

## BRYAN AND WILSON DISCUSS ANSWER TO JAPANESE NOTE

President and Secretary Again Go Over Anti-Alien Land Legislation Situation.

### REFERENDUM NOT PROBABLE

Belief that Necessary Signatures Cannot Be Secured.

### WAR TALK COMES FROM LONDON

Sympathies of Canadians and Australians with United States.

### PEACE MEETING IN JAPAN

Speakers Deprecate Talk of Hostilities and Say that Naturalization of Jap by United States Will Solve Problem.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Secretary Bryan conferred with the president this afternoon on the Japanese situation. The president was taking a holiday but talked with the secretary of state about the answer of the United States to the Japanese protest against the anti-alien land legislation.

Arizona's new alien land law is not regarded here as seriously complicating the negotiations with Japan because the act does not contain the same direct bar against Japanese as the California act. It is expected however, that because of its adverse effect upon Mexican land owners in Arizona, a protest will be forthcoming from the Mexican government, even in view of the rather irregular status of the diplomatic relations between America and Mexico.

With both the American and Japanese governments waiting upon the final action of Governor Johnson, the possibility of postponing the operation of the proposed California law by invoking the referendum is again being discussed in official circles.

The overwhelming majority for the Webb bill in both branches of the California legislature makes some Californians in Washington doubtful if the necessary 30,000 signatures for a referendum could be secured.

### War Talk from London.

LONDON, May 17.—"Should we break out, the sympathies of Australia, New Zealand and western Canada would be violently on the side of the United States," says the Pall Mall Gazette today in discussing the California alien land ownership controversy.

The newspaper considers that it will be a grave mistake to underestimate the chances of a conflict between the United States and Japan. It says:

"The opinion that the Japanese will never go to war to force their treaty rights in California is one of those dangerous generalizations which lead nations blindfold to the brink of the pit."

The Pall Mall Gazette expresses the opinion that there are several reasons why Japan may be desirous of forcing the issue at the present moment. The most obvious of these is the pending opening of the Panama canal, while a more remote one is connected with the condition of its internal politics. The article continues:

"The point at issue—the exclusion of Asiatics from permanent settlement—touches the British empire very nearly."

### Peace Talk from Tokio.

TOKYO, Japan, May 17.—Irresponsible war talk was condemned by most of the speakers at a mass meeting today, organized by an association representing partly business and partly educational interests, at which some parliamentary representatives were also present.

The speeches made by the majority of the educational representatives, in contrast to the others, were sober and conservative. They gave expressions of confidence that Americans will side with the Japanese if the Japanese steadfastly point out the unfairness of discrimination.

It was, however, declared that the time had arrived when the Japanese must be given equal treatment with other peoples, and the speakers urged the majority of the whites in the world against the colored races, the instance being given of the lynching of negroes in the southern states.

Prof. Nagai of Waseda university, in the course of his address, said:

"God made the white and colored people equal. Unless we claim equality we shall fail to carry out God's wishes."

Representatives Terutako Hinata and Kenzo Hayashi protested against the discrimination shown by the alien land ownership bill and condemned the lack of land and agricultural clauses in the existing treaty. They scored the reckless agitators, who, they said, were merely playing the game of those seeking orders for guns and warships.

Resolutions were then adopted declaring the Japanese in America must have equal rights with the whites and that this fundamental solution of the existing difficulty would uphold Japanese prestige and get a permanent peace.

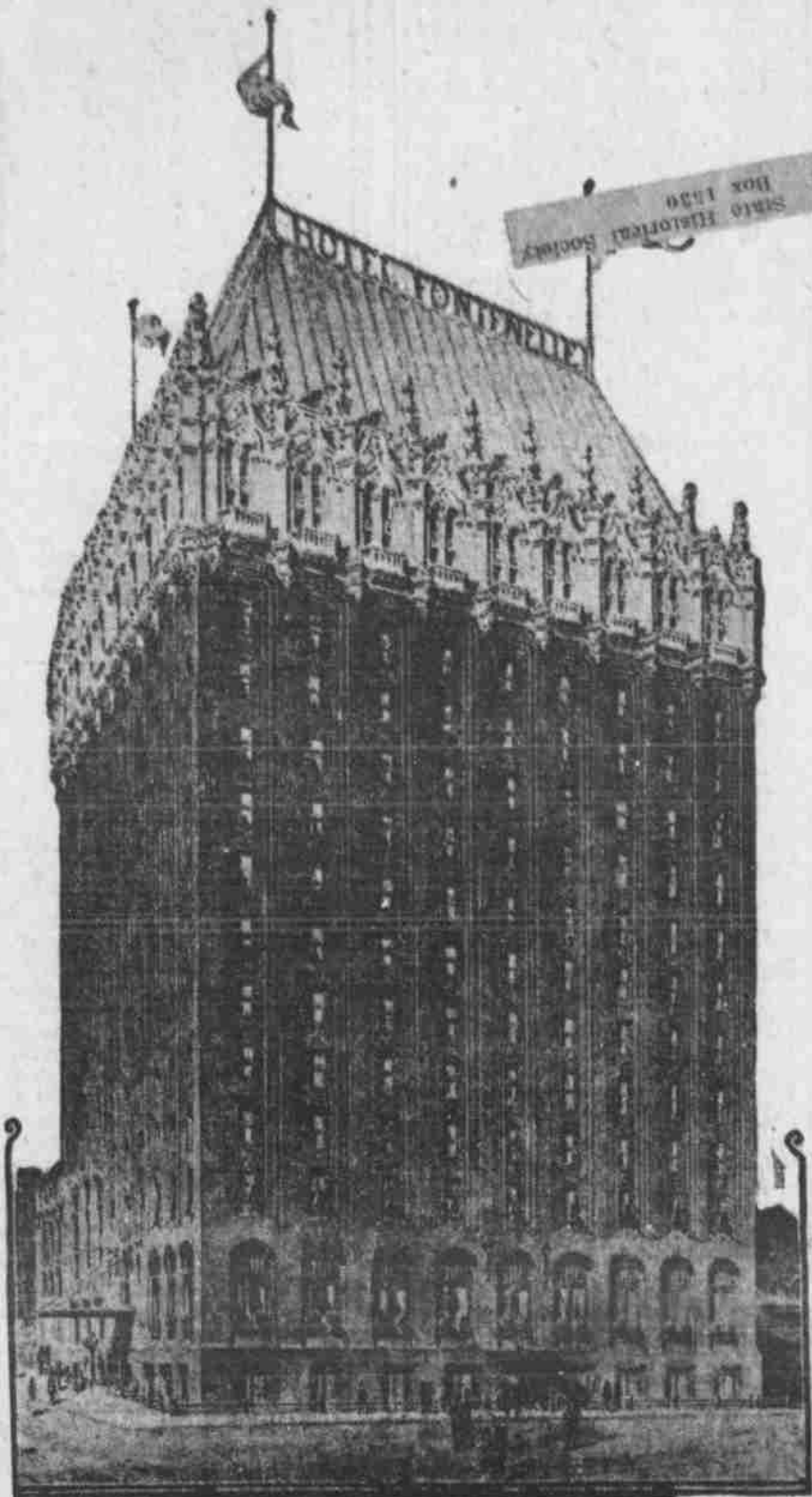
The meeting closed with dignity and seriousness and with the expression of the idea that granting naturalization rights to the Japanese in America would be a practical solution.

## Leaps Two Hundred Feet to His Death

OAKLAND, Cal., May 17.—Harold E. Magill, city clerk, committed suicide today by leaping from the fourteenth story of the new city hall to the roof of a lower part of the same building. His body was crushed in by the fall of some 200 feet.

Magill obtained a permit to go to the roof, and while it was being prepared asked the clerk if he thought a man could drop 200 feet and be conscious on striking. He had been in poor health for several months and told one of his assistants yesterday that he had not slept for three weeks and had walked miles in an attempt to tire himself out that he might gain some rest.

## What Omaha's New Hotel Will Look Like



PLAN SUBMITTED BY ARCHITECT T. L. KIMBALL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON SATURDAY.

### PROTEST MADE AGAINST PAGE

London Labor Leaders Act on Note from United States.

### LETTER IS UNAUTHORIZED

Secretary of New York Printing Trades Council Says It Comes from Organization Expelled from Federation.

LONDON, May 17.—The resolution of protest against the nomination of Walter H. Page as United States ambassador to Great Britain was introduced by W. Coffey, a member of the executive committee of the London Trades council on the strength of a letter written on paper bearing the letterhead of the Allied Trades council of Greater New York and signed "Charles L. Conway, secretary of the National Brotherhood of Bookbinders."

After describing Mr. Page as a member of the firm of Doubleday, Page & Co., the letter says:

"This concern is bitterly opposed to organized labor. The only department that forced recognition from the union standpoint was the bookbinders, but they are now on strike, being forced out, as the policy of the firm is to replace men with boys."

The letter also says that the International Typographical union, local No. 4, continues the firm on the "unfair" list, and that the men who had been secured to take the strikers' places rebelled and struck without the aid of any organization.

The letter concludes by asking "all the organized labor of the United Kingdom to assist in giving this matter the widest publicity and also to file a protest to our government on its selection and a protest to your own government for its acceptance of this man."

Not Authorized by Printers.  
NEW YORK, May 17.—The National Brotherhood of Bookbinders is an "out-law organization," expelled two years ago from the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, according to Peter J. Brady, secretary of the Allied Printing Trades council of Greater New York. It has been repudiated, he said, by the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Brady announced today that he proposed to write letters to President Wilson and Ambassador Page, explaining that this communication was unauthorized either by the Printing Trades council or by the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, and that he would also inform the London trades' council.

"Whatever may be the conditions at the Doubleday-Page plant in regard to the union labor," Mr. Brady said, "we

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### Five Thousand Spent to Dispense Three Hundred in Charity

CHICAGO, May 17.—Records intended to show that one woman dependent upon charity received less than \$300 during eighteen months, while approximately \$5,000 was spent in investigating her condition, were produced yesterday before the legislative committee investigating charitable institutions.

The beneficiary, Mrs. Maggie Ustich, resides next door to the Mary Crane nursery, a branch of the United charities, and two of her children were hospitalized last year. At the inquiry it was told how two pulmonary cases were rushed to the home in an effort to save the children who were overcome while their mother was attending a lecture at the nursery on the care of babies. Since their death Mrs. Ustich has been caring for three surviving children. Her husband is in an asylum.

A portion of the record of the case submitted by the Rev. F. E. J. Lloyd, member of the legislative committee follows:

Charitable organizations rendering service, \$16.  
Courts rendering service, \$2.  
Individuals investigating, \$2.  
Physicians in attendance, \$12.  
Nurses in attendance, \$2.  
Funerals rendering service, \$2.  
Visits and interviews in regard to Mrs. Ustich, \$166.  
Cash paid to Mrs. Ustich by United Charities, \$250.

Cash paid to all organizations, corporations, and individuals investigating case, \$5,500.

"This is one of the apparent abuses we are trying to correct," said Mr. Lloyd. "It is a shame so much money was spent in looking up Mrs. Ustich when so little was given really to help out."

### Kern Receives Many Letters About West Virginia Peonage

WASHINGTON, May 17.—More than 1,000 letters, petitions and telegrams have piled up in Senator Kern's office urging the passage of his resolution for inquiry into conditions in the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek coal mine region of West Virginia.

Today the senator received a letter from a man in New York, who wrote that he had been induced to go into the West Virginia mines under false representations, compelled to pay his own expenses and to get away, was forced to steal his way out to avoid the mine guards. The man offered to testify.

Action on the Kern resolution is expected Monday, after Senator Goff completes his argument against it.

### Fort Crook Troops Stay Down South Till Early Fall

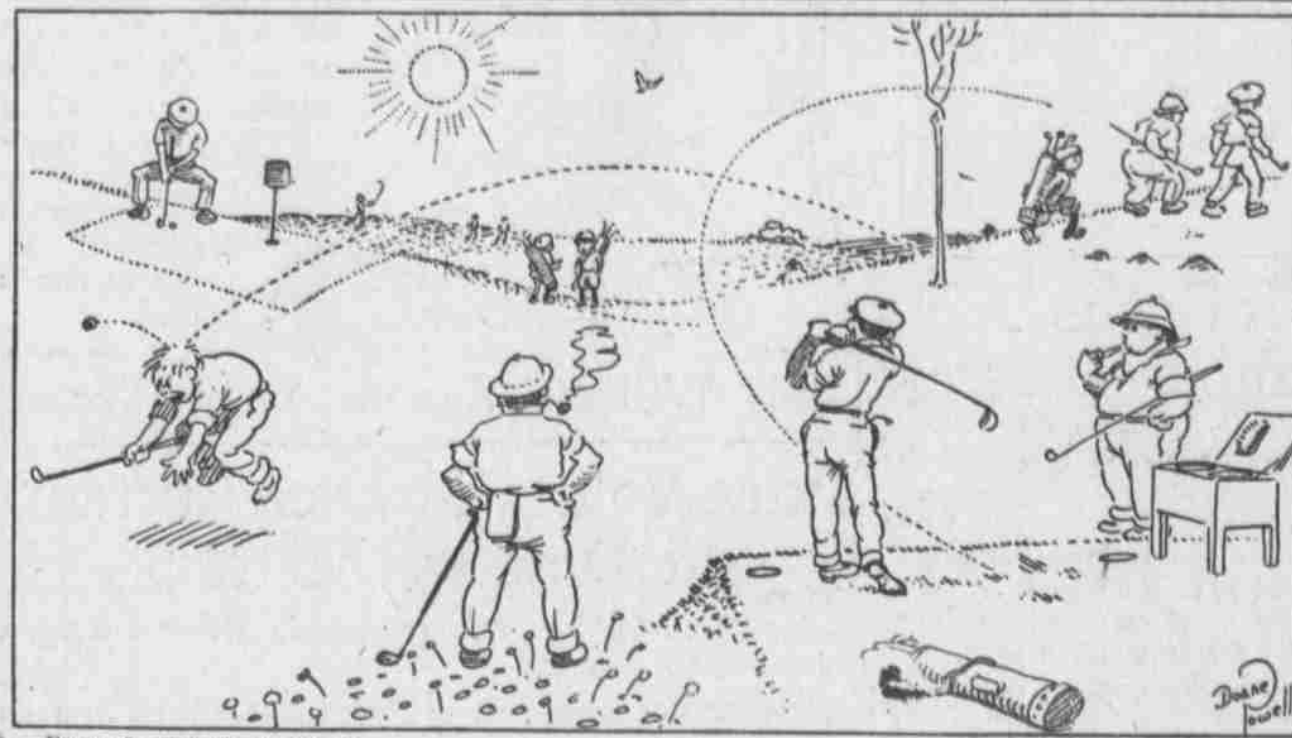
Fort Crook officers and troops now in Texas near the Mexican border expect to remain south at least till early fall. That is the word that comes from officers to their families left behind. When the detail to the border is withdrawn they expect orders to return to Omaha, with possibly the Third battalion of the regiment, although this is still uncertain.

### COLLEGIATE ALUMNAE ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Omaha branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae met Saturday at the home of Miss Nell Carpenter, when about thirty members were present. A plan of the work for the coming year was submitted. The work will be organized under six sections, four being maintained for the study of civic or educational problems and two for entertainment. Officers elected are: Miss Euphemia Johnson, principal of Brownell Hall, president; Miss Mary Wallace, vice president; Miss Elizabeth Rewitt, secretary, and Miss Mary McIntosh, treasurer.

Evans Given Sixteen Years.  
PIERRE, S. D., May 17.—Sixteen years in the South Dakota penitentiary was the sentence given R. C. Evans of Pierre, who had pleaded guilty to criminal relations with his 17-year-old stepdaughter.

## Sunday Morning at Eleven



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

## OMAHA'S POPULATION NOW TOTALS 168,484

New Directory Just Published Shows that There Has Been Fair Increase.

### INCREASE OVER A THOUSAND

Comparison of Figures with Last Year Show an Increase of 1,055 for Omaha and 183 for South Omaha.

The population of Omaha and the suburbs, excluding South Omaha, according to the new directory just published, is very close to 168,000. In South Omaha there are 23,527 more, making a total of 191,527 for the two cities. Last year's directory census showed a population of 167,432 for Omaha and 23,344 for South Omaha, a total of 190,776 for both cities.

By a comparison of figures it is seen that the increase in Omaha was approximately 1,055, while in South Omaha it amounted to 183, a total of 1,238.

The volume contains 74,982 names, which multiplied by 2 1/2, to represent the names and women not included in the directory, indicates the total population of Omaha. Treated in the same manner the South Omaha directory list of 14,500 gives the total there.

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### NORRIS FAVORS HEARINGS

Nebraska Senator Discusses Provision of Tariff Bill.

### HE SAYS IT IS INEQUITOUS

Wool is Free, While Goat's Hair, Which Competes with It, Is Protected—Free Flour as Had as Free Wheat.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, May 17.—(Special.)—Senator Norris today issued the following statement on the tariff bill:

"I am firmly of the belief that the finance committee of the senate should grant hearings on the pending tariff bill to all persons who are affected by the provisions of the bill. I do not believe that these hearings should be unlimited as to time, or that people desiring to be heard should be permitted to go over and over at length the same ground, or to duplicate the showing made before the ways and means committee of the house in connection with the present bill. There is no advantage to be gained by going over ground that has once been thoroughly presented. But there are a great many cases where the ways and means committee did not give full hearings and where industries involving thousands of employees and millions of dollars' worth of property were granted only a few hours in which to present their arguments. There are millions of people affected in this way who have never had a hearing, and to refuse them a hearing would be not only unjust and unfair, but a discrimination that in my judgment no man could defend.

Nonpartisan Board Needed.  
"All this goes to show the need for a nonpartisan and permanent tariff board that will be able to seek out the real facts that they may be applied scientifically for political machines. Such a commission would take it to a very great extent at least, out of the realm of politics. We will never have a scientific tariff until a nonpartisan and permanent tariff commission has been provided for, established and put in running order. The present bill, as have all other tariff bills, simply illustrates the weakness of the present system of framing tariff measures.

Bill is Inequitous.  
"The present tariff in many respects cannot be defended, and is in my judgment, inequitous. It should be revised and it should be reduced. But the pending bill is not fair even as between the different sections of the country. It provides for free wool, but it provides for a protective tariff on the hair of the Angora goat, which is used in the manufacture of some kinds of goods where wool is used. The sheep, however, are raised in the west—and the Angora goat is raised in the south. If we are to have free wool then surely the hair from the Angora goat should be admitted free. Free flour is just as injurious to the farmer who raises wheat, as free wheat. If we admit a barrel of flour free it has the same effect on the farmer who raises wheat as if we admitted free the wheat required in the

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## UNDERWOOD BILL IS DISLIKED IN FRANCE

Proposed Tariff Measure is Condemned by Commerce Association.

### BITTER SPEECH BY GERALD

Deputy Says Clause Intended to Subsidize American Shipping Violates Treaties with Twenty Nations.

PARIS, May 17.—The Underwood tariff bill as far as it relates to French industry was energetically condemned today at the monthly meeting of the National Association of Industry and Commerce. The chair was taken by Andre Lebon, a former minister of Commerce and among the distinguished company were Gabriel Hanotaux, former foreign minister, and Paul Delombre, former minister of commerce.

Deputy George Gerald, in reviewing the tariff bill, expressed his objection to its administrative clauses, which, instead of relieving the great hindrances which he declared exist in trading in the United States increased them arbitrarily. "When Mr. Underwood and his friends say they are only applicable to professional defrauders," said M. Gerald, "this affirmation is not sufficient for French exporters, who already know too much about the administration of the American tariff."

Deputy Gerald continued:

"The world has seen how the United States by its Panama canal act has violated the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and the state of California has violated the United States treaty with Japan. The proposed tariff, which seems intended to subsidize American shippers, violates twenty treaties—those made by the United States with Spain, Great Britain, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Denmark, Belgium, et cetera. I still hope that France and the United States will be able to arrange a practical agreement."

M. Lebon commended the "judicious comments" of Deputy Gerald and regretted that the United States, although professing the desire to live on good terms with all the world, does not give any practical proofs of this to France.

### Geneva Debater First in the State

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, Neb., May 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Robert B. Warring of Geneva today won first honors in the High School State Debating league. Leonard W. Trotter of Lincoln was second and Floyd Ellis of Wymore third. The commission form of government was discussed by the orators.

Carnegie Will Visit Kearney.  
BERLIN, May 17.—Andrew Carnegie is coming to Berlin to congratulate Emperor William on his twenty-five years' peaceful reign. He sailed today, reserving rooms at a hotel.

## WATER RATES WILL BE REDUCED JULY 1; BEE WINS ITS FIGHT

Majority of Water Board Decides to Listen to the Cry of the People.

### PRICE TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

Over Six Cents Per Thousand to Be Second Cut.

### BOARD IN SECRET SESSION

Howell's Idea of Big Sinking Fund is Overruled.

### MEMBERS HAVE THEIR WAY

Second Cut in Price as Result of Efforts of The Bee to Secure an Equitable Rate for the Smaller Consumers.

Howling to the will of the people, as voiced by The Bee again and again, the Water board will recede from its unreasonable position in the matter of rate reduction and will, according to information emanating from reliable sources, issue an order effective July 1 reducing rates to private consumers from 31 1/2 cents to 25 cents per 1,000 gallons.

This reduction has been considered at several secret sessions of the Water board, along with The Bee's statistics of the earnings of the plant, produced during its persistent campaign for lower water rates, and an agreement on the per cent of reduction has been reached by a majority of the board members.

Water Commissioner Howell's plan to make another reduction, so slight that practically no relief would be afforded to poor consumers, met with the disapproval of his colleagues on the Water board, who believed a reduction that reduced was due the public.

Preparations are now being made to issue the order of reduction, although it will not be effective until July 1. Howell is still holding out for delay, but the Water board members who favor a real reduction are in the majority and there will be no fight on the issue, as it has been pretty thoroughly settled in executive sessions of the board.

Concerning the reduction, Howell said he believed the plant ought to have a large reserve fund on hand and that the earnings, huge as they are, do not at this time justify a substantial cut in the price of water. Quick exception was taken to this by one of the members, who said he favored reduction that would be shown at once that the board was getting away from the idea that the plant was run for private profit instead of public service.

### JAMES WINTERSTEEN, JR. EXPIRES AT FREMONT

FREMONT, Neb., May 17.—(Special.)—James H. Wintersteen, Sr., one of the last survivors of the anti-slavery men in Ohio before the war, died at the home of his son, Judge Waldo Wintersteen, last night at the age of 92. He was born in Geauga county, Ohio, and lived at Harrisonville, a little town on the Ohio river until 1871, when he came to Saunders county, Nebraska.

Though postmaster and always an active democrat in politics, his home was a station on the "underground railroad" and a good many slaves were aided by him in their escape to their freedom.

He had lived in Fremont for the past thirty years, retained his mental and physical vigor, aside from deafness, remarkably well and until about three weeks ago walked from his son's home down town and back a distance of sixteen blocks nearly every afternoon.

Morgan raiders passed through Harrisonville and a stiff fight in the Federal forces on his premises and six men died on the door step and several wounded in the yard. None of the family was hurt. His wife died about ten years ago. He leaves three sons, P. H. Wintersteen, a veteran of the civil war; Waldo Wintersteen of this city, and J. H. Wintersteen, Jr., of Lincoln, four daughters and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

### The Man Who Needs

a suit of clothes, a hat, a pair of shoes or anything else for his personal comfort and adornment—the man who doesn't know where to go to buy—should read BEE advertisements.

When he does, he buys to best advantage. This season of the year generally finds many men with depleted wardrobes.

The things that lasted through Winter and survived the early Spring, now look ancient and weary.

These must be replaced by the newcomers in the realm of things to wear. Business demands are such that most men must dress well, and naturally most men are just as eager to exercise economy as most women.

BEE ads will help you surprisingly, sir. Read them, and when you need a particular thing in clothing or its adjuncts, you will know precisely where to go when you start out to buy.

Let the world know what we are doing  
**OMAHA IN THE REBUILDING**  
 A 32-page book of full page pictures showing the marvelous work of rebuilding is now out. Send it to your friends and business connections. Show them what Omaha pluck and enterprise has accomplished in a few short weeks.  
 At The Bee office 17th and Farnam. 10c per copy—by mail 12c