help enforce the laws and help corner bootleggers, and not until

In the editorial you say: "Its solu- then will this bootlegging stop. tion comes back to the home. Parental Albion, Neb .- To the Editor of The authority, effectively exercised, alone Omaha Bee: Will I. T. Duzzenmatter can stem the tide." Very true. But allow me to take a shot "at the clay how can we expect parents to teach He is asking J. S. to take their children to obey a law that they a look at the other side; reminds me don't obey or believe in themselves."

Everyone except the extreme driest Everyone except the extreme driest Gee, I am glad I did not have to county got a chance to look at the violate the dry law and admit the

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Jake Comfort nor forget. That Sunrise never failed us yet

In a short time we are going to write a real story about Fremont, Not John C. Fremont, the Pathfinder, the thriving ttle city named in his honor. Just now we are going to indulge in reminiscences. Thirty years ago we lit in Fremont with a comparatively new wife and set about chasing the elusive item for the Fremont Heraid, Dr. Joshua L. Devries was editor and publisher. He practiced medicine between times when he wasn't worrying about how to meet the newspaper payroll. Between us, confidentially, those were strenuous financial times.

Dr. Devries is still practicing his profession in Fremont, younger than he was 30 years ago. He hasn't been in the newspaper business for 29 years. We violate no confidence when we say that he is a far better physician and surgeon than he was a newspaper man, and he wasn't such a poor newspaper man,

But the Fremont of today isn't the Fremont of almost 30 years ago-not by some 5,000 or 6,000 people and a number of real industries. Nor is the Fremont spirit the same now. As a matter of fact, there wasn't such a thing as the Fremont spirit then. It was just an overgrown village, Different now. It is the Fremont spirit that has made Dodge county stand out in the matter of highways. No farmer in Dodge county lives more than three miles from a state or county highway maintained in the best possible manner. The Fremont Chamber of Commerce has built up the spirit that made that condition possible.

It is impossible to describe the difference in hotel conditions. Away back there the New York hotel was the principal hostelry. It looked pretty good to us then, but we wouldn't glance in its direction now. No, sire e! Not with the Pathfinder couple of blocks away. There's a real hotel. And Thadd Quinn's big dry goods store wasn't so very big then, either, We first knew George Wolz as a baker running his own bakery. It was a good one, too. But George quit that business years ago to devote his time to boosting for good roads and serving as secretary of the chamber of commerce.

Nor was Dan Stephens a big banker in those days. He was a school teacher, just breaking into the publishing game. Since then he has been a congressman, and now he's big banker and owns a lot of fine farm land that 30 years ago was considered swamp. When Dan bought 400 or 500 acres of that swamp land on the Platte bottoms a lot of people felt sorry for him. They thought some real estate shark had swallowed another sucker. Quite a hearty laugh some of them had. Dan had the ultimate giggle, however. He foolishly bought the land, and more foolishly proceeded to tile it. Then he foolishly sowed it to wheat. The t crop almost paid for the land and the tiling. That's why Dan's laughter has lasted the longest.

Yes, the old brewery still stands. There wasn't any smoke pouring from its chimneys when we went by the other day. But If the brewery is deserted there are real industries to take its place. Fremont hasn't any big manufacturing plant, but small and flourishing industries are numerous. And today one may get almost anywhere within the city limits without getting off the paving. There was mighty little of it the old days when we shed the light of our countenance upon the municipality.

Many changes in the good old town in 20 years, but some things do not change. Judge Wintersteen, frinstance. He's been either justice of the peace or county judge all these years. He was a justice when he remarked to myself and Lottle Clif-ford, "I now pronounce you man and wife." And there's Pete Mitterling, and Charley Nicodemus and a lot more of the young fellows-young then, and still young in spirit. And, praise be, L. D. Richards, one of the pioneer builders of Fremont and Dedge county, still is active in business and growing old grace-

A mighty substantial, prosperous old city is Fremont. Nothing spectacular about it—just a fine old, self-respecting municipality that prides itself on its homes, its churches and its schools. But of all those things more a bit later. But it is always a pleasure to drop in the old Fremont friends and pass the time of day. There is something homes and pass the time of day. There is something homey about the old

When Gossip Sounds.

You can't believe half you hear." replied Miss Cayenne, more than enough,"-Washington

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