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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 2d day of February, 1915.

ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

Thought for the Day. Selected by Fannie Arnold.

'Tis music, now sweet and dear, Loved by my soul and ear; Let it breathe on, where I sleep the last sleep.

That Missouri anti-trust law seems to have teeth in it.

Looks as if the coroner's job were on the toboggan. Why a coroner anyway?

If pure measure lumber is a good thing, why not pure lumber rightly measured?

Giving up easy money is not a novel experience. The pain springs from a touch rubbed in.

From the way they are signing up, that lobbyist register at Lincoln no longer carries any terror in it.

Every day's events emphasize the fact that the safest place for American globe trotters this year is close to home.

Try to conceive the feelings of the highwayman who takes a penitentiary risk only to find that his victim carries neither money nor valuables.

No, the recent tumble in wheat prices had no bearing on the value of grain. It was simply a record of the speed of grain brokers in switching a bet.

In the interval Italy is doing a superior line of business in grain imports, eagerly sought at its back doors, and is observing strict neutrality while taking in the money.

Afghanistan will give a brushful of oriental color to the holy war, but real action will not begin until the Ahkond of Swat puts his swatter in the field. Then it's goodbye, Picaadilly, also Rue Rivoli.

Responsibility for the war has been placed on lumberless shoulders. Now the finger of scorn points to the aristocracy as the author of the century's high crime. With this point definitely settled, the shooting may proceed.

"A repetition of that experience should be avoided," says he, referring to the city's experience in the water plant litigation. Words fitly spoken. The experience cost our city an extra \$5,000,000 to make a job for the political engineer.

The railroad presidents, instead of sending messenger boys, are waiting on Iowa solons in person. Wonder if they realize what they are storing up for themselves—that the self-esteem of legislatures of other states will not permit them to be content with less attention.

Abolishing the naval plucking board spells joy for veterans of the service. Depriving a chair warmer of his seat or yanking a defective elder from the quarterdeck to the shadows of a rest cure institute caused more physical discomfort than one branch of congress would stand for.

Thirty Years Ago. This Day in Omaha.

The second party of the Myrtle Lodge series took place at Metropolitan hall, the committee in charge being made up of D. Kaufman, J. Donnelly, Jr., A. H. Borden, C. Stevens, W. F. Manning, I. D. DeLortner, J. J. Monahan, Jr., F. J. Knapp, Thomas Burwell, G. H. Leslie.

The Bee is going after coal dealers who are short-weighting poor customers and has turned up one that requires signature to a receipt which contains an almost illegible line, "Retaining at the city scales."

Marshall Bierhower, now in Washington, has been reappointed and is expected back at the end of the week.

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Embarrassing the Administration.

The presentation of a rule for closing the debate on the shipping bill shows how closely into the corner the administration party has been driven by its democratic opponents.

Senator O'Gorman of New York has plainly charged that the majority senators are being dictated to and their course directed by influences from outside the senate chamber.

And now closure is to be appealed to, in connection with the power of the party organization, to force an unwilling senate to vote on the president's measure.

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Improving Business Outlook. President Farrell of the United States Steel corporation has gone on record publicly with the declaration that 1915 is to be one of the busiest industrial years in the history of the United States.

Just now exports are unduly enhanced by reason of the war in Europe, and while the reports from the government show tremendous increases, in most instances they are due solely to the abnormal demand from Europe for war supplies.

Another significant feature is the generally optimistic view taken by the bankers of the country, from the most conservative of whom come words of encouragement. The general outlook for business of all kinds in the United States is improving.

Through the agency of Collier's we learn something that otherwise had escaped our notice—that William Allen White has qualified his rhapsody on Kansas as the near-Utopia by admitting that Nebraska also has some things to boast of.

We have contributed nothing to the world that our sister state of Nebraska, with her saloons, cannot duplicate, except happiness and prosperity. That happiness and prosperity are worth while, from the viewpoint of those striving to be happy and prosperous no one can deny.

If confession is good for the soul, then this modest abasement of Kansas must be a sign of contrition for self-exaggeration. But is it true that the people of Kansas are ahead of the people of Nebraska either in happiness or prosperity?

Young cities which take lessons from the experience of the elders can see an arc-lighted warning sign in the present financial condition of New York City.

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How War News Comes by Cable

Charles E. Crane in Scientific American.

THE next big news is peace. Just a hundred years ago, from the very scene of today's hostilities, the American people were awaiting this same big news.

Your grandfather may remember the days of the water-tight cable. In the decade of 1858-1864 the prevailing editor was in his glory.

The world's first successful cable had been laid across the English channel in 1851, and it was five years later that Field began his transatlantic ventures.

The original Field cables are now dead and gone, slumbering in the globerine ooze of the ocean depths; but alongside of them are a dozen or more modern cables almost identical in construction to those which Field laid.

The electricity that brings our war news from Europe would not be sufficient to ring our front door bell. In Field's day he once said: "My friend, Mortimer Clark, called me from Valparaiso Bay this morning with a battery made from a tin can, a little strip of zinc, and a drop of water—the bulk of a tear!"

From all sources the news agencies and the newspapers have been depositing cable news on our breakfast and dinner tables regularly since the first of August at the rate of some 50,000 words a day.

Even with the cable stories typed upon the cable forms they would still be a puzzle enough for you. Cable ordinarily knows no comma, and only capital letters. The news you find in tomorrow morning's paper, column after column, comes to the cable editor in little snatches of all-capitalized messages, with unessential words stricken out, and without punctuation except for an occasional period, indicated by the word "stop."

The present war in Europe was entirely unforeseen in the middle of July. The moment the ball of hell-fire was set rolling, such an organization of news gatherers as the Associated Press felt "a thrill of life along its keel."

Two actresses known on the stage as Ethel and Allie Jewett, daughters of Elliott M. Best of Los Angeles, are sole heirs to a fortune of \$10,000 and are being sought by the court custodians of the California town.

The charity organization of New York City urges tramp farms as a remedy for congested almshouses. It is a fine idea, especially if fitted with comfortable benches and handouts, and stripped of wood-piles and buckets.

A Kentucky farmer burned up his 400-pound tobacco crop the other day because conscience made him believe tobacco is an evil thing. Possibly this rare Kentucky pondered too much on the tobaccoist motto: "Smoke now or you'll smoke hereafter."

Strange things are happening these stirring days. Only one Smith in the present legislature of Maine. Four Smiths has been the minimum of former sessions. Moreover, the lone Smith is a democrat. Still the members are doing some business and drawing their pay dimes regularly.

The nervous taxmaker in Illinois kept his face straight when he petitioned the state supreme court to order the state treasury to furnish him the wherewith for weekly trips to his home in Chicago. The court not only rejected the petition, but gave the petitioner a vocal thrashing.

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Why Not Let 'Happy' Be Happy?

YUTAN, Neb., Feb. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: I always see Happy Footing in the Sunday paper, and it always seems as if he would like to get married. Why don't you never let him get married? From a little girl.

LAURA WITTE.

Schleswig-Holstein.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: You have a letter from a young Danish gentleman concerning the German acquisition of the province of Schleswig-Holstein.

Now we find England says Germany must be starved, and the German nation has just made up its mind not to comply with this, and will not be starved.

Let our statesmen in Washington, including President Wilson, and our own peace-loving and (praying-for-peace) Bryan, although they speak the English language, change about and cease to be English subjects (or more correctly subjecting this country's interest to the whim of English interests) and take a forethought of our country's interests and our country's welfare.

I suggest that our Danish friend look up some of those settlers and he will ascertain that Schleswig-Holstein was nineteen-twentieths German at the time it became a part of Prussia.

I submit one verse of the patriotic song sung in Schleswig-Holstein in the early '60s and ask whether or not it sounds German or Danish.

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to make these monopolies social or public monopolies. If this new nomenclature will modify the appetites of a name so that timid people will lay aside their prejudice against the thing named, we socialists won't object to it.

"New" socialism destroys one monopoly at a time and leaves monopolists free to develop other private monopolies. Once we have real democracy, real socialism would come quickly; but they will not come one at a time—they must come simultaneously.

Who Shall See for Peace? OMAHA, Feb. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: Since the English statements were forced by the German chancellor to finally admit the truth of the secret treaty and understanding between England and the Belgian government, and when fair-minded American citizens must know at this time that at least 15 per cent of all dispatches we have received during the last six months from British and Russian sources are fabrications of the purest die, it is indeed funny, if it is not so tragic that apparently the London newspapers owned by the aristocracy of England are trying to now carry on another campaign of vilification, both at home and in the dispatches which they send broadcast, which consists of "that various statements of Germany and Austria are talking of peace."

How ridiculous on the face of it! We hear further that Germany and Austria ought to be "conscious of being finally crushed." It seems to me that with the German and Austrian armies victorious and upon the enemies' territory, it is England who ought to sue for peace.

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