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

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Even a worm will turn; also Villa. The Courier-Journal speaks of Tillman's statesmanship. Runcombe.

Many a man rashly shows his courage by risking himself on his record. Yes, but which is to be our good friend from now on—Villa or Carranza?

The strange thing about Villa's break with the boss is that it did not come sooner. Almost anyone with a vivid imagination can hear Huerta chuckling to himself, "I told you so."

There's many a slip 'twixt mediation and peace, as the Niagara Falls pacifiers can amply testify. Won't those Kansas City prisoners punish that Kansas wheat when they get into the fields, though?

According to the Hearst newspapers, "Germany is stirred by Mr. Hearst's views." What, only stirred? Well, now, are we to regard the revival of business prosperity when it comes also as merely psychological?

Deprive the bull moose of the fodder supplied by George W. Perkins and he will shrink weight still faster. Song of the harvest! "Down in the meadow the wheat grows deep and the reapers are making the cradles sweep."

ML Lassen Shoots Ashes Two Hundred Feet High—Headline. Must be getting ready to run for governor of California. Well, if the Hon. Joe Burns can "come back" as a law-maker commissioned by the holy city of Lincoln, in this era of reform, there is hope for all of 'em.

"Nothing to compromise," sneer the Montana miners. Same old fool remark that has held back progress and caused so much suffering in most labor disputes. If, as some say, glass is soon to become popular as a building material, we venture to predict England will not take it up until the militants have quit the warpath.

Those greedy Britishers, after declaring themselves in equity with us in the Panama canal, take the polo cup away from us. That's like adding insult to injury. Each captain blames the other for the recent fog tragedy on the St. Lawrence. All of which shows that there must have been some blame in the operation of the ships.

Our Water board boss will not run for governor, but will continue on the job in an effort to make good his still unfulfilled promises with the water plant. Time for another rate reduction.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha. The closing exercises of the Brownell hall schools were held in Boyd's theater. On the stage were seated Hon. J. M. Woolworth, Rev. John Williams, Rev. Robert Doherty, director, and Mrs. H. S. Windsor, and the graduating class of the year.

Miss Daisy Jewett, daughter of City Clerk Jewett, was united in marriage to Mr. Locke of Chicago. C. E. Raymond and family arrived from Clinton, Ia., to make Omaha their future home. Mr. Raymond will shortly open up a jewelry business at the corner of Fifteenth and Douglas.

Not an Unexpected Outcome.

The denial of the reported split between Villa and Carranza may reflect the facts in the case, but it seems far less plausible than the original report. The remarkable thing about the relations of these two men is that they could have lasted in anything approaching harmony this long.

Justice as a Game.

There is, unfortunately, more truth than poetry in the assertion of a California judge that "justice in this country has degenerated into a game." He describes the game as one in which the attorneys on the opposite sides are the players, the defendant the pawn and the judge the umpire, with the result depending not upon the merits of the issue but whether some rule of the game has been violated during the play.

If, however, justice, although degenerated into a game, were always played on the square by the attorneys who make the moves it might not so often defeat the main purpose, but the trouble is that there are crooked lawyers as well as honest lawyers, and the crooked lawyer plays a crooked game with perjured witnesses coached to give framed-up evidence, just as the crooked gambler plays with marked cards and loaded dice.

The ballot is the emblem and insignia of freedom—the counterweight by which one enters into the control of his peers, VIOLA KAUFMAN, 617 North Sixth Street.

Stop and Whistle.

BLAIR, Neb., June 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: One scarcely picks up a paper these days without reading of some heartrending accident that "snuffed" out a number of lives and made others living examples of what shall we say, a railroad's negligence or somebody's carelessness, or both, and crippled for life.

I have no defense to offer in behalf of a corporation that is often called "hooligans," but there are human rights that must be conceded. May we ask how long trainmen would hold their jobs who disregarded the law crossing the tracks of another company at sixty miles an hour? They stop and whistle, and, of course, "safest first" is established.

When we go to the legislature we shall ask for a few simple laws for the guidance of people on life's great highway. First among such will be where there is likelihood of autolets endangering the lives of others, stop and whistle. A little more stopping, a little more whistling, a little more "in honor preferring one another" and you have it in a nutshell.

Retrenchment and Efficiency. The somewhat persistent policy of railway managements to dismiss faithful employes in the name of retrenchment and efficiency is beginning to challenge serious attention. When, as the Railway Age-Gazette points out, the aggregate salaries of the officers of the railways of this country amount to less than 1 1/2 per cent of the total earnings and to only about 3 per cent of the total operating expenses, people may get some idea of the validity of this claim.

The normal human eye is blue, say scientists, other colors being caused by the presence of different pigments in the iris. So thin is a new oiled silk material for men's raincoats that a garment may be folded into a wallet and carried in a pocket.

Experiments are under way in India with cooling buildings by forcing currents of air through hollow walls with electric fans. Of the 24,000,000 people engaged in gainful occupations in the United States, 28,000 die annually, either from accident or industrial illness.

Although the invention of the rain gauge is attributed to an Italian contemporary with Galileo, such instruments were in use in Korea at least two centuries before his time. Wireless messages are sent much more easily at night than in the daytime and in winter than in summer, and the range under favorable conditions at midnight during midwinter is said to be several hundred per cent better than at noon in midsummer.

Conserving the Flood Waters. Though its feasibility may have to be proved, the desirability of the proposal to conserve the flood waters for irrigation purposes in parts of Nebraska is not open to doubt. A practical plan would be welcomed in all western states whose soil needs storage waters. But enlisting the aid of the federal government to execute the enterprise is another thing, for, so far as we know, congress has made no such appropriations, and might be slow to throw down the bars to a new train of demands multiplying the regulations that already come in under rivers and harbors and reclamation claims. And yet, where the need is so urgent as that involved in this proposition, a way may possibly be found to accommodate it. It certainly is a waste of resources not to conserve flood waters and a sheer loss regarding agricultural development not to be able to use this water for the saturation of subsoil that otherwise goes without it.

From the vicinity of the mud baths of Indiana Edgar Howard writes that "the democratic nominee, Senator Shively, is regarded by many Indiana democrats as the peculiar political property of the brewing and distilling associations, and it is apparent that he will not be cordially supported by those who deny the right of the distillers to mix political medicine for the democrats," and then adds as his opinion, "My own judgment is that Shively will win the prize." Put two and two together and see if you can tell where democratic politics in Indiana is at.

The colonel discovers the bed of a river once in a lifetime, but President Wilson discovers the trail of the lobbyist every little while.

The Bee's Letter Box

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

Those School House Meetings. OMAHA, June 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: The public ought to know the facts about some of these widely advertised school house meetings. I was at the suffrage meeting at the Bancroft school. The total attendance was not over forty, of which half were children.

Oliverioles All but Nine. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., June 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: In Sunday's Bee, in the column of People and Events, you mention that the authorities of Pittsburgh have warned women that those who play cards for money are liable to be arrested; you add: "Equal rights are also being given equal penalties."

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Tabloids of Science. Harassing a fly to a tiny wagon an English scientist found it could draw 770 times its own weight. The approved form of lifeboats is now thirty-two foot motor-propelled and capable of accommodating 29 persons.

Around the Cities. Cleveland now has over fifty gas wells in city limits. St. Louis is to have a new market building, to cost \$100,000. Springfield, Ill., is trying nitrogen tungsten filament street lights.

Philadelphia police recently captured an entire gang of professional auto thieves. Chicago has a new golf club limited to 100 members who must each pay \$1,500 entrance fee.

Atlanta has opened his old home as a memorial to Joel Chandler Harris. Pittsburgh jobbing market serves over 10,000,000 people and does an annual business of over \$1,000,000,000.

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Aimed at Omaha

Health First at All Times. Wayne Herald: Of the army of school children on exhibition at Fort Omaha one day last week, many were overcome by the heat, and several were reduced to a serious condition. It is doubtful if one who has been overcome by the heat can ever be fully recovered to former health.

No Call for Waldorf-Astoria Prices. Nebraska City Press: The Omaha Bee asks its contemporaries to aid in wiping out the \$6,000 jail-feeding graft in the metropolis, a stain that the taxpayers should wipe out, according to The Bee's belief. There are worse stains on the Omaha escutcheon, however, than the desire of the sheriff to get Waldorf-Astoria prices for the grub served the county's unfortunate.

Boosters from Boosterville. Beatrice Express: The Omaha bunch are boosters for Omaha, and they are not afraid to tell you that Omaha is the queen of the west, and that they are prepared to prove it. Their enthusiasm is contagious and it is this kind of boosting that goes a long way in moulding the opinion of others.

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GRINS AND GROANS.

"I think I'll take a little fish, water." "Yes, sir. Bluefish or whitefish, sir?" "Bring me a little of each and a portion of red snapper. I'm not in the mood for a patriotic."—Seattle Post Intelligencer.

"Aren't you afraid of getting freckled if you walk in the sun?" asked Maude. "Yes," replied Maymie. "But what's the use of a shadow skirt if you walk on the shady side of the street?"—Chicago News.

Miss Rand—Why, Kate, how do you do? I haven't seen you for several years. Caught a husband yet? Mrs. Rand—Goodness, yes. I've caught three and let two go.—Boston Transcript.

Doris—He groveled in the dust at my feet. Doris—For we were going to the movies and he had dropped his dime.—Stanford Chaparral.

"Mother," said the son, "I made a mistake when I elected chemistry. But it is not too late to change even yet. I want to take astronomy instead." The mother searched the eyes of her son sharply. Then she said: "Nope. You'll have to think up some better excuse for staying out at night."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

"Does Miss Yeller sing for money?" asked the Old Fogey. "I don't know," replied the Grouch.

THE BUNGALOW.

"The only time I ever heard her she seemed to be singing for spite."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Shay, my friend, I have been arguing on a question which we want you to decide for us. Is that planet up there the sun or the moon?" "My friend, I can't say. I'm a stranger in town."—Wisconsin Siphon.

Clinton Scallard in Judge. Oh, I'd like to have (now, wouldn't you?) a little bungalow for two.

With a bit of shade above the eaves. Where I could hear the laugh of the leaves.

And feel as free as a vagrant gnat. And dig if I happened to want to dig! And watch the flowers smile up at me. And just with passing bird or bee!

And have her come (for she'd be there!) With sunlight gilding upon her hair. (And dimples playing at hide-and-beek—Rose and snow upon her cheek!)

And have her whisper, low and sweet. "Dear, don't you think that it's time to eat!"

Oh, I'm com'g to have (should she not say "no") Just such a little bungalow!

Biggest Shoe Sale On Record Starts Saturday. \$1 for your choice of several hundred pairs of women's, misses' & children's low cut shoes. Wait Until Saturday GET HERE EARLY. Hundreds of other wonderful bargains in the second week of our June Clearance Sale will be advertised Friday evening. OMAHA'S FASTEST GROWING STORE. BENSON & THORNE @ 1516-18-20 FARNAM STREET.

Good bargains in musical instruments, household furniture, typewriters, and a host of other useful articles may be found every day in the "For Sale" column of The Bee.

Every summer a large number of people break up house-keeping and offer practically new furnishings for sale at a very small fraction of their original cost.

Retail stores often have unusual bargains to offer and you will frequently find such advertisements in the "For Sale" column of The Bee. As you go through the display ads, also see what bargains are offered in the "For Sale" column.

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Something About Government Ownership No. 8

Advocates of government ownership of telephones have claimed that the American people are paying dividends on "watered" stock.

Here is what Representative Lewis, Chief Congressional Advocate of Government ownership, says about "water" in Bell Telephone stock:

"Be it said for the Bell System that it is the one great corporation in our country that has not issued tons of counterfeit capital. Its bonds today represent the actual contributions of its stockholders in money to a great common enterprise."

The telephone business has produced no millionaires. Last year the net earnings of the Bell System were less than 6 per cent on the actual investment. Five per cent of the gross revenue, or \$11,300,000, were paid in taxes in 1913.

Bell Telephone Service Has Set the Standard for the Rest of the World. NEBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY