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SEPTEMBER CIRCULATION. 56,519

Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bes Publishing company, being duly aworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of September, 1814, was 56,12.

DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager, Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 2d Cay of October, 1914, ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Looks a little like a new Boar war.

Europe can right as long as it can feed, and no longer

Closed season for candidates commences, November 3

The south insists its cotton argument is all wool and a yard wide.

The little lambs of gentle Portugal are still vafe from the dogs of war.

If the weather man were running for office he would not land a single coal dealer's vote.

Only those who know "Tim" Healey can fully appreciate the joke of him being taken for a Ger-

man spy

"He left the republican party after he was denied its ownership," remarked Senator Sher-; man of Illinois. Wonder whom he means?

The old hymn which runs, "Peace, like a river, attendeth my soul," could have no reference to the rivers of northern France and Belgium.

Still, none of the candidates on any ticket have made any public announcement that they do not want any votes cast for them in the Third

A third of the security holdings of the late Darius Miller, president of the Burlington road, are scheduled as poor. A first-class railroad man is not always a shrewd investor.

The appointment is announced from the city bail of a special chauffeur to drive the contagious disease ambulance. Now, there's a job that ought not to excite undue envy

Heavy rains and muddy roads are said to have greatly interfered with Europe's war thus tar. Yes and what will heavy snows and bleak winds do along in December, January and February?

Germany's war loan has been greatly oversubscribed. Nevertheless and notwithstanding. it would hardly be advisable for Omaha to try to float any large bond issue in the present state of the market,

It is refreshing to know that Senator Hitchcock is meeting with such warm receptions and enthusiastic audiences on his political "cruise on the glassy waters." His own personal newspaper organ tells us so.

The way to make sure against the jail feeding graft is to turn out of office the sheriff who tried to put the steal across, and to re-elect the county commissioners who kept the grafter's hands out of the treasury.

All the great reforms that have been written on the Nebraska statute books, with exceptions that could be counted on the fingers of one hand, have been put there by republican lawmakers. That is why the people of the state will elect a republican legislature this year.

Incidentally, do not overlook the fact that six justices of the peace are to be commissioned at the coming election to administer poor man's justice, for which the same integrity and industry is required as for administering justice in the higher courts, and in addition a personal sympathy for the helpless or unfortunate, and a keen discrimination between the impostor and the person with good intentions.



The first Apolio club social was held last evening n Metropolitan hall. George J. Sternadorf was master of ceremontes and Mesars, G. E. Booth, A. C. Gray. and C. E. Thornburg composed the reception mittee, and Mesers. D. T. Cooke, A. C. Harte, T. E.

Jones, W. E. Morrier and W. C. Kelly floor committee Friends are tendering sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Christiansen, at Nineteenth and Harney, over the death of their little daughter and only child. Having forms electrotyped, the Rees Printing company announces that it is prepared to fill orders for

on tickets at low prices. The Hanseom club is the latest social organization. the committee in charge being S. Fisher, F. Hoobs, A. Aremann, J. McMillan anad S. Seisle.

M. F. Martin, the installment store man, is back from Chicago. fleorge R. Kibbs has accepted a position as clerk the Paxton hotel office.

Strate brown detailed a few

Food the Crucial Factor.

How long do you think the war will last? The question is on every lip. The answer probably will hinge more on food supply than on men, munitions or even money. Provided geither side is decisively beaten, the ability of the warring nations to feed their forces in the field and at home, will, in all probability, ultimately determine matters.

Some 20,000,000 men are mobilized in the various countries at war. These are all withdrawn from farms and factories and for the time being are non-producers. In neutral countries in Europe, as well as in Canada, Australia and India, and other colonial possessions affected by the war, additional numbers of men are taken out of the producing class to prepare for emergency.

But, we are told, the United States remains. as the great bread basket of the world from which to draw provisions. But with itself and its other customers in peaceful parts of the world to supply, the United States cannot serve indefinitely as the world's bread basket while a large part of the world wars without working. In other words, nations that destroy their own means of feeding themselves cannot remain at war for an unlimited time. With available supplies vanishing and the powers of replenishment for the time paralyzed in half a dozen countries, exhaustion and cessation would seem to wait only the operation of these factors. If the war goes well into next spring to interfere with grain seeding in some of these lands it will have reduced the world's area of planting by many millions of acres and set up a further barrier to the progress of the fighting.

Chairman George's Good Work.

Regardless of the outcome of the coming election, the good work done by Chairman George of the republican state committee stands forth both by contrast and by comparison. Mr. George has directed the campaign with judgment and composure and good humor. He has not become embroiled in any factional differences, and he has commanded the undivided support of his state committee without any backfire. Taking hold of a chaotic organization, he has united the component parts so that the republican party in Nebraska, whether it elects every man on the ticket or not, will be ready to be mobilized for mass action against the common enemy whenever summoned to enter the lists. Chairman George has accomplished this result chiefly through his own personality and persistent industry, almost without campaign funds, and in the face of other embarrassing obstacles. He is entitled to his credit mark, not next month, nor next year, but now.

The Canal and Railroads.

President Sproule of the Southern Pacific believes that the opening of the Panama canal. diverting traffic from the railroads, will serve only to complicate the problem of railroad earnings, already serious. Furthermore, he believes that even though business should expand within its present bounds of distribution, as it did in 1904, 1965 and 1906, "there would be such a congestion of railroad facilities as will stop the boom by congesting the business of the public and preventing that kind of material improvement and development which every man of business, large and small, is looking forward to as his salvation."

It is for this reason, according to this authority that the railroads are ordering no new equipment, making no large extensions or improvements, but merely resting on their laurels and awaiting developments. The crying need, he says, is "a soundly informed and constructive public opinion, instead of destructive criticism, which destroys confidence and helps to make hard times." In which, of course, all sane men agree. And what is more, the candid co-operation of such interests as Mr. Sproule represents is essential to the upbuilding of such a sentiment. Mr. Sproule belongs to the new order of corporate affairs in California, once absolutely ruled by the Southern Pacific. Yet has the country had the very best aid of these big business men in any serious effort at correcting existing abuses? It is a question.

As to the canal, its chief effect should be to develop a larger volume of business. If the same sagacious effort is exerted by the railroads in helping to solve present problems which was put forth to obstruct the canal project, we shall have nothing to worry about. The problems are mutual and should be dealt with accordingly. Admitting the soundness of the plea for constructive criticism, it is useless to blind ourselves to the fact that we might have had such a public sentiment a long while ago but for the hindrance of railroad influence under the old regimes. The people hail the change that has come about, but public skepticism must not be too severely criticised by these interests.

The Nebraska Orange Belt.

It seems to be an annual habit of certain southern California newspapers to publish fake reports of the "terrible weather" prevailing in the middle west and east at this season of the year. Such idiotic provincialism has recently been indulged in as usual by at least one prominent Los Angeles paper, which ran a front page story under big black headlines, informing itsbenighted readers that "back east"-everything east of the Rockies is "back east"-the devil is playing mischief in the weather line. Such drivel is not good even for a country so largely dependent upon tourists for its sustenance. The facts are, of course, as our own people and others who are informed know, that hardly in recent years has the middle west experienced such a mild, beautiful autumn as we have had thus far. It is almost unprecedented of late. No need to speak of the summer-like appearance of lawns, parks, trees, the wildwoods in the country round, it is enough to say that our first frost came on October 36.

Perhaps if our friends out west knew that they might consider the advisability of deserting their own perennial summer lauds for a home in the salubrious orange belt of Nebrasks. At any rute, we commend it to them. Here in this glorious section, while not making an economic staple of our climate, we rather think it is equal to any and superior to most when it comes to its effect on business, happiness and

Must the ultimate consumer bear two war taxes, the one levied by congress and another in the form of increased freight rates?

Topics of National Scope

Government by Lawyers.

New York World From 1969 to 1815, inclusive, American legislatures. national and state tracted 62.014 new laws. During the same period the decisions of national and state purts filled 639 ponderous volumes. To support this assertion before the National Bar association that we have too many laws, many of them vague, uncertain and well calculated to breed litigation, Senator Root cited these impressive figures. He might have added that lawyers themselves are largely to blame for

existing conditions. Considerably more than one half of the members ongress are lawyers and members of that profession hold the same preponderance in most of the state legislatures. For the great bulk of the laws passed, lawyers are reappossible. They write them. they enact them, in many cases they give them executive approval and in the courts they gione interpret them. If laws are bad, redundant and inconsistent and the administration of justice tardy and unequal, lawyers are chiefly to blame, for the matter is in their own hands.

Schator Root's suggestion was that the people must have expert assistance in their legislation, meaning, of ourse, more lawyers. On the face of the record, we should say that the remedy indicated is to take government out of the hands of lawyers exclusively and confide it to the people. Those who rule by assumption, as those who rule by divine right, usually botch

Defrauding the Government.

Indianapolis News. No matter what the occasion, there always seems to be some person, firm or corporation willing to cheat the government. It is a poor memory that does not recall the Spanish war beef scandals. A few weeks before the Panama canal was opened for traffic, it was reported that the steel used to some of the great locks was of an inferior quality, due to the fraudulent efforts of certain persons interested in supplying the government with construction material. There was a feeling of deep relief, however, when Washingon officials explained that the alleged conspiracy had been discovered before harm had been done. Now comes the latest example-bad butter supplied to the American troops at Vera Cruz. According to Deputy Attorney General Kennedy, it was "the most damnable piece of work ever perpetrated on the government." It appears that a large produce firm in New York, a member of the New York Mercantile exchange, was the successful bidder for the contract. The butter

supplied bore the official guarantee of the exchange. The poor quality of the butter was discovered, not through complaints from Vera Cruz, but through a protest made by a competing produce house. Information brought out at the government's inquiry into the butter and egg exchange "monopoly" in New York showed that the contracting firm had been suspended for one year, and that the exchange's inspector, by whose connivance the fraud was carried out, was discharged. This employe started in business for himself and shortly afterward was admitted to the exchange as a "butter broker." All this does not speak well for the Mercantile exchange. The discovcomes at a time peculiarly unfortunate for the butter and egg exchanges throughout the country, for they are under suspicton. These exchanges, like those dealing in grains or cotton, are generally supposed to promote better trade conditions.

Wane of the Recall. Pittsburgh Dispatch.

The theory of the recall of judges, which reached enactment in some states and was wide'y advocated by the more radical element in others, seems to be losing ground and gradually falling into the list of exploded crazes. One of the prominent examples of the change is Governor Osborn of Michigan, who was two years ago advocating the nonsense as well as thsound points of the progressive program. He now perceives the weakness of the proposel for submitting judicial recall to popular election and is advocating the election of judges for life in order to free them from political domination. But he mixes up the matter by talking about the removal of unfit judges by petition at popular elections, which would be putting their office tenure under political influence.

In the advocacy of leaving the judicial power uninfluenced by politics there is no cultivation of the belief that the judges are perfect. They are human like every other instrumentality. But the undoubted need of improving their tardiness and their tendency justice is not to be met by making them subject to the favor of politics or making their decisions liable to be overturned by the popular opinion at a given election. It is essential to the administration of justice that it shall be as free as possible from subservience to the popular whim of the moment. This is only to be done by making the judicial tenure either for life or for long terms except in cases where the misconduct is so flagrant as to require removal by impeachment.

Business on the Mend. Baltimore American

With the promised reopening of the cotton trade with England it is estimated that the export trade of the country for the pext six months will be many illions beyond anything heretofore recorded in the history of American commerce. One of the interesting and in a way freak instances of increase of exports is that of horseshoes. The New York custom house shows the export from that point in 1913 of 525 pounds for the month of September, while the month of September of this year showed an export of 2.776,461

At the same time that exports are flowing to Europe in phenomenal bulks, the range of domestic manufactures is rapidly extending to take account of the articles that have been shut off from import Hence it is that the country is deriving prosperity in both directions. During the process of adjustment there may be some discomfort felt by the consumer as prices are apt to increase somewhat. But this will be temporary. It is a law of trade that prosperity is sifted through all classes of society, and that, with mills running and fields productive and with everybody employed, the distribution of prosperity will be

People and Events

Dandellon roots, used as medicine, have advanced 200 per cent on account of the war. Gee whiz! Here's a line on how a lawn pest can be turned to profit. The goosebone sign of a hard winter has a warmpartner in the declaration of an Ohio weman to her

"The need of the hour is more petticoats." What do you know about that? One of the elder skyscrapers of New York which

shrinks several stories beneath its towering neighbore, regales the eyes of surrounding tenunts with a decorated billboard sign flat on the roof, setting forth the superior charms of tenancy in a building neares the earth Red Cross work in the war some of Europe jures

opportunity to the door as readily as professional ursing in the domain of peace. An American Red Cross worker in Paris who befriended a Singalese in fantryman was urged to return with him to Senegal and become chieftainess of an African tribe. The offer holds good to the end of the war. The usual fall war on game in Mussachusetts will

not come off this year, the governor having suspended hostilities because a prolonged drouth makes the woods too susceptible to fire. Local hunters lament the loss of their customary sport, but are consoled by the reflection that there will be fewer funerals of sportsmen shot by mistake.

it was a sad day for F. Augustus Heinze when he packed up his "pile" and shook his beloved Butte for New York. On top of his many troubles down in Gotham a jury has dumped a judgment for 11,000,000 in favor of one Edwin Gould. To one who has enjoyed the distinguished consideration of Mentana courts that New York jury must appear to F. Augustus as impertinent, incompetent and shamefully disrespectful.

An educational innovation of practical value will be tried out in Chicago high schools the coming winter. A series of lectures on various business ac tivities are to be delivered by men who are leaders in their respective lines. The subjects embrace salesmaneship, merchandising, public accounting, railroading, manufacturing, journalism, coal mining, civil service insurance, advertising, banking, telephoning and telegraphy, court reporting and stenegraphy.



Voting by Mail.

OSCEOLA. Neb. Oct. 28 -To the Edtor of The Bee. For the information of a large number of traveling men who read your paper, will you publish what step has to be taken to enable us to one at the coming election? When out in the state and living in Omaha or Lincoin can we vote for city and counts candidates as well as for state officers? A TRAVELING MAN.

Editor's Note: Nebraska's voting-bymail law provides that any person absent from his home may present himself in any voting precinct in the state and by subscribing to a form of oath be entitled to a special ballot, which the election officers must accept and mail to the clerk of the county of the voter's residence. On this special official bailor shall be printed, so the law says, 'The names of all national and state candidates and constitutional amendments, but blank us to district and county candidates. and he shall write in the names of such candidates not printed thereon, and shall mark the same as any resident voter

An English War View.

BROKEN BOW. Neb. Oct. 36 -- To the Editor of The Bee: I read with great interest the speech of F. L. Haller relative to Germany's policy in this dreadful war. It has been pointed out several times in the news from various ones writing to the Bee's Letter Box that every German in this country knows. in his own heart that the kaiser and the militarism and Kruppism is the sole cause of this war

The famous "white papers" of England referred to by Mr. Haller are true facts of the leading up to the war, and when the kalser or his military advisers had it in their own power to say war or peace, they wanted "war," thinking that they could conquer the world. They went so far as to dictate the ultimatum to Servia, and what had Russia to do but defend its smaller nation. Servia, and not see it conquered and wiped off the face of the map by the militarism of the German nation.

I am English myself, but I do not back up England or any other nation except when I see these various German people of this country blowing their own trumpet about the cause of the war, and also the lies which come from the lie factory of German military head.

JAMES CROOKS.

Makes a Correction.

OMAHA, Oct. 28,-To the Editor of The Bee: Kindly print the following correction to a mistake made in the last sentence of my letter to your paper pubished yesterday. It should rend: "To end war the whole human race must learn that private ownership of all socially used machinery or means of production and distribution must be replaced with social ownership and this empetitive system with national and international co-operation before we can enjoy universal peace and brotherhood." R.B. BENDA.

School Law Revision.

CLARKS, Neb., Oct. 28,-To the Editor of The Bee; All up and down the land coming a call for a better adjustment of the roul schools to the needs of the people. 2 Nebraska Farmers' Congreas of 1912 in December passed a resolution asking the legislature to provide for the appointment by the governor of

school law revision commission. The Farmers' Congress of 1913 gave an open forum discussion of the school question and were unanimous in passing a resolution asking for a committee composed partly of farmers to study the rural school question and report at the 1914 annual convention.

I had the honor of being made chairman of that committee. H. A. Collins of Papillion is secretary. We have no funds for expense of investigation. We ask all the people interested in the rural schools to write us their view.

We make this a basis for action: The country people must control their ewn schools, whether as a single district or a consolidation of two or more districts. For this reason the Parmers' Congress opposes the "county unit" as presented by the governor's commission. This pien roposes to make the office, both county and state superintendent, appointive.

They term it "taking the office out ofpolitics," when in reality it will be placing politicians in control of the schools, and, more than that, it will remove these offices from the reach of the people who support them.

We do not question the motive of the ommission, but we believe that back of this "county unit plan" is the combined power of the special interests that profit by their manipulation of the school system. They can direct a few, but they cannot control the many. We may learn from Europe's dire calamity that autocratic rule is dangerous in the end. Study this question now before election

and may to your candidates for the legislature and for superintendent: "Do you favor the county unit plan with centralized power, or do you stand for the district plan (one or a consolidation of more than one), with the people in control? This is to be the vital question: "Who shall control the common school?"

There is only one way that a people may have a voter in government, and that is by the right of the ballot. Yield that right and you give up all-all but the right to labor and hear the burden of taxation imposed by others. W. H. CAMPBELL.

Editorial Shrapnel

Springfield Republican: A British cruiser's capture of a Standard Oil tanker is not an attempt to enforce the antitrust law, but between the British govcomment and the United States government in war and peace. Standard Oil finds life full of exciting episodes. Brooklyn Eagle: There is unique

drama in the siege of Sarajevo. If the before the alleged as-Servians get sussins of « crown prince are , we imagine some confession. e pretty promptly 'le still going on ecanted. 711

amid the roar of besiegers' cannon. New York World: The record breaking wheat crop of the United States this car is badly needed. The world-total reported to the Department of Agriculture is 55,006,000 bushels below last year's nd 396,000,000 bushels below the great yield of 1912. It is the province and orivilege of the United States this year feed a hungry world. There is as yet no indication that this great service will not be even more necessary

Nebraska Editors

William M. Best and H. N. Wagner nave purchased the Winnebago Chieftain

D. L. Crellin has sold the West Point Democrat to J. A Stahl, its former

S. W. McCov is the editor of the Stamford Star, a newspaper which made its appearance October 14.

The Columbus Telegram last week published an eight-page supplement devoted to the interests and activities of the local lodge of Elks.

M. C. Warrington, proprietor of the

Clark is editor and publisher. The Oakland Independent, which was recently sold by Eric Morrell to C. B. Cariton of Stanton. Ia. has been shorn My stalwart neighbor tolding in the field. of its Bu'l Moose tendencies and is now

a republican paper. The Pender Republic, C. A. Redding editor, has been sued for \$10,000 damages in a action for libel, filed by Howard Saxton county atteiney for Thurston county. The suit is the outgrowth of certain crit. itne, has been sued for \$10,000 damages in , an action for libel, filed by Howard Saxton, county atterney for Thurston county. The suit is the outgrowth of certain crit-

JOLLIES FROM JUDGE

Trabrhaw-Didn't I tell you not to let me earth you doing that again."

Tonim: -Yee dad.

Crabshaw-Then why did you do it."

Tomms-Cause I didn't think you'd tatch me.

Mrs. Santley-The dentist's wife is in a horrible burry to wean her baby. Mrs. Ulling-Yes: I can't understand the woman. She's even having her husband make a set of teeth for the poor little

This is little Waldo.

And fow old is he " Nearly six." Can the little fellow write." Oh yes, said the proud mother: "but has not as yet published anythinx."

IT CAN'T BE DONE.

Mason City Transcript, is a candidate for Philander Johnson, in Washington Star. registrar of the United States land office Quoth Hiram Hawkins. "I have heard at Broken Bow.

The Sheridan County Democrat is the name of a new paper that made its appearance at Gordon last week. Arthur E. I shall not let Fate get me on the run.

I'll gaze at him and at the rattling

stickers of the county judge and county attorney printed in the paper. Editor He gave a sudden and a fearful turch Redding says he has been threatened with other suits, but does not fear the outcome.

He climbed serenely to his chosen perch, He gave a sudden and a fearful turch And strove in vain to speak as he turned pale.

For, lot There was a splinter in the rail:



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