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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.

Censorship—it is the stamping ground of every 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 newstands furnish vividly colored examples of the cupidty of commercial-minded publishers, who abandon every vestige of decency to build up a profitable circulation for their publications devoted to "confessions" and "romances."

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."

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 deal of carmine here and there, and then have "confessed" all for 3 cents a word.

There is no pretense of 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.

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 their 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 bereft but Nebraska loses a stalwart citizen.

A younger generation, surrounded by every luxury and benefiting by improved business methods, know 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.

THE SENATE RULES.

"The senate," remarked Maverick Brander, "is the finest club in the world." The rules of the United States senate are fearfully and wonderfully made, not for the purpose of expediting business, but for the convenience of the individual members.

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 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.

It will have to be admitted that the congress just now adjourned sine die has not accomplished much in the way of constructive legislation.

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.

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.

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 union in all legislative matters.

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.

The Houston Post indignantly denies that Texas has a petticoat government, insisting that Texas is nothing if not stylish. Heavens to Betsy! It can't be 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 worry?

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.

The president's critics will have to give him credit for consistency. His wooden horse will not run up a feed bill.

At least two well known Nebraskans were not among those present at the inaugural ceremonies Wednesday.

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

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 president's chair!

Balloon pants may be, however, a sign of a fat tire.

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 that strife defies.

It's Going to Be a Terrible Strain



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.

Test of the Town.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: For several weeks we 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."

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 workers out of employment.

It seems to us that these two latter instances represent the greatest possible injury to Omaha. Outsiders will not be so much concerned about the closing of a club, but the news will travel faster that over a thousand employees are searching for employment because of failure of two of the biggest mercantile concerns.

How He Loves Russia. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In the last few days even conservative newspapers have contained editorials full of hopeful friendliness for Russia, but based on the idea that she is definitely and de-

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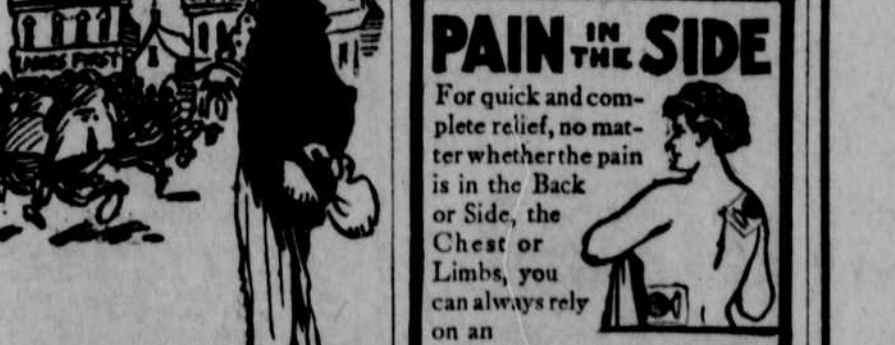
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Thus far we have resisted the impulse to don abbreviated britches and hie forth to the golf course with a bagful of mashes and nibbles and putters and such like. But we are about to succumb to the lure.

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.

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 15 and 18 to go to work.

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 That one before.

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 not liking, reminds us that it's been a long time since we were permitted to enjoy the gustatory delight of lye hominy and maple syrup.

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.

compromise temporarily when strength may be gained for further achievement, but the first workers' republic will remain a workers' republic. Imaginative newspaper correspondents, from safe and comfortable quarters in Paris, Berlin and Vienna, have found in Russia inexhaustible food for "copy," charging every possible atrocity, from the prohibition of kissing and fairy stories to the starving of poets and the slaying of God.

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What is overhead expense? The term is familiar to all business men. It may not be so well understood by the public.

"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:

If an automobile dealer pays \$200 monthly rent and sells five cars per month, the "rent overhead" per car sold is \$40—or \$200 divided among five sales.

Suppose the sales increase to 50 cars per month. The \$200 rent overhead now is divided among 50 cars and is only \$4 instead of \$40 as before.

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