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But what gain to humanity?

The heroes of the Lustania are yet to come into their fame.

See America first, last and all the time. There safety lies.

After all, our old prairie schooner was a tolerably danger-free craft,

If there is any safer or more salubrious place to live than Omaha, we will have to be shown.

Although a great many people fall down the cellar stairs, there is no place like home for live

A girl drove the first spike in the new government railroad in Alaska. Evidently she made a distinct hit.

The longer war proceeds the more effectively does it indict civilization as a thin veneer for barbarism.

"A Grave Situation" is the headline of the latest marine tragedy. Unfortunately, a watery grave situation.

The base ball teams are this time playing against a world series that almost crowds them off the boards.

Nature kindly provided the Chinese with optics peculiarly fitted quickly to note the slant of the Jap game.

That Zeppelin fleet will have to perform lows. ome startling exploit now to ke subsea squadron.

Colonel Watterson seems to have been about the only one who had a real hunch on what was going to happen.

The prospect of a few new faces around the city half ought to put a little ginger into activities of the regular habitues.

President Wilson's motto, "America first of all," embedies the right spirit, and the only spirit worth while in a republic.

Cleveland still supplies water at 6 cents a thousand gallons as against Omaha's 21 cents. Why? Don't all speak at once.

It is becoming more apparent every day that diplomatic palaver will not prevent sliding the inside bolt on the open door of China.

When one considers the daily round of war bulletin contradictions the difficulty of maintaining vocal neutrality is painfully realized.

And to think of it, only a week ago the "bunk" was being spread so thick by spouting candidates around our corners that it could be cut with a knife.

Science and Healing.

One point, too commonly overlooked, in connection with the practice of healing, is given illuminating emphasis by the Journal of the American Medical Association. That paper points out that if a man's watch is in need of repairs, he does not take it to a blacksmith or tinker with it himself, but takes it to an expert, that it may be properly adjusted. Yet when that same man discovers some of his bodily functions have become deranged he is quite as apt to turn himself over to the ministrations of an uninformed person as he is to seek out one who is qualified to tell him what is wrong.

The point the Journal seeks to make is not aimed especially at any of the healers, but is intended to draw attention to the very important business of determining the nature and the causation of disease. More than this, the necessity of early as well as accurate determination is net forth as a vital factor in the combat against disease. Modern methods require that a properly equipped diagnostician be an expert, familiar with the handling of high-power microscopes, able to recognize specific germs, and full of a vast quantity of specialized knowledge. To him should be left the naming of the disease, because his is the knowledge that can be relied-

After the nature of the disease has been fixed, then the sufferer may, if he so elect, seek out any form of heating that meets his individual view, and may submit himself to be treated by the laying on of hands, by mental processes, by massage or manipulation or by getting an old-fashioned doctor's dose. What he should do is to make sure of what really alls him, and here is where the science of diagnosis substitutes accuracy for guess work.

Setting the World Back.

The profoundest philosophy will hardly be able to withstand the effects of the brutalizing influences of the present war. The Bee is not inclined to take a pessimistic view, because of its firm faith in the general upward tendency of humanity as a whole, but we cannot behold the cosening of all the base passions of man without feeling that the cause of civilization has lost something that cannot readily be restored. Just now the ignoble elements of man's complex nature are in the ascendancy, and all the patiently reared edifice of human achievement is suffering from the results of the debauch that has followed the commencement of armed conflict between the leading exponents of all enlightenment. Hope lives, and philosophers comfort themselves with the thought that out of it will eventually come good, but the most readily apparent result of this war so far is a retardation fo all constructive efort.

Mothers' Day.

This is Mothers' day, so designated by executive proclamation, and dedicated to some sort of public manifestation of a feeling that lives constantly in the hearts of all. It is one occasion, at least, when all the world may unite in a common tribute to the source and inspiration of humanity's deepest and most lasting affection. The impulse-is one that goes far back into the earliest times of the race. The Egyptians based their theology on motherhood, their story of creation being involved in the great mother, whom they worshiped, and their greatest deity was the divine goddess who brooded lovingly over the earth and austained it by her constant care. Other schemes for creation, existence and salvation may have departed in some degree from this thought, but through them all motherhood has persisted as a vital factor.

Mother is the most sacred word in the language, the name to which mankind clings with the fondest veneration. The impulse of materpity runs through all creation, and the function and responsibility of motherhood is the sublimest trust that can be given. Nowhere else can be found the equal of the mother's devotion, the length of her sacrifice or the quality of her love. The world may laugh at all other things of life, but it takes its hat off to mother.

The Koran says: "Paradise lies at the feet of motherhood," and all creeds and sects join in saying "Amen."

One Lesson of the Election.

If our recent Omaha city election teaches one lesson more than another, it must be that the quest of votes is not helped by the candidates, or their spokesmen, running down their home town,

While no one denies that civic conditions constantly offer room for improvement, Omaha will compare favorably in every field of public and private activity with other cities of the same class, and this is so thoroughly known that people take no stock in luridly painted pictures portraying the terrible depths from which we are to be lifted only by putting somebody out of office to make way for somebody else. The knock-on-your-town and blow-your-own-horn method of campaigning evidently does not get anywhere, but, on the contrary, even when perpetrated by self-constituted newspaper champions, reacts to the detriment, instead of to the advantage, of the favored candidates who otherwise might pass as good and well meaning fel-

We hope that this lesson of the election-it is the same lesson that was taught by the election of last fall-will not be lost entirely on those who will have charge of future campaigns, and particularly on those who will have charge of the coming campaign for prohibition, who, we know, will be sorely tempted to pursue the same blackwashing tactics.

Getting Back at the "Jitney."

Less than a year has passed since the light automobile was brought into service as a competitor with the trolley car, but its spread has been so general that the "jitney" has made its entry into nearly every large city in the country. The literature of the "industry" is growing apace, with voluminous reports from surveys and investigations wherever the condition warrants serious consideration of the problem. Some of these say the jitney has already run its course, and others predict that the jitney is the beginning of the end of the trolley car, but the trolley is not ready to yield, and the fight for supremacy is under way.

In Los Angeles the case has been submitted to a referendum vote of the citizens. In Vancouver the trolley line has struck back by a reduction in fare. Other cities have yet to meet the problem squarely, but we will doubtless soon hear of other measures for dealing with the auto as a common carrier. Regulation is imperative, but the public is so far gainer in the service rendered. The trolley, if it is to hold its own, will have to meet the jitney bus as it did the horse car and the cable line, by serving the public best.

Good Time to Visit School.

Here's a bit of advice for parents of school children so timely and so pointedly put by Collier's Weekly that we pass it along just as it is:

About now is a mighty good time to visit the hool that you have not seen all winter. Roads are better, the children are getting the spring energy into their work and play, the year's instruction has had plenty of time to soals in, and the school year will end next month. For some years you've been paying taxes to be spent on educational work-get around there now and show that you are interested also in seeing what your children get out or these taxes. You would go fast enough if the school house was your factory or orchard or pasture, and yet children is the one really important crop that our country

Our public schools are doing good work, but they would do it much better if the children's parents manifested real interest in the work by a liftle personal observation and supervision now and then

Despite the troop of perplexing questions plowing furrows on the domes of his associate, Secretary Redfield daily shoots his optimistic disks under the needle and grinds out the merriest of prosperity music. His skill and endurance tops the percentage column. Why Brooklyn permitted its champion cabaret artist to wander from home is a growing puzzle.

The operation of Japan swallowing China reverses the Scriptural story of Jonah and the whale. The modern Jonah will absorb the whale by degrees and avoid impaired digestion. Mr. Switzler

By VICTOR ROSEWATER.

TTOW natural it is to compare the torpedeing of the Lusitania with the sinking of the Titanic! But while both of these disasters carried hundreds to watery graves, the excitement over the Titanic was much more tense and intense. Various reasons for this are obvious, primarily the fact that the succession of events since the opening of the European war has dulled and hardened popular sensitiveness to crushing calamities, and has made the extinction of sundreds and thousands of lives a subject of routine news reports taken almost as a matter of course More to the point, however, is the fact that the Titanic victims included representative citizens from all parts of the country-scarcely a city or town of any size whose people did not know personally some of those who went down. Here in Omaha, for example, one of our leading business men was a doomed passenger on the Titanic, whose uncertain fate kept the demand for further information keen, and brought home a comprehension of what had happened more vivid than will be any mental picture of the Lustiania's

How many newspaper readers have any well defined notion as to how they are able to have the result of an election, like that held here in Omaha last week, spread before them in newspaper extras within a few hours after the polls close? Approximately 20,000 voters marched up and marked their ballots and deposited them in the ballot boxes. There are 88 voting districts in Omaha, averaging about 250 voters, and the election board in each polling place operates entirely independent of every other election board. The counting and tabulation is done by the judges and clerks of the respective voting districts, but the c-1lection, assembling and compliation of the returns devolves upon the forces in the newspaper offices. Taking this last election, which involved fewer than the usual number of offices, each return contained the figures representing the vote cast for sourteen different candidates for commissioner, and for and against three separate referendum measures, making twenty distinct items of figures, or a total of 1,760 for the whole 88 districts. For several years The Bee and the World-Herald have co-operated in gathering and tabulating election returns in order to avoid duplicating the labor and expense entailed. Arrangements are made by which a bright messenger is assigned to socure and bring in to the central office the footings for each voting district. The boy copies his figures on a sample ballet, or upon one of the regularly prepared return forms, and these are re-copied for tabulation. To save time and expedite the work, the figures are first telephoned in, and then verified later. In reading off and copying and addition, although the adding is now done by machine, the possibility of error lurks. Notwithstanding all these hazards, the compiled returns have proved in this case to be so accurate that the official canvass has served only to corroborate them, and the newspaper announcements of the winners stand unassailable, in spite of the fact that a difference of only some thirty votes separates the low man credited with success and the high man downed by defeat.

I doubt whether we in Omaha will ever again have such prompt and early election returns, for a law passed by the late ligeslature, becoming effective in July, changes the hours during which the polls are to be open, establishing uniformity for both primaries and regular elections, so that the voting will continue from 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock at night. If closing the polls two hours later means deferring the work of collecting and tabulating the returns for two hours, then the speedlest extra telling who is elected can hardly get on the strets next time much before 10 o'clock at night.

I attended the reception of the Visiting Nurse association at their rooms in the city hall the other day. Someone suggested that I was entitled to a hero medal because I was the only man there at the time. while the women were numerous. The equipment at the rooms helps one to understand the scope of what this organization is doing in furnishing the free services of trained nurses to needy sick in their homes. Some of the work taken on themselves by the visiting is part of the public service in other cities. If there is a more practical charity operating among us I do not know what it is.

The seventieth birthday party of Actor Crane made his performance of the "Henrietta" in Omaha an exceptional engagement. My recollection of first seeing Crane was when he was doubled up with Stuart Robson in the "Comedy of Errors," popularly known as "The Two Dromios," the dromios alternating in successive scenes until the last act, when they both appear together. I remember that I had not been aware that the two dramios were different fromios, and that my surprise was more real than theirs pretended to be when they finally numbed into one another while backing across the stage. A seventieth birthday celebration on the stage is a rare occasion, and the joy of it almost put Mr. Crane and his associates out of their lines. I remember another exceptional dramatic performance where the sadness of the occasion practically broke up the play, it being the performance of "Macbeth" by the Booth-Barrett company at the Broadway theater in New York when the word was brought to Booth, and quickly spread through the house, that Barrett was dying, and the remainder of the lines were recited as if at a funeral.

Twice Told Tales

Indoor Sport.
T. A. Dorgan, Tad, the carteonist, was dining alone in a restaurant in Fulton street the other night. A stranger dropped into the seat opposite and fell to

'Now, take my old friend Tad." said the stranger. Much of the ivory from which our "I like him personally. In fact, we are the best of

friends, but as an artist he is punk." "You know Tad, then?" Tad asked

"Know him! I should say I do. "T'll bet you \$5 you don't know him," said Tad, reaching for his wallet. The \$10 was deposited on

"Now," said the cartoonist, "how are you going to prove that you would know Tad if you saw him?" "That's a cinch," chuckled the stranger, as be gathered in the money. "You are Tad."-Cartoons

A committee, appointed by the Baptist state conention, headed by J. S. Richardson of Omaha, is looking into advantages offered by different Nebraska towns for a Baptist college, and Omaka is expected to get into the competition.

Charles Dickinson, superintendent of the Wilbur Mercantile agency of Chicago, is here for the purpose of astablishing a branch of the agency in

A unique entertainment is to be given by the young women of Brownell hall to raise money for their new buildings, at which different celebrities will be imitated. The coffee and sandwich table is to be presided over by Queen Elizabeth and her court ladies. the cake counter by women in Grecian costume, while gypsies will tell fortunes and Rebekah serve lemonade from the well.

The Creighton college boys beat the high school boys at base ball by a score of 9 to 7, the fielding of Redick and Durr being features of the game. The toughs and fast young mon who improve the night with revelry and dark deeds have recently

taken a fancy to unloading arms on the streets. Not a night passes that the weary wayfarer and the police are not startled by pistel shots. General Thomas Wilson, formerly of this military department, was here for a visit with his son-in-law.

by this paper. Brooklyn Eagle: Manifestly, if Japan's

'new Buddhism" can be made the prevailing religion of China and of Japan. too, the unifying effect on the yellow races will be very important. The hegemony of Japan will be emphasized, and there may be the shrewdest of statesmanship in the effect. Manifestly also, the effect will not be favorable at all to the extension of Christianity in the Far

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Washington Post: Tapping on wood is a bad sign, according to a Washington

preacher: pulpit pounders will please

Cieveland Plain Dealer: "God willed

this war," declares a religious publication.

The word religious is used for cataloguing

purposes, not as an expression of opinion

take notice.

Springfield Republican: Secretary Bryan would have made a great evangelist-unless it be admitted that he already is one. His way is not Billy Sunday's way, but he has the same essential magnetism. More than 500 "filed up to the stage" (or "climbed on to the water wagon," to express it in Sundayese) after a temperance speech by the secre-tary at Carnegie hall. New York, Friday night. And each of the pledge signers went away with Mr. Bryan's witnessing

autograph. St. Louis Republic; There is something in the religious need of mankind that street preaching corresponds to. The St. Louis churches ought to test the expulgive power of positive and constructive effore in this field. We greatly doubt whether certain kinds of charitable and religious quackery would ever have gotten the hold they have in this town if our Methodists had lived up to the tradition of Wesley, our Presbyterians to that of Chalmers, our Consregationalists to that of Moody and our Catholics to that of Francis of Assist.

AROUND THE CITIES.

Wichita has organized a syndicate to pipe patural gas for manufacturing purposes to the city.

Atlanta, Ga., has organized a club for the purpose of giving the individual gladhand to new settlers.

Speeding auto drivers in Salt Lake City pay more money in fines than individuals navigating with booze tanks.

Salt Lake City is giving some vim to the "Buy It Now" movement, and it is speeding up in the publicity line.

Danville is one of the newest "dry" towns in Illinois, but Uncle Joe Cannon has a two-year engagement in congress. St Louis has dedicated a new library building in Forest park, which is endowed by the estate of the late J. C.

Courts of Kansas City, Mo., have been forced by a rare spasm of economy to dismiss one-fifth of their employes. The painful duty fell to the judges. Lewis (Kan.) girls are signing up

Richardson.

pledges to give the cold-shoulder to smokers of cigarettes. Pipes and cigare are permissible. So the girls will not be lonesome. Oakland (Cal.) has a million-dollar Auditorium, 212 feet long by 110 feet wide,

Auditorium is 364 by 132, and didn't cost one-third of the money. Buffalo is to have a \$5,000,000 terminal built by the Lehigh Valley railroad. In due time "Put me off at Buffalo," will

and capable of seating 4,000. Omaha's

afford the pilgrim some modern cheer in the shadow of ancient depots. Sloux City and Des Moines made a hot run at the sensus finish—the former to reach the 60,000, and the latter the 100,000 population class. Polls closed Saturday

night and the count is now on. New York City authorities have been notified that damage suits impend unless heavy motor trucks are kept out of residential streets. It is claimed that the vibration caused by such heavy vehicles is destructive to buildings of other than

steel construction. Twenty-five hundred persons, young and old of both sexes, lined up in Washington for 100 jobs which will be available July 1. The advance rush was for civil service blanks. The lure of the federal pay roll is strongest at the home

TABLOIDS OF SCIENCE.

The balance wheel of a watch vibrates 200 times a minute, or 157,680,000 times a

Scientists have figured that about 36,-600,000 babies are born each year, or at a rate of about seventy a minute. Experiments have shown that the auto-

mobile is most efficient and econe when driven at a rate of twenty miles Italian scientists recently recorded a emperature of 138 in the victim of a lung

disease, the highest figure ever known in a human being. Some scientists are of the opinion that

carthquakes are caused by the wobbling path described by the earth's axis. Its eccentricities seem to be most manifest at times of these terrestrial troubles.

piano keys, billiard balls, knife handles and combs are made is collected in Siberia from the fessil remains of the giant mammoth, the great-grandmother of the

That guinea pigs furnish a cheap and appetizing meat is one of the discoveries of German dietists forced by the necessities of food economy during the war. The Association of Physicians of Frankfurt-am-Main urges the breeding of these prolific animals for food purposes, and notes that it has already become a large industry.

PERTINENT POINTS.

If a word to the wise is sufficient, few men are wise. A woman's watch is usually more orns.

mental than useful. Probably the most important woman's fub is the rolling pin.

Much unnecessary talk manages to es ape from a tiny mouth. The daughter of a poker player is supcosed to inherit her shyness.

A young man would rather owe money to his father than to his "uncle." Too often the stork lights on a man's roof when the wolf is at his door.

Anyway. Eve wasn't constantly nagging poor old Adam about other women. Only a bachelor knows that it is the casiest thing in the world to manage a

A girl always tells a young man she can cook-and she always tells other girls that she can't.

No man can ever gain a practical knowledge of the world by pursuing his studies in a rocking chair. Probably nothing would afford the

small boy more pleasure than the privilege of assuming the role of father to the man occasionally.-Chicago News.

People and Events

The Old Liberty Bell saw the republic first and a few of the subsequent states, Next summer it will see the rest of

The galety of this old world resents the lid. It will bubble over in spots. A Pennsylvania woman sues for divorce or the ground that her armiess husband beat her.

There are 1,500 applicants for the fifty jobs in the new department of labor of Pennsylvania. The pursuit of happiness in the Keystone state has its destination at a plum tree. An accommodating scientist banishes a

world of anxiety by announcing that shock or fright have no effect on the color of the human hair which hangs over the back of the chair at night. Back in New York state where they do things occasionally, drivers of motor cars for hire must have a state license, and the applicant must stand an examination

for competency. There is where "safety

first" gets a collar-hold. Back in Wechawken, N. J., the orchestra of a movie theater checked a panic by playing "Tipperary." At Hoboken, a few miles away, the tune would start a riot. The artistry of music is not alone in the rendition. Occasion and atmos-

phere must be taken into account. The late Charles E. Littlefield of Maine gained the reputation while in congress of being the fastest talker in that body, and on many occasions taxed the capacity of crackerjack stenographers. Boston Transcript adds to its tribute that Littlefield "never had to sacrifice quality to speed."

To the elders of today who, in buggyriding days, allowed the only girl to do the driving, it is a puzzle why similar gallantry is lacking in the joy rides of today. A young man at the motor wheel is utterly incapable of giving his sweetheart an accurate measure of his arms. without which the verdant scenery loses color and zest.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"I notice that you publish a werse from the Bible every day," said the caller to the editor of the newspaper. "Do your subscribers ever read it?" "Should say they do," replied the editor. "Why, it is news to most of them."— Cincinnati Enquirer.

Mrs. Exe-My husband got a letter to-day saying something dreadful would happen it he didn't send the writer a sum of money. Mrs. Wys-My husband gets dunned for his bills, too.—Boston Transcript.

"Then you are holding the mirror up to —" we began.
"Not on your life," responded dramatic art, "I'm too busy holding up the dear public. I've got only two hands, you know."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Welcome to our prison!" exclaimed the reformed convict. "Thank you," replied the new arrival, "I feel that I am lucky to be here." "I never thought you capable of a crime

sufficiently serious to land you here."
"You were right. I had a pull with the authorities or I never would have managed to break in."-Washington Star.

Mrs. Dearborn-That man who nearly ran over me with his automobile was one of my divorced husbands. Mrs. Wabash—Did you get his number: Mrs. Dearborn—Sure; he was No. 3.— Tonkers Statesman.

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