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Rushing the season makes business for the

The time of year is approaching when the school boy wishes he was not.

Everybody is for home rule for Ireland, but home rule for Omaha is different,

Wizard Burbank has worked plant wonders, but he has not improved on the shamrock, If everybody connected with the State Rail-

way commission is vindicated, then they should all be happy.

Terre Haute is the latest town to be the victim of a street car strike. We in Omaha had ours, and do not want a repetition.

The Mexican war is spreading. Peoris reports a flerce and fatal fight between two railroad section gangs of that bellicose blood,

A minimum wage of \$2,50 is proposed in a California initiative law. Why not even money to make the arithmetic of counting it easier?

President Wilson's intervention in the factional feud of Tennessee democrats has already proved a failure. Back to watchful waiting!

To get an idea of what people think of them. those crooked lawyers ought to talk to others besides lawyers who are doing the same thing.

It is still a toss-up as to who will win this duel of silence, Personal Representative John Lind or Confidential Agent William Bayard

Tom Sharkey, the has-been pugilist, now serving a sentence in a New York City jail, thinks Gotham is going to the dogs, G-r-r-rraugh!

Ambassador Page's explanation of his London speech is said to satisfy the president. It's dollars to doughnuts that it doesn't satisfy Mr. Hearst.

Every time a new batch of hodies is taken out of the ruins of that St. Louis fire, all our American cities get a fresh argument for "safety first" in building laws and their enforcement

Remember the harmonizing of the repubabout in the face of the most persistent efforts of the democrats to cause friction that will obstruct merger.

It is certainly hard luck for that Missouri youngster who has just died at the age of 115, with records of service in both the Mexican and civil wars, to be cut off at the very moment ha was getting ready to enlist for another invasion

"A strong north wind last night did more to solve the problem presented by 'General' Kelley's army of unemployed than any human agency has yet been able to accomplish," says a Sacramento dispatch. It's an ill wind that blows nobody good.

"Decisive defeat of a column of constitutionalist troops," runs the bulletin from the front. It does seem that Pancho Villa is taking a decidedly long time to end the war, as he promised when we lifted the embargo on supplying him with arms and ammunition,



Afruit and nut stand has been established at the corner of Fifteenth and Farnam.

The spring rains have set in and the mud is already several inches deep, and still going down.

A party of nineteen Indian boys and girls, ranging in age from 6 to 16 years, from the Winnebug reservation, came in and were placed in charge of Julius Meyer, who is to put them in school at Mount West Cuming is the name of a new addition to the

city of Cenaha, comprising two plots of twenty-two lots each just west of the Sacred Heart academy. A petition has been presented to the city council

Estabrook and others asking that Sixteenth street be opened up south of Leavenworth to the city

Benator Fair was among the west bound parsengers on the Overland.

Mr. R. C. Patterson went out to Wayne to serve as best man for the marriage of his brother, D. C. Putterson, and Miss Maude Gamble of that city. Rev. Thomas C. Hall of Quaha performed the caremony. A new company known as the Nebraska Overhand Telephone company has been incorporated in the names of Herman Voder, S. R. Johnson, I. S. Harratt, J. E. Riley and John A. Harbach. N. fl. Palconer has returned from the east.

Scope of the City Plan.

A movement is on foot to procure for Omaha a city plan as a basis for future development of our system of parks, boulevards and other public improvements. So far discussion has proceeded as if this work appertained solely to Omaha proper, whereas we submit that it belongs to the Greater Omaha, and that the scope of the plan must embrace South Omaha, Dundee, Benson, Plorence and all the suburban territory that is sure in the course of a comparatively few years to be brought under one governing authority,

To draw a plan that stops with the present city limits without connecting up with the adfacent areas would fall short of the requirements. At the same time so long as Omaha is separate and distinct from South Omaha and these outlying territories it is not to be expected that Omaha will put up the money for a scheme of improvements whose main benefits would go to the owners of property escaping city taxes because lying outside of city boundaries.

To be more to the point, a part of the proposed city plan must be to devise a way by which the plan itself may be eventually taken | terror of that awful night. up by the whole Greater Omaha and put through with a combined financial backing of all the beneficiaries.

The Spirit of Loyalty.

Commenting on the rapid progress and deelopment in the young city and state of Oklahoma, a writer in a current periodical observes: These folks who braved pioneer conditions have learned how to work together. Theirs is a spirit of town loyalty and state loyalty."

There is a forceful lesson in that for us of Omaha and Nebraska. We have a right to boast of our superior natural resources, our strategical location and our brilliant prospects for yet greater growth and progress, but we have no right to deceive ourselves as to our failure, for one reason and another, to rise fully to our opportunities.

On too many occasions this spirit of "town loyalty" and "state loyalty" is lacking. Domestic dissensions, for the most part based on trivialities, are too frequent. While perfectly aware of the fact that it is regarded as impolite to speak of the matter in public, we make bold to say that one of the most witheringly harmful conditions in our state is the senseless anti-Omaha feeling that prevails over the state. Nor are we disposed to lay all the blame from this prejudice on the people out in the state, but frankly to charge Omaha with a share of re-

This does not alter the fact, however, that the antagonism is bad, is destructive in its tendencies and must be overcome if, not only Omaha, but the state, is to seize its opportunities and go forward as under all normal conditions it should and would. As a people with common interests we must cultivate unity of action and realize that there can be no dividing line between us with anything but mutual dis-

As to Child Labor Laws.

A speaker at the National Child Labor conference in New Orleans asserted that the United States was behind even Russia in the enforcement of child labor laws, while another orator declared compulsory education to be the only solution of the problem. He might have pointed to our experience in Nebraska for the proof.

Without respect to the extreme conditions in the south, or the unsatisfactory conditions over the country, Nebraska's experience with child labor and compulsory educational laws is a very wholesome and happy one. We have sane laws on the subject and no difficulty in enforcing them. The legislature of 1907 enacted a law requiring all children between certain ages -- not less than 7 nor more than 16 in cities of the metropolitan class-to attend school for the full period each year, either public, private or parochial school, or instruction by a tutor. The only exceptions made to this rule are in cases of children between 14 and 16, who are compelled for economic reasons to remain out of day school, or may be incapacitated. All such, except the infirm, are obliged to attend night school. Further, they and their parents lican factions in Nebraska must be brought and employers must punctually and regularly account for their compliance with this pro-

vision. As The Bee showed in a recent series of articles on the public schools of Omaha, only thirty-five children, out of an average enrollment of more than 15,000, were under this provision on the night school list, and all of these were reporting properly. According to Superintendent Graff of the city schools, "These laws have worked with remarkable success in Omaha," and we have reason to believe so in the state at large. Indeed, Nebraska's laws on the subject afford safe models for other states. We have no hesitancy in saying that if they were operative everywhere as they are here there would be no basis for complaint as to conditions along these lines in the United States. Our state's percentage of illiteracy, be it remembered, is the very minimum among all the states, and it has even gone down since this law went into effect.

The esteemed Chicago Tribune, in rebuking those who found fault with the president's policy of "watchful waiting," some two weeks ago concluded a laudatory editorial with the assertion that the president's policy was "only wise." Now, it observes: "President Wilson's policy of 'watchful waiting' has been tried, and up to this time it has been a 100 per cent failure. It is evidnt that it will continue to fail." It only goes to show, we suppose, that wise newspapers, like wise men, change their minds, and especially on a subject as difficult of proper judgment as this.

One of the reasons urged for repealing the canal tolls exemption is because there is a division of sentiment within the United States as to whether our treaty obligations would be violated. On that score we would never take any step as a nation against which some other country might set up treaty claims and find even a slight measure of support among our

Much speculation is aroused by the fact that Governor Morehead is down on the program for the Bryan birthday dinner, while the rules governing that particular function have heretofore prohibited talks by any candidate for state office. Perhaps the program-makers went on the theory that, though the sovernor might speak, he would not say anything



Suggestion from Father Williams. OMAHA, March 17 .- To the Editor of he Boe: I am in full sympathy with the people who do not want any kind of public celebration or commemoration or monument of the frightful disaster of Easter night one year age. The people who suffered the terror and loss of that night need no reminder of it. But there is something which they and we all might do, on Sunday next, if not on the anniversary itself. We might all make it a day of commemoration before God in every church and synagogue in the city, as religion and faith prompt us, to pray for those whom God took without a moment of warning or preparation, that He might make the sudden visitation the eternal gain of those whose lives went out of this world's light. Surely we could commemorate our people's loss and grief in this way, religiously, without jar to the hearts or nerves which suffered the JOHN WILLIAMS,

Get Back to Business.

OMAHA, March 17 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Let me say a word to the newspapers that are deploring conditions here, and saying that what is wanted is new leadership. We are supposed to have leadership now in these very newspapers, each proclaiming its devotion to the cause of reform, and insisting on the superiority of its own brand of reform, which in no two cases are the same. How can the ordinary person reach any conclusion when the leaders of reform organs of public opinion are on opposite sides of the question? For example, when one advocates the gas franchise and the other denounces it; when one boosts the Auditorium bonds and the other knocks leaders of reform to get together and stop abusing the different lines of business interests into which our citizens have put their money and depend on for their

This knocking has barred from Omaha half the transient trade, and the transient trade is the business man's profit. People don't come to Omaha to look at buildings and sky. They want to see and do things here that they have no opportunity for at home, and no matter how or where the visitors spend their money it goes into the channels of all lines of business. The best that strangers have gotten of late for coming to Omaha has been to be thrown into jail for wandering into the wrong restaurant. To me it looks like the same old fight between the liberal element and the socalled reform element, and between the two the town is the sufferer. So I say, get back to business.

GEORGE E. YAGER.

Ignorance Due to Heedlessness. OMAHA, March 17 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I am interested by the comment of the Lincoln papers on the resuit of the vote on Omaha's home rule charter. In effect, the editors of the Capital City agree that to draft a charter that will be adopted is beyond the power of human convention, because enough of people will object to one or another of its provisions to defeut the

This is certainly a serious indictment for if it is well founded, it means that popular government is a failure. I to not like to think so. We remember that the constitution of the state of Nebrasks was adopted by the vote of the people; so also has been the organic law of each of the states, and of the union it-

The trouble with the charter lies in a different direction. It was defeated because a large majority of the voters did not know what it contained, and, and because the majority of the voters who discussed it did so either in ignorance or prejudices. On the night of election I met two well known Omaha business men, each of whom admitted he had voted against the charter, also that he had not read the document, and further that he did not know it had ever been published. Each of these men reads at least one of the Omaha daily papers, and the charter was published in full in all three of the Omaha daily papers.

Here lies the trouble. If either of these two husiness men were as negligent in his private affairs as he is in his public duties his business would be in the hands of the sheriff very shortly. If citizens were to give a little more heed to the official notices, they might soon become better qualified to exercise the rights of citizen-OLD FOGY.

Letters from a Political Heathen-X SOMEWHERE, Neb., March 16.-To the Editor of The Bee: Alas! how often does what a man counteth as his strength prove his weakness. We all admire, or should admire, the present president of the United States. We all repolce, or should rejoice, in any success he may attain. We all weep, or should weep, in any possible failure of his administration. We all forget, or should forget, that we are partisans. We all remember, or should remember, that first of all we are citizens. His appointment of the present secretary of state seemed, at the outset, to be a tower of strength. We have all read in childhood's sweet days of Sinbad the sailor bearing the old man of the seas upon his shoulders. We all remember the words of the apostle as he cried out "O, wretched man that I am. who shall deliver me from this body of death?" We have all read the fable of Aesop's Jackass with the lion's skin. How futile is the attempt of the man, who thinks he can be better than the world! We have heard the howl go up against usury and oppression of the oor. Just imagine some millionaire philanthropist moving into some country and loaning out money at 2 per cent for twenty years, how soon would some sharper be putting up the job, as the phrase goes, to have people of poverty making loans at 2 per cent, and paying the money over to him at 8 or 10 per cent? You might as well try to set up a pulpit in hell, as attempt to establish a constitutional government in Mexico. Henry Lane Wilson and Andrew D. White were right in their analysis of the situation. When the blind lead the blind shall they not both fall Into the ditch? DER HEIDE.

Fate of the Middleman.

Philadelphia Ledger. Government experts are engaged in formulating a plan to make the parcel post reduce the high cost of living. It involves, of course, the abolition of the middleman. There are hundreds of thousands of middlemen in the country, all of them citizens. It must be rather startling to them to find their representatives, paid by their taxes, engaged in a deliberate and evert attempt to deprive them of a livelihood.

Why Go to Church?

Signed Editorial by E. F. Denison, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Sunday, March 29 is go-to-church day, in which a special effort is being made by all the effurches of "the city to induce those who are not regular church attendants to go to the church of their choice at least for that day.

A special advertising campaign is being carried on, the newspapers are giving it large publicity, and judging from the results in other cities, the church

buildings should be crowded on that day. It is worth while to consider why all this effort is being made. Why should men go to church? It is estimated that there are 8,000,000 more women and girls in the churches of North America than men and boys, but this is not an evidence that the need is not as great for the masculine side of the race.

Men need to go to church because they are by nature religious and the church, with all its shortmings, has no real competitor in helping to supply this need. Men do not go to church continuously to be entertained or because they like the preacher, but they go regularly only when they are helped in their religious life, and the wise pastor will see that this is the underlying motive of his work.

No one who wants a well developed, well rounded life can afford not to go to church, because without it he must be unsymmetrical.

Then a man owes it to the community in which he lives to identify himself with that agency which, more than any other, stands for the uplift of the community.

No public spirited individual would want to see a churchless city, because he knows that universally the communities without churches are immoral and unprogressive. He should add his moral support by participating with others in this way.

There is a special reason for a man with a family of children identifying himself actively with the church because in it he finds his greatest ally in properly rearing his children. Religion is the most important factor in steadying the life of a growing boy or girl and the wise father will want his children in the church. The surest way to keep boys and girls them. Would it not be better for the in the church and Sunday school is for the father

E. 7 Deniem

Twice Told Tales

No Bud Example for Him.

There is a certain middle-aged bachelor in this town who makes it a practice never to give a tip at a restaurant or cafe. And he boasts that the waiters think as well of him and that he never leaves a table without receiving every attention, obsequious bows and a "Thank you, sir," from the waiter who has

One who doubted this recently did a little gumshoe act after this tipless customer last week, to see if he was telling the truth. And, sure enough, when the luncheon was finished and the exact amount of the check paid, all the polite things happened. Then the amateur detective approached the waiter.

"That man gave you no tip?" he said. "No, sir." said the walter. "And yet you said "Thank you, sir," in a loud

"Yes. sir. Do you think I want other customers. to know that some people don't tip?"-Pitteburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

Power of Habit.

Mrs. Tucker gave some food to a tramp one morning and as he was eating it, she noticed a peculiarity. "Why," she asked, "do you stick out the middle finger of your left hand so straight while you are eating? Was it ever broken?"

"No, ma'am," replied the tramp, "but during my halycon days I wore a diamond ring on that finger, and old habits are hard to break."-National Monthly

He Was Prepared Governor Tener of Pennsylvania, the new president of the National league, said at a base ball banquet in New York:

"Success in base ball depends on preparation, on training. Those who fail in base ball have either been slack in their preparation or else they have prepared. like Jethro Higgins of Conshohocken, in the wrong way. "The minister, you know, came to Jethro's house

one afternoon to a christening party-he was to christen Jethro's little son, Jethro, jr. "'Jethro,' said the minister solemnly, taking his host aside before the ceremony, 'Jethro, are you

prepared for the selemn event? "'Oh, yes, indeed, doctor,' Jethro beamed, 'I've got two hams, three gallons of ice cream, pickles, cake-'No, no, Jethro,' said the minister, with a smile. 'No, no, my friend. I mean, spiritually prepared.' 'Well, I guess yes! Two demijohns of whisky and three cases of beer!' Jethro cried in triumph.

Other Grand Things.

Angus McTavish was a lowlander, rich and thoroughly Scotch. He had never seen the highlands or the beautiful lakes of Scotland except from a long He paid a visit to America and in New York was

shown all the sights. However, he was not impressed, and still thought the lowlands of Scotland far superior. As a final attempt to show Angus something that would impress him, his friends took him to Niagara Falls. Angus looked at them critically, and when asked if he did not think them the most marvelous thing he had ever seen he remarked;

"Aye, mon, they are grand. But do ye ken the auld peacock in Dumfries that had the wooden leg?"-Buffalo Express.

People and Events

A marked increase in the number of suicides amons real estate dealers is noted in New York City. The only explanation given is a desire to improve the tast lot in life's addition.

A Pennsylvania woman who underwent ten surgical operations in twenty-four hours has been awarded. first prize as a society climber in the smart set of her neighborhood. Can you beat it?

An Oregon millionaire who got a sentence of "five days on the stope pile" for driving his auto at fifty miles per hour can comfort himself with the reflection that every blow he hits the stones will be a blow for road improvement.

Edward Morris, vice president of Morris & Co. packers, has just inherited \$3,000,000. But it has not changed his routine of work. He is at his deak every morning at 8 o'clock. Only a half dozen intimates knew that he had reached his majority. The esteemed Edwin Hines, the Illinois booster

credited with the achievement of "putting Lorimer over," will pay only \$19.55 in personal taxes this year, It lan't Ed's fault, however. A mixup in the assessment roll worked in his favor and he is willing to let it go at that. Miss Davis, Brooklyn's commissioner of correction wants women doctors for women prisoners. "A woman

advisor and might, without damage to public policy. say whether she prefers a woman or a man when in need of a physician." With a \$1,000 bill in his pocket which he had been unable to get changed, after trying more than 100 times in at least twenty different towns, John C. Johnson, son of a Philadelphia merchant, arrived in Sunbury, Pa., where he met friends and had some-

prisoner." she says, "may select her own spiritual

thing to cat for the first time in nearly tweive hours. William F. Wallis, member of the faculty of the Carnegie institute of Washington, who has been taking measurements of terrestrial magnetism near Rome, is about to undertake a scientific mission of unusual interest in northern Africa. He intends to measure the terrestrial, magnetism along the coast from Tunis to Alexandria as well as in the interior as far as possible.

SMILING LINES.

James (Who is Broke)—I have one faithful friend left.
Hulks (Also Broke)—Who is it?
Jones—My pipe, I can still draw on that.—Boston Transcript.

"Of course you admire Marc Antony's "Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "I admire his originality. He managed to ring in a touch of novelty by starting 'Friends. Romans, Countrymen,' instead of 'Friends and Fellow-Citizena'."—Washington Star.

That sulconkeeper has some good busi-

ness ideas about whetting his customers' appetite for a drink."
"Such as what?"
"He keeps a man hasking around who has a fund of stories with lots of dry humor."—Baltimore American. "Well," said the dentist, "I have looked our teeth over carefully, I don't find

your teeth over carefully. I don't find that there is a thing to be done to them."
"That's what I thought. I wanted the astisfaction of sitting in your chair for ten or fifteen minutes without feeling in the least bit frightened."—Washington Star. Professor X, one of the old school, always objected to the pronunciation of "wound" as though it were spelled "woond." One day he stopped a student in the middle of a reading with: "How do you pronounce that word, sir?"

"Woond," replied the student.

The professor gave him a sharp look and

The professor gave him a sharp look and said: "I have never found any ground for giving it that soon, sir."-Boston Tran-

knock at Miss Flora's door when I sent you up with her breakfast?" "No, ma'am," replied the maid, with pre-ternatural gravity, "What was de use of aknockin at her do wen I knowed to sure she was dar?"—St. Louis Mirror.

THE WOMAN.

Who darns the holes in ev'ry sock, Keeps track of key for ev'ry lock, And regulates the kitchen clock? Who winds the thread from off the spool. Looks out for ev'ry household tool. And gets the children off to school?

Who cuts out dresses by the yard. Counts all the buttons on the card. And knits a mitt while boiling lard? Who washes clean the dirty duds. Mops floor and stairway with the su And then proceeds to peel the spuds? Who from the stove removes the soot Takes out the ashes, puts up the fruit. Hoes cabbase plants and makes the kraut? Who works the hose and mows the lawn, Sets out the flowers at night and morn And finds the wood when daddy's gone Who gets up early, builds the fires, Beats dirty rugs upon the wires, And oftentimes the whole day tires?

Who other tasks, without selection. Pursues, and feels long hours' dejection Without a union for protection? Who suffers pain, life to promote, And for man's sins is made the goat, While he denies her right to vote?

Mrs. Ellsworth had a new colored maid.
One morning, as the maid came downstairs, the mistress said: "Emma, did you Omaha. WILLIS HUDSPET WILLIS HUDSPETH



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