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WORK FOR POSTAL INSPECTORS.

The right to speak its mind freely on any and every subject which it believes should be called to the attention of its readers has long been jealously guarded by every publisher with any claim whatsoever to respect. .

Consorship-it is the stamping ground of every ax-grinding reformer and it can not be too grudgingly granted. But there comes occasionally a book or a publication in which the inherent right to liberty of expression is debauched into pure license.

Right now the newsstands furnish vividly colored examples of the cupidity of commercial-minded publishers, who abandon every vestige of decency to build up a profitable circulation for their publications devoted to "confessions" and "romances." And one of the most pitiful sides of these money-grubbing ventures is that they are labeled "true."

There has been many a hoax perpetrated under the banner of Truth, but none more flagrant than in these magazines whose appeal is frankly to sex. Perhaps the more ignorant of their readers seeking, for a few cents to flag the senses, believe the editors' claim to "truth." The fact is, however, they are hammered out by men and women, with some small ability to write, who are enabled, thereby, to pick up a few dollars without undue literary exer-

They have never lived the experiences they relate as their own. They never expect to. The chances are ten to one they have dug into the files of some newspaper for its account of a sensational trial in which a girl was involved, added a great daub of carmine here and there, and then have "confessed" all for 3 cents a word.

There is no pretense to careful writing. Rather the contrary, since it would defeat the aims of the publication which tells the simple trials and tribulations of the simple girl.

And, as a final insult to those who buy, there is offered, in conclusion the happy ending, the moral ending. The crooked path has become straight for the heroine. Go thou and do likewise if your road deviates to right or left.

Pure buncombe. A saccharine coating of morality which hides a frankly sexual pill.

In Council Bluffs recently an unwed mother was tried and acquitted for the murder of her child. Freed, she declared that she was returning to the quiet life she had abandoned in search of a thrill. If this story is not "confessed" in print in a short time, its counterpart will be.

Postal inspectors who waged a long fight and a hard fight to bar the mails to James Branch Cabell's "Jurgen" have been tilting windmills. "Jurgen" could at least muster in defense the plea that it was beautifully written. And written so that it did not appeal to the rank and file of American word consumers. It was not pure pornography masquerading as truth and morality.

Here is a foeman worthy of the postal inspector's steel. Here he can combat not a Virginia author, but a group of men grown wealthy through their successful appeal to a public with 25 cents to spend for its week's reading and a demand that only 25 cents worth of filth go with it.

THE PASSING PIONEERS.

As Nebraska marches with long strides toward a grander destiny, one by one the pioneers who blazed the way are passing from the scene of action. John E. Smith was one of those pioneers, and in his passing not only is his home city of Beatrice berefit but Nebraska loses a stalwart citizen. For 53 years John E. Smith engaged actively in the banking business in Beatrice. Not only did he see Beatrice grow to metropolitan size from small beginnings, but in that growth and development he played a leading part. The talents entrusted to his care he used diligently and for more than selfish benefit.

A younger generation, surrounded by every luxury and benefiting by improved business methods, knows little or nothing of the struggles and privations of Nebraska pioneers like John E. Smith. They too often forget that their own success is based largely upon what the pioneers wrought. They are too often prone to take all the credit to themselves. As those splendid pioneers pass, one by one, from the stage of action, it would be well for younger builders and developers to pause for a moment to pay a deserved tribute to those whose struggles and puccesses made the present possible.

THE SENATE RULES.

"The senate," remarked Maverick Brander, "is the finest club in the world."

The rules of the United States senate are fear-

fully and wonderfully made, not for the purpose of expediting business, but for the convenience of the individual members. Just so long as this situation remains, just se long will it be impossible to change the senate rules in the interests of the country.

Vice President Dawes exhibited a courage which no one has doubted when he violently attacked those rules, but there may be some question as to his judgment. That he put the true situation into plain, blunt Dawesian language is admitted. That his criticisms struck home is well evidenced by the tart

replies of the senators. It has often been said that the United States senate is the greatest deliberative body in the world.

That statement is now open to question, but there is no doubt about it being the most deliberative body in the world. The great trouble is that its deliberations hurt the country more often than they benefit it. When the fathers of the republic adopted the idea of two branches of congress their idea was to have the senate act as a check upon the house. It was never their intention that the senate should be an almost insurmountable obstacle.

Whatever else it may, or may not, have done, the Dawes speech certainly had the effect of rattling the dry senatorial bones, and that of itself is a gratifying spectacle to the American people.

WHEN CONGRESSMEN COME HOME.

Western congressmen will be headed for home in a few days, some of them to remain indefinitely; others, more fortunate, to spend a vacation if they are so inclined. On the other hand, they will seek to ascertain the opinions and wishes of their constituents.

It will have to be admitted that the congress just now adjourned sine die has not accomplished much in the way of constructive legislation. There has been altogether too much wrangling. It has tackled some big problems in a half-hearted way, then sidetracked them for problems of no particular interest.

If re-elected congressmen are wise they will put in a goodly share of the summer inquiring around. They may not know it, but the people really are interested in constructive legislation. They will want to know why something definite has not been done about certain things, inland waterways, and railroad group consolidation, and giving the central west a fair shake in the matter of ocean-to-ocean freight rates, and a few other things. They may be impertinent enough to ask why congressional salaries were raised 33 1-3 per cent after less than a week's deliberation, while far weightier matters were discussed without avail for many weary months.

The returned and new congressmen would do well to keep pretty busy during the greater part of the summer. Most of their constituents will be putting in from eight to eighteen hours a day.

TUNE IN HARMONY, PLEASE.

Charles G. Dawes, who will preside over the deliberations of the senate, and Nicholas Longworth, who will preside over the destinies of the house, are violinists. Violinists, mind you; not mere fiddlers. There is a vast difference between a violinist and a fiddler. It is true that most of us are partial to the fiddlers, away down in the secret recesses of our hearts, even if many of us do give our loudest applause to the violinists.

But, as was our original thought in beginning, it is to be hoped that these two eminent statesmen and trained violinists will tune their violins in harmony and play soulfully and earnestly in unison in all legislative matters. If now and then the Dawes' artistic temperament breaks loose, the quieter Longworth temperament may balance things and bring about a calmer level. If now and then the Longworth temperament inclines to sluggishness, perhaps the more ebullient Dawes temperament may speed things up.

But the most important consideration of all is that they tune in harmony and as far as possible play the same numbers. And, if so be they now and then lay aside their fugues and andantes and symphonies and fifth movements, and regale us with "Money Musk," "Ol' Dan Tucker," "Turkey in the Straw," and "Arkansaw Traveler," we will insure them in advance of the plaudits of the musical highbrows and the vociferous applause of the common herd.

nothing if not stylish. Heavens to Betsy! It can't against the labor market already overbe knickerbockers, can it?

Noting that Judge Landis is trying to take gambling out of baseball, the Hasting Tribune remarks that he will make a hit if he succeeds. Also Judge Landis will score.

The National Safety Council says 20,000 people a year are killed by automobiles in the United States. O, well, that's only one a day in each state, so why

Hotel men say that 97 per cent of their guests are honest. Perhaps that's the reason the name of the hotel is embroidered on the towels.

It will be admitted that Vice President Dawes brought the session out of winter hibernation with considerable suddenness.

The Spanish prisoner swindler has been captured, but the handsomely lithographed stock certificate is still at large.

Listening to the inaugural address was a pleasure for many, but it was simply an icy blast for certain republican insurgents.

credit for consistency. His wooden horse will not fun up a feed bill. At least two well known Nebraskans were not mong those present at the inaugural ceremonies

The president's critics will have to give him

Wednesday. The New York pastor who has rewritten the Ten Commandments merely made it easier to find an

Those itinerant movie sub-stars evidently have been overpress-agented in the matter of salaries.

Great Britain purposes taxing bobbed hair. Any ministry trying that will find itself cut short.

Incidentally it wouldn't hurt the country a bit to get back to the 5 cents a cut pie basis. Aha, another wielder of the big stick in the vice

Balloon pants may be, however, a sign of a flat

Homespun Verse By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

THAT KINDLY HAND.

A strange, chaste, human shapeliness appears On the survey before my vitric eyes, And ever, where unchasteness flecks the years, Endows me with the faith tha strife defies.

As I tread forth while new days come and go, And more and more some vanity derives Its nourishment from straying gusts that blow Up clouds on which a natural weakness thrives,—

I am safeguarded by that shapeliness, Which like a kindly hand is soothing, warm,-And lifts its magic fingers to suppress The fears and hates that strengthen in the storm

Tomorrow and beyond all mortal scope, That Being like a ship's metallic mast Shall keep aloft the dauntless sail of Hope .-And through the restless cons of life's span Continually uphold Tradition's pride, While man-by virtue's tests-may still be When he drifts seaward with the leeward tide.

Today and yesterday, and through the past .-

It's Going to Be a Terrible Strain



I surely helped to expand the trade in-

How He Loves Russia.

Omaha.-To the Editor of The

Office Desks

WORD TO THE WISE

We are still offering most

unusual values in office

GOOD VALUE DESKS"

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Don't fall to see them

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Company

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Omaha Bee: In the last few

This expansion and consequent bet-

Letters From Our Readers

Test of the Town.

Omaha.-To the Editor of The terests of Omaha. have been greeted with placards asserting that the Omaha Athletic club should be kept going, and that keeping it going is a "test of the town."

Newspaper editorials have been written, a drive has been in progress which all hope will be successful.

But we have been greeted with placards asserting that the Omaha Athletic club point of business, although its population of business, although its population puts it in the 34th class. Omalas word wrought deeper wound, a sword wrought d Omaha Bee: For several weeks we have been greeted with placards aswhich all hope will be successful.

But we have heard comparatively lit-But we have heard comparatively little regarding another test of the town which we regard as far more important. We refer to the keeping of our industrial concerns going, and not throwing hundreds of Omaha's work ers out of employment. With the closing of the Burgess-Nash store, hundreds of faithful employes were as a petticoat government, insisting that Texis is a petticoat government. The chamber of Commence is the toom and the text will in reality be the Gate to command that every advant, and that every advant, and that every advant, the will in reality be the Gate to command that every advant, and that every advant, and the petric to the keeping of the west.

We understand that every advant, and the city of the West.

The will in reality be the Gate to command that every advant, and the command that every advant, and the command that every advant, and the command that crowded. It now seems certain that the M. E. Smith Co. plant will soon be closed, despite the parade representing the protests of something like

It seems to us that these two latter instances represent the greatest business interests. Other organizawill not be so much concerned about the closing of a club, but the news will travel faster that over a thousand terests of Omaha more than any other D. F. DOLAN. employes are searching for employ-ment because of failure of two of the biggest mercantile concerns. The Ath-letic club, like other clubs, must be more or less exclusive because of the high membership cost. Those of us who cannot afford to join must take advantage of the services offered by the Y. M. C. A. and other like institutions, but the keeping of all our workers in a service of the services of the services of the idea that she is defluitely and detailed. workers in employment, workers who are the backbone of the city's indus-trial life, concerns all of Omaha. Yet

we have heard of no drives, no editor-ials have been written except by The Omaha Bee, no placards have been posted relative to these industrial con-

Let's remember that the keeping of our industries intact is also a real test FOR A GREATER OMAHA.
H. HOWARD BIGGAR.

The Chamber of Commerce. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The Chamber of Com-Omaha Bee: The Chamber of Com-merce was organized in Omaha 31 years ago. It is therefore in the years of its manhood. Its primary purpose is well known to be the prosperity of all its interests as fully as possible. It is composed chiefly of business men and naturally the business prob-

em would be uppermost.

What makes a prosperous, progres sive town? Is it the wealth that is shown in beautiful homes and splendid stores? They contribute to that end, but they are not the chief factor. The organization of a live Chamber of Commerce, the union of all the people supporting the chamber, uniting their energies and influence to promote the moral, social and industrial interests of the city, that is what makes a progressive and prosperous

The Chamber of Commerce has

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liberately discarding her communist policies and preparing to travel hence- compromise temporarily days after the czardom's over- found in Russia inexhaustible food for

"Not alone thy minions, Russia, shall be born anew this day.
Thrill by thrill thy lesson speeding fills the world and lights the way Graven on our minds the message—tumult sounding fills the air; Crouched to spring, a world is waiting at the master's door and lair!"

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SUNNY SIDE UP Jake Comfort nor forget. That Sunrise never failed us yet.

Thus far we have resisted the impulse to don abbreviated britches and hie forth to the golf course with a bagful of mashies and niblious and putters and sich like. But we are about to succumb to the lure. No that we give a whoon about the niceties of the game, but because increasing avoirdupois and a tendency to sightly have given us warning that and a tendency to slothfulness have given us warning that Something Must Be Done. In fact, we have cherished some doubts about the so-called niceties of golf. We have friends who think and talk only in terms of golf, and some of their language is far from nice. We, too, have often had reason to doubt the accuracy of their statistics. If we take up the game we shall avoid talking about it, and expect to have our caddle carry an adding machine along to verify our count.

We own considerably more than five feet of books and have actually read most of them. Time was when we were an easy victim of the agent who sold 'em by the set on the inducement plan. Not none no more. We pould easily compress the world's best books into far less than five feet of shelving. After buying many hundred feet of books we have decided that we could easily get along with about 18 inches of them. On the 18 inches we would put a Bible, a Standard Dictionary and the New York World Almanac. If any room remained we'd put something like "Huckleberry Finn." or "Tom Sawyer," or "Treasure Island," or something equally elevating and diverting.

The Nebraska senate having refused to ratify the child labor amendment, we suggest the advisability of enacting a law compelling a lot of young fellows between the ages of 16 and

I like to talk with John Q. Morey.

He always laughs At my new story. But how I hate

Erastus Moore. He says I've heard

If we are not mistaken the Nebraska Press association purposes taking an excursion around the state some time during the coming summer. Having had a part in a couple of Press association minstrel shows on former occasions, we seize this opportunity to remark that if so be an excursion is pulled off we shall insist upon something that will please the people instead of annoying them.

An editorial appearing on the left-hand side of the page the other day, relating to pot likker, reminds us that it's been a long time since we were permitted to enjoy the gustatory de-light of lye hominy and maple syrup. Patent hominy we've had a-plenty, but the old-time lye hominy of other days seems to now be classed among the lost arts.

If all our opinions could be enacted into law the world might possibly be an attractive place for us, but it would be tough on everybody else.

WILL M. MAUPIN. tough on everybody else.

forth along old and approved paths.

I know this is not true. There will be no abandonment of the principles that came to a climax in the revolutions of March and November, 1817.

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For, consider what these principles ents, from safe and comfortable quarthat sentence my own:
were, as brilliantly expressed but a ters in Paris, Berlin and Vienna, have "Russia is mistress of "Russia is mistress of her destiny,"
EDMUND R. BRUMBAUGH.

Plattsmouth Platte River Toll Bridge Reopen to Travel Friday, March 6,

Bridge is entirely repaired and overhauled, roads in good condition.

1925

T. H. Pollock, Bridge

Plattsmouth, Neb.

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"Overhead" refers to the FIXED expenses of a business-salaries, rent. taxes, insurance, etc. These expenses "pile up," so to speak, regardless of the amount of business done.

Each sale made in any business must earn its share of the overhead. So, the larger the number of sales, the lower the overhead on each. For example:

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To serve humanity better in time of greatest need.

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