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Omaha—Where the West is at its Best

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.

"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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

"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 usually 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.

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

"IN THE SPRING THE YOUNG"—ET CETERA. The lingering languor of balmy April is in the air. Whereupon come thoughts of other days.

derstands the weaknesses of the flesh, especially boy flesh, at this time of the year. Boys, do not play hooky. 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 controversy has come up between the beet growers and the Great Western Sugar company, and every year the controversy has been settled, beets raised and sugar manufactured.

The Great Western Sugar company has arrived at an amicable agreement with the beet growers of Colorado, through a system of "give and take." Practically the same contract is offered to the Nebraska growers, and it goes further than the company has yet gone, although it does not give the Beet Growers' association all it demanded.

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.

Comparatively few Nebraskans realize the importance 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 bawling the weakness of the church, one Omaha institution at least has shown a record that belies the charge. For many years it has steadily increased the number of its communicants.

The pastor of the church in mind has resolutely declined since he came to Omaha to participate in any form of evangelistic upheaval. He withheld, for example, from the Billy Sunday movement, and has with equal firmness kept aloof from all enterprises of that nature.

To Rev. O. D. Baltzy we again present assurance of respect and congratulate him on the result of his ministry. He has brought his congregation up to an unusually high standing, in point of influence as well as of numbers.

The American Bankers' association declares that thieves, yeggs and crooks of high and low degree bilked the American people out of \$3,000,000,000 during 1924.

The judge who advised a father to spank his 17-year-old flapper daughter is, quite obviously, not a father himself.

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

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

POPPING CORN. I wait the dawning of the morn' When 'placid day is through And I have popped a pan of corn For little folks to chew.

Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but names may be withheld if desired. Communications of 200 words and less will be given preference.

Defends the Contest. North Platte, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In The Omaha Bee of April 4 an editorial appeared on "Competition and Consequences."

I was the originator of the plan and was in close touch with it throughout. First, the contest was between the men's Bible classes of the cities concerned, and only men over 18 years of age were counted.

The following testimonies may be set to refute the suggestion that the service in the highest degree from the Mayor M. E. Crosby of North Platte says: "This man's Bible class contest has proven the most potent influence for good."

On the last Sunday of the contest to our regret, one of the men in North Platte was in some Bible class, and whilst we did not expect to retain permanently such an attendance, the attendance at the Bible classes throughout the city in general shows that the permanent results are likely to prove far greater than our most sanguine expectations.

Personally, I am glad to note that has been done during the contest by any of the cities concerned that in any way fell below what we expect of Christian gentlemen, and in the most good homes and good sportsmanship characterized it from beginning to end.

Mystery of Nature. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Do you know if by some hazard over this earth all the books, without exception, were destroyed, and all the educators in general had disappeared, there would be no library, no school, no college, no university, and all the science and art would have been lost?

For several evenings we have missed a well-loved voice announcing over the radio, "Henry Field Seed company, Shenandoah, Ia. Henry Field speaking." For Henry Field is hearing the heaviest load a man can bear—his good wife has been called to her reward.

Omaha city officials might study the Houston traffic system with profit to the old home city. There is no dodging automobiles at the crossings. When the traffic signal halts autos, it also halts pedestrians. They halt, too. The pedestrian who violates a traffic rule is held up just as an auto driver guilty of the same offense.

Now, Mr. Scientist, you can pull out your vest pocket your microscope, and with the help of your long-pointed nose you can make the discovery to explain these phenomena: you could sub the bump of your head and may be it would put into activity those circumstances that you have developed by intellectual work.

Reb's Comment. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Arthur Brisbane in his column a week or so ago said: "A certain tiny baby had been given up to die by many eminent physicians and surgeons, but the baby still lives and thrives."

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How to Start the Day Wrong



SUNNY SIDE UP Take Comfort, not forget. That sunrise never failed us yet. Celia Thaxter

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 service corporation who does not try to build and maintain friendly relations with the public is always in hot water.

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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.

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Center Shots Abe Martin It has been estimated that 90 per cent of the members of the new congress belong to church. Will they sleep in congress, too?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

IT'S TIME HE TALKED, DECLARES PATTERSON Omaha Man Hears So Much About Karnak He Now Wants To Tell His Experience With It.

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