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Omaha—Where the West is at its Best

A REAL GOAL TO WORK FOR.

A goal to work for. Some definite piece of work to accomplish. It is this that makes men. It is this, too, that makes cities. Omaha has always had its goal, though sometimes it has not been clear.

At one time it had the goal of planning, erecting and conducting a great exposition. The goal was won. In the winning of it Omaha moved forward into the position of a front rank city. Since those days we have had many goals and have achieved them all.

Ak-Sar-Ben presents us with a goal for 1925. A member of the Board of Governors of that truly Omaha organization, Louis C. Nash, speaking before the Rotary club on Wednesday, announced that if the Ak-Sar-Ben season of 1925 was as successful as the season of 1924, consideration would be given to plans for erecting a great Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum, seating 12,000 persons.

This would enable Omaha to hold a great livestock exposition. It would enable Omaha to compete for the national political conventions. It would supply the one thing which Omaha needs most at this time. Truly this is a real goal to work for.

It is a program in which every citizen of Omaha can take part. When we come to joining Ak-Sar-Ben this year we can approach it with the enthusiasm which should be ours, knowing that our \$10 is to be a part of that "successful season" which will lay the plans for discussing Omaha's Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum.

Plans have been worked out for a 5,000 membership this year. We have before us the American Legion convention. The successful handling of that greatest of all conventions is our immediate goal for 1925. We have before us the early possibility of our Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum. That, too, is a real goal for 1925.

When we join Ak-Sar-Ben this year, when we take our place in the ranks of the 5,000, let us do it with the thrill of this goal before us.

SOCIETY IS ALSO CONCERNED.

"That is your problem," said an Iowa judge to a mother who was arraigned before him, charged with keeping her 15-year-old daughter out of school. The mother presented the fact that she had 11 children, that her husband's pay is but \$20 a week, and that the family needed the money the daughter could earn. Although she had a nursing child, she was ordered to jail in default of bond. Her problem again.

The Iowa school law is similar to that of Nebraska, as regards the compulsory attendance of children under 16 years of age. Also the child labor laws are similar. Of course, the law is intended to be of service to the child. To make certain that the benefits of education be provided, and that growth and development will not be hindered or stunted by too early employment at regular work. In this society is protecting itself by making as sure as possible of the mental and physical fitness of its future members. The wisdom of this is apparent.

But has not society neglected something? A factor of the case is that presented by this mother. A family of 11 can not be properly supported these days on \$20 a week. Yet the judge tells the mother, "That is your problem." So far as the court is concerned, and the law as it stands is reckoned with, the judge spoke truly. The mother, however, is in hard case. We do not propose the remedy. Merely recite the facts, that they may be considered. The problem of women and children in industry, of compulsory education, and the maintenance of a high standard of living is complex. Not all its parts are well adjusted. If a little more attention were given to the economic and not so much to the political or social phases of present-day life, better results might be obtained.

NEBRASKANS MOVING FORWARD.

Municipal elections in Nebraska on Tuesday carry a dominant note that should revive any spirits that may be drooping. Not necessary to consider in detail or attempt to analyze the various local issues on which the elections turned. Where partisan politics was a factor the republicans won some and the democrats others. In at least two towns the Klan is credited with having dominated the result.

All that is neither here nor there. The outstanding disclosure is that in almost every instance where public improvements were submitted to the voters, approval was given. New paving will be put down, new school houses will be erected, parks will be established, enterprises of a public nature of many varieties will be undertaken, because the people say "Go ahead."

This is the best possible indication that any feeling of depression that may have clouded the skies over Nebraska is disappearing. An inspiring determination to advance has replaced the sentiment that retarded community progress. Not reckless extravagance, but a prudent policy of betterments that will improve living conditions for all.

Nebraska has been notable for a long time because of the thrifty, tidy communities that have grown up on its prairies. These communities have cared each for its own problems, maintaining always a generous rivalry as well as close relations. To note the renewed determination to move forward is most

encouraging. Our people have faced a serious situation for several years. They have overcome it, however, by methods of industry and economy. They now find themselves over the top and ready for expansion. The Omaha Bee congratulates those towns whose citizens have resolved to do the things that will make the home town better.

THE REAL REASON.

One of the youths attending Central High by grace of the sacrifices of the taxpayers of Omaha, is quoted as follows concerning the fraternity controversy:

"To stamp out the sororities and frats will be the hardest job that has ever been tackled up this way. I don't believe it can be done."

"And right there, in this cock-sure statement of youth, is the real reason why the public school fraternities should, and will, be abolished. It need not be a difficult job, either. It merely requires backbone on the part of school authorities and a little common sense on the part of parents, the common sense being backed up by an exercise of parental authority that may be in need of revival.

Things have come to a pretty pass when those who annually contribute millions to the education of these callow youths must sit idly by and listen while the aforesaid youths tell them where to head in while they defy authority and law.

"I don't believe it can be done!" That is a challenge that should be speedily accepted by the school authorities, and with equal celerity done. The declaration of the cock-sure youth is additional proof, if such is needed, that it is high time many pupils of the public schools be convinced that an opportunity to secure an education is not something to be nonchalantly accepted, but something to be seized and tenaciously held. And the first lesson the callow youth quoted should receive should be in the shape of an application of a bedslat, or proper use of dad's razor strop, at the point of broadest application.

NATION OR CONFEDERATION?

Senator William E. Borah of Idaho had one of his bad spells over at Chicago, when he talked to the Isak Walton League. He made it very clear that he could not consent to the taking up of any problem of foreign relations while so much at home remains unsettled. In this he is consistent. He has resolutely and unremittingly applied himself and his great talent to the job of opposing whatever looks like an approach to entanglement in affairs outside the border of our own land.

When he gets down to brass tacks on American affairs, he begins to skate around a little more carefully. Before the "Ikes" he contented himself with an oft-repeated demand that centralization of government at Washington cease. Sovereign states must again assume control over their own domestic affairs. Liberties must be restored to the common people. All of which deserves examination.

A few years ago the sovereign states of the union took cognizance of the transportation industry. Forty-eight state boards and the Interstate Commerce Commission regulated our railroads. Bad as things are now, who wants to go back to the time when regulations changed with each state boundary?

A few states in the union had granted suffrage to women before the amendment to the federal constitution was adopted. Is there any great objection to that exhibition of centralized power?

The Eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act under it banished the saloon, the distillery and the brewery. Could that have been accomplished if state rights alone had controlled? Perhaps it was not the wisest move that could be made, but it was done in the name of all the people.

We still believe that some matters are better left to local regulation. But we know that some are too big, too broad in their general application to be safely handled by states or communities alone. Problems that are national in their aspect, affecting equally all of the states, may still be safely handled as matters for federal control. Some other problems, such as education, child labor, and the like, are aggravated because of the attitude of certain states that are backward, indifferent, or recalcitrant.

Finally, whether anyone like it or not, the growth of this land has been more towards the national idea for half a century than in generally realized. Great questions of policy, important in all their bearings, have been solved through federal action. Left to the states, there would have been confusion where now there is concert. If the United States actually fulfills its destiny, it will be along lines that lead forward to greater unity, and not backward to conditions that became intolerable when diversity of interest threatened the unity of the states. Centralization is not so great a menace as Mr. Borah lets on to believe.

The recent session of the Nebraska legislature was so unique in one respect that a monument should be erected to its memory. It did not create a single new commission or bureau.

It is estimated that the treasury surplus will be more than a hundred millions on June 30, and a lot of congressmen are sore because Cautious Cal did not call an extra session.

Williams Gibbs McAdoo has just patented a new kind of vacuum bottle. He probably got the idea while at the New York convention.

The new jail feeding system is an improvement, but further improvement could be had by attaching a work provision to the eating clause.

The health commissioner says the cows are honest, even if some of the milk sold does fall below the mark.

Homespun Verse

By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Dawie.

LUXURY.
I go tearing down the street
A free, much-envied cuss,
And every one I chance to meet
Admires my shining bus:
It's up to snuff in every way,
In all respects it's fine,
And I feel proud that I can say
It is entirely mine.
But heretofore I've waited about,
And salted down my dough,
And many things I've gone without
Like misery do, you know—
And I have parted many a quip
In those dark days of yore
That like the stinging lash of whip
Cut conscience to the core.
My heart is gay, my mind is free,
And not a cent I owe;
No creditor is watching me
No matter where I go—
Because I put my cash in brine
When I was young and strong,
And in this shining bus of mine
Today I glide along

Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld if desired. Letters of less than 200 words and less will be given preference.

Sizing Up Europe.

Columbus, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: When in connection with Chamberlain's statement as it appeared in your editorial, "Peace by Security," in The Omaha Bee of March 29, we study the article, "Poincare Warns Against Germany," on the front page in The Omaha Bee of the same date, we need not make a further inquiry as to Europe's future. Exceptionally frank, stripped of their diplomatic verbiage, each may be taken for his face value. Each emphasizes his determination not to judge from his position. At no point do their views on Europe's security converge. Rather do they give abundant proof of further and more extended divergence. Pointing to continued acute conflict.

This conclusion is justified not only by the words of the present two leading spokesmen of Europe. It is substantiated by the history of both Great Britain and France. Great Britain's statesmen, cool and calculating, moderately liberal-conservative, yet tenaciously insisting on expansion of the British empire, and firm unity to the mother country and her supremacy over all. A determination reciprocated by the sons of Britain, who demand the policy a religious necessity, which sentiment in the hour of peril the British politician can count on bringing nearly all opponents to what for the time being might be a dominating power of his support. Not in acquiescence to his policy, but as an intelligent and substantial sacrifice to national security.

On the other hand France, as Poincare's speech indicates, is scared at the German ghost. The French politician is excited and nervous and the French people reflect an nervousness. Except the difference in temperament and lack of religious faith, the latter of which their politicians robbed them of and gave them art in relation to the people of France, like those of Great Britain, are loyal to their country. But they have no faith other than the faith of the German ghost, the handwork of art, to support their artifices. Their fear of the Germans is the fear of the cunning criminal and arch-traitor. They demand security against German attack what at present are privileged to maintain around Germany a chain of allies purchased with the world's blood and maintained by gold belonging to the American people. A sum for which these are required to pay a yearly interest of approximately \$40,000,000.

In Favor of Trees.

Octavia, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: For the last 50 or 60 years I have been advocating more trees, especially fruit trees, shrubbery. There are thousands of dollars worth of fruit shipped into our state every year that could be raised here at home. Just the way for cities, and the forest trees are so badly needed to break the cutting winds and to moisten the air. Each kind of tree has a particular place in the value of the soil. Just the way for cities, and the forest trees are so badly needed to break the cutting winds and to moisten the air. Each kind of tree has a particular place in the value of the soil. Just the way for cities, and the forest trees are so badly needed to break the cutting winds and to moisten the air. Each kind of tree has a particular place in the value of the soil.

Holland has a colder climate than we have. When a Hollander builds a house and barn he plants a row of trees around both of them. It is supposed that the house and barn will last a hundred years, but the trees have grown sufficiently large, so the lumber will replace both the house and barn. Such far-sightedness as this has made Holland the richest country in the world. Oak trees are planted all along the highways, and this

SUNNY SIDE UP

Take comfort, nor forget,
That sunrise never failed us yet.
Celia Haxter

Recently we expressed our feelings about being prevented from using our battered old Corona while riding The Katy down Texas way. Our good friend, George McNutt, a passenger agent of the aforesaid Katy, mildly rebukes us, and calls our attention to the fact that his railroad is not to blame. "It is a Pullman regulation," explains George. But that explanation does not satisfy us. We withdraw our criticism of The Katy—that is, we withdraw that particular criticism. But it lacerated our tender feelings to be told by a Pullman conductor on The Katy—that you, mind you—that we couldn't use our old machine. Why, bless your soul, George, we've used that machine on Pullmans on the greatest railroads in the U. S. A., and never a kick before. If that rule is to be enforced on all Pullmans, then we'll have to bid goodby to all future vacation trips. Reckon the only thing George can do about it is to pass a Law or persuade his superiors to quit pulling antiquated Pullmans over their rails.

Deep silence pervading the atmosphere around Evanston, Ill., may be taken as evidence that the opening day of the next session of congress will witness some fireworks over in the senate end.

We are standing strictly aloof and enjoying as a spectator the prevailing row over the parking question. We have no automobile, and the indications are that we will not have one. We saunter down to the job in the morning, and when we do not saunter home in the evening we charter one of Mr. Leussler's tramway cars. We have no difficulty in finding a parking space for our rather portly frame, the same being reserved for us by official edict. No policeman can tag us; nobody tugs us in; we have no lines to puncture, and we worry about it at all about auto thieves. Whenever we mourn the fact that we do not possess an auto, which is not frequent, we are soothed by the thought that we are free from a lot of worry about where to park it.

Last Tuesday a majority of Nebraska incorporated towns, villages and cities held their elections. Time was when these municipalities were torn asunder by the wet and dry issue. It is not so much now, although the same issue in another guise shows up now and then. But a religious issue showed up in a number of towns last Tuesday. Personally, we do not give a whoop what a man's religion may be, just so he has some and works at it at least occasionally. We'll talk politics till the cows come home, but we absolutely refuse to discuss religion. We attack no man's faith, and we simply turn and walk away if a man attacks ours. To be downright frank about it, we would rather have a revival of the old wet and dry issue than a revival of religious issues in politics.

A commission has been appointed to design a Nebraska state flag, as authorized by the last session of the legislature. If the commission is open to suggestions, we offer the following: A blue field bearing the figure of a yellow knocker reclining and a red-blooded, loyal booster rampant.

We lunched in the grill room of the Fontenelle one day this week, and were frightfully embarrassed by our companion, Ole Buck. At the conclusion of the lunch we lighted our fragrant imported cigars, and Ole exhaled his ancient pipe and proceeded to pollute the atmosphere. We were so flabbergasted that we overlooked the check long enough for Ole to take it.

Next Sunday is Easter, which reminds us that at one period in our young life Easter was a holiday for us, as we were not privileged to sneak off into the woods and roast eggs surreptitiously obtained, in a fire built in a thicket.

WILL M. MAUPIN.

That Guiltiest Feeling

NOW JUST—A-MOMENT—PLEASE! BEFORE YOU DISAPPEAR FOR THE SUMMER—GIVE US A RING ONCE IN A WHILE—IT ONLY COSTS A NICKEL TO TELEPHONE IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE LATE FOR DINNER—REMEMBER YOU HAVE A WIFE AND FAMILY TO SUPPORT SO GIVE A LITTLE ATTENTION TO BUSINESS—AND INCIDENTALLY LEAVE US A LITTLE CASH BEFORE YOU GO—WE MAY NEED FOOD AND CLOTHING BEFORE YOU RETURN



makes it the most beautiful country in the world, especially in the summer time. The acorns they produce are immense. There should be a million oak trees in every county. There is no limit to their growth; for railroad ties they surpass all others; they live to a great age. There was one cut down in our state over 300 years old. It is said that it was here before Columbus discovered America. The oak tree that Abraham pitched his tent under died just about a century ago. The oak tree is the hardest of all trees.

By all means plant more trees of all kinds.
SETH VANDERKOLK.

Matter of Conscience.

Gibson, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: May I, too, say a few words in reply to the letter of W. H. Green, in which he took you to task for telling a few facts about Senator Norris? Now, I will say in beginning that I once admired the tactics of our senior senator, but the last four years have been enough for me. He fought the Harding administration with all his power, and thus far has lived up to his reputation by opposing President Coolidge with like energy. In supporting the president in the Sargent appointment, "my conscience" must have slipped a cog. How else could he have voted as he did?

Durin g the senatorial campaign of 1922 he stated emphatically that he would not again be a candidate for the senatorial nomination. Then, when his term expired, after openly admitting that "he had no party to defend," and after waiting until several loyal republicans had filed for the nomination, he again came out on the party ticket under whose banner he has won all his political honor. As a matter of principle the senator should have run independently, but evidently "my conscience" was more concerned in his reelection than it

Abe Martin



We wonder if any photographer has been able to make a speaking likeness of 'th' president. Th' reason so many girls are reduc'g' is because they know that things that are reduced are soon grabbed up.
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Center Shots

It is nice to read about 10th-century wars and reflect that all of them are paid for.—Associated Editors, Chicago.

The lethal gas pistol found on an immigrant in New York might be a handy article for Dawes to have on his desk on the senate rostrum.—Philadelphia North American.

There is much talk of the go-getter, but is he of any more importance than the come-lacker?—Toledo Blade.

Though not having any claims to the gift of prophecy, we see the time coming when there will be as many beauty shops as there are hot dog emporiums.—Toledo Blade.

How would it do to retain Harry M. Daugherty as special counsel to help prosecute the Wheeler indictment in the District of Columbia?—Cleveland Times.

Eventually, perhaps, people will be unanimous about everything except the proper length of a skirt.—Birmingham News.

Perhaps the most hopeless combination on earth is that of a jay walker and a jay driver.—Okmulgee Democrat.

Perhaps our new song, "Follow the Swallow," was dedicated to the corner in a wood alcohol case.—Detroit News.

CHILDREN CRY FOR

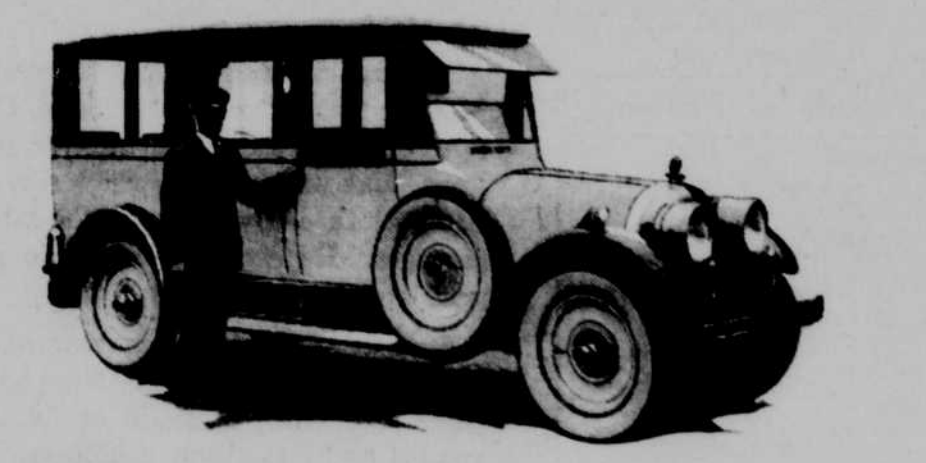


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