

HOME GOODS FOR HOME PEOPLE.

Banquet of the Manufacturers and Consumers Association at Lincoln.

NEBRASKA'S INDUSTRIES AND RESOURCES

Ringed Responses to the Toasts—Proud Hearts and Elongated Tongues Around the Banquet Board—Manufacturing and its Growth.

Three years ago when The Bee suggested that the manufacturers of the state should form an association for the purpose of encouraging the consumption of Nebraska products by Nebraska people and when such an association was formed, the most enthusiastic worker never dreamed that the movement would attain its present proportions. It has become not only the strongest commercial organization in the west, but one that commands the respect and has the best wishes of every citizen in the state. This fact was attested at the banquet given by the association in Lincoln on Friday evening, which was attended by all the state officials, the managers and stewards of the public institutions of Nebraska, the officers of the city government of Lincoln and the most prominent business men and manufacturers from all parts of the state.

A report of the banquet was given in these columns yesterday, but there were many speeches made and much said that will be of general interest, and for that reason a more detailed report of the remarks made by the prominent business men and state officials is given below.

Mayor Weir's Address of Welcome. In his address of welcome Mayor Weir of Lincoln expressed his gratitude for the honor conferred upon him and ventured the opinion that the citizens of Lincoln were in hearty sympathy with the objects and aims of the Manufacturers and Consumers Association. Continuing, the mayor said: "If there is any one thing which the people of this state should foster and encourage it is the industries and local enterprises of the state."

"He that careth not for those of his own household is worse than an infidel," say the scriptures, and no man is so true a friend of his city and state matters as it is of family matters. One of the chief causes of the prosperity and development in any community is the local pride of the citizens in their affairs, and nothing builds up local enterprises quicker than the sympathy and encouragement of the citizens immediately interested in local development. The future prosperity of a city or state depends largely on the character, push and enterprise of those who are responsible for its well-being. Many a city now dwarfed and stunted in its growth would have been populous and progressive had it not been inhabited by a lot of drones, whose only object and purpose was to build up personal and individual interest without any regard to the welfare of the community. Men who would buy their supplies elsewhere without necessity or reason for it and then complain because everyone else did not purchase home goods, are not self-protecting in just as effective in business as it is in personal matters, and should be the first law of commercial life. I believe heartily in protection, when it comes to home or domestic matters. If we are to have a prosperous and well developed state we must encourage home industries, patronize home manufactured goods and in every way possible help to build up the domestic interests of the state."

Nebraska's Great Resources. Mayor Weir was followed by Lieutenant Governor Malcom, who responded to the toast, "Nebraska and Her Resources." The lieutenant governor was in excellent spirits and, omitting a few of his characteristic sallies not intended for publication, spoke substantially as follows:

"When I arrived in the city this evening the secretary of our association greeted me warmly and remarked: 'Well, governor, I presume you are loaded for this evening?' I assured him that I was not, but after dismissing the clerks to their quarters, I had spread before me, with three kinds of wine and two kinds of beer, I am ready to acknowledge that I am loaded. The toast which I have been asked to respond to—'Nebraska and Her Resources'—is a grand one—a great one. Lack of time alone will prevent the clarification of the subject the occasion deserves. Yesterday, when the invitation to attend this evening came to me, I was at home in my field cribbing my corn. [Laughter.] Consequently, I am not loaded with statistics of Nebraska's greatness. I can, however, speak of Nebraska as it is and as it is. I came to the state thirty-four years ago, when there were less than 30,000 people within our borders. At that time it was a territory, and I can well remember that the geographers of our country described the Great American desert as extending from the Missouri river to the Rocky mountains. I believed, and still believe, that I located on the eastern edge of the Great American desert. Then there was not a mile of railroad in the state, and it may be that not even a mile of railroad had entered the head of any man who lived here at that time. Today we are a population grown from 20,000 to 1,500,000 people—a splendid people—the yeomen of the Great American desert—the people of one of the finest commonwealths in this great nation of ours. I am proud of Nebraska. I am proud of her possibilities. I am proud of her development. I am proud of her courage, which makes her the equal of any of our great western states. I am proud of the Manufacturers organization. The members of this organization represent the grit, the upbuilding and the development of this great commonwealth, of which we are so proud. I believe in Nebraska projects, in Nebraska children, in Nebraska women, in Nebraska men, the grandest people ever raised in a state of this union. I am myself the head of a family of eight—all strictly of Nebraska production. I believe in the manufacturers of Nebraska. Why, if proper encouragement was given Nebraska alone could produce the sugar used by the people of the entire nation. I can remember when the Platte river was considered the curse of Nebraska, and yet today when we look at the development in manufacturing along that stream we are surprised. Look at that magnificent title metropolitan city where they run out thousands of yards of cotton by electrical energy—where the power furnished by this 'curse' of Nebraska drives the motors which propel the street cars and operate the machinery of the entire city. And, finally, I desire to congratulate your association on the excellent spread on the tables here tonight."

Mayor Bemis responds to "Omaha." Hon. George P. Bemis, mayor of Omaha, responded to the toast in honor of his city. The mayor, who has from its first inception been a strong advocate of the Manufacturers and Consumers association, was greeted with applause. Prefacing his remarks with a few well-chosen words, the mayor said: "This is the first time that I have had the pleasure of addressing members of the Manufacturers and Consumers association. Both previous times on the occasion of magnificent expositions in Omaha, when the manufacturers of Nebraska made a showing of 'which older state might be proud.' The association is a grand thing for the state—a grand thing for Omaha, Lincoln and all other cities and towns of the state. It has been instrumental in increasing the trade of our home institutions and establishing a system of reciprocity of which, by the way, we are all warm advocates when our immediate interests are affected. Lincoln exhibits at Omaha and Omaha exhibits here at the state fair."

"While the financial condition of the country has made it impossible for any great increase to be made in the volume of trade or the number of our factories, there is no disputing the fact that the influence of this movement has kept a great deal of money at home which would otherwise have gone into the pockets of eastern manufacturers. Without desiring to weary you with statistics I would like to call your attention to a few figures. As the statistics for this year have not yet been compiled I am compelled to rely upon those for 1892. I will read what I have with the explanation that

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes 'In Omaha', 'In South Omaha', 'Total', 'CAPITAL EMPLOYED', 'FACTORIES', 'VALUABLE OUTPUT', 'WAGES PAID'.

Following this the mayor gave a brief review of the live stock market, bank clearings, bank deposits and building enterprises of his city and then continued: "All this is but the beginning. We all know that great crops are being raised in this state. It is better to begin in a modest way and grow up than to start with a great flourish and then collapse."

"Patience, perseverance and pluck will accomplish wonders. Hustling, bustling, broad-minded men can accomplish anything and everything in this great world. We are in the geographical center of this great nation and we should not be backward about taking possession of the position which is ours by right of position—that of the hub of this great wheel. Let us make our state the battery of the nation, the spokes representing the electric currents flashing in every direction, and our wares, as well as our crops and meats, delivered to every part of the civilized world."

Benefits to the People. Attorney General Hastings responded to the toast to the "Benefit of Nebraska."

"I scarcely know where we are. I am between Dr. Johnson, a democrat, and Mayor Weir, a republican. He said in his address by induction, I believe that he who furnishes employment to the people of this country is a benefactor to his race. I believe that it is the duty of every citizen to be a benefactor in Omaha that nineteen out of twenty asked for labor and not for bread. The manufacturers furnish this labor. I believe that one of the duties of our cities is to furnish work for the people they have than to increase the population of our cities. In Massachusetts the last day of last January more money was deposited in the savings banks than there was in the banks south of Mason and Dixon's line."

"In the land of sunshine on the old State Farm trail for more than 800 years the fires have been kept burning on the altars of the old Zuni temple and daily the priest has climbed to the look-out which has been coming of Montezuma, who should bring peace and prosperity. The people of Nebraska have not waited so long. Commencing with only a few hundred at the time of the first census our numbers had swelled to 1,138,110 in 1890, and at the present time a close estimate puts the population of the state at 1,500,000. Show me a contented people and I will show you an industrious people. It takes no prophetic gift to see that the surplus of the United States will soon come from Nebraska. Hundreds of other manufacturers which I might name are rapidly growing up here. It has been our duty and pleasure to place the products of our manufactures in state institutions. I am frank to say that since this has been the case the benefit of our state has exceeded our expectations."

"At this banquet tonight the first thing that started me in the face is Horse Shoe Cysters, but Secretary Holmes swore to me that they grew at Burlington beach. But this has not been a disappointment. I pledge you, gentlemen, that the surplus of Nebraska goods for Nebraska people. Manufacturing Industries. Hon. I. M. Raymond of Lincoln was asked to respond to the toast, 'The Manufacturing Industries of Nebraska,' and replied in a few well-chosen words. He said in the course of his remarks: 'I am not like a previous speaker. I generally conduct my speech so that I know where I am at. In this, the Columbus year of America, it has been the part of enterprising cities to take an inventory. For instance, take the leading cities of the Mississippi valley. There is a great competition between them. I never knew why, until this evening, those cities had such great and prosperous cities. The great prosperity that great annual known as the American Log. The great industries of those cities have been built up by that much abused animal—'"

A gentleman now occupying a cabinet position remarked that the most insidious foe to agriculture is the man who is always trying to farm the farmer. I wonder if the politicians here are trying to farm the manufacturers. [Laughter.] We must turn the tables upon these gentlemen. Let us farm the politicians. When it is necessary to introduce Nebraska products into the state institutions let us make our influence so strong that there will be no dissenting voice. We have resources in this state sufficient to build many large and prosperous cities. If we build our own labor and turn the raw material into manufactured products. By developing all the interests we will be able to make the greatest and grandest state in the union."

Insurance Interests Discussed. The toast, "The Insurance Interests of Nebraska," was ably responded to by W. N. Nelson of the Union Life Insurance company. He said in substance: "It is a fact that in this country such vast investments are made in less appreciated or understood by the people at large than that of life insurance. Over \$1,000,000,000 of the state annually to assist in the aggregation of capital in the money centers of the world, which can and should be retained within the state by patronizing the companies capable of affording perfect indemnity, as certain and good as can be bought elsewhere, to assist in increasing and strengthening the finances of our own state."

W. F. Bechtel, president of the Omaha Life association, followed with a speech of some length which was greatly listened to with marked attention, and it is to be regretted that want of space will not admit its publication in full. Mr. Bechtel said, in part: "In 1892 five companies operating in Nebraska collected from the state the immense aggregate of \$2,169,878, and paid back in losses incurred \$1,050,728, or but 50.2 per cent of the sum collected, making a net loss to the state of \$1,050,149—and yet we are told by the union companies that the premium paid is not commensurate with the risk, and therefore rates must be advanced. Included in the list from which we find this aggregate are the three Nebraska fire companies, the Farmers and Merchants of Lincoln and the Omaha and Home of Omaha. Of premiums received, we find that \$49,132 and disbursed for losses \$164,710, the ratio of losses to premiums being 33.1 per cent, or a ratio of losses incurred to premiums of 14.1 per cent less than that of all other companies transacting business in the state. This report would indicate that not only are our people sending four times as much money outside of the state as they are paying to home companies for protection against loss by fire, but they are paying their premiums to the state, and the state is the beneficiary where their interests are not as safely conserved as the interests of those who look to Nebraska institutions for protection and indemnity."

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Commercial Club Meeting. The first regular monthly meeting of the Commercial club will be held in the club rooms on Tuesday evening, December 5, at 6 o'clock sharp. Supper will be served, after which reports will be read from secretary, commissioner, committees, etc. Matters of very special interest will be discussed, and every member is earnestly requested to be present.

Marriage Licenses. The following marriage licenses were granted yesterday: Name and Address. Age. James Krueger, Omaha, 25; Barbara Dooval, Omaha, 23; Herman Wehrle, South Omaha, 23; Helenie, South Omaha, 21.

New York companies, the Mutual, the New York Life and Equitable alone there was contributed \$600,000 for, for which these three giants returned in death losses paid but \$129,421.58.

Percentage of Indemnity. "When it comes to business in force in the state we find that all the companies are carrying risks to the extent of \$45,400,000, of which \$1,571,000 is carried by the Bankers Life of Lincoln and \$2,937,500 by the Union Life, or about one-fifth of the indemnity on the lives of Nebraska's people is placed with Nebraska institutions. When we come to the other classes of life associations, natural premium and assessment or secret societies, we discern that although \$80,000,000 of indemnity of this class is at risk on Nebraska, yet but \$3,000,000 of it is placed with Nebraska associations, the Woodmen of the World and the Omaha Life. This class of associations paid to the state during the year 1892 the sum of \$24,000,000 in death losses, a sum 50 per cent in excess of that paid by the old liners at an expense of only about \$600,000. And yet, I am not criticizing the old line system of insurance. It has its work to perform and is performing it nobly, but what I would urge is that if you desire this form of insurance you should patronize your home companies first."

Packing House Products. John S. Knox, traffic manager of the Cudahy Packing company, responded to the toast, "The Packing Industries of Nebraska." The speaker asked the question, "What has the packing industry done for Nebraska?" and answered it as follows: "About \$50,000,000 in live stock has been marketed in the last year. The total employees probably number 5,000 or 6,000. They do not support 25,000, so that we may count 50,000 people as the direct outgrowth of the packing industries of Nebraska. We claim that in making a market for Nebraska hogs and cattle we draw large supplies of stock from the best feeding and fattening grounds in the world. In consequence, we have made a market for what is known as feeders. With the growth of that character of trade there can be no limit. The farmers of Nebraska can expect this growth to continue. I endorse most heartily the building up of a brotherhood of Nebraska."

Influence of the Press. H. M. Bushnell of the Daily Call gave a very interesting talk on "The Press—Its Influence for Home Industry." The speaker was of the opinion that the press was the great advocate of all worthy enterprises, and that it was always to be found fighting in the front rank.

W. A. Page, president of the association, was called to the front and introduced to those whose energy the success of the home patronage movement was due. Mr. Page prefaced his remarks with a pleasant compliment to the newspapers. He then gave a short history of the association, and closed his address with an appeal to the people of Nebraska to stand up for Nebraska. A number of the manufacturers were called upon for speeches, among them Messrs. Farrell, Hummel, Davis and Kees. Several members of our committee on Purchase and Supplies, but space will not admit of their being reported.

Y. W. C. A. THANKSGIVING.

Pleasant Evening Spent by the Members—Association Notes.

One of the pleasantest gatherings of the day was the Thanksgiving supper and social at the Young Woman's Christian association. An abundance of well prepared food for the beginning was followed by music and speaking and a general good time. Dr. Duryea made an interesting address and Miss Day gave two readings. Miss Black also recited and Miss Helen Millard with the violin. Miss Foxham and Miss Lynch each gave a piano solo, and Misses Kramer and Donohue rendered a piano duet. The whole program was most enjoyable. Monday evening at 8 o'clock Miss Knight talked on "Delightful Homes for the May Enjoy." Tuesday evening the classes in German and literature will meet. Friday evening the classes in physical culture will meet. Those in Miss Bruen's division will meet at her rooms, 338 Karnack block, the remainder at the association rooms. A Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Prof. Torrey will meet all those wishing to take a course in choral singing at the School of Music, Boyd's opera house. If fifty names are handed in by the first of the month, an organized. A fee of \$1 will be asked, to be refunded in case the member attends 85 per cent of the meetings.

This evening is the occasion of the first money-making entertainment given by the association, and it is expected that every one who attends will be able to contribute to the fund for the purchase of a new building for the association. Mr. Preston K. Dillenbeck, director of the Kansas City School of Education, has arranged to give a "Hoosier School-master" and will present it under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association at Chambers' dancing academy. The entertainment comes with the highest recommendations and deserves a good house. Thursday evening, December 7, at 8 o'clock, Admission 50c, school pupils half price.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Regular Session of the Board, at Which Indemnity Was Discussed.

At its meeting yesterday afternoon the Board of County Commissioners disposed of a question which has occasioned considerable trouble. Every time a farmer has had sheep killed by dogs the county has been called on to pay for the animals destroyed. It has been a disputed question among the members of the board whether or not the county was liable in these cases. Some time ago Robert Waddell of Irvington had seven sheep killed by stray dogs. He made the usual demand for damages and petition was referred to the judicial committee. Yesterday the committee recommended that the petition be placed on file and the report was adopted. The report of the committee was based on an opinion from the county attorney, stating that the injured parties must apply to the owners of the dogs for redress. The committee reported adversely on the petition of County Treasurer Irely to be allowed to deduct interest and cost of advertising on the collection of special taxes in South Omaha. Adopted. The bonds of the following officials were approved: Charles W. Edgerton, justice of the peace for West Omaha; J. W. Hill, superintendent of public instruction; E. C. Lewis, justice of the peace; F. J. Sackett, county clerk; J. E. House, county surveyor; T. J. Hickey, road supervisor for Chicago precinct; Peter E. Edgerton, register of deeds; Carl Schreyer, assessor for the Eighth ward; Sam Shrigley, assessor for South Omaha; John S. Wood, constable for West Omaha precinct, and S. M. Crosby, justice of the peace.

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A petition from the Castellar Street Presbyterian church for the remission of taxes was preferred, together with the bonds of several newly elected constables and justices of the peace.

Breidenthal to Propagate Socialism. TOPEKA, Dec. 2.—A well authenticated story is given out today that John W. Breidenthal, state bank commissioner, will resign his position as chairman of the popular state central committee and devote the remainder of his life to propagating socialism in the state. L. L. Hopkins, a state house official, is talked of as Breidenthal's successor.

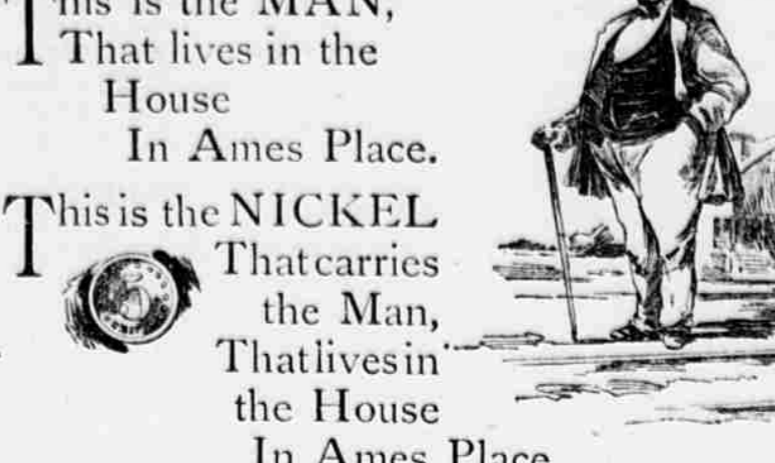
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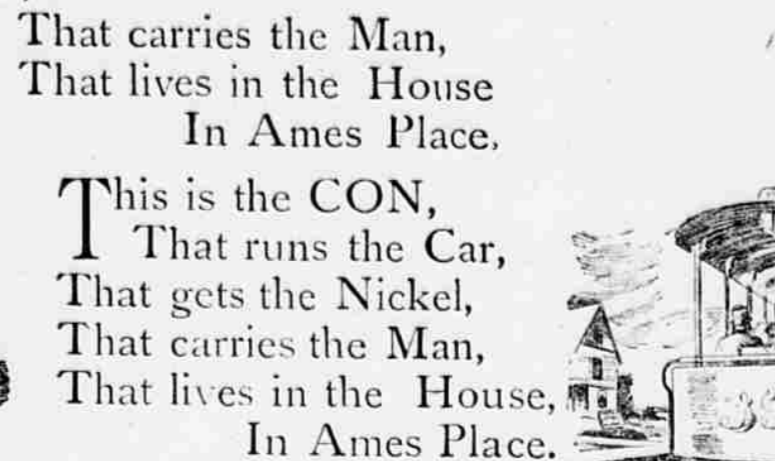
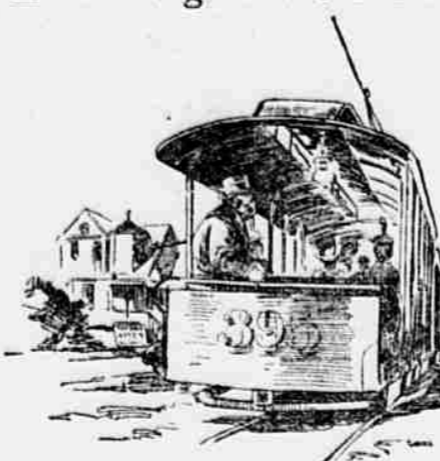
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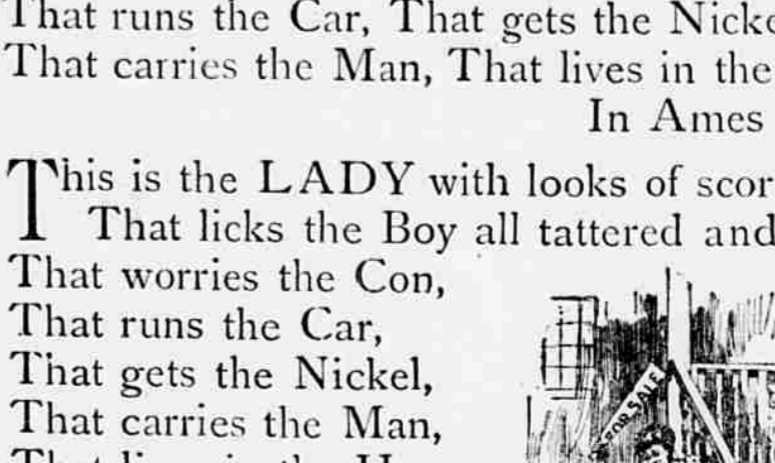
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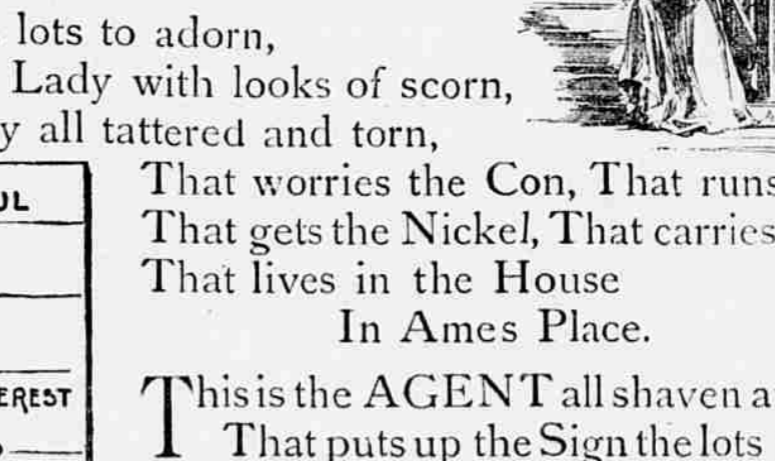
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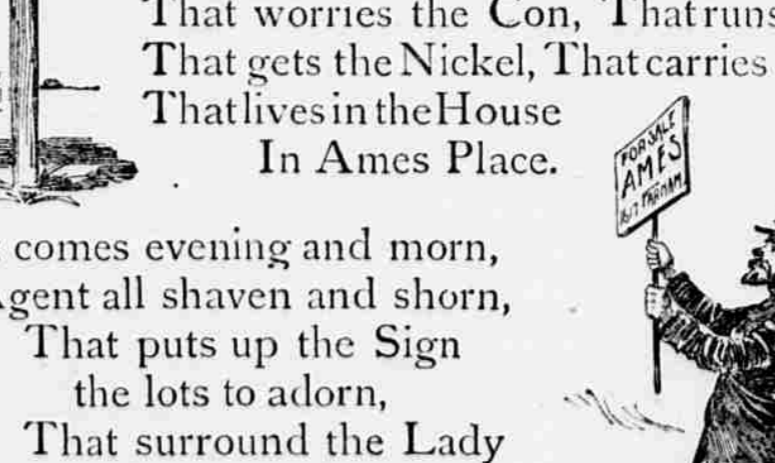
This is the CON, That runs the Car, That gets the Nickel, That carries the Man, That lives in the House In Ames Place.



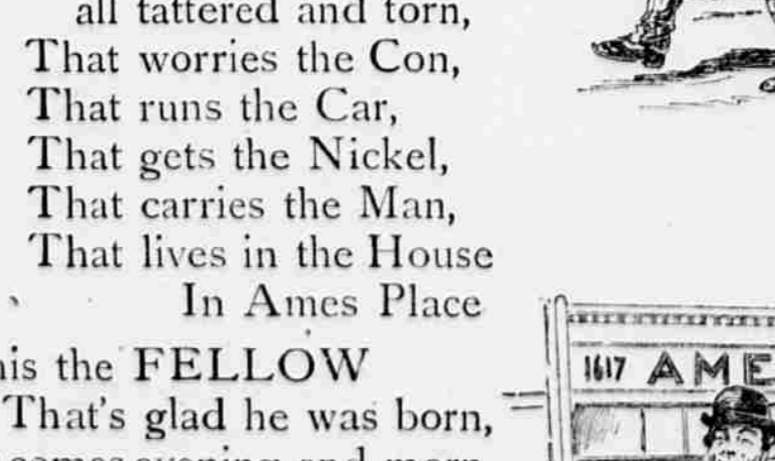
This is the BOY all tattered and torn, That worries the Con, That runs the Car, That gets the Nickel, That carries the Man, That lives in the House In Ames Place.



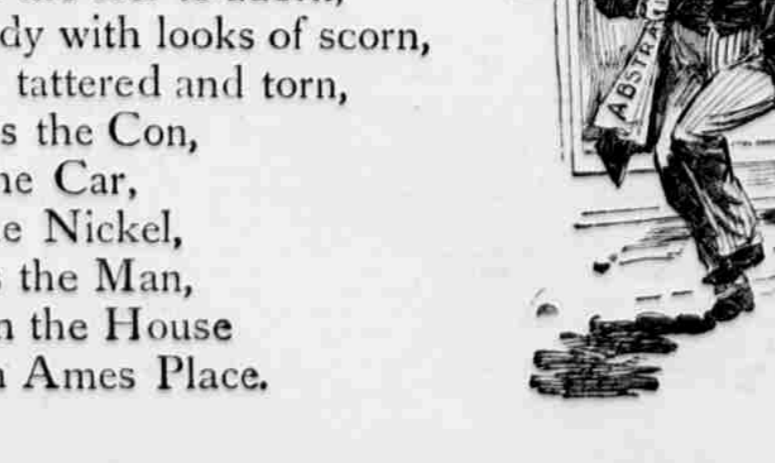
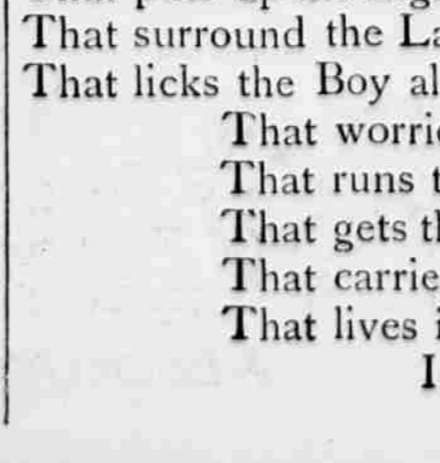
This is the SIGN the lots to adorn, That surrounds the Lady with looks of scorn, That licks the Boy all tattered and torn, That worries the Con, That runs the Car, That gets the Nickel, That carries the Man, That lives in the House In Ames Place.



This is the BEE that comes evening and morn, That tells of the Agent all shaven and shorn, That puts up the Sign the lots to adorn, That surrounds the Lady with looks of scorn, That licks the Boy all tattered and torn, That worries the Con, That runs the Car, That gets the Nickel, That carries the Man, That lives in the House In Ames Place.



This is the FELLOW That's glad he was born, That reads the Bee that comes evening and morn, That tells of the Agent all shaven and shorn, That puts up the Sign the lots to adorn, That surrounds the Lady with looks of scorn, That licks the Boy all tattered and torn, That worries the Con, That runs the Car, That gets the Nickel, That carries the Man, That lives in the House In Ames Place.



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