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You should know that
There are 130,000 farms in Nebraska, averaging 300 acres in size of which 63 per cent are improved, 80 per cent operated by owners.

See you at the Auto Show tonight?
If you can not find the car you want at the Omaha Auto Show, you are hard to suit.

Mr. Bryan insists that prohibition is to be the great issue. Most folks thought that was settled.
Omaha is glad to finally become in fact as well as in name the home of the great Overland system.

Nebraska women are also getting into line for Pershing. They know who they want for president.
If Omaha people are not a healthy lot during the next few years, it will not be for lack of advice.

The dry lands of Idaho do not look good to the man who is accustomed to the fertile plains of Nebraska.
Real estate men look for even greater activity in city lots this season than last. Do your shopping early.

Two more Americans have been murdered by Mexicans, one a former consul, and "watchful waiting" still reigns.
San Francisco hotel men deny that they are holding up prospective convention visitors. Regular rates are enough.

Italian maid servants, among other demands, ask for two cigarettes a day. They may contract the habit if this is granted.
The "rum rebellion" at Iron River will not be publicly investigated, and thereby several reputations are likely to be saved.

THE WHEREABOUTS OF GEN. PERSHING'S HEAD AND FEET.
The habitual abode of Gen. Pershing's head and feet concerns the people. As a possible nominee for president to succeed a gentleman whose head has been far up in mists of impracticable idealism, while his feet were stuck in a bog of stubborn egotism, an inquiry into the general's mental attitudes and ability to step to the music of the Union is opportune.

Uncommonly endowed with common sense, he has always seen things as they actually were and has done things as they should be done, working with the precision and power developed in a nicely adjusted equipment of brains, strengthened by a sound body. He made dents and gaps wherever he hit the Hindenburg line, and left the enemy crippled and frightened.

He has been just that way during all his career. As a lieutenant of cavalry in 1886, as a major of volunteers in the Spanish-American war period at a brigadier-general in 1906, as a major-general in 1916, and as a four-star general in 1920, his balance has been uniformly steady. He has honestly earned every honor and promotion that has come to him.

America is proud of him, and particularly pleased because the flattery and royal pomp of Europe, which unbalanced some Americans in high position, failed to shake his loyalty to the cherished traditions and constitutional independence of his native land. He has never exploited himself to attract attention or win applause, or imagined himself to be anything but a plain American.

He does not slop over. Even the widespread invitation for him to enter the lists for the republican nomination for the presidency has not tightened his hat band. In striking contrast to the common procedure of candidates, he is neither promoting nor directing a campaign for the nomination.

Such a man should be sent to the White House. We have had there enough and more than enough of unsound theory, of meddling and muddling, of neglect of essential things, of overleaping ambition for power over foreign countries, of imperious arrogance, of narrow partisanship, of distrust and jealousy, of attempts to nullify the constitutional authority of an independent branch of the government, and of humiliating displays of anger and petulance.

A Dangerous Assumption.
The president is not constitutionally a direct representative of the people, although chosen by the act of electors instructed by the people's vote. When an attempt was made in 1834 to magnify the presidential office Daniel Webster said:

"The Constitution denominates the President simply the President of the United States; it defines his powers and duties and imposes limits and restraints on his authority. How is it, then, that on this official character, thus cautiously created, limited and defined, he is to engraft another and a very imposing character, viz., the character of the direct representative of the American people? I hold this, sir, to be mere assumption and dangerous assumption."

Increasing Temperature in Ohio.
Harmony in Ohio republican politics is sidetracked until after the national convention. Senator Harding faces a frontal attack from General Wood, who has entered the contest for Ohio's delegation, with James R. Garfield also running in his interest. Meanwhile the Harding men, who named General Keifer as second choice—a mere formality—are reported to have persuaded Hiram Johnson to enter the state as Senator Harding's running mate. Ohio has always been strong for her favorite sons, although the present situation indicates a fiery ordeal for the candidates. But the party will emerge from it as safely as Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from Nebuchadnezzar's furnace.

The Problem of Fiume
(A Geographer in the Review.)
Geographic conditions have made Fiume, situated at the head of a sea which brings cheap water-transportation into the very heart of Europe and opposite the narrowest part of the mountain barrier, the inevitable economic outlet for all the northern portion of the Balkan peninsula.

The power which holds Fiume holds the life of a whole nation at its mercy. But it is not only Yugoslavia which has a vital interest in the fate of Fiume. A whole vast hinterland to the north and east, including Austria and Hungary, and to some extent Czechoslovakia and Poland, of the newly enlarged Rumania, finds in this port a most important outlet to the sea. And all the outside world which desires to trade with central and southeastern Europe via the Mediterranean route is vitally concerned in the solution of the Fiume dispute.

Unscientific observers may be inclined to fix center of population of the United States at Forty-second street and Broadway on Saturday night or at Broad and Chestnut streets on a rainy day or at a trolley entrance door in the rush hour.

Population Swings East.
The fact is congress nor either branch of our government act not of themselves change that document, though they may amend its provisions, just like every law we have is set aside by those who find it in the way of their wants. But the governments of Europe are not constitutional governments, and while their delegates to such doings can act for their own opinion, our men represent the people (as they are by the Constitution to act on and in accord therewith).

War a Necessity There.
Reports from Paris report travelers' prophecies of a 30-year war in the Balkans. Why not? War is a necessity there to make things seem homelike. Elsewhere it is a luxury.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The VELVET HAMMER
By Arthur Brooks Baker
REV. CHARLES W. SAVIDGE.
When temples of the ancient times are crashing round our heads and mossy tablets of the law are being shot to shreds, what beacon shines before the race to guide our steps aright? What fresh illusion beams abroad and fills the way with light? Where sits the new authority that tells us to be good, to shun the things we ought to shun and to the things we should? The solemn spiritual lords who sit in awesome state and give the commoners advice of workman ship and weight are less than ever heeded in this brief and hurried world which has so many tires to pump and whisks to be curled. We cannot seek the skyward road by long and groping search; we ask the way of Saviage in his modern People's church.

THE PIONEERS.
Pioneers are those who scale the heights of difficulties mountainous and rise with frowning brows from the groves and through weary, sunless days, and starry nights; Yet, like great eagles in ethereal flights— Brave, unshattered by elemental foes— They met all obstacles with telling And show the trail through their victorious fights.

Today
The Day We Celebrate.
J. D. Ringer, police commissioner, born, 1878.
Charles S. Stebbins, assistant general auditor, Union Pacific (retired), born 1843.
F. F. A. Wellman, of Bliss & Wellman, born 1874.
William Dean Howells, one of the foremost of American men of letters, born at Martin's Ferry, Ohio, 83 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.
A delegation of Nebraska republicans consisting of John M. Thurston, John L. Webster and Marshall Brad Slaughter left for Nashville, Tenn., to attend the national convention of Republican league clubs.
M. J. Johannes, one of the pioneer jewelers of this section, died at the age of 57.
The Central Labor union at its meeting discussed the eight-hour system. The union at that time represented 8,000 people. George Willard was president.
Howell, Jewett & Co. of Atchison and Omaha organized a gigantic mill and lumber enterprise on the Sabine river in Louisiana and Texas, having purchased 100,000 acres of land in the two states.

The Bee's Letter Box
Our Statesmen and the Constitution.
York, Neb., Feb. 25. — To the Editor of The Bee: I believe this is a good time to revise our epitaph and epithet list, as used in speaking of the senators who we believe are standing not on great odds for the good and the safety of America. I do not believe it just or in line of fact to call them the names they have been called, or the way in which their motives have been so often questioned. When men say that if we fail to ratify as now written the League government will throw the world back a hundred years. I don't believe them, and have my reasons for not believing them, and it will slip at their motives to say that for if they do say it, I think they are mistaken.

Men point with pride to the record of the League government in acting the big brother for the nation of people that were down or being struck down, or being down, were trying to get up, or I feel just as much pride in the nation of people that have every reason to believe she is stronger in her purposes for the League government than ever before, and if she is left to act on the side of right, "as God gives her to see the right," the world need have no times come for action. But to tie up her hands in a league so drawn that the empires of today can be held in check for all time, when the cry of rage is like the cry of the individual for their rights, we would be already bound to choke the cry of freedom instead of helping to make it come true.

Now, gentle reader, don't think this is overdrawn, for it is not. Article 17, "the very heart of the League" was drawn up for a purpose, I surely believe. And if you do not believe it, then read it again, and then read Article 11; then read the 23rd article and Article 12 and the middle clause of the 16th. Also the first few lines of the 3rd or last clause of Article 11. Now read the 23rd article and see how easy it is going to be to get this instrument changed, after you are in and fast in the stocks, and the League of Nations and the Constitution is the only document under which congress gets its rights and charter of action and they are from a tripod and a glad to. Then, pray tell me, how they can pass any law or sign away any of its provisions to the control of other nations or persons.

THE MEADOWLARK ANNOUNCES "SPRING-Q-THE-YEAR!" AND WE BELIEVE HIM!
sparrow fills a big place in bird life because of his sweet song and never-failing cheerfulness.
Then the red-winged blackbird may be found down by the marshes, and a little later the meadowlark will pipe up to tell everyone the glad news that spring is here. The very welcome phoebe and most unwelcome cowbird will follow, and afterward the beautiful cedar waxwing, the purple finch, and the sweet-voiced vesper sparrow will appear.

SAID TO BE FUNNY.
"Farmers would you like to buy a jug of cider?"
"Plat Dwellers well—er—is it—er ambitions to work?"—Life.
"I suppose you entertained you royal by."
"Ray certainly did. They even served eggs for breakfast."—Detroit Free Press.
"The doctor was very particular about knowing what we have to eat."
"Wonder why? Does he expect us to invite him to dinner?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.
"Mrs. Knicker—What is collective bargaining?"
"Mrs. Knicker—The neighbors offering your cook a dollar more."—New York Sun.

Crucel, Crucel World.
When all the liquor signs have been removed, as the law requires, people will not only be without drinks, but the memory of the drinks they used to get will be obliterated.—Philadelphia Press.
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Flour Is The Cheapest Food of Today
COUCH'S BEST FLOUR
Is of Superior Quality
Buy It of Your Grocer

Little Folks' Corner
Wild Life of Forest and Field
Study Problems Solved
The English Sentence.
Skill in writing is like skill in handling any other tool. Shakespeare used four times as many words as the ordinary writer of ordinary English, because he used them precisely. Increase the number of words you use accurately. Read carefully exact descriptions and imitate them.

Early Birds.
There are always wideawake boys and girls who see the first robin as early as the last week in February, but in our northern states this is not apt to happen and there is some doubt about a February robin having just arrived because he may have been here all winter. You never can tell.

After the bluebird the bronzed grackle makes his appearance and in the south the purple grackle. The purple grackles are found in some places in the north, too. They are plentiful on Long Island and appear in flocks walking about lawns and parks in a leisurely fashion as though they owned it all.

he who thinks there is only one way to say a thing.
For clearness, use short sentences. But for skill in handling English, study the meaning and practice the use of connectives. With them you can combine the simpler ideas into longer and more complicated sentences. It is these connectives, such as relative pronouns and conjunctions, that must be used skillfully if the long sentence is to be clear. They are the sign posts that guide the reader at the turns of the clauses as he makes his way through the sentence.

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AND HE DID!
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