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State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss. Dwigth Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of November, 1914, was 52,531.

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Carranza is fast becoming the Mad Mullah of Mexico.

By all accounts they sure landed General De Wet high and dry.

This year's most popular dance step seems to be called "The Charity."

Regardless of the price, young man, the world expects you to bring home the bacon.

"The militia is short," comes the cry, to which many will answer, "The militia has nothing on us."

Incidentally, do not forget to be humane to man's best four-footed friend, the horse, during these cold, slippery days.

If all reports from the war zone are correct, old man McGinty must be having lots of company in his bottom-of-the-sea-home.

"Petrograd has no water," says a war bulletin. With vodka shut off, too, it must be as dry in Petrograd as in Omaha after 8 o'clock.

There is at least an element of euphony in the fact that Mr. Morgan and Mr. Forgan both assure us of improved financial conditions.

Ex-Ambassador Myron T. Herrick says he must look around for a job. Well, business is picking up now, so he may land something soon.

Chicago's "model policeman" is quitting, after thirty-two years' service. Then he is no model policeman or he would die with his star on.

Both Admirals Fletcher and Badger pronounce the navy highly efficient. But what do they know about—Theodore Roosevelt says it is inefficient.

If the secretary of state and the senator agree on what constitutes "a compromise," it will be the first time for a long time that they agreed on anything.

A lot of people are learning that Christmas presents may be pleasing and still have a practical use; also that the amount of joy they bring is not gauged by their cost.

If Cole Blaise ever runs for office again, he knows who will not poll the ex-convict vote, but then, he also knows the ex-convicts could not vote unless he pardoned them!

In the interval take note that the prospect of landing that federal plum is not yet interfering visibly with Mayor "Jim's" preparations to run for re-election again in the spring.

So long as Colonel Waterston continues uncompromising against woman suffrage and prohibition, he cannot well be classed as anti-German because of his exhortations of the kaiser.

With a Nebraska man premier in the president's cabinet, and another Nebraska man listed in all the several All America's foot ball elevens, our cup of glory is surely full to the brim.

How to give all the different departments of the city government more money to spend without increasing the tax levy, is the same old problem that confronts the lawmakers whenever they tackle charter revision. It just can't be did.



The thirteenth street car was inaugurated at noon with cars formerly used on the St. Mary's avenue line. Cars will run every twenty minutes, and are marked "Thirteenth and Cuming Streets." It looked somewhat queer to see the cars running across Farnam street, instead of the length of it.

The Kaiser's Surprise Party.

While one can only speculate as to the specific purpose of the North sea coast surprise party, this much may be assumed, that it goes to show the premeditation of the Germans to carry the war, if possible, to British soil.

A fierce naval battle is reported in progress as a result of the bombardment. Others may follow and the vigilance of both sides will be keener than ever as a consequence of this attack.

The Annual Reminder for Coasters. The winter's first snow broke fine for the youngsters. Coasting has been great the last week. The snowfall close on the rain and then a lowering mercury sealed both with a good freeze and made a surface almost ideal for the coasters.

And let us hope for a lot of just such fine weather this winter. It puts iron in the blood, the rose tint of health on the cheek.

We want these robust youngsters, too, every one of them. And we want them whole bodied, with bones in place and muscles normal.

Oh, Yes! All's Well in Mexico.

Conditions are at last becoming normal in Mexico. Life at the capital is fast losing its fire and glamor and lapsing into the rut of mere routine.

Hats off to Gutierrez; also to the man who could send that message with a straight face! All quiet along the Potomac tonight.

Not an officer hurt, only one of the men. Moaning out all alone his death rattle.

Municipal Nonpartisanship. Over in Chicago the Tribune hails as "expedient and wise" the decision of the People's Nonpartisan committee to put no candidate for mayor in the field, but, on the contrary, to endeavor to make nonpartisanship effective by directing the independent vote to the best candidate offered by the party primaries.

Our Indian Population. Carefully compiled figures place the Indian population of the United States, as of date June 30 last, including freedmen and intermarried whites, at 331,250.

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Do Railroads Waste Money?

Wall Street Journal. Cut-Throat Competition. There is good ground for suspecting that failure of the commerce commission to afford general relief has been to give the railroads sufficient time to realize that solution of the problem lies in part their work and to afford them an opportunity to make a start.

A comparatively prosperous and well-equipped road offers shippers third morning delivery from New York to Chicago and the same reverse service. Other railroads in this competitive territory are compelled to offer the same service.

Expensive Freight Tolls. A New York-Chicago line solicits from New York to Springfield, Mass., although it has not a mile of railroad in New England and runs in the opposite direction.

Why is business done that way? Chiefly to keep a competitor from making a profit. Another eastern trunk line running by way of Buffalo pulls freight out of Pittsburgh for Philadelphia and sends it over 212 miles on a rate that would barely allow Pennsylvania to make a profit if it carried this business in the most direct route over its rails 248 miles.

Too Much of a Good Thing. Between Chicago and St. Louis each road of the five operating between these two cities formerly run one night passenger train. Then one of the roads put on a second train and hoped thereby to secure the cream of the traffic by giving patrons choice of two times of departure.

Cumulative Evil. The evil is a cumulative one as applied to both freight and passenger service. If a patron receives expedited service once or gets accustomed to a special privilege he naturally expects it again.

Final Word on Fair Question. WATERLOO, Neb., Dec. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: Having noted with some interest and more or less pleasure the letter of my brother, Editor Jacobberger of the Benson Times, in answer to my letter in The Bee about the annual meeting of the Douglas County Agricultural society, also the editorial and news accounts of the meeting and the work of Benson in connection therewith, I can hardly refrain from making a final effort to keep history straight in this connection.

Mr. Jacobberger in his Times admits the Benson "slate" was selected, with two exceptions, presumably the two from Waterloo. The method of procedure before and at the meeting is outlined with rare frankness and the use of the "coin" is defended and excused, we suppose, because they were only following seemingly well established precedent.

In closing let me say, that so far as I understand the sentiment in the country, the people will wish Benson all possible success in conducting the fair for 1915, and will not doubt be among the heartiest supporters and willingly lend all possible aid, and they are a unit, I believe, in hoping the fair will never be put back at its old work of popularizing the King's Highway.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

Thanks for Support and Suggestion. OMAHA, Dec. 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: Permit me to express to you on behalf of Mr. Hoffmann, Mayer, Fischer and myself, the Saengerfest committee, our appreciation and gratitude for your editorial, "The Saengerfest in Omaha." May providence, as you suggest, decree that the Saengerfest may also become a peace jubilee.

Woolster is Again Inquisitive. SILVER CREEK, Neb., Dec. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is not somewhat surprising that after all the talk and doings in regard to Mexico since President Wilson has been in office he should not even mention Mexico in his late annual message "or address" to congress? It would be surprising if we had a statesman in the presidential chair; but with a mere schoolmaster, well, one need not be surprised at any unusual or out-of-the-way thing.

As the head of a great "Christian nation," before deciding to invade Mexico (and kill an indefinite number of its people), did you enter your closet and humbly ask God's blessing on your proposed work?

2. During the capture and occupation of Vera Cruz how many Mexicans and how many Americans were killed?

3. How many widows and orphans and broken-hearted mothers did their deaths make?

4. What was the gross amount of duties on imports collected by you during your occupation of Vera Cruz?

5. What was the cost of collecting this revenue, and from what source was the expense met?

6. How much of the amount collected went as graft to Mexicans and how much to Americans?

7. What was the net amount of revenue collected; where is it now and what do you propose doing with it; or have you "gone with it" already?

8. What was the total expense of the aforesaid invasion of Mexico from the first movement of our forces until their withdrawal from Mexican territory?

9. What disposition in your opinion, if any, should be made of what remains of that \$50,000,000 appropriated?

10. Would you advise that it be divided up among the American people to be used in the purchase of war tax stamps, or do you wish to retain it for use in the event of another insult to our flag?

11. Did you get that salute to the flag that you went to Mexico after; and, if so, what disposition have you made of it?

If authorities on congressional etiquette should be of the opinion that some of the above questions are unparliamentary, such questions might be eliminated. CHARLES WOOLSTER.

Nebraska Politics

H. T. Ring has purchased the interest of his partner, C. W. Sedgwick, in the Hooper Sentinel. The change is effective January 1.

W. A. Anderson, who has been in the employ of the Sargent News for some time, has leased the plant, succeeding M. E. Vanderburg. Mr. Anderson was formerly editor of a Mason City paper.

Fred S. Hassler, former editor of the Pawnee Press and Pawnee Tribune, died last week at his home in Pawnee City.

The new proprietor of the Oakland Independent announces the increase in price of subscription to \$1.50 a year.

W. K. Strode, who has been editor and manager of the Blair Tribune for several years, has purchased the plant and building and henceforth will be known as his own editor.

"Yes, I've determined to complain of the teacher. She's been deliberately poisoning the minds of the children in her class."

"Good gracious! How?" "Telling 'em there isn't any Santa Claus."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Republics are ungrateful," said the ready-made philosopher.

"I shouldn't say," replied Senator Sorghum, "that a republic as a whole is ungrateful. The man who is liable to get acquainted with real thanklessness is the one who figures as cheerless giver to a campaign fund."—Washington Star.

"Front—Don't you think it would be a good idea, if one M. D. said an operation was needed, to consult several others and get their views?"

"Snow—Possibly. But the more surgeons you consulted the more operations you'd find imperative."—Life.

Advertisement for Boston Garter featuring a woman in a garter and a Ford Coupelet car. Text includes: 'Boston Garter', 'IN HANDSOME CHRISTMAS BOXES', 'For Father, Son, Husband, Brother or Friend', 'SILK 50¢ LISLE 25¢', 'Garter Colors: BABY BLUE, MARINE, BLACK, WHITE, TAN, PINK, LAVENDER AND GRAY', 'This car is the most practical two-passenger model we have ever built. When the top is folded, the Coupelet becomes an open Runabout of unusual smartness and style.'

Louisville & Nashville Railroad. Through electric-lighted drawing-room sleepers from St. Louis to Jacksonville. Unsurpassed in car service. Round trip tickets on sale daily at low fares.