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Clothes may not make the man, but they do the tailor.

Today's the day throughout Nebraska towns and villages. Wet or dry?

Every little hold-up now will be charged to the stragglers from the Kelley army.

It is apparently a tossup down in Mexico as to whether the American or the Spaniard is hated most.

Gee, but the jolliest joke in all this regional bank business is that St. Paul goes into Minneapolis' territory.

Determined not to be too far outdone by China, Britons are now talking about a federal system of their own.

When that dry order becomes effective in our navy it will be "Water, water everywhere. but not a drop to drink."

An evangelist holding the boards here is taking a fall out of the tango. Not the only fall, however, traced to the same source.

"Would you have a senator sacrifice his convictions and principles for political favor?" shricks the senator's paper. It is to laugh!

Someone suggests that our household servants be called domestic engineers. Not so bad, since they are already in charge of the steam

If it is to be a really dry navy henceforth and forever, then we take it no more good champagne will be wasted on battleship launching ceremonies.

On the map the route Villa is to take from Torreon to Mexico City looks as easy as rolling off a log. But making the trip is likely to be at the risk of several breakdowns and a few blowouts.

While the president may not, as he says, fully realize even yet that he is president, cities in those states having democratic senators antagonistic to the administration have no difficulty realizing it.

It is a funny thing that two members of the cabinet could trot around the country and discover so many trade currents which hardheaded business men living in the respective communities never dreamed existed.

It is announced that bond issues to the amount of \$9,000,000 are involved in today's Chicago city election. Omaha voted bonds for \$8,250,000 a couple of years ago without even making a noise about it.

his selection of a postmaster for Lincoln is his only choice. Yes, but that is not the vital question. Is it also Secretary Bryan's choice? If not, the congressman may have to make another guess.

The first minister to the United States from the new Chinese republic comes to us wearing clothes just like other people. Pretty soon the dress parade of the diplomatic corps will not be distinguishable to the observer from any other social assemblage.



The new Board of Education met and organized with E. K. Long as president and Charles Connoyer as secretary. The report of the committee on school sites disclosed that offers had been made of lots on Twenty-sixth and Dodge at \$3.300, another on Twentyseventh and Fernam at \$4,500 and another at Thirtieth and Farnam at \$3,500.

Dennis Fitzpatrick has been awarded the contract for putting in the heating apparatus in the new court house, his bid being \$11,065.

G. W. Holdrege, assistant general manager of the H. & M., and Thomas Miller, general freight agent, went to Atchison to meet General Manager T. J.

The Third Congregational society of Omaha has tions incorporated with these officers: A. N. Ferguson, president; M. F. Sears, treasurer; M. F. Bosard. clerk; William Morrison, J. B. Evans and James Trail, trustees. Curting and guttering was commenced today on

Tweifth street between Farnam and Harney, A. G. Besson of Lincoln is registered at the

Lee Estella, one of Blair's prominent attorneys, and his wife are guests at the Millard.

Daniel Kanniston has been employed by the Board of Public Works as inspector of the curbing and gut--whom work just begun.

Canal Tolls-Panama and Suez.

HASTINGS, Ia., April 5.-To the Editor of The Bee: An answer to the following questions would enlighten many: Are the provisions of the treatles regulating the tolls of the Suez canal and the Panama canal iden-

tion1?

In it true that the British government owns or controls the Sucz capal, and that it charges all ships alike and then rebates all or part of the toll to English ships?

The convention of Constantinople signed on October 28, 1888, for the free navigation of the

Suez canal reads: The canal shall be free and open to the vessels of amerce and of war of all nations observing these rules on terms of entire equality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any such nation, or its citizens or subjects, in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic, or otherwise. Such conditions and

charges of traffic shall be just and equitable. That clause which governs the tolls in the Suez canal was lifted word for word from the Constantinople convention by the makers of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and obtains today.

Theoretically, the Suez canal is a neutral international highway. Actually, it is a British short-cut to India and Australia. To all practical purposes the Suez is just as much British in control as the Panama is American. The Suez canal was built by France, but British subjects secured ownership of the majority interests in 1875. In this connection let it be noted that British administrators, backed by a British army, rule Egypt, through which the canal passes, and that Gibraltar, Malta, Aden and Cyprus, British strongholds, with the powerful British fleet, close Suez in war to any anti-British power.

British-owned vessels pay tolls, but receive rebates or subsidies from the government. Great Britain collects tolls from the ships of every other nation using the canal, and most of these ships receive subsidies from their respective governments in amount sufficient to cover the tolls. Sweden, Austria and Russia go so far as to specify that these grants are made for no other purpose than to rebate tolls.

Our New Chinese Minister.

in Mr. H. K. Shah the United States receives as its minister from China an immediate product of the new era in that land of ancient pagan imperialism. He comes both with western clothing and form of name, a citizen of the new dispensation, a prophecy visualized and fulfilled. It means much, both for China and America. It is another notice to the world of the solid intimacies growing up between the two countries. The United States has been especially fortunate in the personnel of its Chinese diplomatic representatives; we shall never cease feeling both tickled and grateful for the cordial relations we were permitted to form with the unique Wu Ting-fang, but we have still larger reason for felicitation now, for Mr. Shah's coming marks the permanency of an influence that was only beginning to show itself in the advanced evidences during Wu's first ministry.

With all his lively interest and activity in our affairs, Dr. Wu never forsook the habits and habiliments of ancient China. He did not even part with his queque until he returned to the orient the last time. While, therefore, his influence contributed generally toward the goal of the new day, transplanting many an American idea in Chinese soil, it is yet quite a step forward from Wu Ting-fang to H. K. Shah.

This man comes as the product and exponent of western civilization in the far east. He was a part of that power that participted in that stupendous overturn of political government at Peking, one of the most sublime dramas in all history. The sublimity of it to us is that we can perceive the mark of our own influence in it and that we occupy the position today of the biggest and best friend to this colossal infant in the household of representative govern-

War On the Star Chamber.

Despite the solemn warnings and injunctions of "The New Freedom" against running the government in secret, the president and his party followers have left it for political opponents to declare war on the star chamber system in the senate. Nine or ten members of that body, not one of them a democrat, have fired the first gun, which they declare will be followed by such a bombardment as will effectually destroy the old battlements and compel the transaction of public business in the open, where the public can look on just as President | myself, I see," remarked the colonet. Wilson's "The New Freedom" says must bu done:

The right methods are those of public discussion; the methods of leadership open and above board. not closeted with "boards or guardians" or anybody else, but brought out under the sky, where honest Congressman Maguire wants it known that eyes can look upon them and honest eyes can judge

As leaving no doubt that Mr. Wilson had legislation in mind in this chapter on "Let

There Be Light," let us continue: Unfortunately, the whole process of law-making in America is a very obscure one. There is no highway of legislation, but there are many byways. Parties are not organized in such a way in our legislatures as to make any one group of men avowedly responsible for the course of legislation. The whole process of discussion, if any discussion at all takes place, is private and shut away from public scrutiny and knowledge.

And yet this same thing, condemned by Mr. Wilson before his election as president, goes merrily on under his administration with a party majority abjectly subject to his control in both branches of congress. Just why the president has not cracked his ferrule on the knuckles of the bad boys in the senate and stopped this naughty work instead of leaving it. for republicans to do is, we presume, as the Irishman says, "A question of your own

It is suggested that free canal tolls for coastwise ships would correspond with the land grant subsidies given to the transcontinental railroads. Well, does anyone in this part of the country regret what the government did to aid in the construction of the Pacific railroads? We would want nothing better than a guaranty that free tolls would build up an American merchant marine in which we could take as much pride as we do in the land grant railroads, and incidentally which would pay back dividends to to whole people in equivalent measure.

The devotion of the democrats to reform is again examplified by the refusal of members of the house to stand for any diminution of their mileage grab at the rate of 20 cents a mile, the rate fixed when it really cost about 20 cents a mile to travel as against 3 or 4 cents a mile today, Charity may begin at home, but not economy.

Problems of Cities

Sewage in Rivers.

By an order from the Board of Health forbidding bathing in the waters of New York harbor within the greater city the metropolis and adjacent cities are sharply reminded of the growing peril of polluted rivers. The Hudson river is utilized as a gigantic open sewer by all communities along its banks. New York itself doubles the upriver pollution, and the wast mass of polluted water, churned back and forth by harbor tides and traffic is a swelling menace to effect public health. Remedial measures cannot be deferred much longer, or the crime of offending communities will inflict its own punishment.

Divorces While You Wait.

Chicago's reputation as a divorce market, while not attracting as much scorn as Rene, nevertheless is far more imposing in quantity and variety, and remarkably speedy within lawful time limits. A report from the bureau of marriage and statistics, covering the year 1912, shows nearly 5,000 divorces granted. In London in the same time only 900 divorces were granted. The population of Chicago is 2,185,283, that of Greater London 7,251,358. As a direct result of the divorce industry 33,750 children of divorced parents have been brought to the attention of the juvenile court of Chicago in fourteen years.

Skyseraper Problem. To what extent may a community go in restricting the height of buildings so as to protect the rights adjacent property to air and aunahine? Ten years ago Boston fought to a successful finish the right to restrict the height of buildings and forced the owners of a gorgeous apartment house near Trinity church to tear down every inch above the legal limit. Min neapolis is endeavoring to solve the problem of height before it is too robust to tackle. While recognizing the skyscraper as an economic development of the renting industry, the rights of property and the public to aunshine on public streets are equally worthy of consideration, and Minneapolis hopes to reach the happy

Fight on Telephone Tolls.

Enthused by success in downing the local water monopoly. Denver is going after the Mountain States Telephone company at a speed that makes the wires The company claims a perpetual franchise to as much of the local earth as is needed for subways. poles, wires and exchanges, but the claim is flouted by the courts. A judicial deliverance last week leaves the company without a pole to hang a wire on, and orders their removal from the streets within ninety days. Of course the order will be held up in the ap peal courts for mouths if not years, as every legal resource will be employed to hold on to a good thing. Apparently the company does not feel sure of its ground and seeks to quiet public indignation by cutting telephone rates to \$8 a month for unlimited business service and \$3 a month for residences. The old rates were based on measured service, with a minimum of \$4 a month for 190 calls or less.

Twice Told Tales

A Lesson in Contentmest. An American girl attended last month in London the O. P. club dinner whereat four peeresses, formerly Gaity girls, appeared-the Countess of Orkney (Connie Gilchrist), the marchioness of Headfort (Rose Boot). Countess Poulett (Sylvia Storey) and the countess of Churston (Denise Orme).

"George Grossmith, at this dinner," said the American girl, "advised the peeresses to be content with their husbands and satisfied with life. Nothing was so had. George declared, but what it might be worse. 'He said the bride of an impoverished peer looked up from the gentlewoman one evening and remarked

'Here's a Park lane magnate gives his wife a Riviera villa. Nothing like that happens to me.' "Her husband, buried in the News of the World.

" 'Well, my dear, here's a New Cut man gives his wife a black eye. Nothing like that ever happens to you, either." "-Baltimore American.

Marie Lloyd, the English music hall artist, who was twice excluded by the immigration authorities, said in New York: "You talk about your efficiency over here, but 1

cient as the Mile End barber. "A chap went into a barber's in the Mile End road to be shaved. The barber cut him and knicked him and gashed him. When the job was over the chap

think your immigration bureau is just about as effi-

"Give m a drink of water, please." 'You aren't going to faint, I 'ope,' said the barber, handing him a glaza.

'No,' said the man, mildly. 'No. I just want to see if my mouth'll hold water." "-Washington Star.

Two Veterans.

A certain old colonel was noted for his great generosity. He had lost an arm during one of the engagements in which he had seen service, and this made him sympathetic toward all who had experienced similar losses. While walking on his estate one day he met

an old one-legged man, evidently in abject poverty. "Ah. you have met with a great misfortune, like 'Ah." replied the old man, "and, like yourself,

colonel. I have spent a great deal of my life in government service and seen a lot o' hard work." "My poor man!" exclaimed the kind-hearted colonel as he pushed a half crown into the old man's "I fear you have received but a poor reward for your services."

"Ye may well say that, colonel," replied the veteran as he hobbled away. "But," added the colonel. "you didn't tell me

where you served.' Well, if it comes to that," the old reprobate answered, with a sly chuckle, "I served me fourteen years for stealing jewelry!"-Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

People and Events

"General" Kelly and his famished hobos, while in Colorado, didn't see the color of the cash bequest of \$30,000 to the socialists of the state. The socialists saw it first.

scenery in Metropolitan New York, but in an out-ofthe-way section, where provincial tourists are not likely to venture and get a shock. The ring with which lnes Milholland Bolssevain

A few horse-drawn street cars still decorate the

was wedded les in the bottom of a canal in Holland. She wore it for twenty-four hours and then, with the consent of her husband, decided to throw it away. Frank and Albert Nelson, Philadelphia twins, who look much alike, were both arrested recently

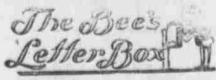
on a charge made against one of them. The police man could not tell them apart and took no chances of taking the wrong one. H. F. Harrington, a former country editor of Ohio, has become dean of the School of Journalism of Western Reserve university, Cleveland, Your

thorough-going country editor knows the business

from cellar to garret, from pastepot to pencil, Rex Beach, the story writer, and David W. King. his Klondike chum, are going to edit a weekly paper at Morristown, N. J. They hope to make a daily of after a while. Their specialties will be local news and practical, helpful editorial editorials about local masters.

A sensi-official showdown puts San Francisco next to the top as a roost for bachelors, Newport, R. 1., taking the lead. Perhaps it wasn't intended as strategy, but the excess at a jumping-off place puts the high ionesomes up against the proposition-back

Since December ! Roscoe Young of Freeman, Me. has cut and hauled 23.545 feet of lumber without any help, in addition to doing all the work around the farm. This means taking care of and milking six cows and tending numerous horses, hens and hoge. He also got in his ice and broke out two miles of road. He admits that he has been busy.



Nub of Joke Was Lost.

MADISON, Neb., April 6.- To the Editor of The Bee: In your report of the convention of the Nebraska Retail federation, held at Lincoln, you made the bare statement that I wished the traveling man shot on sight or words to that

As a matter of fact, I made that statement, but not in the way you printed it. There was a remedy asked by a few men to get rid of the traveler, and, as I see it, there is no other way, as they are here to stay and the world would hardly move without them.

Those at the meeting saw the joke as it really was, but you in copying the news of the convention boiled it down. This makes it look like I'm a second Jesse James.

If you will kindly set me right in this with the correct version, I'll appreciate it, as the boys are all sore at me, and my old friends of the road are carrying clippings, showing me up in a different light towards the travelers than I really fel toward them. Thanking you in advance, I am.

HENRY ALTSCHULER.

Testimonial to Rev. Savidge. OMAHA, April 6.-To the Editor of The Bee: A word in behalf of the pastor of the People's church. He is a man 10,000 to undertake to do the good work he is doing. He is doing what Jesus came to earth for, to save sinners. The field is large and the workers few. There is nothing more precious in God's sight than a sinner saved. It is difficult work to save them, for they may fall again and again. We are supposed to forgive seventy times seven, but how many on this earth will forgive more than once? There is bad in the best of us, good in the worst, and them without ain let them cast the first stone. The pure at heart will not tarnish when they come in contact with the poor outcasts; they are the ones that need a friend to guide them.

E. W. B. 801 North Forty-eighth Street.

Demo Extermination Not Demanded. SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., April 5 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I want to thank your correspondent "L" for his compliments. He should have signed his name so I would know who he is. He may be the gentleman who sent me a number of anonymous letters in 1912, in which ha half complimented and half criticised me for roasting Wilson and Roosevelt so hard in that year. He said he was a good friend of mine and would tell me later who he is. He has failed to do so as yet.

You will excuse me for saying just one more word personally. Replying further to "L" I will say that a good many people have told me they cut out of the papers every article they see with my name signed to and save them. They must like them or they would not do that. A gentleman told me he had heard numberless people compliment me on my article on the subject, "Bowing Down to the British."

Replying further, I will say that I do not want to see the democratic party exterminated for it is a necessary evil to our country and serves as an object lesson to the people of the United States

every few years. When the republican party has been in power in this country for sixteen or twenty years, the prosperity of the people becomes so great and they become se intoxicated with it, that they do not remember the disasters that have been brought to this country in the past by democratic administrations and think that a change will be a good thing for us. When they try the free trade policies of the democratic party for four years they are only too glad to get back to the high tariff and successful business methods of the republican party. No, let the democratic party live and let it serve the purposes of an object lesson to the people when they forget the history of the past.

The only party I want to see exterminated is that one that was conceived in venom and spite and born in malice in 1912 to make trouble for the republican party and to teach that party that harmony in all things is best. There is so much of the blood of the revolutionary times in my veins that I feel hot and angry when I think of the democratic policy of letting the British empire come into the domains of this great republic and dictate to us what we shall do with our own affairs. My policy is and always has been to oppose anything England wants. What England wants us to do, we

do not want to do. But the people of the United States need the object lesson of the present day and they will get all they want of it by 1916 as I predicted in 1912 and they will be only too glad to get the republican party back to the helm of the ship of state once more, when they will feel the need of the good times that nearly always prevail nuder republican policies. What do we care what England thinks of the way we run our own canal? What bustness is it of any other nation what we do? In times past when our people were mistreated in any other land, the orators of those days would descant on the fact that the flag was an emblem of protection to any citizen of this great nation in any part of the globe. But it does not seem to protect our citizens under 'the "dove" policy of the Wilson-Bryan administration even among the Mexican greasers, and our citizens are commanded to get out of Mexico, no difference how much they may lose by it, because we are afraid to command that nation of half breeds to protect our people from harm. Wilson holds the whiphand over congress and the members act like a lot of political "sissies" and obey every command of Wilson like a lot of school boys who are afraid of the rod of the master. But it will not last many years longer and we will get back in power the party that believes in America first and England and other countries last.

F. A. AGNEW.

Beyond the Seas

A new law has come into effect in Greece which stipulates that all wages must be paid in cash, either weekly or three times a week.

in France the government reimburses a fixed percentage of the amount expended by the labor unions for the support of the unemployed.

Russia produces nearly all the world's supply of platinum, about 13,250 pounds annually. In 1892 it cost \$89 a pound and it is now worth \$468 a pound.

A fund is being raised in England to purchase the Waterloo battlefield and

preserve it as a national memorial. At the present moment real estate speculators are pushing beyond the battle lines. and onless they are checked by purchase clusters of homes will dot the historic andscape before the centennial of the

downfall of Napoleon in 1915. Budapest is the first city in the world to set up slot machine savings banks, The machines are arranged for the receipt of two coins, the crown, worth about 20 cents, and the twenty-filler piece, worth 4 cents. They return a ticket for each coin deposited, and these tickets bear interest from the date of their issuance. The rate pald varies with the current bank rate, and ranges from 3 to 4 per cent; 110 tickets may be exchanged for a bank book.

BELOW THE SURFACE.

Deep down in our hearts do we believe. When we join our hearts do we believe.
When we join our voices in saying the creed?
Some skeptics ask: but we feel our need; And the "I believe" seem an empty show. Deep down in our hearts we know.

Deep down in the soil of Mother Earth Are seed that await the warmth of the Shall we doubt their being? Since time has begun
By the same light divine that impels
seeds to grow.
Deep down in our hearts we know.

Deep down in the worst of poor human Ciay
The soul-germ is struggling for light and
for being;
Tho' tis buried so deep, past all human in the light of God's infinite love it will

Deep down in our hearts we know -BAYOLL NE TRELE. Omaha.

JOLLIES FROM JUDGE.

Hostess-I am shad you children decided to come for dinner. Little Josie-We didn't turn for dinner: we turn to hear Willie's grandpa eat his

Teacher (drawing two parallel lines on he blackboard)—What relation are these mas to each other? Head of the Class-Twins!

Green-What is the hardest work you ever did?
City Employe-The work I did landing this job, and the next hardest is the work keeping it from being taken away

Please, ma'am, an old man, tired and poor.
With wooden legs, is at the door."
Why, Bridget, we need none." said she.
What use for wooden legs have we?"

"It is Carlyle, I believe, who says it is not well to tell all one knows."
"Oh, never mind Carlyle! You don't want to sit around and never say anything, do you."

"What's the matter? Don't I know how o cut meat?" demanded the discharge "You do," replied the proprietor of the meat market. "But your hand does not weigh enough to retail it profitably."

"This girl is only a college flirt. How do you know that she really loves you." "She dyes her bair to conform with my class colors, dad. A fellow couldn't ask for any greater proof of devotion than

"I have lost three fortunes," he boasted. "I have lost three fortunes." he boasted.
"I don't think that is anything to be broud of," she replied.
"Well, maybe it isn't." he admitted; but I thought you might like to know that I had graduated from all three achools of foolishness. Drink put me to the bad the first time. I wasted my second fortune on a woman, and I blew in the third on a musical comedy."



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