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I, E. W. Williams, circulation manager of the Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, say that the average daily circulation for the month of May, 1914, was 50,261.

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

Wonder if any doctor ever prescribed grape juice for it.

A gas franchise controversy is naturally expected to produce hot air.

There is danger that June may not be anything for July to do to us.

These nine Cornell men who are training to cook must be womanizers.

Take it from us that the kaiser is again in peace in spite of his bringing mustache.

The author of "Statesmen Read Near" politely leaves the reader to guess which is which.

If Mr. Hobson has read all of Jaeger's Pacific re-educators he knows by what it takes two to make a cat.

"I thank God I'm not a lawyer," claims Senator Martine. Of course, there must be some laymen to serve clients.

One St. Louis brewery fills and has 1,600,000 bottles of beer a day. The other twenty try to supply demand.

No far as the time for starting is concerned, it must be admitted that one Arctic explorer who has just returned north showed class.

Whatever congress does with the money, let it take notice that the best farmer will require a lot of it to cash in his crops.

Those Ulsterers who threaten a robust resistance of Irish home rule may win out if they can enlist few suffragettes in their cause.

A southern editor says Colonel Roosevelt ought to make Colonel Atterton eat his words. That might be a nice vacation job for that editor.

"Can we make good men by legislation?" inquires an eastern reformer. Possibly, but it has seldom been accomplished in the last 113 years.

The Shoe trust is said to have admitted crushing out where it could not buy out competitors. Grinding them under the heel of oppression, it says.

No sooner does Julian Hawthorne at his parole from prison than he goes to perpetrating mushy rhymes about the life within, which is a poor way to show contrition.

Why do orators prate over the fact that Phidias cut his name on the shield of Minerva? What good did the Phidias? It certainly was no way to treat a lady's shield.

"The era of turmoil and bloodshed Mexico appears to be as far from end as ever," says the Topeka Journal. Why, sure; aren't there several thousands natives left?

An exchange dilates learnedly upon the flavor of butter. The next thing someone will be discussing is whether butter is improved more by a bit of one shade than another.

Harry Lauder has become a landed lord in Scotland, having carefully hoarded the money he earned in the United States, and is now applying to a seat in Parliament. That is a thing we shall have to take time for if Johnny Bull sees fit to let it on us.

That reminds us, printed copies of Nebraska session laws are already overdue. There is really no need of such delay, which could be easily obviated by letting the contract carrier and having the work started as soon as the first bills are signed by the governor.

Who Pays the Freight?

The announced extension of the pure food law to cover meat and meat products must not be taken to mean that this most important of all our foods has been left until now without the safeguard of inspection. Quite the contrary, the most rigid government scrutiny and this work has been supplemented by state and municipal activities. The real trouble is that meat, like other perishables may become impure or unfit for food at various stages of its transit from the farm to the table. Diseased animals are culled out by the inspection of the bureau of animal industry which applies tests before killing, but deterioration is always possible in storage or at the retail butcher's or even after delivery to the ultimate consumer.

It resolves itself, then, into a question who should bear the loss for what is condemned. If it is left between the packer and the producer, the former will try to throw it off, but must do so in the lower price he pays for the animals which he buys whereas inspection at the place of shipment, advocated for this purpose, would put it on the stock raiser before his stock goes on the market. Between the packer and the butcher, the cost of condemnation losses, we may be sure, will be transferred to the retailer and by him to the consumer in a higher price charged. Just take it for granted that the cost of insuring pure meat is in the long run carried by the producer or the consumer and not by the middle man.

Our Increasing Insular Trade.

The enormous growth of commerce between the United States and its insular possessions furnishes a subject of interesting thought as presented by the Department of Commerce's formidable array of statistics. With Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Guam, the Philippines and Tutuila our commercial intercourse is expanding by leaps and bounds, mostly, of course, in shipments to them. This is gratifying to business interests, but the chief significance and source of gratification to the government must be that it shows the benevolent and edifying effect of American occupation in these islands. It shows that our influence has reared these people to higher standards of living, where their tastes and habits demand better things and are no longer content with the old ways of living. While affording larger outlets to American products, it broadens the expanse of American institutions and substitutes them for those that have held these people down instead of lifted them up. It is possible, therefore, to measure "benevolent assimilation" by the standard of business done in such instances as these, but that is by no means the sole measurement at our disposal.

The Public and the Utilities.

The president of the Chicago Telephone company has been commending the changed attitude of the public mind toward public service corporations, which he finds more reasonable and less censorious than formerly. Others have observed the same thing, but they miss a vital part of the view if they do not also see a decided change in the attitude of public service corporations as a whole toward the public. One had to come before the other could. There is just one view of this situation and that is a frank, mutual relation between the people and their public servants, the utility corporations. And many of the advanced corporation men are themselves urging this most. They have learned the folly of the old hide-and-seek policy of doing business and are trying to get away from it, though it is a slow process.

People and Events

Three subordinate courts in New York state pronounced unconstitutional a statute requiring automobile drivers to register personal injury to stop and give their names and car numbers. The court of appeals reversed the lower courts and upheld the law. Whereat there is joy among pedestrians and applause in the press.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha COMPILED FROM BEE FILES JUNE 23.

Thirty Years Ago— A review of the work of the Central school in the high school building discloses that the teaching staff there of the first five grades is made up of Miss Schlemmer, Miss Buchanan, Miss Mack, Miss Johnston, Miss Cushman, Miss T. McChesne, Miss J. Wilson, Miss Stull, Miss M. Wilson, Miss Morse and Miss Andrews.

The board of public works opened their batch of bids for paving. For asphalt the Harbour company wanted \$236 per yard, with base, on a five-year guaranty, and \$236 on a ten-year guaranty. The bid for Sioux Falls granite on concrete foundation was \$433, and for limestone, \$236.

A bad storm last night did considerable damage with wind and water. The Burlingtons beat the Whooee base ball club by 7 to 1 in a six-innings game, Salisbury umpiring.

Richard Kimball left for Green lake near Georgetown, Colo., where he, in company with several others, has erected a hotel to be used as a summer resort.

Twenty Years Ago—

Lou Wessell of the Lincoln State Journal was in town. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bradley left for Saybrook, Conn., to spend the summer.

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The Bee Letter Box

Let Everybody Advertise. OMAHA, June 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: No doubt you have many readers who are interested in advertising. It may possibly be that some of them may have to make a little speech at some coming festivity, in which their professional seal will prompt them to proclaim the benefits of making themselves and their goods known to all men and women. Should this be so, I pass on to them as a good reason for advertisement the following rhyme:

A hen is not supposed to have such common sense or tact. Every time she lays an egg she cackles forth the fact.

The peacock spreads his tail and squawks, Pigs snort and robins sing. And even serpents know enough To hiss before they sting.

Yet man, the greatest masterpiece That Nature could devise, Will advertise and boast before he'll advertise. SAM L. MORRIS.

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If I wished strictly No. 1 glass they now would have to send to France or Germany for it. Aren't such facts deplorable?

These questions are becoming national, and I hope the wise men in Washington will find a way to solve them to the satisfaction of the trades and the public. MRS. PAUL GETZSCHMAN.

Why Apologize for the Substitute?

OMAHA CITY, Mo., June 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: I observe the expression of W. C. Pearce, International Sunday school secretary, indicating pride in a cabinet member ruling out whiskey, wine and champagne from his official functions, which is commendable as far as it goes.

However, if the intoxicants were ruled out, why maintain "imitation" of the customer serving anything in the way of stronger drinks? The immorality is not so much in the strength of the liquor as it is in the public practice of its use, which has full endorsement in a substitute, even though it be grape juice.

Grape juice was not used in place of water, tea or coffee, it was not used to quench thirst, but its use was wholly in imitation of the stronger beverage and that use was accompanied by an apology for the absence of string drink, notwithstanding the fact that the secretary of state is under no obligation to apologize for his table and the food and drink thereon served.

By Mr. Bryan had served turkey in place of roast beef? He would have made no apology to a "best eating" Englishman therefor nor to anybody else. His guests are presumed to eat and drink that which is placed before them without question or comment and Mr. Bryan failed to rise to the dignity of his position and to his rights as host when he served grape juice with an apology therefor. H. B. KELLY.

Nebular Logic.

OMAHA, June 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: He is again I refer to the diligent contributor to The Bee's letter box who oscillates between Missouri Valley and Omaha to get ideas on vast subjects to be explained by him to a benighted public. I write this not to carry out an argument, for plainly an argument with him is impossible. I want to point out the humor in his rebuttal to my argument on his amusing "treatise" on human nature, savagery, civilization and other things, for fear some unlucky person missed the fun. So this I intend to be something like the reference book one takes with him when going through a museum or art gallery. This is a sort of guide through the labyrinthine ways of this man's mental wandering in that rebuttal, which, I might add, is typical of his daily letters. He calls my attention to the fact that if his statement "about a savage being a savage by nature is untrue, it cannot be refuted by reversing it, nor by comparing it to the statement about the dog having nine legs." It is laughable how he considers that I denied the fact that a savage is a savage by nature and it is equally funny how he reached the conclusion that his statement had been "reversed." I reversed his syllogism and added one of my own—that about the dog—to show what absurd conclusions can be reached through syllogisms.

I ask him now, is it reversing his statement, "a savage is a savage by nature," to say that "a civilized man is civilized by nature"? To make the latter statement, he says, of course denies what he said (the former), but that is all it does; simply a denial. I repeat, is that a denial? This is merry, eh? Judges? Then further in his rebuttal this daily writer, "where savagery ends and civilization begins cannot be known," etc. With that statement he was trying to answer my question, "in the gradual change from savagery to civilization as it is today, how is it that the change from the natural to the artificial?" You see, I asked about the change from natural to artificial and he comes back to tell me about the change from savagery to civilization. Come, isn't it? Then he glances this latter statement, which I do not deny, with "the point where instinct ends and reason begins cannot be known for the same reason," and I will try to comment on that, it having nothing to do with the point at issue, but will add merely incidentally that I could cite one case where reason ends and instinct begins. However, I would not like to be rude enough to say that it occurs when this man sits down to produce his daily epistle.

I shall quit here, making the request that he let the "multiplication of causes" be explained the nebular hypothesis, refute the Newtonian theory and give us his argument on the origin and function of music. These will all be good and I am sure will furnish material enough to keep his words in print for the next year. C. B. W.

Congratulations—Thanks.

OMAHA, June 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: Congratulations on the forty-second anniversary of The Bee. My father and yours were great friends years ago when the "Bee office," as it was called, was located at Tenth and Parnam, opposite the building there which was then called the Doran house. I had an uncle who came here about that time from the east on a visit. He became so interested in the paper that he had it sent to his home regularly; he should be alive today to see the present plant and equipment.

I am enclosing a clipping from a recent issue of the Carter Times which shows the old buildings here. By the way, this is the oldest hotel in the city, having been built by my father. It is "one block south of the court house," while the newest hotel will be "one block north of the court house."

Again, congratulations and best wishes. You are a booster for Omaha and Nebraska, as your brilliant father was before you. FRANK J. CAREY.

A Pastor Asks Questions.

OMAHA, June 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: One objection to the passage of this ordinance in its present form is the provision that the ordinance shall become effective if approved by a majority of the voters voting on it as a special election called for this purpose alone. The total qualified voters of the city is more than 25,000. At a special election it is calculated that there may not be more than 5,000 votes cast. So the ordinance may become effective by the approval of not more than one-tenth of the voters of the city. If the ordinance was submitted at a regular election, when probably not less than 20,000 votes will be cast, it would require the approval of 10,000 votes to make the ordinance effective, or nearly two-fifths of those entitled to vote. Why, then, the expense of a special election? It is understood that the gas company will bear the expense of the special election. The fact that the gas company has to bear the expense of a special election rather than to let the issue be decided at a regular election shows that

the gas company desires the passage of the ordinance as being to its own financial advantage. But why should this question be hurried to a decision five years before the present franchise of the company expires and it will be necessary to make some arrangement about gas? Why not wait at least until the new charter, if adopted, has gone into effect, with its improvements giving the city, as is hoped, larger self-control? And why not wait till the courts have made a final decision on the suit now pending between the gas company and the city? Why does the gas company desire to pay the expenses of a special election and thus hasten to bind the city by a small vote to the advantage of the company? Is it not the part of wisdom for the city to wait, at least till the next regular election? F. F. RAMSAY.

SMILING REMARKS.

"Our sporting editor took the place of the 'Home Hints' editor yesterday!" "Anything happen?" "A lady who wrote asking how to can tomatoes was told to get an old can and piece of string, then to catch her tomato and proceed the same as if canning a dog."—Houston Post.

Jack—Can you swim. Jill—Sure, I can. "Are you sure you can?" "Why, sure. I'm the best girl swimmer in this camp." "Fine! What do you say to a little canoe ride, while waiting for supper to get ready?"—St. Louis Republic.

"Why is it?" asked the curious guest "that poor men usually give larger tips than rich men?" "Well, suh," said the waiter, who was something of a philosopher, "as well, nobody to find out he's poor, and do rich men don't want nobody to find out he's rich."—Youth's Companion.

Editor (letting him down easy)—Some-times your work is very good, but too often it lacks snap; it's deficient in what we call ginger, you know. Occasional Contributor—Would it help

if I were to—eat more ginger snaps? —Chicago Tribune.

"I suppose you take excellent care of your health?" "No," replied Farmer Cornelius. "I tried every kind of medicine I could get hold of for awhile. Then I gave up and forgot about my health and I've felt better ever since."—Washington Star.

THE LINO-TYPER'S REVERIE. I. N. Hull, in Typographical Journal. There's a storm a-comin' at sea, Billy; Flashes for help and "C. D. Q." Fifteen hundred, or thereabout, Are watchin', an' waitin', an' prayin'. Men who never 've prayed before, This 'lase' says—'What's that you're sayin'?' Wagner has tied up the score!

Here's a "take" o' the market, Bill; The bears are makin' a raid, They're hammerin' Copper an' Southern an' Steel. Only Reading an' Atonish stayd; Right and left they're shearin' the lamba Bill. Nor pity the fellow that's done. The shorts are in clover—How's that, Bill? 'Eray! The captain is in with a run! Society's out on parade, Bill; 'a debutante a-makin' her bow. The gowns are in splendid array—'Follow copy, when it comes to just how! There's Helen-ey, Mayme and Ha-selle, An' the names must all go in print; An' 'woe unto him who mis-spells—'Yes, Cammy, get in by a sprint.

They's hell broke loose in Berlin, Bill; They're marchin' an' callin' for bread; The strikers are gittin' like sin. An' industry's paralyzed, dead. The 'burn' in a warehouse in Hamm, Bill; In Bremen they're stormin' the dock— But what do we care for all of the din? When Carry is in by a block?

So why 'rattle the keys an' the rbs. Bill; An' send the lines into the laws— A wreck on the rail; next a few aquils; 'Tales of men who abandon the laws. A flurry on 'change or a war, Bill; Or a banquet in Timbuctoo, What 'ave we carin' for home rule for Erin? Since Marty came clatterin' through?

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