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A MOTHER'S EDITORIAL

The Omaha Bee, if it does not contain another splendid editorial for the next year, has done society a spienard editorial for the next year, has done society a wonderful thing by bringing to light the thoughts of Mrs. Charles L. Kelly of Nebraska City, Nebraska, mother of five children. Mrs. Kelly submitted an editorial in response to a contest put on by the Bee. God evidently figured out that Mrs. Kelly could properly take care of children—so He sent her five "little blessings."

Here is Mrs. Kelly's winning editorial:

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"My neighbor has prospered. His home is the last word in midern architecture and equipment. It is his hobby. He loves every a support of the last word in the last well as the last well as well as a last well as the last word with grassy polets and shrubs and flowers, and adorns it inside and out according to his sense of artistic grace and beauty. Not only is his home a source of pride and satisfaction to my neighbor, but by its beauty and grace and general attractiveness if he did administration." My home is a modest affair. It needs paint and he roof does not cover it as well as the mortgage. What is meant for a grass plot shows have patches like the exposed portions of a little brace is overrun by little roay ramblers who clamber about, scraping of the paint and leaving muddy streads in their wake. There are five of them, and all the hard work, sacrifice and care they mean to me is noting compared to the pride I have in their clear future the present struggle to keep them clothed, housed and fed future the present struggle to keep them clothed, housed and fed future the present struggle to keep them clothed, housed and fed future the present as mall affair. They represent my family etake. To them I hope to leave an inheritance of character and courage. And to the world is hall bequeath not large sums for thartisy chools or the problems of life. "But when my neighbor help into talk about taxes I have an uneasy feeling that, according to his way of looking at it, and the structure of the problems of life. "But when my neighbor begins to talk about taxes I have an uneasy feeling that, according to his way of looking at it, about have a few orders and the problems of life. "But when my neighbor begins to talk about taxes I have an uneasy feeling that according to his way of looking at it, about have a money feeling that the problems of life. The mean man would be conting

too much in the upkeep and doesn't give back a profit to the
"" Holiver my neighbor is wrong. My children have a monetary value to the town. For their needs my earlings are spent. I
buy from him such things as he has to sell, thersby adding to his
riches. I go farther. I am not raising hogs for profit, nor cattle
for the mart, but raw material for the nation innorrow. They
to his interest as well as mine that they become fit and useful
citiens. As they are trained, as they are ducated, they will develop. The community has a part in that development. My
neighbor has no more right to spread propagands for cheap
schools, a niggardly system that will dwarf the future of my
children, than I have to throw trash in his front pard."

NEWSPAPER "MUD-SLINGING"

"Be kind; speak no evil of your neighbor; be ready to mend and willing to forget. Help your brother; trust God and follow Jesus Christ.'

This might well sum up the philosophy of the ages. is but the Golden Rule—it applies to business conduct as well as private life. A deviation from it will bring ills to a corporation as well as to one person.

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Witness the attack on the Detroit News by its competitor newspapers. The News, because it staged a "Popular Hero Contest," and awarded a ten thousand dollar house to the winner, is being criticized by its contemporaries. Of course, the News did not give away this house for nothing; it is expected—and rightly so—to get in return from the people of Michigan a goodly portion of "good will." This would mean more subscribers; more authorities leads to more advertising and subsequently greater financial returns.

But this fact remains: the News did attempt to create a recognition for valor, thereby making for better men and

But this fact remains: the News did attempt to create a recognition for valor, thereby making for better men and women—a better society. Did any of the other newspapers in Detroit attempt a similar kind of procedure? Not that we have heard of.

People do not like to have themselves ridiculed or made fun of; they resent it. They also resent most literary mud-slinging that finds its way into the public prints.

The Free Press and the Times, by their continuous mud-slinging at the News, will not, in the last analysis, make much headway with the reading public. Neither will the News, if it undertakes the same kind of tactics, should the occusion arise.

should the occasion arise.

No man or corporation ever yet attained lasting soul or financial satisfaction through wrong doing. The Golden Rule can work as well in the news as well as the editorial columns of any newspaper. A slanderer will live to crawl in his own slime.

WHAT A MAN WANTS IN HIS LIFE

With disputes as to creed, doctrine, and sect, most of us can have but little to do. Many of us find this world too real for such bickerings, and would say with John

As one figures the merciless vastness of the universe of matter sweeping us headlong through viewless space; . . as one counts the little tale of the years that separate us from eternal silence . . . a

the years that separate us from eternal silence a man should surely dare to live his small span of life with little heed of the common speech upon him or his life, only caring that his days may be full of reality, and his conversation of truth-speaking and wholeness. It might be well for some of our overzealous brethren to walk outdoors of a frosty starlit night and, looking up, reflect that it is for them to square their treatment of their fellowmen with the universe there revealed. So much to do, so little time!—Collier's.

A SPLENDID THING TO DO

The local Woman's Literary Club, assisted by several urch organizations, put aside their own affairs—both al and personal—and made happy the hearts of the mates of Oakland County's poor farm at Christmas see. For this the Recording Angel undoubtedly placed arge credit mark to their account.

Handkerchiefs, dainty ribbon neck bows, stockings

that were filled with candy, fruit, etc., were given each unfortunate man and woman who is left to spend the wan-ing years of a forlorn life as a public charge. Perhaps the kindest act of all was the placing of the name of each recipient on his individual stocking.

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Today we may be comfortable; a week later may find us without any material wealth. We should ever be mindful of this possibility; it will soften us in our hurried perspective of life.

The declaration of "God bless the people of Birmingham," made by the inmates of Oakland County's poor

farm is tribute to the fact that this Village does have within its midst many persons imbued with a real spirit of Christmas.

To have a body; to have within that body a charitable—that is the acme of human striving. It is even move commendable when applied to a community.

MORE INFORMATION NEEDED

We are now confronted with the idea of changing Birmingham from a village to a city form of government.

Members of the Village Commission, believing that such a change would be beneficial to residents of Birmingham will place the proposition on the Spring ballot.

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Birmingham is above the average town in intelligence; its people are ever ready to accept a good thingand to reject one of questionable value. If the Commission thinks the city plan advisable, it ought to delegate its manager or some other competent person to find out about it—and report fully on the subject.

The city plan may be the best in the world; it may far surpass our present Village plan; still, before such an important change is placed on the ballot, it ought to be investigated, then simply and clearly explained the arms.

investigated, then simply and clearly explained to a progress-desiring community.

We do not think that Birmingham wants a toy balloon

to play with. There are too many sharp projections on the landscape

MEET LAURENCE P. SMITH

Ever meet Laurence P. Smith of 213 Vinewood avenue, Birmingham? If you haven't, you ought to. He's a mightly fine chap—the kind that radiates cheerfulness,

friendliness; a good citizen and neighbór.

Laurence, you know, is the young fellow elected president of the Central Savings Bank of Detroit, a 27 million dollar corporation. Incidentally, he is the youngest big bank president in America; that probably means the whole world. His rise to success ought to encourage the youth of Birmingham to emulate his example. We suggest that he speak to the sons of Birmingham at the annual Father and Son banquet on February 14. It might do the fathers a bit of good, too.

"The War That Ended War" is the name of a cynical verse in the last issue of Detroit Saturday Night which verse in the last issue of Detroit Saturday Night which tends to cheapen the merit of the Edward Bok peace award. There have been times, Mr. Nimmo, when we felt that a good name for your paper would be "The Stygian Styx"—it would be short and afford lots of room for black ink. The letters could be interspersed with little devils and plenty of hot grids.

St. Joseph, Michigan, is small, but proud of its Chamber of Commerce. Most cities have a Chamber of Commerce that is proud of its city. Birmingham has neither. It is small and also proud—but about the only way this fact is made known is when the Editor of this newspaper starts shouting it through his news columns.

The research of geologists, just made known, de-clares that the Detroit River will vanish and Niagara Falls dry up in 2,000 years. This ought to call a special seession of bootleggers to determine how their posterity will smuggle liquor from Canada at this later date.

News item: Fathers and Sons of Birmingham and vicinity will have a chance to get acquainted February 14 when the annual banquet is staged at the Baldwin high

Spring will soon be here; then comes summer. Question: Will the people of Birmingham find it necessary to buy new garden hose this year?

LIVIN' ROOM LYRIGS

By CHARLES S. KINNISON of Birmingham

A NEEDED WORD

It often seems that there should be A word to substitute
For "friend," for "friend," it seems to me. Too often doesn't suit. Now when I call a man a Friend I'd like to mean it—all—
Want him to feel he can dpeend
On me, to hear his call.

I want to warmly clasp his hand
And look him in the eye,
And try to let him understand
He'll find me standing by,
I want him then to know
When
I'll do my best by word and deed
To help him in his woe.

But many times I fear I use This word when I should no This word when I should not.
But yet what other might I choose
To better fit my thought?
"Acquaintance" hardly seems to do,
It lacks the cordial touch—
Yet, when applied, except to few,
"My triend" conveys to much.

I do not care to have it said To all, I am a friend— Fd rather have it told instead: "His friends on him depend." Fd rather have it said of me Friendships I dearly prize, And to my friends I tried to be All that the word implies.

Brilliant Young Character Artist With Talented Trio Coming Soon



Waters, who appears in Birmingham on Thursday evening, the lead of his own company of entertainers, ranks among the aractet artists on the stage today and that despite the handicap The company will give their program at the Baldwin High he fourth number of the local Lyceum course.

Mr. Waters was scarcely out of his teens distinguished kind, and while others of nile leads, he was studying the art of m a mere pippet, but an artistic creator of t

e company includes Miss Grace McNett, soprano, xylophonist and Miss Lucile Mallory, soprano pianist, reader.

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