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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before
me, this 5th day of November, 1914.

ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Those British war taxes are the real thing.

No. gentle reader, the conscience-stricken Smith is another Smith.

Still, we demanded a salute of our flag from Mexico for less than that.

It looks as if all that spluttering over electric lighting were premature.

In justice to the Almighty, though, the opposing sides ought to be willing to stand the blame for the war themselves.

Thus far, however, the prohibitionists have not objected to Uncle Sam keeping on hand an adequate supply of liquid money.

Yes, there is a thought, that at the present rate of depopulation in some countries, we may soon have nobody to use a big navy on.

The taxpayers of St. Louis need of worry over the proposed central highway at it makes no greater progress than the free bridge.

The loss of those constitutional amendments at any rate relieves us of any dispute as to the exact time when they would become effective.

It turns out that Congressman Murdock let go of his house seat for a chance to run for the senate, not appreciating that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

The defeat of the salary increase amendoncile him. To give up a \$5,000 job for a \$2,500 job would have been requiring an altogether too great sacrifice.

Lincoln is in the throes of excitement over a sensational robbery and shooting affray. Some one is due to raise the cry of "gunmen," and charge it to "a combination" of franchised corporations and the underworld.

Before getting excited over Bernard Shaw's various plans for setfling the war, it might be well to remember that Mr. Shaw earns his living with his pen, and is very practical in the selection of timely subjects of discussion.

By all means let us make as much of a success of popularized grand opera in Omaha as is relatively made in St. Louis, That is the purpose of the effort of The Bee to direct attention to the fine response grand opera at popular prices is having in St. Louis.

During the suffrage campaign we heard a lot about garbage, and how the women in Chicago turned it into an asset instead of a liability for the city? The garbage problem has not been settled in Omaha, and will not be so long as it costs upwards of \$30,000 a year to collect the household refuse and turn it over free of charge to a favored private hog feeding and rendering

The first amendment to our federal constitution expressly prohibits congress from making any law abridging the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances. The presumption is that "the government" includes the president, and the right of petition to the White house is just as sacred as the right of petition



Smith's new store, 1307 Farnam street, is offering astounding bargains in all sorts of lines.

At the meeting of the Ministerial association it was decided to hold union Thanksgiving services in the thwest Presbyterian and Baptist churches. Rev. Francis Blayney will preside at the former and Rev. Mr. Detweller at the other.

The Omaha Gice club has been revived by adjustment of differences between members and the following officers elected: President, John R. Manchester; vice president, Walter E. Wilkins; secretary, R. H. Vinton: porresponding secretary, G. E. Woodruff, treasurer, Charles E. Burmelster; librarian, H. W. Snow; executive committee, C. E. Wilkins, R. W. Breckenridge, W. L. Walsh, W. J. Stevens and Charles E. Burmelster; musical director, Franklin S. Smith.

Louis Littlefield, the Saratogs dairyman, is out with a new wagon which is a perfect danzier. It is all closed up and plate glass in the front and sides, making it warm and comfortable for the driver, and with air chambers to keep the milk cans cool.

The street car company now thinks it will be impossible to build the line this season, but hope to get it finished as far west as Nineteenth street.

Great Days for America.

This is a great time to be an American citizen. Our nation stands in the limelight of an enviable opportunity-an opportunity of service to mankind. Millions of men, women and childrep are crying for help. They must have it or they perish. War has closed, not only the channels of production and supply, but those of mercy as well in all too many cases. We of all the great powers stand in the position of helping. First, we have the resources, next we have the heart to give and last we are restrained by no entangling ailiances that prevent our giving to all alike.

Neutral, at peace, prosperous and benevolent, the United States occupies such a distinction as has in the history of the world come to few, if any, nations. No Macedonian cry was ever more shrill or insistent, no Macedonian need more urgent, for these are trials that wring the souls of men. There is no question of our meeting the test; we are meeting it, individually and as a whole people. And the food, clothing, money, medical skill we are sending abroad do not measure the most of what we are doing. That may be viewed now as something intangible, but it will not be when the bud of this glorious example and influence for peace has burst into full bloom and sent its fragrance throughout the world. Ours is a work of the destiny of mankind. Not one of the nations receiving our succor catches the full force of it that does not appreciate what it means to be able to do what the people of the United States are doing.

One Way to Save Legislative Time.

The legislative doctors are again trying to prescribe a remedy to stop the waste of time on visionary, impractical or freak proposals with which the bill files of every session are loaded. To shut off or limit the introduction of bills is not feasible in states like Nebraska where the constitution stands in the way, and gives every law-maker the privilege of sponsoring any number of measures he sees fit. There is, however, one effective way to winnow out the chaff that is entirely constitutional, though its application would require a governor with a real backbone. Let the chief executive, who is a co-ordinate branch of the law-making body and whose negative is equal to the votes of a third of the membership in each house, go over the bills as they make their appearance, and announce at once his intention to veto all that on their face are not entitled to consideration. If the proposer persists in pushing his bill notwithstanding these odds, he will know what he is up against, but for the vast majority of such bills the governor's elimination list would be the final word.

"Met" Coming Back.

Just as The Bee sincerely speeded "Met" on his way and wished him success when he transferred his activities from Omaha to Lincoln, so we now welcome him back to the local journalistic field. 'As "Cap'n" Cuttle used to say, "If anybody kin, he kin," and if anybody can make good on a democratic weekly in Nebraska, that man is Richard L. Metcalfe. "Met" has a host of warm personal friends everywhere, and more of them here in Omaha than anywhere else. The only trouble with "Met," if it be really a trouble, is that he has an inherent blindness to the faults and weaknesses of the democratic party. But that is what democrats in these parts want, for they never were so self-critical or exacting as republicans. The only cloud over "Met's" re-advent is the threatened extinction from the journalistic firmament, if only for a little while, of the scintillations of Colonel Henry Clay Richmond, whose place, as editor of "The Nebraskan," Governor Metcalfe is to

The Private Letter for Public Perusal.

The president's lengthy letter on the reserve banks addressed ostensibly to Secretary McAdoo of the treasury, but intended for public consumption, reminds us of the facility for presenting matters direct to the people by this hitting-over-the-shoulder method. It has long been in vogue in the White House. Presidents before Mr. Wilson have employed it. Of course, as anyhody can see, if President Wilson really meant to discuss these things only with Mr. McAdoo, his son-in-law, he could easily take them up in a more direct, personal way most any evening around the family hearth, but such, of course, is not the purpose. The private letter for public perusal has come to hold its own place in the relations of the president to the people, and instead of being a personal communication, is distinctly a public document, generally assuming, as it does in this instance, the form of advocating and defending administration acts and policies.

A Prediction That Needs Revision. *

Shortly before election, Senator N. P. Dodge, jr., in a burst of exuberance let the Lincoln Journal in on the ground floor with a prediction, which he had printed in that newspaper. that "Howell will carry Douglas county easily." and adding, "I have a deep conviction that the republican ticket is going to win in Douglas county, and that Howell will run away ahead of his ticket." Now that the official canvass is concluded, the final figures disclose that Senator Dodge polled 11,107 votes in Douglas county, as against 9,862 for Mr. Howell. Evidentiy, the mistake lay in not having Mr. Dodge run for governor, and Mr. Howell run for state

Prohibition democrats of Colorado are still rankling over the fact that Mr. Bryan went all the way out there to make several speeches for Tom Patterson, the democratic "wet" candidate for governor, who, by the way, was completely drowned out by his republican opponent. But a little thing like that does not bother Brother Bryan when it comes to boosting for a good

Those Lincolnites are certainly wide awake, and on the job all the time, as witness the appointment of another Lincoln man to fill a vacancy on the Board of University Regents, giving Lincoln three members as against three for all the rest of the state. But if they can put it across, and get away with it, far be it from us to complain.

The paradox of the age is that Mr. Rockefeller admits paying \$10,000 too much for an oil painting. Not that he lost the money, but that he got beat on anything in oil.

Diseases of Battlefields

Maladies that assail an army in the field, with espereference to the present European war, are discussed by a contributor to the Illustrated London News, According to this writer, the British troops at the front have hitherto been singularly free from the attacks of such diseases. In other campaigns, he says, disease has slain thousands where bullets have killed hundreds, and he thinks it is only too likely that before long the present immunity will cease. Why disease should attack masses of men in the prime of life, living in the open air, and on the whole well fed and clothed at first sight may seem strange. The blame has generally been laid upon the drinking water. But even when this is properly guarded, as irremovable source of danger remains in the myriad of flies bred in the carrion and filth that inevitably collect round shifting camps and bivouses. As every one now knows, these insects are carriers of infection. Luckily with the approach of winter their activity ceases.

Cold Weather a Preventive. "Of the diseases which assail an army in the field," says the News, "a few stand out so prominently that all others may practically be neglected. These are cholera, typhoid fever, dysentery, and pneumonia; and they have this in common, that they are all caused by specific bacilli. Thus cholera is the child, so to speak, of the dreaded vibrio, and pneumonia that of pneumonococcus; while typhoid and dysentery have each their own special microbe. Their modes of attack are, however, different, for the pneuococcus enter the organism by the nose and mouth mouth only; typhold and dysentery through the allmentary canal, while the way in which chilera is propagated is at present unknown. All four, perhaps, have this in common, that while the microbes causing them are probably always present with us-that of cholers being a doubtful exception-they seem only to assault a subject previously weakened by exposure, bad feeding, or intemperance. It is on these facts that our chance of successfully repelling them mainly rests.

"The first means of combating these enemies is therefore, isolation. Directly a soldier is shown to be suffering from any of these diseases he should be separated from his fellows and removed to a place where his ejecta, sputa, and the like can no longer form a center of contamination. This may seem a counsel of perfection to those who know the conditions prevalent in war time, but much might be done by careful preparation, and isolation hospitals at the base might be organized by civilians who are but too apt to think that surgical cases are the only ones worth attention. If it be true, as announced in the daily press, that the Austrians are already suffering from cholers, no time should be lost in making these preparations, and the service thus rendered to the just cause of the allies might easily prove more valuable than many more sensational."

Fighting Off Typhold.

The writer next takes up the subject of prevention, which, he reminds us, is proverbially better than cure. First among preventive measures is inoculation, which, in the case of typhoid especially, has been abundantly proved to be effective. Experiment leaves no reasonable doubt on this point, and inoculation against ty phold is now compulsory in the armies of several countries. Most of the British officers have voluntarily submitted to it. Then comes careful avoidance any drinking water other than that boiled and filtered supplied to the men by the transport and supply service. Nor is the question of clothing to be The soldier may be trusted to keep himself warm for comfort's sake; but a belt of flannel worn around the stomach next to the skin is said to have proved its efficiency as a preventive of cholera and dysentery in oriental countries. To quote further

"In these matters the soldier can do much to help himself. There is still the psychological side of the case in which he must depend a good deal on his officers. A light heart will often carry its owner unscathed through centers of infection which will prove fatal to the mentally depressed, and is one of the most valuable prophylactics known to science,

Hence the officer should do what he can to keep up the spirits of his men, should encourage them to sing, and should take care that they hear any good news which is going. By so doing he will be rendering another invaluable arrvice to his country, even if he adds thereby to the cares on his already overburdened shoulders. Fortunately, if there is any faith to be placed in reports, the natural temperament of Tommy Atkins in war will make his task in this respect a

Twice Told Tales

Among the Highbrows.

A famous baseball man is a prolific story-teller. and oftentimes his yarns are the source of amuse ment to his friends. Here is one of the new ones: 'A friend of mine, a metropolitan merchant, who had amassed quite a fortune by close application to his business, was being entertained one evening at a friend's house, where he encountered a number of young women graduates, whose conversation suddenly turned to a discussion of the development of the Eng-

lish novel --"The merchant speedily experienced a feeling within which told him that he was 'out of it.' a few minutes of animated colloquy, during a brief respite, one of the young women turned to him sweetly

'What do you think of Fielding, Mr. Ellis?' 'Oh, fielding is important, of course,' our friend quickly responded, 'but it isn't worth much unless ou've got good pitchers and men who can hit tho ball."-Harper's Magazine.

A Poss ibility.

At a concert on the Principe di Udine, which American refugees in Genoa rented for their homeward voyage at the cost of \$115,000, George Rives Shelmerdine, the Pittaburgh poet, told an amusing

"I notice on this ship," said Mr. Shelmerdine, "that there's a good deal of marital jealousy. Husbands and wives, even the most devoted, get jealous of one another on the slightest provocation. It's a case, in fact, of Bands off all around.

"I said to the prefty wife of a handsome young Sunday school superintendent the other evening: You are always telling everybody what a paragon your husband is. Why, then, ma'am, do you refuse to let him lounge on the top deck in the moonlight with that dashing Baltimore widow?" "'Well, you see,' the Sunday school superintend-ent's wife answered, 'George is, maybe, too good to

be true." "-Washington Star.

People and Events

An Oklahoma Indian is about to enter the avia tion field, doubtless with a view of improving his chances of becoming a "good Indian." The route is

A notable instance of enthusiasm for woman suffrage was shown at a recent public meeting in New York City when \$106,000 was subscribed for the cause. No single contribution exceeded \$1,00.0

Members of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians in Maine recently held an election for representative to the legislature and elected Frank N. Francis by a majority of forty-one votes. Paleface newsgatherers say their contest was marked by liberal exchanges of firewater and wampun, thus testifying to their proficiency as imitators of the white man.

There is nothing surprising in the appearance of Miss Phoebe Briggs of Vassar college on the roll of Carnegie hero fund medalists. The divine gift of courage is no exclusive possession of masculinity Miss Briggs at the risk of her own life saved three girls from drowning at Poughkeepsle last year, showing not only courage, but readiness or resource and presence of mind.

A New Jersey boy, who shot a rabbit found exting the vegetables in his mother's garden, was fined (3) and sent to prison for four months on nonpayment by a petty judge. The boy was released on ball by a higher court, and thus checkmated the petty judge's seal in striving to force payment of a fine, half of which would have gone to an informer. Jersey justice has some kinks which do not work out as planned



Wants Douglas Delegation to Meet. OMAHA, Nov. 18 .- To the Editor of The Bec: Since it is now officially settled that I am to represent Douglas county in the upper house of the legislature. I desire publicly to express my heartfelt appreciation to all voters of the county for the confidence they have placed in me, including the newspapers, for their very generous and valuable

publicity. Though elected on the democratic ticket, I wish to confess that, so far as my official life as a senator is concerned, I ceased to be a partisan on the 3d of November. I am willing to accept as correct the facetious remark of a citizen in a cigar store the other day who, in answer to a question as to the division of the parties from this county in the state senate, said: "There are two democrats and two republicans and Quinby, who don't care for either." So far as my official activities are concerned I don't, further than to aid in the fulfillment of every pledge made by the democratic state and county plat-

Anide. however, from these party pledges that we democrats have made, the voters have endorsed some pledges the republican candidates made in the fact that these same voters have elected nine out of the seventeen representatives from this county. I have respect for their mandate as well.

Therefore, I suggest that, since we al should respect our individual and party mandates from the people and respect to the fullest and the best the true interests of the people of Omaha, South Omaha, their suburbs and the entire county, all of us ought to set aside our partisanship in this service.

For these reasons, I ask the other sixcen repreentatives from this county to express their opinion through your columns as to the advisability of holding a few meetings during the coming month to consider the best interests of this community, and how they may be served in the legislature. Also such plans as may best serve to weld into closer bonds the relations between Douglas county and the state.

I suggest this publicly, rather than personally, because I sincerely believe we are public servants, and can have no interests apart from the public good. L J. QUINBY, Senator-Elect.

Let Suffrage Women Be Thankful. OMAHA, Nov. Ii .- To the Editor of The Bee: There is only one real compliment

that can be paid to women, and that is an expression of man's belief in her goodness, rightmindedness; that is, her high moral standard. The voters of Nebraska in large,

might say complete, measure have paid that compliment most graciously to Nebraska women. Those who believe in her and her standard of right and who wish right to win have voted for suffrage. Shall we not thank them for that compliment and try to ever live up to our best, most womanly best?

Those who believe that woman will be very apt to vote right, and therefore curtail their "personal liberty,"-rerist the misnomer-and banish, as muc... as it is in her power, their saloons and all they mean, have voted against suffrage. Shall we not thank that class for the only compliment it is possible for evil to pay

Those who think themselves righteously, antis have aided and helped the evil. They alone know what was their inmost motive. Shall we not let our Christian tolerance help us to forget them? And shall we not prize even more than before the greatness of our sex? God has made us women. Let us thank Him.

CONSTANT READER.

Negro Rights and Wrongs. OMAHA, Nov. 18.-To the Editor of The Bee: Your recent editorial apropos the president and segregation, arouses in the breast of every race-loving negro great joy and thankfuiness. Such a healthy opinion coming from a great metropolitan newspaper tends to awaken a just and righteous sentiment for the cause of persecuted humanity. When so many influential newspapers are gradually becoming weaned away from their former attitude of interest and defense of the great body of Afro-American citizens, such a timely expression from you causes the negro to have a new hope. You, sir, are carrying out the admirable policy of the late Edward Rosewater, the humanitarian, whose lifelong struggle for justice and equality for all American citizens keeps the spirit of his work fresh in our memories.

Monroe Trotter is one of Harvard's most brilliant sons. He indeed volced the sentiment of millions of Afro-Americans when he confronted President Wilson with irrefutable instances of injustice and humiliation in the civil service at Washington. He reminded the president that there was no law providing for segregation in the capitol of this republic. With animation and courage he asked Mr. Wilson if he had a new freedom for the white man and a new slavery for the negro. Armed with the truth and the ability and fearlessness to expound that truth, Mr. Trotter stood in the august presence of the president and had his say, and our distinguished president in the face of that powerful and truthful unanswerable argument was abashed and

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AVOID SUBSTITUES.

birth in the minds of men who were fight-i ing for manhood rights. That they breathe the spirit of deep passion is logical and natural. Prior to Mr. Wilson's election Mr. Trotter and a delegation of representative negroes journeyed to Princeton and received a sincere, apparently, promise from Mr. Wilson to treat the negro in a friendly and Christianly manner, to see that no rights which the constitution guarantees to bim were denied him. Mr. Trotter, upon the basis of this unqual ified promise, advised his people to support Mr. Wilson, Since the incumbency of President Wilson a system of segregation has been inaugurated. In the face of such a flagrant repudiation of promises could one expect Monroe Trotter to be otherwise than passionate? Was it not a moment when all of the sincerity and elo quence of the sufferer would burst forth? We commend Monroe Trotter for telling President Wilson the truth. The day of the spineless negro is fast disappearing and the move for aggressive and constant

LAUGHING GAS.

DR. W. W. PEEBLES.

"My sister heard that there was to be a war tax on gum." "Well?"
"So she's got 2 cents' worth put away.
-Louisville Courier-Journal.

protest is gaining huge momentum.

Bix-I see there's a report from Holland hat concrete bases for German cannon that concrete bases for German cannon have been found there.
Dix-Don't believe a word you hear from Holland. The geography says it is a low, lying country.—Chicago Journal.

"Was it your craving for drink that brought you here?" asked the sympa-thetic visitor at the jail. "Great Scott, ma'am! Do I look so stupid as to mistake this place for a sa--Baltimore American.

"Hear about Ferdy's hard luck? His ther told him he'd have to go to work." "Well, can't he make a bluff at going around applying?"
"He thought he could, but hang me if

'Isn't your heart grieved at the war ow going on, my boy?'

now going on, my boy?"

'Yes, sir."

'Now tell me, my child, just why it is you feel serry for this dreadful conflict."

Because I'm German, and de only kid in our gang big enough to lick me is a Belgian, an' he does it."—Houston Post.

First Reporter-I ascribed this statement to a person of the first importance in the nation's affairs.
Second Ditto-Why don't you mention his name? First Reporter-1'm too modest.—Phila-lelphia Ledger.

THE KING'S DREAM.

Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution. While fall the fighters of the line Where slege guns boom and bayonets

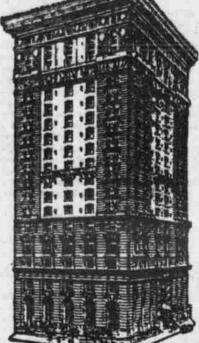
shine.
This word high o'er the battle rings
"Will God take time to save the kings?"
The kings are throned in castled state;
Upon them fawning courtiers wait;
In purple robes they sit, and know
The homage of a world brought low,
Their high-placed pride this comfort
brings.

'God will take time to save the kings!' Far echoes of the thunder-fight Thrill through the king's dream in the

night: 'Your soldiers brave the bitter strife Where winning Death throws dice with sorm the heights, they sweep the They plains;
Where the red wrath of battle reigns;
Their shot-rent battle flags unfurled
O'er blood-drenched roses of the world,
Rest you beneath Sleep's healing wings"God will take time to save the kings!"

And then the dream changed, and this Thri rough the Dark, with terror The kings save not My people; they Weep the long lonely nights away; Uron their knees My children wait; Their ruined homes are desolate.

and I behold through prief-rent years; My sunlight streaming through the My tears.
They need the shadow of My wings:
God will not save the crimsoned kings!"



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