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State of Nebraska, County of Doligias. ss. Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of July.

The average data 1914, was \$2,325 DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 4th day of August, 1914. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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A short ballot has become an imperative necessity for Nebraska voters.

The bull moose proved to be a very docile animal in the late Nebraska primarles.

Weil, if the opposition of The Bec helped him so much, he really ought to thank us for it.

In war, as in other things, the unexpected sometimes happens, but the expected much more often

If there is any more comfortable place to be in time of war than in Omaha, we cannot find it on the map.

The French are indeed beset with the woes of war, now that one has been started on the Parislan dress styles.

If, as is claimed, the United States has no senerally accepted national anthem, how would "Home, Sweet Home," do?

If finally dissolved, what will be the effect on the Harvester combine? Will it or will it not, sow and reap in the same old way?

The marriage of Miss Rocks and Mr. Goldburg of New York ought in itself be sufficient to keep the pantry from going bare for a little while at least.

Every day a new plan is proposed for circumventing war in the far east. It is simple war at all hazards.

For a Short Ballot.

While the recent primary is still fresh in mind. The Bee urges the absolute necessity for immediate steps to shorten the ballot. Our biennial elections have given us two elections in one, so that the voter here in Omaha exercising his full right of suffrage has just been compelled to make fifty-eight cross marks down a strip of paper nearly five feet long. Two years hence, with presidential preferences to record, national convention delegates to select, presidential electors. United States senator and judges to nominate, thirty-three additional cross marks will be required, calling upon the voter in the 1516 primary to record from eightyfive to ninety choices, the only variable being the number of constitutional amendments submitted. Clearly this is a load which will break down our machinery of popular elections unless. aulckly lightened.

As the first step toward a short ballot, The

Article III, Section 2. (Census; Legislative Ap-

Hee proposes submission by the coming legisla-

ture of the following amendments to our state

portionment.) The legislature shall at its first

egular session after each enumeration of the in-

habitants of the state made by the authority of the

United States, but at no other time, apportion the

sensions and representatives according to the num-

her of inhabitants excluding indians not taxed.

and soldiers and officers of the United States army

and navy: provided no district shall have more

Article V. Section 1. (Officers; Terms; Real-

dence.) The executive department shall consist of

a governor, lieutenant governor and three railway

secretary of state, auditor of rublic accounts, treas-

urer, superintendent of public instruction, attor-

ney general, commissioner of public lands and

buildings and three commissioners of state institu-

tions to be appointed by the governor and con-

firmed by the state senate. Except as otherwise

herein provided, the elective executive officers

shall each hold his office for the term of two

years from the first Thursday after the first Tues-

day in January next after his election, and until

his successor is elected and qualified, and the

appointive executive state officers shall each hold

his office for the term of two years from the first

Thursday after the first Tuesday in February from

his appointment, and until his successor is ap-

pointed and qualified. All executive state offi-

cers, except the lieutenant governor, shall reside

at the seat of government during their terms of

office, and keep the public records, books and

papers there, and perform such duties as may be

as amended shall become effective at the expira-

tion of the terms of the incumbents of the re-

spective offices ending in the year 19-, and all

officers affected thereby shall continue in their

offices until their successors are duly chosen and

qualified. (D) The first legislative redistricting as

herein provided shall be made by the legislature

at its next session after the adoption of this amend-

Section -, (Schedule.) (a) Article V. section 1

required by law.

ment

commissioners to be elected by the people, and a

than one senator or one representative.

constitution

The Bees, Letter Box

Brief contributions on timals topics invited. The Bee assumed as responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

Fighting It Out Over Here.

ATLANTIC, Is., Aug. 21-To the Edito The Bee: I have just read in your paper two letters. One is President Wilson's proclamation wherein he expresses his "solemn sense of warning" against what he calls "that deepest breach of neutrality that may spring out of passionately taking sides." The other letter, written by Mr. Spader, speaks of one country as a "cowardly nation." as "treacherous England," etc., and lets us

know that the German kalser "Is one of the noblest monarche on earth." Mr Spader also adds to the world's supply of knowledge by publishing that the adversaries of Germany are a "treacherous and deceitful combination."

Now, Mr. Editor, I would like to be loyal to my president and to my native country, America, even though I disapprove some of President Wilson's views My parents were born in America. I shall heed President Wilson's advice so far as not to state any prejudices or crass opinions. But right is right, Loyalty id truth and courage and honor takes procedence over obedience to a president's proclamation. The doctrine of passive acquiescence is not the last word. There fore this note:

do want more light on the invasion of little Beigium. Very many thousands of Belgian widows and orphans will in days to come curse the German invader Belgium asked that foreign troops stay out. Is a country wicked and treacherous not to welcome an invader?

It was very wrong for the Servian fanatle to murder the Austrian prince. Nearly all Germanic people and some others think it was right for Austria to annet the Roaman Slav. Many others believe such expansion and annexation, even when by a Germanic nation, inevitably creates such hostility that radical individuals will resort to violence. I must not settle offhand the right and wrong in these contentions. But I must say that, as a general proposition, he who deals in wholesale ultimatums and declar ations of war on short notice is a menace to the general good, whether that threat ener be Slav, Gaul, German, Briton, Turk or Sloux. Even the Japanese "advice" to Germany is better by over a hundred hours. Far more decent and vastly wiser still is President Wilson's waiting for us at Vera Cruz.

I have long admired those many good qualities that have made German peoples great and powerful and useful. But if expansion is right for them, can those same aggressive qualities make of every other nation "a treacherour, deceitful combination?" If so, should Germany A few words will suffice to explain what stop with Poland, Faris, London and even these amendments would accomplish. The neutral Antwerp? Is it not its duty to change in legislative apportionment would rehurry up a few more ultimatums? duce the number of candidates for state senate JAMES A. DALLAS.

An Englishman's View.

and state representative to be voted for on any ballot to one each instead of as now in this FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 2.-To the Editor of The Bee: Being a constant reader county five state senators and twelve state repof The Bee, I wish to state an Englishresentatives, and would, furthermore, make it man's view of the European war. I beuniform throughout the state. By the one-to-alieve the kaiser of Germany, who is bigdistrict plan, which prevails in many states, headed and jealous, is to blame for this each member of the legislature would have a war and could, to my notion, have averted definite constituency of his own to which he IL So far as England is concerned and doesn't need to be lealous of Germany. would be answerable, and the opportunity for because and is first in the commercial disreputables or nonentities to slip in under industry in Europe, is not the world, and her navies could whip Europe. France is one of the most progressive nations on earth, and the Germans will find her a harder job to whip than in 1871 Then she was a weak power and had no money. We all know that where the British flag waves that there the highest rudiments of civilization are taught. whether it be in India, Africa or Australia.

In Other Lands

Spain Tiring of the Bull Fight.

Civilization muy be getting a black eye in other parts of Europe, but not in Spain. Spain remains as neutral in this time of war as possible, not even get-Ung mixed up in the headlines. Now it is about to take another step forward in the march of civilization and abolish its original and time-honored national sport, the bull fight. Many tragedies the last year have slokened it of gore and led to much agitation over the fair land, and especially in Madrid, for closing up of the ring. The recent grave injury of the Gallo brothers, champion bull fighters of the world, is supposed to have increased the feeling against the "port. In addition to this, the young Miguel Free, famous torendor, hero in many battles both in Spain and Mexico, recently fait fatally gored before a fashionable assemiolage in a Madrid ring. The pall of sadness has not to this day entirely lifted. Many who witnessed the tragedy turned their backs forever, it is said, upon the sport. They had only one Miguel Freg. To see him' churned to death by an infuriated beast was more than even they, hardened, one might think, to such scenes, could endure. And yet Victoriano Huerta, who is said to love a bull fight next to his favorite French cafe, is on his way to Spain full of the seal that only anticipation of a buil fight can arouse in one of his lineage.

Political Peace in China.

It is gratifying to learn that amid the shot and shell of European warfare, the political storm has abated in China, where only sporadic uprisings by the White Wolf bands continue to cause distress. This recession is reflected in the improved commercial and adustrial conditions. In the important city of Shanghal, for instance, building interests are very active and throughout the country this is more or less true, with modernization constantly showing itself in the new structures. Good crops add to the balance of equanimity and naturally public finances are much sounder than they were under former disturbances. This same upward trend of business is to be found also in Japan, whose great domestic plans just now center on the improvement of Korea. This extension work, however, is more or less hindered by a money restriction which Japan is undergoing. But every where in the far east evidences of activity go hand in hand with the manifestations of modernism.

Trying Time in Brazil.

Bragil's coffee and rubber crops, rtaples, are so por this year as to have a widespread, injutious offect upon all business activities. There are no other crops to take their places in a day, no other sources of revenue as substitutes to which Brazil may instantly resort. In view of the last two years of short crops, Brazil, while it can withstand the effect, is experiencing a lot of disastrous commercial liquidations. Experts say that but for an unsettled currency system, with only government credit and little gold to back it, these liquidations might mean improvement. in the way of greater sanitation. But as it is, they are keenly feit. Of course, these conditions are temporary. Brazil will soon begin a larger development of its amazing resources and may come soon to the time when it will not be so completely at the mercy of its coffee and rubber.

Twice Told Tales

Selzed the Opportunity.

"The guides who pllot visitors about in Norway." said a returned traveler, "are a pleasant, intelligent set of men. They speak our language fairly well, and are always anxious to pick up new words.

"Occasionally this desire leads to funny mistakes. While exploring some of the wild and precipitous cliffs one day with my guide, we came upon a spot which looked like an abandoned quarry,

'What is this, Karl?' I askod. 'Have they been getting out stone here?'

'Yes, sir.' he answered; it is where some time ago they have been shooting the rocks.'

'Oh, yes; blasting,' I said, with a smile, and Karl's quick ears caught the new word for 'shooting.' I heard him murmuring to himself two or three

War on Prices

Washinton Prost: It'll take the whole country to dissolve the 900,000,000 bushel wheat crop trus; Wall Street Journal: Law of supply and dishonest demand was never superior to the common law,

Philadelphia Bulletin: Piracy is not tolerated even in warfare, and there is to reason why it should be permitted in feeal food markets. Chicago Herald: The high cost of living appears periously near the fall elections, but the democratic party evidently thinks

but the democratic party evidently lhinks Zettung. is has a complete alibi, Detroit Free Press: One of the big

sition.

much, but how they dare.

'How are you going to tell when there anything of importance going on?" troubles with human nature is that it insists on grabbing at every excuse to boost asked one war correspondent the price of what it has to sell.

Philadelphia Press: The high-priced market basket is not all due to the war. The democratic party should not be de-

prived of its share of the credit for it. Troy Times: Uncle Sam may just take a firm grip upon the maps of the retailer's the trial of the multiple the nuble is answered the fashion-able child. "Is mother to get large allneck who tries to mulch the public by mon

maintain that the way justifies charging

the householder \$2 a basket. There is as

much reason for putting up the price of

LINES TO LAUGHTER.

She (at the ball game)-Why does he make those motions with his arm before he pitches the ball? He-Those are signals to the catcher, The two men work in concert. She-Dear me! Is that the "concert pitch Tye heard about so often?-Boston Transcript

peaches as of wheat.

unjustifiable boosting of prices on neces-"Large enough to embarrass father financially?"-Kansas City Journal. St. Louis Republic: If the food-price

inquiry is prabed into the high-class rea-taurants of St Louis and elsewhere, the question will be not why they charge so near-sighted."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

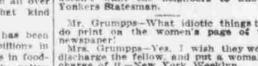
Mrs. Bacon-I don't think a man should keep anything from his wife. Mr. Bacon-Not unless it is something he doesn't want the neighbors to know.-Yonkers Statesman.

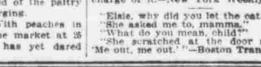
Mr. Grumpps-What idiotic things they Mr. Grumpps-what induct things they do print on the women's page of this newspaper? Mrs. Grumpps-Ves. I wish they would discharge the fellow, and put a woman in charge of it.-New York Weeklyn.

Elsie, why did you let the cat out?"

wouldn't come amiss. Kansas City Journal: There has been so much talk of millions and billions the dispatches lately that dealers in foodstuffs seem to be ashamed of the paltry prices they have been charging. Philadelphia Ledger: With peaches in New Jersey a drug on the market at 25 cents a basket, no one has yet dared 'Me out, me out.'"-Boston Transcript. Philadelphia Ledger: With peaches in

Indianapolis News: And while congress is probing the prices of various foodstuffs. perhaps a little local intervention all over the country in things of thet kind







THE BEE: OMAHA, SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1914.

It looks like three, and possibly four, Omaha nominees on the republican state ticket. Who said anything about an up-state prejudice against the metropolis?

Too many of these "mysterious" shooting scrapes fall of unraveling. Let us get at the secret of some of them, and see if it will not help to reduce the number.

The president of the republic of Mexico now is Venustiano Carranza. But Mexican presidents have been coming and going so often of late that it is not easy to keep track of them.

War, like politics, makes strange bed fellows, as witness the honorable mikado on the side of his whilom enemy, the czar. Yet this is little more anomalous than England's alliance with Russia.

Of course, the meat packers are not responsible any more than are the retail butchers. It was because the cat played the fiddle and the little dog laughed that the cow jumped over the moon.

Europe in the throes of war certainly deserves the pity of mankind, but think how much worse its lot might be if H. G. Wells and G. Bernard Shaw should lock horns, as they threaten to do.

It is gratifying to be assured again that the Third ward machine has been once more 'amashed to smithereens," "sent to the scrapheap" and "wiped out of existence"-until the next time it is needed as a bogy man to help the professional reformers rally their forces.



The Douglas county teachers' institute clused after adopting resolutions of gratitude and thanks to Superintendent Branner. The committee which drew the resolutions consisted of Max Ransull, James H. Forrier, Anna E. Ebers, Emma Rovergian and Carrier R. Kumpf.

Hereafter the curtain at Hoyd's opera house will rise promptly at % o'clock instead of 8:30, as hereto-

Miss Mamie Schreiner, residing at 1418 Chicago street, returning from a week's visit at Oakland, was the recipient of a surprise party by some twenty of her little friends.

Miss Ada Shields, who has been clerking for S. P. Morse & Co., left for West Point to visit friends. Mrs. A. B. Davenport, wife of the popular clerk

at the Millard, and their four children, returned after an extended visit in Michigan and Ohio. The newspaper reporters and the firemen are booked

for a Bunday ball game to determine supremacy between pencils and nozzles.

E. P. Ringer of the firm of C. A. Ringer & Co. has gone to New York to buy fall and winter mill-

cover of a large field of candidates would be almost eliminated. Each senatorial district would be made up of three representative districts.

and the first redistricting would be had at once to be subsequently revised after each federal census.

The amendment relating to state executive officers would reduce the number to be elected at any one time to three, namely, governor, lieutenant governor and railway commissioner. and make all of the others appointive, subject to confirmation by the senate. This would give us practically a general manager scheme of state government, and force the people not only to be circumspect in their choice of governor and lieutenant governor, but also to hold the governor strictly responsible for the results of his administration. If the senate does its full duty in confirmation. the present elective offices made appointive would at least not suffer in the character or ability of the incumbents, and saving them the expense of a political eampaign would be equivalent to raising their salaries to a point that would command better capabilities. All these officers would be removable and also impeachable for cause.

As the editor of The Bee is not a lawyer, the drafts of these proposed amendments may perhaps be deficient in the legal phraseology, but we believe they embody a clear statement of the plan, which we hope will provoke discussion. We invite opinions from those interested, particularly from other newspapers and from candidates for the legislature and for state offices.

The Pace of Life

Commenting upon the present as an "Age of brevity," and its demand for speed and action rather than the deliberation of the past, the Saturday Evening Post observes: "But our own notion is that, with the lightning-express service we demand, we reach just the same destination our forefathers reached in their leisurely way."

Undoubtedly we do, and more: we are far surpassing our forfathers in point of achievement. And what a poor tribute it would be to our forefuthers, as well as to ourselves, if we did not! Shame on the race whose succeeding generations do not show continued improvement and excellence. . To be sure, our swift-moving pace will now and then sweep us past some point of service too fast for our own good, will cause us to slight this task or that, but in the main it brings up worthily and advantageously. We simply could not if we would and would

not if we could live as leisurely as our ancestors did, however much of virtue there was in it for them and might be for us, if adaptable to our day.

Our election commissioner is going to try to better when we settle down to the realization that it is not Americanism to fan the flames of class hatred or religious bigotry. Among the founders of the republic no man was asked how much money he possessed or what faith he adhered to.

I hope that when this cruel was is over that the kalser will be off the throne and Germany will be a republic and that Alzace-Lorraine will be under the French France rightfully.

FRANK W. WOODBURN.

The K. of C. Obligation. OMARA, Aug. 31 .- To the Editor of The Ese: Kindly permit me through the "Letter Box" to tender to Mr. Irwin (and others) some information which he requests in today's Bee about the bogus K. oath. It is estimated that millions of copies of this fake document have been circulated over the country where Catholics were candidates for office. Anyone taking this oath promises to commit morder and even worse if ordered to do so by his superiors. The Morrisons charged an individual K. C. with taking this promise. He sued them and as' his defense offared in evidence the ritual of the fourth degree containing the obligation which members take. The contrast between what Knights of Columbus really promise and what they are charged with protousing in this fake oath was so great that the jury (none of whom were Catholics) decided that criminal libel had been committed and found the Morrisons gulley.

This bogus onth was printed in the congressional record about February 15, 1913, and was denounced by the committee on elections as false and vile and its circulation as contemptible and un-American Anti-Catholic papers printed only part of the record and made a few of their readers believe it was authentic. The genuine fourth degree K. C. obligation as presented to the jury in the Morrison case was printed in last week's True Volce. WILLIAM MCCORMICK 1301 Farnam Street.

Note by Editor-This communication embodies the substance of acteral and owing to limited space the subject will be considered covered.

Result of Readiness. Philadelphis Lodger.

Nations do not prepare for war unless they expect war. The fallacy that Europe's mighty armies assured peace has been fully exposed. A test had to come. is will be worth the cost if it terminates the race to bankruptcy which has charactorized the preparations of the last few 3 cars.

Beauties of M. O.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Edmonton is kicking loudly over the monthly deficits in the operation of the municipal street car system. Seattle has the same experience with deficits, but has not got round to the point of kicking very hard over it yet.

one Point sottled. Washington Star.

And lingering doubts as to the desirability of any practical arrangement to secure universal peace are by this time entirely removed.

times afterwards.

"The next day our journey brought us into a large tract of magnificent forest. 'Karl,' said I, 'there ought to be fine hunting here in the season."

'Yes, sir,' was the prompt reply, 'very good hunting.' Then, with the air of a man who seizes an opportunity, he added, proudly, 'Indeed, it is near here, sir, that we blast many bears." "-London Tit Bits.

Poor Mrs. Brown.

Rudyard Kipling undoubtedly inherits his ready wit from his maternal grandfather, the Rev. George P. Macdonald, a Wesleyan clergyman, whose name as flag again, as she has always belonged to a raconteur and wit has been handed down to postority.

It was related of this gentleman that in the days when he was courting the lady whom he afterward married, the father-in-law-to-be, an aged Methodist with extremely strict notions in regard to the proprietles, was injudicious enough on one occasion to enter the parlor without giving any warning of his approach. The consequence was that he found the sweethearts occupying a single chair.

Deeply shocked by the spoctacle, the old man solemaly said:

"Mr. Macdonald, when I was courting Mrs. Brown she sat on one side of the room and I on the other."

"Well, sir," said young Macdonald, not a bit perturbed, "that's what I should have done if I had been courting Mrs. Brown."

People and Events

Former Governor Fort of New Jersey left Washington Tuesday for a six weeks' trip to Santo Domingo on business for the State department.

Louis H. Meyer of Newark, N. J., is under arrest harged with passing nine bad checks. He started his honeymoon by giving Rev. Dr. Book a worthless check for \$5.

Fred R. Chuse of New York, a song writer and author of "The Straight Road is a Great Road After All," was arrested, charged with the larceny of \$1,600 from Miss Anna Levine.

The Cuban government suppressed an edition of the liberal newspaper, El Cubano, and arrested the editor. Congressman Sagaro, because of bitter attacks on the secretary of the interior and President Menocal

John W. Masury of New York, president of John W. Masury & Co., paint manufacturers, has brought suit for \$100.000 against the Long Island railroad for being foreibly ejected from a seat on one of its trains.

liency Clews, the banker, is negotiating with the government for the old assay office next to the subtreasury in Wall street. He proposes to move it uptown, turn it into a museum and present it to the city.

William B. Peck, a structural engineer of New York, filed suit for 120,000 against Dr. Percy R. Mc-Neille, a dentist, on the ground that his health had been permanently injured through the dentist's treat ment.

Howard Butler, professor of archaelogy in Princeton university and a friend of President Wilson, has returned to his home in Croton Falls, after a six month's search for the fabled riches of Crocesus in Asia Minor.

Colonel John Schuyler Crosby, former governor of Montana, and former first assistant postmaster general of the United States, died at the Newport (R. 1.) hospital from heart failure last Sunday. He was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1839. During the civil war he served with distinction and was appointed colonel of the Seventh New York heavy artillery. He was consul to Florence. Italy in 1878; governor of Montana from 1882 to 1884; first assistant postmaster general of the United States from 1888 to 1886, and school commissioner of New York City from 1889 to 1892.

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