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1. New Union Passenger Station. 2. A Pipe Line from the Wyoming Oil

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into Omaha with a Brick Surface.

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

5. Home Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

QUESTIONS ASKED BUT UNANSWERED.

What is a fair profit? What is the real value an article? These are questions which cannot answered off hand. We have never seen an nswer to either that was wholly satisfactory. Usually a dealer regards an article as worth what it will bring. That seems to be in harmony with the law of supply and demand, and ommercially true. But actual intrinsic values nd market values vary widely.

Some would limit the value of a commodity the quality of material and its utility. But great range of articles are bought and sold prices made on entirely different consideraions. Beauty, fashion, season, novelty-a score f influences wholly apart from usefulness or he intrinsic value of the material used-have a potent effect on the prices of merchandise.

dress of the finest material, but made up in an out of date style, at the price originally asked! A cheap novelty may be sold for five times what it cost, and the profit be entirely fair. Stores which specialize in very low-priced goods are said to average over 300 per cent profit, and yet their trade is with people who buy small amounts of cheap stuff only. But they are not profiteering, because where a hundred sales must be made to net one dollar's profit the percentage of profit on each article sold must be very much larger than a business where one sale may net five or ten dollars. So fair profits are greatly dependent on the number of buyers and the average prices of the goods sold.

But finally, every selling price is fixed on the demand for it. When people buy regardless of prices, sellers are likely to exact large profits. When customers refuse to buy at high prices, high prices turn to low prices. It has always been so.

But until everybody is agreed to buy only on a necessity basis, no general definition of a fair profit can be made. It is hard on the poor of them do that with never a thought that their extravagance is holding up the general range of prices for the necessities which the poor must

It is a complicated and puzzling commercial life we are all leading.

An Enduring Fraternal Organization.

The presence of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Masons in Omaha this week for their 63d annual communication, recalls some Masodic history. Symbolic Masonry, represented by the visiting grand body, was introduced into America by the British, and until the American Declaration of Independence in 1776, the lodges were under British authority. But Masonic government is always in accord with civil goverament, so in 1777 American Masons chose their own grand master to take the place of the

After the Revolutionary war the master and wher officers of the military lodge attended by Gesteral Washington, settled at Marietta, O., and in 1790 reorganized the body, called "American Union Lodge" during the war, and it still exists in Marietta handsomely housed amid relies of great historical interest.

Freemasonry is now firmly established over practically the entire globe, but not until after periods of strenuous opposition. An English act of Parliament in 1429 made felons of Masons. In 1561 Queen Elizabeth ordered the grand lodge of England broken up. In 1637 France "abolished"/ the fraternity. Maria Theresa of Germany sought to break up Masonry in 1747. The Protestant Council of Berne, various Scotch bynods, and Swedish, Italian and Brazilian rulers have at various times sought its destruction for political reasons. Even in the United States an anti-Masonic political party had a candidate for president in 1832 against Andrew Tackson and Henry Clay (both past masters, by the way) and carried the state of Vermont for their ticket. Ex-President John Quincy Adams 'declared: "Masonry ought forever to be abolished. It is wrong-essentially wrong-a seed of evil, which can never produce any good." In one partisan paper the Masonic lodge was called "Hell's masterpiece."

The endurance of the fraternity, and the character of its membaship, are the best evidence of its fitness to live. But it had to fight for life for centuries.

The Sick President Plays a Strong Hand.

President Wilson's politics is not haphazard. He plays the game adroitly and with chilly disregard for any person, friend or foe, who gets in his way. He can be indifferent to the promptings of all those emotions which long service always stir in grateful breasts, and fiercely resentful of any seeming infringement on his prerogatives, as was shown in his icy callousness for the feelings of Secretary Lansing when he dismissed him on a trumped-up charge.

But he views with entire equanimity the most radical diversity of conduct in his immediate official family when he sees therein opportunity to play both sides for party advantage, as in the sharp antagonism now existing between his attorney general and assistant secre-

The attorney general officially declares that the assistant secretary has "tender splicitude for social revolutionists and perverted sympathy for Evening Mail.

criminal anarchists," that he "has defied the HE OMAHA BEE criminal anarchists," that he "has defined the legal warrants" (against alien enemies), and "has shown constant favors to violators of law," in the very teeth of the protests of the Department of Justice.

And with this knowledge the president retains in his official family the assistant secretary who has made "wholesale jail deliveries of self-confessed anarchists," and has practically nullified the deportation statute in order to keep dangerous enemies of order and the government in this country, in spite of all the efforts of the attorney general to enforce our laws against them, and send them overseas where they belong. Why? To hold the votes both of those who defy all law and of those who believe in law enforcement. And while the democratic press seeks to excuse presidential inconsistencies and toleration of dangerous influences on the plea of the president's sickness. the "sick" man takes his party by the neck to choke it into endorsement of his unpopular policies, and force the nomination of a man who will continue his kind of administration. When strength is needed to "put over" a presidential factional plan, it is there.

Days of Real Sport.

In our swimmin' days a bathing suit was a thing unknown. We hit the Ohio or the Muskingum (living at different periods beside each river) in the altogether, after the preliminary rites had been observed. To go in the water with any sort of clothes on would have been a

Alongside the clay banks above one broad beach much frequented by the boys of the village, where we were born, were clumps of trees and bushes whereto bumble bees attached their mud nests. A feud existed between boys and bees and frequent battles occurred, the boys using paddles made out of white pine shingles. No lad who hesitated to enter an engagement with the enemy while stark naked was in good repute with his fellows. Many a sun-browned boy have we seen rushing to the cooling water with a howl of pain when an angry bee sunk his white-hot javelin into some tender spot. Oh, to be a boy again and live life over!

A Plaint of the Critics.

Our democratic friends are touchingly sorrowful because the Chicago convention "lacks leadership." Possibly republican observation of the present leadership of the democratic party is the reason for the present untrammeled national republican convention. The democratic plight is a sufficiently sad illustration of what a certain kind of leadership will do to a party. at any rate. If there are no rings in the noses of the Chicago delegates we shall have an abundant display of that sort of thing at San Francisco. It does not seem to have occurred to the apprehensive critics of the Chicago convention that the men who compose it are there to select a leader, not to take orders from a boss such as holds the democracy in fawning sub-

The liquor question is definitely out of politics. It can come back only by way of a repeal of the prohibition amendment-and no constitutional amendment has ever been re-

Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university might win the plum at Chicago, but the prejudice against college presidents in the White House is something awful among repub-

It looks like a fair field and a real race in Chicago, with several heats before the winner can be recognized.

New York quotes betting odds on the Chicago nomination of from 20 to 1 down, but little

Senator Lodge can say it, if you wish an utterance with punch in it.

THE COMMON LOT.

Once, in the flight of ages past, There lived a man:-and who was he? Mortal, howe'er thy lot be cast, That man resembled thee.

Unknown the region of his birth, The land in which he died unknown:

His name has perished from the earth, This truth survives alone:-That joy and grief, and hope and fear,

Alternate triumphed in his breast: His bliss and woe-a smile, a tear: Oblivion hides the rest.

The annals of the human race, Their ruins, since the world began, Of him affords no other trace Than this-There lived a man. -James Montgomery.

Or Get a Fresh One.

It is a source of constant surprise to us in these times of stress in the domestic economy what wonders a woman's deft fingers can accomplish with a few old ribbons and pieces of lace and other odds and ends and we suppose Eve could give a couple of dexterous twists to her figleaf and look ever so much more chic when dressed for dinner than when about her work in identically the same garment in the morning.-Ohio State Journal.

To Hold Cotton to Forty Cents. "I am a cotton farmer," writes C. E. Trimble, Mobeetie, Tex., to Capper's Weekly, "and have three bales of cotton on which I cannot even get an offer because it is low grade, although cotton goods made from low grade cotton are advancing in price all the time." former Kansas man, just back from a business trip through Texas says thousands of bales of cotton belonging to the government are being allowed to rot, while the people are being made to pay outrageous prices for cotton products. "Nearly every cotton gin I saw," he says, "was surrounded by a half a dozen or more bales of cotton rotting in the open."-Capper's Weekly.

A Faithful Supporter Backs Up. When Senator Hitchcock stands out against the president on a matter of foreign affairs related to the league of nations, it becomes a question how long Mr. Wilson will be able to command the unquestioned support of any body of democrats. Every little while another group declares its independence. It is not for nothing that Bryan, who carefully preserved the pretense of supporting the president for four years after they had split, now openly flouts him at every opportunity. It was not safe then; it is

The spirit of independence has grown until it now inspires a large part of the democratic party in congress. There is not much open antagonism to the president, because a presidential campaign is coming on and party splits are to be avoided; but whenever a question comes up in which there is a clash between the president and congress, there are enough demo-cratic votes to help the republicans into an impressive-looking position, and they are not al-

A Line O' Type or Two

THE Supreme Court does not always "follow the elections," as Mr. Dooley said. Sometimes

it precedes them. THE committee on platform may now proceed with a ringing plank in favor of national

With Pleasure.

Sir: Would you please divulge to the Republican convention that Blane & Logan are two vehement Republicans who run a garage at

WITH the possible exception of Trotzky, Mr. Hearst is the busiest person politically that one is able to wot of. Such boundless zeal! Such measureless energy! Such genius an infinite capacity for giving pains!

HOW! Well, here I am-I wintered ill, I also springed-or sprung-the same; I've swallowed many a noxious pill To keep me sitting in the game.

I'm shattered, dull, and quite cadaverous, But still, you'll kindly note, palaverous. "I DO not care for 'Treasure Island.' When devote time to a book, I expect either information, genius, or something I have never heard of before." Ed Howe.

You must give Old Ed credit for one thing: he has no literary taste.

NOW, HERE'S A MAYOR WORTH HAVING. (From the Platteville, Wis., Journal.) In the down pour of rain yesterday the sewer, at corner Main and Fourth streets became badly clogged and had it not been for the work of Mayor Hoosler who removed the gratings and cleaned the openings, some of the Main street basements would have been flooded. The mayor was completely drenched after doing this work.

IN politics Hiram Johnson is the equivalent of the Oliver Optic hero so dear to our youth. Against a background of mercenary villains his honest face shines like a cherry by candle light. In Which Ellen Tells the World.

(From the Monticello, Ky., Outlook.) Dear Editor-I notice in your issue of the 20th that you say was taken from the County Clerk's Record, where marriage license had been issued to Gobel Troxel, of Bronston, and Ellen Clark, of Zula. Now have known for a long time that the world was getting very fast but I never one time dreamed of a young man going to the County Clerk's Office and getting his license without first having the consent of the girl to whom he was going to be married. Now to be very fast. New styles and fashions seem to be all the go but if this is one of the new styles I guess that I will live to be an old maid for I never one time thought of marrying Mr. Troxell and if I was thinking on that subject I would think every time that I wouldn't. Yours, Miss Ellen Clark.

"THE public has no rights which are superior to the toiler's right to live and to his right to defend himself against oppression."-Gompers.

Vanderbilt put it more pithily. "MEMORABLE SENTENCES."

Sir: You remember Egdon Heath. "The reat inviolate place had an ancient permanence which the sea cannot claim. Who can say of a particular sea that it is old? Distilled by the sun, kneaded by the moon, it is renewed in a year, in a day, or in an hour. The sea changed, the fields changed, the rivers, the villages, and the people changed, yet Egdon remained ELEANOR.

THOMAS HARDY turned eighty this June and we suggest that you join us in re-reading "The Return of the Native." Meanwhile here is a Hardy poem you may not know:

AFTERWARD. When the present has latched its postern be-

hind my tremulous stay. And the May month flaps its glad green leaves like wings, Delicate-filmed as new-spun silk, will the neigh-

"He was a man who used to notice such things?

If it be in the dusk when, like an eyelid's sound-The dewfall-hawk comes crossing the shades to

Upon the wind-warped upland thorn, a gazer may think. "To him this must have been a familiar sight."

If I pass during some nocturnal blackness When the hedgehog travels furtively over the lawn,

One may say, "He strove that such innocent creatures should come to no harm. But he could do little for them; and now he is

If, when hearing that I have been stilled at last, they stand at the door,
Watching the full-starred heavens that winter

Will this thought rise on those who will mee my face no more,
"He was one who had an eye for such mys

And will any say when my bell of quittance is heard in the gloom. And a crossing breeze cuts a pause in its out-Till they rise again, as they were a new bell's

"He hears it not now, but used to notice such

SEE AMERICA FIRST.

Sir: From the theme of a foreign student in

Every thought needs something

To make it seem complete: Friendly words for greeting, Smiles when loved ones meet;

Waves to rock the water,

Stars to stud the skies; Grasses for the meadows,

Wings for butterflies;

And your heart for me!

AN ABSENT-MINDED BEGGAR.

will which may explain his failure to please

American readers when he visited this country

about seven or eight years ago. Once he called at the home of a friend of mine, in a little vil-

lage near Paris. In leaving he raised his hat

with a fair show of gallantry, for my friend and

his wife were at the door, at the same time put

ting one foot through an empty bandbox. And

so characteristically intent was he on his own thoughts that he strode on down the path for

nearly fifty yards, quite oblivious to the fact that the bandbox still clung to his ungainly ankle.

My friend observed him as far as the high road, but does not know when Zangwill discovered the

HELPFUL HINTS.

ried by luggage-laden travelers. Suggestion for amassing fortune; service station for pressing

WHAT has become of the old-fashioned workman who declared, "No beer, no work."

ASIDES.

M. C.: We should love to have you.

THE dark horses are feeling their cats.

accordeon-pleated skirts.

Gene: All three.
J. L.: Not published yet.

Sir: A new use for the discarded war-time knitting bag: bassinet for thermos bottles car-

Sir: There's an authentic story about aZng

Roses for the garden,

Honey for the bee:

the University of Chicago: "If you wish to see America, the mighty scepter of power in your hands will gather for

you the laurels of victory. I have been in this country for about a year. My earnest lucubration of the way the American live has showed me since the day I arrived here that this is the blessed land of unlimited opportunity—if one is willing to tackle hard and bring home the bacon." M. A. C. G.

"PERSONAL—Gentleman would pay for gas to motor L. A. and vicinity Sundays. Hamlin Clay, 1202 S. Mariposa st."—Loz Onglaze Times. They have every kind of bird out there. ESSENTIALS.

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FRISKY AT EIGHTY-FIVE.

J. F. C. is \$5 years old, 5 feet 6 nches high and weighs 110 pounds. tish general captured Washington When he enlisted in the Union army 59 years ago he weighed 153 pounds. destroyed government documents and burned the White House. For was 12 pounds above the this act King George's great grandproper for his age and weight sire rewarded the general with s He sends me three pictures coat of arms portraying the flag of of himself. In one he is an up-the United States standing, straight, vigorous old man. In the second he is shown riding horseback, while in the third the United States grasped in the of that general still publicly use that coat of arms with the is preparing to get into a flying and sanction machine. The record of his trip government. and sanction of the present British showed that he did not indulge in any tail spins, loops, or other daring stunts. culation than any other paper in England. It is violently anti-American. If you will persuade the

Our letter from J. F. C. contains everal lessons for those who would attain old age. He is 40 pounds posterity of the noble general to lighter than he was at 26 years of turn over our flag to the noble edi-The tendency is for a person o put on weight progressively until the latter with a match, the exabout 50 years is attnined. The thyroid gland is supposed to secrete The pected will probably happen. It is secrete silly to hate the English, but as to less as a person passes from youth the money they owe us—ask any into middle age. In consequence a owner of a liberty bond.

THOMAS LYNCH. ergy. Since he is fond of food, has elenty of it and eats as much as when younger he puts on flesh. Somewhere about 50 he enters on a period of weight equilibrium. Somewhere in the 70s as a rule he egins to lose weight. At 85 he should be encouraged to eat sugar, potatoes and bread, if he digests them well, in order to overcome the tendency to lose weight.

J. F. C. is keeping young by maintaining his hold on life in keeping busy and in finding new interests. Instead of slouching down he holds imself straight. His picture shows a man with a soldier straight body. He rides horseback. No other exerise is so effective in massaging the liver, stimulating the abdominal organs and flushing the capillary olcod vessels of the face.

Instead of being ready to quit, J. C. is indulging in new sensations riding in a flying machine. doubt if any physician would ad-vise a man of 85 to take up flying. Aviation requires a capacity of re-sisting dizziness. Recently a bridge builder over 70 accustomed to walking girders fell from a tree with fatal results. It is supposed he became dizzy or fainted and fell. Some old men faint in bath tubs. They are not able to withstand the combination of heat, humidity and still air in a bathroom, lose consciousness and sometimes drown in the

Nothing else strains just this quilibrium apparatus. Nothing equilibrium apparatus. else is so liable to produce dizzi ness, faintness, swimming of the as aviation. Elderly people will do well to imitate J. F. C. his avidity for new interests but

not in flying And finally, J. F. C. keeps at work. He flew while in California, but he emphasizes his statement that he was there on business.

Increase Care of Teeth. M. H. writes: "Kindly give me the ollowing information: "1. What is the cause of pyor-

rhoea?

"2. What are the symptoms.
"3. May pyorrhoea be prevented? "4. What is the cure?
"My dentist looks for pyorrhoea because he notices that the gums

bleed very readily. I have noticed this of my gums since childhood, and it does not alarm me much. Yet I will try to prevent it if there is 1. There is an infection of the

gums. Whether this is the principal ause or not has not been decided. Spengy gums, gums red at bor-ders, failure of gum line to grip

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The Bee: Referring to your edi-

ourned the British flag in Washing-

ton will have to defend themselves. But you ask, "What would we think

if the flag of the United States were

ublicly burned, etc?"
In the war of 1812 a certain Bri-

Sir Horace Bottomly publishes

tor, and if you will accommodate

Omaha, June 7 .- To Honorable J.

Omaha, Nebraska—Your Believing in the quotation

W. Woodrough, Judge of Federal

in the Book of Books, which say

teeth, receding gums, pus around

3. By keeping the teeth and mouth

4. 4. Brushing, washing and oth-

erwise cleaning the teeth several times a day, using dental floss after

each meal. Having the teeth cleaned

pyorrhoea treated in its early stages

and

There are many very beautiful new records you should have and many old favorites you have been waiting for. They are all here."

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Records

Victrolas

teeth, bleeding gums.

clean, chewing hard foods.

thoroughly periodically.

Victor

Victor

It has a larger cir-

"John Bull."

Court.

that the "laborer is worthy of his hire," I desire to call your honor's that confronts the jurors. salary today is the same as it was 25 years ago. Probably it is pos-sible for you to adjust it to equal the present era of high prices. Other-wise I shall tender my resignation Yours respectfully, JERRY HOWARD. as a juror. Omaha, June 7.-To the Editor of





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