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INTERESTING IF TRUE, BUT-

The hyphenated World-Herald picks up for its sage comment a bit of gossip credited to "Colonel" Al Sorenson revamping the periodical project to establish another daily newspaper in Omaha, this time to be backed by "a bunch of stalwart republicans who think such a paper is needed in Nebraska, and that Omaha is the place for its headquarters."

But if any "persons of wealth and influence" really wanted to start another daily in Omaha, the invitation would be to start, not a republican paper, but a democratic paper—one that would be both honestly democratic and loyally American at the same time; one that would voice the sentiments of the patriotic democrats of Nebraska who are not tainted with pro-Germanism and who are out of sympathy with the guerrilla warfare waged on the Wilson administration by the pseudo-democratic senator and his pretended democratic newspaper.

Themes for Commencement Day. Again it is being urged that themes for commencement day essays, orations or declamations be selected with a view to stimulating and fostering the patriotism of the school children. This is a reflex of the nation's situation, but deserves the fullest of attention.

A Billion for the Railroads. One of the advantages of government direction of the railroads is noted in the apportionment of a billion dollars to be expended for betterments and extensions among the great systems of the country. The sum is far below the estimate once made by James J. Hill of the annual expenditure necessary to get the railroads abreast of their job.

Get at the Bedrock Facts. The State Council of Defense has formally alleged misconduct and lack of patriotism against twelve members of the teaching faculty of the University of Nebraska. This is in response to a request from the Board of Regents that formal charges be filed.

Just 30 Years Ago Today. J. A. Munroe, general freight agent of the Union Pacific, accompanied by his wife, left New York for Liverpool. Mr. Seelye, manager of the Omaha base ball team, left for Chicago to obtain a few more players for the home team.

One Year Ago Today in the War. London reported British in possession of 10 miles of Hindenburg line on Arras front. Lloyd George offered Ireland home rule on its own terms if Irish convention could agree on plan.

The Famine of Doctors
Need of Better Classification to Conserve the Supply

New York Evening Post. During the first months of the war people used to joke about the idea that nobody could any longer afford to be sick because all the doctors had gone to France with the army.

Probably a medical map of the whole country, showing the distribution of doctors at the present time, will have to be made. Then, at a glance, the enrolling officer will be able to tell whether a volunteer comes from some district already stripped bare or whether he comes from a city like New York, which for various reasons is, comparatively speaking, oversupplied.

What the country needs is a plan according to which physicians shall be classified when they offer their services to the army. There appear to be enough physicians in the country to meet both military and civilian demands. Naturally, our fighting forces come first. Where there are not enough doctors to go around, those of us who stay at home would have to dispense with medical attendance altogether.

Shameless War Rumor Mongers
Typical Case of Baseless Gossip Revealed by Grand Jury

St. Louis Globe Democrat. The multitude of false, sensational and nimble-footed war rumors that have distressed patriotic citizens and possibly interfered with the success of at least part of the war auxiliary work have received the attention of the grand jury and the judge of the United States district court for the southern district of New York.

Why Nobody is Laughing Now
Ireland and Conscriptio

A visiting evangelist says people do not laugh now at "what the Bible has to say about the future of the world," since "their confidence in the processes of civilization has been shattered." Even the most liberal believers in verbal inspiration have not been able to twist all the ancient millennial imagery in the Scriptures into a self-consistent whole, even after exalting their own "spiritual insight" in matters of interpretation.

Peppery Points
Twice Told Tales

Minneapolis Journal: The United States government is calling on every state to raise its quota of sheep. Be a Mary, and have a little lamb tag you about. New York Herald: The presence of half a million American soldiers in France suggests that Germany was, in fact, loaded with high explosive.

The Bee's Letter Box
Line Up the City Autos. Omaha, May 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: It has been suggested, because of the recent apprehension of a city automobile at Plattsmouth loaded with booze, that the city officials secure a vacant spot somewhere near the center of the city and thereon congregate all the automobiles and trucks of whatever kind and hold a public exhibition, or parade, so that the taxpayers of Omaha may gain a first-hand idea of what the city possesses in that line.

TO A STRAW CAUBOON. O straw cauboon, when you were new, An argent cloud of shimmering sheen, A Kelly fit for any beam, As I like to the poet's poppies spread, A nimbus on my raven furze, A luscious lid—that's what you was, But now your glory's one with Greer, Your grandeur is of Rome's a piece, Your primal pulchritude has blewed To innocuous desuetude.

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CHERRY CHAFF. "Here you have spelled Shakespeare's name four different ways in setting up this article." "Shakespeare spelled his name in several ways," pointed out the intelligent compositor. "Yes, he was a rotten speller, but I expect you to do better."—Louisville Courier Journal.

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