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- 1. New Union Passenger Station.
- Continued improvement of the Ne-braska Highways, including the pave-ment 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.

WORK OF THE LEAGUE ASSEMBLY.

While the League of Nations convention at Geneva is not ready to adjourn and go home, it has progressed far enough to indicate that what is done will be of little real moment. Three important matters have now been disposed of: the assembly has decided that no amendments will be made to the covenant at this session; great relief is experienced at the acceptance by President Wilson of a request that he proffer mediation between Turkey and Armenia; and the consideration of and inquiry into monopoly of raw materials will be continued despite the protest of Canada.

Most important of these from an American viewpoint has to do with the Turkish situation. Mediation depends on the acceptance by each of the principles of the good offices of the intervenor. No infimation as to what terms of armistice will be offered by the Turks is at hand, unless we accept the ambiguous statement that "the Turkish nationalists assert they will not crush Armenia, but will grant lenient terms; these terms, however, must be in conformity with Turkish aspirations."

Here is a clear indication that whatever messenger Mr. Wilson sends to Turkey, he will be confronted by a resolute demand from the sultan's government for something beyond what the treaty grants. Turkey is resolved to be compensated for the loss of Thrace and other territory at the expense of Armenia. Already the troops of Kemal Pasha occupy the region allotted to the sultan by agreement with Germany, and from this retirement will be only in obedience to force. It was expected that at the present Geneva meeting the boundary lines for Armenia as demarked by Mr. Wilson would be confirmed. Such lines are wiped out by the Turk, and can only be established through convincing the contending groups at Constantinople of the desirability of accepting the new map.

Mediation will, therefore, involve either delimitation of Armenia to the satisfaction of the Tark Nationalist group, or the subjection of that group to such pressure, military or otherwise, as will secure its assent to the original plan. The peculiar blundering which made this situation possible is a remarkable exhibition of the ineptness of European diplomacy, which refused to rectify a blunder made 500 years ago. If America is able now to restore something for civilization from the wreckage in Asia Minor, it will be because we are not involved with the nations whose shortsighted policy permitted matters to drift into the existing state.

Those who pretended to think the Untied States was losing its fine position as a moral leader of world affairs may study this case with some advantage. If it were not that our leadership is acknowledged, we would not now be besought as we have been to take up this work, nor would the relief at Geneva have been so great as that expressed when President Wilson's answer was read.

Schemes to Depopulate Washington.

Almost one out of every four persons in Washington is a government employe. The city by law prohibits manufacturing establishtnents within its boundaries, and consequently the only reason for anyone living there is to hold a federal job or to sell something to those who do. Rents are so high that Calvin Coolidge, who intends giving up his present home in Massachusetts, where he now pays about \$35 a month rent, is puzzling over what he will do for a house after March 4.

Some republican congresman has come to the rescue with a plan to eliminate 30,000 of the 97,000 government workers in Washington. This would make a number of vacancies in the boarding houses and perhaps would empty enough residences to give the future vice president a choice. But now comes Senator Kenyon with his bill recommending the removal of some of the government departments and buheaus from the city. The Department of Agriculture, for one, he believes, could function more economically and efficiently somewhere out in the Middle West.

Washington will regard this, of course, as a revolutionary proposal. Meanwhile, Iowa sits strictly unalarmed, knowing that when he speaks of the Middle West, its senator is think-

ing of a particular part of it. Ancient Precedent Revived.

When Adam was asked to make a statement in regard to his part in the apple episode, he set an example that has served his descendants ever since. Just now the precedent established in Eden is revived in San Francisco, to exculpate certain democratic politicians. When the national committee chose to hold the convention of 1920 at or near the Golden Gate, it was well understood that Lake Valley water would not be the only beverage obtainable. Caravans proceeding from the arid regions around Broadway looked ahead with eager nostrils to catch the first faint aroma that promised surcease from thirst and perhaps nepenthe when the Ferry House station was reached. Some of these hopes were realized; at least a grand jury has just disclosed the fact that 144 barrels of whisky, an even gross, were illegally removed from bonded warehouses about the time the convention was called to order, and that so far as the evidence discloses none of it has as yet been returned to the durance into which it was thrust by the Eighteenth amendment fortified

by the Volstead law. What happened to W. J. B. is thus in part accounted for. The painful truth is yet to be disclosed: A woman was the enforcing director of prohibition at San Francisco then, and the democrats who are more or less involved in litigation over the incident new are trying to make it appear that she is the responsible party. Ten per cent of the fund derived from the sale of the liquor was set apart to the campaign fund, yet the outcome of the election hardly justifies the present endeavor to saddle the blame for violating the law onto a woman. That gallantry which led Marse Henry Watterson to present Phebe Cozzens to the democratic convention at St. Louis seems to have died out along with the brand of democracy typified by Samuel Jones Tilden. -

Real Prosperity in Sight.

It is good to see the optimism with which Omaha business men look forward to the prosperity that inevitably will return after this present period of readjustment. If leaders in the commercial community such as C. W. Russell can find no reason for apprehension, surely there is no adequate reason for any one in business to feel downcast.

The dollar will buy more now than it would six months ago. Looked at in that way, Mr. Russell shows, there is no reason for alarm. True, this condition is better for buying than for selling, but all of us are buyers and share a portion of the benefit.

Failure to realize the necessity for an adjustment of prices is the only obstacle to quick recovery. Fundamentally conditions are sound, and there is absolutely no reason for fear. Mr. Russell states as the result of information from cities everywhere in the west that where concerns have reconciled themselves to a temporary cut or loss of profits, trade is in full swing, with prospects brightening for a resumption of real prosperity.

Mr. Russell's confidence in the continued recovery of business in Omaha indicates that this policy of blockade has not been followed here. Things are moving in Omaha, and trade is said to excel that of a corresponding time a year ago. It is necessary to take the readjustment as it comes, as a thing that has been sought for and desired ever since the end of the war. Something must be conceded all along the line in order to drop anchor finally and safely in the port of prosperity.

The Broad Road of Co-Operation.

The need for mutual concessions and cooperation was never greater than today. Faultfinding may have its uses at times, but a truce is badly needed just now.

"Don't shoot the piano player-he is doing the best he knows how," is an often quoted sign in western stories, and the same spirit of bearing with each other is still needed.

In the case of the Federal Reserve banking system, less criticism now exists than formerly, and most poeple familiar with financial and credit matters are practically unanimous in their trust and appreciation of the bulwark this organization has thrown up against chaos.

The discusion as to whether some men are knockers because they are unfortunate or whether they are merely unfortunate because they are knockers will never be completely ended, but there is no doubt that a cheerful manner of regarding the world helps all around.

No one class is called upon to do any more of the conceding than any other, nor should any expect to do less. No broad-minded man, whatever his interests, regards an increase of unemployment as a good thing, but rather regards it as a situation to be warded off. Nor is any concerted effort to reduce wages in evidence, for it is likewise recognized that the buying power of the public is diminished correspondingly, and that trade therefore declines.

The problem of reconstruction is in large part a problem of reconciliation, also. The broad way to progress lies not amid mutual suspicion and dislike, but down the smoother road of the realization that interests of Americans are common. So long as each does the best he can, the goal will be reached.

The Russian Free-for-All.

With so many rumors coming out of Russia, the report that money is to be abolished fails to startle. So many things have been abolished there, among them, food, shoes, and work in less or greater degree, that the doing away with money does not shock or even thrill.

Rubles are not worth very much even now, several thousand being necessary to buy a slender meal, and perhaps it is a race to see whether the ruble eliminates itself by losing its buying power or is eliminated by law. However, the scheme to do without money

is an old one, based on the theory that everyone who works is entitled to a fair living to be obtained by a division of the products. Today in Russia wherever there is a street car or railroad train the people can ride free. With childlike logic the Russians conclude that if it is possible to ride in a perpendicular direction without cost, as in elevators, it ought to be equally possible to ride for nothing horizontally. Telephones, electric lights, gas and water are supplied free in those places where they are sup-

Going without money has been tried by innumerable people in isolated instances even in America, never voluntarily, however. If the Russians want to put themselves in that general fix, a great many people will watch them closely to see what happens,

Mexico's new administration starts off quietly enough, but we will give our neighbors a little further time before deciding as to whether they are completely tamed.

Senator Harding is expected to address his colleagues soon after congress convenes. We venture the prediction that they do not walk out on him this time.

Henry Morgenthau is said to be slated as mediator between Turkey and Armenia. He will have material for another book by the time he

The husband who told his deserted wife to address him at "Hell, in care of the devil," evidently knew where he is headed for.

An increase of only \$112,000,000 in the publie debt during November shows that the democrats are economizing.

Business dead? Just look in at any of the Omaha stores for the answer.

Santa Claus is heading the procession now. | go into vaudeville or the Chatauqua field when he got back!—St. Louis Star.

A Line O'Type or Two

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

SONNET. As one who being sick has slept all day. Hearing the world beat out its vague refrain A restless rhythm in his restless brain. Hearing in dreams the cautious nurses say Meaningless phrases in a tangled skein.
And wakes to find that it is night again,

And all the precious sunlight slept away So faintly runs my life when you depart, Somewhere between a waking and a dream Scarcely I feel the sickness in my heart, Aimiess I go-a leaf upon a stream.
The days drift by in dim and troubled light,

And night when it has come is only night. JESSICA. IT looks like a severe winter for the members of the opera claque, who have been ban-ished from the scene of their peculiar operations.

Wonder what a claqueur thinks about? SO thick were the Russian refugees on the SO thick were the Russian refugees on the heart as an impulse shown in the boats arriving at Lemnos that many who had front of the abdomen above the died still stood erect. It is more crowded in, the New York subway during the rush hours, but as the run is short few die in the tube.

DON'T CROWD, LADIES! ONE AT A TIME!

(From the Petersburg Observer.) I am offering a book of Ancient History with every hat sold at my store, from now until Christmas, in order to reduce my Josie Cox, South Side Millinery.

FIRED by liquor, men maltreat their wives. These wretches deserve public flogging; hanging were a compliment to some of them. On the other hand, men made emotional by liquor have conceived an extravagant fondness for their wives. We have not read about liquor floating the matrimonal bark over the shallows of domestic discord; yet men who have fared homeward with unsteady footsteps under the blinking stars, know that in such moments they are much more humane than in sober daylight; they are appalled by their own unworthiness, and thinking of their wives moves them almost to tearsquite, not infrequently. They resolve to become better husbands and fathers. The spirit of the wine in them captains "an army of shining and generous dreams," an army that is easily routed, an army that the wife too often puts to flight with an injudicious criticism. It is said that since Prohibition came in the cases of cruelty to wives their stomachs, or their necks, or have increased greatly in number. We do not disbelieve this. Bluebeard was a dry.

Doubling in Rugs. Sir: A want ad: "Wanted, experienced planist

for moving pictures." Why not a violinist for carrying out the rugs? Or—but you see the possibilities. GEEDEE. EDITOR LIEBLING of the Musical Courier

reminds us of the Coney Island ad: "A good planist wanted who can open oysters." WHAT YOU PLEASE, AND LET IT

GO DOUBLE. Sir: A friend borrowed my rifle to use the first three days of hunting season. He stayed the ten days and I had to rent a gun when I went hunting. When he got back he returned the gun to me dirty. He had twelve shells left and wanted to seil them to me for 8 cents apiece. What shall I call him? E. W. H.

IT is easy, says the medical director of the Washingtonian Home, to tell whether a man has been drinking good whisky or moonshine: the whisky drinker merely staggers, while the moonshine consumer spins like a top. So if you see a person spinning on a corner you will know people would pay more attention to what ails him

THE ODIOUS COMPLACENT. (W. N. P. Barbellion, "Enjoying Life.")

How I loathe those happy folk-there are millions of them, all detestable—who with a terrible self-complacency go on revolving around Bishop says it is impossible for a the centres of their own souls, perfectly satisfied with that situation in life to which—to use their own smug phrase—it has pleased God to call them; people who have no envy and no malice, who have never coveted their neighbour's ox nor his wife, and who believe out of ignorance and lack of imagination rather than out of conceit that their own life contains every-thing to be desired. They are fat, greasy, and smug. But their smugness is not the philosophical smugness of Marcus Aurelius. They have no philosophy. They are too happy and pleased with themselves to need one. Marcus Aurelius developed his philosophy of resignation because he feared to desire fearlessly the things he knew he would desire in vain. He put forth his tentacles and drew them in again. He shrank from life, not because he did not love it, but because he loved it too well; not because he had no desires, but because he had too many. It was his reaction, as a biologist would say. The other people have no reaction because life gives them no stimulus. Theirs is not resignation after a struggle; it is contentment without one. Only very occasionally do the self-complacent harbour a suspicion that possibly all is not well, just for a few fleeting seconds while some unpleasant person like myself pulls them by the nose, making the ugly suggestion that perhaps they could not really write a novel as well as the other man they criticise, that perhaps life would be the tiniest bit fuller if they understood art or loved music, that doing the thing that is nearest is easy and always dull, that their cherished views on Church and State after all may be a little questionable, that things may not be what they seem, that life to some is difficult, that men do starve and commit murder and rape, that God may not always be in his Heaven nor everything right with the world. ALTHOUGH not sentimental, we are great-

ly touched by the heroic action of young Mr. tonsils and edenoids. heritance because he does not believe in private property. We hope the money will go to the Society for Supplying Porosknit to the Esqui-

SOU' BY SOU'WEST.

(From the Sat. Eve. Post.) Miss Juliana again eyed the skirted Wilbur, and the viewless wind of a smile's beginning blew across the lower half of her accusing face.

"SWEET Spirits of Niter Now Boston's Favorite Cocktail."—Headline, Evanston discovered the possibilities of niter weeks ago. Isn't chemistry fascinating!

Correspondence From Japan. Sir: Letters from America bring frequent ref-erence to "The Land of the Cherry Blossom." A pretty euphemism, that, but it applies only two weeks in the spring. For an all-year round moniker, one that fits Japan as snugly as Adipose Arbuckle fits a sitz bath, call it "The Land of Reluctant Plumbing." Although all our plumbing is open to argument—if, on a cold night, you peel down to shivery goosessesh in anticipation of a hot bath, nine times out of nine you will find the frost is on the plumbing and the heater's on the fritz, while a shave in the morning involves a twenty-minute wait for the asthmatic tap to get over a coughing fit.

IF, as Mr. Wales cables, Armenia is the Achilles heel of America, Ireland, thinks O. F. W., is the O'Sullivan heel.

ALL THE FACTS. Sir: Out on Ogden avenue a coal dealer makes use of the w. k. walnut whatnot as a rack for samples of his wares. Yes, the top shelf holds the chestnut. "WANTED-A first-class butler, who can

milk and look after cow. Hemlock 216."-Atlanta Journal. Boy, page the Admirable Crichton!

AN Austin professor of dancing advertises: A good dancer is popular. I cater to married folks also.' ESPECIALLY IN EDGETOWN.

(From the Momence Progress.) A box social will be hell at the Edgetown school District No. 37 on Saturday AN inspired headliner on the Omaha Bee conveyed the news that the Ford company's October record was "one can every 181/2 seconds." CHICAGO'S daily crime report indicates

that none of the American gunmen operating in

Ireland were drawn from the city by the lake.
B. L. T. Columbus Worked Cheaply Some research artist has found that Columbus received a salary of only \$300 a year while discovering America. And he couldn't

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"SEEING," HEARING YOUR | can find no cure. I am 16 years old HEART.

Can a person feel his heart beat or hear it or see it or, speaking more properly, can he feel, hear, or evidence of his heartbeat? answer to this question is yes. Any one who cares to take the trouble eye muscles are out of balance. See can be certain that his heart is an eye specialist. beating. He can turn on his side as of his heart as it is transmitted to

the vessels of his car. All those who are thin and some Has anyone used a claqueur as the subject of a others besides can undress and lie on the back with abdominal walls relaxed and note the pounding of the

> Persons who are not very stout can sometimes see and feel the heart beat in the left chest wall just below the nipple. In many people the beat of the heart can be seen in the carotid artery and jugular vein in

> the neck. And, finally, most people know how to feel the pulse. In fact, the egular normal heartbeat is almost as manifest as the regular normal

breathing. Hearing the heart in the ear or seeing it in the stomach or neck should excite no more alarm than worry does the heart no harm, however much unhappiness it brings to the individual. A neurasthenic who counts his pulse frequently and worries a lot about his heart can get up a certain degree of intermittency, but what harm does that do't have known neurasthenics who could kick up an intermitting pulse on demand and who kept it up for years without ever harming their hearts in the least so far as I could

Likewise those people who become agitated over their hearts' beating in their stomachs, or their necks, or total of human misery over bridges to be, but never crossed.

If we could get people to watch the way their hearts act more than they now do we would doubtless in crease the mental misery of many neurasthenics, but, on the other hand, fewer cases of serious heart disease would slip up on us. time men would acquire an ability to judge these phenomena intelli-

There is an understanding among medical men that 90 per cent of the vague pains in the left side of the chest and behind the breast bone which the patients ascribe to heart conditions are not so caused. There is a saying that practically none of the pains which women ascribe to their hearts are really so caused. While both of these statements are true of pains which rise up while a person is quiet, the better informed of the medical profession wish that chest pains which come on while they are excited. A pain in or near the heart or a difficulty in breathing under similar circumstances means

violent play, so much excess strength some children get stitches in their sides when they play too heard, and such stitches are heart pains. Those children have had rheumatism or other forms of contagion or St Vitus dance, and their hearts are not organically sound in conse-quence. In adults a pain which starts in the chest and runs to the little certainly a heart pain.

A few of the heart pains which

develop during repose are worth not-ing. Those which develop during exertion are always significant. They mean that the man is throwing too much strain on his blood pump and he will do well to govern himself ac-

It's Hard to Treat.

M. C. M. writes: "L. Can you tell me the meaning of otosclerosis of

the ears?

"2. Can one be cured who has it?"

"3. Also, what is the cause of it?"

REPLY. Thickening of the membranes of the deeper parts of the ear and stiffening of the joints between the

hearing bones.
2. Treatment is not satisfactory 3. In most cases infections and inflammations which have extended to the ears from the throat and nose.

Eyes Swerve.

"Worried" writes: "Can you kindperson's eves crossing once in a have been thus bothered for about two or three months and

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n which will be displayed models of famous and historic aircraft. An inventor has combined a farm tractor and hay press with which rapid work can be done in fields. exporting mahogany and other timper from the north coast of Hon-

ODDS AND ENDS.

duras. and slim for my age. My bowels are only apt to move when taking a physic. Can it be caused by my bowels or my food?" Attorneys at Rockville, Ind., solved question of etiquette caused by the impanelling of 12 women for jury duty when they appeared in the Parke county court in full evening

REPLY. You have a little strain or your The fluctuations of the value of the mark are so great and violent, and - Providence Journal.

the impracticability of forecasting the variations to even an approxi England has organized a museum mate degree has made it almost im possible for German buyers to safely import even the most necessary goods.

More than a year ago Mrs. E. E. Fisher of Toledo lost an umbrella. An American citizen has secured a The other night she dreamed she government contract for cutting and had left it at a dry goods store. The next morning she went to the store, and the umbrella was found in a closet where it had been put when it was unclaimed.

No Place to Go.

If Lenine and Trotsky do not lose their heads when they loss their jobs, where under the sun will they



QUIT KICKING

I was asked the other day if our slogan, "Business Is Good, Thank You," was not a mistake in these so-called hard times, and I replied that I did not think so-that business will always be good for the man who keeps cheerful and smiling and who takes pride and pleasure in doing the best he can.

There is no argument to the fact that bills are not being paid as promptly as customary; that the banks are not loaning money as freely as we would like to see it loaned; that the farmer is not getting as much money for his crop as either he or we think he should. It is true that automobiles are not selling as readily as they were and it is true that prices in many lines are tumbling. but that is what we all had to expect anyhow, and there is no reason why any of us should go into mourning and act as if business had gone to the dogs and the country into the hands of a receiver.

For the Love of Mike, let us begin to act the part of men and not long-tailed rats. Let us be doubly thankful for the business we are doing. Let us not forget that the war was won; that prices of necessity had to come back to normal. Let us get down on our knees and thank God prices are doing the very thing we all knew they had to and the very thing we all hoped they would do. When we average up the last few years we have got to admit we have all made more money than we ever expected to make, and when we consider conditions in this country we have to admit that the little old U.S.A. is better off than any other country in the world today and that little old Nebraska and Iowa are better off than any other section of America.

Let us "hold up our heads, wipe off our chins, and grin."

It is my personal opinion we have had things made so easy for us that we are developing into a bunch of babies who have forgotten how to take punishment. What we need is friendly, courageous optimism, and once we develop it, believe me when I say, we will discover very much to our surprise that ALL

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