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ANOTHER BUGABOO.

Life, as the poet said, is just one darn thing after another. Those who read the newspapers, as well as those who publish them, are beginning to suspect that the said poet knew whereof he was speaking, and that there is fully as much truth as poetry in the burden of his song.

Only a week or so ago, some congressman introduced a bill prohibiting the representing of a king, prince or potentate by any American citizen. This would rule out the Shakespearean plays, like "Hamlet" and "King Lear;" it would make the manufacturers of playing cards design a new deck of and think up something to take the place of the kings and queens; it would play hob with pageants; it would even make the Ku Klux Klan find another title for the king klegale. This sort of a proposed law is interesting, but largely bunk. The way to combat monarchy is not to keep people in ignorance of it, but to use the best argument at hand—the success of a democratic or republican form of government—to refute the claims of the monarchists. There isn't any danger that the United States will ever backslide. Even if all mention of kings and monarchies were removed from the textbooks in schools and colleges, there'd still be some way to get the facts out. Education is the remedy—not silly restrictions.

The latest bugaboo that is worrying congress is the spread of gambling. Washington is gambling mad, some congressmen charge, and point to the immense number of people who bet on the races and the ball games. There are already laws against gambling, but people seem to be still making wagers. If the new law prohibiting newspapers from publishing betting odds on horse races, prize fights and other contests of speed, strength or skill, should be adopted, the newspaper which violated the law would lose its second class privileges, and possibly the publisher would be fined or imprisoned, but it wouldn't stop betting.

The laws regulating gambling will probably never be changed to permit it openly, but gambling will always go on, in one form or another. The man who takes a homestead gamble; the man who goes into business gambles; the fellow who engages in a lawsuit takes a gamble, and a big one, too; the man or woman who marries gambles; if they have children and attempt to rear them properly, it's a gamble whether they succeed. There are thousands of examples of legitimate gambling, and the number of illegitimate chances taken are mighty few in comparison. Stop gambling if we can—but if it is ever completely stamped out, this will be a mighty slow old world. It's human nature to take a chance, and strictly speaking, taking a chance is gambling. All of us take chances, in business and otherwise, and are all the better for taking them. There are limits, of course, where common sense tells us to stop, but it's just as foolish to take wild chances in running our business as it is to bet fourteen dollars on a horse race. As a matter of fact, people take greater chances in the approved forms of gambling than in games upon which the reformers frown.

WOODROUGH ATTACKED

Following the last session of the federal court at Chadron, there were some Alliance men who criticised the attitude of United States District Judge Woodrough, who presided, because of his manner of handling cases of violators of the liquor laws. Most of these men, having a wholesome fear of being charged with contempt of court, voiced their opinions only in private. The general consensus of opinion was that Judge Woodrough looked too lightly on violations of this kind, and the least of the complaints made was that his attitude was unbecoming a man charged with trying cases of this nature.

F. A. High, superintendent of the state anti-saloon league, is not at all afraid to criticise openly. In a letter addressed to Attorney General Daugherty at Washington, D. C., he makes the charge that the federal judge is favorably to the wets, and submits proof. His letter follows:

Some time ago information was furnished you to the effect that the attitude of Judge Woodrough of Omaha,

toward enforcement of the federal prohibition law, was unfriendly.

Conditions have not grown any better, if anything worse. We feel Judge Woodrough has contributed largely to this undesirable state. His sympathy seems to be with the wets and with violators of liquor laws. It looks as if he leaves nothing undone to make enforcement of these laws difficult.

He refuses to issue warrants and compels federal enforcement authorities to go to police or county courts. When cases are brought before him on these warrants he throws them out because arrests were not made on federal warrants.

Whenever compelled to hear liquor cases and conviction is had, he almost always gives a ridiculously small sentence which serves as encouragement to further violation of law.

Recently Judge Woodrough held court in Chadron and Norfolk. In Chadron, four pleaded guilty to violation of liquor laws. Three were fined \$10 and one \$5. In Norfolk the judge disposed of eleven cases all on pleas of guilty. One received a fine of \$100, four were fined \$5 and six were fined \$1 each. The above is a fair sample of Judge Woodrough's dealings with this class of cases.

By his \$1 fines he is not only dragging the federal court down to the level of the police court, but it is our opinion, he is doing much to break down the law and encourage criminality.

The people of this state have become very tired of having the officers of the law constantly conniving at its violation.

The people of Nebraska want the liquor laws enforced, but they never will be so long as our judges continue the practice of nullifying them as Judge Woodrough is doing.

If there is any relief, we are appealing to you for it.

WHY WORRY?

(Nebraska City Press)
How much have you to worry about? Isn't this a fact that most of your worries are either imaginary or entirely over-rated in your imagination?

The other day we were in a Nebraska City business office waiting for an interview with the proprietor. We had just been kicking to an acquaintance about some inconsequential matter, the exact purport of which, to be truthful, we have now forgotten. But it was a complaint of some sort and our remarks were being somewhat endorsed by the man to whom we were talking.

The door opened and in came three boys, laughing, chattering and pleased over the anticipation of a treat at the soda fountain. It was evident that they were untouched, for the most part by the goddess whom we call Dame Fortune. Their clothing was not tailor-made by any means. They were clean and neat and they were happy. They evidently had no worries; if they had, they were kept under cover. They walked to the said fountain and sat down on the stools. It was then we noticed there was some difference in their manner, a groping with the hands, a feeling for support which could not be visualized. They were totally blind.

Three blind boys, never again to see the glories of the outdoor world, the faces of loving relatives or loyal friends, and yet they were happy; and we who have the full enjoyment of God-given senses—and who frequently abuse them—are complaining about our "luck" or kicking because the world is not better to us.

KU KLUX AND MASONRY.

(Nebraska State Journal)
The leaders in the Masonic fraternity in Lincoln are not saying much about it, but it is known that many of them are concerned over the attempt evidently being made by the ku klux klan to give the impression that the Masons are in sympathy with it. "If there is anything anti-Masonic in the world," says a long time member of the order, "it is this 'invisible empire' as it is described by the men at the head of it. The difference between that sort of thing and Masonry can well be understood when you know that the place of meeting as well as the membership is secret. The Masons, on the other hand, meet in well known halls owned by themselves. Their lists of members and their purposes are always made public. I doubt if a good Mason can be a member of the klan, as it is described in the newspapers."

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American Legion Plans to Solve Unemployment Problems of Members

The task of caring for the 900,000 unemployed ex-service men of the country will be taken over by the American Legion, it was announced this week at a special unemployment conference at legion headquarters at Indianapolis. The conference, which was called by Commander John G. Emery, was attended by national officers and members of a committee which had been appointed to investigate unemployment among members of the legion.

Data gathered by the committee and presented at the meeting showed that approximately 900,000 veterans were out of work two weeks ago. It was shown that 21.5 per cent of the ex-service men are unemployed, and that those employed had experienced an average cut in wages of 32.5 per cent since the war.

The findings of the legion's investigation was said to have prompted this action. President Harding was notified of the decision and instructions for taking care of the jobless world war veterans were sent to 11,000 legion posts. The instructions to the posts asked that every effort be made to secure employment, "for our buddies, and see that they have food and shelter."

The tobacco worm is said to be attacking the crop, but a little thing like that won't be noticed in the heat of the campaign.

A lot of inconsistency is shown in the attitude of persons who are willing to get back to normalcy by having the wages of others cut.

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BOYS' ATTENTION!

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C. A. DOW

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