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## Omaha-Where the West is at its Best

### SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Discussion of the proposed site for the air field brings to mind a little matter that has been too long neglected. Regardless of whatever conditions prevailed when the courts decided that a considerable part of East Omaha really is in Iowa, the situation now demands that that decision be changed. Not hy reversing the court's order, but by inducing the state of Iowa to cede to Nebraska the land that lies wholly within Nebraska's borders, and belongs to Iowa only by reason of what may be called a legal fiction

Something like forty years ago the Missouri river one night made a cut-off. The current took a straight shoot across a neck of land, and left a loop which since has become Carter Lake. The land outside that loop is Nebraska, the land inside is Iowa. This because the court distinguishes between a sudden and a gradual change in the river's meander. The center of the stream being the boundary line between the two states.

Omaha is making extensive improvements on the lake, because it is part of the city's park system. But half of it is in Iowa. The lake is now set apart as a sanctuary for wild fowl, but complications may arise because of divided control. The air field will be inside Nebraska in all respects.

Carter Lake club residents are by right citizens of Omaha, but in reality are citizens of Iowa, for they do not reside in Nebraska. A lot of these inconsistencies might be cleared up, were the subject Jaken up with the Iowa authorities and settled on a reasonable basis.

### SLAUGHTER IN THE COAL MINES.

America has the highest death rate per ton of coal mined in all the civilized world. It is increasing its own record. In 1924 the figures were higher than for 1923. The start made by 1925 suggests it

will reach the highest total ever attained.

are potent. Samuel Gompers was an exponent of the theory that labor's proper field was economic. not political. In politics he was confessedly and practically an opportunist. Recognizing that in both democratic and republican parties were men of strong sympathy and decided leaning toward the program of labor, Gompers steadfastly preached, "Reward your friends and punish your enemies." By this he meant that labor should support those who would help and oppose those who would hinder, regardless of party label.

Labor can gain no decided advantage through political control, in this or any other country. That was very conclusively shown by the recent experience of England, where a labor government held office for a short and fruitless season. Its program, exclusively socialistic, was found incapable of being put into force. The overwhelming victory of the tories at the election shows how complete was the reversal of public thought.

Only one president of an international union at the Chicago conference voted for the third party. He said he could not bind his organization. Only nine of the sixteen voted to go into the meeting of the La Follette conference, and they will go as individuals, not as spokesmen for their organizations. The socialists will revive the fortunes of their party, almost extinguished by the La Follette movement. But whatever form of political organization emerges, it will not be a labor party. Samuel Gompers, though dead, still speaks to his followers.

### GIANT COMMERCE, PETTY LAWS.

Again has the Federal Trade commission centered thought on the development of modern industry in the United States. It asks that the big packing companies be required to divest themselves of ownership of refrigerator cars. That the same be turned over to a managing concern, which will run them as does the Pullman company its sleeping and dining cars.

That sounds all right, but the proposition should be examined very closely before an opinion is definitely expressed. Keep in mind that a similar order with reference to the stockyards could not be carried out as planned, because outsiders did not care to invest several hundreds of millions in the enterprise. Also, that very recently the fruit growers of California were before the I. C. C., asking that the order which forbids the hauling of other than meat foods in packers' refrigerator cars be modified, so that the fruit growers can again have a service they were deprived of by the action of the Federal Trade commission.

Regard, also, the fact that the packers have developed their refrigerator car lines just as they have developed other phases of the industry. Not as a monopoly, but as necessary and essential service to the public. Railroad companies would not invest the large sums of money needed to provide the specially built cars. Others than the packers have these cars. Before prohibition the breweries had them.

Finally, it emphasizes strongly what The Omaha Bee has been saying in regard to the development of business in America. We are out of the day of the small, the petty, the insignificant. Into an era of small, the petty, the insignificant. This an era of miting the appropriation of a certain my drooping heard. ing thousands of men, doing business on a conti-nental, or a world scale. Mass production, mass dis-

What period of the world's development will be chosen as the camping ground for our social existence? To call a great co-ordinated service "monopoly" and order it broken up for no better reason than that it is big, is going backward. It is like demolishing a huge modern printing press because it is more efficient than the antiquated affair Ben Franklin used. That served in Franklin's day, but it is a curiosity rather than a source of service now.



An Issue Which Was Bound to Come Up Sooner or Later Anyway

# 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.

be conveyed to the penitentiary of this state by the sheriff of the county in , which the conviction

and after the bill tad been passed, had it recalled for further consideration, after which it was passed a second time. Without a roll call vote)

### Paying for the War.

Chadron, Neb .- To the Editor of | bleeding, and I feel sometimes like n The Omaha Bee: When the women's Wants New Penitentiary. Omaha — To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I understand that there is a bill up before the legislature per- is with me and He alone can cheer any Paris or other European clothes

MRS. W. A. KELLEY. Diamond-Studded Teeth. Albion. Neb.—To the Editor of The Ommaha Bee: Capt. W. W. Peebles. D. S. of U. S. A. and P. W. Sawyer cach inserted a one-guarter-carat dia D. S. of U. S. A. and P. W. Sawyer cach inserted a one-guarter-carat dia

Thoughts while taking a Sunday stroll around Omaha: Medical Arts building. Skeleton disintegrating in the elements. Mighty poor advertisement for Omaha. Street should be cleared of unsightly fence and sidewalks opened.

Jake Comfort, nor forget That Sunrise never failed us yet.

How do all the eating houses make a living? Seems to be one every other door. Used to be places where one could get a square meal for a quarter. What has become of them? Why are chop sney parlors always on the second and third floors?

SUNNY SIDE UP

Reminded that we haven't seen a "hot dog" peddler on the streets for a long time. Makes us hungry to think about them. Somehow or other they don't taste so good when you have to step through a door to buy them.

Passed the southwest corner of the courthouse. Reminded of the old brick sail that stood there before the hill was cut Saw Ed Neal hanged there. Was an interested onlooker that night when the mob broke into the jail and lynched the That wasn't the last mob that gathered around that negro. particular location.

Lyric building down to two stories now. Was considered a great ornament and addition to Omaha when first erected. Sadly dwarfed fater. Now a pigmy. Why that curved jog in Twentieth street where it crosses Farmam?

Remember the brick residence at the corner of Nineteenth and Douglas, perched way up on a hill, solitary and alone? Lowering it to street level was a wonderful engineering feat for those days. What became of the house?

Moocher slipped alongside and asked for "a little something to get a cup of coffee and something to eat." Looked husky Cave bim a dime. Pretty sure he was a professional panhan dier and wholly undeserving, but took a chance. Will probably enjoy our own dinner better.

Fire denartment rushes by. Motorizing the fire department took most of the romance out of it. But it added a lot of efficiency. Used to love to watch the horses galloping along the street, and would watch them as far as they remained in ht. Merely turn our head when the gasoline wagons rush Query: Were the gallant and faithful old fire horses pensight. sioned or were they sold to wear themselves out at plebelan tesks?

Recalling the auto show reminds us of something as we saunter along Douglas street. What has become of the old Simmons carriage factory? It used to be a flourishing Omaha industry.

Driver of a team of gray horses pulls up suddenly to avoid colliding with woman on crossing. Noticed woman had red hair, Probably hennaed, Recalled to mind the old gag about white horses and red headed girls. Long time ago, wasn't it. But it was good while it lasted.

Blind man on corner playing doleful tune on violin. They have been going and coming ever since we first landed in Omaha, and that was nearly four decades sgo. Wonder where they come from and where they go.

Man and wife wheeling baby carriage containing twins about a year old. Twins always intrigue us. Had twin sisters, but cannot remember them. Always wanted-feels like spring ts just in the offing, doesn't it?

Inward reminder that it is time to be heading for our modest apsymment. Do not need a watch to remind us that it is almost the Sunday dinner hour. WILL M. MAUPIN.

tribution, mass production, mass dis-order of the Federal Trade commission, if enforce-rable, would check progress, hamper industrial devel-opment, set us back to where we were in the '80s, marent. If we start going backward, where will we stop? What needed di the word? If we start going backward, where will we stop?

As a people we have become so calloused to industrial accidents that we give little attention to them. Volumes are written or uttered deploring the sacrifice of life attendant on war. Yet the sacrifice in industry exceeds that of war, and is accepted almost as a matter of course. In nothing is this more clearly shown than in the coal mining industry. Great attention has been given to the matter of what to do after the accident has occurred. Elaborate systems for carrying on rescue work are adopted. Much more can be done toward the greater object, that of preventing accidents.

It is known that colliery explosions result from either gas or dust. Presence of one or the other in dangerous quantities always manifests itself before the disaster. Ventilation is the remedy for one. and will assist in overcoming the other. One approved remedy for dust is the sprinkling of the exposed surfaces of the coal seam with rock dust. which keeps down the explosive coal dust.

These things are known, but are not generally used. Cost of pumping down fresh air, or of sprinkling with rock dust, may be assigned as the reason for the failure to apply the safety devices. Some day public sentiment may be aroused to a point where it will resent the fact that nearly five men die for each 1,000,000 tons of coal hoisted in the United States. One does not like to sit by a glowing grate and have his musings disturbed by the thought of the sacrifice of human life at which his comfort is purchased. But the slaughter in the coal pits goes needlessly on.

### OUR OWN BIENNIAL SALARY GRABS.

Congress put through a bill increasing the pay of its own members so fast that the paper it was written on almost scorched as it whizzed along. The Nebraska legislature is moving a little more deliberately in the consideration of requests for increases in pay. It seems that about every mother's son whose name is on the public payroll in any capacity thinks he should have his salary hiked.

That is a laudable ambition. No man should be satisfied with what he is getting. If he thinks he is worth more and has a chance to get more, he should go after it. But, there is the other side to the question. If the public is paying enough for the service it is getting, and the public generally is liberal, then the office holder should be required to make out an exceedingly good case for himself before he is allotted the advance in salary rate he is seeking. This general rule should always be observed.

We do not undertake to answer the question entirely. Among the list of those who are now besigging the legislators for increases in pay some doubtless have good reason back of them. Others do not. The whole matter should be examined into very carefully, and final award should be made on justice and facts as they exist.

Taxes in Nebraska are high enough, salaries paid officials in general are fair. Keeping these admitted facts in mind, the bills for adding new burdens by reason of increase in salaries should be very carefully scrutinized by the legislature. Salary grabs In mass never are popular.

### GOMPERS' SPIRIT MARCHES ON.

Decision of the railway labor union heads not te enter into the formation of a third party as such de significant of one thing. The precept and example of the great leader of organized labor still

The robin, the lark and the bluebird having been 'seen." we now await announcement of the mosquito and the fishworm in order to proclaim the advent of spring. Meanwhile, the groundhog still has the floor.

Some of these days an iconoclast will stand up and tell us that Senator Vest never paid that tribute to the dog, and then the work of obliterating iconoclasts will begin.

"Earth vibrations" continue in and about San Francisco. San Franciscans discourteously refuse to recognize an earthquake when they meet it on the public highway.

There is at least one good thing about those Herrin massacres. They prevented a lot of northern newspapers from throwing editorial fits about mobs down south.

After 64 years of statehood Kansas is allowed to furnish a member of the cabinet. We trust this reluctant to sentence a will have a tendency to heal a few of those bleeding wounds.

One great and glorious item of news may have escaped your attention. A dispatch asserts that "Big Bill" Hayward is still in Russia.

Our idea of a genuine optimist is a man looking through the seed catalogues and thinking he can raise 'em just like the pictures.

King George of England is said to be suffering from a bad cold. And no 12-mile limit on the remedy, either.

The city man who laughs at the hicks for buying gold bricks is the same man who falls for the "prime old stuff" gag.



### GOING INTO BUSINESS.

- When one gets weary of working for wages. And sharing the hired man's lot. He sore of imagines that others have freedom And riches while he has not;
- He ventures to take his few precious dollars That long have been placed on the shelf. And go into business and gather a fortune. And generally better himself.
- Perhaps, he must borrow, if what he has garnered
- Is less than he needs to begin,-And much alips away to the current before The first little portion comes in.
- 'There's many expenses that eren't included Along with the figured amount,
- And numerous items that one who is starting In business neglects to count.

It takes money to buy and money to sell Whatever our products are,---

- The man who wins must be a man Who sees distinct and far Because a week, or month, or year
- Means little in business schemes
- A lifetime isn't too long to spend Achieving those golden dreams,

took place, and shall there be delivered into the custody of the warden of said penitentiary, together with a copy of the sentence the court, ordering such imprisonment, there to be safely seep until the term of his confinement shall have expired, or shall be pardoned.

W. E. ALENANDER.

Norris and the Salary Grab. Omaha -- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Your editorial on the Our commonwealth has grown to threat of Senator Norris to filibuster such an extent that there is no longer recalls that he did not make suc room in the penitentiary for people threat until after the senate amended sentenced to a term therein. The the legislative appropriation bill in-

Abe Martin

Th' newspapers 'll keep a cave

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For JANUARY, 1925

THE OMAHA BEE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2d day of February, 1925, W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public

practice has been for the last two creasing the salary of the senators to years to confine men and women sen. \$10,000 a year. Strange how these retenced to the penitentiary to our formers never allow anything to inter-county jails, and through no fault of fere with their own personal or poany sheriff in the state, but purely on litical interests. Their devotion to account of the very nature of the folks back home seems to be advercounty jalls, prisoners remain in a tised by their efforts in other direccomparatively small cell, where they itons. The senator's voice was silent have no vocation, no avocation, or as the grave Tuesday afternoon of nothing to occupy their minds. this week when the senate voted with-I know of my own personal knowl-edge of many prisoners sentenced to to horease their salaries \$2,500 each, the state pententiary who have remained for over a year in our Douglas fillbuster or to threaten, that was the

time when "silence was golden" for George. A READER. 1011 Mr. Penton, the warden of our state pentientiary, has the prisoners con-stantly occupied by certain construc-stantly occupied by certain constructive wholesome work. This is im the job when the salary grab bill was going through the senate. He did in

The longest period under the law land this sentence is very seld given), is six months or a county jail, and the courts are very

or over 30 or 60 days in a re jall, but owing to the lack of space

in our penitentiary, penitentiary pris oners are 'confined sometimes for a much longer period. Close contact with this situation. and with these prisoners, and with the

knowledge of the great wrong that is being done some of them, forces me to write this letter.

This commonwealth is prosperous enough to take proper care of his wards. The law that I have above quoted directing that prisoners should be taken within 30 days to the pententiary, is just as important as any

other law on our statule book. The state must obey the law under the sovereignty of its people just the same as any of its chizens. Let us build a new penitentlary. JOHN N. BALDWIN. Public Infender.

Public Defender, Douglas County,

### From a Boy's Mother.

Van Buren, Ark.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I am the mother of Norman Kelley, deceased, one of the boys shot down in Omaha by Mer chant Gulick.

I want the people of Omaha to know something of my boy's life. We sent him to school until he was a juntor in high school. During va-We see more of our friends in Florcations he worked side by side with his father on the farm until the fall (Copyright, 1923.) of 1923, when his father took charge of the Commercial cafe here. There he worked until May, 1924, when he joined the army and went away. Norman was born and reared in Van Buren, Ark., and he never had a robbery charge of any kind against him in his life. He was respected and liked by everybody who knew

Our friends do not believe the report. I do not believe the report, and never will.

My boy was brought up right, and he was never neglected. Each morn ing and evening found me praving for my fine-looking, tall boy, and it always seemed that I could get close to God when I talked to Him about my child, that was away, than any thing else. It seemed when I prayed for him the heavens opened, and I am will praving that my boy's name ill be cleared

Of course my heart is torn and

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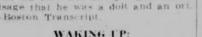
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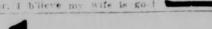
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