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#### Food Prices in Omaha.

The federal report on cost of living states that in Omaha during January prices went down 1 per cent. In other words, what would have cost \$1 on January 1 could be purchased for 99 cents on February 1. As Omaha is situated in the heart of the richest agricultural region in the world, where more food is produced than in any similar area under the sun, reason exists for believing that there should be some advantage to the consumer in such a situation.

The facts are: Corn, wheat, oats, potatocs, cattle, hogs, sheep, eggs, about everything from the farm has gone down in price, that is to the farmer. Retailers have made concessions on some articles; yet bread and milk, two of the staple articles of food, have not yet come off the perch assumed while the war was on. Bread went up for the reason that wheat and flour did; wheat and flour have gone down, yet bread stays up. Milk prices were advanced because of high cost and scarcity of feed, high prices paid for cows, and the like; all these have been greatly reduced, most of them down to prewar prices, yet milk stays up.

Announcement of such concessions as half-acent on a loaf of bread to the retailer, or 1 cent on a quart of milk to the consumer, does not meet the situation. Omaha householders deserve better treatment.

A word may also be said for those who eat at cafeterias and lunch stands. When potatoes jumped to \$8 a bushel a year ago, the price of the restaurants was marked up accordingly. Potatoes are back to a normal figure again, but most diners-out are still paying the check according to last February's figures. This applies equally to other articles of food. The situation almost warrants the belief that somebody has not heard that the war is ended.

## A Call to Business Statesmanship.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt enters the ranks of the theorists in a speech at Pittsburgh in which he points out that economic problems overshadow all others at the present time. Accepting change as the law of the world, he envisions this as particularly a period of transition.

Repeatedly during the war we were promised that the world would never be the same again. It is significant that this was almost universally regarded not as a threat, but as an inducement. The transformation has not come about, but there are undoubtedly new forces at work. Que does not have to listen to those men who are classified as agitators in order to realize this. From the son of former President Roosevelt come words full of the sort of theory that is yet able to startle and alarm those who hope that things will always be pretty much as they have been for the last thirty years. He says:

"Insofar as possible we must work toward a condition where everyone engaged in business must have some direct interest in the success of that business. We will have to work toward a condition where, in the broad sense of the term, you can speak of an employer and an employe as on a partnership basis. When we approach such a condition then our economic problems will in a large part be solved."

At the same time the colonel spoke of the open shop movement as full of menace, comparing it with bolshevism. Opinion will differ over whether Colonel Roosevelt has done a public service or harm with his venture into the future of industry and society. His motive, however, unquestionably was good-intended, with a message not so much to labor as to capital. As an appeal to forward-looking business men, it would seem to call for recognition that a time of change has come when the industrial question is not a mere test of strength between two hostile forces, that dictation from either class is no solution, and that both are to be considered equally at work in the public service.

## Nebraska's Workmen's Compensation Law

A report from the division of compensation of the Department of Labor to Governor Mc-Kelvie has just been received at The Bee office. It contains a great deal of valuable information, data that is of great interest to employers, and digests of court decisions that are of general concern. While the Nebraska compensation law is far from satisfactory, and is susceptible to considerable improvement, so far as it goes it is of great service to the workers, and effects both justice and equity in the settlement of claims arising out of personal injury. This is so for the reason that the law provides a basis of settlement, not exact, perhaps, yet containing enough to reach the ordinary cases, and to secure to victims of industrial accidents immediate relief. Experience has indicated some points where the law may be strengthened, and must be if it is to achieve the real end for which it is established. That it is operative at all is an indication of progress, and that employers are commencing to realize that its enforcement is for their own as well as the benefit of the workers also helps. Safety devices are coming into use, because insurance companies are insisting that risks be minimized, and that extraordinary precautions be taken to prevent mishaps. This one feature of the law's effects is worth a great deal to the public, for it does away with much of the idleness enforced and production lost because a worker is disabled through an accident that might have been prevented. Human suffering is thus reduced, that it has merely been fed up on war.

while those who are unfortunate find themselves provided for without being thrown entirely on their own resources, and the permanently injured are not thrust out onto the world, maimed and incapacitated, to become a burden on society. Perusal of the report will not only give an idea of the number of industrial accidents dealt with in Nebraska, but a very good idea of what the law accomplishes and may lead to suggestions for its improvement.

#### George Washington's Example.

This is a good day for Americans to take stock of their Americanism; not merely to examine into their ancestry, and the legal proofs of the citizenship they so proudly bear, but to give that citizenship the once over, and see if they are wearing its honors nobly and deservedly. The "Farewell Address," with all its admonitions and advice, will be read and conned very thoroughly, just as it has long been the custom to do on the birthday of its author. Most of what Washington then addressed to his countrymen is of as much value as it was then; only those things that actually have come to pass are to be omitted in the application of that document's contents.

But a little consideration to Washington as a man, his relation to other men and to his country, may serve to illuminate a path of duty to most of those who today so generously enjoy the fruit of his labors. If Washington was a leader, it was because he developed the qualities of leadership through following until his time came; if he was a commander, it was because he learned to command by carrying out commands, and if he was great in all his aspects it was because he came to be great by first being humble. He could give the law because he obeyed the law. All through his life he adhered to the strict line of conduct for himself that he expected from others. This is the high example he left for his country.

His relations with other men rested on justice, the recognition of the rights of others and a generosity that enabled him to accord to eac't his dues in full measure, and occasionally a little more. When we study Washington as a man, our admiration for him takes on a fuller form than when it merely rests on his appearance as a hero. As a great general and as a statesman, he moves in the front ranks of the world's mighty; as a man and as a citizen, he looms far above any military leader or politica! magistrate the world has ever known. And it is as a man Americans should consider and follow him today.

#### Home Brew 3,000 Years Ago.

Once upon a time, breweries and distilleries dotted the land. Before that, what? Alcohol has an ancient and eventful history that apparently is going to seed in home brewing. Such also must have been its origin, in other and more primitive days. Fermentation is a natural process, undoubtedly existing before mankind learned to take advantage of it, and little could the discoverer of this secret imagine the pleasure and the pain that his deed would entail to those who came after throughout the ages.

A lecturer on Zoroastrianism would seem-to have a dry subject, but his statement that the Persians claim to have originated the art of home brewing adds humidity enough to interest almost any audience. Thirty centuries ago, according to this account, King Jamshid had a great jar of grapes. Pressure of the top layers on those beneath squeezed out the juice, which by the love-sick Persian maiden than he felt fermented and became sour.

If the king had taken a large drink of it instead of a mere sip, he perhaps would not have ordered his slaves to mark it "poison" and put it away in the cellar until he had occasion to set up a cup of it to some enemy. One of his wives, becoming jealous and having learned of the deadly liquid in the basement, decided to use it to end her life. Although she drank freely, instead of dying, she lost her despondency and became very happy. The king could not understand her sudden hilarity until she confessed, Thereafter, it is related, both the monarch and his court very regularly poisoned themselves on

That innocent and golden age was indeed one where only nature ruled and man obeyed without misgiving. Today in countless ways man has harnessed nature to his will, but whenever passersby see the glow of lights through a basement window, they suspect that down there poor old nature, despised and thwarted so long and often, is getting a little human assistance to the end of fermentation.

Lower Freight and Cheaper Power. Nebraska and the rest of the Middle West think of the Great Lakes waterway project as a cheaper freight outlet to Europe for farm products. It is that and vastly more, for under plans now drawn the dams necessary for floating ocean freighters in the Great Lakes would produce 5,000,000-horsepower, an amount of electrical energy sufficient to save 65,000,000 tons of coal a

This cheap current would be available over most of New York state, northern New England and eastern Canada, lowering production costs in mills and factories. Coal shortage would lose its terrors for this region, for even the homes might be heated by electricity. The nation's fuel supply would be conserved and the needs of the rest of the states more easily met.

The task is a huge one, requiring many years for accomplishment. It is such a project as could be carried on only by the government, and in fact only through co-operation of Canada and the United States. For more than a generation this has been the dream of engineers, but it is now attaining the support of the people. The action of the Nebraska senate in registering its approval of the waterways project indicates the national interest and support that is being enlisted to realize this great piece of national

Those statisticians are very unpleasant people. Food prices have dropped since the first of the year, but they have to go and spoil the effect by announcing that the fall is 1 per cent. That's 10 cents on a \$10 grocery bill.

Those fallen monarchs of Europe may be very tired of standing, but former Emperor Charles for one is too wary to try to sit on the Hungarian throne, perhaps suspecting that there is a bent pin somewhere about.

Uncle Sam got out of the reparations commission just in time to avoid having to guarantee anything the allies might attempt.

Poland is hungry for peace, according to Paderewski, although to the world it may appear

## A Line O' Type or Two

THE gadder contrib who used the Gideor Bible to hold the shaving mirror at the right angle is properly rebuked by sundry readers. As one of them, M. B. C., says, he may make the Line, but he'll have a close shave if he makes

WE imagine the Gideon Bible is read more than may be supposed. Evening in a small town must be desperately dull to many travelers. And there are better love stories in the Bible than can be bought on the trains. Some of our gadding contribs have so good a writting style that brary and had not kept her promise. we feel sure it must have been influenced by the She had two letters in her desk from

Bach's Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue. Sir: Concerning the educational value of the rubber disc, this morning I passed, at different times, three young gentlemen aged about ten years, on their way to school. One was whistling the Barcarolle, another "O sole mio." The morbid fear of dirt is and the third Rubenstein's Melody in F. What ble for a dozen phobias. did you whistle on your way to school?

HOW far can a woman fall? Apparently into the fourth dimension. At any rate, the matrou of the Detroit police department, who has had twenty-five years' experience with falling wotwenty-five years' experience with falling women, declares that when a woman falls she goes 300 per cent lower than a man goes.

STORY WOULD HAVE BEEN LONGER. (From the Monticello, Ind., Journal.) Aaron Collins was injured Saturday when a tree which he was cutting down fell The tree was about eight inches in diameter at the base, and it is probable that his injuries would have been much more serious had the tree been larger,

"ARE most Americans filled with maudlin sentiments?" a lady asked Vox Pop. "Can we or can we not appreciate real worth?" Well, lady, it's this way: Ever so many people know or suspect, when a thing is good. The deuce of it is, they don't know when a thing is bad.

THE THOUSAND AND ONE AFTERNOONS.

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W. J. P. writes: 'I am 18 years old and will start to take up dental subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of a subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of a subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of a blooks, however, which cover this books, however, which cover this particular subject much better. Now, when a triple of the particular subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of the subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of the subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of the subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of the subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of the subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of the subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of the subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of the subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of the subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of the subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of the subject is headed, "Reactions to the bull of the subject is headed, "Reactions to the subject i

'And here,' said the fair Saidee, 'endeth the first chapter. But if Mr. Houssain wishes to hear further I will relate tomorrow the remarkable adventure of Nathan Weatherwax.' Houssain eplied that he was minded to hear the continuation of the tale, and the excellent Wezeer rowed that a more extrordinary narrative had never passed mortal lips. And so on the after-noon of the third day, when the office work had been dispatched, the First Stenographer and Private Secretary began the Story of the Importer and the Three

Ladies of Bagdad.

Mr. Nathan Weatherwax was a typical in-habitant of Gotham. He had heard, and he repeated the happy saying, that it is better to be a lamp-post in New York than a world's fair in Chicago. All territory west of Buffalo was fit only to pitch tents on or ship teas and spices into, on which commodities Mr. Weatherwax was an importer. He commuted every morning from Mount Vernon and took the subway to his place of business on Water Street, and at five o'clock he returned to Mount Vernon. He knew less about New York than a well read New Zealander, he rarely visited the theater, and he never traveled. His reason for venturing west of the Hudson River was the failure of one of his customers in Chicago. The settlement of this affair, which occupied about a week, was much more satisfactory than he had hoped for, and he was in an excellent humor when, in his hotel room, he set about packing his few effects for the return voyage to Gotham. Among these effects was the laundry which the hotel had returned to him that evening, and when he opened the bundle he was surprised to find a shirt of a fine flannel, dyed a singularly at-

Whoever should wear a garment fashioned whoever should wear a garment lashfolder of this flannel, the bazaar keeper of Teheran had said, should have the power to arouse the liveliest emotion in a person of the other sex, but the Persian said nothing of its effect upon the wearer. Yet strangely (said the fair Saidee) when my brother first set eyes on the shirt he experienced a wish to put it on. Fine shirts a great desire to possess it, and after a few mo-ments of irresolution he put it on.

"TIMERIO," which is simpler than Esperanto, "will enable citizens of all nations to understand one another, provided they can read The inventor has found that 7,006 figures are enough to express any imaginable idea. But we should think that a picture book would be simpler.

"YOU can go to any hotel porter in the world," says the perpetrator of Timerio, "and make yourself understood by simply handing him a slip of paper written in my new language." But you can do as well with a picture of a trunk and a few gestures. The only universal lan-guage that is worth a hoot is the French phrase comme ca.

"I GUESS THIS WILL HOLD US FOR A WHILE, EH, WATSON?"

(From the Southern Lumber Journal.) If the government is not going to allow the saw mill men a profit on their lumber, it is up to the government or someone else to tell these lumber people where they are going to get their money from, with which pay their income tax, excess profits tax, and other taxes this year. And So to Bed.

Sir: Hereby, as Mr. Franklin says, I shail indulge the inclination, so natural in old men, to be talking of themselves and their own past actions; and I shall indulge it without being tiresome to others, who, through respect to age. hearing, since this may be read or not, as any one pleases. The Professor of Education has been sitting with me here by the candent grate, chuckling over matters decanal. We mused upon Queen Elizabeth's "Keeper of the Bookes," who was also "Court Compounder of Odoriferous Herbes and Cordialles," drawing better pay as distiller than as librarian; of an acquaintance, worthy of respect, but dull, whom we finally branded even as Carlyle seared Elia, agreeing with Dr. Robert Bridges that humor is the natural courtesy which passes between our instinct and our reason; of Mr. Jesse B. Kidwell, confidence man at large, wanted by the federal authorities; of a certain passage in my favorite bed-side book, "The Way To Be Rich

favorite bed-side book, "The Way To Be Rich and Respectable, Addressed To Men of Small Fortune By The Reverend Mr. Trusler, D. D., London, 1787;" of Baudelair's whisper concerning the African fetish: "Prenez garde! Si c'etait le vrai dieu!" When the professor nodded good-night to Erasmus, I took up "The Sea and the Jungle"—the first ed., by the way, inscribed for me by H. M. T. eight years ago—and read until I came to: "It was when I was thinking whether bed would be as I have so often found. whether bed would be, as I have so often found it, the best answer to doubt." What, Sir, are your views regarding blood of St. Januarius? views regarding the liquefaction

IT may have been digestion, or we may have kicked the covers off. Anyway, we woke up in the middle of the night wondering what Parley P. Christensen was doing these days.

Deep Stuff. Sir: In Oregon, Ill., the town marshal ap-proached a man at the intersection of the two busiest streets and said, "Hey there! Haven't you anything to do but stand here and stare at every passing skirt?" The offender pointed out at four signs in a row reading, "Ogle County Bank," "Ogle County Farm Bureau," "Ogle County Farm Bureau," "Ogle County Abstract Office," and "Ogle County Republican," and answered, "Excuse me. I'm from Ogallala, Nebraska." F. B. T.

WOMEN should do the proposing, says Sir John Cockburn. My word! We fawncied they had been doing it for at least a thousand years. PLAYGOING is now compulsory in Petrograd. Even the Spanish Inquisition did not think of that!

B. L. T.

## Keep This in Mind.

The man who does not almost lose his mind rying to make his income tax report is rare, out rarer is the man who loses his determination to take full advantage of every opportunity to scale down the net income.-Louisville Courier-Journal,

Going Up. The ankle watch has been superseded by one worn on the thumb. Jewelry certainly is going

# How to Keep Well

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 addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters

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SOME MINOR PHOBIAS

talked with a young lady bound over town. No, she was not going to the library. She had promised to do something for some one in the lithis librarian and she was afraid to open them. What was the matter when a person was afraid to open letters? I told her to look in the book and see. There are scores of phobias and fears and the specialists on conduct have them all tagged. The morbid fear of dirt is responsi-ble for a dozen phobias. For instance, the dirt phobia, which ex-presses itself in repeated washing

But this young woman, while a literary light, used the wrong term. IF THE TREE HAD BEEN STRONGER THE She does not fear to open her letters so much as she dreads to open them. Her case is not one belonging in the realm of the phobias. She anticiwill chide herself all the more. Her established. case is one of dodging the disagree-

able. In the particular book I was to I suppose most of us try to postpone the disagreeable somewhat and in

some degree to dodge it.
Surely this of itself is not a major
fault. All depends on the degree to
which it is carried. A weakness always, it is easily developed into a major fault. Out of it there can be developed worry, nervousness, nervous prostration, neurasthenia and even more serious disorders. like dressing overwarm and eating overmuch—temporarily pleasing, but eventually enervating.

#### Let Doctor Fix Details.

A. S. writes: "I have Bright's disease, with a large quantity of albumin in the urine. The doctor says to diet, not to use beef or pork, to live strictly on a vegetable diet. wish you would tell me what vege tables have the least albumin, and if mutton broth and vegetable soup are good. I am fond of soup. May I eat an orange or grapefruit for breakfast?"

The average person with Bright's disease can live for many years in

On my way to the library to finish | play the game strictly according t In addition, your physician dbumins are beans and peas, including soya beaus. grapefron as you wish. There are many kinds of soups and brotos, some richer in albumin, some less so. How much albumin you should take and how much salt must be decided on the basis of such considerations as the type of Bright's, amount of albumin, duration of disease, dropsy, heart complications, state of matri-

> Many Young Diabetics. O. H. L. writes: "1, Will you please tell me what would cause sugar dia-What is chloride of gold given

1. Diabetes is not infrequent in children. It is due to disease of the pates that the contents of the letters will be disagreeable. Unpleasant dities may be imposed. She betes in a young person calls for may be chided for not keeping her very skillful and careful attention. promise or the writer may be so 2. It is sometimes given as a very agreeable that the young lady tonic, though its efficacy is not well

Typist Is Useful Job.



- Micholas -L.V. NICHOLAS OIL COMPANY arge and clumsy.

May Be Heart Trouble. F T writes: "How can I cure short breathing? Often I feel weak sources of Kamchatka, how would it

after trying to catch my breath." REPLY.

writing? Tthis work develops the of your heart, kidneys, thyroid muscles of the hands and does not blood, have that attended to. Short-thicken the skin enough to interfere with fouch. Pick out a fob tom of disease in some one of which will give you a good deal of exercise for the muscles of your soft, reduce and exercise. If you hand and forcarm, but avoid manual labor hard enough to callone in symptoms of the soft, reduce and exercise. ual labor hard enough to callous ing symptoms out of the blue, I do your skin and make your hands not know what to do for you.

Speaking of developing the redo to begin at the other end of the line and develop those of the state If you have any organic disease of Maine?-Boston Transcript.



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