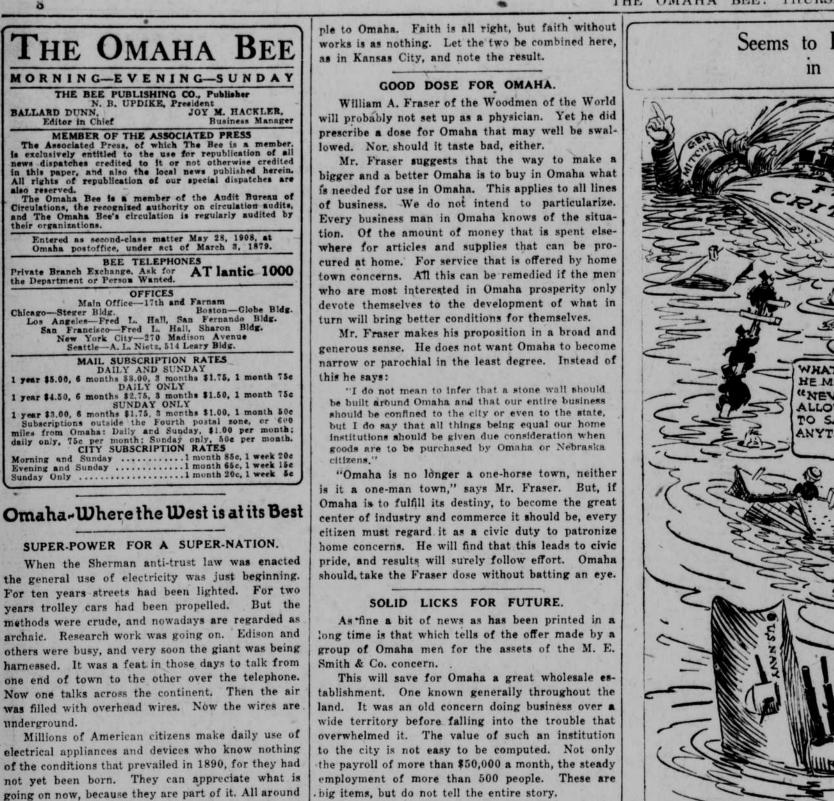
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Presence of such a store is an addition to the prestige of the community. An advantage to the today looks ahead to the greater changes of tomorgeneral trade. Customers coming to do business with M. E. Smith & Co. will also do business with other firms. To preserve such an institution from extinction, is a great service to the entire region.

> The good faith of the Omaha men who have bid for the assets is supported by the substantial deposit of \$200,000. In no better way could their confidence have been shown. Their trust deserves support of the community. When courage backed by money comes to the rescue after this fashion, it means that trust is firm in the future of Omaha as a market center. No amount of talk or publicity of any nature can equal this act as a proof of the solid front Omaha presents.

A few men are doing a powerful lot of good in the way of restoring to Omaha some of the spirit that was lagging. Releasing energy to supplant lethargy. Putting pep in place of apathy. Not a boom. Blowing no bubbles. Chasing no rainbows. Just doing things for the good of the community, and doing them in a solid, thoroughly workmanlike way.

in Gen. Mitchell's Testimony



SUNNY SIDE UP Jake Comfort, nor forget. That Sunrise neverfailed us yet.

The following letter from a genuine old-timer will be read with interest by many other old-timers, one of whom we are which, if you know what we mean:

Auburn, Neb.-Reading your stuff every day reminds me very frequently of the good old days of long ago. Did-you ever "work the hook for a phat take?" Fresh from the military service of the civil war I went into the office of the old Nebraska Advertiser at Brownville to learn the printing trade. Went out to Pawnee City in the fall of '68 and assisted in es-tablishing the first newspaper in that village, the Pawnee • Tribune. Was sticking type in the print shop at Brownville when Wash and Frank Fairbrother established the Chieftain at Tecumseh. If there is any other man than myself living today who was in any way connected with that old newspaper at Brownville during the latter '60s and early '70s, I do not know who he is. I could tell you a lot about the early days, HENRY SANDERS. but not at this time.

Did we ever work the hook? Did we ever jeff for the Did we ever paste a cold dupe? Of course we beverages? never did. We were a model young man while working at the trade. O well, we may have soldiered a bit now and then, knowing that the hook contained something juicy. And we admit an occasional thirst. Probably, too, we once or twice pasted a cold one to get even with the foreman for discrimina-tion. But what a wonderful store of printer lore our Auburn friend must have. Nearly 60 years since first he fronted up to a case and pegged type by hand.

Ever notice how much difference it makes in the way you say a thing. We notice it now and then as we endeavor to find standing room in the street cars. One conductor will say, 'Move up in front, please," and say it in such a tone of voice that not a single passenger stirs. Another conductor will say, "Move up in front, please," and say it in such a way that everybody makes a concerted move forward. One automobile horn will snarl at you and make you turn around, shake your fist at the driver and mutter words unprintable. Another horn will make its announcement in such a way that you feel impelled to turn around and beg pardon for being in the way.

Birth control does not intrigue us. Eugenic marriages hold not a bit of interest. At our age it is girth control that worries us, and we are interested only in seeing that true love, not expediency, is the controlling factor in marriage. We are too blamed busy with the present to worry a tall about the future of the race. We have no desire to engage in reforming mankind. We are kept fairly busy restraining impulses to kick over the traces. We try to love all mankind, but confess that now and then we fail when we see so many people working overtime attending to everybody's business but their own.

President Coolidge did not pick his secretary of agriculture from the best state in the Union. But he did pick him from Kansas, which is the next best, unless you desire to except lowa and Missouri.

The Nebraska Press association is in session at Lincoln this week. Fifty years ago this week the association met in Lincoln and decided to take an excursion to Galveston on May 12. Wonder if there is any new results of the second sec 12. Wonder if there is any newspaper man in Nebraska who made that Galveston trip. It was a little before our time or we would have been along. Those were the days when it was easy for a newspaper man to travel. WILL M. MAUPIN.



Seems to Be at Least One Slight Inaccuracy

ed on the theory that the little old 75-k. w. station should be protected against the aggression of the 100,000-k. w. plant, the law will also operate to prevent the system of 30,000,000 or more becoming a factor to overshadow the 100,000 installation.

them changes are taking place, and making note of

the marvels achieved, the young man or woman of

row. One of these is the super-power system of

river to the Atlantic seaboard in one great generat-

ing and distributing system. Two things are to be

accomplished. Lower cost of manufacture and

greater certainty of service. Giant Power it is called.

It is not a myth, for it has been carefully worked

out by cautious, hard-headed engineers. Water

power and steam power will be united. Generating

plants will be set up at pit mouth wherever possible.

Enormous savings will be made. And current far

beyond the amount consumed today will be pro-

before these gigantic consolidations can be made

But the anti-trust law will have to be modified

Omaha is included in the general plan, which will connect all the important cities from the Missouri

BALLARD DUNN, Editor in Chief

underground.

electrical distribution.

duced and used.

Super-power for a super-nation is coming. With it will also come freedom for industrial combinations. Sunrise on the era of giants is at hand, and as a nation we should be ready to greet its light.

WHEN THE RIVERS GO TO WORK.

Senator Arthur Capper, writing for Capper's Weekly, makes this interesting statement:

"A cargo of wheat went from Omaha, to St Louis by rail and from St. Louis to the Gulf by barge line. The saving between the joint rail-water and the all-rail haul was \$7,500. Had the inland waterway system been in complete operation the grain need have gone only to Kansas City by rail, thence all the rest of the way by water, the raving to the shipper would virtually have been doubled. "Testifying before a house committee, State

Senator E. E. Frizell, who, perhaps, grows more wheat than any other Kansan, declared the present operation of the Mississippi barge line from St. Louis to the Gulf saved Kansas wheat farmers not less than \$4,000,000 in 1924."

This states the case for the river very completely. The federal government has invested \$174,000,000 in river improvements, but these are not connected so as to be of general service. Estimates contemplate the expenditure of \$70,000,000 to complete the links necessary to connect the system. The appropriation bill for the War department, just sent through congress, carries a budget item of \$40,000,-000 for rivers. At least \$17,000,000 will be needed to repair and maintain work already done, leaving \$28,000,000 for carrying on.

Work between Kansas City and St. Louis on the Missouri river will be continued. In time the work north of Kansas City must be taken up. The stretch between Kansas City and Sioux City should be as serviceable as any. Its use will serve the Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota farmers, and save them many millions in cost of reaching markets. Putting the rivers to work is the biggest thing on the program for the middlewest. -

SPIRIT THAT MAKES A CITY.

Kansas City recently witnessed a real calamity. Fire destroyed the great building in which the automobile show was being held. There was a loss of a million and a quarter. Before the firemen had ceased playing water on the embers, plans were laid for constructing a better building on the site. The American Royal Livestock show will continue.

Fine exhibition of community courage. Kansas City's people have faith in themselves, in their present and their future. If they had not held this faith, and backed it with fighting energy, the great city they have builded never would have come to pass. No discounting the advantage Kansas City had in location at the gateway to the southwest. where such abundance of riches has been developed. That is not enough, however, to create a great industrial and commercial center.

Add to that advantage the human element, the trong-hearted, far-seeing, courageous men who laid the foundation and built up on it, and you can understand Kansas City. Men made that town if ever man made any town.

We congratulate our neighbors down stream on the splendid exhibition of civic pride and energy they give in their resolve to at once put up a bigger and better exhibition hall. We commend this exam-

THAT SURCHARGE.

The interstate commerce commission has decided that the railroads are entitled to make a surcharge on Pullman tickets. No one can dispute the right, as the law so provides. The law permits the railroads to make passengers pay to them one-half as much as is paid for the Pullman accommodations.

Of course that surcharge means considerable extra revenue for the railroads. That was the intention. But there exists a doubt whether the extra revenue compensates for the ill-feeling created by the surcharge. It gives rise to a suspicion, however ill-founded it may be, that the railroads deliberately curtail day coach service in order to realize on the sale of Pullman accommodations.

The argument that use of Pullmans is in the nature of a luxury is not good. They are no longer to be so classed, and even if they are, the regular Pullman charge is high enough without having a surcharge tacked on.

The railroad managers might as well ask themselves if the revenue derived from the surcharge compensates them for the resentment it arouses in the minds of the traveling public.

It is gradually dawning upon the people that the constitution is not something to be tinkered with by any reformsmith who happens to come along with a Great Remedy.

Clarence Darrow says the human race is not worth saving. But he has profited hugely by saving some of its worst specimens

Report is that Russia is thinking of paying up. Just thinking.



PROSPECTS FOR BETTER DAYS.

- Writes a feller from the country where all things are
- big and fine: "You are welcome to my pleasures, if you'll trade your
- for mine; You can have my cream and butter, and the orioles will sing
- While you plow your ground and seed it in the blamy days of spring.
- "You can spend your idle hours in the winter hauling hav-
- trees and saw them up to pass the You can chop down time away, And you'll not be bothered ever by a boss who doesn't
- That you are the least bit human from the way he
- makes you go.
- "In the autumn when you're working you can look up at the trees.
- And behold them there like glants swaying in the gentle breeze;
- You can see, as sees the artist, such perfection and delight.
- Where the fields of corn are reaching miles and miles beyond your sight."
- I am gripped with fascination, and I'm half inclined to go
- Where the trees behave sedately, and the corn and onions grow;-Where the moon of night smiles sweetly while one
 - dreams and does the chores,
- And is wholly captivated by the dear old Out of Doors.

a to the execution had to be stopped, because one or more of them always committed murder very soon thereafter) about everywhere; headlines on front pages of newspapers of surunding circumstances; passions were aroused in those who allow them elves to hate someone else. shait not kill' makes legalizing it the most cold-blooded, calculating, pre-meditated way when done by the state. Each reader of this, you write to your member of the house and senate at Lincoln. Do it now. A. B.

To Stop War.

by the state, murders increase? I

Bible and Prohibition.

Council Bluffs, Ia .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Mr. Maupin is en-tirely correct in the assertion that no scriptural authority or basis can be found to sustain prohibition, and the effort to thus suppress the use of intoxicating liquors.

Justification thereof, from a Biblical standpoint, is impossible until we first realize and admit that our people possess only a form of Godliness and deny the power which always inheres in true righteousness. In othe words, if we were a Christian people or held more than a form of righte-ousness, the leavening influence would make prohibition unnecessary. True Christians cause the water of the fountain of life to flow so freely that men will no longer desire the things which are harmful or defiling. Prohibition is pure Mohammedan-ism and contrary to the spirit and purpose of Jesus Christ in every par ticular. Force is the cornerstone of the former religion, while liberty and freedom of choice are elemental al-ways in the kingdom of heaven. In adopting prohibition, our nation fol-lowed the lead of Turkey and Mahomet, and every true Christian must blush with shame, for we have never before drawn our inspiration there-from or copied the Turk for virtue. God is in no sense a prohibitionist. If otherwise, He would have con-structed an impassable fonce around the tree of knowledge at the creation



House Painter Lem Beasley is varnishin' toast in a sandwich shop. Nothin's ever said about who ascends t' th throne when a Chicago ing gits riddled with bullets.

For

Constipation, Biliousness, Headache

BEE WANT ADS BRING RESULTS