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Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested,

"Billy" Burke is the "Tom" in the play, "Jerry."

Matrimonially speaking, this is the most notable administration we have yet had,

Now we shall soon see whether those Mexican peace delegates are what their names imply

Why do crooked lawyers always insist on their crooked work being investigated by lawyers?

Huerta may be going on the supposition that "while the light holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return."

A bill is pending in the senate appropriating \$50,000 for an International Congress of Thrift. New Haven directors, please take notice.

If those great bribery sleuths are on the square, their only desire should be to come right back to Omaha and tell all about it.

-Candidates for nominations are blossoming almost as fast as dandellons, and, like the dandelion, they come out fastest when the sun

The railroads may need more money for running expenses, as they say, but in that they are no different from most people who ride and ship over their lines,

What, young Mr. Rockefeller refuse to see Judge Lindsey after he has traveled clear across the continent to tell the mine-owning king all about it? Preposterous!

Mr. Mellen saya he believes in an absolute monopoly of transportation, but we are willing to lay a few on this, that he does not want to be the goat for such a concern.

Somebody says that when John Lind's report of his Mexican mission is finally put in words it will amaze as well as entertain the public Undoubtedly, if only ten words.

One neighbor tells you that the way to get rid of dandelions is to let your grass grow, another to keep your grass closely mowed.- Either way you will eventually have no grass.

Friend Hammond is ready to quit his federal job at any moment. It is not his fault that he is forced to stick to the payroll while the democrats quarrel over the identity of his BUCCESSOT ...

The presumption is that one of the conditions of the employment of those Burns sleuths must have been that, in case of failure to turn the trick, they were to make themselves scarce, and keep mum to protect their employers.

Free admission for school children at the ball park filled the seats to overflowing. Special rates to school children for a symphony concert pulled less than three score of the youngsters, though thousands upon thousands of dollars are being spent to give them a musical education. Just pender on this.

As showing that it has a weather eye out for the main gale, Williams college has sent outthe assistant to the president, Mr. Sayre, who, you may recall, married the daughter of the president of the United States, to collect an endowment of \$2,000,000. Mr. Sayre doubtless in given until March 4, 1917, to raise the money.



Today (Bunday) was no ordinary Omaha Sunday, for the thoroughfares were througed from marning to night. The saloons did an excellent business, and when their patrons became too troublesome they were turned out on the city's atrects, where they were run in. The day's incidents concluded with the accidental death of one of Omaha's citizens, the weignding of moother by a pistol ball, the injury of a third by failing into an excavation, and the severe beating of the city's Celestials by Puglist

The Turner quartet club, which has become very peoficient under the leadership of Henry Hautens, gave un initial enterta nment at Germania hali. W. F. Stoecker enlivened the evening with an excelsons, sutitled "The Exciting Lover," and Mr. and Mrs. Baure's contributed elecutionary read-

At the German theater Miss Anna Spahn made her second appearance as "Anna Leisse." The Union Pacific is now running dummy trains to Broadway in Council Bluffs, and will run special

trains for the rayes all this week. Cannon Bros. & Co., opposite the postoffice, wants an experienced cigar salesman to sell to city trade.

The Significance of the Filings.

Although aix weeks still remain for entries in the race for primary nominations, the filings are fast accumulating, particularly on the republican side, with the assurance that for all the most important offices the rank and file will have a choice between several aspirants of ability and standing. The significance of this is | Seeing Things on the Spot. that each candidate throwing his hat into the ring has canvassed the political situation on the strength of all available information and convinced himself that the nomination on the renublican ticket for the desired office is something worth having this year.

While kaleidoscopic changes are always possible in the political firmament, the stars right now point to the redemption of Nebraska to republicanism at the coming fall election. That is why competition in the republican primaries in our state is certain to be keener than It was two years ago and keener also than in the democratic, progressive or other party primaries.

Friend of the Fee Grabber. Under the disguise of "amicus curlae," which translated is supposed to be "friend of the court," one of our well known lawyers has injected himself with a brief into a case pending before the supreme court, which is to determine whether our district court clerk can get away with the insanity fees he has been holding out ca the taxpayers. No one can object to a lawyer appearing in any case in which he is retained by an interested client, but there is no good reason for him to masquerade except to shield the client or to fool the court.

Would an attorney like John P. Breen be essaying the role of "friend of the court" just now if he were not really there as a friend of the fee grabber? Would he not, on the contrary, if he were a thoroughly disinterested "friend of the court," be filing a brief in behalf of the taxpayers, insisting that when the legislature gave the court clerk a liberal salary in lieu of the fees formerly absorbed, it meant to stop thin fee graft, and not to let it continue through legal loopholes?

Because the undisclosed fee grabber in this particular case is our present district court clark, Robert Smith, who has constantly posed as a great reformer, does not change the nature of the graft-whether it is insanity fees or naturalization fees that he is trying to freeze to.

On the Right Track.

One of the subjects on which the new league of Omaha taxpayers makes a request on its members for suggestions is the merger, in the interest of economy, of city and county governments. Complete merger, it should be understood, is impossible owing to constitutional obstacles in Nebraska's fundamental law, but there is nothing to prevent co-operation of city and county in certain lines of public activities, and consolidation of certain offices otherwise

Reference is made to consolidation already effected by which the county treasurer serves also as the treasurer for the city of Omaha, the school district and the water district. The assessment of property for taxation is now done once for all by the county assessor when we formerly maintained a city tax commissioner's office to do the same work over again. Legislation was enacted several years ago to establish a single bureau of audit for both city and county, but it was permitted to be repealed under pressure of office-holding tax-eaters before heavy exports of live stock and farm products to it became fully operative without audible protest from the taxpayers.

There are several other places where the city and county can well work together with state of Aguas Calientes is said to have been comsubstantial saving to both. For example, in the paratively free from disturbance. This state has been maintenance of a common city and county workhouse, in the administration of city and county hospitals and in the general enforcement of health and sanitary measures.

It goes without saying that what applies to city and county applies still more strongly to Omaha and South Omaha and their suburban towns, whose consolidation into a greater Omaha under a single municipal government could not but make for economy and efficiency and do away with unnecessary duplication of administrative machinery.

Any organization that promotes a movement for merger of our numerous governmental agencies will be on the right track.

Lack of Bibles.

The remarkable statement is made by Rev. John Fox, secretary of the American Bible society, that foreign missionaries are hampered in their work by a lack of Bibles. Yet some 30,000,000 copies of this book are annually coming off the Bible House presses, going into hundreds of lands and being printed in hundreds of tongues. The 1914 report of Mr. Fox's own society shows that it slone-only one of the great publishing houses-issued 5,251,176 volumes in 1913. These were circulated in every state in the union, 1,653,965 of them in the republic of China, others in other strange lands. This year's issue brings the total number of Bibles printed by the American society in alnety-eight years up to 103,519,891.

What the aggregate of all societies up to date is we, of course, do not know; it runs, as we say, about 30,000,000 a year. Yet Dr. Fox says the demand exceeds the supply. American missionaries abroad are hindered in their work among the natives because of an insufficient number of the book of books. What greater, more accurate tribute could be paid to the civilizing power and influence of this book and its principles? Why do those who hinge their faith upon it grow weary of well-doing and fall to lament if in the easy channels of life here in the homeland their religions seem to make slow headway?

Back in the old prophecy of that book we read. "My word shall not return unto me void." What are its issues? What are these waves of modern thought beating back upon our shores from the distant seas? What, indeed, is this very plaint, that the teachers of the Bible abroad are impeded in their progress by the lack of supply? This seems to us the most triumphant note sounded back from the fron- club, referred to the Pharisees, past and present. By tiers of civilization in many a day. Surely it is a note withour a void.

A rehearing has been asked in the case in which our supreme court held a lieutenant governor to be ineligible under the constitution to be a candidate for governor. Oh, what's the use when the constitution may be so easily what's never done nothin' sling the first rock." amended by the initiative route? Chicago Inter-Ocean,

Some Mexican Pictures

THE BEE: OMAHA, MONDAY, MAY 25, 1914.

Exaggerated News and the Penalty of Rebellion.

A private letter from an unnamed American at Vera Cruz, probably a member of the fleet, is given prominence in the New York Times. In the letter, which bears date May 10, the writer tells about exaggerated news, the stories of refugees, and expresses his views of affairs in the captured city. He writes, in part;

"A sailor shot a firecracker in front of a cafe, and a reporter sent in a cable that desultory firing by snipers continued.

Then, too, the tales there refugees tell are largely the product of their vivid imaginations. The average refugee is the most self-centered man that I ever saw, and if they pursued the same arrogant attitude toward the natives that they have toward the servants of the American government here, I am not surprised that they suffered some indignities,

The most unreasonable part of it all, to my mind, is their cry, 'On to Mexico City!' Some of them have not paid taxes in the United States in twenty years, have not voted there is that time, and will frankly tell you they do not propose to return to the United States

"It seem to me that they left the States because competition was keen there, and they could exploit better here. Having taken a gambler's chance, and the dice having gone against them, they seem to want to sacrifice thousands of good American soldiers whose people are taxpayers back in the States, to pull their chestnuts out of the fire.

"The letter carriers here are efficient, their postoffice is far better than what we have in the States in towns of similar asse. All of their public buildings are good, and compare favorably with what we have

Mexico Paying the Price.

Mexico is paying an awful price in wrecked business for rebellon. Home, and foreign trade shrunken mightily during 1913, particularly in the last half of the year. Tables compiled from official Mexican statistics, and presented in the Daily Consular and Trade Report, show a decrease of more than \$34,000. 000 in foreign trade during the last half of 1913. The imports were valued at \$43,042,229, as against \$47,518.889 for the same period in 1912, and the exports amounted \$65,084,421 as compared with \$81,717,568. About 50 per cent of the total imports came from the United States, Germany coming next with 14 per cent and England with 12 per cent.

The consular service has made a vigorous effort o obtain trade reports from all American representatives in Mexico, but this is practically impossible, At some points records have been destroyed. At others, access has been denied; and at still others conditions have been so deplorable as to leave little to report. High prices for food at retail, demoralized railway traffic, abandonment of bank facilities, cropfailures, business suspensions and unemployment are features of the letters thus far received from consular districts. Occasionally a gleam of optimism is seen, but on examination the prosperity is found to be false, based often on military activity and the work of repairing losses suffered elsewhere by re-

Paralysis Everywhere.

Vice Consul Blocker, at Cludad Porfirio Diaz, now known as Piedras Negras, says that business in 1913 was at a standstill, and that agriculture and stock raising were badly affected. Planters were so intimidated that acreage decreased alarmingly. In the state of Matamoros, export duties, ordered by the regime, crippled commerce. Fiat money caused the four banking houses of the state capital, Victoria, to close their doors. In the state or rather the consular district of Hermosillo importations were limited to absolute necessities, such as food and clothing. Crops were scant. In the Nogales consular district conditions were much disturbed, labor troubles adding to the danger threatened by gemed rebellion and armed coercion. From Cludad Juarez there were avoid confiscation. In Nuevo Laredo there were severe reductions in imports. The rate of exchange rose to a prohibitive figure. Insecurity of property was such as to alarm all persons in business. The in the hands of the Huerta adherents, and its prosperity is traced to the demand for repairs and for munitions of war occasioned by the revolution. Nevertheless, local prices were extremely high. Finan cial operations, in spite of federal authority, were

Throughout the interior the reports are largely the same, anarchy and fear joining to suppress business and government. At the gulf ports of Tampico, Vera Cruz and Progreso increased business was done, because of the paralysis of production in the interior. The year 1913 was disastrous for Mexico. Compared with the brief period of Madero government, and the longer period of Diaz control, it indicates the tremendous price which Mexico has been compelled to pay for Huerta's dictatorship.

Twice Told Tales

A Matter of a Comma.

"Bill," the poet gasped, staggering into his friend's

'Why, what's wrong?" the friend inquired, startled as he grasped hold of the tottering man. "Wrong!" the poet muttered. "Ye gods! I wrote a poem about my little boy. I began the first verse with these lines;

'My son! My pigmy counterpart.'

The poet drew a long breath as he took a newspaper from his pocket. "Read!" he blazed suddenly. "See what that crim inal compositor did to my opening line."

The friend read aloud: "My son! my pig, my counterpart!"-National Monthly:

Saved by Applejack.

The conversation at a recent social function in Trenton turned to the extreme precautionary methods of some people and the governor-elect told of the rule laid down by a certain fellow native along that

fellow Jerseyman happened to collide with a bunch of hygienists, and among other things they referred to the water supply of his home town. "It isn't as good-as it might be," said the Jersey

One day while in the city, the governor said, the

man, when questioned as to its quality. "There is something like 18,000,000 microbes to a drop, but it is the best we can do at present."

"What do you do to safeguard yourself against water of that kind?" queried one of the hygienists. with a look of concern. "You surely take some precautionary measures?"

'Oh, yes,' smiled the Jerseyman, "First we filter the water, then we boil it, and then we drink applelack."-Pittsburgh Leader.

"Bathhouse" Scripture.

"Hathhouse John" and Raymond Robins evidently gathered the material for their public speeches from the same source. Each had a different interpretahowever, of the following well-known episode: Mr. Robins, speaking before the Sunday Night way of illustration he cited the story of the Magda-

lene, quoting the phrase; "He who is without sin among you. On the same day Alderman Coughlin assured his constituents of the First ward that "these stiffnecked reformers went butting in 2,000 years ago the same as they do now. You remember Mary Magdalene" he said, "and what she done? They were about to revile her when Christ said: 'Let the feller

The Bee's Lefter Box

Automatic Wealth Redistribution. UTOPIA, May M .- To the Editor of The Bee: A practical automatic balancing of the laws of production and distribution may be brought about by the application of the specific inheritance theory. This theory contemplates adding an amendment to the national constitution, provided that no individual shall bequeats

greater than \$1,000,000.

If the deceased dies intestate, his children shall receive the amount (\$500,05)) to be specified by law, the remainder, if any, to be distributed to the other retatives according to the blood relationship This theory involves a time element it does not contemplate prohibiting any individual from giving away his property to whomsoever he chooses (but rather en courages it), provided he gives it away any time before the last ninety days of

his life. The theory simply means this: That f young John D. Rockefeller dies and has not distributed his wealth before the last ninety days of his life, why, the government will take control of his wealth and distribute it. If he leaves a will, his children get \$1,000,000; if he leaves no will, his children get \$500,000. The remainder will be distributed to the other relatives according to the degree of blodd relationship.

Society will remain as it is, but it is hoped by removing extreme riches at the top to relieve extreme poverty at the bottom. C. NATR.

Objective Point of Suffrage.

OMAHA, May 22 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Our esteemed friend, Mrs. Covell, has once again given us a sidelight or the suffrage question. A local paper re ports her as saying: "Women do not want office. They want a chance to vote for competent men for office."

This statement is incorrect. The women who find themselves in the suffrage ranks are of divers kinds. Some are sir. cere in asking for the vote. We respect and honor that kind. But a great nun ber do not want competent men for office. They are willing and anxious to cast their bailots against any competent clean candidate who opposes their views on the suffrage question. Recently a political league of women was formed in the east to oppose any candidate for office who had anti-suffrage sympathies. Does this tend to impress the average mind with the sincerity of the suffragists? They want the vote. They intend to use it, not for the purifying of politics, but for their own, more or less, selfish ends.

It is not hard to see why the woman suffrage states are no better off politically or morally than the man suf-AN ANTI frage states.

(formerly "on the fence").

Not Par Enough for the Socialist. OMAHA, May 24.-To the Editor of The Bee: In an interview in the Saturday Evening Post, President Wilson is quoted as saying things about the Mexican situation that for clearness of vision and apparent frankness would do credit to s socialist. But his real views we find on close inspection to be craftily hidden in his summary, when he declares himself in favor of the development of the resources of Mexico by private enterprise. "but not to exploit."

He cunningly seeks to placate the humanitarian spirit of the people while he makes himself strong with the same vested interests he so heroically conmned only a moment before

Whoever heard of private capital "developing" a foreign country for any other reason than to exploit its resources and J. E. SHAFER its people?

One Outspoken Democrat. CURTIS, Neb., May 23.-To the Editor

of The Bee: Let me, through your paper address the governor and democratic voters of southwest Nebraska. If there be any virtue in democratic doctrine, or pretentions, it lies in the fact that a man be honest in his declarations. If he is not honest in one thing he will not be in two things. It is a matter of fact that Governor Morehead declared when nominated that he would not be a candidate for a second term. Such promises might not, from a political standpoint, amount to much; but if he meant what he said, as a candidate, then Governor Morehead should rise above "petty politics" and say to all these "very solicitous" brethren who want him to so back on his word. fool the people, and say "that because of the extreme" pressure brought upon him he would-"In the interests of party solicitation, run a second time.

Governor Morehead, you have been a good governor, but you did promise the people of the state that "if you were elected you would not further ask to ucceed yourself." I have known some of the "tricks" of politics. It is not worth your while to tell me "it is a popular demand" when you, through your "henchmen," have made the demand.

have been on the democratic state committee for several years, have canvassed the whole of southwest Nebraska several times, beginning in 1896, and ever since, have done what I could to hold up the democratic hand, and while doing so have said democracy "was honest" in its profession, and now governor, if all there is of democracy is to use your patronage to make "people believe that it is a popular call for your election" and use the "machinery" of the party to that and, then, as a man, I cannot do so.

Letters from a Political Heathen-Mexico.

SOMEWHERE, May M .- To the Editor of The Bee: The two characters in the Mexican farce, which ended in a tragedy. were the villain and the clown. I have

given a sketch of one of these. Let us ook at the other.

Maximilian of Hapsburg-there were two of them, the myth and the man First the myth. It requires little material to make a hero, if you have an eloquent writer. Ainsworth made a hero out of Dick Turpin, Scott out of Rob Ray. Those writers, Jewish and Christian, who have found a saint in the captain of the Adultamites and murderer of Uriah, or the vellow journalists, who are trying to manufacture a Virginius out of the course, ignorant and fifthy bandit, who leads the horde of looters styled the constitutional army of Mexico, were and are no more at sea then those sentimentalists who made Marmilian the myth. Here is the tale, and, as I tell it, keep in mind the spiel of William Wirt on Blannerhamett at the trial of Aaron Burr.

Maximilian and his affectionate wife were living at their castle of Miraman pear Trieste; he engaged in his studies obse knoking in the sumahine of his love A serpeut entered this Eden. It was the emperer of the French. The tempter-type

of the nondescript who succeeded with Eve, but failed with the Nazarene-crept "What do you charge for your rooms?"
"Five dollars up."
"But I'm a student-"
Then it's \$5 down."-Cornell Widow. into Eden and pictured to this loving couple a life beyond the seas, as rulers of an Eldorado, where they would be the

Europe. The guileless pair. Listened and they tell, as the angels fell from heaven to the blackest depths of hell.

peer and peeress of any crowned head in

But the conscientions Maximilian would not go without the call of the Mexican people; a plebiscite must be obtained; Louise Bonaparte was a past master in this field; and a piebiscite was obtained. as plebiscites are obtained in Mexico. This guildless young man and his lovely wife answered the call of duty and set out to be the Mosese and Miriam of Mexico. Louis Bonaporte pressed by the United States threatened to abandon Maximilian to his fate. Maximilian would not leave the devoted friends who had stood by him unless Juarez would promise not to harm them. This Juarez refused to do. Maximilian remained. Carlotta fled to Europe, and fell at the feet of the cold-blooded Machiavelian at the Tuileries. But he spurned her and ordered her to leave France. Reason was des-Carlotta was sent to a mad-Maximilian was shot. His last words were "Poor Carlotta."

Surely here is material for an epic. tragedy or a yellow-back novel. DER HEIDE.

Editorial Siftings

Pittsburgh Dispatch That rumor that

General Huerta proposes to retire from

Mexico with \$7,000,000 in silver bullion

conveys the interesting additional detail

that when Huerta goes he intends to go

Boston Transcript: Villa's denunciation

of Huerta as a robber and murderer is

the funniest exchange of pleasantries

that has occurred since the passage of

repartee between the pot and the kettle.

latration of pronounced dry proclivities

it must have been pleasurable to ob-

serve the heartiness with which Ameri-

can troops at Vera Cruz rushed to the

New York World: Two weeks ago we

were told that the rich Mexicans were

crazy to fly at the throats of the North

American invaders at Vera Cruz. Now

they are tumbling over each other in

an effort to get inside General Funston's

defense of the water works.

lines before Villa finds them.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: For an admin-

by slow freight.

THE PATH OF DESTINY.

There are paths through fragrant forests, On hillside, vale and gien,

On hillside, vale and gien.
Where the sunlight only flickers
Through the foliage now and then:
Where graceful ferns unfold their fronds
And wild flowers push their head
Through soft brown leafy carpets
The seasons past have spread.

LINES TO A SMILE.

"What have you got in the package?"
"Drawing materials."
"I didn't know you were an artist."
"Artist nothing: It contains a couple of pairs of forceps the dentist asked me to get for him."—Boston Transcript.

"So you are expected to do a kind act

every day?"
"Yes," replied the Boy Scout.
"How about today?"
"Well, the teacher has been having a little trouble with me. Don't you think I might stay away from school and give her a rest?"—Washington Post.

"Pride goes before a fail," said the ready-made philosopher.
"Yes," replied the member of congress.
"A man is liable to feel confident until he comes to figure on the November elections."—Washington Star.

"Do you try to make home life pleasant

"Yes," replied Farmer Corntossel. "But it's mighty hard to live up to the refined ways he insists on. I'm annoyin' him terrible because when I'm workin' around the barn I keep forgetun' to refer to the hay-loft as the mezzanine floor."—Washiwton Star.

There are paths by sandy seashores. Where waters of the deep Where waters of the deep Roll up in foamy billows With a mighty roar, and swept Across the shining pebbles, Chased by the winds that blow From distant foreign countries.

Tropic climes and lands of snow

There are paths through busy cities, Where stately buildings rise. A monument to human skill. Dark lined against the skies;
Where the pulse of life is throbbing
With ceaseless ebb and flow,
And stranger lostless stranger
In the crowds that come and go.

There are paths o'er lofty mountains, And grandeur in the sea; And grandeur in the sea;
The city streets are wonderful;
The mountains wild and free;
But with all their vaunted splendor
As praised in foreign lore;
None are half so dear to me
As the path to my cottage door.
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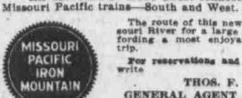
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