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4. A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean.

MAN AND NATION.

In the confidence of free-will we say a man's life is what he makes it. And so, in one sense, it is. But it depends largely on his surroundings, on physical and social conditions, which is the general expression meaning climate, the soil he treads upon, the people he associates with, and the average intelligence of the population in which he is a unit—all which, taken together, mean for him opportunity or lack of it.

No man is within himself wholly the master of his destiny. From his childhood too many threads outside his own personality are tied to him, to bind, lead, restrict and control his acts. Time also is a factor. In youth he is sanguine and imagines himself unfettered. Middle age finds him conscious of many limitations un-dreamed of in his enthusiastic youth. Old age too often overtakes him disappointed, disillusioned and—if he has learned to look truth squarely in the face—aware that he has been used by an infinite power for purposes he does not fully comprehend.

Three things the old man realizes: That his whole life has been dominated by laws not of human making; that his entry into the world is still a mystery to him; and that his departure from earthly activities will be against his will.

The birth of a man means a life that leads inexorably to death. The birth of a nation means the governmental life of a people, which also leads inexorably to that government's death. All history, both of the individual and the nation, leads to that certain conclusion.

As the man protects himself against an early and therefore untimely end, by what reason and the experience of other men teach him are wholesome and strengthening habits, so a nation, if its people are enlightened, seeks to prolong its existence by avoiding excesses and shunning those things which have led to the death of other nations. But while man or nation may prolong its vigor by right living, neither can forever avoid death, although both put off the inevitable end by every expedient in their power. Some men pin their faith to a sound philosophy of life and live long; others yield to bad habits, resort to quacks and nostrums, and die early. Some nations hold fast to sound principles and live for many generations; others flee to strange and radical doctrines and perish miserably in their youth.

The United States is young as the lives of governments are measured. Its only dangerous sickness was the malady of slavery. Bleeding cured it of that poisonous infection.

But it must not be supposed, because America is young and strong, that it is not subject to acute and fatal diseases, just as the young man, The germs that lead to the illness and death of nations are everywhere, just as those that attack men. There must be right living to keep the nation in health. Our present youthful vitality has been nourished and built up by national "good habits," exemplified in the constitution of our republic, in our legislative, executive and judicial systems, and in our government of, by and for the people. Our national life blood is pure as yet, because as a whole the people are clean, patriotic, liberty-loving and law-abiding.

But we are all the time receiving new elements into our system by immigration. Some of human importations are wholesome, some pestilent. We must have a care about permitting vicious enemies to come to or remain with us, or we shall suffer infection. We still hold to the principles of the fathers of our nation, which is well for us. But no nation can live and grow without change. Nothing is at rest in this world, neither men, nor principles of government, nor nations. Change is the law of the life of every earthly thing, whether individual, legislative or constitutional. It is our task to so educate ourselves in love of country and of our people, that justice shall prevail. Successful in that, our national life will endure through centuries. Failing in it early death is certain.

The unrest following the death of the imperial German government still disturbs the world. We feel it in abnormal economic and industrial conditions; but if we retain our fidelity to law and order, vote down the dangerous remedies and false doctrines proposed by visionary and radical minorities, the world war will not seriously interrupt the healthful progress of our national life. We must remember that the ballot directly influences the life of the nation, as well as our individual prosperity and happiness.

H. C. of L. Defeats Government.

The attorney general of the United States has abandoned his campaign against the h. c. of l. because of its high cost. Forced to practice economy in the conduct of his department, in order to avoid a deficit, Mr. Palmer has dismantled his special machinery for overtaking the profiteers, and will allow the regularly constituted agencies of justice to deal with the matter. Nothing in this to excite surprise, although comment on it is likely to be varied and bitter. Mr. Palmer some time ago announced with considerable vehemence his intention of pursuing the profiteer to the end, to bring down the cost of living, and to somehow redeem the promise made by the democrats so long ago. He started out with a brass band, putting one Figg of Okla-

homa, a deserving democrat, at the head of a division to deal with the matter, and Mr. Figg promptly proceeded to enlist the services of other democrats, more or less deserving, and the hunt was on. Every now and then the boom of the Figg bass drum might be heard, but it was the only sound that greeted ears, strained to catch the first cracking noise that was to be followed by the crash of the tumbling fabric of high prices. Nothing doing. The profiteers read about Figg and his purpose, and turned again to their work. Every time "Mitch" Palmer emitted another expression of determination to punish the blood suckers, they sent prices up another notch. Finally, the attorney general sees the end of his funds, and so must set Mr. Figg and his cohorts adrift, his work undone and the campaign a failure. The public long ago learned, however, that it must look for relief elsewhere than in the democratic administration offices at Washington.

Why Vote for Pershing.

Not a real argument has been advanced in favor of any of the candidates for president on the republican ticket that can not be applied equally and with full force to the cause of John J. Pershing.

His Americanism is unquestioned; he has shown his devotion and fidelity to American ideals in every way. If it is a question of executive capacity, he has given ample proof that he possesses that in highest degree; does the country want a business man for president, Pershing has handled bigger business transactions than any of the men whose names are mentioned in connection with the office. As a statesman and diplomatist he has shown rare qualities. In fact, he only falls behind his rival in one point; he is not an experienced politician, and has never had a press agent.

Any state in the union would be proud to claim John J. Pershing as a citizen, and Nebraska certainly is. Our people take real pride in the fact that this great world figure of a man has his home in their midst. They also feel a distinct satisfaction in the knowledge that he is not only a possible but a probable nominee of the republican party for president, which is equivalent to his election. They know that for this reason the candidates from outside Nebraska are making every endeavor within their power to take the state away from Pershing.

Every good reason is in favor of Nebraskans voting for the home candidate. The democrats are going to do this for Senator Hitchcock; so also should republicans vote for John J. Pershing. Stand up for Nebraska!

Lincoln's Religion.

From time to time efforts are made to impeach the essentially religious character of Abraham Lincoln's life. He has even been charged with infidelity.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, in a book review, effectively disposes of these slanders with two quotations. The first is from Lincoln's second inaugural, and follows:

Fondly do we hope—fervently do we pray—that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled up by the bondman's 250 years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said 3,000 years ago, so still it must be said, "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

Lincoln was not a churchman. That is, he was not a member of any church; but he frequently attended church services, including mid-week prayer meetings. He once said, and this is Dr. Abbott's second quotation:

When any church will inscribe over its altar, as its sole qualification for membership the Savior's condensed statement of the substance of both the law and Gospel, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself—that church will I join with all my heart and soul.

There was the declaration of a man, truly religious at heart, who would not bind himself to an acceptance of man-made interpretations of God's will.

Lady Astor Wins for Women.

For the first time in more than two generations a notable change is about to be made in British divorce laws, doing away with the double standard of morality. Up to now for many years infidelity on part of the wife has been cause for divorce in England, while not on part of the husband. An amendment to equalize this was pending before the House of Commons, with scant prospect for passage, when Lady Nancy Astor came to its defense. She did not plead for divorce to be made easier, but she did ask that the law equalize the sexes in their right to divorce. "You will never get morality," she said, "so long as you recognize a double standard for men and women. We must uplift our sons and daughters to a high ideal of moral equality." She does not believe that American women have gained anything of merit because of the ease with which divorce is obtainable over here, but she does hold that the single standard of morality obtaining is an advantage. Her argument was listened to with close attention by a crowded chamber, and on division the amendment was carried. Lady Astor has been the means of setting woman that much nearer to an equality with man in Great Britain, proving her election to the Parliament was not a mistake.

This is also the opening day for the Western League.

While enforcing traffic rules on downtown streets, the police might also pay a little attention to what goes on away from the congested district.

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A Line O' Type or Two

Now to the Line, let the quips fall where they may.

SONGS OF THE SEASON.
The laying season first I praise,
When hens are cackling roundelay,
And chattering, with loud ecstasies,
Proclaim his latest coop d'etat.

AN I. C. man writes us that he personally knows the colored man in Memphis who burns holes in a handkerchief by breathing on it. Perhaps then he can tell us what the c. m. drinks before performing the feat. Sulphur and molasses, or home-made hooch?

ANOTHER man who has personal knowledge of the fire-breathing Memphis advises us that the main worry of this volcano is that he will get the bedclothes over his head at night and set the house on fire.

AN AUDACIOUS INNOVATION.

(From the Knoxville Journal and Tribune.)
Mr. Nelson instead of the rather generally popular love lyrics played upon wedding occasions rendered selections from the Wagner opera "Lohengrin" and for the professional and recreational played the Lohengrin and Mendelssohn wedding marches.

"WHAT is a 'Wilsonian quip?'" queries J. E. Why, he has two. One concerns the Indian who said of the war, "All salute, no shoot," and the other concerns the Indian who said the war was to make the world safe for the democratic party. Mr. Henning did not say which was used by the President at the cabinet meeting. Probably No. 2.

A Sharp Distinction.

Sir: Too strong emphasis cannot be placed on the distinction between bolshevism and Americanism. When a group of switchmen endeavor to force an increase of wages by tying up transportation facilities, they are bolsheviks. When a landlord demands \$125 per month for a \$75 flat, or a shoe merchant asks \$22 for a pair of \$8 shoes, they are actuated by good old-fashioned Americanism. It must be conceded that in one respect the landlord and merchant are free from the censure that attaches to the switchmen. Whereas the latter refuse to continue at work until their claims are heard by the arbitrator, the landlord and merchant invariably evince a disposition to submit the matter to arbitration.

WITH PLEASURE.

(From the Albany, Ind., Vindicator.)
The fire bell called out the department twice Monday. The first alarm was distinguished before the company got away from the engine house, and they were right on the job, too. One was a barn in the south part of town and the other a grass fire in the street. Chicago Tribune copy.

"THE weather man," voxopos an Indiana man, "understands his business much better than I do mine." What do you suppose he does? GLOTFYING THE GOOD-FOR-NOTHING.

(Wm. Graham Sumner, "The Forgotten Man.")
Who is the Forgotten Man? He is the simple, honest laborer, ready to earn his living by productive work, but who makes no claim for himself, is independent, self-supporting, and asks no favors. He does not appeal to the emotions or excite the sentiments. He only wants to make a contract and fulfill it with respect on both sides and favor on neither side. He must get his living out of the capital of the country. The larger the capital is, the better living he can get. Every particle of capital which is wasted on the vicious and the shiftless is so much taken from the capital available to reward the independent and productive laborer.

But we stand with our backs to the independent and productive laborer all the time. We do not remember him because he makes no clamor; but I appeal to you whether he is not the man who ought to be remembered first of all, and whether, on any sound social theory, we ought not to protect him against the burdens of the good-for-nothing. In these last years I have read hundreds of articles and heard scores of sermons and speeches, which were really glorifications of the good-for-nothing, as if these were the charge of society, recommended by right reason to its care and protection. We are addressed all the time as if those who are respectable were to blame because some are not so, and as if there were no obligation on the part of those who have done their duty towards those who have not done their duty. Every man is bound to take care of himself and his family and to do his share in the work of society. It is totally false that one who has done so is bound to bear the care and charge of those who are wretched because they have not done so. The silly popular notion is that the beggars live at the expense of the rich, but the truth is that those who eat and produce not live at the expense of those who labor and produce.

THE golden truths set forth above were written in 1883. They have lost nothing of their pertinence with the years.

THE THREE ENGLISH SYNONYMS.

Sir: "Annually" is a perfect synonym for yearly. "Daily" is a perfect synonym for diurnally. There is just one more left in English. Offer one of your lost golf balls as the prize. CAMILLUS.

THERE are certain gold coins of genius that time cannot wear thin, that are as fresh today as when minted. One of these is Schumann's "First Symphony."

"We Have with Us Tonight—"

Sir: Lang syne, as the son of my sire, I was present at his welcome-home dinner after a long absence on a foreign station, the restor of the parish likewise being an honored guest. Being an Oxford man and therefore a merry soul, his reverence (in collusion with myself, his admiring pupil) availed himself of a favorable opportunity of entering the dining-room, where he treated the captain's crockery and cutlery precisely as you have described with our after-dinner speakers, at the same time assuring me that as sailors, accustomed to the rolling of their ships, never allowed their dinner equipage to stand at the table's edge, a proposition soon after shown by the captain to be self-evident. Will you, dear sir, pardon me if I humbly offer my suggestions that the similar action of our post-prandial orators may be likewise a half-seas over consequence? M. C. O'B.

WISDOM.

Voys are made for breaking.
Tears are in a kiss;
Love is a light to blind;
Men have taught me this.
Passions hide their sharp claws
Slyly as a cat;
Men are best forgotten—
Life has taught me that.
Dreams are straying lambskins.
Truth is a cruelty.
Life is rather dreary—
Time has proved to me!

DOROTHY.

WE suspect that Dorothy is young. Life teaches one so many melancholy things when one is, like Buttercup, young and charming.

A DAINTY REPAST OF BIRD SEED WAS SERVED.

(From the Pontiac Leader.)
The Eppards Point Domestic Science club met at the home of Mrs. W. F. Sparrow Thursday. Miss Florence Swan, county agent, was present at this meeting.

NO PROFITEERING THERE.

(Spring Lake, Mich., Item.)
Two very excellent houses may be obtained at Aloys BHS. One hundred dollars will buy one or both.

THIS spring it is rather the certain unglory of an April day.

NOW watch the price of overalls soar. B. L. T.

What Well-Know.

It may be "that one-half of the world knoweth not how the other half liveth," but, if prices kept on rising each half will know that the other half only half liveth.—Norfolk, Virginia.

How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. EVANS

BARNUM'S THEOREM PROVED.

A large part of the widespread use of patent medicines is founded on the mystery of medicine and the natural credulity of the human intellect. In an article on "Credulity and Cured," Dr. Frederick Peterson says:

"The healthy organism is difficult enough to know and to understand, but when we have added to this the innumerable diseases that develop within the body and the scores of intangible and invisible enemies that attack it from the outside the problem grows colossal and it is no wonder that people in general, no matter how erudite in other directions, have not the smallest conception of the problems of medical therapy."

If one knows nothing of a subject the soil is prepared for faith, pre-conception, conviction. The great majority of illnesses are temporary, self-limited, and tend to recovery by nature unassisted. It is not surprising, then, that when an intelligent professor or learned clergyman happens to take during such a spell of illness a packet of powdered cottage cheese sold under a catchy name, his prompt recovery should fill him with a profound conviction of the value of the remedy.

He has this one convincing case. Being his own, it lends a stronger personal note to his recommendation of the agent to his friends. In fact, he becomes an authority by a single case, commends the remedy to others, and even writes letters of his experience for use by the advertisers.

The common illustration on this point is Bishop Berkeley and a tar-water made by mixing a gallon of water and a quart of tar, allowing them to stand 48 hours and then pouring off the clear water. This clear water containing a little tar odor and taste, but little else, when backed by the powerful indorsement of the learned, renowned bishop, cured hundreds of thousands of people of hundreds of diseases. The good bishop said that it cured pneumonia, smallpox, fevers, impurities of the blood, coughs, pleurisy, asthma, erysipelas, indigestion, hysteria, dropsy, and scurvy.

Wesley, not content with founding the Methodist church, wrote a personal note to his recommendation of Bishop Berkeley's tar-water for scores of ill. I am sure that thousands of people who took this tar-water got well just as they would have had they not taken tar-water. I am equally sure they were honest in thinking tar-water cured them.

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Hazard is Greater.

Omaha writes: "I. I am 43 and am soon to marry a man 74. Have never been married before. Both of

The Bee's Letter Box

Endorses Stroup's Plan.

Omaha, April 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: I am glad to see Mr. F. A. Stroup agitating our old hobby again relating to utilizing the latent power that is going to waste on account of the negligence of capitalists and short-sightedness of our state officers. True the Loup river may in a measure meet the conditions, but it is not a cupful in comparison to the Niobrara or Keyapaha rivers. The Niobrara river alone could be tapped at intervals of every five or six miles, and ample power could be obtained to run every suburban car, and every factory in Omaha and Sioux City, besides every city, village and hamlet within the state's domain, throwing Dakota in as a side issue. One can hardly estimate the enormous benefit that could be derived from Mr. Stroup's proposition. This is no new idea, but it seems that this matter is sidetracked for hundreds of things of minor importance. Our generous population will subscribe to stock for packing houses or for million-dollar loans to foreign nations and neglect essentials right at home. If our Liberty bonds could be converted along this line, what a wonderful transformation

us are strong and healthy. Do you think it possible for me to have a child?
"2. Would it have the average chance for health and would its birth be more difficult for me than is usual?" REPLY.
1. It is possible.
2. Labor would be more hazardous than the average for both mother and child.

You Are in No Danger.
E. G. writes: "Is peroxide dangerous to use in cleaning the teeth?" REPLY.
No.

Kind of Hay Fever.
G. F. B. writes: "1. Is there more than one kind of hay fever?
"2. What is the treatment?
"3. Can it be cured?
"4. Is the cure temporary or permanent?" REPLY.

1. Yes. There is spring hay fever, due in the main to grass pollen and autumn hay fever, due in the main to certain weed pollens.
2. Find out which pollen causes your disease and treat with those pollens remedied. If pollen treatment is not possible take the calcium chloride treatment.
3. Yes.
4. Many cases are permanently cured.

Might Affect Children's Eyes.
Pals writes: "1. Is myopia (near-sightedness) hereditary?
"2. If both 'parents' are near-sighted would it have any effect on the vision of the offspring?" REPLY.

1. To a certain extent.
2. It would increase the possibility that the children would be near-sighted.



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Perpetual Motion Next.
Colonel Bryan confidently expects to make "the old oaken bucket" as great a slogan as "the fall dinner pail" once proved.—Washington Star.

Bring On the Sample.
There is still hope that the world will learn to like peace when it has tried a fair sample.—Anaconda Standard.

High Price of Corn.
A billion bushels of corn remain on the farms. The price is so high that consumption is restricted. Not a very good policy, from a business point of view.—Rochester Herald.

Would a Died of Thrift.
Reports that Wilhelm is taking to drink may cause some regrets that he wasn't allowed to flee here.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

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The First Nebraska National Guard
The Historic First Nebraska is to be reorganized. The first battalion will be in Omaha.
Those that join will have a part in keeping alive the finest history and traditions of Nebraska.
The First Nebraska was born in 1855.
Enlistments are now being taken. The first unit will be organized Monday evening, April 26, in the auditorium.
WHO?—Any able bodied man, between ages of 18 and 45. (Not necessarily a former service man.)
WHY?—So you won't forget the life in khaki—and so you'll limber up again.
To get the 2-weeks encampment.
To keep you in physical trim.
DRILL—One night a week, in the municipal auditorium. One hour and a half each week.
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Snap Into It!
The Enlistment Station Is On Farnam Street, Between Seventeenth and Eighteenth Streets