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STILL A GOING CONCERN.

Considerable public misapprehension affects the Milwaukee road, because it is now in receivers' hands. The railroad as such still is a going concern. Its troubles are financial, not physical. Due to mistakes of enterprise, rather than to any difficulty in handling its traffic. Trains still operate, hauling passengers and freight over the great region served by the line. Fifty thousand employes still are on the payroll, certain of their wages each month.

In everything that goes to make up a railroad, the Milwaukee is the same now as it was before the federal court intervened in order to make possible a readjustment of the finances of the company. Several lengthy sermons have been recited, concerning the methods by which the money was raised to extend the line across the continent, to equip it with the best of cars, machinery, motive power and the like. To electrify its service over 600 miles of mountain region. To give it high standing in the transportation service. Only Wall Street and the investors have felt the effect of the receivership.

"In over five years we have not killed a passenger in a passenger train accident," says B. B. Greer, chief operating official under the receivers. He adds: "We have been doing a good job of railroading, we can do better, and we are going to do it." And, with this spirit extending down through the personnel of the operating force, the answer is certain. As a railroad the Milwaukee is as good as ever it was.

TREES AND THE CITY STREETS.

The sojourning brother who advises that Omaha streets should be beautified by planting of trees comes too late. He should have arrived before the prevailing idea took root. That in order to make a street available for business purposes it must be denuded of tree growth. Take Capitol avenue as an illustration. That thoroughfare had been parked, made beautiful, and offered a sort of oasis in the downtown district. In order that the needs of the next generation might be anticipated, the fine trees were cut down, the parking removed, and solid pavement spread over what had been a beauty spot.

While trees may not be an inseparable part of a downtown business district, and Omaha thrives fairly well without them, residence parts of the city need them. To the glory of the city, be it said, the early comers realized this truth. Trees were planted where none had grown, and spared where nature had provided them. The result of this is mile on mile of well-shaded avenues, running all over the older residence portions of the town. Home builders in the newer sections have emulated the example of the older. Trees and shrubs are among the first things installed. Real estate men have encouraged this by lining the streets in their additions with trees, which in time will increase the value as well as the beauty of the homes that are coming.

Omahans appreciate trees. They show that appreciation by the care they give to planting and nurturing them. Jefferson Square may remain forever the only downtown breathing spot, but once away from business the resident or visitor finds himself in the presence of forest monarchs whose majesty testifies that "Only God can make a tree." Watch the unfolding of the leaves during the next few days, and realize that Omaha truly is a city of thousands

"BUSINESS IS GOOD, THANK YOU."

A few years ago John and Horace Dodge took a chance with a fellow named Henry Ford, who thought he had an idea. It turned out that Ford did have an ides. In the words of the ribald ditty: "He took four spools

And an old tin can, And put 'em all together. And the darned thing ran."

So fast and so far did it run that no place on earth, unless it is the peak of Mount Everest, is unfamiliar with the Ford output. Just how much the Dodge brothers invested in the Ford concern is not known, but about ten years ago they had an idea. They cashed in on their Ford holdings, and took out a sum of money that seemed respectable, even then. With it they began to inflate their own idea.

That also prospered, and now the small sum of \$175,000,000 is being paid for the outgrowth of the criginal Ford idea plus the money the Dodge brothers risked, plus the development of their own idea.

It was not magic. No wizard's wand or Aladdin's lamp. Just a bit of inventive genius, supplemented by capacity for direction and management. Manufacturing skill added to merchandizing ability. It has been done before. The adage about the mousetrap and the home in the wilderness is true. If you doubt it, try making a mouse-trap better than any other, or get an idea such as Henry Ford or the Dodge brothers had, and watch what happens.

COMPETITION AND CONSEQUENCES.

Certain Nebraska towns have been engaged in what seems like a most laudable competition. They have been striving to see which community could show the larger attendance at church and Sunday school. On this might rest a comparison as to the moral standing of each community, assuming that such a test might be made. So the contest went on over a specified number of weeks, and finally the totals were made, and the issue determined.

What is the net result? So far as can be gained

from the newspapers, which fostered the trial in every way by publicity and encouragement, one side shouts, "We won, hurrah!" The other side points out that with a fair count, and no favor, the result would have been different. Accuses the winner of having worked in repeaters, by reason of holding extra services on Sunday afternoons, by which the opportunity was given for duplicating attendance, counting the same individual twice in one day. If night services were included, the same man may have been counted thrice on each Sunday.

Can any good for religion, morals, or better citizenship come out of such contests? Church attendance is to be encouraged by all legitimate methods. Something about this plan, though, rather smacks of the worldly to the extent at least that the text may have been lost sight of in the attendance count. Or the lesson of the sermon have vanished in the interest given to hearing from the rival camp.

If St. Peter keeps a profit and loss account, and he probably does, the chances are that such affairs will be properly entered. And that will not be on the profit side, either.

POSTAL REGULATIONS AND EMPLOYES.

Postmaster General New, as an act of grace and executive clemency, has restored to the service six highly placed postal employes. They had been suspended some months ago because of infraction of postal regulations. Specifically, it was charged they had raised money for the purpose of aiding in the passage of a bill that would increase the pay of postal employes. In restoring these men to the service, the postmaster general demoted each and reduced his pay. Each suffers a cut in pay of from \$500 to \$1,650 a year.

Mr. New explains that Edward H. McDermott, assistant secretary of the senate committee on postoffices and post roads, was the approach through which the employes reached the committee. McDermott demanded and received money from the men. The postmaster general says he was "insistent and merciless in his demands." A mitigating circumstance, but not sufficient to excuse the act of the men, who contributed from their own means \$2,585 to meet McDermott's exactions, and also agreed to levy an assessment on other employes. It is not-alleged that the payment of this sum affected in any way the progress of the bill. It was given to Mc-Dermott, and by him kept. What happened to Mc-Dermott is not stated.

On thes urface, the punishment seems unduly severe. Postal regulations are rigid and severe. To maintain the integrity of the service its rules must be enforced without favor. Yet, these men were victims rather than victimizers. To punish them by demotion accompanied by loss of pay, which in effect is a fine, to go on year after year, is out of propor-

We believe in the postal service, in the honor and faith of its personnel. Also, that punishment should be swift and certain, but in every case it should be commensurate and not vindictive. To fine a man \$1,650 a year for the rest of his term of service in the postoffice, no matter how long that may be, is laying it on rather thick.

NEW USE FOR LIFE INSURANCE.

Long ago the principle of life insurance became embedded in the affairs of men. It embodies the practice of cumulative thrift, accompanied by the prospect of payment of the amount of indemnity in event of death before the policy has matured. This, of course, having to do with the so-called "endowment" or "tontine" forms of insurance. The ment" or "tontine" forms of insurance. The straight life insurance policy has no fixed time for determination short of death. Specified term policies are by far the most popular and productive of the the victim of the bootlegger is deground for any such resentment a many offered for selection. The use of these is being extended by experience almost daily.

One of the latest evidences of the adaptability of life insurance comes from Princeton university. Graduates there are making certain of ability to donate to alma mater by insuring contributions to be made twenty-five years hence. By the payment of stipulated sum as premium, the graduate puts himself in position of certainty as to the amount he will be able to contribute to the fund of school in twenty or twenty-five years. All he has to do is to pay the premium regularly, and the insurance company will take care of the rest. In other ways this principle is applied. A num-

ber of Nebraska men have insured their lives for the benefit of an educational fund in which they are interested. Other men have made like provision for the endowment of various institutions. It illustrates the possibility of life insurance being indefinitely extended in its service. Not only to provide for the dependent wife and children, but to take care of what are generally regarded as beneficences. As life insurance in its fundamental aspect is merely cumulative thrift, these methods of employing its service are as sound in principle as anything can be.

It appears that a legislature that adjourns in March is still an eventuality of future time, so far as Nebraska is concerned.

Twenty-fourth street will not be widened be-tween St. Mary's and Farnam this year. Not at the proposed cost.

It didn't take John D. long to find out that Nebraska had a gas tax law in effect.

A "city beautiful" as well as useful is Omaha's

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

LAST NIGHT.

The moon was out last night: Wee stars and brilliant ones-Undreamed of planets' suns, Bediamonded with light. Surveyed the dark below:-The earth minute and far. Where men tread to and fro Unseen by moon and star.

But they look up:-these men To glimpse the twinkling deep Where, somewhere, loved ones sleep In Galilee. Their ken May pierce the hardest wall) Work wonders in a breath, But it is naught at all

Before the Gates of Death. Last night I saw the sky, The stars, the vivid moon, I heard the balm winds croon The virgin lullaby:-

I thought-how small men are, How weak is mortal might,-When sky and moon and star Locked down on me last night.

In durned near every place we go There's Platos, even Christs,-and yet A hundred years no one will know-Time makes it easy to forget!

Letters From Our Readers All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Com-munications of 200 words and less

For the Child Labor Amendment. Lincoln, Neb .- To the Editor of The Smaha Bee: Inasmuch as I had no chance to discuss the child labor

session of the congress this is very plainly brought out. Even if congress should override these words and do such a thing, it is plain that the susuch a thing, it is plain that the superme court would declare it unconstitutional. It would have to do it because the inserting of the words "limit and regulate" conclusively show that the word "prohibit" except in a limited manner, cannot be applied.

Why was the word "prohibit" used? Because the states themselves have

The six sepulchers are each marked by have been re-elected governor had he to kept a dog in the manger attitude to aspire to something higher. He kept to the state candidates from filing only to sell the people of the state and his party for a mess of pottage. Who is there to mourn for "Brother?" Not ever permitted to see under any circumstances because of the Moslem.

out using this word. and some states have the age limit as prohibit in dangerous occupations.

Why the 18-year limit? It is a

conservative limit, because 40 From the Nebraska City Press. illiterate, then turn them loose to in "putting over" some sort of propa- water power. It will also be recalled become a menace to our government ganda every week is hurting the work in any or all states, or to give to Uncle of education in that it diverts the at-

Strong for Prohibition.

Octavia. Neb .- No. we cannot go hearts beat for the American woman, and they always will. The time has come that when we cannot ignore them and do not want to ignore them any more. The constant care that she gave us, and with what anxiety she watched over us and gave us all without stimulants. Here hours of without stimulants. Her hours of labor far exceed that of man. What From the Madison Star-Mail. man is there that would exchange life with a woman, not one.

stroyed, both soul and body. I would rather have a son of mine robbed and killed for his money by a highway robber than have a bootlegger make a slave of him and turn him lower and lower and drive him away from Christ's teachings. I have some charity for a man that is addicted to drinking as a good man told me his as a mouthpiece for the people. drinking, as a good man told me his father was a drinking man and he had We regret that our people were inherited the taste. Such men need sympathy. But here come the bootlegger and tempts such men, as well as thoughtless young men. We cannot find language strong enough to condemn the bootlegger. He is a rebel against our country's laws and never could a man be engaged in a more damnable debasing business. Kansas has had prohibition for 4 years and it is a success there.
SETH VANDERKOLK.

Pole Resents Misrepresentation. Omaha.—To the Editor of The maha Bee: An article appeared in a local paper on April 1, under the heading "Poles of South Side Resent

Governor's Act.' The alleged recentment seems to grow out of the fact that the gov-ernor dismissed a certain citizen of Polish extraction, recently appointed food inspector for Douglas county. It is further claimed that the article referred to that the party dismissed was selected with the consent of the Polish leaders of the South Side.

Th truth of the matter is that the election was not made with the consent of the Polish leaders, no official authority having been given to that effect, but as a result of the efforts of a single individual, who merely acted in the capacity of a close per-sonal friend to the appointee. In so far, therefore, as the selection was made by an individual, and was

not properly authorized or consented to by the Polish voters, there is no

Abe Martin



Tell Binkley started fer Wash which don't sound altogether unreasonable. Aunt Tildy Beasley, who owned th' only copper apple-butter kettle in this town fer many years, passed away t'day as gracefully as an investigation. (Copyright, 1928.)

"From State and Nation" -Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Abraham's Tomb.

from the Washington Post. Cave of Macpelah, which Abraham votes augmented by the multitude hance to discuss the child labor photographed for the first time. Here woters from one branch, and hopeless mendment in the house because when are buried Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and disgusted La Follette voters or House Roll No. 152 came up the most and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah. The the other, who did not want Coolidge extreme gag rule known to any assembly was used in order to allow been questioned, nor have they ever and dissatisfaction by voting for him debate, I wish a portion of space been opened since they received their The favorite sons of different state

in your paper to say only a little on occupants.
the matter that ought to be said.
What the Moslems conquered Pales Why were the words "limit" and tine, they carefully preserved the Smith. used in the 20th amend- place in conformity with their cus- Bryan that he abandon his state ment if not to made plain without a tom. During the short-lived Christhat congress in the future tian occupation in the 11th century, could not pass a law to prohibit all the Crusaders built a castle-like church hit the democrats. children up to 18 years old from working? In reading all the committee hearings on this matter of the 68th centuries no Christian was permitted some and only reactingly accomplish. The six sepulchers are each marked

Because the states themselves have cumstances because of the Moslem conventions with regard to women.

It is something to reflect on that It is something to reflect on that through all the thousands of years word prohibit on their statutes, as they apply to hazardous occupations, inc. place results have elapsed since Abraham commission to study the Muscle Shoals was gathered to his fathers, his resting place should have been left invio- turer, a chemical engineer, an eleclate, despite the war and turmoil trical engineer and a representative

It has required the outburst of a

color in their cheeks and make them citizens to be proud of?

Last but not least, would it not be better and far more sane to put over a million men or women, actual or potential parents, to work in the place of these children, that they may be able to support themselves and their last on the work at hand.

The shame of it, of course, lies the shoals. Significance, usually in the interest of favored sections of the population, not designed, particularly, to help the public as a whole. Some forward-looking promoter a few years ago invented the homically promoter a few years ago invented the shoals. idea, and at once he found plenty of imitators, until now the entire year is taken up with propaganda that clutters up the landscape and leaves behind only a feeling of nausea.

It is time to stop the "week" busi-ness in this country, and it is right

Value of the Bryans.

For the first time in history the A person cannot stimulate above normal without a reaction, and that reaction falls heaviest on the women and children, and causes more lasting grief than anything else, both on the grief than anything else, both on the conditions of the unborn.

Brothers Bryan have been snuned out of sight. While talk is going on about the resurrection of the democratic party, the party leaders seem to be dumbfounded, confused, without knowing a road to travel on and without leaders. What democrat is

may have been made in connection with the incident referred to.

they were outgeneraled and divided s that the present administration was Not long ago the interior of the returned by a minority of the popular bought from Ephron the Hittite, was disgusted and hopeless democratic helped materially by preventing the nomination of either McAdoo o nomination for governor and aspire to Turks Bryan was elected in 1922 on a plat regime, and only partially accomplish ed it because he had an antagonistilegislature to contend with. He have been re-elected governor had he

A Shoals Commission. From the Milwaukee Journal.

The president has named on his high as 21. When this amendment is ratified by 36 states (as it will be) it will only give congress power to pass uniform laws to limit and regulate the hours of employment and sanitary and moral conditions and to represent the law shall be fulfilled?

late, despite the war and turmoil trical engineer and a representative of farm organizations. Some criticism may be heard because ex-Senator Dial determined that this dust should not be disturbed until the last provision of the law shall be fulfilled? president's veto of the original postal salaries bill. Mr. Dial, a "lame duck" democrat, furnished the one vote out of 48 states now prohibit in dangerous occupations to this age limit or higher. Which is the greater superintendent of the Grand Island necessary to uphold the president's Mr. Dial has been connected with decrime: To allow employers to enter schools, to bring to our attention the our homes and take, as the 1920 cen- overdoing of the "week" celebrations velopment of electrical power from to 15 years, and have them work until they are stunted and crippled and stant enlistment of the schools' aid practical business experience with that ex-Representative McKenzie, the lawyer on the commission, introduced Sam the power to keep them out of factories and put them in school, and from the work at hand. the bill which would have authorized acceptance of Henry Ford's bid for

a happy thought, for much of the dis pute in congress revolved around fertilizers nomically produced at Muscle Shoals whole proposition that we saw state-ments of one progressive republican senator about the shoals flatly cor tradicted by another progressive re publican senator. And when the sen ate bill to dispose of the shoals was accepted the impossible Henry Fore offer, the conferees went so far beyond their instructions that the whole mat ter was thrown on the junk heap The people have an investment of \$100,000,000 lying idle at Muscle Shoals, but it is better to delay than by hasty legislation make a mess of the enterprise. There should have beeen a commission of this nature to dig up facts five years ago

Although Magnus Johnson is a dir farmer, he hates to be plowed under in politics.—Des Moines Register.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of April 1925. W. H. QUIVEY,

SUNNY SIDE UP

Jake Comfort nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet.

Dallas, Tex .- Oil, and still more oil-that is the secret of the growth and importance of Dallas, the metropolis of Texas. In fact, oil is the secret of Texas development during the past It has a tremendous But Dallas has more than oil. wholesale trade and not a little manufacturing. Meat packing also an important industry, but that is small compared with the old home town, toward which we are now headed. One of the magnificent structures of Dallas is the Medical

Arts building. It reminded us so much of our own Medical Arts building-it is so different. The one here is only 20 stories high, and already it is overcrowded and a new unit is soon to be added. We refer to this in the hope that it might spur certain parties in Omaha to get busy and cover up the unsightly skeleton at Seventeenth and Dodge. Dallas is about the size of Omaha, but has more big build-The Magnolia Oil Company building is 25 stories, and

the Santa Fe is building what is said to be the largest railroad building in the world. In reality it is four buildings, each covering a quarter of a block on four blocks, 20 stories high and connected by underground railroads and conduits. But Dallas streets are narrow. With all the space in the world to build a city, their streets are only half as wide as those in Omaha, and when it comes to parks and boulevards the old home town has Dallas skinned four ways from the jack

Visited the Galveston News and Journal office this morning and felt right at home. We get 'em over our radio every night when at home. This city is said to be the headquarters of the Klan for the entire southwest. From all we can gather it dominates politics in this section.

We have discovered one thing while down here-the Bryans are no longer in good odor with Texas democrats. Colonel Johnson, founder and long time editor of the Houston Post, was one of the original Bryan men in Texas. He went the limit for William J. in three campaigns, only to suffer the usual fate of those who dared to differ from Bryan. He was abused and called a traitor because he would not accept Bryan's govern-ment ownership ideas, and the Bryan batteries were turned on We have talked with scores of Texas democrats and have yet to hear one speak a good word for either of the Bryans.

The depot "red caps" down here are all gentlemen of color. This morning we had one carry our heavy grip about a quarter of a mile and then we said "thank you" in our sweetest manner. The red cap smiled and said, "You ah very welcome, Cap-Whereupon we loosened up and gave about double the

Nebraska's pint law is matched by Texas' law prohibiting card playing on trains. The chairman of the Texas state board of control is pleading to have all good liquor that is seized sent to the board for distribution amoust the eelemosynary in-stitutions of the state. He says there are many aged dependents who need the liquor for medicinal purposes. His plaintive plea reminds us that we, too, are growing old.

Texas Limerick.

There was an old man in Fort Worth. Who grew too tremendous of girth. He heard of a diet And he thought he would try it-Now he sleeps under six feet of earth.

A reminder of home-the Daffas Chamber of Commerce is offering prizes to school children for the best essays on "Know

Another reminder-Dallas is in the throes of a city election. City covered with election posters. So far as we can learn it isn't Klan and anti-Klan, but one Klan faction against another.
WILL M. MAUPIN.

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