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## Omaha—Where the West is at its Best

STOP IT ALL AT ONCE, IF POSSIBLE, BUT STOP IT.

A report comes up from Lincoln that the bill to do away with the county prisoner feeding graft will pass the senate. With an amendment that will suspend its operation for two years. In other words, "Mike" Endres is to be permitted to continue to enjoy the profit that comes from feeding prisoners at a less cost than the county pays him.

Senators, and everybody, for that matter, should know that this bill is not aimed at Sheriff Endres. It is intended to destroy the system that has prevailed so long, and against which so much criticism has been directed for longer than a generation. Mr. Endres simply is the present incumbent. He is no more personally involved than were any of his predecessors when similar attempts were made to change the law so as to destroy the graft.

No defense can be made of a system that permits the sheriff to gain thousands of dollars annually from his office, which includes the duty of feeding the prisoners in his keeping. In Douglas county men go into the office of sheriff poor and come out rich. They account for all the fees of the office to the proper authorities. But they do not make any account of the money for feeding prisoners, other than to collect so much per head for prisoners fed. The county pays a stipulated sum for each, and any difference between that and actual cost goes into the sheriff's personal pocket. No sheriff has yet presented a bill to cover a deficit caused by feeding prisoners beyond the sum allowed by the county.

It is to end this system, as old as the sheriff's office, that the pending measure is devised. It was passed in the house, and should be passed by the senate without amendment. To suspend its operation for two years is to confirm Sheriff Endres in the enjoyment of something the law itself will say is wrong. Will give color to the erroneous and groundless assertion that the support of the measure is animated by opposition to Endres. Such a course should not be adopted.

Senators should say by their votes if they approve or disapprove of the inexcusable graft. If they disapprove of the system that all admit is wrong, then they should vote to end it without delay. Do not camouflage a good act by arranging to extend a detestable custom until the incumbent of the sheriff's office in Douglas county has extracted the last possible penny of personal profit from the prisoners consigned to his care. If votes enough can be secured only by the two-year amendment, it will be better than nothing. Stop the whole practice at once, if possible, but in any event, stop it.

### PATENT RIGHTS.

By executive order the patent office has been transferred from the Interior department to the Department of Commerce. Secretary Hoover, in making the announcement, points out one place in which American inventors are at a disadvantage. Many foreign countries require that the inventor establish a factory and continually produce the article he has patented. Otherwise, he forfeits his rights and anybody can take over the invention. Automobile makers found this out several years ago, when Portugal, notably, began to imitate American-made machines, despite the patents that were supposed to protect them. A result has been that many American factories have been established abroad to save the rights of inventors.

Our patent laws have no such provisions. The foreign inventor may patent his article in this country, and receive full protection of the law, while doing the manufacturing elsewhere. How this may operate is disclosed in the fact that whereas an ounce of gold buys 20 hours of work in the United States, it will buy 50 hours in Great Britain, 90 in Japan, 100 in France, and 200 in Germany. A conference on this subject is called for The Hague in September. In the meantime the American inventor is at a decided disadvantage compared to his foreign competitors, who register patents or trade marks in the United States, and enjoy full privileges and protection here and the benefit of cheap labor abroad.

That inventive genius is not slacking, however, is indicated by the fact that the average number of patents granted or trademarks registered in the United States each year is above 55,000. Solomon may have been right, as to there being nothing new under the sun, but inventors are continually digging up something.

### BATTLE TO THE BEST SHOT.

"Trice armed is he," wrote Shakespeare, "who hath his quarrel just." Amended by an American humorist to read, "And four times he who gets his work in first." The army version of this was expressed by an illiterate but understanding Civil War leader, who said victory would go to the side that "got there fustest with the mostest men."

Some time will elapse before anything more than a general description of the naval maneuver off San Diego will be available. Properly, the navy will probably keep profoundly secret the precise information it has gained. On the surface, though, one fact is clear. In the matter of defense against aircraft, the deck gunnery is not effective. Eight hundred shrapnel shells were fired at targets towed by airplanes, and not a hit registered. This bears out experience in the war. Few hits out of many

thousands of attempts were registered by anti-aircraft guns. Such as did land were more a matter of chance than of aim. The effect noted is that fire from the earth has a tendency to discourage too close approach from the air. On the other hand, the fact is already established that bombing from the air is equally uncertain. In exhibitions bombs have been planted with a fair degree of accuracy, but under conditions that will hardly be possible in actual warfare.

For the gunnery practice against floating targets, the report is that it was surprisingly effective. Objects fired at were totally destroyed. Naval authorities assert that, in the case of the Oestfriesland for example, the damage wrought by the aircraft bombs was below what would follow the explosion of a high-caliber shell from a naval gun.

The rivalry will proceed, just as it has for ages, between offense and defense. Other things being equal, success in battle depends upon the accuracy and frequency with which fire is delivered. So in the end, the best shot has the best chance of coming out ahead.

### TEAPOT DOME AND THE FUTURE.

It is a mistaken notion that the public has lost interest in the Teapot Dome case. Even more mistaken that the prime purpose of that suit was to establish whether the government had been cheated in the lease made. The greater issues involved concern the right of the executive department of the government to carry out a policy of administration without getting specific authority from congress. Whether, when the congress has enacted a law that will permit the following of a certain line of policy, mandatory or not, it is essential for the executive to ask for permission each time it moves under the law.

Opinion will always differ as to the policy of dealing with the oil reserves held in the name of the government. Whether storage above ground or retention in the natural reservoirs is better may never be answered to the satisfaction of all. While yet the war was on, the Navy department began to move in the direction of storage of fuel oil at readily available strategic points. Secretary Daniel was committed to the policy, and not only sanctioned certain leases, but outlined the policy to be pursued. Senator Walsh of Montana helped to pass the law under which leasing of naval reserves were made possible.

Then came the change in administration. Along with it Albert B. Fall, and the Teapot Dome affair. While that matter was of political value, the land fairly rocked with the scandal. Not so much noise was made after the case got into court, but the arguments presented to the federal judge at Cheyenne were of far more service than the diatribes of the senators, denouncing everything and everybody connected with the administration.

On the court's decision, which will doubtless come finally from the highest tribunal, will depend the course of the government in the future. Whether the president is in fact the executive or is merely a messenger boy for congress. If the executive can do the things that are needed and right as well as expedient for the proper administration of the nation's business, or if he is required to obtain separate sanction for each individual action. Teapot Dome will decide something more than whether there was a deal between Fall and Sinclair.

A Texas man on trial for murder of his son-in-law admits that he shot his victim seven times, and then hit him over the head with the revolver. He pleads he did not know what he was doing. Usually a Texan in his right mind only shoots once.

A Chicago woman complains her husband treated her coldly on the tenth anniversary of their wedding. Accordingly she shot him. That ought to convince that at least he has an attentive spouse.

The federal government estimates that at the rate the work is progressing it will take 100 years to get Nebraska's roads paved. Wait till the new law is passed, and then judge.

"Ma" Ferguson has named herself a full quota of colonels and the like to make up the customary governor's staff, and has not put a woman on the list. Doesn't look right.

Sinclair oil concession in Saghalien has been annulled by the Russian government and the forfeit money returned. Now nobody knows if the field contains any oil.

President Coolidge has instructed Secretary Kellogg to go ahead in arranging for the arms conference, and Europe will either have to shoot or give up the gun.

An improvement club suggests one-way streets for trolley cars, to make room for more automobiles. Why not remove the tram cars altogether?

Premier Herriot informs the League for the Rights of Man that he will not meddle in American affairs, showing he has good judgment at times.

More coal measures have been located in northern Russia. The soviets will have plenty to go on when they get ready to start work.

Cupid or a "complex" is putting in overtime among the high school students. Organize another chapter of the Bed Slat Club.

Governor Ritchie says citizens no longer have any rights. It does seem that about all they ever had has left.

Even under the "pint" law, Uncle Sam will try his own liquor cases in Omaha. This saves the state something.

The short session of congress was also sweet, for the incoming congressmen.

"Mony" golf may be illegal, but it is very popular.

## Bill Was Busy!



## 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.

**More Indignation.**  
Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Dear fellow gardeners: Is it possible for us to devise some way whereby dog owners can be compelled to keep their property at home out of harm's way? I do not like to see any animal hurt and it is causing the owners such a lot of anguish. We might as well start a fund and fence their back yards for them, and their dogs can do their digging and wallowing right at home and not be over in their neighbor's garden, where they have no right to be.

The writer has spent a good deal of time and money trying to beautify our place, and a row of peonies of choice variety is our special joy and pride. But last spring, just as they were heavy with bud and ready to burst into bloom, two large dogs walked into them flat to the ground. Now we felt much as a dog owner does when something happens to his dog. These flowers furnish pleasure to a number of people, as some that have no way of raising them are always delighted to receive a bouquet of them, while generally people are not very enthusiastic over the other fellow's dog. My family is very fond of salads, and I always have plenty of different kinds of salad plants for ourselves and enough to give away, but as dogs are not very nice or cleanly about their habits, it isn't very appetizing to have them running around through your plants.

After setting out my young plants in the spring I have to guard them all the time to keep the dogs from tramping them down. Most of our tomato plants were broken off by dogs standing on top of them before they got started. I also like to bleach my linen on a little patch of grass I have, but the neighbor dogs also want to bring their bones there to gnaw and that is not pleasant. I do not blame the dog. He does not know any better. I have owned several that I thought a great deal of, but do not feel like fencing my yard and giving it over to a dog and feel it is 100 per cent selfishness to keep one and let him run loose on my neighbors. Why are people so touchy about their dogs? I asked a neighbor who has a big dog that makes tracks most like a cow if she would please keep him from tramping down my plants. Her head went up in the air and she has not been in my house since. The dog still runs loose. Now is there a way that we may enjoy our gardens and still keep the good will of our neighbor dog owner? Would be glad for any suggestions.

**GARDEN LOVER.**

**Dogs or Gardens.**  
Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It sounds to me much "like a joke" when people put up such a howl when something happens to their dog. They will raise some to do harm if they are kept at home where they belong. Instead of running loose. I fell afflicted, too, last summer, when dogs wallowed

make the dry law tighter is plain humberg and child's play, as it has been tight enough and proved a failure. Better try something else.

**HEE READER.**

**Make Dogs Behave.**  
Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I have my sympathy with any person who will poison a pet dog. But what gets me is the way people hold their dogs over children and human beings. We can hardly pick up a paper without reading of some child bitten by a dog, which is often done by these same pet dogs, while the owners seem to think if you hadn't annoyed the dog and went around on the other side of the street you would avoid being bitten. The city is full of common curs that guard their master's house by dashing out after everything that comes along, and are to be seen everywhere one goes. They should be taken care of by a painless process.

I am against keeping a dog in town. He is generally a nuisance and there are 49 ways he can get his owner into trouble. One remarkable thing about these people that think so much of their dogs is that whenever a child has been bitten by their pet, they seem to offer no word of sympathy, thus putting their dog above children and human beings. It is only recently that two young women were chewed up by bulldozers here in Omaha in one day. One it took half a school to pry the bulldog off the girl's leg, and the other nearly got her nose bit off. It was no fault of the good intentions of these dogs that it was not a very serious matter. I think this in itself is enough to sink all the dogs there in Omaha.

**E. N. WOODARD.**

**Against the Pint Law.**  
Heartwell, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Everyone with common sense certainly should congratulate you for writing such a scorching editorial in regard to the law, "A Pint of Liquor Makes a Bootlegger." Any little schoolboy should know better.

We hire men and pay them good wages to pass laws that should be satisfactory to all, or at least to the great majority. This they have failed to do and are still not doing it. That's why so many voters, including myself and whole family, have cut out voting, as we do not believe in paying anyone for doing dirty work. Every school kid knows that a great majority will not help enforce the prohibition law, as they don't believe in it, and still these lawmakers that we pay good wages to work right against them, and still they want us to vote, but what encouragement is there in voting? Nothing. That's why so many have quit. Trying to

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## SUNNY SIDE UP

Take comfort, nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet.  
*Celia Thayer*

Galveston, Tex.—Caught a shark this afternoon—a regular man-eating shark. Of course it wasn't big enough to eat a man, but that was because we caught it young. It was only about 18 inches long, but it was a regular shark. Two rows of teeth and ever' thing. Also caught a few salt water catfish—a very few. But enough for breakfast. There are not many fish to be caught right around here, but boy, howdy, you ought to see the fishing boats come in from down Corpus and Tampico way! Red snapper is the choice fish of the lot, mostly weighing from three to fifteen pounds and are caught mostly on the Mexican coast. Boats often come in with from 15,000 to 30,000 pounds of red snapper.

Galveston is an old city, and not many years ago was the metropolis of Texas. But Dallas, Houston, Waco and other cities have passed it. The flood of the 90s and the storm of 1915 gave the city severe backsets, but it is now coming out of it in fine shape. The government seawall is a tremendous work, and the citizens feel secure against further invasion of the gulf. Now the city has several skyscrapers and the streets are all well paved. The palm trees are a source of delight to the northerner.

If ever we become the owner of a circus we'll make Galveston two or three times a year. We struck the city on circus day. Honestly, we didn't know there were so many colored friends and brothers in the world! Believe us, it was some day for the colored population, and they came from the mainland in swarms.

We cannot help contrasting the difference between the opinions of Texans regarding their governor and the opinion of Wyoming citizens regarding their governor. So far as I have been able to judge, Texans look upon Governor Ferguson as a mere proxy governor, her husband, Jim, being considered the real governor. In Wyoming Mrs. Ross is conceded to be governor, and a mighty good one. One hears only praise of Governor Ross while in Wyoming, but down here nearly everybody smiles when they mention Governor Ferguson. We are going over to Austin a few days and investigate at that time have not had time to take into account prejudices down here. Partisan politics has practically been lost sight of in Klan and anti-Klan scraps. This is especially true in these parts. Of course there is only one political party of any consequence in Texas, but it has two factions, and they put up enough fight to make things hum.

The government is adding materially to the area of Galveston by building a huge extension to the seawall and filling in behind it. After the first big flood the site of Galveston was raised about 10 feet by filling in. The port of Galveston is a busy one, but the government has to keep a big force here dredging the channel. The gulf is not deep along this coast.

For years Galveston has been lacking in just one thing—enterprises. But she is waking up, now that she has found other Texas cities getting ahead. There is no reason why this should not be one of the great pleasure resorts of the south, and with oil for fuel it could become a manufacturing city of note.

All of eastern Texas needs rain badly. And that reminds me. He said if he owned hell and Texas, he'd rent out Texas and live in the other place. We wouldn't go quite that far, Texas being a rather pleasant place, but to date we haven't seen anything calculated to lessen our love for and loyalty to Nebraska.

**WILL M. MAUPIN.**

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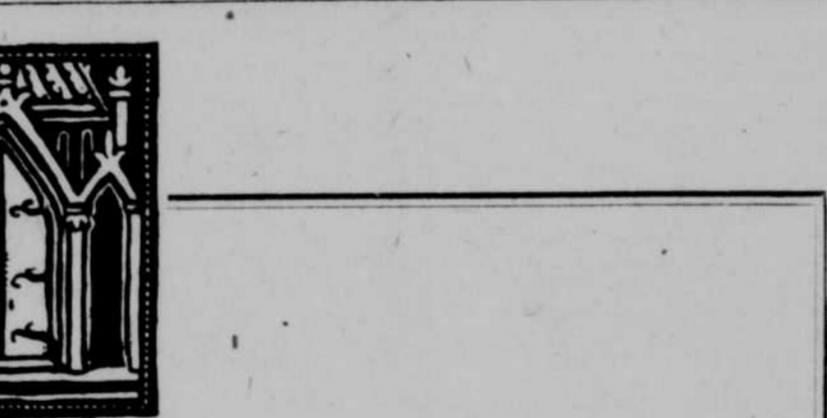
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## Religious Denominations Differ In Detail Only

"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members of one another." Rom. 12:4,5.

SCIENCE has proved that no two things in nature have been created exactly alike. No two individuals have ever been identical either in their physical or mental construction, and therefore, it is reasonable to assume that the Divine Creator intended that humanity should arrive at the truth through different processes of thinking and reasoning. Many different and divergent types of human nature make up mankind, yet back of all these differences in detail the ultimate goal remains the same.

There are many religious denominations in the world today all putting forth their fullest effort for the same ultimate good; the interpretation of the will of Divine Providence and the application of these truths to individual life. The only difference between these denominational beliefs are minor details.

Religious denominations and sects are the outcome of different types of human nature. Your process of reasoning may not coincide with the doctrine of all the churches, but you have the privilege of making your own church affiliation on the basis of your own belief.

## Select a Church and Then Support It by Your Attendance

"In a wider appeal to religion and to religious faith is to be found the answer to the growing tendency toward law violations which we see on every hand."

This is the judgment of a group of Omaha men and institutions, who have arranged for a program of appeals for church attendance. The appeal published herewith is eighth of the series.

### Abe Martin

HE NEVER PRAYED.

He never prayed, I've heard them say: But since he's gone I know That prayer was on his lips each day— He never hinted so; But such a man as he who led A straight and honored path Need not bend low his graying head To show the faith he hath.

Where th' husband an' wife both drink neither kin smell it. Ever' thing comes t' him what waits, but th' result of an investigation.

### Homespun Verse

By Omaha's Own Poet—  
**Robert Worthington Davie.**

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