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Its representatives in the legislature have always been liberally inclined towards the state institutions, and especially towards the university.

The good roads program and the gasoline tax question should be considered on their merits, and those merits carefully examined. It is extremely short-sighted on the part of men and newspapers to oppose a public measure simply and solely because Omaha favors it. This municipality long ago discovered that it can grow and prosper only as Nebraska grows and prospers, and that anything harmful to the state as a whole can not be beneficial to Omaha.

### THE NEW POSTAL RATES.

Now that the postal pay increase has been granted, and our postoffice clerks and mail carriers will enjoy a better wage, the public will be compelled to pay the increase. No longer will you be able to mail the picture postcard with its legend, "Having a good time, wish you were here," for 1 cent. From now on you will have to dig up 2 cents for postage on each postcard. And if you use the parcel post you will have to dig up an additional 2 cents per package. If perchance you want to register a letter you will have to dig up a dime and a half, 15 cents, instead of the usual dime, with another 3 cents tacked on if you want a return receipt. Your favorite periodical, too, will probably cost you a little more, their postal rate having been increased.

It will be a bit annoying for a time, but the public will become accustomed to it. The public always does. But let the patrons of the postoffice bear in mind that the postal increase is in line with everything else. You have been paying the same old rate for postage for years on end, while everything else was bally-hoating skyward. Instead of groaning about it let them remember that they are merely contributing to business, for the postal employes will have more money to spend.

### "NEVER HAD A CHANCE."

Saul Singer is not one of those who complained, while yet a young man, that he "never had a chance." Twenty-five years ago Saul Singer, then a lad of 17, landed on American shores. He came from Sebastopol, homeless, friendless and penniless.

But he did not sit down and whine about it. He secured a job in a New York sweatshop at starvation wages. He worked his way up, taking his companions along with him. In time he was an employer. He put the garment-making business on a humane plane. He raised wages and led the fight that resulted in legislation beneficial to garment workers and manufacturers alike. He formulated a plan that resulted in closer and more amicable relations between employers and employes.

The other day Saul Singer, only a quarter of a century ago a poor immigrant boy who could not talk the language of his adopted country, was elected vice president of a \$60,000,000 banking corporation. And, to celebrate his new honor, there was a banquet attended by managers of huge garment-making corporations and Federation of Labor officials.

There is a moral connected herewith if the youth of America will take the time to dig it out.

### SPEAKER LONGWORTH.

The selection of Nicholas Longworth to be speaker of the house of representatives will be endorsed by republicans everywhere, and by the country as a whole. His district, Hamilton county, elected him to the Fifty-eighth and each succeeding congress, and he will be speaker when he begins his 10th consecutive term.

Before being elected to congress Speaker Longworth served in both branches of the Ohio legislature, and won his successive elections to congress on merit. His standing with his colleagues is shown by the fact that he was preferred above Representative Madden of Chicago, one of the really great men in congress.

The action of the caucus was such that the new speaker begins his work under the most favorable auspices. That Nicholas Longworth will measure up fully to the place is not questioned. He will be a fitting successor to really great men who have graced that exalted position, second in power and authority only to the presidency.

The well known author who has gone to Africa to hunt big game with a bow and arrow is not much. A little fellow has been bringing down big game with a small bow and arrow for ages untold.

We are not overly interested in the centennial of the invention of the detachable collar, but we would like to celebrate the first anniversary of the invention of the non-soluble collar button.

Democratic paragraphers are not worrying half as much about the president riding a hobby-horse as they are about his persistency in sticking on a few that the people like.

A Philadelphia woman held a public funeral for her pet goldfish. If fish is a good brain food it's a pity the Philadelphia woman didn't fry her pet goldfish and eat it.

The army-navy air service scrap makes interesting reading, but it doesn't give the reading public much information about the aircraft situation.

Senator La Follette will head a new party, but has not yet given it a name. The wise man always waits to select a name for the new baby.

If Lieutenant Wood has anything left, perhaps some expert manipulator of the three little shells could accommodate him.

Of course those disciplined senators and congressmen are mad, but unfortunately not too mad to talk.

## Homespun Verse

By Omaha's Own Poet—  
Robert Worthington Davie

### ISAAC SUNSHINE.

Gay Isaac Sunshine glided down life's smooth and easy trail,  
Believing that a master scheme would not his wishes fail.  
And in a very fleeting time he'd have abundant kale.  
Success was his—and such success that few who live may claim;  
And it was his because he knew the way to play his game,  
And he afar before the cops in dingle-busses came.  
'Twas sweet beyond the power of words to deal as was his craft.  
There must be much enjoyment in an unsuspected graft.  
And it is hard to even dream how heartily he laughed.  
He was not wise, as Time avers, for swift his plans went bad;  
His cleverness bids fair to take what privilege he had,  
And he'll, no doubt, awake at length a sadder, wiser lad.  
But one who laughs while misery on others' backs is thrust,  
Shall bear the frightful burdens which a crooked codger must.  
And tell the world that justice is in most respects unjust.

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## 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.

### Has an Awful Peeve.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Your editorial, "Toss Over This," speaks of "constructive criticism." What is constructive criticism? Is it the telling of a patent truth or of some partial truth? From your point of view it appears to be return to that worn-out slogan: "If you can't boost, don't knock." The world is sadly in need of constructive criticism. It has entirely too much of the other kind. In other words, there is too much of the public-spirited bunk which wants the public to believe a thing, whether true or not. We must not call a spade a spade because it might hurt the prospects of our town and business; on the other hand, we can't let just as much about the advantages and inducements we have to offer as we think the stranger without our gates will swallow, just so long as we can get him into our net. There is one thing you newspaper editors ought to awaken to, and that is that the public is no longer laboring under any illusions regarding the policy of the daily press. We know just how much to expect in the way of news; we know just what the press policy is toward its subscriber and the entirely different policy it has toward its advertisers—two different classes of customers. The editor of the average daily paper is just like the storekeeper—he must not do anything to offend his patrons and so lose no trade to his competitor. You preach constructive criticism, but you dare not practice it. I will take one instance as proof. The Brandeis theater has been charging first-class prices for second-class shows and you have helped advertise them as first-class shows. You did not dare do otherwise because this theater advertises. Here are a few of the first-class shows: "Heart O' Mine," "The Big Mogul," "Blossom Time," Pavlov; "The Passing Show" was punk; La Berencia is good; Mitzel is a second-class goulash. You have no constructive theatrical criticism in Omaha, and if you had you wouldn't use the word "constructive" in your critic. Your critics nowadays are supposed to write appraisals of performances, regardless of the actual critical opinion, in order not to transgress upon the sacred territory of the box office. You present-day editors

have the civic bug altogether too strongly entrenched in your policies. You holler for constructive criticism, but what you want is booster propaganda. The late Theodore Roosevelt said in effect that all criticism based on fact was constructive, and that only misleading criticism was harmful. If I complain of the rent hogs—that's destructive criticism—for it might keep somebody from locating there. It matters not that it is the truth. If I complain of the dirty streets, the smoke nuisance, the traffic and parking systems, I get frowned upon, yet all of this is constructive criticism because it is the truth. Allen Dale recently refused to express an opinion on some of the rotten New York plays because it was constructive, but not the kind wanted. Think it over.  
T. H. WALTERS, City.

### Editorial Feelings Hurt.

We are beginning to feel sensitive over the great disparity in market prices quoted for old roosters and old hens. As we grow older, we are more inclined to recall under what seems to be a personal affront when the copy reader says: Old roosters, 6 cents; old hens, 17 cents.—Wayne Herald.

### Abe Martin



"We're gittin' t' have almost as many calls for th' dictionary as we have for 'Robinson Crusoe' an' 'Lullabye.'" says Librarian Myrt Pash t'day. We all love peace, but th' endin' o' th' gasoline war jest seem'd t' cast a pall over ever' thing down our way.  
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## SUNNY SIDE UP

Take Comfort, nor forget,  
That Sunrise never failed us yet.  
Celia Thaxter

After listening to Dr. Sadler's illuminating talk on pep we are going to take more exercise, eat less meat and more vegetables, and quit a few things. We beat Dr. Sadler to it in the adoption of a fact. We are having as much fun as any man is entitled to passing laws and uplifting the Dear People. We do not know what our blood pressure is, but we know it gets mighty high when we meet up with people who object to being uplifted.

We also beat Dr. Sadler to this thing of Loving Our Job. But we can not help worrying about it now and then. It is such a congenial job that we are scared to death we'll lose it and have to go to work. We were so interested in the doctor's address that we plum forgot to ask him how to quit worrying about it. We are going to write and ask him.

The deaths so close together of Charley Lane and Everett Buckingham, companions from early manhood, inflicted a double loss upon Omaha and the entire west. While very young men in St. Joseph Charley and "Buck" roomed together. They owned a dress suit between them, and their only quarrels were about which was entitled to wear it next. One night there was a little fire in their rooming house and the dress suit was sadly soiled and shrunken by the water. Both had put on weight since the suit was purchased. When the insurance adjuster came around Charley donned the tight-fitting suit, swelled out his chest and declared that the water had caused it to shrink until it was unwearable. "Buck" backed Charley in the declaration, and the adjuster finally agreed to furnish Charley with a new one. On the way back east with the remains of his old friend, "Buck" declared that Charley brought that suit to Omaha and used it for years.

"Know Omaha Better" is a corking good slogan. To it we make bold to add: "Make a Better Omaha to Know."

Nebraska Limerick.  
There was a man in Syracuse  
Who hit the booze to beat the deuce.  
He swallowed some wood alcohol  
And on the doctor made a call.  
But Doc just sighed and said, "No use."

We've stood a lot of gouging without making protest, but right here the worm turns. We've long been partial to hard rolls and plenty of rolls for breakfast, or occasionally for luncheon. For years the hard rolls were of satisfactory size. Of late they have decreased about one-third without any corresponding decrease in price. As before remarked, we've gone to the limit of our patience. Either they put the hard rolls back to the old size or we'll quit eating them.

We make no pretense of being a dramatic critic. We enjoy a show that we like, but couldn't tell you why. For some time we have been puzzled to know the difference between a "Tollies" show and the burlesque. We have decided that the difference lies in the fact that in burlesque the chorus girls and dancers wear more clothes.

At various times in our somewhat long and altogether uneventful life we have cherished as many ambitions as a certain man has pickles. Now we have but one, and that is to be the possessor in fee simple of an extra collar button and two pairs of suspenders.  
WILL M. MAUPAIN.

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