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THE ISSUE IN NEBRASKA.

Old timers in Nebraska will readily recall some of the tactics pursued by Ipidian raiders.

That is just what our democratic brethren are doing now. They are whooping and yelling, dragging the League of Nations, the "heart of the world," and all sorts of soft stuff, trying to bewilder and confuse voters into stampeding to the end that an incompetent and wasteful regime may be restored to the control of state affairs.

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Is Nebraska ready to abandon the good roads program? Will we withdraw the needed support from the schools, from the university, from the public institutions? Such a course is implied in the democratic assault by innuendo, half-truth or deliberate misrepresentation.

No charge has been made of inefficiency, of incompetency, or of mismanagement against the present administration. Its record shows its work well done, its business carefully and effectively transacted, and wise and prudent management in all respects, the promise is made that this will be continued if the republicans win the victory, which seems forecasted by the political signs of the day, and in which the public may discern hope for better things.

Well, the Worst Is Over.

When the pioneers laid out the Omaha town-site, they stretched their lines due east and west and straight north and south across a sheet of drafting paper, looked at it and called it good.

All that these builders overlooked was the hills, which they airily ignored or cheerfully accepted. In fact, these seemed to be an asset, for when the first capitol building was erected in Omaha it was perched on top of the highest eminence on the landscape, and overlooked the city, the valley, and everything else about, dominating the scene as effectively and as unobtrusively as will the great tower that is to be the feature of the new state house at Lincoln.

Then the pioneers missed another opportunity. If they had followed the contour of the land, rather than to have run straight lines without regard to hill or hollow, taking advantage of the easy trails nature had provided, and which since have been obliterated, the city would have been a little more difficult for navigation, but a lot more picturesque and without a long history of continuous grading down of hills and filling in of ravines.

What we started out to say, however, is that the big end of the Dodge street grading is over. The pioneers wouldn't know the place now. Hills that did slope to the south now slope the other way, while eminence is become a mere knoll, and what was a year ago the most stubborn declivity in the down town section of Omaha is but a rise in the ground now. To be sure, the job is far from complete, but the huge steam shovel, is dismantled, the snorting locomotives have snorted for almost the last time on Dodge street, and a whole lot of blessed relief will come to the folks along that be-devilled thoroughfare. In the days not far ahead huge buildings, palaces of trade, will loom up there, and the future dwellers of the city will listen amazed as the story is told them of how the trick was turned. Yet some old fogies will

mourn the departed hill, while all will say a word of thanksgiving, now that the worst is over.

Where Efficiency Would Help.

When the selective draft law was being enforced, the government took considerable pains to locate every man eligible under its provisions to military duty. Indeed, some activity has been exhibited along this line since the war ended, in the way of pursuit of those who evaded the call. This is commendable in the highest degree. But the government is neglecting another part of its obligation to the men who served, and one that seems quite as essential.

Ex-service men rightly complain that the distribution of the Victory medal is restricted to those who apply for it. Certain of them feel that if they are entitled to it at all, the War department should exert its full capacity to see that they get it. This is reasonable. A complete record of each man's service, with his address, is on file in Washington. Nothing of good to the public service would be lost if the great force of clerks at Washington were to be employed for a little while in the business of seeing that every man who wore the khaki gets the medal he is entitled to.

Another thought suggests itself in this connection. A statement was published lately that Liberty bonds amounting to almost \$500,000, paid for by service men, still await delivery. It would seem only fair that the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, or whatever division of the War department is now chargeable with this duty, should get busy and see that these soldiers get what they paid for. Men who subscribed and paid for Liberty bonds out of their meager pay as soldiers ought to have what they bought.

The post-armistice record of dealing with soldiers is none so good that the government can afford to have it further marred by these evidences of inefficiency. If the slackers can be located, the men who are entitled to reward certainly should be found.

Kind Hearts.

Mercy and justice are two qualities conferring their blessings equally on the donor and the recipient, and not otherwise can the growth in importance of the American Humane association be explained. Omaha, will welcome the forty-fourth annual convention of this organization October 25-28. Child welfare work and the protection of dumb animals are matters that have not been neglected in our state, and it is interesting to note the number and topics of addresses to be given by Nebraskans at this national conference.

J. E. Davidson, as president of the Nebraska Humane society, will play a prominent part. Judge Lincoln Frost of Lincoln will discuss the state juvenile courts; Mrs. John Hopkins, Omaha probation officer, and Dr. C. E. Prevey of Lincoln will take up other aspects of child welfare. Live stock on the ranges will be the topic of Arthur K. Dame of Fremont, and Mrs. C. A. Currie of Gard will speak on the practical application of laws for the protection of animals.

Humanitarians from as far away as Hawaii will appear at these meetings, which will truly serve as an inspiration to all those who attend, and even to those who read about them. A number of the ministerial delegates will speak in the churches of the city next Sunday, October 24, thus calling attention anew to the direct connection between Christianity and a kind heart.

Texas Makes Up With Mexico.

An event of perhaps the greatest importance and yet which passed with small notice, was the visit of the president-elect of Mexico to the United States last Saturday. Hope for the resumption of neighborly friendship with the nation to the south is afforded by the appearance of General Obregon on international day at the Texas state fair at Dallas.

Just as California has been the storm center of anti-Japanese agitation, so has Texas been with regard to Mexico. When Mexican generals crossed the border hitherto, they came on raids, and the Texas rangers got into action. With the formation of the new Mexican government, however, the beginning of a new era of good feeling is promised.

Many differences yet remain to be settled between these two nations before full recognition can be accorded Mexico, but the fact that its future ruler is a man who can come as the invited guest of the state of Texas augurs for a happy conclusion of all matters at dispute.

Shocking Juvenile Depravity.

The terrible tale that comes from Council Bluffs, involving the death of a 7-year-old boy as a result of injuries at the hands of a group of his companions, is another proof of the well understood fact that the boy at a certain age is the most cruel of all animals. Knowledge of this will not mitigate the horror that is felt for the act, or the sorrow for the victim's parents. Other parents, however, should take the lesson deeply to heart, and give exceeding great care to the business of seeing that their boys are so trained that they will not get into an affair of the sort. School discipline is not enough; home training must supplement the teacher's work, and it must be to awaken and develop the moral nature of the lad as well as his mental. Only when the close and assiduous attention needed is given to this will little fellows be made secure against the brutality of "gang" treatment. The remedy should be applied at home.

"Mitch" Palmer is going out to defend the democratic record. He ought to come to Nebraska and try to square himself with the beet sugar men.

You may have noted that it is a "pro-league" and not a "pro-Cox" expedition Newton D. Baker is heading.

If ever Nebraska republicans had reason to vote the ticket straight, this is the year.

Louis Seibold still admits he is uncertain as to the winner. This is not comforting for Cox.

A little foresight in the matter of storm windows may help you solve the fuel problem.

It is not Lillian Russell as she is, but as she used to be, that most folks are interested in.

But every publisher can't buy a paper mill, although his bills look as if he did.

The champion running horse is also a Yankee. We still show some class.

On the home stretch now; see them come!

A Line O' Type or Two

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

MAN, said Burke, is a religious animal, and he has grown more religious since the war, as is shown by many small things. For one, the number 13 has been banished from hotels; everybody shuns it; whereas, before, the war people laughed at the notion that 13 was a symbol of evil, and men in arranging dinners would insist that the number be not avoided, as they considered such superstitions childish.

"I FELT like writing to you yesterday, but had to make grape jelly," begins a fair correspondent. How perfectly heartless and unromantic! We hope the mess didn't tell. WE hope, too, that Mr. Joseph Cannon's broken wrist is mending nicely, and we regret that there was not a dictaphone in the cellar to take down his appropriate remarks when he fell.

Reportage from Pete Teets.

(From the Wellman, Ia., Advance.) A lively scrap between two town women was pulled off in the midst of an immense crowd on Old Settlers' Day. As "other amusements" had been advertised many took it for granted that it was part of the programme. Outside of a broken umbrella no serious damage was inflicted, but the funny part of it was, somebody rushed up to Pete Teets and asked him why he didn't part them. Pete replied thus: "Well, madam, you women seem to have as much to say as the men these days, why don't you part them?"

"IT is such a wonderful thing to have the news served up to you every morning at the breakfast table," says Judge Horace Stern of Philadelphia, "that if I were making the laws I would have it made so that if a man didn't read the newspapers," Solomon had practically nothing on this judge—except a better command of "would" and "should."

OH JOY, OH RAPTURE UNFORESEEN!

HAIL PRODUCTS OF THE FEATHERED QUEEN!

(From the Mills county, Ia., Tribune.) The editor sat in his sanctum, his limbs were weary and his brow furrowed with care, when in there stepped a roly-poly being in his hands a gift that caused the editor's countenance to brighten. "For the Editor," he said, "I have brought you the choicest of fruit, the product of feathered queens. Visions of peach, scramble, sunrise and sunset, came before his eyes, and since he has realized these visions with a roly-poly care he bore the gift of Mrs. Walter Johnson to his household and a smile of welcome greeted the gift. Hail to the Leghorn biddies of the land!"

"I HAVE been endeavoring for years," declared the Rev. John Haynes Holmes, "to get arrested so I could go home and tell my wife I was in the clutches of the law. I can now tell her I am undergoing the same trials as those that were suffered by the founders of the republic in being taken to liberty as a freedom of speech. Congratulations. But the best we can do for the Rev. Holmes is a page in the Comic Supplement of the Book of Martyrs."

ADD POEMS OF AFFLICTION.

(From the Indianapolis News.) The midnight hour, the darkest hour That human grief may know, Sends forth its hurried summons— Asks me to come—I go!

I know not when the bell may toll, I know not when the blow may fall, I only know that I must go In answer to the call.

Perhaps a friend, perhaps unknown— 'Tis fate that turns the wheel— The tangled skein of human life Winds slowly on the reel.

And I? I'm the undertaker. "Cold-blooded," you'll hear them say, "Trained to the shock and chill of death, With a heart that's cold and gray."

Trained—that's what they call it. How little they know the reason— I'm human, and know the sorrow That throbs in the aching heart.

"Written by Bennett Chapple, a man who knows and understands how a funeral director feels and what he can do to relieve the bereaved."

"TWO-piano playing is more or less of a 'sport,' as the gardeners say," observes Mr. Aldrich in the New York Times. And we are reminded of Philip Hale's review of a two-piano recital. "We have heard these two gentlemen separately without being greatly stirred," he said in effect, "but their combination was like bringing together the component parts of a sedditz powder."

"EVEN SOARING FANCY STAGGERS." Sir: A sign in Madison: "Fancy eating or cooking apples at 75 cents a peck. Can you?" L. T. C.

"HAS he done anything else?" inquired a New York Globe writer who has just happened on Young E. Allison's "The Delicious Vice." Well, rather. Didst ever hear for one thing of "Yo-ho-ho and a Bottle of Rum?" incidentally he contributes to this ivory tower.

A TOBACCO ad begins: "You can put a honeycomb away for months and the flavor is always there." And if you have visited Providence you must have seen the sign in a barber's window: "Honey in the comb."

LET IT RIDE AS IT IS. Sir: If I were blessed with a keener mind I'd whittle a wheeze out of this one, from the Daily News: "Young man wanted for crooked department; in effect, 'Apply John R. Thompson Co.'"

"I FEEL I am about played out," Mac-Sweeney. The opinion is general.

AN active anti-Bolshevik policy is again reported. This should encourage Lenin, whose stock has been somewhat depressed. IT AVOIDS GOSSIP. (From a Rockford Journal.) Three unfurnished rooms for a working couple. Man and wife preferred. 321 N. Church.

"THE controversy between Senator Spencer and the President has been interesting . . . —Borah.

AS showing that when influenced by political animosity the President's enemies are as civilized as a red Indian.

FRANKLY stated by a sign in Kentucky: "Ne'er Beer."

Wonders of Eggs.

One cannot find among the multitude of wonders in nature anything more marvelous than the development of an egg, writes Elsa G. Allen in the American Forestry Magazine. Whether it be a butterfly which flourishes for a day, only to die after depositing its eggs, or a reptile which lazily leaves its eggs with only the warm sand to mother them, or a fish, like the salmon, which with incredible strength, jumps the rapids to spawn in the upper reaches of rivers, or, most appealing of all, a bird which builds a beautiful nest for its treasures, the egg in every case is structurally the same, and the miracle of life unfolds according to the same laws of cell division.—Indianapolis News.

Snow Art Galleries.

In the city of Brussels an exhibition of snow statuary is given every winter by the art students, who transform one of the public parks into a natural gallery and display specimens of their work which are really remarkable.—Indianapolis News.

Preparedness Note.

New York police are searching for a mysterious "hurry-wurry" who climbs the walls of hotels and robs the rooms. The thing is to furnish all hotel guests with swatters.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. EVANS

Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped address envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

TYPHOID AT GALLIPOPOLI.

"I enclose a clipping," I write "in which you will find that in the campaign around Gallipoli about 168,000 British troops died of typhoid fever. She said these troops had all been vaccinated against typhoid fever. In spite of this vaccination the death rate from typhoid fever was awfully high, as indicated.

"What are the facts?" A G. Phear, who was in high medical command in the British army in 1918, and had the Gallipoli reports in the Lancet for July 10, 1920, as follows:

"Of the entire group I have very little to say. The troops were well protected and the incidence was small. The admission rate in 1918 was 11.77 per 1,000, 2.5 for 1917, and 0.84 for 1916. The number of troops varied, the mean strength during the three years was a little over 150,000, as well as I can calculate from Dr. Phear's figures. At this rate there were about 1,800 cases of all kinds of typhoid and typhoid-like fevers in 1916, 375 in 1917 and 126 cases in 1918. There were 15 cases of typhoid in 1916, 50 in 1917 and 15 in 1918.

There were about 350 cases of para-typhoid B in 1916, 110 in 1917 and 45 in 1918. There were 315 cases of para-typhoid B in 1916, 66 in 1917 and 15 in 1918. In addition to these there were 15 cases of fevers not microscopically diagnosed in 1916 of about 930 cases; in 1917, 165 cases; and in 1918, 45 cases. In the three years combined there were 65 deaths from all forms of fever of this family, including typhoid.

Dr. Phear says the majority of severe cases were due to bacillus typhosus, and were admitted to hospitals from "ships arriving at the port."

I. E. stated that about 168,000 British troops had died at Gallipoli and around there from typhoid fever in spite of their having been vaccinated against that disease. I. E. was not there. Dr. Phear, who was there, indicates that the entire number of British troops there was less than 168,000. He says that the entire number of deaths from typhoid fever and all its kinmen in the three years was 65.

That most of these were not British troops at Gallipoli, but sick removed from ships; that the entire number sick during the three years from all this group of fevers was 2,300, and that the entire number sick with typhoid during the three years was 255.

For T. B. Patients.

Mrs. E. S. writes: "I. Would you consider a case of tuberculosis quiescent if the patient runs a temperature of 99 and 99.2, sometimes normal? This tuberculosis patient's temperature is the same if she has walked 10 blocks and her temperature is the same as before exercise, even next day. Tuberculosis specialists have not considered her cured. Do you suppose she should not be up for meals? She never coughed, but raises sputum. Appetite fine and general condition is good. She is 35 pounds over weight."

"2. Could you tell me the reason some run temperature and some do not?"

"3. Are any books on the subject available and where may they be procured?"

REPLY.

1. It is not customary to regard as quiescent a case of tuberculosis that runs a temperature of 99 and has some sputum. But your temperature does not go up from exercise and the specialists who have examined you find your disease quiescent. No general rule and no opinion of one who has not seen a case weigh much against the opinion of a competent person who has seen the disease.

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The Potters' Field.

Arnold, Neb., Oct. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have read with interest the different articles of "Why" in The Bee and I always thought they knew what they were writing about until I read the one of October 6, where they say "potters' field" got its name in England. Now if they will read the 27th chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the sixth verse, they will know more what they are writing about, for it says there:

"And the chief priests took the case and had an opportunity to weigh all the symptoms. 2. Fever is due to the poisons of the tubercle bacilli and other bacteria in the lungs. It is possible to acquire immunity to these toxins. When there is immunity the patient has little or no fever. Some people have fever on less provocation than others. Some bacteria found in sputum cause more fever than others. Finally, some varieties of consumption are characterized by more fever than others.

3. There are many good books. Among them are Brown, Bridge, Hawes and Flick. You can get such books at the book stores. Perhaps you can find them in the libraries. Or you can order them through your local tuberculosis society. As a rule health departments give away excellent booklets on tuberculosis.

About Americans.

North Platte, Neb., Oct. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: Referring to the article in yesterday's Bee signed by Frank A. Agnew, appropriately captioned "Too Much America," in which the gentleman rambles on

silver pieces and said. It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field to bury strangers in."

If they will read on they will find that this was the fulfilling of a prophecy that was given long before England was a country.

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