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## Omaha-Where the West is at its Best

## FUNDAMENTALS OF TRANSPORTATION.

A little primer should be published and circulated in Omaha, in which should be contained some basic economic principles. These may be stated in simple terms, so as to be clearly understood by anybody. Just at the present time many of them are being misstated. Loose talk is making murky a situation that is of immense importance to the people of Omaha.

One of the first things that should be explained grie that capital employed in carrying on a business enterprise is fixed capital. Next, that the extension a of that business requires additional capital. We have lately had a sadly impressive illustration of how scapital may vanish in a legitimate business underattaking. Transportation, and particularly that which has to do with intramural carriage of passengers, calls for the use of enormous sums of fixed capital. Baln the case of the tramway company of Omaha, for example, many millions of dollars are permanently embedded in the city streets. Those who loosely talk of "watered stock" should take a lead pencil and -paper and work out the problem. Let them calculate at the cost of equipping and maintaining 135 miles of double track line, with the necessary power plant, barns, shops and storage facilities, and see how far short the total falls of the \$14,000,000 on which the " company has permission to earn revenue.

Any extension of track or equipment requires the further permanent investment of money. Replacement of worn-out equipment also demands more is capital expenditure. Under the law this can not secome from earnings. Only repairs can be paid for out of revenue derived from service.

Omaha must have the service the tramway provides. If not from a private corporation, then at public expense. The decision must soon be made. Only two years remain in which to get ready for one or the other. A decision should be reached without needless delay, that the public and the company may know what to do.

Under the law as it exists the company can not make extensions, nor can the public grant a franchise for more than five miles in length. These and some other matters must be cleared up. But loose talk and willful twisting of facts will not help in the settlement of a problem in which every citizen and property owner in Omaha is deeply concerned.

## IT KEEPS THE WHEELS TURNING.

Every now and then some impassioned orator mounts the platform and hurls forth the startling information that "2 per cent of the people of this republic own 90 per cent of the country's wealth."

The mere fact that it is not true cuts no figure with the impassioned orators, nor with a goodly proportion of the hearers who loudly applaud the state-

That a comparatively small per cent of the people own a large per cent of the wealth is true. But what of it? That is what makes the wheels go 'round, Those who have little know, if they know anything at all, that they have a chance to become one of the minority holders of the majority wealth. The wealth is here, and it is to be won by those who have the courage, the vision and the industry to go after it. If the wealth did not exist, if it were not possible to create it, if the future held out no promise, what s sad old world this would be.

Would anything be gained by depriving men of the opportunity to amass wealth? Would the republic be advanced by giving those who complain about it an opportunity to distribute the wealth?

What difference does it make how big a business grows just so it is honest business? This good old republic of ours is good and big because it has developed big business, which in turn has aided in developing the bigness and goodness of the country. Would it not be better to cavil less at wealth and work harder to get it? In this free country, with its yet undeveloped resources and unplumbed pos-sibilities those who live in the House of Want may move over into the House of Have if only they will work and save and sacrifice; if only they will initiate

instead of imitate, work instead of wail. It is upon those who Hope to Have that this country depends in largest measure, those who Hope to Have in sufficient measure to impel them to industry and frugality.

## THE STITCH IN TIME.

Omaha Elks have taken the stitch in time that will save nine stitches in the future. They have arranged to amortize the indebtedness on their handsome building, not by dependence upon subscriptions, but by fixing the membership dues at such a figure that the money will be provided when the debt falls due. The Elks realize that the accommodations provided by the building, the fellowship the order guarantees, the joy of comradeship and the partnership of kindred souls, are worth far more to each individual member than the yearly dues that will provide maintenance and in good time pay off the debt.

Omaha Elks have rightly decided to leave nothing to chance. They have adopted a common sense, businesslike plan such as any well managed business concern must adopt if it continues to be well managed and therefore increasingly successful. The Elks of Omaha have every reason to be rightfully proud of their splendid club house. They have equal reason to be proud of their good judgment in recognizing a situation and meeting it without evasion. Courage is a wonderful thing. Omaha Elks have proven they have it in full measure.

### WHILE THE WORLD WHIRLS.

A February magazine devotes a considerable portion of its space to the glorification of youth. Tinging its tributes with complaint that the young folks are denied their opportunity of running the show. Reactionary control is noted in business, in art, politics, religion. Youth is eager, ready, to take the reins, or the wheel, or whatever it is, and steer the whole complicated business along a much smoother. course than has yet been found. Principally, the young are disappointed in that the high idealism born of the war influences has not been realized. Altruism has lagged, while the old selfishness has affected everybody just as it did before the purging flame of furious conflict swept over humanity.

All of which is important or not, according to whether you sit alongside Senectutis, or gambol with Juventutis. Youth is not to be despised, nor undervalued. When the tide of life mounts high, when "every prospect pleases," hope soars, and ambition vaults to heights only reached in dreams. Warm impulses, borne of a generous heart that is yet untouched by worldly experience, guide the action. How very easy it is to "let joy be unconfined when youth and pleasure meet."

But the world turns over once in twenty-four hours, and time waits on none. Slowly but surely the fires of youth die down. Inevitably a crust of experience overlies the fountain of generosity till the strengthst problem to the ballor of the Editor of the Bellor of the Bollor of the But the world turns over once in twenty-four experience overlies the fountain of generosity, till its waters become a trickle. Impulses continue, but they are guided more by reason or by what is euphemistically termed "intelligent self-interest." Youth loses every time in the contest with the world, for it refuses to remain young.

Responsibility, too, must be assumed, and its effect is to slow down the movement that flows so freely when only youth directs. This is not to be deplored. It would be a very pleasant world, perhaps, if no one grew old, if every hour were sunrise. and noon and sunset never came. But Nature's rule is birth, growth, maturity, decline, decay, death. And man can not escape that inexorable procession.

So the young, impatient though they may well be, of the mistakes and blundering methods of age and experience, need not be greatly discouraged. A slow. but ever-moving process will gradually remove them to the limbo where they, too, will repeat the ineffectual things their elders are repeating in imitation of at "innumerable caravan" that has moved along the road "since first the flight of years began."

### "HOME AGAIN" AND "OFF AGAIN."

Dr. Henry Van Dyke is away to New Zealand. Not just to see what he can see, for he knows why he is going. To fish. To lure the fine Antipodean trout from the rippling waters of the New Zealand streams. To bask in the sun of the early fall of that far-away country. For, you know, when spring comes to America autumnal glories are shedding their rich radiance over New Zealand. The combination is alluring.

But what do you know about it? This is the same Dr. Van Dyke who set us all to singing his

"It's home again! Home again! America for me! My heart is turning home again, and there I long to be! In the land of youth and beauty, beyond the ocean bars-Where the air is full of sunshine, and the flag is full

We know that no geographical lines circumscribe the piscatorial ambition of the true angler. Izaak Walton, content by the rippling stream of Old England knew nothing of the leaping, foaming trout streams of North America, or of New Zealand. Else his "Compleat Angler" might have been written in livelier meter. Stewart Edward White tells us of the man who spent \$10,000 trying to catch a tuna big enough to win a club button, and finally was defeated by a shark. Such an one understands why Henry Van Dyke wants to go to New Zealand

But, when one thinks of the trout and salmon waters, the bass and muskie lakes, the pools and rivulets that invite the cast, all over the American continent, the wonder is that any would think of going half way around the world for a day's fishing. Maybe Dr. Van Dyke will sing again, and with greater zest, "America for me!" when he sets his face once more toward "the land of youth and

## "OUT OF A STRANGER'S MOUTH."

Helen Keller will hardly be accused of entertaining any prejudices or preferences that are local to Omaha. She is national, even world-wide, in her scope. Therefore a compliment from her is one to be appreciated. So The Omaha Bee feels justified in accepting the remark she made when one of the staff was presented to her. She said, in her acknowledgement of the introduction:

"Omaha Bee? Oh, that is the western newspaper we hear most about in New York."

Modestly, but sincerely we accept the nomination. The Omaha Bee has long been known in New York, as well as in other eastern centers as the representative newspaper of this great section of the world. Steadfastly The Bee has tried to deserve the confidence of those who turn to it when seeking definite and reliable information concerning affairs and events, as well as the currents of opinion, in the region it represents. and sin) in "card parties" with or without wine or intoxicating liquer for or without "prizes." If they will only consider the matter honestly.

How well this paper has succeeded is shown by the remark of Miss Keller on meeting one of the staff. "The western newspaper we hear most about in New York." It is good to have that reputation, it is a responsibility to live up to it. But both the name and the obligation are accepted.

er who does has no right to be shocked, or condemn them, when their own children become gamblers and drunkards, or even worse, for these habits lead to worse. King The senate will probably carry over the nomina-tion of Warren to be attorney general until after March 4. Good reason exists for thinking some of them would be pleased if the United States had no Department of Justice.

More goods were sent out and brought into the United States in January, 1925, than for the same month in 1924. Yet some folks insist that we are shut out of the world market.

Bishop Manning is right in his decision that while all denominations may contribute to the erection of the cathedral, the Episcopalians will own and manage the structure.

Outlying towns in Douglas county are not ready to be adopted by Omaha. They are as nearly ready as the city is to take them in.

One hobby President Coolidge rides to the intense satisfaction of the people is economy in public ad-

General Mitchell of the air and Admiral Moffitt of the water would do well to come to earth oc-

Occasionally justice prevails. Another Nebraska jury has held that murder is murder.

## Mother of Ten Speaks Out

hildless homes. Even the immortal "What! Another!"

And one, whose red hair probably ject where "Live and let live" applies accounted for her plain speaking, deshrink from the pain of child-bear ing." No so. Every mother knows that what Sherman saaid about war applies equally to child-bearing. For ages woman has known just what suffering each new life meant, and yet it has not served to depopulate the earth.

The first real reason lies here: It ter is quite as dear to me as my first.

Alas! Poor me! I must plead guilty older brother and sisters, o being out of style. Almost outside I must not write what people have Ainsworth. Neb

Firm for Enforcement

Union, Neb .- To the Editor of The

allowing everyone a certain amount of lectual,"

Jazz and Art

Although the discussion about Dr. the pale. I have 10. Ten. Nine are had to say about these two later arPinto's proposed law has been fast
and furious, the mothers have had litsmart and of good, patriotic American
busy bearing and caring for the babies. But as at least one map (W.
M. M.), has expressed a willingness to
listen to the views of the mothers. I they do not even bother the paighbors.

Ilisten to the views of the mothers, I wish to express mine.

Very few seem to strike the real reason for present-day small families and childless homes. Even the immortal "What! Another!"

They do not even bother the neighbors, cared for them ourselves; surely their heighbors, number should not concern my neighbor for present-day small families and childless homes. Even the immortal "What! Another!"

They do not even bother the neighbors, number should not concern my neighbor chooses to have the property of them ourselves; surely their number should not concern my neighbor chooses to have few or none. There was never a sub-

But that curly-haired little daught.

The first real reason lies here: It ter is quite as dear to me as my first, to "pass some laws" devote their time isn't the style to have children. Large Since then I have had two splendid boys, who are very precious to their that it will be easier for those who do have children to rear and educate them.

Alas! Poor me! I must plead guilty older brother and sisters.

"How to Make Prohibition Work" was the straw that broke the dromedary's vertebrae. Many have written foolishly, but to date this is the worst. He boasts: "Everyone except the drys violate the laws and think the law a joke." Well, if it is, it is a good one, and one that will continue long after he and his law-violating friends have ceased to exist. His plan is not to enforce the law, but to have the gov." The Dial" and regular subscriber to "The Dial" and regular subscriber to "Vanity Fair." If jazz and siap violate the laws and think the law a joke." Well, if it is, it is a good one, and one that will continue long after he and his law-violating friends have ceased to exist. His plan is not to enforce the law, but to have the gov." "rejudice" against these "popular" to say the side of the buildings, old and crumbling. Where my young feet used to strath the buildings, old and crumbling. Were once modern in their time. To other eyes they're shabby.

But they seem not so to mine. Somehow, a faded glory.

Almost holy, too, it seems. Surrounds the little village where I've dreamed my childis dreams.

omehow, a faded glory, Almost holy, too, it seems,

force the law, but to have the gov-ernment pass a sane (?) liquor law, American arts is "social and intelliquor. Then he and his friends will ascend in the social and intellectual "help enforce" that law and "help corner bootleggers." I haven't any doubt they would do both: "Enforce the law," by drinking their share, and that of ones who do not use the vile stuff; then "corner bootleggers," for And these softly falling tears? There sweeps o'er me a sadness That I cannot quite explain. It leaves me vainly yearning watch the little children

music beyond comparison with any Bootleggers existed during the time we could produce? Why did not our And I feel strangely aged

of open saloons, and probably will as long as the world remains. Drunkenness has been since before the flood and there may still be some drunkards at the time this world ceases to exist, but there will be "law vio-"

Bootleggers existed during the time to the count produce. Why do not out the fold I feel strangely aged With these younger ones about the fold I feel strangely aged With the fold I feel st Ah, long ago they've scattered, Where or whence, L cannot tell. Through the wide world, up and

Wonder if he considers the Nineteenth opine that the agonizing blares to a To that little old home town, "joke" also, and would like to have set aside? It was the Christian rending syncopations of a suffering Have reserved a spot for me it set aside? It was the Christian rending syncopations of a suffering and temperance women of our nation who worked 50 years to help secure with which a slap-stick artist plasters the Eighteenth, and now that they a pie or, a pahcake on the facial topohave the right to vote, are determined the "hosts of satan" shall not prevail.

Why change only one amendment which a supersisting as steady contributions fo human hap-Have reserved a spot for me,

the "hosts of satan" shall not prevail.

Why change only one amendment to the Constitution? Why not have the whole set aside and "every man be a law unto himself"? Men have tried for thousands of years to set tried for thousands of years to set aside the moral law, given by God as to confess crimes he never committed in order to be "known as sixt legalized compulsory arbitration and "abuse of the writ of injunction and "abuse of the American I is new president indicates that the its new president

one, borrow one), and open to Isalah of, we ourselves have seen, more wisdom of which was admitted by the

and "slap-stick movies," we are insupport will be felt by those who Read also in Proverbs: "Wine is a clined to look upon them as femore and strong drink is raging, and whoseever is deceived thereby is and are by no means proud of Gilbert ment. And it seems most significant For proof of this let him Seldes' claim that they are distinctive that even while Mr look into his own life and those of ly American arts: nor do we feel the still at the helm, the federation at its his friends, then read Proverbs 23:29. least inclination to pity the foreign-annual convention in November made and beer.

35. Many more references might be ers because "they cannot do them no mention of light wines and beer.

## given in both Old and New Testa abroad," ment, but space forbids. If he feels sures us. Cultivating Public Good Will.

From the Nelight Leader:

nanufacturing and possessing liquor, put on in the excitement.

out whom the judge set free, and con-Altogether, judging from

"white

Such is the power of money.)

nuch better without them.

writer, a victim of

slavery," knows the truth of what wrote, and truthfully says:

"Many young people learn to drink and gamble in their own home." What a thought for parents! God hasten the day when

women shall realize the danger

will realize playing for a prize

is just as wrong as playing for the money which bought it, and no moth-

Solomon, who gave many warnings done this line, wrote: "Wee to him

that putteth the bottle to his neigh

"Righteousness exalteth a nation

but sin is a reproach to any people."

Yours for observance and enforcement.

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ear he reads and hears only the wet" side of the question. If he will The death of C. J. Lane, freight secure the Anti-Saloon League Year ook and read that, as well as reports of even local prohibition officers, he road, removes a unique and lovable will find it is not failure. Oh yes! character from the world's activities. The law is violated, but so are all His capacity to make friends was laws. The laws against robbery and limited only by the number of people nurder are violated every hour in the he was able to come into contact with it took the railroad of the lay. Is that any reason for setting with. It took the railroad of this hem aside and having no opportunity country many years to learn the leso punish the violators? He gave his son that it paid to make friends of 'plan" for enforcement, but I think its patrons and prospective patrons "plan" for enforcement, but I think its patrons and prospective patrons mine better. Place all liquor law vio- lators on an island in an ocean, and like him had more to do with this with them all the liquor in our land and let them have all they want and nothing else, even water to drink, men of the Lane type brought it to Then let them reform or "drink them. No matter what may have selves to death." The world will be A short time ago there was much excitement in Omaha over the dance hall and its attendant evils, but that seems to have died. I wish all, but especially mothers and daughters, managers they wanted business and,

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seems to have died. I wish all, but especially mothers and daughters, would secure and read a booklet. "The First Drink: Dance Hall and Saloon." the many attractive features of the ships of this company. He will give you full information such a big factor in the changing at titude of railroad magnates toward the public, an attitude to which the

TRY

## My Old Home Town

Shelby, Neb .- To the Editor of The By CATHERINE ELIZABETH HANSON

Where I've dreamed my childish

It's good to see the old place. After wandering all these years, Romp and play, and laugh and

to exist, but there will be "law vio-lators" then as now, or, to be more definite, "outlaws," for "prohibition has come to stay." He calls the Eighteenth amendment a "joke."

We will concede to Mr. Seldes that "we cannot live on the fine arts alone," and cheerfully admit that "a little nonsence now and then is relished by the wisest men." but we hen I die just take me

tried for thousands of years to set aside the moral law, given by God Himself, but it cannot be done. Every transgression brings punishment and will to the end of time. Jesus declared, "Not one jot or tittle of the law shall pass," but He also said to love God and our neighbors was the fulfilling of the law. If all fulfilled the law in this there would be no need for other, laws.

If "Reader" will get his Bible from where it has lain unread (or, if he has none, borrow one), and open to Isalah of the law in the correspondents speaks of the writ of injunction in labor disputes," as it has been youthful innocence to "jazzy" dance halls and "peppy," dare-devil movies, that, if I were an art critic, I would hesitate to say anything which might add to their "popularity" with our impressionable youth.

If "Reader" will get his Bible from where it has lain unread (or, if he has none, borrow one), and open to Isalah of, we ourselves have seen, more 28, he will find there a complete plc-ture of the drunkard and his horrible the influence of jazz, dancing around after the campaign.

ture of the drunkard and his horrible condition, also the punishment promphonograph with bodily flexures in the influence of jazz, dancing around after the campaign.

In one direction, however, there is likely to be a departure from the judgment," as many Omaha judges who "err in judgment," as many Omaha judges of a war-dancing Comanche to the solomore doing. (For example in the case of Krug, arrested a short time ago for hymns, which they had inadvertently manufacturing and possessing liquor, put on in the excitement. ers because "they cannot do them abroad," as Mr. Seldes proudly as-

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## SUNNY SIDE UP

Jake Comfort nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet

### A PRAYER.

Teach me to walk Thy way aright, Help me to understand Protect me by Thy gracious might And lead me by the hand. Give me a sympathetic heart That I may feel and know The way to share in proper part

Give me the gift to scatter smiles Along life's rugged way. And brighten all the weary miles We tread from day to day.

With fellow creature's woe.

I ask not wealth, nor power of place; I only ask of Thee That Thou turn not away Thy face, But grant Thy smiles to me.

I ask for strength to meet each task For those I dearly love-The strength, dear Lord, I humbly ask

That cometh from above. Incline my heart to wisdom's way;
Guard me o'er moor and fen:
Lead me safe home at close of day,
And Thine the praise. Amen!

Beloved, let us open the Book of Books, turning to Acts

How God annointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was He went about doing good! In those words is summed up the real work of the Master. Doing, not saying. In Matthew

7:21-23 we read: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many won-

derful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew

you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Beware, dearly beloved, of false prophets going up and down the land professing to do great works in the Master's name, but wholly departing from His blessed example of loving admonition and the doing of good. Search the record of His life as you will, you will find but one command that He laid upon those who profess to follow Him: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another." Not by force and repression; not by finite law, but by love, by the doing of good, by lofty sentiment and appeals to man's better nature, did He set about building the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in

There is a vast difference, dearly beloved, between going about doing good to all the people, and going about doing all the people good. Not every one that prophesieth in His name, not every one who pretends to cast out devils in His name, not every one that seeketh the building of the kingdom by forcing man to be good instead of inclining their hearts to good, will be accepted on that great day. "He that heareth these works of mine and doeth them." What works? Good works—helping the weak, leading the blind, attending the sick, drying the tears of widows and orphans, lifting the fallen-doing good

Ever and anon they set up their own rules of faith and prac-tice, ignoring the example of the Master whose whole life's work is summed up in the words, "He went about doing good."

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that receedeth out of the mouth of God." Brethren, incline your hearts to His word, and hearken not to those who would substitute the word of finite law. Be ye doers of the word as well as hearers thereof.

So endeth the lesson. Let us stand up and sing: "Work, for the night is coming, Work through the morning hours; Work while the dew is sparkling, And singing, let us dedicate our lives to the work of going about doing good, not merely talking about it.
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