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Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of May, 1912, was 50,421.

Uncle Sam is bound to win.
It is harvest time for the Chicago bell-hops and waiters.
Life is one joy ride after another when the home team wins.

Renewed Attack on Civil Service.
Little fear, we think, need be entertained for the survival of the civil service system after this democratic house has gone out of existence, but nevertheless the people should not be indifferent to the fact that if the house had the power it would destroy civil service and turn the country over once more to the vicious old spoils system.

Root's Keynote Speech.
Senator Root's speech in accepting the temporary chairmanship of the republican national convention was a masterpiece of dispassionate logic. It was a penetrating plea for party regularity, based upon the historical fact that the greatest reforms and advances in government have come through the medium of organized party and, with very little exception, through the republican party. It showed that irregularity meant irresponsibility. To those who believe in the fundamentals of American institutions as interpreted and maintained by the party of Lincoln, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft this speech comes with a force of logic far too great for resistance.

Some Simple Remedies and Reforms.
Doubtless many readers of The Bee have come to the conclusion, after perusing the series of articles by our city commissioners on what they want to do for Omaha, that the making of a bigger and better Omaha is, after all, a very simple thing. Well, it is, in the main. At least, it involves simple things. For example, it has been pointed out that individuals may help much to improve sanitation and appearance by keeping their own ground—yards, vacant lots, alleys, sidewalks and streets—free of refuse and rubbish, both downtown and in the residence districts. These are little things, taken separately, but in the aggregate they make one of the very biggest problems with which any city has to deal.

On Swatting the Fly.
Among the other oddities of the season is the conspicuous absence of the fly. The swat-the-fly crusaders stand ready with their swatters and have so stood for some time, but there is nothing to swat, not in this section as yet. The housewives are not grieving over this, of course, but it must twit them just a little to think how perfectly beautifully they were prepared for the deadly enemy, which has come not, at least not in any numbers.

After reading some of Mr. Bryan's convention reports we are constrained to believe that the regular \$30-a-week reporter has something on him.
Our old friend, J. Ham Lewis, is mentioned for temporary chairman at Baltimore. My, but wouldn't those pink tins wave in the billows of oratory!

The attack of an English militant suffragette on Premier Asquith's speech emphasizes the peril of men wearing decorations that are not available for women.

WHAT I WANT TO DO FOR OMAHA

By Joseph B. Hummel, Commissioner in Charge of Parks and Boulevards.

What I want to do for Omaha is more than I can do under conditions as they exist. I am in the same position and of the same mind as other members of the commission—I find my aspirations restricted by conditions that only a new charter and the power of local self-government can change.

I want to save enough money out of the fund available for my department to put in at least one or two public comfort stations without delay, and that will take about \$1,200 or \$1,500. That would give us a chance to see what good these stations would do for us, and I think would have the effect of commending the plan permanently. Of course, in all our financial plans we have to cut our clothes according to the amount of cloth we have. It is not good reform or good business or good sense to pitch in after a lot of things we know we have no money to pay for and no way of getting the money.

Why Living Comes High.
American People Ignorant of True Economy.
New York Journal of Commerce.
It costs more to live because the mass of the people live better and think they really must have many things in order to be comfortable which they could do without, if they had to, without feeling privation.

TRIUMPH OF A MERICAN MULE
Army Test Puts the Devil Wagon in the Rear.
New York Sun.
An "experimental regiment" of some 2,000 seasoned men from Fort Brady, Fort Crook, Fort Sheridan and Fort Snelling encamped in Dubuque for week or so.

People Talked About
Meyer Bromberg, one of the government scouts who brought in Geromino and Sitting Bull at the time the United States authorities saw the only way to stop the depredations of the Indians was by the capture of these bloodthirsty chiefs, shot himself through the head at his home in Detroit, Mich.

HOUSTON EDITORS SEE THINGS.
Indians' News. The Powder trust has been dissolved, but don't expect too much as a result of the court's action. Fireworks will probably cost as much as ever this Fourth.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee Files. JUNE 20.

Thirty Years Ago—
The main business of the city council meeting was the introduction of an ordinance creating thirteen paving districts.

Twenty Years Ago—
An internal war between factions of the populists was raging merrily. V. O. Strickler was leading a band of insurgents against County Chairman Jefferson.

Ten Years Ago—
While Mrs. Martin Shields, wife of Sherman Shields, was at home, 116 Sherman avenue, alone at night burglars entered the kitchen through a trap cellar door, and Mrs. Shields, hearing a noise, called out, "Who is there?"

SMILING LINES.
In the early days of the honeymoon: "You can have one closet all to yourself, dear."

Who wouldn't skip on table fare and charge the Broadway rate. And tax for water and for air? The chance for gain is great; Who wouldn't rent as saddle stock, Old Dobbin from the plow? The Wall street game it beats a block—The game that's open now.

Who's afraid? he exclaimed. "Bryan has had his lightning rod up for sixteen years, and he hasn't been hit!" There is more than one way, as we learn from this, to go thundering down the ages.—Chicago Tribune.

Advertisement for B.V.D. underwear. Includes text: 'FREE AND EASY B.V.D.', 'LIGHT AND BREEZY B.V.D.', 'DON'T hamper your arms and legs with undergarments that bind.', 'The B. V. D. Company, New York.'

Advertisement for HESSIG-ELLIS DRUG CO. 'Our Hair's Health'. 'THE color of one's hair is an indication of the health of the scalp. Thick, glossy hair—with its natural color and sheen is the result of using Q-Ban Hair Restorer.'

Advertisement for Low Summer Fares. 'THE NORTH WESTERN LINE'. 'Send your vacation back east and on the way your ticket. 100% off.'

Advertisement for DR. BRADBURY, DENTIST. 'NO PAIN'. 'Missing Teeth supplied without Plates or Bridge-work. Nerves removed without pain. Work guaranteed ten years.'