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State of Nebraska. County of Doug'as, as. Dwisht Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of October, 194, was 5,164. DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 5th day of November, 1814. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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It may yet be a white Christman,

Mrs. Pankhurst seems to have been lost in the war game shuffle.

The bull moose party has decided to continue-whatever it is doing,

An exchange speaks of "Brutal Journalism," possibly referring to the "slug heads."

The densest of fogs has a slim chance against one burst of this Nebraska sunlight in warm December.

Worst has come to worst since that oldtime friend, "boggars description,' has found it. way into the war bulletins.

Yes, but what about that long-deferred cutting of the federal patronage ple for which hungry democrats are so impatient?

Diplomacy, says Mr. Bryan, is the art of keeping cool. In other words, of keeping one's feet on the ground while the band plays.

Though Mr. Bryan repelled the advances of the Chicago girl very effectually, he is still accused of exchanging furtive glances with Miss Democracy.

It is one thing for voters to mark a nonpartisan judicial ballot, and guite another thing for the governor to make nonpartisan judiciary appointments.

The Poland Campaign.

The presence of both czar and kalser on the battleground in northern Poland emphasizes the importance attaching to this campaign. The inference is plain that both sides are awaiting the outcome with more than ordinary concern. While not to be regarded as decisive for the whole war, it is evidently to be of crucial character, and it may yet become a turning point in the current of the conflict.

While the Russian and German rulers are at the front in Poland, the Belgian king continues at the head of his army, and now the British sovereign and the president of France are giving personal oversight to their troops. It may, therefore, be inferred that all look for something in the nature of a climax, and yet under the circumstances, considering the approach of severe weather, what would be more natural than this effort to give the inspirational effect of Imperial presences to the respective troops? Nevertheless, more than usual significance must be accorded to the coincident appearance of czar and kaiser in the Polish battle arena.

Patronize Home Merchants.

The retailers of Omaha have a just grievance in the periodic invasion by so-called "itinerant" representatives of out-of-town houses seeking to sell goods here at the seasons of brisk business without maintaining any permanent establishment. Objection is made, and rightly, that this is not fair competition-not on account of the character of the wares offered or prices, but because of the representation that exclusive or newer-style articles may be thus obtained, when the latest styles in the same or superior quality are constantly carried by our home merchants at prices as low, if not lower, Having grappled with this problem them-

selves without satisfactory results, the retailers have put the solution up to the newspapers, but all a newspaper can do in the matter is to point out to the public what the condition is, and try to make local buyers realize that it is not to their interest to patronize the itinerant. Omaha retailers, of course, appreciate the fact that some trade in every town goes outside, usually to a larger city, which loss is counterbalanced by trade from other towns coming in. But this is distinctly different from the "representative-will-be-at-the-hotel-for-a-few-days" system. These itinerants, however, will not continue to come in unless they do a profitable business, and there will be no profit to such business if our people will only look around and let themselves be convinced that our own all-the-yeararound merchants, constantly accessible and always responsible, can meet all their demands with up-to-date wares and as good, or better, values for their money.

Well Deserved Praise.

The president's "well done, thou good and faithful servant," is a deserved commendation to bestow upon General Funston, his fellow officers and men in the ranks for their conduct of the occupation of Vera Crus. As we have said before, in this brief period Mexico was given a good sample of American life and influence and Mexicans, especially those close enough to the scene, have a very much higher regard for Americans and American government today than they have ever had. They know from actual demonstration and experience that the United States, in the first place, has no sinister designs on Mexico or any other Latin-American country. They know we mean what we say when we declare our desire is to build up friendly mutual relations between them and us. And still more, this brief American rule at Vera Cruz has taught the Mexicans the incomparable superiority of our mode of living; taught them the advantages and delight of clean streets, wellkept cities, decent law enforcement and honest business methods, Indeed, General Funston and his men did well the work they were sent to do. A most delicate task, to be met under most trying circumstances, they performed it without making one serious mistake, when they had opportunities to make many.

Gossip About Bryan

New Paramounts Excite Amagement.

A staff correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle at the national capital writes to that democratic paper as follows:

"William J. Bryan's public espousal of the causes of equal suffrage and prohibition as national reforms, to be accomplished through the medium of constitutional amendments has excited profound astonishment in the city of Washington, in view of the contrary views entertained on these questions by Mr. Bryan's chief, President Wilson, Mr. Bryan has come in unequivocal terms for woman suffrage and prohibition of the liquor traffic, and has given the femocratic party notice that, if it would keep step with the times, it must incorporate both propositions in its national platform of 1916.

"On the contrary, Fresident Wilson, on at least one public occasion, declared that regulation of the liquor traffic was properly a function of the states, and to a delegation of suffragists who called at the White House with a view to enlisting his support for their cause, he asserted, with strong emphasis, that they should look to the states for laws granting omen the right to vote.

"In the face of these assertions by the president, Secretary Bryan made public a proclamation, in which he declared that "the democrats of the nation have to face, and they may as well prepare for an: it." Mr. Bryan described this issue as 'the alcoholic millatone.' He followed this up with the assertion. Woman suffrage is coming-nothing is more certain. Then, the secretary of state added that the saloon was the enemy of equal suffrage as well as of prohibition, and that the advances of the two reforms should units in a fight on the saloon.

Break with Wilson in Sight?

"If Mr. Bryan should adhere to his views on suf-frage and prohibition, and President Wilson stands by his guns, the two men are apt to find themselves seriously at odds in 1916. Both are tenacious of their opinions and, despite his position in the cabinet. Mr. Bryan has shown a remarkable disposition to assert his beliefs, even although he has appeared at times as acting contrary to the administration program and policy.

"For example, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bryan took opposite sides in the recent senatorial campaign in Hinols. Mr. Bryan went to that state and made an active campaign before the primaries in opposition to the nomination of Roger Sullivan. There is anfor the statement that Mr. Bryan did not thority consult President Wilson as to his course. Sullivan was nominated and, as a candidate before the people. was indersed by the administration. Mr. Bryan's action in this case aroused great bitterness among some administration officials. Just what the president himself thought about it hus never been disclosed.

"In upholding prohibition and equal suffrage as national reforms, Mr. Bryan is not only running counter to the views of the president, but he is directly in conflict on these questions with most of the nocratic leaders in congress, notably Represe tive Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama. Mr. Underwood made a campaign for the senate and won on a platform that declared regulation of the liquor traffic to be a state issue. He maintains the same attitude toward equal suffrage. Furthermore, the democratic loaders of the house were instrumental at the last session in preventing a vote on both prohibition and equal suffrage. They claim that the resolutions embodying these reforms will be defeated, if brought to a vote at the forthcoming session.

Speculation on Bryan's Motive.

"Mr. Bryan was fully aware when he voiced his views on equal suffrage and prohibition that his party leaders in congress, and possibly the president, were opposed, on grounds of political expediency, to any agitation likely to encourage the thought that the proposed reforms should be brought about by amendment of the federal constitution. Accordingly, some of the leaders want to know the motive that impelled Mr. Bryan to speak out on these subjects in the way he did, and at this time. They fear that Mr. Bryan, who has the courage of his convictions, is certain to make trouble for the party on these two issues in 1916. They express grave doubts that the president, who has been able to hold the secretary of state in check on most administration pollcles, will be able to influence him in the slightest



Sympathy for the Belgians.

OMAHA, Dec. 3.-To the Editor of The Bee: The Germans in America who are loyal to the kaiser and the military reactionaries of the fatherland, decry the generous response of the American people to Belgium's cry for fond. Mr. A. L. Meyer-evidently a German, asks why the inhabitants of a large part of East Prussia do not come in for a share of American sympathy and donations. According to many dispatches from

Berlin via wireless-not via London-we are given to understand that Germany has plenty of food, plenty of money and plenty of everything and naturally we assume that the East Prussians will be taken care of by the paternal government of the German empire.

Americans extend aid to the Belgians from a humanitarian standpoint. There is no work for the people of that distressed ountry to do that will not help the invaders and we can understand why a true patriot would rather starve than help the enemies of his country. Germany is overflowing with milk and honey ac ording to Berlin and yet America must feed a starving next door neighbor of the kaiser's domain.

Will the allies be less charitable when the invasion of Germany is in progress? Will the historic edifices of the fatherand be spared from bomhardment? Will

tions, let us feed the starving Belgiansthe victims of a crazed war lord and his ROBERT J. FITZPATRICK.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 3 .- To the Editor of The Bee: On the morning after election in 1913 Mr. George C. Haskins, now ceased, who was a fine old gentleman of the old school democrats, asked me what I thought of the great democratic victory. I told him that I thought as I had thought, that the democratic always party had never run this country right, and that they never will. On Monday of this week a workingman was in my office and he said he was in front of the Cudahy plant at 7 o'clock in the morning of that day, and that fully 2,500 men were there trying to get jobs. Another workingman who works at the Cudahy plant and who was formerly a democrat sail to me on Monday evening that this condition always prevails when the democrats are in power. The languishing industries will not re-

vive as they ought to revive until after the election of 1916, when the republican party will come back to power with one of the greatest sweeps in the history of the country, for the people are tired of democratic failures as they are always, after trying them only twenty-one months, since Wilson's inauguration. There are millions in the country today suffering for food and clothing on account of the democratic policies, who need assistance, and they should be looked after first, and let the Germans take care of the Belgians. The republicans who voted for Roosevelt in 1912 will not repeat the error in 1916, for they will all be back where they belong. With the republican party in power today we would not see the stagnation that exists in all parts of the country. And we would not now be compelled to pay a war tax in times of peace in this country. The war excuse fooled a good many people this year, but it will not fool them in 1916, F. A. AGNEW.

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Editorial Viewpoint

Boston Transcript; The entrance of Portugal into the conflict somehow minds us of the fly assisting old man Noah's elephant up the ark's gangplank. Pittsburgh Dispatch: If the president's new Colorado commission can settle the strike situation out there it should be sent immediately to Europe to settle that. Or, perhaps it would be better to have it

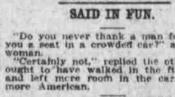
try its luck in Europe first as the less unpromising of the two. Houston Post: Richard Croker gave his outhful bride \$500,000 as a wedding gift. When one of these septuagenarians becomes enamored of the tuvenile skirt, he

is generally ready to convert his coin into vellowbacks, buy a supply of matches and begin to burn. Baltimore American: The first motor

cycle rider to test a new Omaha speedway was killed while taking a curve in the usual way. The experiment has been performed so often that he one should be left who still believes in attaining a different result with the pace which literally kills. Cleveland Pinin Dealer: Eugene Zim

merman of Cincinnati, whose daughter married a duke, does not wish son-in-law any hard luck or anything like that, but he does express a modest desire that the young man may find it convenient to serve somewhere up near the front ranks in the war in Flanders, where the bullets are most numerous, and where bulletproof shelters are fewest.

Brooklyn Eagle: The holy war is on It has a millennial sound. The holy alliance of 1815 of Prussia, Russia and Austria sounded just as good, but it turned out to be a co-partnership of the "plenipotentiaries of heaven" to further their own selfish ends. The few people who read the Koran in this country will probably not get so far as to organize a literary bureau to promulgate the news from Constantinople as censored by the



suttan and Allah.

"So she has already found lottery?"

"Oh, yes! You see, she matrie acquaintance."-Judge. "What I admire." said the

"Yes," replied Miss Cayene much more unusual than th bone in the hat of silk."-V Etar.

"They say she is splendid heatricals" "She's a wonder. She can most painful tragedy a source amusement.-Life.

"I am hunting for an hor muttered Diogenes, as he has adjusted his flash. "You't nothing on him."-Stanford Ch

"Farewell, dear, I will neve to feel the same toward you a "Heavens, George! What

sons?" "Nothing, dear. I am just so cut off my mustache., -Ohio "What part do you suppose prew" voung bride is going his life?" "Judging from her looks, I th going to be something of a serv -Baltimore American.

City Girl-How savagely that

JACK FROST.

Jack Frost-he is with us again He come every winter, you know; But we re heart, and bold, And we don't mind the cold. And we wilcome the ice and the snow.

Jack Frost plays a rough sort of same With the children wherever he goes: He pinches, their clocks, Their noses he twenks, And he trends on their ten little toes.

Jack Frost makes the ground rather hard. But with thick shoes we clatter about; And we run till our breath Puffs away like a wreath Of white steam from the teakettie's

Jack Frost lays his hand on the pond, And turns it to slittering ice; Then the skaters, they glide, And the sliders they slide, And the whole world is jolly and nice.

Jack Frost-he is sure to be found Where the sleighbells are tinkling clear, As the horses, an strong, Canter gally along, While the lads give a shout and a cheer.

Jack Frost, you are welcome again, Of pleasures you bring us a store; But be as mild as you can, O, you fierce little man. When you visit the feeble and poor.

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the allies destroy German libraries? While presuming on these fateful ques-

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Democratic Disasters.

American Ambassador Morganthau is said to have run a successful bluff on the Turks. All we have to say is that the man who can do that is some bluffer.

Oh, holy smoke! Now they are asking if Commander Peary was deceived by a mirage! Next, they will want to know if old Doc. Cook had on smoked glasses.

Only one socialist vote in the German Reichstag recorded against the new war loan. Looks as if the Germans were backing up their war lord pretty unanimously.

Laws, ordinances, public sentiment, agitation and bitter experience notwithstanding, the guns, revolvers, "knucks" and other deadly weapons may still be seen luringly displayed in the show windows.

That Kansas City preacher who, after being out hunting the day before, stood in the pulpit on Sunday and preached with a bullet in his leg. was doubtless able to give his congregation several hot shots.

Presumably that Water board's answer will be that it is just as easy to turn the city government over to the Water board as to transfer the management of the water works to the city administration.

An effort is to be made to raise the rivers and harbors pork barrel which Senators Burton and Kenyon torpedoed and sunk a few months ago. It will take some skillful engineering to make that cargo float.

According to railway men, passenger travel is feeling the effects of war disturbance more than freight movement. The railroads would do well to keep this in mind when they are attempting to boost passenger fares.



The oldest inhabitant again comes to the front. ith the prediction that the entire winter will be open like the last few weeks.

Omaha will he represented at the New Orleans ation by photographs of the High School buildng and every prominent structure in the city.

The concert at Turner hall last evening by Mr. fehannes Svendson, the great Danish visitnist, asalles Muinie Parker, was pronounced a most enjoyalls entertainment.

T. L. Creamer, 511 Pierce street, offers a reward of about 100 for the return of a buckakin pouch he has loss containing about 1206.

Omake clearing house receipts for the day were \$423,183.

Vennor's almanae for 1855 contains an exhaustive aviicle on "Agriculture, the Weather and the Seg-sons," written by General Tost of this city.

The Omaha Zither club has elected these officers or the coming year: President, Julius T. Fustner: scretary, Mas A. Marsichter, treasners, Mina T. nowden. The instruments represented in the club pedials twenty-seven zithers, two visits zithers and a ute, and it is the infontion to and two hanjus, two stars and another fifts.

Old School Problem Again.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of Chicago's public schools, has again raised the alarm over the large percentage of children who fail to complete the elementary course and turn aside from school entirely as soon as they can get from under the requirements of the law. She reiterates what has often been said about the misfit of the school curriculum to the pupil. The fault, she contends, is in attempting to fit. the child to the school, instead of the school to the child.

It has long been contended that right along this line lay one of the most serious problems with which popular educaton has had to deal. It is easy enough to fit the school work to the unusually bright boy or girl, but not easy to fit it to the dull one. Hence the effort has been to strike a common level for the average, and this is a task that so far has taxed the most skillful and ingenius.

But now comes another light on the subject. Chicago has in progress a public exhibition, the director of which has made the rather startling asserting that nine-tenths of that city's school children have physical afflictions that interfere with their work in the class rooms. The most common aliments are adenoids, defective eyes, ears and teeth and enlarged tonsils. He declares that 12,500 children repeated their grades last year and that 87 per cent of these were physically unsound.

It is certainly possible, and perhaps probahie, that there is a connection between the discovery of Mrs. Young and that of the health exhibition director. Perhaps, after all, the chief fault does not lie in the abnormality of the school course so much as that of the child, which is subject to correction.

The World-Herald devotes a double-shotted, double-column load of editorial ammunition to a labored attempt to convince people that republican votes defeated the republican candidate for governor in Nebraska because he had been for Roosavelt. Every well-informed person knows it was nothing of the kind. Other candidates on the state ticket who were for Roosevelt. polled the full republican vote, and some of them were elected.

If any one has been imagining that the soldiers carry bayonets at the ends of their guns. for ornamental purposes only, this war in Europe is likely to disabuse his mind.

on what Mr. Bryan has described as 'the moral fastles of the day.

When Mr. Bryan entered the cabinet, everybody who is anybody in politics predicted that his tenure would not last more than a year. Mr. Bryan's enomics charge that he has been a colossal fallure in the office of secretary of state. They charge, further. that no one knows this quite so well as President Wilson. Nevertheless, it is a practical certainty that Mr. Bryan will remain in the post until the end of the administration, unless he chooses to retire of his own volition. Those close to President Wilson say that Mr. Bryan, whatever his errors of omission iston, will not be asked to resign, nor is he believed at this time to harbor any such intention

"Whether Mr. Bryan is attempting to create a situation that would warrant him in giving a good excuse for a break with the administration is a question that has frequently been asked since the pub-Beation of Mr. Bryan's pronounced views on woman suffrage and his reiterated opinions on prohibition. It seems to some of the friends of the administration that Mr. Bryan went out of his way to give utterances that he must have known would arouse hard feelings among leaders in congress, and at the same time place him in a position of antagonism Prosident Wilson "

People and Events

The Vistula joins Alsne and the Yser in the roster of rivers of doubt.

The war tax on beer lightens the tonnage of noohers by stretching the collar of suds half an inch. Boosters of the lumber trade suggest that President Wilson buy a bunch of shingles and avoid the charge of cotton bale favoritism.

The first municipal dance in Chicago started with a crush of galety, and was inaugurated very properly Dreamland hall. Every Cinderella in the neighborhood got an official "bid" to the dance,

The esteemed Patrick Egan of Lincoin and else-where prosided at a meeting of Irish-Americans in New York last Friday, at which a resolution was adopted ridiculing Sir Roger Casement's pretense of speaking for Irishmen during his visit to the German foreign office in Berlin.

High school students in Denver, 300 strong, having beaten a rival school in a foot ball game, spurned the authority of their teachers, marched out of school and celebrated the victory by yelling on the streets downtown. Disciptine and foot ball are unable to do teamwork in Denver.

At the age of 30 Mrs. Mary Ann Miller, a resident of Greenwich, one of the older Manhattan villages was told by the doctors that she could not possibly live three months. The other day Mrs. Miller cele-brated her 100th birthday at her home in the Bronx, and declared that she "felt like 50." The doctors are entitled to another guess.

Turkey sends word to its numerous creditors that terest on its debt will be paid on the sipulated day. but creditors must call at the national treasury at Constantinopie for the money. As every road to the Turkish capital is guarded, the task put up to creditors asures considerable exercise

There is something new under the sun. New York state plans to send west a special demonstration train, filled with farm products, to show western farmers how much easier money can be dug out of the land "back east." The novelty of the project sed by a superior brand of nerve

Another New York chauffeur has annexed the widewed owner of the lincusine. Instead of shedding tears the bride shed her habiluments of wos, and the gallant wheelman pillows his swelled head on the downy comforts of a six-figure bank account. As culters of fine flowers of womankind the chauffour has all other speeding professions beaten a mile.

Germany counters on Great Britain's war loan by voting a supplementary war budget of equal size. What France and Russia and Austria. \$1.150.000-000 not to mention Turkey and Servia, are doing with their war budgets, does not appear in the reports, but they are burning up the money all right. The prospoet of a reduction of taxation on the other side of the Atlantic, is an attractive as an Amsterdam fog

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Dec. 3.-To the Editor of The Bee: According to the once noted French sage Nostradamus, the present great war will continue four years, culminating in the appearance of a world law-giver.

Whether Nostradamus wrote down his prophecies in 1555 or not does not matter. They were written before the event-for they were printed before the event, read before the event and utterly unbelieved and forgotten-all before the event. His prophecies were republished by M. Bareste about 1840. "We cannot deny that some person, be he who he may, had an amazingly clear perception of what is going on just now. The principal personages have taken their places on the stage.

Nostradamus was born in 1593 and died in 1556, having been the companion of many great men and women, and having foreseen the fall of the temporal power. His contemporary, Olivarius, was also famous as a seer. The prophecies of these two became mixed together, like the writings of Bacon and Shakespeare, as represented by J. J. Points.

By one or the other of these the career of Napoleon was vividly foretold. And then comes the end of the perpetual European conflicts. A new combatant appears on the scene, who bears for his sign the picture of a lion and a cock. A lance is then presented to him by the sultan of turkey.' The lion and cock indicate an alliance of France and England, surely. "A cause of war is furnished by the suitan." The war le to last long-fortynine months-ending with the entire submission and hugofiation of Berlin, Vienna and St. Petersburg! The glory of victory is to be followed by calamities at home in due time.

Pence will continue during forty-five moons. The River Seine will then widen its bed with ruin and slaughter. New factions arise, but will be chased from the palace by the kings of the man of valor. Then France will be declared by 'all people to be the great and metropolitan nation. And he-the man of valor-"rules the destinies of the world; makes himself sovereign, counsel of every nation and people; lays the foundation of fruit without end-and dies." J. M. HOLADAY.

Let England Do R. RED OAK, Ia., Dec. 2.-To the Editor of The Bee: Mr. A. L. Meyer's letter in your paper is absolutely correct. Fur-

thermore, I can't see why England, the ruler over the seas, is lacking in honor to such a degree as to allow any country to help the "poor Belgians. The "poor Bolgians" went to war and resisted Gernany because they (the Belgians) were led to believe that Great Old England was ready to help it, as long as it could keep Germany just for a few days. England sicked the poor Belgians on to Ger-many and told the poor Belgians "I am ing to help you.

But Great Old England never came; it kept on promising from day to day, but in its heart it knew that it and its people are too cowardly to keep its piedge. The poor Belgian spent his blood for the great cause of Dear Old England, and England cannot or will not help them out now. when Beigtum is sufforing on account of the broken pledges of Hingland. I see from the papers that we sent Christmas presents even to the poor children of England, and England seems to accept England, the rinhest nation of the world. who claims to role the anas. & MILLER







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