Letters From

Our Readers

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Defends the Contest.

North Platte, Neb .- To the Editor

of The Omaha Bee: In The Omaha

See of April 4 an editorial appeared

would be most unfortunate to allow such a mass of misinformation to pass

without correction, and I should ap-

preciate the use of your columns for

I was the originator of the plan and

was in close touch with it throughout. First, the contest was only between

the men's Bible classes of the cities

concerned, and only men over 18 years of age were counted. Second, each of the contestant cities made it a

tor that any other competitor deviated

standard. On the contrary, each of the cities concerned has been much

North Platte honestly and whole

heartedly congratulates Scottsbluff

estly won victory, and the contest has served to induce a very friendly feel-

The following testimonies may serv to refute the suggestion that the bal

ance is on the loss side of the ledger

test has proven the most potent in fluence for good of any movemen

has unified the forces making for civic righteousness and has been a

tremendous inspiration to all of the

and sympathy than ever before."

The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. I. L. Bare, said the other day: "For real definite spiritual

eaults this contest has surpassed any

vevival meeting we have ever had in North Platte. I know of no other movement that has commanded such

vhole-hearted co-operation from every

rganization and section of the com

was put on the lesson and very def-

ne seems anxious to repeat the con

test next year. The results from the

whilst we did not expect to retain

permanently such an attendance, the

attendance at the Bible classes throughout the city this morning

hows that the permanent results are

Personally, I know of nothing that

Omaha. To the Editor of The Oma

ha Ree: Do you know if by some hazard over this earth all the books,

without exception, were destroyed, and all the educators in general had

greatest musicians, knowing, all the secrets of harmony; and some others

will come with some other kind of

7 or 8 years his genius has fully

municate to others what was given

to him: Mathematics, engineering, the

spirit of the law, commerce, finance.

the field of faculties that man pos-

out from your vest pocket your micro-scope, and with the help of your long-

pointed nose you can make the search

to explain these phenomena; you could

rub the bump of your head and may

be it would put into activity those

haps that may help you in the special intellectual field in which you are so strongly anchored. Don't you know.

Mr. Scientist, that there is another story above the intellectual world; it

the One who has put the soul and the rays of His spirit into you, may turn

searchlight on what you are looking for; and if you are favored by our

Divine Father then you will exclaim:
"I have found it! I have found it!
It is so clear—It is like the daylight,
and I was so stupid to not comprehend
it before. It is God who makes these

Brisbane's Comment.

Omaha.-To the Editor of The

Omaha Bee: Arthur Brisbane in his

certain tiny baby had been given up

to die by many eminent physicians and surgeons, but the baby still lives and thrives," and he adds, "There is

spark in the tiny brain of that in

fant which keeps it alive and defice all the edicts of mere educated man."

that subtle life force of nature which

knows no control by man. In today's

paper he quotes the news item about the man who had 88 operations and

is still alive, and says further: "That is a tribute to a brave man's courage

and the fact that he still lives is a tribute to surgical skill and science."

Now, no one would doubt but that the tribute to the man's courage is

right. Witness the results of most operations; but does he mean what he

says in the first place about the life force in the baby, or in between ar-

ticles he has changed his mind and

decided that the "educated men" after

little more consistency on his part

from week to week would tend to make

his articles more generally accepted as true conclusions. (The man would live as the baby fived if they leave

enough of him for nature to cur him). L. Y. CREED,

all controlled the "life force?"

column a week or so ago said:

probably, if you are worthy,

where distinguished people are lo-

Now, Mr. Scientist, you can pull

The emphasis in every Bible class

f my connection with the city.

"This men's Bible class con

ing between the cities.

"Competition and Consequences.

will be given preference.

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Omaha-Where the West is at its Best BED SLAT CLUBS IN ORDER.

While Dr. Wallace is proposing a new war on high school "frats," the boys and girls over in Council Bluffs are providing argument to support the doctor's position. It is unnecessary to rehearse all the arguments for or against the high school fraternity or clubs that do not have a scholastic purpose. Experience has amply demonstrated that the good such organizations do is far outweighed by the harm that is traceable to them. If this were not true, the weight of authority would not be so unanimously against

the "frat." "This new freedom," which has been so generously abused by the young folks within the last few years, has about run its course. When the Council Bluffs school heads were consulting with a view to action to restrict dancing and similar activities, a group of high school students were carrying on a somewhat riotous demonstration in protest. Particularly aimed at the edict against dancing, the outburst really is against all authority, parental or otherwise. Such a spirit must be curbed.

Not all students are involved in this matter, for happily the large majority of boys and girls who go to high school in the two cities are industrious. studious and well behaved. They do have the proper school spirit, and exhibit in all school activities the finest of loyalty and interest. These will not be affected by any step taken to restrict social functions or participation in them when they interfere with legitimate school work and discipline.

Not merely to restore and maintain the democratic aspect of the high schools, but to preserve their scholastic service, the fraternities should be suppressed. Instead of the social clubs that now exist, a few bed slat clubs might be set into operation with good result. Schools and pupils alike will be the better for it, and parents will have less cause to worry and fewer escapades to regret if they join the school authorities in the move to restore discipline.

RESPECT FOR LAW.

Samuel Vauclain, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, has signed a pledge, backed by a forfeit of \$10,000, not to take a drink of liquor in the United States during a period of one year. Several of his associates have signed a similar agreement. backed by a forfeit of \$1,000. As a result of this agreement Mr. Vauclain and his friends are receiving a great deal of favorable publicity.

It seems queer, however, that Mr. Vauclain and his friends should have deemed it necessary to back up their pledges by monetary forfeits. Surely their word should have been sufficient. Perhaps they added the forfeit cause merely to give emphasis to their declared respect for the law. But why did they stop with a mere pledge to observe the prohibitory law? Why not a pledge to observe all laws? Certainly it is no worse to fracture the prohibitory law than it is to fracture the laws against illegal combination in restraint of trade, or to fracture the law against undue pressure to prevent legislation.

Respect for law should be instilled into the minds of every man, woman and child in the United States, but a condition precedent to respect for law is the enactment of laws that are worthy of respect. Respect for the courts is imperative if our free institutions are to be preserved, but respect for the courts is conditioned upon courts that are entitled to respect. Merely to Pass a Law will not earn respect for that law. There will be a constantly growing disrespect for law in this country so long as mere opinions are enacted into statutory decrees. Respect for law will increase in proportion as the enactment of foolish laws demanded by professional uplifters decreases. Some of these days it may dawn upon the comprehension of these professional uplifters that mankind can not be saved by law enactment, and that men are not made strong by building a legal wall about their souls.

"IN THE SPRING THE YOUNG"-ET CETERA.

The lingering languor of balmy April is in the air. Whereupon come thoughts of other days. Happily truancy is not as common these days as it was in those old days when schools were less attractive, but even now some boys start schoolward, only to wind up somewhere in the woods along the river, or

in the furthest recesses of the city parks. Of course it is very wrong to play hookey. But by the memories of other days, when the natural spring combination was a boy, a fishpole, a can of worms and a shady spot on the bank of a creek, we can not find it in our hearts to chide the red-blooded youngster who succumbs to the temptation. We urge upon all boys to whisper, "Get thee behind me, Satan," when the temptation to play hookey besets them, but away down deep in our hearts we have a aneaking suspicion that we would like to play hookey with them, leaving the dally grind behind even as they leave their daily grind behind, and sneak off to some secluded spot.

Of course it is wrong to play hookey. Those who commit the wrong should not go unpunished. But when a boy does commit the wrong and is haled up before authorities for punishment, we hope the sentence is pronounced and executed by a man who still remembers his own boyhood days and fully un-

cierstands the weaknesses of the flesh, especially boy flesh, at this time of the year.

Boys, do not play hookey. Stick to the job. But If you just simply cannot resist the temptation, let us know about it and maybe we can fix it up to meet you somewhere along the creek.

THE BEET SITUATION.

There has been considerable needless alarm over the sugar beet situation in the North Platte valley. Every year for a quarter of a century the same con- on troversy has come up between the beet growers and the Great Western Sugar company, and every year Gering, which had recently closed. It the controversy has been settled, beets raised and sugar manufactured.

It is unfortunate that these controversies arise every year, but that is the history of industry. The Great Western Sugar company, nor any other beet sugar company, could not acquiesce in the demands of the growers and continue in business. On the other hand, the growers would be in a hopeless condition were they unable to make their voice heard in the matter of marketing their crops. Each year fairly conducted, and there has never sees a better understanding between manufacturer been any suggestion by any compet and growers, and doubtless a greater profit and sat- in the slightest degree from that isfaction to both.

The Great Western Sugar company has arrived The Great Western Sugar company has arrived more ready to give than to take any at an amicable agreement with the beet growers of advantage. Colorado, through a system of "give and take." Practically the same contract is offered to the Nebraska Gering on a well-earned and hongrowers, and it goes further than the company has yet gone, although it does not give the Beet Growers' association all it demanded. Last year the company paid \$5.50 a ton as an initial payment. This year it offers an increase of 50 cents a ton, and the same Mayor M. E. Crosby of North Platte participating contract as last year. It recedes from its declination to collect the 2 cents per ton dues from the members of the association, eliminates the that has taken place within the period strike or fire clause of the contract and inserts the proviso that the total acreage signed up under the proposed contract shall not be less than 52,500. The minimum acreage under the original offer was the churches and other organizations of the town into closer co-operation

The North Platte valley can not afford not to raise beets. The Great Western Sugar company can not afford to allow its four immense Nebraska factories to lie idle. Neither the beet raisers nor the sugar company can afford to remain in a deadlock. There is a way out. It will be found, and speedily. It is not likely that the agreement will be wholly satisfactory, but it will be far more profitable to both sides than a deadlock that would result in the practical destruction of a growing industry.

inite results have been secured in each one of the churches. Far from Comparatively few Nebraskans realize the im- any ill feeling having resulted, every mensity of the Nebraska sugar industry, nor the im-'rival camps' were not given out during the Bible class periods.

On the last Sunday of the contest \$0 per cent of the men in North Platte were in some Bible class, and portance of seeing to it that nothing be allowed to hamper its future development.

PASTOR PROVES A PRECEPT.

While a more or less clamorous chorus of pessimism swells and ebbs bewailing the weakness of the church, one Omaha institution at least has shown a record that belies the charge. For many years it likely to prove far greater than our has steadily increased the number of its communi- most sanguine expectations. cants. This necessarily presupposes that its spiritual has been done during the contest by influence has correspondingly increased. It is not possible that a church can add to its active membership by the hundreds each year and not be an effective agent for the advancement of the cause of to and. ALBERT H. EGGLESTON. right living. A church that can do this deserves the attention of those who are despondent over what they regard as the weakening of the general cause

The pastor of the church in mind has resolutely declined since he came to Omaha to participate in any form of evangelistic upheaval. He withhheld, for sity, and all the science and art would example, from the Billy Sunday movement, and has have been for a while abolished and with equal firmness kept aloof from all enterprises everything in regard to education of that nature. His church is open throughout the would turn into most complete darkyear, his invitation to the public is to come and hear ness: don't you know that all the the gospel preached. His creed is strict, by some it is regarded as narrow. Yet he preaches that, and you will ask how could this be posworks among his people as a pastor and a teacher, a sible. "philosopher, guide and friend," showing what he believes to be the way to live here and the promise ally been raised a human genius. In that is made for the hereafter. No frills or flourishes, no bursting into papers with sensational appeals. Just plain, steady, plugging along lines that have led to success.

To Rev. O. D. Baltzly we again present assurance of respect and congratulate him on the result of his ministry. He has brought his congregation up to an child develops he opens this treasure unusually high standing, in point of influence as well and he puts everything in order, and as of numbers. Just by sticking to the job of being developed, and he is ready to com pastor. We commend his example to those who are wondering what is wrong.

The American Bankers' association declares that seases. thieves, yeggs and crooks of high and low degree bilked the American people out of \$3,000,000,000 during 1924. Wonder if this includes hat check

"One-armed" drivers are under fire pretty much all over the land. If they only menaced themselves, not so much objection would be offered, but it is circumvolutions that you have developed by hard, intellectual work. Perusually the innocent bystander who suffers.

The jury having found him guilty and the judge pronounced sentence of death, Gerald Chapman's fate now rests with the correspondents, who seem uncertain what to do with him.

cated. Why don't you try to enter that spiritual field? To go up there is no ladder that you could erect on The judge who advised a father to spank his 17which to go in. Now, if you want to reach this field, just kneel down-and don't be ashamed of yourself to make just a little fervent prayer, and year-old flapper daughter is, quite obviously, not a father himself.

That big wind at Miami may have been caused by W. J. B.'s sudden discovery of a new paramount to talk about.

General Fechet succeeds General Mitchell. He will have to git it before he can Fechet.

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

POPPING CORN.

I wait the dawning of the morn When placifd day is through. And I have popped a pan of corn For little folks to chew: I feel that I have done my part And done it bonestly,-

Because to reach a wee one's heart Seems worth the time to me. I might forsake domestic cares. And spend my nights far away.

And feels the thrills of one who shares The freedom of today; I might desert my home for those Lean lovely, freer frills From which nomadic yearning grows Like thistles in the hills.

But I would rather settle down, And with my children stay The while that I am free from town, And from turmoil away: I'd rather pop some corn for them, And watch them as they eat Than be a walking diadem

Upon the lighted street

How to Start the Day Wrong

MORNING WIFE NICE TO WONDERFUL FEEL LIKE A FEEL THAT MARNING TWO YEAR OLD WAY MAKES A THIS MORNING FELLOW FEEL MILLION DOLLARS AND THE GRAY HAIRS AROUND YOUR BARS! WHY I NEVER REALIZED BEFORE HOW OLD WE ARE GETTING)

LOOKING AS YOU WERE ONCE UPON A TIME - THOSE NAUGHTY BAGS UNDER THE EYES .



DO YOU KNOW DEAR

VERY BALD

YOU ARE GETTING VERY

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

We don't know a blooming thing about running a street railway. In fact, we know mighty little about running anything. But we do know that the manager of a big public servce corporation who does not try to build and maintain friendly relations with the public is always in hot water. Time was when "the public be damned" might have been the attitude of some corporation managers, but not now. Some of these days, when we feel just right, we are going to sit down and write General Manager Leussler of the tramway company a nice, friendly letter. He probably will not read it, and if he does he will very likely sniff and throw it in the wastebasket. But it will get it off'n our chest. As we admitted right at the start we don't know any more about running a street railway than a Hottentot does about chivalry, but our ignorance in that respect is not greater than the seeming ignorance of how to cultivate friendly relations exhibited now and then by—well, if we ever write the letter we'll ask the Big Chief to let us print it in this Department of Uplift and Social Salvation.

For several evenings we have missed a well-loved voice an nouncing over the radio, "Henry Field Seed company, Shenan-Henry Field speaking." ' For Henry Field is bearing the heaviest load a man can bear-his good wife has been called to her reward. And from all over the country comes expressions of heartfelt sympathy for the kindly, old-fashioned husband and father who clings to his ideals. We confess that after listening to iazz and discord for an hour or two it is always a pleasure to tune in on KFNF and listen to just folks who. like ourself love the old songs and the old tunes

The North Platte, Kearney, Scottsbluff Gering Bible class dition to interest in Bible class attendance.

Omaha city officials might study the Houston traffic system with profit to the old home city. There is no dodging auto-mobiles at the crossings. When the traffic signal halts autos it also halts pedestrians. They halt, too. The pedestrian who iolates a traffic rule is haled up just as an auto driver guilty of the same offense. There are automatic signals throughout the downtown section, and where traffic is heaviest the traffic cops also officiate in addition. And don't think for a minute that Houston isn't a mighty busy city. It is humming with activity every hour of the day.

I doff my hat with joyful mien To Dr. William Edward Bing. On meeting me he never asks 'Just how is ev'ry little thing?"

Have You Ever Noticed

That men who claim to be broadminded usually have their eyes so close together that a copper cent would cover 'em both' That men who boast of their liberality usually are trying to claim license?
That the men who boast loudest of being self-made usually

reveal the fact that they haven't plastered their attics?

That the busier a man is the more capable he is doing more

We never thought about the presidency when we an nounced our intention to Passa Law giving every boy undisputed ownership of a dog. But since John Sweet of the Nebraska City News hinted that we purpose running for the presidency on that platform we are going to do that very thing, just as soon as Cal gets through, or maybe a little later. We want to wait until he dog-owning boys, who became owners because of our law. have attained their majority.

In a fit of absent-mindedness we walked into the wrong waiting room at Wace. A courteous policeman called our attention to the fact. "You are from up nawth: ain't you, suh?" We admitted it.

Houston is a southern city in name only. In appearance it is northern, and northern enterprise and capital are very largely responsible for its marvelous development. But retains much of the famous southern hospitality, and the northerner soon cultivates the southern drawl and dislect. WILL M. MAUPIN

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Center Shots

It has been estimated that 90 per cent of the members of the new congress belong to church. in congress, too?-Louisville Courier-Journal.

The latest wrinkle in the so-called Wisconsin idea:" Making millions of dollars in taxes grow when they are not needed .- Milwaukee Journal. Some day a long-suffering public

may wake up to the possibility of securing relief from oppressive tax ation by organized resistance, but we doubt it.-Columbus Dispatch. A scientist says there is no in

mediate danger of the recurrence of

a glacial epoch. It is practically

certain that apring will come this anyhow. - Cleveland Plain Dealer An unsophisticated inquirer wants o know how all the filling stations know it at the same time when gaso-

Columbus Dispatch. The Spanish forces at last have met t'day an' unanimously decided

Louisville Courier-Journal. "Where," asks a contemporary, movies till time t' eat at th' drug

The' Local Council o' Women been victorious in an engagement in that woman's place wuz in th' home, Morocco, It's a rift in the lute, and no doubt some loot in the Riff.—

Louisville Courier loural

canned salmon an' went home t' repaint, while others took in th

"does Luther Burbank get his ideas store. An assistant is a feller that for new plant creations?" Well, there can't git off, are seed catalogues.—Detroit News.

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Abe Martin

Omaha Man Hears So Experience With It.

When a person finds anything that feel 100 per cent better in every way. will help him as much as this Karnak At the rate I am improving I will has helped me, I think it's time he soon be in the pink of condition again. talked for the benefit of others." de- I have been telling my friends all clares H. C. Patterson, 1704 South Sev- about it, and I don't believe I could enteenth street, Omaha, Neb.

of ulcers of the stomach, and though try Karnak." I paid out considerable money I kept | Karnak is sold in Omaha excluconstipated, and nights I could scarce druggists in every town. sure enough mean one.

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getting worse until I finally got Kar sively by Sherman & McConnell's nak," continued Mr. Patterson. "I four stores: in Benson by Benson just suffered day and night. The little Pharmacy; in South Omaha by To-I managed to eat seemed to turn in bin's Drug Store; in Florence by Freymy stomach, and I was bilious and tag's Pharmacy, and by the leading ly get a wink of sleep. My case was a Over 500,000 bottles of Karnak sold in four states in 10 months.



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