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#### You should know that

living. The war must be over.

Deposited in the banks of Nebraska have almost trebled in volume within the last ten years.

Banditry is losing some of its attractions.

Some of these days the local highjackers will just take cellar and all.

Sunday just like this one. Russia's red army is going to work for a

Brazil is now engaged in an energetic dress reform campaign. Civilization does spread.

The aviator who went five miles up in the air almost reached the limit set by the h. c. of I.

We are still waiting to see Br'er Bryan bow his head to receive the benediction from Governor Edwards.

"Barney" Baruch appears to have had his poker face" with him when he confronted the congressional inquisitors.

A Hog Island freighter of the largest size is to be called after "Buffalo Bill," but this will add no luster to the name.

March is expected to make its traditional leonine appearance. If it only goes out like the traditional lamb, we can stand it.

Lloyd George and Millerand are willing to go along with the president in settling the Fiume case. That ought to satisfy the world.

Wall Street is calmer at the return than it was at the going of the railroads. The welcome to the prodigal is not going to be wildly

Commissioner Roper warns New Jersey that as elsewhere. The outcome of this will be

Wilson did not select a "deserving democrat" to be secretary of state. Perhaps Lansing's fate might be the answer. Argentine has placed an order for twenty-

The New York Times wonders why Mr.

five locomotives in the United States, an indieation of progress in South America and a growth of Pan-American spirit.

The Mexican minister at Washington is going home for "further instructions." Wonder if he thinks "watchful waiting" is likely to be displaced by a do-something policy?

Omaha's week of song did not touch an percached mark of vocal excellence, but it did give some folks a chance to use their lungs for a purpose other than mere breathing.

"Herb" Hoover's name has been put on the Michigan ballot as a republican. This will about square accounts for running Henry Ford as a democrat there right after he had received the republican endorsement in Nebraska.

If the center of population has swung to the east, it may be laid to the fact that for three years the government was offering every possible inducement for men to leave the west and take up homes beyond the Mississippi. Wait until normal conditions are restored, and see if the factory towns that sprung up over night hold their present population.

#### The Unprecedented Craze for Furs

Fur-bearing animals would seem to be the present craze for fors and fur-adorned gar-

ments continues much longer.

The world's record for fur sales has just been set in St. Louis, where in 12 days the auctioneer sold \$27,152,882 worth of pelts of animals, secured mostly in America. According to the report of the St. Louis fur exchange, 1,500,-000,000 skins changed hands and sales were at the rate of about \$4,000 a minute.

During the past year St. Louis sales of furs have aggregated \$65,000,000, the Missouri metropolis having robbed London of the distinction of being the world's greatest fur market. Last September furs worth \$15,000,000 were sold in St. Louis.

The assertion by dealers that there is vir-tually no speculation in furs and that every-thing bought in this enormous sale will soon be absorbed into manufacturing channels shows how extensive is the demand for furs. A good part of the pelts disposed of will go into sum-mer furs to be worn by women during the com-

Such widespread destruction of fur-bearing mals would seem to be little short of criminal waste. The practice of making summer gar-ments of fur especially can not be regarded otherwise than reckless waste, and is a part of the extravagance which is afflicting the country today. It is diverting these materials from their

Unless the wild fur-bearing animals multi-

onless the wild fur-bearing animals mutiply much faster than they have in the past they
will soon be exterminated at this rate and future
needs of the people for fur will go unfilled.

Of course, as long as fashion dictates that
furs shall be worn, even in summer, little quarter
will be shown the fur animals. But the advocates of the conservation of game or of natural resources should find something to study in the reports of the growing demand for furs.—
Houston Post. LOYALTY AND THE FAMILY.

Patriotism is the backbone of loyalty, and love of country implies loyalty not only to the nation, but also to the family, the job and the community. Disregard for these obligations of good citizenship is always a danger signal.

The family is the foundation, as it was the beginning, of society, and has been ever since man the animal became man the human being, thousands of years ago. There was no loyalty of any sort when the relations of men and women were as flitting and void of sentiment as those of wild animals.

The evolution of the family was the beginning of society and all its aspirations and problems, and the story of its origin is an absorbing one, too long to be told here. But through all the ages and civilizations since the first crude marriage ceremony, family love has been the keynote of every forward movement of the human race.

It is, therefore, a matter of serious concern when men anywhere lose loyalty to their families, and profoundly disturbing when a modern government sanctions attacks on marriage and family ties. That has been done in Russia, if we may credit reports from that troubled country. Authority has been set up there to destroy family life by granting divorces on mere application of husband or wife. The world has long known civilization was slipping in Russia, but nothing quite so vicious as this lapse from moral order has hitherto been revelled. The reason for it is obvious. The leaders of bolshevism and sovietism are disloyal to marriage and society, because love of family is the strongest pillar of all benign and humane governments. The loyal head of a family will work, save, and deny himself for it; It will be some time before you see another and to protect it must support the principles of thrift, religion and civil liberty. The bolshevik wants none of these. His perverted intellect seeks disorder, confiscation of property and the destruction of legal processes and sound economic principles.

Loyalty puts a man's heart into his work and breeds success. It makes of him a good husband and father, and a conservative citizen. He becomes a lover and defender of law and order, because upon their stability depends the happiness and security of his wife and children, and the permanence of the job that supports them. Many of the problems of the day, perhaps a majority of them, simmer down to a matter of loyalty. The forces of disorder are tled on. It may mean a sacrifice to him and always disloyal-to their families, their employers, and their communities. They repudiate the only principles on which civilization can

The hideous political ideas that lurk in bolshevistic and soviet government leave little room for loyalty to God, country or family. They are wholly devoted to greed and irresponsible power. The misdemeanors of unprincipled capitalists the world over pale into utter insignificance when compared with the poisonous and corroding influence of the ungodly radicalism thrown temporarily into power in Russia by the ferment of war.

So long as family love and loyalty prevail in American homes, and our youth and those who come to us from foreign shores, are taught that the only road to comfort, safety and hanpiness is that of hard work, thrift and lovalty to home, employer and government, the baneful the federal dry law goes for that state the same | doctrines of reckless radicalism will gain no permanent foothold here.

#### Omaha's Automobile Show.

On Monday the annual exposition of automobile and allied dealers will be opened at the Auditorium. From the standpoint of the dealers, the most important thing, perhaps, connected with the show is that the space in the huge building is not ample to accommodate properly all the exhibits. This is indicative of the proportions to which the industry has grown. Long ago the automobile passed out of the narrow zone of contributing solely to the pleasure of fortunate owners, and went into its rightful place in the life of the world as an agent of service. How extensive that service has become is shown in the work the machine is doing. No department of human activity but it has entered; in war as in peace, it was indispensable, and what it will become in the future no one can foresee. That it will go on and on, meeting the needs of man as they arise, is admitted.

Omaha has from the first been one of the prime centers of the industry. As the distributing point for a region in which the automobile has taken front rank and reached a remarkable degree of popularity, (for Nebraska and South Dakota are tied for second place and Iowa is not far behind in the number of machines in use per capita), this city has shown the value of its peculiar advantages. The growth of the trade has been of enormous commercial advantage to Omaha, fully appreciated by those who are familiar with all the facts. Therefore, the annually recurring exhibitions by the manufacturers and dealers is more than a mere show of their wares; it marks another record of advance for the community, and as such deserves the attention it will surely get from the public.

American Forestry Devastation.

A report to the Society of American Forestry from its committee on the application of forestry has just been published, containing the outlines of a plan for national action. It does not look to the so-called "conservation" but to a preservation of the timber supply by intelligent reproduction of forest growth. It is pointed out that at the present rate of devastation, the American timber supply will be exhausted within fifty years. It is further shown that by properly directed effort this calamity can be postponed indefinitely.

The committee is headed by Gifford Pinchot, and is made up of Donald Bruce, R. C. Bryant, B. P. Kirkland, P. S. Lovejoy, F. A. Silcox, J. W. Toumey, G. W. Woodruff and F. E. Olmsted, all forward-looking men, who not only have the interest of the country at heart, but are deeply versed in all that pertains to forestry and the lumber industry. In fixing the blame for existing conditions they place it where it belongs, on the public, that has indifferently watched the passage of the timbered areas of public domain into private ownership, and then denuded of trees in an unscientific manner. No intention to interfere with private ownership is contemplated, further than to require that lumber companies make some provision for reforestration of logged-off areas. This would be under government supervision, and within reasonable restrictions.

The ergency of the situation is plain. The exhaustion of the white pine forests, the prac-

States, and other similar experiences warn us as a nation that the time to call a halt is near, If present methods are allowed to continue uhchecked, this country will be without great extent of forest timber before another generation. Tree crops are of slow growth, requiring from 50 to 100 years to mature. Therefore, the time to begin on the plan for providing for the future, if it is to be done, is now.

#### Brick or Bitulithic?

A controversy of considerable moment has arisen over the material to be used in paving entirely new in these exploits. They have been perpetrated now and were voted, the flat understanding was that but they were rare, until recently, and the careers of the men who ensured in them were invariably, or Douglas county highways. When the bonds cluded in the program. A pledge to this effect was signed by the county board members, and on this agreement the support of the public was sought and given. Now, the board in its wissought and given. dom has let contracts which call for a stretch of humbler organizations nominally the other three children were nor seventeen miles of paving, less than one-third seventeen miles of paving, less than one-third guess, the bandits have chosen to ex-

Good roads advocates who have no personal clined to talk much about what they Good roads advocates who have no personal interest in paving material, but who want the best for public use in Douglas county, earnestly protest against the substitution of bitulithic compound for vitrified brick in this important contract. The matter is pretty sure to reach collections of the substitution of contract. contract. The matter is pretty sure to reach the courts, where the question of bad faith, of fraud, and other points will be raised. No charge is made that the bidders were not actuated by proper motives. The suit will bring in the validity of the pledge made by the county board that brick would be used in surfacing the highway for which another material has now been selected. Such a suit will necessarily delay the improvement, and hold back other contracts, perhaps setting the whole program over for another year.

Here is where the bidders who propose to put down the bitulithic can perform a great public service. It will mean resigning rights under the contract, but it will clear the way to carrying out the better roads campaign on which Douglas county citizens, in common with those of the state, have so enthusiastically entered.

John W. Towle can make the decision. If he is willing to forego this contract, he will clear away the legal complications, and open the path to a speedy adjustment and an early

The feat of Major R. W. Schroeder, who drove his airpfane to almost five miles above the surface of the earth, is astonishing for the very fact. His boldness is in no sense remarkable, for it is but the continuation of the inquiring spirit that has led man from the beginning to venture on enterprises the outcome of which could not be foretold, but of which the successful issue promised some reward and the adventure was alluring. In this case it is not clear to the lay mind what has been discovered. save that the atmosphere at that dizzy height save that the atmosphere at that dizzy height still is sufficiently dense to support a flying machine, and that man has not yet reached the limit to which he may rise ever the earth. The intense cold—67 degrees, presents a barrier to climbing more formidable than the rarity of the atmosphere.

These are material facts, and may be overcome. The lesson of Major Schroeder's flight come. The lesson of Major Schroeder's flight made 70,000,000 pairs of army boots is not yet fully elaborated. Study by experts for all the allies, including the Amerwill certainly show some gain for the science of flying to come from this. As for the major, he presents a challenge to the imagination as well as to the admiration of the country. With frozen eyeballs, senses numbed, his machine out of control, he dropped like a plummet five miles through the air. Half-conscious, his mind and muscles co-ordinated automatically on the very thing needed to bring him safely to earth, and he ended the fearful plunge with a well-calculated landing. A greater tribute to his skill and intrepidity could not be mentioned.

What does it all portend? Man has sounded the abysms of the sea, he has scratched the skin of the earth, and has soared 36,200 feet into the atmosphere, all because he is impelled by an insatiable desire for knowledge. So long as Nature holds a secret, that long will it be pursued by man, who will never rest until he has fathomed the uttermost mystery of the created universe. To tell him these things are beyond his reach is merely to stimulate his efforts to achieve them. Five miles high another signpost is set up in the search for greater light.

#### A Blessing Undisguised for the Farmer.

A New Jersey farmer argues that the automobile is sapping our labor power and has become a detriment, rather than an asset. Transportation, from the time of the Battle of Marathon down, has been the chief builder of prosperity. Rome was once mistress of the world largely because all roads led to her. Fulton's invention of the steamboat made the rivers of America "streams of empire" that people the west and northwest. With the railroads came prodigiously increased facilities for transportation of both people and products. Their part in the increase of wealth cannot be overstated.

And now we are in an automobile age, with rail, river and lake transportation supplemented by a quick and convenient facility for getting about at a moment's notice or handling freight on trucks. Has the automobile injured the farmer? It has done more to get good roads for him than any other hundred influences. It has enabled him to market his products swiftly the year around. It has given him at low cost opportunity for invaluable social intercourse. It has lessened distances for him, saved time for him, and added materially to his enjoyment

It seems incredible that any farmer should regard the automobile as anything but a

The resignation of Daniel C. Roper will remove from government service one of the most efficient officials who ever filled the big job of collector of internal revenue. None of his predecessors was asked to do what fell to Mr. Roper as an incident of the war, nor is it likely his successor will face such problems. The administration of a new and in most essentials an untried system of taxation presented problems of the most difficult nature, all to be solved under the direction of the collector, and that the enormous revenues were raised and covered into the disbursing department of the Treasury is a commendation to the ability and fidelity of tical extinction of gulp wood in the United Mr. Roper beyond other expression

#### Brigandage Replaces Burglaries

(From the New York Times.) them a marked and continuous in-

act their tribute from those little in-

specializing "clubmen" remains a lacy of trying to make people moral to good by passing laws. Self-conmethed is extended to same But if the holding up of these be long before the use of the same method is extended to private houses, and the occupants of them. instead of guarding as well as they can against burglars of the old-fashioned sort, will live in wellconfronted any evening by despoilers, who make their presence promptly known, instead of trying to hide it, and who trust to the coercion of the pointed pistol, instead of to stealthy skill exercised in

the dark.

This is an alarming prospect .for the good citizen, thanks to the Sullivan law, usually is unarmed, and science to the extent of having a revolver or one of the newer matics, he carries it in a bureau where the children cannot

start on the paving. He is low bidder on both brick and bitulithic, and therefore stands to get the job, no matter which material is finally settled on. It may mean a sacrifice to him and the concern of which he is head, but it will mean a service to the public. Public duty is frequently given place over private enterprise, and here is an opportunity for just such action.

Why ordinary burglary should have given place in considerable part to the fiercer sort of brigandage is a mystery, but it is one which it behooves the police promptly to solve. The easy explanation is the war, and its familiarizing of men by the hundreds of thousands with the attainment of ends by the infliction or the threat of death. The theory may serve with the pacifists, and there is no doubt that in other days if often happened that disbanded soldiers turned to robbery as the only means of livelihood that was benefit of the corruption herectofore existing through its alliance with dirty politics. In the second place, it will make of our people a nation of hypocrites, patent medicine fiends and lawbreakers. It will undermine our cherished ideals of personal liberty in many other directions, of vasty more import than the query "Is 2.25 per cent beer intoxicating?"

An American reform which cannot be accomplished by education is either unsound and violates some essential need of men, or it is in the

the returned American soldier, and of such few captures as have been made of holdup men almost all have disclosed, not somebody who has been fighting for his country, but somebody who has managed to evade that and every other form of civic obligation. In every one of the few cases that can be remembered, when the robber turned out peditionary forces, it also has been shown that he was a criminal be-fore he entered the army.

## IN THE WORLD OF INDUSTRY.

British leather manufacturers

A preliminary estimate of smount of lumber cut in British Columbia last year places the figures at 1,700,000,000 feet. Preparations are being made in

Natal for the production of sulphate of ammonia and other byproducts His matrimonial ventures all turned of coal on a large scale. The native employes at a Bombay mill struck recently because they did not receive a bonus on the re-

ported birth of the owner's son. One hundred million wood boxes were required to pack last year's output of the canning industries in the United States, estimated at \$,000,000,000 cans. Taking into account the power al-

ready used or proposed to be used, it is estimated that the total water power in Japan will reach over 8,500,000 horsepower. The total production of radium in

55 grammes, which is radium the world has produced.

#### Self Control Not Hysteria

Omaha, Feb. 27 .- To the Editor A good many New Yorkers are of The Bee: "Grandmother's" luculewing with an approach to serious brations on "personal liberty," writapprehension what at least seems to ten to your Lettex Box from "the them a marked and continuous in. best little town in Nebraska." reminds me very much of the sob stor-ies and other fiction published excrease in their city of robberies minds me very much of the sob stor-committed by armed men, usually masked, manifesting as little fear of the police as of the victims they se-lect. There is, of course, nothing with the real authors usually concealed by such pseudonyms as "Grandmother" or "A Weeping

Wife," etc.
This particular story is of a father stance have been the cause of this unfortunate failing, entirely disconnected with the father's abuse of Deception and exaggeration are the

chief perquisites of professional re-formers. It is only by such means that any large number of well meaning people can be hypnotized into an hysteria of unreason, unless it is that they like to admire themselves in the mirror of self-righteousness which conceals from them first their augmented under personal liberty; Unfortunately the abomination of the American type of saloon (stand-

up drinking and treating), is still so its advocates, all who proclaim against the knd of prohibition which has been foisted upon us under false pretenses. But notwithstanding the clamor of the Anti-Salcon league. that kind of prohibition has not so very many friends left. The leaguers, although denying it, know it, hence their opposition to referendum votes, and their demand for \$25,000,000 to "fight to the last

compromise between the extremes get it, and in such an emergency as place be a confession of the interest potence as to our form of governmight as well be loaded with chocolate caramels as with cartridges.

Should existing the sale of liquors, and abolishing the corruption heretofore

hands of people who are not competent to achieve it. A reform achieved by the breaking of a basic social and constitutional right is a deception, not a gain.
A GRANDFATHER.

#### FROM HERE AND THERE.

More than 500 varieties of trees grow in the United States. The artificial breeding of fish was common industry among the an-

cient Greeks and Romans. The gorgeously-colored wings of butterflies, mounted in gold or other metals, are being used for jewelry. Upright wrinkles between the eyes arise from worry and study and will usually be seen on the faces of students.

Five grammes of radium, about a heaped tablespoonful and worth \$500,000, were obtained from the old guns used in the late war. More than 40,000,000 of tickets

matic ticket machines on the underground railways of London. One of the best known examples of a much-married man is afforded by Sir Gervaise Clifton, the historian of Jamaica, who married seven wives, five of them being domestic

out happily. Checkers will be one of the favorite outdoor sports of those who frequent the public parks of Indianap-olis next summer. By order of the park commissioners checker boards will be stenciled on both ends of the picnic tables in the parks, and sets of checkers will be provided for all

who wish to indulge in the pastime The longest lawsuit on record lasted over 400 years. It was a dispeople interested being the Sobies-kis of Orlowo and the Sobieskis of the United States up to the close of Podlowo. It began in the year 1490 1918 is estimated at approximately and a settlement was arrived at in understood 1890, the land being then divided to be more than half of all the among the then representatives of radium the world has produced.

The Day We Celebrate.

Willard W. Slabaugh, now assist ant county attorney, is celebrating one of his quadriennial birthdays today. He saw the light in 1856, and therefore has as many years to his credit as the republican party, for

whose candidates he religiously votes at every opportunity.

Marquis of Hamilton, eldest son and heir of the Duke of Abercorn,

born 16 years ago.

Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester,
U. S. N., retired, born at New London, Conn., 76 years ago.

Herbert W. Bowen, for many years prominent in the United States displomatic service, born at

Brooklyn, N. Y., 64 years ago. Prof. Eugene Wambaugh, eminent international law expert, long con-nected with the Harvard law school, born at Brookville, Ohio, 64 years

Thirty Years Ago In Omaha Thirty years ago in Omaha February had but 28 days, but these items are gleaned from the Febru-

Real estate sales in the February amounted to \$1,518,107, an increase of \$500,000 over the same month the previous year. Ouray, Colorado, were the guests of

Dr. V. H. Coffman invested \$30,000 in Omaha real estate.

Miss Lillian Stadelman returned from a visit in Chicago. MOMENTS OF MERRIMENT.

"Colonel, I thought you said you'd never swear off."
"Liquor has gone."
"But there are plenty of home brews and decoctions."
"Yes, they are what convinced me I'd better swear off."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

An English Tomrhy was asked to give his version of aburating shell. "Well," he said, "first I 'ears a 'ell of

"Can't get a chance at the newspaper any more."
"Why not?"
"The kids have to have it to study
their history lesson."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Musgins—The world has scant sympathy for its unfortunates. Haven't you ever noticed how people invariably cry at wed-dings?—Dallas News.

#### SOME JOB.

They ain't no harder work than doin' But layin' on yer back a keepin' still Until the clock upon the shelf announces Its time to rouse yourself an' take a pill.

They ain't no tougher job than layin' blinkin' A-countin' of the patterns on the cellin'.

An' ev'ry time you hear the phone ring, thinkin'

It's some one wants to know how you are feelin'.

They ain't no worser task than doin' nothin'
But layin' there with schin' back an' knees,
An' chasin' one wet hanky round yer pilratchin' it in time to catch a

They ain't no harder work than doin But thinkin' of yer work that's standin An all the time you should be up an The dough 'twill take to pay the doctor

There ain't no tougher luck than doin' nothin' But sniffin' odors from the kitches. strong, and when they fetch yer tray up, finding That every thing to you is tasting

No, there ain't no harder work than doin But twist and turn an' smell the vittles

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## A STRANGE LEGACY

I heard of a man who died recently and left everything he had to the Orphans' and Widows' Home. On inquiring what the legacy amounted to I was

#### told it was a wife and three small children. MORAL

A substantial certificate of insurance in the WOOD-MEN OF THE WORLD would have changed the entire future of this man's family.

W. A. FRASER, JNO. T. YATES, W. O. W. BLDG., OMAHA



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You Find Strength or Weakness---

Have you the firm, forceful power of a

man whose blood is rich in iron-the