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## From Oregon to Minnesota

By Elbert Bede, Editor The Sentinel

Learning of Many Relatives.

Ardale, Ia., Sept. 23.—Today we are visiting in Ardale with my mother's only living sister, the last of thirteen children. We made a drive of 255 miles yesterday to reach here, with no serious results to my lame "stilt," so that I feel quite certain that if the other members of the family do all the heavy work I shall be able to make the return trip without serious inconvenience. I have learned today that as the result of the large family of sisters on my mother's side I could travel from the extreme east to the extreme west and find cousins so conveniently located that we would not have to prepare a meal or put up camp during the entire trip. A visit to Kansas could cover a month, with each meal and each lodging taken with a different cousin. I am also informed that each of these

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cousins would give us a royal welcome. Of course we no longer have time to take advantage of this hospitality, but the next time I come east I am going to arrange a schedule that will do away with the necessity of carrying grub and bedding.

### Where I Was Born.

Tabor, Ia., Sept. 25.—Today I met for the first time since coming to years of understanding the physician who headed the reception committee when I was ushered into this vale of tears. He seems not to have been greatly weighed down by what he did over 41 years ago and is spry and cheery despite his hoary head. He is yet performing the same function for other youngsters who may return 40 years or so from now to look over the place where they first saw the light of day. His name is Dr. S. C. McKittick and despite the fact that he said he would never have known me he was cordially pleased to see us and visited us in our camp near the campus of Tabor college, a Congregational institution which was established over 60 years ago. The people of Tabor are proud of their pretty little city located in the rich agricultural section of southwestern Iowa, as well they may be.

I was not born here, that important event having taken place at Randolph, six miles from here, which also is distinguished by the fact that Mrs. S. L. Mackin once taught school there. That was previous to the time that Sammie Leopold inveigled her into doing his cooking for him. Some of the old-timers remember yet the way I advertised my arrival, but the fact that I was born there does not seem to be regarded as a very important historical event in the life of the little town. Not only has the house in which I was born not been set aside as a memorial or as a place of interest for tourists, but it has been remodeled and built onto until I no longer recognized it after an absence of 40 years.

### At Mother's Grave.

My visit to Tabor was principally to visit my mother's grave. Today I read for the first time the few historical facts which the etched marble gives to the world, for she passed onward and upward at a time in my life when I would have meant nothing to me to have attended the funeral services. Since then I have been in many parts of the union, but not until today did I return to this sacred spot. The manner in which this cemetery is kept up through a cemetery association reminded me of the work which is being started at Cottage Grove. Permanent upkeep costs \$50 for each lot with room for four graves. The money is put into an irrevocable fund and only the interest is used. This is found sufficient even though many graves are kept up for which no contribution has been made. Many of the owners of lots have moved away and can not be located, some are dead and no interested relatives can be found, some probably can not afford to pay and many no doubt do not care and are willing to "let George do it," as is the case with every public movement.

Thirty-seven years ago a mother's remains were placed where today I found the marble marker. I have no recollection of the love bestowed upon me during the little over four years she was permitted to bestow that love. I have no recollection of the many fine qualities which those who knew her say she possessed. She had no opportunity to tell me of the high ambitions which she must have had for me, as every mother has for her young. I have no recollection of a mother's loving advice to be a guide in the conduct of my life, which probably is the reason that 37 years have elapsed from the time the earthly remains were placed there until the son looked upon the spot, but as I stood and read the etched words I could not help but feel that this unostentatious grave was marked for me in a way that none with their massive slabs were marked. No marble sepulcher was necessary to make holy the spot.

What excuse has anyone to wait until 41 years of age to learn in what manner he is being cared for the spot which encloses the remains of the one who gave him life? Very little. How soon are forgotten, even after we come to years of understanding, those who meant so much to us, who gave us so much as while they were able to give and whose spirits even now may be sinking down from heights secure and guiding our unsteady feet. In this day when we say that the growing generation seems to have little regard for

parenthood and to have little respect for age and gray hairs, possibly those of us who long ago came to years of understanding should set a better example by showing a higher regard for the memory of those who once did so much for us and gave of their life blood that we might be here to rear families of our own.

### Prow Turned to "Setting" Sun.

In Camp at Schuyler, Neb., Sept. 25.—Tonight we are parked in a pretty little Nebraska camp. Today we pointed the motometer prow of the Buick fairly towards the "setting" sun and we intend to hold 'er there. Incidentally there is nothing much more irritating than driving into the "setting" sun for an hour each afternoon with seemingly no chance of getting on the other side of it. The Buick seems to approve the new course and the valve-in-head purr seems one of contentment and determination.

We have been passing through what is unquestionably one of the greatest corn countries in the world. The road hogs evidently are of the corn-fed variety.

We have been fortunate so far in missing rain in this section. We are hoping that Indian summer will continue until we reach rock roads. The mud in the roads would be worth \$200 the acre for raising corn, but from the condition in which we found highways which had not been gone over with road machinery since the last rain we can see that they would be impassable immediately after a good wetting.

We had a new one sprung on us in Iowa. There they measure distance by school houses. One is located every two miles in each direction of the compass.

Another oddity we have found is gasoline sold at tenths of a cent. The signs tell you plainly what you will have to pay, 24.1 cents, or 24.7, or whatever it happens to be.

## THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

There are some wrongs that cannot be adequately punished. One of the most glaring of these is the untruthful gossip that hurts a woman's character.

A man that makes his wife and family completely unhappy comes pretty near being a Christian.

The fellow who says the prune is full of microbes must have an awful mess of 'em in his system—and the self-respecting microbe that would live on a diet of that kind must be "full of prunes."

Too many children are born before marriages—and not enough afterward.

The noise being made by several presidential booms is keeping no one awake nights.

Sometimes a man doesn't realize his own faults until elected to office.

A Minnesota jury recently awarded a Hibbing woman \$4750 for a stolen kiss. That jury evidently believes in the conservation of our natural resources.

When you tell a girl you are done with her trifling and that you will go away and leave her forever, anticipating that she will pout her lips, fall on your shoulder and sigh "please don't," isn't it exasperating to have her burst out laughing at your painful, pitiful expression?

A person can smoke only about so many cigarettes in a lifetime. The more he smokes each day the fewer days it will take him.

When you start to tell some cute thing your baby has been doing, just stop and consider how foolish it would sound to have some friend tell you the same thing about his.

When a man has provided food and raiment for his family he has not provided over half what they have a right to expect of him.

When a woman asks her husband what to do about a certain thing, an argument is about to begin.

A candidate never consents to run except upon the earnest solicitation of scores of friends who forget to get out to the polls.

St. Paul doesn't want the Armour packing plant located too close to that village for fear of polluting the esthetic temperament of the natives. Probably the legislature furnishes all the carrion the saint can stand for.

It is said that the devil will get his due—but the "devil" grown into a newspaper man is usually over modest about asking what is coming to him.

Even when congress is in session there are those who believe our foreign missions are as important as our home ones.

Sometimes a woman is well satisfied to be able to return a call by leaving a card—but that time is not just after she has gotten a new dress.

It beats all how surprised a girl can appear when the question is popped—after she has been preparing for it for six months.

Marry your sons when you will and your daughters when they will.

Thirteen children in three years is the record made by Oklahoma parents. They are superstitious, however, and

fear that they will not have quite such good luck hereafter.

A Sunday paper runs a heading "For Women Only." Is that the only way the men can be induced to read it?

If some men could make up their minds as quickly and effectively as some women do their faces, it would help some.

When a woman is kissed on one cheek should she turn the other? No, she should turn only about half that far.

When a man thinks more of his garden during the balmy spring days than he does of a baseball game, you can set it down as a certainty that he's no fan.

A dirty-handed boy always wants to fondle his mother when she is dressed up.

In New York girls spend 60 per cent of their time making themselves attractive. Out this way nature has done that work for them.

We may think that we live in the most progressive age in history, but our ancestors managed to get ahead of us.

The braggart wastes all his energy and power blowing off.

The greatest sin some people commit is looking for the six in others.

It seems to us that all the best chances come to those who don't know how to make use of them.

We have never seen an heiress that we thought looked good enough to cut—but a number of the European nobility have nothing else to live on.

The traffic between here and heaven might rightly be termed interstate.

When we read of the many who get caught in some sin just because the markets or something go wrong, we wonder how many others commit the same sins but do not get caught because the markets or other things go right.

A lot of us would feel like skimmed milk if we were dropped down in the cream of society.

When you see a man going down hill don't put stumbling blocks in his road and then try to make folks believe you were endeavoring to head him off.

There is little sunshine in the life which knows not love.

There is no happiness quite so complete for some people as the satisfaction that comes from doing a kind deed—and having the neighbors hear about it without the doer telling it.

The powder trust is not backing the safe and sane Fourth propaganda.

Socialism as elucidated by some of its believers has one pleasant feature. If every person gets only what he produces, and all of that, he would not have to worry about driving away business for fear what he said or did might offend someone. Independence would run riot.

We hear so much about young women marrying old men just to get them in their coffins and get into their coffers. It would be interesting to know why young men don't marry old women for the same reason.

We have received a communication written in a delicate, hesitating hand asking: "Is it proper to say that my mother-in-law is still here? My wife says that I should say 'my mother-in-law still is here.'" From a grammatical standpoint one seems as good as the other. It might be nicer to say "My mother-in-law is not here." It might answer more intelligently if we knew whether there was any intention to describe a condition of verbal activity on the part of the lady.

Some folks pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," and then kick when they get what they asked for.

The reason we speak of our rich men leaving so many "cool" millions is because they used the freezing out process in acquiring them.

Little children are about the biggest problem there is in this world of ours.

The greatest sin in this world is the least punished by law.

Cold cash often burns a hole in a man's pocket.

A newly-married couple are about the most criticized persons in the world.

A father of 16 daughters has been declared crazy. It seems quite probable.

The farmer thinks it must be a snap to work in an office and let your wife leisurely telephone to the store at the last moment for the stuff the farmer has spent months in raising. When the office man looks at his pocketbook at the end of the month he thinks what a puddin' it must be to be a farmer and have the city man's money at the end of the month. We would like to tell you what both think of those between the producing and consuming point, but the postal regulations will not permit.

## COMPULSORY EDUCATION BILL

In one of the former papers, we dealt with the basis of personal liberty. We also touched upon the need of laws to govern men that they might be free. We found that the American idea was that the power to govern our conduct and establish laws for that purpose was in and came from the people. We found that they must decide what laws are necessary for their safety, protection, welfare and happiness. Each member of the state must bow to their will until the law is repealed or overthrown. If he is a good citizen he will do so.

Our conclusion in that paper was that whether the compulsory education measure should be adopted or not was really a question of whether the safety, protection and welfare of the state and nation demanded it or not.

We are for the bill because we believe that the safety, protection and welfare of the state does demand it. If you are against it, then according to our view, you think otherwise. This makes the issue between us upon which we are to pass at the next election. We propose to state some of the reasons which we think are controlling in the matter and, if you believe them, then you ought to support the measure.

In the Declaration of Independence, we read these words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Again we read in the preamble of the Constitution, that our fathers adopted it "in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty" to themselves and their posterity.

In the Declaration quoted are set forth the true ends of government. In order that life may be protected, liberty maintained, happiness secured, equality of opportunity given, justice established, peace insured and the general welfare promoted,—the people must be intelligent. They must know each other. They must sympathize with each other. They must see that their own welfare and happiness is wrapped up with the general welfare and happiness. To sustain a democracy and insure justice to all and have all the other qualities that make for the safety of the state, the people must govern themselves and the individual members of it must be self-governing. In order that your life and mine may be secure the masses must recognize the sacredness of human life. In order that your property may be safe and you be allowed to enjoy it, the masses must feel that you have acquired it rightly, or they may in their mad fury, as in Russia, rise up and destroy it or take it from you and shoot you down. In the last analysis, your life and mine, your property and mine, your chance for happiness and mine rests upon the good will, forbearance, obedience to law and happiness of the masses of our people. Either now or at some future time, if from ignorance, passion, feelings or injustice suffered or just for power they should arise in their might and power, they could wrest from us everything that we hold dear.

Do you ask what this has to do with the school measure? Our answer is, much in every way. So far as may be, we propose to avert any such condition and we think this measure will go far to help us to that end and purpose.

We propose to take the children during the most plastic period of their lives and put them in direct contact with each other. We would take them from the lowliest home and put them beside the children of the socially exalted—the rich, the poor, the American born, the Irish, the German, the Scandinavian, from any and all classes, conditions and social grades. They shall play together; they shall study together; they shall have equal opportunities and privileges there; they shall come to know, respect and sympathize with each other. They shall be honored according to their merits alone, their attainments and achievements and learn by absorption and by actual life-contact the great principles of equality of rights and duties. Thus our people will become knit into one common bond of peace, harmony and brotherly love; they will cherish and, if need be, die in defense of these sacred principles of fellowship and patriotism. This will make our nation safe against any internal or external foe.

You may ask if there is any dangers such as are suggested in the former paragraph. We think there is unless we can imbue all our people with a correct grasp of the basic principles of equality, fraternity and liberty upon which our social fabric rests.

The rapid concentration of the natural resources of our country in the hands of the few; the monopoly of the necessities of life by great corporations; the constant clash between capital and labor in the business and industrial world; the indifference of the employers to the welfare of the workmen in many cases; the treatment of man as a human product rather than as a human soul, even in this country of ours, point to the dangers in the separation of people into classes.

The common school is the melting pot of divergent social classes. It is the nursery of democracy, the unconscious moulder of the masses into one common bond of fellowship and American citizenship, and every son and daughter of our country ought to be moulded there for true American citizenship.

These are some of the reasons why you ought to support this measure.

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