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thing of a "gray dog." But the British mind is so constituted that royal infractions are applauded rather than criticized. The prince of Wales has been known to take a drink. He has even been known to take two. Such princely conduct thereupon leads to conversations something like this: "Blime, he's a good fellow, ain't he miss?" and the barmaid agrees as she hands the British working-man his pint of bitter.

But the aristocracy must watch its step. Lloyd-George dealt it a bitter blow when he handed out titles to every honest soap maker with a desire to contribute to the party funds. And Dorothy Muriel Dennistoun and Lady Barker-Wilson are turning the dagger round and round in the wound.

WHERE CAN THE AVIATORS ALIGHT?

Omaha needs an air field. Not just a dinky little place for an occasional airplane to land, but a big, honest-to-goodness field that will meet the demands of a growing industry. As one of the main stations on the transcontinental air route, Omaha has a commanding position in the matter of aviation. That will not long be maintained, though, unless something is done to accommodate a traffic that is destined to grow far beyond present arrangements.

Air mail planes now land at Jarvis Offutt field, which is under control of the army. Only government ships may come down or start from there. If the only interest in air mail was in the passage of the ships on their flight from coast to coast, the arrangement would be satisfactory. Plans are being laid, however, that will greatly extend the service. Not, however, unless some place be provided for commercial planes to land and take off. And these can not be permitted to land at the army field.

Air-borne traffic is expanding everywhere. Omaha's share will not come, unless the landing field is provided.

St. Joseph has recently purchased and equipped a municipal air field, anticipating the service not only of mail but commercial planes. St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City and other of our rival communities have taken similar steps. Omaha is lagging in this matter. If the city is to maintain its standing as a headquarters for aviation, it must get busy. Ground is available in plenty, a good site has been chosen. City authorities should move at once to acquire the title and make the needed preparations.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

Omaha and Des Moines have exchanged friendly visits, through the medium of delegations of representative men. They have found many things in common, and have determined that it will be well to go together as far as possible in the future. Such a conclusion is a little more than neighborly. It is what is so often referred to as "intelligent self-interest." Fundamentally, the situation of the two cities is much the same. Each has its own individual problems, advantages, and outlook. Yet there is also a mutuality in this, as well as in the aspects of the general problem in which the material interests of the two are identical.

When a committee from Omaha visited Des Moines a few weeks ago, it came home with some definite ideas, gained by conference and observation. Good already has come from these. The formation of the Greater Omaha Committee, with its definitely outlined program, is the outward and visible sign of the inspiration that flows from that trip. No miracles have been wrought, no revolutions accomplished, and yet a certain revival of the community spirit may be directly traced to the committee. It was the heaven that is now working in Omaha, and showing results.

Visitors from Des Moines, modest in reference to their own doings, were equally cautious in the matter of specific suggestions for Omaha, yet they did give enough to show they are keenly awake to what is going on. And Omaha will profit in the long run by reason of the friendly suggestions received.

With two of the important centers of the great region now brought closer through such methods, why may it not be that others are invited into the coalition? Kansas City, St. Paul, Minneapolis, St. Joseph, Topeka, might well come in with Omaha and Des Moines, and form a league for mutual service that would be beneficial for all. No need to abate in any degree the healthy commercial rivalry that exists. On that depends the continued growth and prosperity of each. But for the consideration of problems that are mutual, for the exchange of experiences and views, to the end that all will gain something, such a grouping might be helpful to a degree that can not be measured.

We feel sure that both the Greater Omaha and Greater Des Moines groups will work better because of the invigorating effect of the visits each has paid the other. The members will see things clearer, for having a viewpoint that is no longer parochial. And it is in this widened vision that the hope of success must be found. Plans are not for the hour or the day, but for the years to come. Co-operation will mature these plans, and both Omaha and Des Moines will continue to grow and feel better because of the friendships so established.

THE ENGLISH SCANDALS.

Were Queen Victoria still monarch of the British Isles and their far-flung dominions, she would be having a most miserable time of it right now, just as thousands of her subjects who scan that London Sunday scavenger, The News of the World, are having the spiciest reading that has come to the backstairs in many a long day.

First there was Sir John Russell, noble son of a noble family. Sir John asked the court to relieve him of a wife who bore him a "dream child." The breakers that trial created on the sea of salacious reading had hardly died away before "Mr. A.," known to the Foreign Office as Sir Harry Singh, sought to recover some \$750,000 taken from him in a blackmail plot featuring Maude Robinson, her husband, a British officer and a solicitor's clerk. So seriously did the Foreign Office view these speculations of an Indian potentate that his name was withheld for some weeks.

That trial passed into history and The News of the World fell back on its routine report of intimacies between the wife of the small tradesman of Upper Brittingham and the local fishmonger, which grist is ground as monotonously in the courts of England as those of America.

Then up stepped Dorothy Muriel Dennistoun to recover a loan from her former husband who has taken, as a second wife, the Dowager Countess Carnarvon. Both witnesses and counsel in this trial have banded names as freely as ever did Fielding and Sterne in the ripe days of George II. The flames of scandal were already leaping high when Mrs. Muriel Waterhouse came to the bar of justice to ask the return of \$1,500,000 which, she claims, was taken from her husband by Lady Barker-Wilson in as pretty a blackmail plot as was ever hatched by the bewigged judges of the English Inns.

Four delightful stories to be discussed by both those who drink tea and those who wash the cups. And, to the casual observer, it appears that the aristocracy of Britain has taken a dive off the deep end.

That irritating Englishman—Heaven be thanked his numbers are constantly diminishing—who still calls us "our American cousins" and laughs at what he is pleased to call "your Yankee crudeness" is probably greatly vexed. To him is a serious business. His ammunition has found legs and has walked into the camp of the enemy. But, to the best type of Englishman with the welfare of his country deeply at heart it is a very serious business indeed. True that King Edward in his day was some-

"From State and Nation"

The Outcome.

From the New York Tribune.

The democratic party can hardly face with equanimity the net results of the senate special session and the flight on the Warren nomination. The democratic senators feel victims to an error of policy which cost them dear in the last presidential election and which they had promised themselves over and over again not to repeat. Their eagerness to escape from an undesirable position was shown by the ludicrous eagerness with which they waived all challenge or even examination of the qualifications of the president's second choice for attorney general.

The same desire to get under cover has been shown in the democratic press. The World at first championed the sound principle that the president ought to be allowed to name his cabinet officers without political and factional interference on the senate's part. It accepted the theory that full responsibility for such selections should rest with Mr. Coolidge. It shifted later when the democratic senators began to shift. It apologized for the renewal of the La Follette democratic alliance. But it is apparently greatly relieved when Mr. Warren's nomination, that it can go on blocking Mr. Coolidge with impunity precisely as it chooses.

"We believe, however, that if the senate cherishes any such ambition it will find that it has largely overreached itself. Success in rejecting the nomination of a sugar company president to be attorney general of the United States is not license to attempt to run away with the government. And if the senate, as a result of this encounter, sets out upon any such adventure, we trust that the people of this country will bring it into line."

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Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words or less, will be given preference.

Green Invites Norris.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee:—There are at least 38,000 voters in Nebraska who will smile when they read the concluding paragraph of your editorial, "Norris and the Nebraska Election."

"Many good republicans would be able to restrain their tears if Senator Norris were to 'definitely' announce that he no longer wears the purple and gold of the Democrats. They would be glad to make his next campaign for the senate as an independent candidate, scoring any assistance from the republican organization in Nebraska. But he will not."

You were mighty careful not to omit any snarl like this between the primary and the election. Facts are this party has been primed prior to election Adam McMullen would now be arranging his corn ground and his pasture fences and the provincial from Vermont would have been third in the race in Nebraska. The writer had some intimate information about how indifferent Senator Norris was to the regular republican nomination. The senator's course of course wanted a vindication from the voters, but it was the republican office seekers, who on their bended knees were imploring him to be regular. Norris was to be the political Messiah who was to wash away the sins and stains of the previous republican administrations.

Third party strategists, charged with the responsibility of rehabilitating the senator, realize that men of the Norris type are the greatest solvent in the hands of the political chemists of the Bob Smith, Editor Beuchler and the kind, but we would not think of poisoning a horse that we had hung to its tail and mane while crossing a torrent. If the editorial and political department of The Omaha Bee has had a few strikes taken in its hat band since March 4 we can assure those staunch partisans that they have our sympathy and, in the language of the alley, the worst we can do is to come.

W. H. GREEN.

For Better Mail Service.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee:—We find it pays to submit a fair question to our school board. Ten to 1 for looks better than 7 to 5 against our most able architects to handle the 25,000,000 school fund.

The most important business proposition of today has never been set before our most able ones to handle it, that is the handling of the mail and light express services, such as bank cash, exchange from banks to banks and other matters that would be best to explain later. This all belongs to the railroad systems and will be able to handle it with safety by aviation, but not with the present system, as they could not handle them any better than they are handled now by the postal service of 12 miles from the office and requiring a 24-mile truck service to get a reply to our mail through the present system of airmail service.

If Omaha city should get the through mail service away from Omaha, we can have a service from coast to coast, landing our mail at the office, and our mail would be delivered, and soon prove to be a few strikes taken in its hat band not yet made any showing. Omaha can soon be known.

Please to explain further if interested.

L. T. F.

Bryan and the Party.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee:—C. W. Bryan was interviewed in Washington recently by the World-Herald bureau relative to the present condition of the democratic party and the need of holding a conference now to consider the future of the party.

Franklin Roosevelt, Chairman Hull, Senator Walsh, and many other leading democrats believe that now is the time to hold the conference. These men believe that the party should not nationally, at least, fuse with any hybrid party simply to win votes. They believe that such an action was the cause of some of the wounds inflicted on the party at New York. When Mr. Bryan was nominated for vice president, he found it necessary to accept nomination by the Democrats of Nebraska, and the progressive party as well. It was of no consequence to him that the progressive party stands for paper money and the democratic party for maintaining the gold standard. On this account the World-Herald said editorially recently that "Davis alone saved the party from disgrace."

The delegates from New York were

President Coolidge's Conference.

From the St. Paul Dispatch.

It will be interesting to see what reply the president will make when our ambassadors at London, Paris, Rome and Tokio submit to them President Coolidge's proposal for a new conference on armaments. President Coolidge's conference will be one which will deal with the auxiliary naval craft in the same way as the first one dealt with battleships, and, without too much optimism, one hopes to raise the subject of land armaments. He would prefer that the conference be held in Washington, where the diplomatic atmosphere is more favorable, but in view of the complex questions which are involved it may be necessary to agree to some European city easily accessible to the foreign secretary and the ministers of all the interested governments. It must further be recognized that land armaments constitute a purely European question, and unless the conference is presided by some satisfactory solution of the security problem it will probably be necessary to reduce the scope of the conference. But there is no reason why any power should refuse to cooperate in an attempt to restrict the building of cruisers, submarines and other craft not covered by the first treaty. To do this will not make war impossible, but it will cramp the aggressive side.

Stranger in Church.

The clergyman leaned back in his chair after supper. It was Sunday evening—the time when all preachers leave thankful sighs that their most strenuous day of the seven has once more drawn to a close.

"There were a lot of people in church tonight, my dear," remarked his wife.

"Yes," replied her husband, "and there was a stranger in church, but I didn't see him."

"How do you know, then?" inquired Mrs. Brown.

"I found a \$5 bill in the collection box."—Living Church.

Homespun Verse

By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davis

LOYALTY.

I said unto my farmer friend whose hair has long been gray:
Whose steps are slower than they were a dozen years away—
"Why do you at your tasks remain where you have ever been?"
You are entitled to relief, your leisure should begin,
Gently he answered, "I have done this work for many years."
"It is not as easy to step down and out as it appears;
I never would be happy if from duty I was free—
The time that's spent around the farm gives happiness to me."
"I'd never be contented in another realm, I know;
My heart is sort of set upon the wholesome things that grow."
I feel that joy can't ever reach beyond my fertile loam;
There could not be another place that I could call my home.
"One who has lived upon the farm since he was young
And regrets, when he's along in years, to sell and move away—
And home—if ever it should be more than a house—
'Tis when
One slowly trends and wearily, and welcomes younger men."

Abbe Martin

Mr. Clarence Beasley and Miss Kid Purviance wuz wed last night. Miss Purviance is a native of Omaha. One good thing, if the United States does decide to hold aloof 'n' give along without friends, she'll save a lot o' money.

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Brand the Careless Drivers.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee:—Doesn't it seem to you that our efforts to reduce the evil of reckless driving resulting usually in serious accidents by appeals to civic pride, threats, rules and regulations, are severe penalties of either fines or imprisonment, by advertising and educational campaigns, have failed?

Why not try and appeal to human emotions, an always successful through direct means, of gaining response and attention?

Why not, through the direction and operation of the various motor vehicle license departments in the various counties of the state, make a discrimination in the color of the license plates permitted car owners following accidents in which the car owners are found guilty due to negligence or carelessness?

For instance, a red marker to be applied in the following manner:

When an accident occurs in which some one becomes injured or killed, either as pedestrians or occupants of other cars, the accident be carefully investigated. In every instance where the operator of the car is found guilty through negligence or carelessness by way of fast driving, poor judgment, disregard, influence of liquor, lack of knowledge, unfamiliarity with car, careless condition of car, etc., the car owner be required, whether he was the operator or not, to turn in his existing plates and in place of them be required to use and display the special red license plates for the period of one year.

In this way he would be stamped and recognized as one who, through his or her fault, has been the cause of a serious accident. The psychology of being so "marked" would bring a greater caution among drivers and a better selection of professional drivers by car owners. If it would be manifestly a reflection against the owner to have a car so marked. In many instances the cars would not be driven until the time period of the year expired, so removing careless drivers, who, on resuming driving, would be careful, due to experience suffered. Other car owners noting the penalty would not permit the loan of their cars.

A jail sentence, fine, temporary suspension of driving, etc., are only temporary penalties, quickly forgotten by the public. The use of a special recognized red license plate would represent not only a continuous penalty, but also in its use stimulate a respect for carelessness.

Careful drivers thereby would be warned by the scarlet plates against those with bad records.

HERBERT W. JOHNSON.

Aggroves the Legislators.

Glen Rock, Wis.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee:—As a citizen of Nebraska I wish to commend the legislature now in session at Lincoln. Its pronounced stand against the administration because of the unfortunate affair at Ashland is indicative of excellent judgment.

Fair-minded men, regardless of partisan advantage, desire to see justice done to all concerned. A fair and impartial trial, unprejudiced by prejudice, regardless of public opinion, is the proper procedure in such a case.

G. H. NICHOLS.

Information for "A Reader."

Union, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee:—If "Reader," who desires to know how to secure the information requested in regard to Anti-Slavery League Year Book, will send an addressed envelope to me at the above address, they will receive those requested.

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Celia Baxter

Flitting Southward: We are writing this mess at Kansas City, between trains. For several hours before arriving here we were traveling through well-remembered scenes. Langdon, a little station just below Hamburg, and across the line in Missouri. When we first came to know the place it was Thompson's Switch, and right there was the best fishing place in all the country round about. It is such no longer, for fishermen from St. Joseph, Omaha, Council Bluffs and Kansas City became acquainted with it some 30 years ago, and it soon lost its attractions.

Craig, that's where we conducted our first newspaper. Forest City, once a big river town, but one night the Missouri got mad and wandered about 10 miles to the west, leaving the town high and dry. Over the hills three miles away is Oregon, where we learned the printer's trade. Went to school in Oregon for a while, then, by request, we walked over to Forest City to school. Walked it twice a day, too, when we couldn't hook a ride on Foster's hack.

St. Joseph, and that's where we edged up our first line of type on a daily newspaper. Wonder if Ben Hill is still foreman of the Gazette. We've got a grudge against Ben. He turned out the light on us—once. Nothing but cafes around the union depot now. Nothing to warrant a through passenger getting off while the train stops. There's a diner on the train. Time was when we thought the St. Joseph Union Depot was the Biggest Thing on Earth. It looks rather small and dinky now. The first car light we ever saw illuminated the platforms. The St. Joe section of Missouri contributes many big men to Omaha. We'll enumerate a lot of them sometime.

We never pass through St. Joseph without recalling one of the greatest events in the city's history. We were there when it happened—the killing of Jesse James by the Ford boys. Nor will we ever forget the big headline Major Edwards of the Gazette put over the story the next morning—"Jesse, by Jehovah!"

One never appreciates the broad streets of Omaha until one travels narrow streets like they have in St. Joseph. They are too narrow for a double street car track, and if an auto gets behind a street car it can not pass until the car reaches an intersection without running up on the curb. It seems ages ago that we thought old St. Joseph was one of the greatest cities in America. "Goin' down to St. Joe" was a Great Treat in those old days.

In those days to be able to walk into the old Pacific House at Sixth and Francis—or was it Seventh and Francis?—and inscribe one's name on the register, was a Great Adventure. Those were the days when no supercilious clerk asked if you wanted a room with bath. There was only one bath room on each floor. But it was some hotel in its day.

We are headed for Galveston via the Katy. We are in no hurry, as you will notice. Going to stop off at Dallas and Houston, and make a side trip over to Tulsa coming back. My boy a few oil wells while in Tulsa, but no oil stock. If we have time we'll run over to the capital and pay our respects to Ms Ferguson. Ever think about the size of Texas? Standing in the northeast corner of that state you are nearer Duluth, Minn., than you are to Brownsville, Tex. But, big as Texas is, it doesn't produce as much agricultural wealth per year as Nebraska.

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