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- 1. New Union Passenger Station
- 2. Continued improvement of the Ne braska Highways, including the pavement of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha with a Brick Surface.
- 3. A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean.
- 4. Home Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

THE CHEER LEADER

"Who," inquired General Robert Niville at an American foot ball game, "is the young man with the white trousers?" He was told that it was the cheer leader. Not at all remarkable that the antics of the youth out in front of the stand should attract the attention of so observant a man as the great French warrior. His further comment also seems but a natural expression. It was superb, he said, and gave him an understanding of the quality of dash and verve, the splendid morele that animated the Amtrican forces in France and made them irresistible.

Even so, and yet it did not express anything that is novel in human experience. Men have always needed the inspiration of a leader; without it they become detached, depressed, sullen, morose, or inclined to follow on after their own devices without regard to the general welfare. Mass psychology is studied more closely now than ever, but the underlying principle has been familiarly touched upon in all ages. The first song ever raised was not one of gratitude or thanksgiving, but of boasting; it was not intended to exhibit the softer emotions of the man who sung it, but to voice his lown/estimation of his prowess, that he might awe his hearers and establish his prestige. Later this song was combined with others embodying similar individual aspirations, and the tribe had a war song or a battle ery.

This has come down unimpaired and scarcely improved through the ages. Moses led the Children of Israel on their journey to the promised land just by making them promises; Joshua and the priests conducted the march around Jericho through faith aroused by eloquent appeals. Julius Ceasar worked his soldiers up to a pitch of frenzy before he stepped into the shallow Rubicon and they followed him across to glory. Napoleon's "Beyond the Alps lies Italy," and "Soldiers of France, forty centuries look down on you!" are familiar to all, just as are Nelson's "England expects every man to do his duty!" and Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death."

They were the cheer leaders, and so has been every statesman, general, poet, orator, preacher or evangelist who has swayed the multitude. One or more appears on every page of recorded history. Socrates, Cicero, Jan Hus, Savonarola Martin Luther, John Wesley, "Billy" Sunday. W. J. Bryan-they are all cheer leaders. Great historic movements have followed on their efforts, because they could sway masses of men. It is a peculiar fact that such inspiration or artificial stimulation is required to get anything done in this world.

If General Nivillo remains with us long enough, he will discover that Amercians have a great niany of those of whom the "young man with the white trousers" is a prototype. Their presence is a benison, too, for while they keep the public in more or less of a turmoil during times of peace, when a great crisis arises there is sufficient harmony in their seeming discord to bring the mass action that is needed to put over the big job. It is the basis of the morale. Philosophers may experience amazement or even disappointment that this is so, but they agree that the cheer leader is a really important factor in our national life.

Sauce for Goose, Sauce for Gander.

Complaints made by the representatives of the railroad brotherhoods that operating officials are evading the law devised for settling wage disputes deserve consideration. The government can not afford to let a new controversy come up to seriously interfere with the restoration of normal conditions in transportation, now progressing so satisfactorily. For the matter of that, the operating officials should be very careful to avoid any such responsibility. .Observance of the law in all its requirements should be their first care. The public has not forgotten that one of the grievances prior to 1916 was that no way existed to enforce an arbitration award once made, and the passage of the Adamson law was facilitated by the fact that the brotherhoods were able to show that in certain notable instances the officials had declined to abide by decisions of arbitration boards. The Esch-Cummins law is supposed to be binding on both parties, and the magnates ought to proceed so as to keep their records clear, in order that the public will be able to know where to put the blame in event of any further serious disturbance in the transportation service of the country.. Evasion by either side will bring its reward in the way of popular disapproval.

Pinance In North Dakota.

Anterest in the banking situation in North Detota, brought about by the manipulation of the Non-Partisan league, extends far beyond the confines of the state. It involves the underlying principles of banking in general, and as it developes so will the business not only of the state, but of its citizens as well prosper. Refusal to sell crops at market prices is responsible for the acute situation. Farmers are unable to meet their obligations; the Bank of North Dakota, which has been the designated depository of all public funds, is unable to assist the small banks by reason of a recently adopted law which removes control of the funds of communities and school districts from the state officials and places it in the hands of local authorities. This interferes with the Townley plan for carrying luck.

on private business with money derived from taxation. Outside capital has withdrawn from the state because of the Townfey regime, and the entire financial system appears to be falling into chaos. If the initiated laws, adopted at the recent election, are allowed to operate, money from outside may be had to relieve the condition, but finally some measure will have to be devised to meet private indebtedness or the farmers will be compelled to put their produce on the market. What the end will be is not yet to be stated, but one thing is clear, and that is that any experiment at carrying on private business with public capital is precarious at best.

The Lesson of Other Cities.

Facts are essential to the winning of any campaign, but they must be accompanied by a certain amount of public interest and enthusiasm. The harnessing of facts and zeal for the improvement of Omaha inevitably must bring about the establishment of the commissionmanager form of government here.

Those were interesting facts concerning the success of the manager plan in Muskogee, Okla., given in the Sunday Bee. From all quarters of the United States authoritative reports of how efficiency has been brought into municipal government are being collected. Week by week these will be presented to the people of Omaha. It will be seen that, though differing in details, all of them are alike in having a single executive whose duties are to provide co-operation, en-

force discipline and direct municipal activites. It will be generally conceded that the commission form of government itself is superior to the councilmanic or federal form of city rule. The same beneficial effects are intensified by the city manager plan. Certain faults of commission rule are eliminated by the appointment of a manager to act as executive, with the commissioners sitting only as a legislative body. Inder commission rule, co-operation is not assured, every member is a law to himself, each eager to show efficiency and economy, sometimes at the expense of the best interests of the

The chief weakness of the system now prevailing in Omaha is that the heads of the various departments find it impossible to work in harmony. Qualified men are not assured for administrative positions, and technical training is not given the proper consideration. With no reflection on any member of the commission, the necessary and proper distinction between legislative and executive functions is wiped out. with resultant confusion.

Since the city of Dayton, Ohio, adopted the city manager plan in 1913, its lead has been followed by many progressive communities, large and small. If there has been one failure, if one city has gone back to the old federal or the straight commission form, it has not been recorded. People prefer expert management of the public business and are more and more putting the affairs of the cities outside the realm of political conflict.

Omaha's Sergeant Yorke.

The exploit of Sergeant Yorke, who, singlehanded, brought in a drove of German prisoners, is now rivaled by Anton P. Paulson, the Omaha policeman who captured, unaided, twenty-three card players. Where squads of raiders had failed, this lone officer in the zero hour before sunrise, broke his way into the card room and caught the blackjack players blackhanded, as it

This is indeed magnificent, but it is not war. And of course we have wept over Ramona Such is the verdict of the police magistrate who and visited one of her wedding places—the one turned the accused prisoners free on the ruling that evidence was lacking. Such things as cards and dice, padded tables and piles of coin cannot be considered as indicative of disorderly conduct or gambling. Those twenty-three men hidden away in a dim cellar amid these surroundings perhaps were telling fortunes or operating ouija boards. Surely it is nothing unusual for honest citizens to sit in a cellar at 6:30 o'clock in the morning discussing the latest work of H. G. Wells or the relative merits of the poetry of Amy Lowell and Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Into some such studious and respectable scene, broken only by occasional murmurs of "Ten, eighteen, twenty-one" came Officer Paulson. He did not wait until the services had broken up to obtain a warrant, or delay to call a squad of reserves, but walked right into the shrine of shrines. The attorney for the proprietor of this sanctuary accuses the arm of the law with breaking down a door. If this is true, perhaps evidence may yet be found to insure the proper punishment for such a thoroughly unwarranted action.

Save Us From Our Relatives.

In a popular song of other days that might well be sung by politicians in any age, the plaint was made, "When I get hitched for life want an or-r-r-phan."

. True or false, the accusations of graft against R. W. Bolling in connection with the shipping board investigation, must be embarrassing to his brother-in-law, President Wilson. It is quite possible that this very relationship encouraged the rumors reflecting on Mr. Bolling.

Such is the penalty of nepotism. Doubtless there were other men as well fitted as Mr. Bolling for this government position, and doubtless also his relationship to the president singled him out for appointment.

It is related of an ancient king that he was safe from nepotism because he was without relatives. This condition, though adding nothing to his credit, undoubtedly saved him considerable grief.

It is peculiarly appropriate that Kilmichael should have been the spot chosen for the ambuscade of the "black and tan" cadets. Results indicate that it was also kill Pat, and Dan and Terry, and whoever else happened to be in the way of a bullet.

Thirsty victims of bootlegger greed could have warned the Canadian distillers to be on the lookout for bogus checks.

Twenty-four Tennessee coal companies have been indicted, which must annoy "Mitch" Palmer greatly.

What goes up must come down, but in the case of bread, the fall is much slower than the

Self-determination for Greece evidently includes the right to commit national suicide.

Chicago is boasting of its "certified" dances. Shucks, Omaha has had them these many years.

We wish the fair sponsor of the Omaha good

A Line O'Type or Two

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

When evening comes and children everywhere

Are spent with play, then draw you to my knee Pleading, and, book extended, let me see Pictured those elves who stitched for that good pair The cobbler and his spouse; and soon your hair

Flows 'neath my cheek; your eyes are turned from me On her, your two-years' sister, grave and wee, Watching the flames in silence from her chair. You hear and yet not hear . . . Ah, sweet, a day

Will haply come when yours to hold the book And read in cheerful voice. Year-worn and grey, thoughts borne ever backward I shall look Steadfastly on the coals and dream away Half-hearing, a mere leaf upon a brook

PROF. BROWN of Carleton College complains that faculties are concerned with the ployers pay no attention to it, and mental slacker and the laggard, that they have geared their machinery to the sluggard's pace. True enough, but not only true of educational institutions. In a democracy-everything is geared to the pace of the weak.

case is fairly hopeless. But I recognize that in on March 13 and for several days the new democracy even average intellect has no place at present. The new democracy is on trial. Until it has proven definitely whether it of March 14 it was 16 feet higher he should scratch his heart from sides with cinemas or ideals, there is not even than the normal level. But the peo- the list of worries. living for men who once held an honored place ple drinking the water knew nothing in the scheme of things. That is a dark saying, but I think it is true.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF DORIS BLAKE. (From her colyum.)
Dear Miss Blake: Please send me horo-

scope for September 21. MARY.
If you will send me a stamped, addressed envelope I shall be glad to mail the horo-scope to you. Don't forget to mention the date of your birth.

WE printed not long ago a fine lot of prose by Arthur Balfour which you may remember. Comrade Morley thinks that this sentence would but badly polluted with sewage bacmake a neat sentiment for a Christmas card: teria. Looking for the cause, they "Man's very existence is an accident, his history a brief and discreditable episode in the life of one of the meanest of the planets.'

The Toonerville Fire Department. (From the Spencer, Ind., Leader.)

A spark from a burning flue scorched a couple of shingles Thursday at the J. B. Yearns home, corner Main and Hillside. Prompt work with a garden hose prevented fire from gaining any headway. peculiar circumstance delayed the fire truck for about ten minutes. The noise of the starting of the engnie in the fire hall pre-vented the men from hearing the signal indicating the location of the fire and inquiry was made of the telephone office. An issued during the war prohibited the giving of any information and the operator obeyed orders too literally, refusing information, so the firemen state. After failing on several calls a passerby told the truck driver the location. By the time the department arrived the fire had been put out.

"MRS, HERMAN OELRICH and her son Hermann Ooelrichs . Presumably, presumes F. A. H. S., the grandson will be Oooelrichss, and so on.

A FRESH MORNING. (J. C. Squire.) Now am I a tin whistle Through which God blows, And I wish to God I were a trumpet, But why, God only knows,
"Mrs. Fred L. Olson is on the programme
to sing vocal selections."—Portland Telegram.

Still Westward. San Diego, Nov. 22 .- It is a long time be tween papers, so in order that my loyalty to the Line may not waver, I read Oppenheim between times. This gem reminds me of the days when

That's the trouble. They will sing them.

you frequently quoted villains who hiss labials at their trembling victims:
"I heard his grim monosyllable (!) reply: 'No! Father Adrian has not visited or communicated with us.' "

A monosyllable reply is one in which only caying rapidly. Is milk of magnesia as a mouth wash good?"

And of course we have wept over Ramona REPLY. one syllable is uttered at a time. where they sell Navajo blankets as a souvenir of the bridal night. There is also a Wishing Well on the premises. You throw in a coin, take a drink of the water and make a wish. I added a small coin to the sinking fund but balked at drinking the water. I said, "Are you sure this is not a typographical error? It looks more like a Washing Well to me." Only 17 miles to Tia Juana where Mosaic work is made of the Ten Commandments every Sunday. Only nine of them are broken week days. Bull fights every Sunday. Races begin Thanksgiving day, The old fashioned slow-killing booze is diopensed over the bar and there are more kinds of gambling going on than are dreamed of in your philosophy, Horatio. Roulette is the favorite dough separator. No more at present. Alas! I will never see it if it is printed. Can you give me Sib's Nagasaki address? I thought you

"I DON'T see why we go to England for nincompoops when we have men like Prof. Grummann here at home,' remarked Fred L. Haller."-Omaha Bee.

We trust Mr. Haller called up tht Professor and explained what he meant. YE EDITORIAL SIZE-UP.

(From the Quinton, Okla., Times.) B. Miller, of St. Louis, has been here for several days the guest of Mrs. S. A. Burnham. Mr. Miller is a pleasant gentleman and a man of considerable means. ENORMOUS crops of potatogs, apples, cab-

bages, and onions this year; but that does not mean that you will be able to buy them any

The Silly Goose.

The wild goose in his flight may see Hill and town and orchard tree, And still with neck outstretched he flies And never turns those silly eyes.

The westward road that leads away To where the hills are purple-grey He never heeds, but keeps the gleam Of the broad river's southward stream.

To follow those enticing ways: I wonder if he never sees Fairies hiding in the trees.

If I could fly I know that I Would go all places in the sky, North and east and south and west To see which one I liked the best.
ABD-EL-KADER.

"The Chicago gamblers rounded up on the order of Mayor Harrison ... "-Sioux City Odd. Thousands of people think Carter is still mayoring in the village.

AN AFFECTING PLEA. (From the Sait Lake Tribune.) An excellent cook-In the providence of God-The mother of a not cless child of 6, who really must live, desires employment in a private family where maternity is not considered a crime and good service is appreciated. Address X-9, Tribune. v1041

"SHAVING with one of our blades is just like wiping your face with a towel."-Adv. Precisely.
"IN a life of great activity," reports an Indiana editor, "he was not too busy to neglect

A MILD' winter and an early spring is predicted by the steel expert of the New York Central lines. Presumably because steel girders are growing a thin coat of red paint. B. L. T.

Add Nonpartisan League

This is a hard winter for leagues. The eague of nations is getting it in the neck, the league of bootleggers is on the rocks, and now the big base ball leagues are split wide open by insurgency against the rule of Ban Johnson.— San Francisco Chroniele.

Strike De Luxe

"Well, anyhow, the farmers didn't have to walk out when they struck, says Lem Splasher. "They all had cars."—Des Moines

How to Keep Well

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

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Better Be Examined

REPLY.

As a rule pains around the heart

Here's Better Diet.

REPLY.

addition give some tomato juice or orange juice. This is one and one-half ounces of milk a day for each

Will She Take the Chance?

J. H. writes: "Please tell me if

insanity is inheritable, I know a young lady whose uncle is in an insane asylum. If I marry her would

Insanity is not inheritable. Lack

of mental poise, out of which insan-ity may develop, is inheritable. If

girl's family history, except this one

insane uncle, and if the girl herself is all right, marry her if she will

there is nothing the matter with the

Use the following formula:

Water, 12 ounces.

pound of body weight.

much risk as you are.

M. E. D. writes: "Will you kindly

A. N. writes: "Every once in a

TESTING WATER SUPPLIES Last March the people of Schenec-

tady, N. Y., had an epidemic of diarrhea and typhoid fever which bread. Drink plenty of milk carries a lesson for communities drawing the municipal water supwhile I get a terrible sting in my heart and I have to stop whatever plies from wells. That city had 53 cases of typhoid fever. Three of I am doing until it passes. the patients died. times it lasts about five minutes

The epidemic of diarrhea, which and sometimes about 20 minutes. started 13 days before the typhoid epidemic, resulted in an unknown amount of sickness. Winter diar-What I want to know is what causes it and is there any way to put a stop to it. Do you think it is from the food I eat or from exertion?" rhea is not a reportable disease. Health departments disregard it, emyet it is a blood brother of typhoid are of no great importance. people escape them by keeping their feet warm and others succeed just fever and epidemics of it either precede typhoid epidemics by a week or two or go hand in hand with it. as well by applying porous plasters. "AS for authors," sighs Shan Bullock, "their water was turbid or slightly muddy and uncomfortable feelings in the heart which are very significant. It thereafter. The lock tender noticed is generally wise for a person who

that the Mohawk river rose 14 feet has such pains to have his heart ex-the night of March 13. By 4 p. m. amined, but if no disease is found about the locktender's observation, and the locktender knew nothing advise what to feed a baby almost 15 weeks old. He weighed six and about the people's observation. By March 15 the cases of diarrhea began March 15 the cases of diarrnea organic to develop. There was so much of it that the people began to gossip, and by March 20 the state board of diluted cow's milk every two and one-half hours, but throws up right one-half hours, but throws up right feeding. He seems hungry.

When they came on the field they noticed several things. The water wells were about 60 feet deep and located 400 feet from the Mohawk located 400 feet from the Mohaw river. They found the water in the flesh, but only in height." teria. Looking for the cause, they found an old pipe line which former-ly drew water from the river into one of the water wells. This old pipe line had been abandoned and Give five feedings of five ounces each at intervals of four hours. In

its openings into the well sealed off. But one pipe and the galleries had left in, and that's where the trouble came from. When the river rose so high, pol-luted river water filled the old abandoned pipes and water gallery. The gallery had bricked concreted top and side walls, but the floor was soil and gravel. The suction in Well No. had drawn water through the soil about 10 feet to the well. It had our children inherit insanity? side walls or through the gravel bottom or both. The state engineer found this old water gallery lined with slime. Near the well end he found several holes one to two feet deep and six to 10 inches across. hrough which streams of river wa-

ter had evidently poured into the soil in a regular flow to the well. When all these observations were put together the story was as plain as the nose on your face. The peo-ple noticed that the water was turbid, but they kept on drinking it. They noticed that diarrhea was prevailing. The locktender noticed that the river was high. The sanitary engineers noticed that the water warich in colon bacilli. They noticed the old pipe and water galleries. But before the observations were put to-gether a lot of sickness had resulted. Why should not public works departments remove unconnected pipes and galleries? Why should they not test the water daily for turbidity and bacteria? Neither test is difficult Neither requires great technical skill.

Have Teeth Cared For. G. B. writes: "Am 18 years old and find my teeth are soft and de-

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ODDS AND ENDS.

The Rhine has been crossed by French armies more than 20 times in the last 120 years. To hold a wrist watch on the straps of a hand bag is the aim of a that country.

recently patented attachment. After years of surface mining. Nicaragua's gold deposits are to be tor," having been dissolved on Augdeveloped scientifically. New Zealand has planted nearly is entirely free and no regulations 30,000 acres of trees since it began governing prices exist. dental floss or toothpicks. Eat an abundance of acid fruits and hard

afforestation work in 1896.

A most unusual feature of the trade with the United States, largely fue to the shifting value of the Danish crown, was the return of American goods to the United States. In a number of cases these goods were purchased at such a low rate that

after the rise of the dollar they could be more profitably sold in the United States than in Denmark. A company has been formed in Portugal to develop the hydroelec

trie power of the northern part of The 'flour monopoly in Sweden, "Sveriges Forenale Kvarnintressenust 31, commerce in flour and cereals

NOVEMBER.

The trees are bare, And in the streets, The dead leaves he And missy the air And darkened sky-rain-soaked -Belleview

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