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GOOD ROADS GAINING GROUND.

A decided victory for good roads has been won in the house, where revenue bills must be originated. By a vote of 77 to 22 on its final passage, the house adopted the gasoline tax measure in the form that is most acceptable to the advocates of a definite program. A tax of 2 cents a gallon will be collected on gasoline used to drive pleasure cars and motor trucks. It will go into the general fund, to be used in matching dollars with the federal government in the construction of highways. Any surplus of the tax collected, above the amount needed to equal the federal appropriation, will be prorated between the counties. One-third on the basis of the number of cars registered; one-third on the area of the county, and onethird on the mileage of postroads in the county.

This division seems to be on an equitable basis. It is far more reasonable than was the 50-50 plan, which would have allotted but half the tax to the general fund and the other half to the counties. Also it does away with the glaring inequality of the plan for division on area. Under this plan, the representative from Banner county stated, his home county would receive \$7.15 for each dollar paid in tax. Rodman of Douglas pointed out that eight western counties, from which \$31,000 in tax on gasoline would be collected, would receive \$310,000 in the proposed distribution. Four eastern counties, Douglas, Lancaster, Gage and Dodge, will pay 41 per cent of the tax, and neither will share proportionately under either the 50-50 or the area plan.

The Byrum amendment, adopted in committee of the whole, takes care of the distribution after a fashion that leaves little room for criticism. The prospect of the measure as approved in committee of the whole being passed is good, and the sentiment in the senate is to accept the plan as approved by the house. A great step has thus been taken toward the yet been attained, but a start is made, and work along the lines now planned will aid in bringing the final result. Nebraska is going to get out of

DAWES BOOTS FINE CHANCE.

The remarkable proceedings in the senate on Tuesday afternoon possess a quality of humor that in a large measure offsets the bitterness of defeat that must be felt by the president. Nomination of Charles B. Warren to be attorney general was rejected by a single vote. This is bad enough, but a sorrier tale goes before it.

On the first vote the senators divided equally. Forty voted to confirm and as many to reject the nomination. Had the vice president been in the chair, to exercise his constitutional function, his vote in the affirmative would have brought the confirmation of the nominee. But Mr. Dawes was absent. Search failed to disclose his whereabouts. After a senator had changed his vote from aye to no, to give him a tactical advantage, which proved futile, the nomination was rejected. Senator Walsh, who led the opposition to Warren, then clinched his victory with a successful motion to table the motion to reconsider, and the fight was over.

Senators who resented the scolding given by the vice president a week before had triumphed in a double sense. They not only sent to Coventry the vice president, but they also wreaked a bit of vengeance on the executive. Coolidge's offense was in presenting as a member of his cabinet an attorney who had once represented a great sugar refining concern. When it is recalled that the democrats nominated a presidential candidate who was objected to because he was at the time attorney for a great banking group, the indignation of Senator Walsh at the presentation of a sugar-trust lawyer to be attorney general of the United States may be properly valued.

However, the senate remains consistent in its insincerity, but this fact will be lost sight of for the time in the spectacle of the vice president's action. Mr. Dawes will hardly have another such an opportunity during his term. It was a chance that comes rarely enough. The lesson will not be missed, but the great event has passed.

SHE IS EARNING HER KEEP.

With admiration for her energy we record the fact that a lady pig over in Page county, Iowa, has presented her owner with 81 marketable pigs during her three years of life. Her last offering on the altar of her sex totaled 21 pink-nosed, curly-tailed little grunters, who in good season will be worked up into ham, bacon, side meat, sausage and the like for the edification of the world.

Not so many years ago an "expert" had a lot of fun because The Omaha Bee said that pigs would come at the rate of 12 to 14 in a litter. We then were enabled to support the assertion by referring to certain prolific females who were industriously increasing the porcine census by several more at a sitting than the number we had modestly regarded as safe. Now this Iowa exemplar of fecund motherhood has put the mark so high that it may never be

Her progeny, going over the scales at around 200 pounds each at present day prices means that her owner will have taken in more than \$2,100 from sales of the young sow's offspring, and he still has

the sow. The incident is noteworthy for several reasons, but none more than that there is at least one pig that is abundantly paying for her keep.

LOOKING AFTER THE FOREST TREES.

President Coolidge has announced the week of April 27-May 3 will be "Forest Week" for Americans. He calls attention again to the rapidly disappearing forest growth of the country, and to the need for careful attention that timber for future uses may be available. His words ought to strike deep, especially these:

"Our forests ought to be put to work and kept at work. I do not minimize the obstacles that have been met, nor the difficulty of changing old ideas and practices. We must all put our hand to this common task. It is not enough that the federal, state and local governments take the lead. There must be a change in our national attitude. Our industries, our land owners, our farmers, all our citizens must learn to treat our forests as crops, to be used, but also to be renewed. We must learn to tend our woodlands as carefully as we tend our farms."

This applies to Nebraska as well as to any other state in the union. Unfortunately, the people of this commonwealth have not yet been awakened to the seriousness of the situation, nor to what may reasonably be done to provide against a woodless future. Some know the possibilities, but not enough. Farmers are too familiar with the rotation of crops that require a few weeks or months to plant, mature and market, and do not care to waste time on anything that takes years to mature. Yet they are paying for the folly that has wasted the timber resources of the United States.

Everything into which lumber enters costs more each day, because the supply is being reduced, the distance is being increased, and the demand is spreading. A farm woodlot will pay for itself, because of the material it will afford that now is bought at high prices. Our sand hills region will grow pine trees where nothing else grows. This is not guess work. The federal government has demonstrated the fact by its fine experiment at Bessey Nursery. Some day Nebraskans will awaken to the value of the great asset that is now neglected.

The president's proclamation puts the start of "Forest Week" several days after the date of Arbor day, April 22, in Nebraska. Our citizens should observe the holiday as they always have, by planting trees. Then they should observe Forest Week by planting more trees. Also, by informing themselves as to what is possible in the use of land that now is wasted. Maybe in time the sentiment will grow to such a point the legislature will see the merit in a bill for the creation of a Bureau of Forestry under the Department of Agriculture, whose business it will be to foster forest tree planting in Nebraska.

BILL KNOWS BETTER.

Our old friend, W. H. Green, who lives on forlorn hopes, has a los to say about the action of the republican senators who disciplined those who bolted the party. One has to read Mr. Green's letter at least twice to get his drift. He is subtle, and ironic as well, and he hopes to get much political sustenance from keeping alive factional dissensions in the republican and democratic parties. Any defections from either, he feels, will ultimately result in accretions to the "progressives" he now temporarily af-

We say "temporarily" advisedly, for W. H. Green is a bird of passage so far as politics is concerned. He is consistent only in his inconsistency. Less than a standard measure of value, but be a year ago he, in company with several others, attended a conference at St. Paul, where the farmer-tended Just what happened has never been told, but all of Just what happened has never been told, but all of lished by a people's statutory law, again? We doubt it. We sat at a sudden Green, Beebe and others from Nebraska and the standard value of the word breakfast table in the Driscoll dinfound themselves outside the tent, and not even looking in. Later on they were attached to the La looking in. Later on they were attached to the La looking in the confusion of thought and confusion of tongue it is difficult to committee of the house of representations and most up-to-Follette movement in Nebraska. A conference at maintain at par the value of word tives, Mr. Adamson of Alabama. W. ask for the strongest and most up-to-day light money in a nation where only J. Bryan was to arrive in Washington the minute aircraft in existence.

REX. Grand Island, where Frank Harrison counted noses at least twice to make up the legal number of attendants, Green and Beebe were again separated from command. Still later, the flare-up between Harrison and Otto Mutz over the control of the party's affairs in Nebraska gave them another jolt.

Through each of these mutations of party management, "Bill" Green has kept himself regular in his irregularity. Nobody better than he knows the power and force of party discipline. Why, then, does he complain when the republicans administer to some of their own recalcitrants a dose so often taken himself, or helped to give to others?

You pays your money and you takes your choice." If you go to Florida the sea sharks will get you, and out in California it is the land sharks you

It might profit those angry senators to stop and pender over the fact that the Dawes plan brought \$21:000,000 from Germany during February. Vice President Dawes' fame as a musician will

be made if he succeeds in making the senate dance to his syncopation.

"What ails boxing?" plaintively queries an esteemed down east contemporary. Well, we'd say locomotor ataxia.

Nebraska's senators are reported to be for the World Court. In this they reflect home sentiment. It is now up to the senate to devise some method of demoting unsatisfactory presiding officers.

Another "cult" leader has been declared insane, but what about those who adopted the cult?

The robins are here, but the worms have not yet

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

JUST A.SITTIN' BY THE WINDER.

Just a-sittin' by the winder, While you're many miles away,-For there's no one here to hinder

Anything I do or say: I presume that I am lonely, Locking out across the loam;

I am dreaming of you only-When, oh, when will you be home? And wanders forth at sunset Quite a task is it, I'm finding. Keeping house just as you do,

Doing things that keep reminding Me how much I'm needing you Surely, I receive your letter Every morning, but 'twill be Much less ionesome and far better When you scamper home to me.

Just a sittin' by the winder In the warm rays of the sun,-For there is no one to hinder Me from doing all that's done. Much I do-of course, I do it When in dreams remote I roam-It will wait till you get to it When at length you journey home

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Letters From Our Readers

Columbus, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Broadly speaking, the character of a government and a nation's integrity is judged by the stable value of its money or exchange medium, which circulates in the change of trade and company and the character of the c How to Obtain Concord.

tional conception of such things, the of "Wolf! wolf!" by those democrats standard value of money is estab who wish to get up to the feed trough ever motive maintain at par the value of word and money in a nation where only one language is spoken; and in a nation of many languages the situation becomes more intolerable. Strife increases confusion and depreciates the value of word and money and the maintenance of order presents a most perplexing task. To attempt to stabilize the fundamentals of society and harmonize civilization by way of the maintenance of order presents a most perplexing task. To attempt to stabilize the fundamentals of society and harmonize civilization by way of the maintenance of order presents a most perplexing task. To attempt to stabilize the fundamentals of society and harmonize civilization by way of the maintenance. It is the minute aircraft in existence.

By Their Own Works.

I understand that Crimson Gulch has passed an ordinance forbidding any citizen to buy bootieg liquor from Snake Ridge."

"Yep," answered Cactus Joe. "The Gulch is their only market. If them Snake Ridgers have to drink their and harmonize civilization by way of a world state seems a forlorn hope. In a world of a thousand languages, like the had to have the Bryan left in six weeks. We're goin' to put left in six weeks. We're goin' to put left in six weeks. We're goin' to put left in six weeks. In a world of a thousand languages, knew that he had to have the Bryan each of which has its own logic and method of reasoning within itself, is rent by hate and antagonism, even federal patronage in the southern and strategic."—Washington Star. seeing through different mental and states. physical eyes. No human effort, be it at its source ever so sincere, can group all over the land watch this hope to establish uniform and amicable understanding. In the absence of a simpler and more rational plan, then a world state to strengthen the word and the money values which constitute the basis of peace and the democrats we inquire: Where is tranquility, the present civilization appears doomed to follow the course should have been wearing for the

of all its predecessors.

G. FOLKNER.

Those Insurgent Republican Senators. Omaha.-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Inasmuch as Nebraska was in the limelight last Monday, when the iron heel of the brutal ma-jority of the plutocratic republican senate was placed upon the necks of the protesting insurgent members Nebraskans have more than the or dinary privilege of having their say. We are not greatly disturbed over the procedure, not that we are out of sympathy with those disciplined senars, but that is part of the game

Abe Martin



"Lookin' up from a drink 'll. wrinkle th' forchead," writes Miss Fawn Lippincut, in "Milady's Cor-ner," in th' Weekly Slip Horn. "Oh, he's worth considerable money. He's got a grown daughter that hain't workin'," we heard a feller say t'day.

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guilty of when you were last in power? W. H. GREEN. Favors Greater Air Service.

Lexington, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I wish to compliment you upon the stand you take on The callousness of those democratic our nation's aerial defense question

medium, which circulates in the channels of trade and commerce and sustains the nation's activities. Also a man's word which circulates between man and man from mouth to ear "and by other methods" in every field of human endeavor is an exchange medium. Like money, the word is regarded pathy with the cause those insurgent and the faces of the democrats for five years returned in a hectic fashion. Those senatorial handmaids of special privilege from the southern seal dium. Like money, the word is regarded pathy with the cause those insurgent are returned in a hectic fashion. Those senatorial handmaids of special privilege from the southern seal dium. Like money, the word is regarded pathy with the cause those insurgent are returned in a hectic fashion. Those senatorial handmaids of special privilege from the southern seal dium. Like money, the word is regarded pathy with the cause those insurgent are returned in a hectic fashion. Those senatorial handmaids of special privilege from the southern seal dium. Like money, the word is regarded pathy with the cause those insurgent are returned in a hectic fashion. Those senatorial handmaids of special privilege from the southern seal dium. Like money, the word is regarded pathy with the cause those insurgent are returned in a hectic fashion. Those senatorial handmaids of special privilege from the southern seal dium. Like money, the word is regarded pathy with the cause those insurgent are returned in a hectic fashion. Those senatorial handmaids of special privilege from the southern seal dividuals have; take, for instance, the lives of our greatest and noblest men, by the cause well aware weleave our remembers as well aware well aware well aware well aware

Likewise today nations are envying ties at and evelng one another for suprem-

It is a little early, of course, but already we feel the impulse to get out the favorite fishing tackle and hie away for a day or two. Living in an apartment we are ignorant of habitats of the fishworms hereabouts, and we will not again try to pur-chase the aforesaid of the supply houses out by the lake. The worms provided there are all in the kindergarten stage, and we want 'em in the high school stage. No self-respecting fish would even nibble at the diminutive worms that the balt houses

SUNNY SIDE UP

Jake Comfort nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet

the blg, fat, milky ones. It amuses us greatly to hear our Omaha friends talking about going up into Minnesota, or out into Colorado or Wroming to get good fishing. We've tried 'em all, and we are here to say that when we want bass and crappy, or perch, we'll tackle again the lakes in Brown and Cherry countles. And when we want trout we'll tackle the streams and drainage ditches in Scotts Bluff county.

furnish. We are going to make connections with some freckle-

faced, tow-headed small boy who knows right where to dig for

An automatic telegraph-typewriting machine installed in The blooming contraption just writes away by the hour, taking down the day's news from all the world. Somehow or other labor saving devices never served us much. One summer, when we were a boy, father did have a crew come with a circular terms of the contract of the con us release from the old bucksaw and sawbuck. But apart from that we have never profited. The typewriter merely added to the sum total of our labor.

We paused on the street recently to watch an electric driven concrete mixer at work. Time was when concrete was mixed on a board by a crew of huskies using shovels. We watched an electric hoist carrying concrete and brick many stories in the air. We put in one never-to-be-forgotten summer carrying brick and mortar up a ladder in a hod. Marble cutters now use an electric dingus. They used to use a mallet and chisels. We forgot one convenience for our use. There is the pencil sharpener out in the city editor's room. Two-thirds of the time we forget it's there and sharpen our pencil with a dull

Personally, we worry not a tall about the "word of mouth" law. We strive to make intelligent selection of candidates be-fore entering the election booth, and we can read and write English. We have no interest in any political machine. If we did worry about the law, or cared greatly about it, we'd most certainly attack its constitutionality. Before any judge is called upon to decide that point, however, we want to remark that the judge who would uphold it wouldn't increase our respect

We have just finished perusing our copy of "Nebraska Beautiful," compiled by Dr. George E. Condra and published by the Conservation and Soil Survey department of the state. It added greatly to our knowledge of Nebraska and increased our pride therein and loyalty thereto. There is just one trouble about "Nebraska Beautiful." The supply is too limited. A copy should be in every Nebraska family, and a million or so copies distributed in other states, especially in those states to which Nebraskans have flocked to spend the money they never could have made anywhere else than Nebraska. "Nebraska Beautiful" is not a bulletin—it is as interesting as the most popular of published romances, and a real descriptive history of a wonder-

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