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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager,
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before ma
this 5th day of June, 1914
ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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It's no joking matter when a county treasurer loses his balance.

Spain will now find out whether or not it sets straight on the map.

Like the historic king of France, Huerta has marched up the hill and then marched down again.

The city will not insist just now on more interest on its money. What the city is most in need of is more principal.

One of Billy Sunday's singers has been stung in a breach of promise suit to the tune of \$20,-000. Struck a pretty high note.

That nice, amiable man, who is spoken of as never having an enemy, is not always the man who gets the most done in life.

California party registration figures disclose twice as many republicans as buil moosers. Same story of getting together everywhere.

The husband of that British suffragette who acquiesced in her determination on a hunger strike may have some method in his madness,

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, a lot of parents will feel easier after the high school cadet camp is broken up and the boys are back

An American newspaper makes much of "The return of coaching" in Europe. Has our great game of base ball caught on over there at last?

Mr. Bryan smiles as he hears of the bumper grain crops, realizing that every bushel of wheat and oats makes it that much easier for the

"Met" thinks his candidacy makes for democratic harmony, but his competitors think precisely the reverse. A board of mediation may have to be called.

It is only fair to say that Colonel Rye, running for governor as a democrat in Tennessee. is not a member of the old bourbon party, but belongs to the drys.

Which reminds us, What has the sleuth who jumped his bond in Chicago to conceal, or whom protect, that he goes to so much trouble to keep away from Omaha?

Comes now a St. Louis woman seeking a diorce on the ground that her husband "had a say of shrugging his shoulders." Why, that is Missouri for "Search me."

The facts about Omaha's indebtedness, astessed valuation and tax rate belong in a class called "stubborn." The thing to do is to face them and put the best face on them.

The same democratic oracles now telling us that the business depression is wholly psychological, and screaming every day about the impending return of prosperity, were before insisting that there was no business depression. But they will doubtless explain that their decials too were merely psychological



John D. Creighton has bought the old Jack Marresidence property at the northwest corner of enport and Eighteenth streets for \$10,000.

Jack Nugent's new theater is nearly completed and il be called Nugent-Buckingham theater. Judge Dilion and family of New York left for Los geles in President Sidney Dillon's private car-

Rev. Mr. Harsha has been called to Jacksonville the serious illness of his child. W. J. Hardwell, for a number of years identified ith the jewelry business and late with John Baumer, il leave soon for Melbourne, Australia, where he

il act as agent for another house. Mrs. William Bolden, mether of Mrs. G. J. Hearst. rrived from Baltimore to spend the summer here

th her daughter Announcement is made that T. B. Evans will suced T. S. McMurray as Union Pacific tax agent, the ster's resignation effective in July.

Jeff Dolan has been engaged to catch for the home The grapite paving on Thirteenth street is prosing rapidly and with good weather will soon be

N. Christiansen, 135 North Twent'sth, found some ney on flixteenth street which the owner can have A Far-Reaching Railroad Decision.

The decision of the United States supreme court upholding an order made by the Interstate Commerce commission fixing a rate for intrastate transportation promises to be farreaching for nationalizing our raffroads. To quote the vital language of the court; Wherever the interstate and intrastate transactions of carriers are so related that the government of the one involves the control of the other, it is congress and not the state that is entitled to prescribe the final and dominant rule." The court further declares that the power of congress in this respect has been

vested in the Interstate Commerce commission. While careful study of the full text of the decision will be necessary to catch its full significance, it would seem that a tremendous step has been taken toward complete centralization of railroad regulation in the federal government. The only logical conclusion is that where congress acts by itself, or through the Interstate Commerce commission, the exercise of its authority over interstate commerce carriers supersedes any and all conflicting regulations by the states. The disposition of the court is to recognize federal authority over interstate carriers as embracing, not only their interstate transactions, but also all their intrastate transactions, whereby the latter may affect the former.

If this is a correct reading of the decision, then the whole field of rate-making will eventually come within the scope of the Interstate Commerce commission, and be withdrawn from the jurisdiction of state legislatures and state railway commissions, although existing state regulation must necessarily continue until brought before the Interstate Commerce commission and acted upon. Under such circumstances the state commissions at best must tend to become only bodies for preliminary investigation and provisional orders, for it can be argued that nearly every rate, and every improvement requiring the outlay of money, may affect the cost of interstate business.

The same point is apparently involved in pending litigation over our Nebraska freight rate laws, whose outcome will now be more impatiently awaited.

#### Value of Preparation.

It is an endless debate this that President Lowell of Harvard raises as to boys entering college young. Much depends on the boy, of course. One thing, though, President Lowell certainly is right in holding that a late start does not always justify curtailment of the course. As he says, to take a youth out of college before he finishes just because he was late getting in is like cutting a man's head off because he is too tall.

But another point that deserves emphasis here is the importance of preparation in the life of the young. That is what higher education means—preparation. Again let us insist against the too prevalent practice of taking the short-cut into life. What life most needs is thoroughness, masterful training to insure efficient service. "Lives of great men oft remind us" of this principle. Moses, who lived 120 years, we are told, spent eighty of them in preparation and only forty in active service. His was too large a task to reverse the order. Paul, though in a different school of religion. studied long in the law at the feet of Gamaliel, and had other training in capacities of leadership which undoubtedly stood him in stead hen the time came for him, under conversion, to assume command of the great foreign missionary campaign. Jesus, holy writ says, lived thirty-three years upon earth, but only three in active ministry, the other thirty in preparation. Abraham Lincoln's long, melancholy life of hardship inured him to the colossal task he had to perform. Does anyone dare say the struggle Lincoln endured with poverty and sorrow in his earlier years did not help him bear the burden? It is a matter of historic comment how a man who, as he said, never had more than six months of schooling, could so completely master simple English. Lincoln explains it. "I remember how, when a child, I used to get irritated when anybody talked to me in a way I could not understand." It determined him to use simple words. His Gettysburg speech, his famous letter to Mrs. Bixby and other products of his pen live as epics of literature. Preparation was the keynote of his life.

It must be the keynote in any life that succeeds to its fullest measure. Education is nothing if not preparation for service. And at this season of the commencement let us remember that the world needs service, but thorough, not half-way, service.

### Nebraska as a Bread Basket.

The government's estimate of the total wheat crop in the United States this year is 900,000,000 bushels, which is about half of the world's production. Nebraska, according to reliable estimates, will produce 90,000,000 bushels, or one-tenth of the nation's output, or practically one-twentieth of that of the world.

As a bread basket, Nebraska's relative standing is well emphasized by these figures. and yet to get the full significance of them we should bear in mind that the state's resources have thus far been little more than tapped. What proportion of the world's supply of wheat and corn and oats and live stock we shall produce when the whole arable portion of the state is under intensive cultivation, who shall say? Ours is virgin soil. Even that that is now tilled for grain is yet capable of larger yields per acre, and in addition to this we have that other great wide stretch of territory not thus far brought under dominion of the plow

and reaper. These things cannot be too widely heralded for the good of the state, and those hordes of people looking for the best place to cast their fortunes and build their homes. It is the everincreasing permanence of our possessions that appeals most.

An Illinois congressman wants to prohibit. under penalty, officers of the government, including senators and representatives, from lecturing for pay even to eke out a salary of \$12,-000 in these high-cost-of-living days. Envious

Candidates for the vacant headship of the Kearney normal are bobbing up from all over the country. Nebraska wants the best available, but still ought to have pretty good timber to select from at home.



Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assume no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subtect to condensation by editor.

BRADSHAW, Neb., June 9.-To the ltor of The Ben: Flag day this year. coming on Sunday, some are advocating the observance of Saturday, June 11 Now, with all due respect for the Sabbath, we ask the question, Why? Old Glory floats over land and sea every day in the year and as it is the only flag in the orld that represents absolute religious freedom, why should it not wave over every American home, every American church, every American college and

every American enterprise, great or

small, on the Sabbath, commonly called

Sunday; especially when the lawful day

set apart by our national government. If there is a church or people living under the protecting folds of the American flag who has any scruples that its display on the Sabbath day will affect the sanctity or sacredness of the day we would be glad to have them speak out and tell their reasons why. This is a Christian nation and the Star-Spangled Banner-the Stars and Stripes-is a Christian flag and God has honored it on land and sea, in peace and in war. Then let it wave in all its glory on next Sunday, June 14. Here is your Uncle John. whose flag will religiously float on that

Wants "Met" to Resign First. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 9-To he Editor of The Bee: I see by the papers that Richard L. Metcalfe has announced himself as a candidate for governor upon the usual platform of "economy." Good for Metcalfe. Now let him resign that \$10,000 sinecure and put his 'economy" into practice. I am afraid the principle will not appeal tecply enough to cause him to let go of those \$10,000 paid to him for being Bryan's right-hand man. I suppose Metcalfe's idea of economy is to jar a few sixtydollar-a-month janitors loose from their jobs, or perhaps reduce the salaries of a few clerks or deputies, but we will venture that he will never sever himself from that payroll.

JAMES WHITCOMBE.

JOHN B. DEY.

More About Catholiciam. LINCOLN, June 9 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Under the heading, "Catholicism." there was a communication in The Bee over the signature of Walter Johnson, and dated from North Loup, Neb. It was an interesting letter and shows Mr. Johnson to be a man of broad, tolerant views, such as I would expect from a man of intelligence and having a correct conception of American citizen-

There are a few points in Mr. Johnson's letter upon which I would like to comment, not with a view to dispute anything he has said, but to correct what might give an erroneous impression. He says Catholicism is a theocracy. That is a wrong idea. Catholicism is a religion. It is the religion of the universal church, the religion adhered to by all tribes, tongues and nations; the same in China as in Nebraska; the same in Rome as in Buenos Ayres. It counts among its aderents Americans, Englishmen, Irish-Germans, Frenchmen, Italians, Spaniards and men of every political and racial division of the earth. The head of that religion, the center of unity to all se races, differing in all things else, is the bishop of Rome, the successor of St. Peter, the chief of the aposties, upon whom Christ founded His church. This vast religious aggregation of men and women numbers nearly 300,000,000 of Christians. Millions are French, millions are British, millions aret German, millions are American. Good politics, therefore, as well as religion, demands that the head of this great universal church should not be the subject of any particular government. That is why Catholics of all nations demand, as humanly speaking a necessity, that the pope, or bishop Rome, should be independent. Few statesmen of today will dispute the correctness of this Catholic idea, and before many decades of years shall have passed the European powers will insist on setting apart a neutral zone, embracing the city of Rome, in which the temporal power of the pope will be re-established and guaranteed by all civilized governments. Mr. Johnson says he doss not believe the Catholic people want Rome to rule Nebraska. To a Catholic the very idea seems a comical absurdity. We Catholies are very human, partaking of all the good and bad qualities of mankind and smong them our share of gelfishness. Now what benefit would accrue to us, by surrendering our civil libertles into the hands. of a number of Italian or cosmopolitan gentlemen over in Rome? Why, if the absurd and impossible idea should be realized and the pope should issue a deree commanding us to vote for John Jones in preference to John Smith for congress, or for the United States senate, we would simply feel sorry for the holy father's dementia, and begin to speculate on his probable successor in his exalted office. The idea that the Catholics have under their hats a dream of a great Catholic empire, or theograpy, to be ruled by the pope is about the craziest absurdity that ever addled the brain of an idiot. And yet, to the reproach of Protestant ministers and Protestant teachers, there are thousands of poor ignorant Protestants who can have their very

vitals upset brooding over the possibility of such a chimerical catastrophe. It is true that certain persons to be found in all parties, generally worthless persons, are endeavoring to raise ill feeling against Catholics, to galvanise the dead issues of the A. P. A., which the late Edward Rosewater and The Bee helped very materially to bury. We Catholics can afford to let these coyotes yelp, for every practical politician knows there is no political party in this state that could espouse and survive an anti-Catholic campaign. The day is past when we Catholics had to accept a small installment of our rights, patronizingly bestowed on us as a favor. Henceforth we want, and shall insist on, every right guaranteed to us and to all other denominations by the constitution of our country. We sak no favor, but we shall

resent discrimination. I can assure Mr. Johnson that we Catholics are not at all disturbed over these little anti-Catholic spasms. They are sure to pass, to die of inanition and the editors and the politicians, who give them countenance will be the ones who later on will say "they hadn't oughter." JOHN P. SUTTON.

Tapping the Treasury.

Brooklyn Eagle, The little jangle at Vera Cruz and Tampico costa \$10,003,000 to date. That is probably all we saved by changing the tarlift. | tations."

## Summering at Tampico.

Dutch Pen Pictures of Warship Life in the Harbor

Picturesque Scenes.

Tampico, the oil metropolis of eastern Mexic started Uncle Sam's gulf expeditions which were do flected to Vera Cruz. The town has since changed He needs but to sleep forty winks; authorities, the rebels chasing the federals out of the He's addressing the bail, district. Out in the harbor and on the Panuca river. And they say that he lives on the links. several warships idly ride the tides, atlent spectators of the shifting scenes and lenging a neighbor refugees when necessary. One of the warships is the Dutch cruiser Kortenner. An unnamed Netherlander, standing between the diamond and the sun)—And so did you, ington correspondent of a nome paper, gives some eturesque descriptone of happenings in and around ampico just before the rebels took the city. He was guilty: Why didn't ye, in part:

"Deliver us from oil: Our ships float in a river"

"Begora." replied Pat, hanging would have been top good for him." picturesque descriptone of happenings in and around Tampico just before the rebels took the city. He

of oil. We smell nothing but oil. We hear nothing but stories of oil wells. We must sterilise our water young prosecuting attorney. 'you say four times to get rid of the taste of oil. Federalists your name is Johnson and that you live at and constitutionalists are killing each other to get Medicine Hat. What, may I ask, is your hold of the oil fields. When the battle is over, the "Occupation?" queried the witness. "Oh, dead are hastily thrown in a large heap, oil is poured I farm part of the hat band." over them and the simple funeral pile is ready.

There is one advantage, however. The oil works as a preventive of the worst of all pests. The mosjuito is not much in evidence. There is no yellow fever. But since typhoid fever, maluria and smallpox are prevalent in the town we all get our daily dose of quinine, and so far we have kept well and cheerful.

Saluting the Mexicans. "The American admiral asked us not to fire the customary salute because the Mexicans were so excited that innocent firing might cause a terrible panic. The next morning, however, we entered the Tampico river and sailed upstream for some six miles. When we appeared before the city we fired our salute of twenty-one guns. Nothing happened. The Mexican gunboats returned the salute and we went ashore to

"All along the river we had seen the evidences of the warfare which was going on. Campfires, ruined houses, little groups of men on horseback. Near the city was the small village of Dona Cecilia, whose inhabitants had been murdered and which had been burned down by the rebels. In the city of Tampleo there was great excitement. Every night there were large demonstrations. Viva Huerta! Viva ia liberated! Mureta los Gringos! Extras with news about the expected war with America. The attacks of the rebels had been going on steadily for three days, but without much result. Every night they were repelled. From on board ship we can see this warfare, see the men charge and see the shrapnell explode-see how villages and houses are set fire to and how the railroad transports carloads full of men to the points which are most threatened.

"Yesterday I was on shore. The motorboat with some whaleboats in tow remained near the landing place to take up refugees who were obliged to leave their houses. I must confess that I was glad to have a trusted browning carefully hidden in my pocket All around us were the most villalnous looking soldiers with enormous guns. I went to have a look at the Plaza. The rebets had just then entered the suburbs and the troops were fighting in the streets. The Mexican gunboats Zaragossa and Bravo were firing their large cannon with considerable success. Captured rebels are immediately shot or, if possible hanged, and the few trees around the city are as heavily loaded down with corpses as a ripe cherry tree with cherries. The idea of prisoners of war is not known here. When, according to our rules, a small band of either one party or the other ought to surrender the victorious party continues shooting until not a man of the other side remains alive. A few cans of oil, a match and the funeral has taken place. Nobedy knows how many men the rebels have lost. They take their own dead and wounded with them. They bind their hands together with their larso and drag them along behind their horses to the safety of their own camp, dead, wounded or dying. The federal army, judging by what we see of it, is othing to boast about. All prisoners are pressed into the army. Every evening patrols are sent to guard all saloons. Those brethren who appear to have had too much when they leave these drinking places are at once mustered into the army. Here is a system of prohibition which ought ought to be successful.

Nurseries on Warships.

"Immediately after our arrival-just in the nick of time-we took the Dutch colony on board. A new rebel attack was momentarily expected. First of all, about forty men, women and children arrived. Of course, the officers at once gave their cabins to the women. My excellent cabin became a nursery and the domestic laundry graces the spot where nothing less martial than a sword had ever been suspended. But war is war. Many members of the Dutch colony have married Mexican women. Their ideas of cleanliness do not always correspond to ours, but a large supply of oriental perfumeries makes up for much.

Every morning after a very uncomfortable night we are waked up by the chanting of the numerous babies. Large families are still fashionable over here and not a single baby has been forgotten. After a few days we had to make room for a number of Danish subjects who had no other place to which they could fice. And just now we have given the hospitality of our ship to a number of American citizens.

"The problem of space now becomes a difficult one. Even the commander has been driven out of his cabin. In the heat and the smell of our oily sea sleeping in the open is no joy. We tried the dining room. One officers on a table, one on a couple of chairs, others on the floor and on the sofas. There were no bedelothes available. They had all gone to the bables. We slept under our tablecloths and under raincoats. This arrangement was not a success. Then we tried the large cabin. Better air than downstairs but very uncomfortable and little room. Then we rigged up some hammocks on deck. Everything went well until we were attacked by myriads of unknown insects and bugs of every sort and variety which were attracted by our electric lights. Early each morning the deck is covered with thousands of squashed insects of a shape and size quite unknown outside of the tropics.

"At every hour of the day the launch, commanded by an officer, is near the shore to pick up refugees of whatever nationality. At night a special guard is kept on deck to act in any eventuality. This system is very tiring for the men and the officers, but we have been able to do much good.

## People and Events

Eleven surveying parties will be sent out this year by the United States geological survey to investigate the mineral resources of Alaska.

Sir William Willcocks, chief engineer of the Assuan dam, on the Nile, and irrigator extraordinary of Palestine, has been retained as consulting engineer by the United States reclamation service.

Lee Shubert is arranging to bring to the United States for a tour next season an infant phenomenon in the shape of a boy of 7. Willy Ferraro, who has been conducting orchestras in Berlin and Paris-

Two girls in Budapest who had decided to fight a duel over a young man with whom both were in love have settled the matter by becoming engaged to the two men who volunteered to act as their seconds. Sir Conan Doyle remarks a change for the better in New York's police. They haven't as much "front" as they had two years ago. The "finest" has undergone considerable extra sweating in that time,

Former Senator Chauncey Depew is hobnobbing with royalists in Paris. Since the abandonment of the 'amen corner' Chauncey had to go abroad to obtain respectful attention for his "Joe Miller reci-

#### FOLLIES FROM JUDGE.

"Jack asked me to marry him last week, and I refused. Yesterday I telephoned him that I had changed my mind." "What was the result?" "He said that he had changed his."

Charity Worker-Will you do something or a poor woman whose husband comes or a poor woman whose nusually out of jail today? Algy-Here's a quarter. Wire her my

While the golf senson's open, he thinks

College Widow-You displayed some marvelous curves this afternoon, Mr. Yale-

"Now, my good man," said the bullying ecupation?

EXTINCT MONSTERS.

Oh, had I lived in the good old days,
When the lebthycearurus ramp
around,

When the Elasnosaur swam the bays, And when the Sivatherium pawed the ground.
Would I have spent my precious time
At weaving goden thoughts in rhyme!

When the Tisoceras encoped about,
And the Pterodactyl flapped its wings.
When the Brontops with the warty snout
Noscyed around for herbs and things,
Would I have bothered myself o'ermuch
About the measure, the muse and such?

The Dinortherium flourished then. The Pricrycotus lashed the seas;
The Ramphorhynchus prospered when
The Scaphognathus rerched in trees.
And every creature, wild or tame,
Rejoiced in some roccoo name.

Pause and ponder, who could write A triolet or roundelay
While a Megatherium yawped all night
And a Heeperornis yawped all day.
While now and then the bray sonorous
Of Glyptodon Asper swelled the chorus:

If fate had made me anything
But a rhymster I'd have got along:
Those days of monstrous hoof and wing
Were not inspiring to lyric song.
So Nature reserved this tender bard
For the kindlier Age of Pork and Lard.



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