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was always said about the injustice of railroad rebates. When people got to expressing in figures the near and remote cost of railroad rebates the rebates were quickly banned. Argue against war that it has plunged the nations of the world \$34,000,000,000 in debt, and that its annual cost in interest and armaments is at least \$3,000,000,000 equal to half the gold supply of the world, and the peace movement fairly spins along. It is not so long since people argued seriously that war caused prosperity. In those days the demand for universal peace deafened our ears. There is no doubt that the revulsion against the liquor business which is now apparently sweeping the country is due less to the long heard tales of starving wives and children and ruined men than to the spread of the discovery that the business is a dead waste involving the whole of society, not excluding those portions that run their schools on the license money. Moralists need not be discouraged by these facts. In the last analysis the moral thing and the economical thing are likely to coincide.

LOG ROLLING A MENACE.

The criticism of Governor Sheldon offered by the Kearney Hub is of particular value in showing the quality of the courage required to veto an appropriation upon which an entire community has set its heart. Only an executive with knowledge of the situation and a determination to make the expenses of the state match the revenue would apply the knife to such an item. A man who puts in such a veto

NEW CHILD LABOR LAW.

The child labor law, house roll No. 3, was passed with the emergency clause, has been signed by the governor and is now in force.

The bill provides that no child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any theatre, concert hall, place of amusement, place where intoxicating liquors are sold, mercantile institution, store, office, hotel, laundry, manufacturing establishment, bowling alley, passenger or freight elevator, factory or workshop or as a messenger or driver therefor. No person or corporation shall employ a child under fourteen years of age during the hours when the public schools are in session.

Children between fourteen and sixteen years of age may be employed in the above mentioned places except where intoxicating liquors are sold but the employer must keep on file and open to inspection a certificate from the superintendent of schools showing that the child has finished the eighth grade or its equivalent or is a regular attendant at night school. A list of all children employed must be kept posted in a conspicuous place in the establishment. Whoever employs a child in violation of the above provisions shall be fined not more than \$50 for each offense and a parent or guardian who permits a child under his control to be employed in violation thereof shall be fined not more than \$20.

No child under sixteen years of age shall be employed for more than forty-eight hours each week, nor more than eight hours in any one day nor before 6 o'clock in the morning or after 8 o'clock in the evening. All employers shall post in every room where children are employed, a printed notice stating the hours required of them each day of the week, the hours for beginning and quitting work and the time allowed for dinner.

Whoever continues to employ a child in violation of this act after having been notified by the proper officer, shall be fined for every day thereafter not less than \$5 or more than \$20.

The enforcement of the law is placed in the hands of the truant officers, the deputy labor commissioner and a board of inspectors of five to be appointed by the governor, two of them to be women. The members of the board serve without pay and the chairman must be a resident of the county employing the most child labor, which is Douglas. These officers are empowered to enter any establishment where there is reason to believe children are employed and to make a thorough investigation. In case any child is deemed physically incapable of performing the work required of such child, the officers may demand a certificate from a licensed physician to be designated by the officer, as to the fitness of the child.

state more highly than his chances for a re-election.

If the feeling shown by the Kearney Hub toward the governor were shared by the people of every county where

a state institution is located—if every state expenditure in a community were followed by instant and unsparring condemnation of the man responsible for it—then the state would eventually find it necessary to abandon its present policy of scattering its institutions. In sheer self defense it would be forced to cluster them in one county.

At the present time state institutions are maintained in Lancaster, Gage, Nemaha, Otoe, Douglas, Madison, Adams, Buffalo, Hall, Lincoln, Fillmore and Seward counties. In the senate these counties are represented by fifteen votes, and in the house by thirty-five. That means that at any time a combination is formed to log roll appropriations through the state institutions now in existence can command fifteen out of the seventeen senators required to give a constitutional majority. In the house they will have more than one-third of the total membership and within sixteen votes of a majority.

The figures, taken in connection with the vigorous language used by the Kearney Hub—conducted by one of the cleanest and most patriotic editors in Nebraska—are conclusive in showing that concentration rather than diffusion must be the policy of the state in dealing with its public institutions in the future if it is to keep them on a sound business basis.

THE DOUMA.

Professor De Martens' letter expressing entire lack of faith in the Russian douma disagrees widely with the common view. Want of patriotism, a liking for inflammatory speeches, a disinclination to attempt constructive reform of hostility to terrorism and want of a proper conception of legislative functions are the shortcomings of the douma that presage its fall, in Prof. De Martens' eyes. Nearly all these charges require to be defined before they can be intelligently discussed. If want of patriotism means lack of love for the bureaucracy that now rules Russia the charge must be admitted. If it means lack of interest in the welfare of the Russian people it is at least debatable. If reform means the palliatives proposed by the bureaucracy, the disinclination of the douma to indulge in it will not be denied. If want of a proper conception of its functions is implied in the desire of the douma to substitute its own ideas of reform for those of the bureaucracy, then that charge must be admitted. There are two kinds of terrorism in Russia, the kind engineered by the Russian government, and the kind to which the first kind gives rise. The douma may have offended by failing to condemn the second till the first has ceased. If inflammatory speeches

The farmer's Wife

Is very careful about her churn. She scalds it thoroughly after using, and gives it a sun bath to sweeten it. She knows that if her churn is sour it will taint the butter that is made in it. The stomach is a churn. In the stomach and digestive and nutritive tracts are performed processes which are almost exactly like the churning of butter. Is it not apparent then that if this stomach-churn is foul it makes foul all which is put into it?

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mean speeches demanding more than the bureaucracy wants to grant the charge of inflammatory speechmaking must be admitted; but judged by the ordinary use of that term, the douma has been remarkably self contained. Dissolution may indeed be imminent, as Mr. De Martens says, but even that is doubtful if the French stick to their notion of requiring the douma's O. K. on all Russian loans.

MUDDLED COUNSEL.

Colonel George M. Harvey at his Jefferson banquet, William R. Hearst at his, and Mr. Bryan at his, altogether present a happy confusion of partisanship. Mr. Harvey is the brilliant editor of two or three magazines, supposed to be controlled by J. Pierpont Morgan, one of the "doers" whom he lauded in his speech, and his democratic hostility to Roosevelt republicanism was matched only by his horror of Bryan democracy. Mr. Hearst, whose voice and newspapers can always be trusted to speak for Hearst as Hearst sees him is incapable of dissembling his horror of any other man who might by any eventuality become president ahead of Hearst, so his Jeffersonism is against Bryan Jeffersonism even as it is against all that is not pro-Hearst. At another Jeffersonian banquet to come later Mr. Bryan will take the part of Mr. Harvey's "peerless leader hobbling like a cripple in the wake of his successful rival, gathering as he goes a few scraps that are left of his own fallacies." The funny thing about this cleavage at the top is that it goes no deeper than the legs of the banquet table where it shows itself. Among the people below there is no sign of the dissension that rages around the champagne cups. For once and a wonder the "divide and conquer" scheme is not working. Party lines are mighty faint except when some party exploiter manages for a moment to draw his pencil down an alleged line fence. The men about the festal boards are contending for an empty opportunity. The flock which they fight to herd at present shows no disposition to be corralled.

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