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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 4th day of August, 1914.

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Smash the Fontenelle slate. Today is the day for the voting.

In the battle of the ballots let every patriot do his duty. Looks as if those war maps would have to be enlarged.

What's the prohibition of the law to a vote-chasing candidate, anyway? The allied forces continue to shell Omaha's esteemed ball team "sump'n fierce."

Note how the superiority of The Bee's special war news service stands out in bold relief. The south considers itself all wool and a yard wide when it comes to the cotton question.

In the midst of it all, however, one cannot help rejoicing at the thinning out of the dapple-dons. In Europe the "cost of dying" problem has suddenly taken precedence over the "cost of living."

In the possible event of German victory, little Japan might have occasion for regret at butting in. Tested by experience, democratic platforms are about as binding as the average treaty, and no more so.

As a rule Nebraska election returns move about as slowly as does the Russian army. So don't be impatient. Now for enforced withdrawal of all those surplus candidates in excess of one for each office on each ticket.

"What has Christianity to say?" asks the Denver News. Well, since Japan is into it, it might exclaim. "Why do the heathen rage?" Yes, but will any of those high-salaried water board employees let loose of the public teat if they are nominated for some other office?

It is our opinion that war breeds more lies in one month than fishing ever has in a century.—Houston Post. Yes, and suckers, too. Neutrality between the great warring powers of Europe is evidently something quite different from neutrality between the little federals and the bandit rebels of Mexico.

"Wake up, America," thunders a Hearst paper. If America has been asleep, what, pray, has this battery of journalistic monitors been about? Joe Bailey of Texas evinces a desire to return to the senate, presumably in the belief that he may be able to catch folks off their guard with their minds absorbed in the war.

St. Louis is about to select a new water commissioner under the terms of its recently adopted charter. Now, what if St. Louis should steal ours away from us by tempting him with a bigger salary?

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Mrs. Fred Engle is home after a visit in the east. Mrs. S. B. Barnhart and Mrs. Alexander of Des Moines were guests over Sunday of Rev. and Mrs. Dettweiler, leaving today for Denver.

A telegram reports that the Union Pacific won the case over the St. Louis Union, 3 to 2, and proceeded to Evansville, where they will contest with the Hoosiers.

Mexican war veterans elected Philip Doro to attend the national reunion of Mexican war veterans to be held at St. Louis.

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Japan's Ultimatum. Japan's ultimatum to Germany ordering its withdrawal from far eastern waters and evacuation of its little colony in China at Kiao-Chou puts the mikado in the light of setting the first opportunity of getting into the war.

Our government will continue, of course, to exert every effort possible to remain at peace with Japan or every other power involved in the war, nevertheless it is worth noting that our great and good friend in the east is not doing as much to keep on good terms with us.

The Duty of the Voter. It ought not to be necessary on the advent of each election to admonish the voter to exercise his right of suffrage. It is proved by experience, however, that without being drummed up or driven to the polls not one-fourth of those entitled to vote turn out.

Buying Foreign Ships. The purchase by Americans of German steamships for transfer to American registry should be considered as nothing more than a business transaction. One of the owners of the Vaterland, the largest steamer afloat, together with the other German vessels, in response to an inquiry is quoted as saying: "As the war has forced all our fleet into temporary idleness, and as we now have in American waters steamers worth more than \$20,000,000, bona fide offers for the purchase of them are being considered."

Overworking the Letterbox. Ingenious devices resorted to for the purpose of working the newspapers for free publicity for vote-chasing office-seekers is general, and not local: Here is the protest against this attempted abuse uttered by the Lincoln Journal: No newspaper could publish all the communications laudatory of candidates received. The mails just before an important primary are burdened with them. When one is published every letter-writing friend of a candidate gets busy and the next day the editorial desk is flooded.

Registration and Population. Compilation of the official figures gives the total number of registered voters in Omaha and South Omaha as 28,788. Assuming that the number of unregistered voters is equal to 10 per cent, and that the men possessing voting qualifications constitute one in five of the inhabitants, the estimated population of Omaha and South Omaha would be 158,330.

Those Congressional Fences. To congressmen unable to get their fences in hog-tight order before the November snows fly, war will be all that Sherman found it if it serves to prolong the session much beyond the present. Overlooked if the folks at home knew that their hard-working representatives were too busy sawing wood at Washington to come home and repair them.

Only fifty odd crossmarks for the intelligent voter to make to utilize his whole right of suffrage in our Douglas county primary. But there will be more yet in the November election.

Our Collapsing "Modern" Culture

BY REV. ADOLPH MULL. Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church. So we were to live and see a period of history close, a new era begin, blood and tear-stained, murderous and awesome, yet truly a new era.

Once again, as through time's millenniums, sounds the cry of the Kingdom of God: Sin is a people's destruction. "Without God in the world," again it is shown to be "without hope in the world." The bald materialism of the eighties and nineties, softened and corrupted into the neurotic "superman" culture of the last decade.

Wars must come when nations begin to forget their God. No culture saves from that. Wars always came when iniquity was ripe. If arguments of peace fail, arguments of chastisement may not.

"World peace" without God peace, truly the din of battle on the head fields of the ironic reply, in many a historical development, to man's vain imaginings. When God withdraws His hand from a God-forgotten era, it totters, and reels, and falls.

The idolatry of "modern" culture had grown successfully defiant toward all Christian truth. So the sceptics undermined faith in God. The atheists taunted and scorned. The materialists built worldly towers of Babel. The effete culturists gorged themselves with the honey of progress.

Once more the earnest preaching of God's word has been ignorantly demonstrated as truth. Once more the Christian and Biblical view of human life and national existence is evidentially proven. Once more scepticism, overculture, idolatry of man's power and progress, and worship before the shrine of the human heart crumble. They never failed to do so in all periods of over-ripe self-dependence.

The Bee's Letter Box

Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

Women Hold the Key. OMAHA, Aug. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: Dr. Hans Huldriksen criticizes women for being interested in pugilism and suggests that women confine their activities to housework and to bearing children.

A Socialist's Peace Plan. OMAHA, Aug. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: I suggest the following plan for stopping this real hell now going on in Europe: First, set aside neutral territory, preferably on the southeast of each of the warring countries, old men and other non-combatants at these points.

Tolstoy's Prophecy and Another. OMAHA, Aug. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: The publication in The Bee of a prophecy by Tolstoy brings to mind some remarkable statements made in a book published in 1893 by Charles Tais Russell.

American's Peace Mission. SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., Aug. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: During the present turmoil of the world, America should stand:

Some Aspects of the War. OMAHA, Aug. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: In these days when all Europe is engaged in the greatest war in history, it is the duty of all good citizens of this country, regardless of nationality, to remain calm and not to come to rash conclusions.

Who is responsible for this terrible calamity, this hell of carnage? Surely not Germany, but rather Russia, or rather its autocrat, the czar and his advisors, on the pretext of protecting their brothers, the Slavs.

Germany is today fighting for her very existence, and if get for that, she certainly is fighting against Russia to prevent that empire from extending its sway over more territory.

Having no use for cars, kings, emperors or potentates as such, still, if I were forced to live under such a gov-

I believe the American spirit of fair play will prevail in the end and the blame for this terrible holocaust will be placed where it belongs, namely: Russia, first; England, second; and France next. The first fighting to extend its barbaric rule, the second for mercenary objects only, the third for revenge, each of which ought to be condoned by every American, whether native or naturalized.

Letters of Political Heathen, Mexico. SOMEWHERE, Aug. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: I pass the reign of Porfirio Diaz. For good or for evil that period has passed into history, but it has nothing to do with my purpose in writing these letters.

HOCH DER KAISER. Philadelphia Record? Alas for that ubiquitous "Made in Germany"—it now has a terrible meaning. Washington Star? The Kaiser moved so quickly that he scarcely gave the "I-told-you-so" expert a chance to catch his breath.

Indianapolis News? In connection with the Kaiser's removal of the Order of the Iron Cross it is noted that practically all the nations of Europe are prepared to give the German soldiers a chance to win the decoration.

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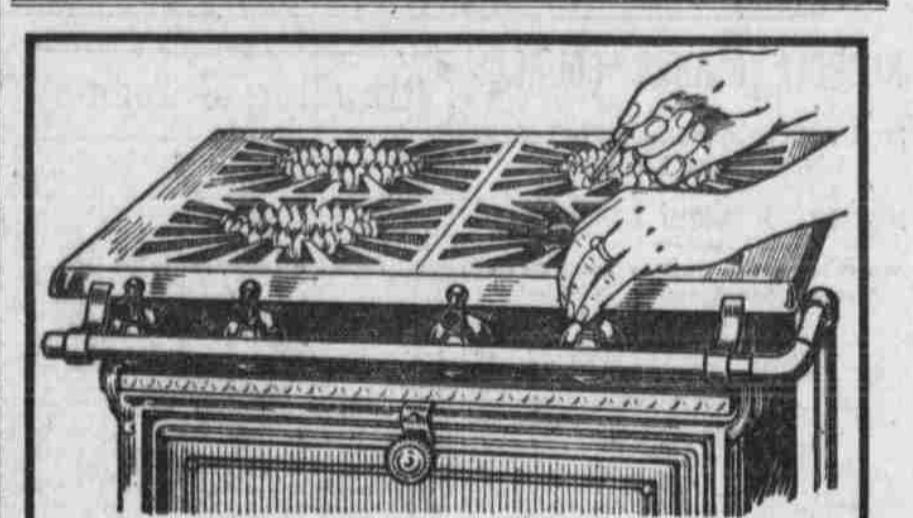
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600,000 dollars or 2 cents an acre, for this steal, with public faith we trumped up an imaginary counter claim. Third, when Mexico's great president, driven to her border was hanging upon her eyebrows, refusing to quit her soil, and later, when the Hapsburg adventurer was deserted by Bonaparte, our secretary of state toyed with Mexico's evil genius and sought to place Mexico under the rule of that worthless scoundrel Santa Anna.

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