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Omaha-Where the West is at its Best SUPER-POWER FOR A SUPER-NATION.

When the Sherman anti-trust law was enacted the general use of electricity was just beginning. For ten years streets had been lighted. For two years trolley cars had been propelled.

Millions of American citizens make daily use of electrical appliances and devices who know nothing of the conditions that prevailed in 1890, for they had not yet been born.

Omaha is included in the general plan, which will connect all the important cities from the Missouri river to the Atlantic seaboard in one great generating and distributing system.

But the anti-trust law will have to be modified before these gigantic consolidations can be made effective.

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 \$2,500.

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.

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.

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ple to Omaha. Faith is all right, but faith without works is as nothing. Let the two be combined here, as in Kansas City, and note the result.

GOOD DOSE FOR OMAHA. William A. Fraser of the Woodmen of the World will probably not set up as a physician. Yet he did prescribe a dose for Omaha that may well be swallowed. Nor should it taste bad, either.

Mr. Fraser suggests that the way to make a bigger and a better Omaha is to buy in Omaha what is needed for use in Omaha. This applies to all lines of business. We do not intend to particularize.

Every business man in Omaha knows of the situation. Of the amount of money that is spent elsewhere for articles and supplies that can be procured at home. For service that is offered by home town concerns.

Mr. Fraser makes his proposition in a broad and generous sense. He does not want Omaha to become narrow or parochial in the least degree.

"Omaha is no longer a one-horse town, neither is it a one-man town," says Mr. Fraser. But, if Omaha is to fulfill its destiny, to become the great center of industry and commerce it should be, every citizen must regard it as a civic duty to patronize home concerns.

SOLID LICKS FOR FUTURE. As fine a bit of news as has been printed in a long time is that which tells of the offer made by a group of Omaha men for the assets of the M. E. Smith & Co. concern.

This will save for Omaha a great wholesale establishment. One known generally throughout the land. It was an old concern doing business over a wide territory before falling into the trouble that overwhelmed it.

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.

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.

THAT SURCHARGE. The interstate commerce commission has decided that the railroads are entitled to make a surcharge on Pullman tickets.

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 is gradually dawning upon the people that the constitution is not something to be tinkered with by any reformer 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.

Home spun Verse By Omaha's Own Poet—Robert Worthington Davie

PROSPECTS FOR BETTER DAYS. Writes a fellow from the country where all things are big and fine:

"You are welcome to my pleasures, if you'll trade your job for mine; You can have my cream and butter, and the ortoles will sing

"You can spend your idle hours in the winter hauling hay,— You can chop down trees and saw them up to pass the time away.

"In the autumn when you're working you can look up at the trees. And behold them there like giants awaying in the gentle breeze;

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.

Seems to Be at Least One Slight Inaccuracy in Gen. Mitchell's Testimony



Letters From Our Readers

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

To Stop War. Valentine, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The foundation of war and murder is the state legislatures legalizing murder.

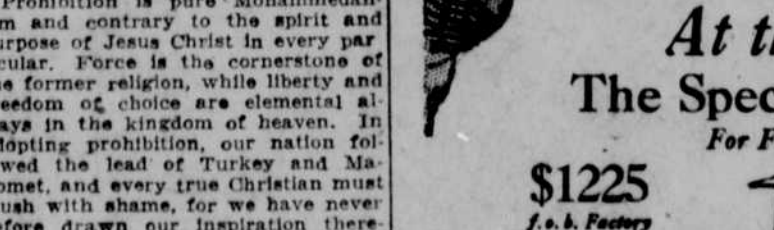
to prevent access thereto by our first parents. He knew all the tragedy of sin and the pain, misery and death which it has entailed upon mankind.

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SUNNY SIDE UP Take comfort, nor forget, That sunrise never failed us yet. Celiaaxter

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?"

Did we ever work the hook? Did we ever Jeff for the heavens? Did we ever paste a cold dupe? Of course we never did. We were a model young man while working at the trade.

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.

Birth control does not intrigue us. Eugenic marriages worry us, and we are interested only in seeing that true love, not expediency, is the controlling factor in marriage.

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 Iowa and Missouri.

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