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You should know that

Nebraska is the leading state in the production of potash in the United States.

Friday the 13th was some day in Washington.

Now we know why "Tom" Marshall did not want to act as president.

The army store man thinks he sees spring approaching. He has good eyesight. Brain storms in high places have made

lot of history, mostly of a troublous kind.

Thrombosis is not necessarily fatal, but it does not seem to sweeten the temper, either. Holland is willing to export the ex-kaiser to

the one. Flu has passed below the danger point in Omaha, and most people hope it will never

desert isle, and may even let the Allies name

come back. The "bargain" sale of steamships seems to have encountered a snag. Marked-down prices

went a little too low. Incoming cabinet officers must realize that

not too much of that.

pressing need is a Pacific coast base. And has been ever since he took office.

"Father and Son" week ought to be celebrated fifty-two times each year. The best investment a man can make is in his boy.

The program arranged for Merchants Market week in Omgha indicates that all the time will not be spent in looking over goods and

German officers are suing Mathias Erzberger on a charge that he libeled them. He must have said something that could not be printed in a newspaper.

A Wyoming man says he has bet \$100 that | tence. Mr. Hopkins' count of Omaha noses will show over 200,000. The compliment is appreciated, even though the wager is of dubious value.

Canada's 'navy may not amount to much, but eighty merchant vessels were built in Dominion shipyards last year. This would have been accounted some feat before the war.

Franklin K. Lane's statement with regard to the cabinet conferences puts the president in a rather peculiar position. And the public will be apt to think that Mr. Lane speaks the

Thomas Mott Osborne says he did not resign as commandant of the navy's penitentiary, and Josephus Daniels says he did. This little discrepancy will probably be resolved in favor of the secretary.

Mayor Smith gives it as his opinion that the popular vote in favor of taking over the gas plant at the valuation awarded by the board would be 100 to 1. Perhaps not that high, but certainly impressive.

M. Maeterlinck finds his visit to America clouded by other things than his ability to handle the English language. He is pestered by functions, and a "function" he describes as "a speech and a pitcher of water." Up to date, though, he has raised no objection to the large, round dollars of the country.

Omaha Bee Changes Hands

The most notable newspaper transaction in Nebraska for many years—yes, for all time—was the purchase of The Omaha Bee by N. B. Updike, one of Nebraska's foremost business

Mr. Updike announces that the paper will be published as an independent newspaper with the purpose of fearlessly giving credit to public officials where credit is due and criticism where criticism is due. The city of Omaha and the state of Nebraska should welcome this attitude, particularly when the source of the announcement is known. Mr. Updike is one of the most constructive business forces in the entire country. Under his proprietorship The Bee will become one of the most useful publications within the nation. It will play an important part in the building of a better business and governmental structure in every sphere. It will prove an insurmountable obstacle to the unscrupulous promoters of false political and economic doctrines. Henceforth The Bee will prove one of the great assets in the betterment and stabilizing of the security and welfare of Ne-

In our judgment the purchase of this much needed organ by this particular man-Nelson B. Updike—is of incalculable value to the interests of every man who has a dollar invested; to every man who draws a wage or salary, and to the further establishment of law and order. The transaction was effected at a most opportune sime-at a time when leadership of the

fearless constructive kind is needed. Knowing Mr. Updike, as we have quite intimately for years, we do not hesitate to pre-dict that The Bee will become an exponent of the best and soundest principles of business and economics; that it will be always a positive force—vigorous, courageous, never lacking in decision nor discretion—Woods Brothers

THE CABINET EXPLOSION.

The ungracious fashion in which the president dismissed the secretary of state from his cabinet is the most amazing act of a career that has many times given occasion for astonishment. It is the unquestioned right of the president to exact loyal support from his cabinet officers, and one who can not give that should in decency withdraw. But the present exhibition of official petulance goes far beyond the courtesy that ordinarily marks the severance of intimate official relations, and denotes a degree of irritability that does not comport with the dignified offices of president and secretary of state of the United States.

Mr. Lansing long ago found himself at variance with the views of Mr. Wilson, but withheld his contemplated resignation because he did not wish to publicly assume an attitude of opposition at a critical time. He should be commended for this, and his consideration of the prospects of his chief would ordinarily win him warm approval.

That Mr. Wilson should take such violent umbrage at the action of Mr. Lansing in calling conferences of the cabinet members while the president was sick, and while his physical and mental condition was made a profound secret, is the most remarkable feature of the whole affair. Differences as to policy might warrant the resignation of any cabinet officer, just as it has followed in the cases of Mr. Bryan and Mr. Garrison, but that one should be dismissed for presuming to carry on the business of the government in an orderly fashion at a time when the executive was disabled surpasses understanding. Ample precedent for Mr. Lansing's action is found in our history, but no parallel for Mr. Wilson's.

That the incident will widen the cracks that have appeared in the fabric of the administration's machine is the only certain thing. Mr. Wilson still is president, will brook no interference, accept no advice, and counsel only with those who agree with him.

Empty Houses on the Farms.

It is reported that more than 24,000 farm dwellings are without occupants in the state of New York alone. This is based on a careful survey. At the same time, not a city in New York but is confronted by a housing problem that only can be solved by a tremendous building campaign. In this condition may be noted one of the serious phases of our national problem. "How are you going to keep them down on the farm?"

That bright lights attract the youth is admitted. This is not all the story, but it is a considerable part of it. Boys and girls weary what is asked of them is just co-operation and of the monotonous round of life on the farm and flit to the city. There they soon find themselves so immersed in the struggle for ex-Secretary Daniels says the navy's most istence that they have little time to think of the farm. When the novelty of city life has worn off, the ugly fact sticks out that underneath all its attractions is the specter of want, that its glittering exterior hides moral and material ugliness of a kind that is unknown to the country.

Short work hours and high wages lure many from the farm to the factory, only to find that competition is keen, that advancement is for the exceptionally fit, that the cost of living eats away all the earnings, and that the pleasures promised by the "gay life" are bought at the exense of savings. Surrender to this is not always without a struggle, but once it follows the victim is doomed to the treadmill round as surely as though fate had formally passed sen-

Life on the farm is not one of idleness, nor set about with luxury. It promises only work, but out of that work come not only a livelihood, but to the energetic and the thrifty a competence or at least an independence rarely attained by the city worker.

Aside from these considerations, though empty houses on the farm constitute a general danger. They mean lessened production in the basic industry. However much the factory may need workers, the farm has more need for them. Until the tide turns and the balance is better adjusted, overcrowded cities will appeal in vain to short-handed farms for cheaper food,

Lloyd George and "Nationalization." One of the interesting episodes in the House

of Commons last week was in connection with the "nationalization" of coal mines, which has been forced by the socialists as a cardinal issue. William Brace, former president of the mine workers' union, interrogated the premier as to his intention, offering an amendment to a pending motion the passage of which would carry endorsement of the socialist plan. Lloyd George met the issue squarely, and confounded Brace and his followers by quoting Trotzky as his authority for asserting that so-called nationalization of industry had failed in Russia and would fail anywhere. The socialist plan was characterized as subversive of liberty, and, said the premier, "we have fought for our liberties before and will again." This statement was received with cheers, and the government on division was sustained by a majority of more than 5 to 1. The incident denotes a recession of the radical tide in England, and may possibly presage a similar change in this country. At any rate, it offers a gleam of hope to the sane, who have long awaited the coming of this change in the public mind.

Railroad Wage Question Adjourned.

The decision of the railroad men to postpone further wage negotiations until after the roads have been returned to their owners is wise. Differences then may be taken up and adjusted with those who are to be responsible for the operation of the transportation industry in the future, and where adjustments will be made with greater accuracy and more with a view to permanency than is possible in dealing with the government at this time. Wages and other conditions of employment will be settled in view of the new law, and with an eye to the expansion that ought to follow the termination of government management. When labor relations of cordial co-operation with management are brought about, and such a result is possible, the roads will be in position to do some of the things that are expected from them. But the recovery is not going to be immediate, and the wage question is the most pressing of the managers' problems.

Winston Churchill makes no bones of his opposition to bolshevism, and to class government. He may ruin his chances for re-election, but will deserve to be remembered for his frankness at a time when a lot of his contemporaries are inclined to hedge,

Society's Right of Self-Preservation

From the Chicago Tribune. On Sunday a public meeting was held at the terly Harlan F. Stone discusses the of The Bee: I have learned with

upon the right of free speech. We hope and believe the American people We hope and believe the American people appointed by the president, during will always be jealous of their fundamental the war to visit the different army rights, among which one of the most vital is cantonments and examine the men who had refused to do military duty. rights, among which one of the most vital a freedom of thought and speech. We are aware that irresponsible radicalism has raised against itself among most Americans a spirit of resentment which in some cases may have expressed itself by proposed legislation or by acts of suppression not consistent with our accepted ideal of freedom.

who had refused to do military duty. As the subject presents an entirely new problem in American life, the conclusions reached by Mr. Stone are of peculiar interest. Statistics of the War department show that "under a draft of something over four millions of men there were 3,389 who claimed conscientious objections. It became necessary, how.

This is not likely to continue unless its jections. It became necessary, how provocation continues, but we should like to ever, to bring only 2,294 of these say that if the report of the principal address at the Sunday meeting is substantially correct and if it represents the protest we think the American doctrine of free speech needs wiser cham- given the privilege of the farm fur-pions.

The American people will respect free speech without forgetting that public speech should be not only free but marked by at least a little good sense. In fact, we are inclined to think there is more speech at this moment than sen-

The chief address at the Sunday meeting seems to be a case in point. It was delivered by an orator who was, rightly or wrongly, described as a Jewish rabbi from New York City. His judgment as to the limits of free speech His judgment as to the limits of free speech lack of self-discipline, false social seems to be represented by the following: "Let and political theories were the most us grant that this or that group openly advo-cates in speech or writing the overthrow of the government by force or violence. Let them advocate it-as long as no overt acts are commit-

Now what this recommendation means in plain English is this: "Let anyone with the gift of gab and filled with confidence in the superior religious scruples or beliefs pre- right of freedom of conscience to rectitude of his own thought or feeling, or filled sented no very serious problem. It at any rate with a desire to create disturbance, was a matter of establishing the sindo his uttermost to inflame other men to vio-

This means inflammatory speech, followed by stern repression, telligence, and their evident desire ligion into the schools, when the to render service to the country in constitution expressly forbids any means the slaughter of innocent and guilty alike. within the limits of their religious it is denominational religion or not This is not common sense. It is not justice. convictions. It is not what Americans conceive as American-

perhaps explain his theory. He declares that fundamental changes are needed in the world today, including, of course, America, and they ultimate truth and were ready to die in the Protestant form is sectarian are these: "For example, political dictatorship must be taken out of the hands of the minority, of the privileged few, and the political powers must be placed in the hands of the great masses of the people.

How this is to be done we do not learn that he prescribed. In this country every man votes first to offer their services to their after he has reached 21, and soon every woman country. will vote. Every man votes directly for his legislators, for most of his judges, for most of his administrative officials, for the president of belonged to well organized religious the United States.

If the political power is not now in the hands of the masses how can it be put there?

without respect for American facts. From the same foreign arsenal of revolt comes the following: "Economic dictatorship must be taken out of the hands of the small lites, lawyers, teachers and clergymen, and the power put in the hands of these to whom sight power put in the hands of those to whom right-fully it belongs—the masses who work with tablish that they had before the war fully it belongs-the masses who work with hand and brain.

This is the jargon of the bolshevist orators This is the jargon of the poisnevist orators in Russia, echoed with the intelligence of a ter was the little group of college parrot in defiance of the different facts of American conditions. If our radical protester had conscientious objectors from leading on its own proud record as one of the most progressive and American of the most progressive and American of the conscientions. facts he would know that business men in All of them yearned for many ica, big or little, are drawn from the masses of the people, like the lawyers, teachers and clergy-jectors, not one of them would active form furlough when it was men he calls their satellites; that a good part of them worked with their hands to get forward, proffered to them. Nearly

try. There is no height, politically, economically, or socially, that men are not constantly with occasional more or less of different control of the contro raising themselves to in this country from the bottom of the ladder. Rockefeller came from a farm, Marshall Field from a country village. Carnegie and Schwab were poor boys and vir- cal anarchist, strange, and, let us

won his own way to the top. The preaching of revolution in this country the raving of minds fuddled by jargon. Revolute to produce the ill-balanced and is the raving of minds fuddled by jargon. Revolution by orderly process—that is, by political distorted intellectual processes by and social and economic evolution—is the most which these young men, in many outstanding fact in American life. It is going to every day. In Illinois at this moment a body of men elected from the people, by direct vote of all the people, are engaged in revising the of all the people, are engaged in revising the fundamental law of the state. In the nation two self-control on which all social co amendments of the most revolutionary character operation must be founded have recently been passed, one for the enfranchisement of all women, one for the prohibition of the individual's use of alcohol. The government and all the laws and conditions which the giving some dtails of interviews with foreigners among us find so oppressive can be these. Mr. Stone goes on: "One thus changed or abolished at any time by the direct gained some impression of the great and constitutional action of the masses of the people in whom already resides all power.

Incitement to violence in such a country is insane folly without the dimmest shadow of excuse in the facts. There is no excuse for it and no excuse for permitting it. Against it is opposed a higher right than the right of free speech, and that is society's right to protect itself from destruction and chaos, the first right of society, the first right of the individual, that of self-preservation.

Genius In Oregon

We all know how hospitable the people and state of Oregon have long shown themselves class to whom they make their appeals together with the fullest disto experiments and innovations in government Nowhere else in the United States, perhaps, is of the doctrines which they preach. there such political open-mindedness, such a out promise for the triumph zeal to propose and readiness to consider with- democratic institutions over the as out predjudice, and, if convinced to try, re-forms, amendments, new or revived old political with discusses briefly by machinery and methods.

With an expectation of pleasure and edification, then, do we begin to read the platform scientious objector from liability to of the united land and labor party of that military service." Considering its Athenian state. The single tax, to be sure, is an old acquaintance that has become a bore to most of us, and, remembering the financial ever rigorous the state may be in re beauties of Mr. Townley's North Dakota, the Oregon yearning for a State bank, the legal depository of public funds, doesn't quicken the beats of any sober heart, but who can read without refreshment and amaze this inspired project for relief and enrichment of owners of real

Each owner of land shall assess his own land, with the provision that the state may add 10 per cent to the valuation and take

This method of assessment is too palpably sublime to suffer comment. Jack up the valu-ation, let the state jack the jacked 10 per cent, pocket the money, leave the state! To the taxpayers who remain the plan may be less inviting; but has anything simpler, greater, grander been begotten even in the fertile Oregonian brain? Every man his own assessor!-New York Times.

Little Brothers of the Rich.

The 16 college professors who have affiliated with the American Federation of Labor are little brothers of the rich .- Louisville Courier-

May Popularize Them. A Boston chemist says there is 9 per cent of alcohol in canned blueberries. Ah, is that so? Please be kind enough to pass us the blueberries.

The Conscientious Objector

In the Columbia University Quar-Coliseum in protest against alleged restrictions case of the "conscientious objector" men before the board for examina-tion. Of the total approximately tion. Of the total approximately 1,300 accepted noncombattant service and approximately 1,300 were

> tion unit in France. Only 404 ob-jectors were subjected to court-mar While the great mass of the citizenry submitted to the conditions laid down by the selective draft law. "there was a residue whose peculiar beliefs, due to an almost infinite variety of causes, of which religious n mentality, not to say sheer stupidity. frequent, refused to yield to the opin ions of others, or to force. As was to be expected, cowards and slackers sought refuge among them, but the number of such were far smaller than has generally been supposed.

furloughed to the French reconstruc-

cerity of the individual. Quakers, and distinctively a religious book, who were the most numerous of the lence. Then when they act in accordance with the incitement we have allowed, punish them."

Lency of the individual. Quakers, and distinctively a religious book, and to introduce the Bible into the schools, for whatever reason and un-This means inflammatory speech, followed vorable impression by their high inof them were neither moral nor phygion. Christianity
sical cowards. They had accepted sectarian compared the dogma of their churches as the

tions and in different nevironment, and enlightened by education, they would have been loval citizens, the country. . . . In all something more than 80 per cent of the ob jectors appearing before the board "But it was the relatively small residue of nonreligious objectors who

The trouble with our radical orator is that plexities. . . In this group. The world is not a susing the jargon of European radicalism as with the religious objectors, was any backward step. encountered the coward and slacker who had consciously taken refuge under the pretense of a moral objective with its attendant barbarism tion to participating in war. . Of the nonreligious objectors, held and asserted the belief on moral grounds of nonresistance to force.

and that there are mighty few of them who don't use their brains.

There are no castes or classes in this country. There is no height, politically, economically, or socially that men are not content. tually every man of substance in the land has hope, abnormal products of our modern educational system. One the kind of intellectual discipline and

> Another type of objector was the extreme socialist or I. W. W. After currents of social unrest which are being turned to advantage by loose-thinking, wild-talking agitator whose dream is a world in chaos that a new Utopia may arise on its When one realizes the riousness of their purpose and the power of their influence over the ignorant and discontented, he can have no illusion that the mere ap plication of force to them or the for cible suppression of their incendiary utterances will bring any solution of the problem they create. impartial adherence to the law by those in authority, and ceaseless and untiring efforts to educate and enlucidly "the larger question whether there is any basis in morals or sound policy for exempting the conpractical aspects and reviewing the law as it stands, he concludes: "Howpressing the commission of acts which are regarded as injurious to before it compels the commission of acts which violate the conscience consideration which should lead the state to avoid the violation of the Every ethical and practical conscience of its citizens should therefore lead a wise and humane government to seek some practical solution of this difficult problem."

The Bible In the Public Schools

Omaha, Fed. 10 .- To the Editor amazement that the committee on in the light of experience gained education of the constitutional conwhile he was serving on the board vention, sitting at Lincoln, the other day, despite an earnest protest that was made to them, nevertheless, and that, too, by a tie vote, passed the resolution making permissible the reading of the Bible in the public schools of Nebraska. To me it is almost inconceivable

that such an astounding and revo-lutionary thing should have been

done by any public body in America. For do we realize fully what it means? It is nothing less than a blow at the fundamental principles of America. Our country stands for the fullest religious liberty and equality. To safeguard this most sacred right as well as wisest political provision which expressed the lesson of all history written in letters of blood, the fathers of the constitu- born at Brooklyn, N. Y., 25 years aration," which does not permit re tion expressly ordained, making it ago. explicitly an organic part of the law the land, that hould make no establishment of religion." that church and state should forever separate. The state, while fostering religion in that it gave qual protection and opportunity to all, identified itself officially with one, recognized none above the training, environment, ill-balanced other, favored none at the expense of any other. A fair field was given to all, leaving it to each to work out its own destiny and exert whatever influence it could. constituted America's chief glory, its absolute religious freedom. Above every other form of liberty, its re-

liberty has been mainly America was "the Land of the Free and the Home of Those who objected because of Brave," because it guaranteed the every citizen.

cult to speak thus considerately of form is forbidden, though it is bound does not matter. Religion of any ism. It is not what was intended to be included most of the other sects represented among the religious conscientious denominational, it will be sectarian, preaching of violence has other views which mentality was low. . . . Most perhaps explain by the sector of the sec sectarian compared with Judaism or compared with Catholicism, as Ca tholicism is sectarian compared with Protestantism

No matter what version of the Bible were introduced, no matter what passages were selected, even though it were read without com-ment, it would still be an infringement of the constitution and the upshot would be the teaching of a particular kind of religion which ulti-mately would be the religion of the majority. This would constitute a tyranny of the majority, and a reresidue of nonreligious objectors who brought to the board its real per-blevities. In this group. The world is not going to take

is not going to relapse into mediaeval -least of all is America, hitherto the foremost, the most enlightened and Making democracy safe world, we are not going to make it unsafe for America; we are not go ing to destroy democracy here in its

pacifists gathered into the camps of And Nebraska is not going back conscientious objectors from leading on its own proud record as one of of the states. We look to the mittee on education to yet redeem itself, to rescind its ill-considered action (the mere fact that it was a tie vote on so important a matter should cause it to do this). At all events we look to the convention, and we are confident that the just and liberal people of the state as a whole look to the convention, in this criti-cal period of the world and when stand upon the threshold of new and what is confidently hoped to be a better era, that Ne-braska should not stultify itself, but should write its name high among the most progressive, the most glorious commonwealths of our belaved America. FREDERICK COHN.

About All from the Turks.

The Turks spouting about "right and justice" might be reminded to limit their oratory to matters they know something about .- Pittsburgh

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Antarctic explorer, born in Ireland, nized industry. 46 years ago. Albert B. Cummins, senior United

States senator from lowa, born at Carmichaels, Pa., 70 years ago. Elihu Root, former cabinet official and United States senator, born at Clinton, N. Y., 75 years, ago.

James A. Farrell, who rose from a common laborer to be president of caught by a girl fishing with the largest corporation in the world, nary hook and line in Bude Bay. born at New Haven, Conn., 57 years | Cornwall.

Edward R. Stettinius, former assistant secretary of war and one of swung from the second platform of America's eminent leaders in industry, born at St. Louis, 55 years ago. There James Ring, pitcher of the Cincin- Ireland. nati National league base ball team,

"Government | Thirty Years Ago in Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Swobe, ac companied by Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Babcock, left for the south for an

absence of four weeks. Mrs. J. R. Ringwait entertained in honor of her visitor, Miss Robin-The annual meeting of the East

Omaha Land company was held, at which the capital stock of the company was increased from \$500,000 to \$1,250,000. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rial left for

MAPLE-SUGARING.

Through snow that melts beneath a fer-The youngsters wade with wooden spiles The inaples, giving down their yearly Sap.

Along the binfy banks of Bowman's rdn.

They gather in the buckets, one by one,

And take them to the camp, near Dev-H's gap, ere not a thought intrudes of some To mar the afternoon and evening's fun.

The small, light clouds sail stately by ably the most curious is that which Like magic ships upon celestial seas; harthward-flying, lost and crying loon Cuts in the curling smoke above the in the pans the syrup grains too sippors of the early sweets like

-WILLIS HUDSPETIL

ODD AND INTERESTING.

With the Chinese yellow is garded as a color of royalty. In the rural districts of Australia many of the horses wear cowhide

There are less extremes of wealth and poverty in France than in any other country.

In Holland the breeding of cats Sir Ernest Shackleton, celebrated for the sake of their fur is a recog-Music as a curative power was

employed by the Romans in cases of gout and sciatica. . Owing to the increase in size of

are becoming thinner. A shark six feet long was recently

The longest pendulum ever made was 377 feet in length

There is no complete divorce in reland. The best that mismated couples can obtain is "judicial sep-

marriage. The criminal records show that the most cases of murder occur in January, June and August, and the fewest in November, December and February.

The recent tour of the prince of Wales in Canada and the United States was officially filmed, 15,000 feet being required for the Canadian visit alone.

A hundred years ago London was 13 times as populous as New York. The census just taken in ! York is expected to show that The census just taken in New to be considerably larger now than the British metropolis.

In the days of ancient Rome a person was required to enter a house with the right foot foremost, because the left was thought unlucky A boy was kept at the door to see that no one entered the house left

The descendants of the aborigines in Australia are very fond of jew elry, but they do not pay much to They use telegraph wire to make bracelets, earrings and nos rings, and tear down the telegraph

lines for that purpose. Of the world's cathedrals, probcrowns a hill in Uganda. In apmuch as a mountain of grass, a though on closer inspection one is

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