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Democratic war tax struck you yet? -

Postoffice version: Do your Christmas shipping early.

But you can bet ex-Sachem Croker will not

become a squaw man. No use to begin yet to fret about the passing

of the old-fashioned "white winter." And now it is the Hon, Dick Croker who

gives old Doc. Osler the merry ha, ha, That Ohio expert who predicts rubber roads

very soon, evidently sees bouncing times ahead. Some of those war book writers are trying to prove that the pen is really mightier than

Mr. Bryan is said to have taken violin lessons when a boy. But he never learned to play the second fiddle.

Second the motion of the Pittsburgh Dispatch to send all dynamiters of public buildings into the European trenches,

King George is going to do some traveling himself just to show Emperor William that he has no monopoly as "der reise Kaiser,"

on G. Bernard Shaw and his war talk runs as follows: "Oh, pshaw." Many others think

When Sam Blythe speaks of the "real war correspondent, not the one who writes reams about himself," Richard Harding Davis must feel like submarining him.

Yes, but our obligations of neutrality toward the European belligerents are no different than were our obligations of neutrality toward the Mexican combatants. In fact, we perhaps owe the Mexicana more consideration because less able to maintain their rights.

Still, it is a sort of travesty on railroad professions of their deep desire to serve the public, that a city like Omaha should have to go up to the highest court in the land to compel construction of a viaduct admittedly needed for the protection of life and property.

The new School board will find that there is a lot of slack in Omaha's public school system that can be taken up, but that it cannot be taken up without an outcry somewhere from those affected. It will therefore depend upon the moral courage of the new board members whether the job is done or left undone.

The playground expert who has been making a survey of Omaha, when questioned before the city council, expressed the opinion that the governing authority of the water works and of the city should be one and the same so that there would be no conflict over unlimited water for public baths, swimming pools and other park uses. We are afraid that by this answer the playground man has put himself in bad with one corner of the city hall.



The Union Pacific base ball club closed the season nwing the players about 1800, which indebtedness they will try to liquidate by giving a ball at Germania hall

The Union Pacific is inviting bids to furnish 250,000 calt and 10,000 cedar cross ties to be delivered in not less than 20,000 lots at Council Biuffs or Kansas City.

Magnie Mitchell, whose welcome never wears out, put on "Fasichem" at Boyd's opera house. Mr. Jacob Hauck is circulating a petition which is being signed by many prominent citizens, asking his ment in the city engineer's office. M. P. Martin, 316 South Pifteenth street, au-

cances that he will pay \$1,35 for anakos to feed to A request has been made to the school board to use part of its police court revenues for the pur-

has not responded.

Last evening at 8:60 the first two through Putl-man cars for Portland. Ore, left the Union Pacific Aspot, One, the "Ogalinia," a first class Pullman, in charge of Conductor Dubots, had three passengers. and the other, an emigrant sleeper, had two passen-

Mrs. E. C. McShane has returned from Burlington The Misses Murphy want it known that they are prepared to do dresomaking in the most fashion able styles at 1517 Douglas.

The Viaduct Victory.

The decision of the United States supreme court upholding the right of the City of Omaha to compel the Missouri Pacific to erect a viaduct at its Dodge street crossing is a notable victory for the people. The strange thing about it is that a railroad should in this day question and combat the public's authority to require it to make a safe thoroughfare over its crossings.

So far as Omaha is concerned, the city fought this question out years ago when it went up to the supreme court in the matter of depot viaducts, and won out unconditionally. Notwithstanding all this, Omaha has not been oppressive or over-exacting on its railroads in demanding viaduct construction except where absolutely needed to safeguard traffic. Every railroad man knows that the grade crossing is a death trap, and that its continuance within thickly populated areas is by toleration only. The Dodge street viaduct has long been overdue; the growth of the city will likewise force several others before long.

Aswering Roll Call an Over-Rated Asset.

Drawing lessons from the results of the election is a fine exercise of homiletics. Mr. Bryan insists that the return of Congressman Stephens by an increased majority to represent the Third Nebraska district in the house is an endorsement of the choice of postmasters by direct primary. But why should he stop there when he has other pregnant examples as close, if not closer, home?

Out in the Fifth Nebraska district, Congressman Barton was besten notwithstanding his notable achievement of standing first in the list of members who had missed answering to the fewest roll calls, and Congressman Maguire in the First Nebraska district, likewise defeated, was but a little lower in the list of steady-attendance members. Is this popular verdict to be taken as meaning that the constituents at home do not care a rap whether their congressman stays in his seat and answers "Yes," or 'No." or "Present" when his name is called in stentorian tones by the reading clerk? Can it be that they have no objection to their congreasman absenting himself occasionally from the floor when he has something to attend to for them elsewhere? Is it possible they are willing that he should make a sneak now and then to "visit a sick aunt" or attend a base ball game, and to take a chance like a good sport on being docked if caught by failing to answer up? Must we conclude that responding to roll call is an over-rated asset.

Taking Stock of Our Army and Navy.

It is most unfortunate that Congressman Gardner should have attacked Germany, or any other belligerent, in urging the house to adopt his resolution calling for an investigation of our military resources, for as the president intimates, undue importance is sure to attach to the stricture if the investigation is made. The president further objects to the inventory on the ground that "this is no time to agitate the question of our preparedness for war." Expressing the hope-which all Americans share -that our nation may play an important part in ending the present war, he and his advisers are said to believe "suggestions for peace would Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson's comment threes of a discussion of possible war."

> Indeed, but even in view of the unfortunate over-zealous championship of this resolution. why should an investigation of our military powers be construed to be agitation of pessible war? Has not the president approved Secretary Daniels' plan for an investigation of our naval efficiency? . Why is that any less objectionable or offensive than the proposed inquiry into the efficiency of our land forces? With the showing of a shortage of 18,000 men in the navy, together with a paucity of line and torpedo officers, it certainly will not be argued that we should defer a complete investigation of navy conditions for fear of a wrong imputation of our motive. Though maintaining a comparatively small navy, all agree that we have not enough men to man it and corresponding deficiencies are said to exist in the army. While no one wants to embarrass the president as the potential peacemaker, still it seems far-fetched to ask us to waive our right to take stock any time desired. Of course, if the president puts on the ground that probing our military resor rees will disclose no information not already in hand, then the proposed checking up may be needless, but in that case the reason should be made so plain that it will not be misunderstood.

> > Tariff by Commission.

Much is being made in certain quarters of a resolution adopted by the Mississippi Valley Trade conference at Memphis in favor of a nonpartisan tariff commission as the pest medium for the making of our tariff laws. Business men composing this conference were convinced that this would work a great improvement over the old system of congressional tariff tinkering. And perhaps it would-at least there is much to be said for the plan, just as there is against the present method, which invites and fosters favoritism and log-rolling.

But is it not a little strange to jump at a tariff commission now as if it were something new? The fact is, but for petty politics on the part, too, of some notable self-proclaimed defenders of the flag and savers of the country, we might before this have had a nonpartisan board with a much more wholesome tariff law than now encumbers the statute books. It is still fresh in mind that President Taft tried to urge this very plan onto an unsympathetic congress. By speech and message be iterated and reiterated the wisdom and advantages as he saw them in the nonpartisan tariff board idea, denouncing tariff revision "with blacksmith tools," or by any other than a scientific process. And he later did his best at that time to put his ideas into action. But he found the country, at least its honorable representatives in congress, unprepared for this forward step.

Our old system of omnibus tariff making to the very thing that has thus far precluded the scientific method. But with sufficient pressure from such sources as the one represented at Memphis the tariff board idea may be pushed through before long.

In giving Oklahoma's "Jim Crow" law a joit, the United States supreme court lets it be known that it is not in sympathy with President Wilson's views on negro segregation as practiced by the southern fire-enters in his cabinet. Short Ballot Talk

Coller's Weekly: We are told (and believe) that Nebraska is a highly civilised state, with a fine school system, a great university, and all the rest of it, and yet a friend sends a sample ballot (November L 1914, pattern) from Omaha, and it measures eight fe-t three inches in length. He adds a note: "Four other separate short ballots to be voted besides this. What's the matter?

Nebraska City Press: The Omaha Bee and The Press seem to be the only newspapers in Nebraska which are standing for a short ballet. And the opposition which has been aroused should not deter The Bee-The Press occupies only a "me too" position from discussing the situation sanely and intelligently as has been its wont in the past. The time will come, as history has always shown, that men who "came to scoff remained to pray." Either the short ballot will be adopted by Nebraska voters or something equally as good. So far the short ballot seems the most likely reform.

Tekamah Herald: The clamor for a short ballot makes us weary. Who are the people who want the short ballot? Look up the origin of the clamor and you will find that it is the machine politicians who manipulated caucuses and conventious, fellows who do not believe the people knew enough to elect their own officers. From the results of the recent elecit looks as though the people understand the long ballot and got what they wanted out of it.
Anyone who prizes the privilege of voting and prompts him to go to the polls on election day is not going to find it any task to go down the line of candidates and to mark his preference according to his judgment as to the best men. It took only about ten minutes to mark the last ballot, that is not much time, when it occurs only once in two years. It is far better that every citizen shall have choice selecting public officials on a long ballot, than to have some clever politicians fix the wires for the appointment of all our minor officials by the governor and a few high officials. If all these appointees would foin in continuing their appointive power in office as they would be sure to do, it would soon build up a political machine worse than anything ever known in the state. It would put the taxpayers of this state at the mercy of the fellows who depend upon their pay checks.

Kearney Hub: The Omaha Bee declares itself in 'hearty sympathy" with the move to abolish the offices of state and county superintendent as elective offices, and making them appointive, as part of its plan for shortening the ballot. It does not give any other reason than merely that of shortening the bal The overworked voters of the state, who have been burdened with the responsibility and labor of choosing their own public officials, will be almost entirely relieved when The Bee arrives with its political

Blair Pilot: The way to shorten the ballot is to shorten it. Let's elect a governor and let the governor appoint most of the other state officers just as the president now does his cabinet. We should elect the railway commissioner direct and the regents of the state university should go on the nonpartisan bailot with the judges. They should appoint a state superintendent of public instruction, just as the school boards hire city superintendents now. We should vote direct on national and state senators and representatives, but that would make a much shorter ballot Few of us can become well enough acquainted with the host of candidates for minor state offices to select them intelligently, but we do know who we're voting for for governor and could trust him to appoint as ed men for treasurer, auditor, secretary of state. attorney general, etc., as he now does for the Board of Control, oil and food inspector, etc. The coming legislature should take the necessary steps to give us the short ballot as soon as possible

## Twice Told Tales

Chilled His Ardor. A certain reporter is a gallant young man, who seems to have decided predilections for school teachers when it comes to do the heavy gallant. through the good old summer time the young journal ist hied him away Saturday night to the summer resort upon which one special fair pedagogue shed he divine light. Now this young reporter is still of ex-tremely tender years, far more tender than the years of the school-ma'am. These later day associates at the office have noticed that the grand passion has med to be waning

What is the matter, Jack?' inquired one who dared to rush in where angels feared to tread, and all that sort of thing. "I don't see you out with your beloved, as was once your custom." "O, hang it all," replied the disgruntled Jack. "Every time I didn't show up of an evening she ex-

pected me to bring an excuse from my mother.' What Little Willie Did. Willie's mother beamed a welcome as the vicar ened the door, in spite of the fact that it was wash

"I've been waiting to thank you, sir, for the good you've done our Willie, by your evening classes. Home so different and so pleasant since he attended the plumbing and gas-fitting class." "That is very gratifying," said the vicar. "Won't

u tell me just how little Willie shows this improvent you speak of?"
"Well, he's arranged our penny-in-the-slot gas meter so that we get our gas for nothing. He's moved

the meter from the kitchen to just outside the front "But you still have to put your pennies in the

slot, do you not?" said the vicar. 'Yes, but you see, before he put the meter outside the front door. Willie wrote 'Chocolates' over the slot."-National Monthly.

### People and Events

A Cincinnati brewery wagon driver, whose death is reported, achieved the distinction of drinking 100 beers a day. Along the banks of the rippling Rhine which courses through the city, weeping willows bow their leafiess heads and navigators grieve for the great called him at the height of his usefuliness.

The late Robert Burdette, preacher and humorist was one of nine children, four girls and five boys, and his father used to speak of having just enough for a quadrille set, and a fiddler. Bob was the fiddler. He admitted it. "I play the fiddle," he once remarked, by note, ear and main strength, and to avoid getting into deep water I never attempt any composition that has been written within the last seventy-five years.

The man principal of a public school at Eau Clair-Wis, told a 15-year-old girl to go home and fix ner hair properly, intimating that by wearing it in two ng braids hanging down her back she attracted such attention from boys. As the humiliated girl left the echool the boys organised a strike against the school until the Board of Education investigates

Timothy Michael Healy, Irish member of Parlia nent, regards the British censorship as the most maxing institution that ever escaped from fooldom. The censor, he said, actually made an excision from the prayer of Mohammed. "About the same time the Prench censor was trapped into cutting out a part of the Lord's prayer. "The government," said Mr. Healy, "has put this whole work under the charge of a chancery lawyer. I would as soon put a plumber in charge of fluminated manuscripts."

Thirty-five Pueblo Indians, headed by Chief White-Man-Runs, jointly expressed to the mayor of New York their "horror and shame" for the calamities of war perpetrated by pale face nations in Europ We look with shame and horror upon our acts and deeds years ago; but we were savages then," tition continued. "It may be a waste of words our desire may be drowned before it reacher its destisation, but we want to make our thoughts known and we sincerely hope that you will use your official post tion to transmit to Europe for us this pies for peace. the pocket perve works wonders.



la Not Sympathy for Belgium Overworkedf

OMAHA, Dec. 1.-To the Editor of the Bee. Some bright ideas emanate from Scott's Bluff. Starving Belcoase should not be succored by braskans because Germany ought to feed them. The German administration in Belgium wants Belgians to resume their occupations and offers employment to those willing to do so. Unfortunately many of them stubbornly choose to starve rather than to work for the "invaders." The United States offers charity, but Scott's Bluff objects Intense prejudice based on ignorance of the real causes and conditions condemns even sweet charity, condemns loyal American citizens of German descent for subscribing liberally to German Red Cross and widows' and orphans' funds and calls it "sending money and supplies to Germany to encourage and support this wholesale murder." What

And here we have an administration, boastful of its peace policy in Mexico, and pretending neutrality in the European embroglio, flagrantly permitting real munitions of war, hundreds of millions worth, to be supplied by its citizens for use against countries with whom we are at peace. Press dispatches teem with reports of unprecedented activities amongst arms manufactories in the United States -working night and day they cannot fill orders received from England, Russia and France, Think of it, workmen of German or Austrian birth or parentage in these factories, helping to make guns for killing off their relatives abroad. And all for the almighty dollar to fill the coffers of these billionaire manufacturers. Is that the neutrality of these United States? What sham, what hypocrisy!-Is there not some one in authority to awaken the conscience of the nation? Or is a neutrality pledge an obligation valid only as to the allies and to be ignored as to Germany and Austria? And still that brazet lie that Germany was the aggressor is being dinned into the ears of the credulous American public.

Is not the sympathy for Belgians approaching the stage of maudin sentimentality? What about the cruelties committed by Belgians on German wounded and noncombatants, and about the thousands of victims of wanton, entirely un provoked murders and unnamable atrocities committeed in East Prussia on inoffensive old men, women and children. Do not such Cossack brutalities cry toheaven as loudly because their victims were German? Why is it that one scarcely ever reads about the crimes against Germany? A. D. MEYER.

Theory and the Practical Biffer OMAHA, Dec. 1.-To the Editor of The Bee: Dr. Frank Crane has the right idea. about keeping world peace, but he failed to go into details describing how we were first going to get peace. No matter what the several remedles for peace may be the cold facts stand out to remind us that at present they are only vague theories. The stumbling stone of these pet schemes is the question of disarmament. True, we would have no wars had we no armies

Which will be the first nation on the globe to disarm? Each looks with distrust and racial antipathy upon the other and each waits for the other to be the first to sell its army equipment for junk and to sink its navy to the bottom of the sea. Each in turn fears the power of the

last whose lot it would be to disarm. Let the diplomats devise a plan of disarmament and world peace is possible: otherwise wars and their horrors must

After the nations have given up their hellish devices of alaughter the first step necessary would be to organize an international arbitration board composed of one representative from each nation.

Their power should be supreme and the governing bodies of their respective countries would be compelled to abide by their decision relative to international ques-

The second step would be in creating a "world navy" composed of one ship from each country with power to support the decisions of the court of arbitration and to ever be on the alert to prevent the armament of any nation.

Any of the many islands of this world would be a suitable naval base for the "international navy" as well as the seat of tht world's capital for the arbitration board of appeals.

Theories! Cold, undeniable theories! But who will be the first to disarm? C. E. WALSH.

#### Political Pointers

Senator-elect Wadsworth of New York reports baving spent \$22,860 to corner a six-year term in the United States senate -a little more than half the total salary. The New York Civil Service Commission, after seeking in vain for a youngster qualified to manage the city employment bureau, suspended the age limit rule and picked a man of 51 years for the job. Tally one for the elders.

An Indiana democrat whose name is suppressed contributed \$500 during the last campaign to further the political interests of "Marshall Wilson and Woodrow Marshall." Very few political boosters draw attention to their funnybones by blowing n real money.

William Heward Taft continues to smile and enjoy life as it comes along. While in Chicago recently he remarked with a smile as cheery as a lake breeze in midsummer that he was infinitely happler as a spectator of events than as an actor in their coming and going.

Emerging from the period of mourning over the defeat of the bull moosers in Kansas, William Allen White amounces a purpose to sit on the fence for two years and watch the procession go by. Priends are expected to hand him a base ball cushion, occasionally, to reas the

Several appetiting jobs for the famishing are looming up on the political horizon of Chicago. The city council no longer views with alarm the salcon free lunch, but in the interest of public health it must be kept clean and sanitary. Consequently a bunch of sampling inspectors are necessary to put the free lunches on a high sanitary plane.

According to Indiana papers politics in Terre Haute smell to heaven. An organisation of fumigators has been formed for the purpose of alding state and federal authorities in prosecuting the political gangsters already indicted and for putting their tools out of business in Until very recent times Terre Haute was esteemed the purest lewel in the Hoosier coronet.

## Editorial Shrapnel

Cincinnati Enquirer: Without the slightest wish to curtail aid to the poor and distressed of any foreign country, we think it but right to remind the benevo-lent people of the United States that there are many thousands of persons in

—Detroit Free Press our own country who are in need of all that goes to austain life-many thousands suffering for clothing, for fuel and for

New York World: Berlin hospital returns show that of 6,000 wounded discharged, 25 per cent have completely recovered and are ready for service in the field, 66 per cent are fit for garrison service and h per cent for non-combatant service. This is a phase of modern war that is not sufficiently taken into account in estimating the enormous losses where such large armies are en-

Springfield Republican: Ireland will be much relieved by the assurances of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg that German troops should reach Ireland's shores, 'they would land there not as an army of invaders to pilinge and destroy. but as forces of a cation inspired by good will." But it was with a spirit of good will that they entered Belgium; the trouble was that they were not wanted. Good will and invasions do not go well

Philadelphia Record: One of the curious measures approved by the people of Arizona in a recent referendum vote is a law providing that in any business employing more than five persons 80 per cent of the employees shall be American Record of the employees shall be American Record. cent of the employees shall be American Star. citizens. There may be certain local conditizens. There may be certain local conditions in Arizona, where Mexicans are numerous, that would explain the motive for such a remarkable proposition, which, if applied in this part of the country, would cause economic chaos.

"Say, lock here, you're the fellow who took my overcoat from the club'the other day!"

"All a mistake, of course. But I left a much better one."

"I know you did. It was too smail."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SUNNY GEMS.

Caller-How much for a marriage li-Town Clerk—You're lucky.—Philadel- (+

"Don't you object to paying this war

Eggerton-It's easy to make friends, but hard to keep them. Easymark-Oh, I don't know. I've got a number of friends who seem perfectly willing to let me keep them.—Boston

Scribbler-Have you any kind of a farm that a literary chap like me could make a living on Real Estate Dealer-Sure' You could work on the farm days and write nights to make a living. Chicago News.

"So, you're son's joined the English forces at the front I suppose he was horrifled at the first sight of a bloody battlefield?" "Ob. no; he had played too many foot ball garres while he was at college,"— Baltimore American.

First Little Lamb-How grateful we should be for the wool which covers us. Second Little Lamb-I return thanks every day for mine. Without our wool how could those affectionate human beings who eat up keep warm!—Lafe.

"Well, said the cheerless person.
Thanksgiving is all right, but I be-

"It's cheaper to celebrate. A pack of firecrackers costs a lot less than a tur-key."—Washington Star.

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