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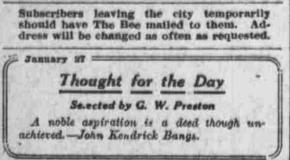
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State of Nebraska. County of Douglas, ss. Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of December, 1914, was 54,211. DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 2d day of January, 1915. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.



Senator Root to his democratic colleagues: "Can't 'ou talk?"

Talk may be cheap, but it takes money to put it over the ocean-to-ocean telephone.

European chancellors give a pretty good representation of lawyers abusing each other for the edification of clients.

The chances are that annexation would not have any opposition worth mentioning if it did not threaten the perpetuity of the job.

Ease and speed marked the run of the pay roll appropriation bill through the legislature. The oppressive burdens of state rarely chill human interest in "the ghost walk,"

For the advancement of foreign missions last year Americans contributed \$17,168,611, This year, with both Christian and heathen in urgent need of conversion, neutrals are expected to double their offerings.

The shooting up of a Chicago councilman three months before the election gives the municipal campaign there an early dash of Mexican working man and believes in labor unions. It

Food as Important as Firearms.

The drastic regulations which the German government is inaugurating to conserve the grain crop supports the argument that food is just as important to a warring nation as firearms. As a matter of fact, it is absolutely impossible in practice to draw the line between what articles or supplies subserve military activities and what do not, because the modern army in the field draws requisitions for almost everything. If the grain crop in Germany must be safeguarded by government confiscation, it goes without saying that imports of flour and other foodstuffs from abroad come into the same category. Whether destined for consumption by the civilian population or by the soldiers in the trenches would make no difference. An army with short rations would be in a predicament just as hopeless as an army short of ammunition, if not more so. History records many a beleaguered fortress surrendering because the larder was empty, although the cartridge belts were full and the guns still serviceable.

Where Taxpayers Can Save Money.

Another place where the taxpayers of this county could save money, without losing anything whatever in the way of service rendered, would be by the consolidation of the various official bonds given by their treasurer as county treasurer, city treasurer, school district treasurer and water district treasurer, all these bonds insuring the fidelity of one and the same officer. It certainly is a travesty to take \$5,000 out of the taxpayers' pockets to pay premiums on four different \$200,000 surety bonds for a treasurer whose compensation is \$8,000 for his two-year term. There should be some way by which a law could be framed that would provide for a single \$500,000 bond covering all the moneys that may come into the treasurer's custody from whatever source, with the premium prorated among the various jurisdictions for which he acts. Let some of the legislative committees of our different civic organizations get busy, and save our taxpayers this money.

The New Chief Justice.

No one will contend that the appointment of Chief Justice Morrissey is anything but a purely personal selection of the governor and his closest political advisers. It may be that Governor Morehead has chosen wisely, for Mr. Morrissey unquestionably made a good private secretary, but, unfortunately, we have nothing to judge by for the present as to his legal attainments and judicial ability. The new chief justice may prove to be a time server, or he may surprise everybody with an exceptionally brilliant mind. He will have two years in which to make good if he harbors an ambition to be elected to fill out the remainder of the term. It is enough to express the hope that he may reflect credit upon himself and vindi-

cate the governor's judgment.

"Moral Influence."

John D. Rockefeller, jr., in what might be called a plea in avoidance, explains to the industrial commission that his infidence in connection with the Colorado coal strike and its most disastrous consequences, was only "moral," He specifically denies that he has ever ordered any anti-union activity on the part of any of the officers of corporat'ons in which he is interested, and says he is the friend of the The Political Caldron

N OTWITHSTANDING iteration and reiteration by

Judge A. L. Sutton that he is not a candidate for the city commission, his name is being mentioned just the same as if people believed he did not intend them to take him as meaning weat he says. He is in the political atmosphere, and those who enjoy mixing political medicine are having the time of their lives compounding concoctions to suit any taste. They recall that the Judge does not say he positively will not run, nor that nothing could offered to induce him to make the "sacrifice." He has been so guarded and dipiomatic in what he has said that he has actually encouraged als crowd to the notion that he will gladly be drawn in-in fact be standing on the doorstep when they call. The talk will not down that the judge will be aligned with six other candidates and that the launes may be drawn along "wet" and "dry" lines. Some of the more observant men about town declare the judge will file and some believe he and six others will be backed by a strong organization of dries.

Mayor Dahlman returned from a trip the other day, and he, too, gave expression to a belief that Omaha is to have a whiriwind wet-and-dry campaign this spring. The mayor says he is ready to embrace this issue as he has done in the past, confident of the result of such a campaign in Omaha.

While Judge Sutton is waiting for the situation to shape itself, his friends, and some not his friends, are preparing all sorts of plans for him, so that when he gets ready to liuri his hat, all he will have to do will be to look around and select one of the various plans being prepared.

The judge will be nominated if he files for the primary, but I doubt whether he will break into the first seven at the election." was the comment of one politician.

"You just watch what I am telling you: Judge Sutton is going to file and he will give the whole field a merry chase. He is a vote gotter and he knows what to do and when to do it," was another comment. "The judge says he is going to resume his law practice, which is a nice way of sitting on the fence

till be thinks it time to jump." says another. A lot of anxious would-bes wish the judge would just speak up and tell what he intends to do and thus relieve some of them of suspense.

"Bob" ,Holmes, democratic politician, former city councilman, legislator, and more or less of a prognosticator, was rambling about the city hall with a pocketful of political dope. The first thing he did was to set at rest a rumor that he had the city commissioner bee in his bonnet.

"I want to make a statement, and it is that there will be an awful field of candidates for the primary race. There will be material a-plenty, but take it from me, the present seven co. imissioners will re-elected.

"I see that Ed Howell is in the race. In fact, his friends have him in the race. Ed wants to be mayor and I know that, too. It's a worthy ambition to be mayor of a city of the importance of Omaha. 1 would like to be mayor myself, but I can't spare the time from my business. But Ed Howell wants to be mayor. I said he wants to be mayor. I was on the council when he was president. And Ed served in the legislature. I will never forget the time he was in a three-cornered fight with Benson and Moores. when Moores defeated both of his opponents hands quoth the politician. Mr. Holmes is positive down. Jeff Bedford will also make the race.

"O, my prophotic soul!" exclaimed City Commisstoner Dan Butter during a committee of the whole meeting of the city council. This official who dares to be a Daniel in fact as well as in fancy, replied in the meeting to H. J. Hackett, with the intimation that he would be on the job three more years. "Dan" displayed some artistry in perpetuating the tenure of himself and colleagues. He did not hurl the predic-tion with a defiant look, but made a next little package and fied it up with little blue ribbons, figuratively

Mr. Hackett, who is an improvement club officer, appeared to ask for a sewer in the non-hwest country. He began his plea by stating that practically all of the improvements received in that section had been granted by the present administration, a rather fine administration at that, he opined. There is where "Dan" saw an opening. "The northwest citizens should not expect everything during one term. Wé



Belef contributions on timely topics invited. The Pee assumed no responsibility for opinions of corferpondents. All letters enbjest to condensation by editor.

Cost of a Water Power Survey. OMAHA, Jan. 36 .- To the Editor of The Elenni Regarding the letter from Mr Walter Johnson of North Loup, it might be suggested that "something for nothing"-this eternal will of the wisp, which leads the public into pitfalls today just as it did in the centuries gone by-is the amover to his first propounded conundrum.

But there is a more serious misapprebension involved in that \$100,000 figure suggested as "favored" for an appropriation by the state to obtain some definite information about Nebraska water pow-

It seems to me that \$10,000 would be sufficient appropriation to obtain the necessary authoritative data and to formulate a report which would be a practical basis for constructive legislation upon water power deve anent, and this expenditure would be a good investment, if properly and intelligently used. A. C. AREND.

The Professors

OMAHA, Jan. 24 .- To the Editor of The Bee: There was a time when with uph led hand and the words, "Pax Vobls cum" (peace be with you), the church was of no avail in times of stress. It does not in this war seem to have one lots of influence, either temporal or spiritual. Instead of the church today we send forth the professors to propitiate on the forum, in magazine and daily press. They, too. have made a sorry mass of it and seem to think that the rank and file of us are unable to exercise common sense. The philosophers and psychologists are

supposed to be grounded in all-around knowledge and have at their finger tips all the sciences, both abstract and physical, and art, literature, history and what not of great wisdom of things mundane and occult?

That thus they may be able to take a broader view, the better to generalize on man's mission here on earth and of his hereafter, and so they seem to be the ones selected for this task. But what of all this eradition? The modern psychologist and his school of recent science is some thing comparatively new. He is a philoso pher who specializes in things pertaining to the mind and lately the soul also.

It is the school of William Wundt of Leipsic, which is said to have arisen out of the physiological discoveries of Helmholts in laboratory experiments at Heidelberg, when he was able to measure the velocity of nervous reaction. Most of the universities now have chairs

representing this school, with professors t e sunsterverg, Cattell, G. Stanley Hail, Ticheners and others in the United States. Modern philosophy regards religion as a matter of history only. Religion evidently is a hard thing to argue about from the standpoint of the inductive and deductive logics of science, although it may have jibed well with the logic and syllogisms of Aristotle or that the dialetic argument or talks with the butcher, the baker and candlestick maker of the neighborhood as in the time of Socrates and Plato.

It was Emmanuel Kant of Koenigsberg who first alvorced religon from philosophy. and it has rema ned so ever since. Herbert Spencer starts his whole system of phiosophy with religion as being a thing unknowable and hence philosophy cannot deal with it. But for religion as a matter

Editorial Viewpoint Ted-1 hear he is very extravagant, Ned-Is he? Why, he had a plumber re-air his auto.-Judge.

Washington Post: Politicians may show poor judgment in some things they say of each other, but the world's visible supply of truth is appreciably increased through the practice.

the practice. Cleveland Plain Dealer: All Belgian officials in Ghent were forced to take the officials in Ghent were forced to take the punch in IL-Yonkers Statesman. cath of allegiance to Germany. What will you bet that they didn't do it with their fingers crossed?

Indianapolis News: At the rate we are paying our debts to Europe nowadays it the ooks as if it would not be long until, under a complete reversal of torm, Europe would be owing us money.

Chicage Herald: Republican politiciana should not criticise Mr. Bryan for looking

ut for places for "deserving democrats." He is simply following the precedents set by Presidents Roosevelt and Tart. Louisville Courier-Journal: "With God's help we defeated the enemy, who left be-hind them thousands of dead and wounded" is solemnly stated by a porp-But he was a man, among men! help we defeated the enemy, who left behind them thousands of dead and His wounded" is solemnly stated by a nom-

inally Christian monarch in the twentieth century, Wall Street Journal: Counsel for west-ern roads points out that some engineers asking for higher wages are already get-

ting more than saven governors of the union. Can it be that they are probably worth more?

worih more?
Washington Star: The idea of holding railway officials individually responsible for accidents has been brought forward so often without results that it may be worth while to try to think up some-thing new.
If righting a wrong were an issue—if all that he had was at stake. He stood like a rock in the ocean that baitering waves couldn't break. He fought to the end of the battle with all of his mind and his pen: Because he was right, he could conquer, for he was a man among men.

thing new. Houston Post: Good for President Wil-son! Right splendidly has he joined the Grandfathers' club, and we suppose the happy circumstance will imbue Colonel Roosevelt with a desire to take a club and swat Nick Longworth on the noodle. He found you in some secret sorrow-the grip of his big, honest hand was full of an unpoken comfort; he made you, somehow, understand That he was a friend in a worldrul, and one you could lean upon. Then You trusted and toved him forever-for he was a Man among Men!

Madge-Why do you prefer Wagner? Marjorie-Because he composes about the only kind of music one can hear above the conversation.-Judge.

She-You are always pouring over that old diary. You seem to prefer it to my company. He-You see, my dear, I can shut up the diary sometimes --Baltimore Ameri-

MY FRIEND.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He never took well with the ladies-his great awkward body and feet Seemed always too big and too clumsy. The smile of his face, though, was

sweet!

smiled; He gathered the youngsters around him like chicks 'round a motherly hen-And talked like a big, fool sh baby-but he was a man, among men.





KILLS PAIN (Guaranteed)

SUNNY GEMS.

singer that will hold the crowd to the finish. Carter Harrison is not the whole show.

In times like, these strict observance of the etiquet of royalty is not expected. Nevertheless the ordinary rules of intercourse should have prompted Cousin Bill to tell Cousin George that he would drop his calling card at Sandringham after dark.

The question of what railroad property is to be taxed locally, and what is to be lumped in the right of way, affects not only Omaha, but every city and town in the state. If any railroad property is escaping its fair share of taxes, the hole should be plugged up.

Americans, whether partisans or neutrals, who presume to know the whys and wherefores or the war, might profitably heed the caution given Englishmen by Lord Rosebery: "We must then, I think, suspend judgment as to the real causes of the war till time and documents are given."

David Gusgenheim and George W. Perkins, captains of many corporations, agree that large fortunes on the passing of the owners ought to be taxed to aid the needy. Inheritance taxes accomplish this purpose in part, but the captain of industry who would put substance into his opinions cannot guarantee results when he is a dead one.

The latest list of naval losses of the Brtis' and the Germans show twenty British naval craft of all classes sent to the bottom and fortyone German craft. The displacement of the lost British craft totals 175,000 tons and that of the German craft 194,000 tons. Considering the small number of naval engagements the losses sustained on both sides is unusually high.



Street, Street, Square, Square

Talk is rife again for a new bridge to be built over the Miseouri-river at this point by a corporation of Nebraska expitalists. The foundation for the atory lies in the fact that surveyors have been busy the last two days surveying the river bank in front of the city.

Mr. J. S. Richardson has commended the erection of a four-story business block on Douglas between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, the foundation being al-Yeady in

Mr. Julian H. Jarvis and Mr. C. O. Howard are sulling on come of the principal outloss men to sildit money for the newsboys' home, for which they are trying to take \$1,900.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Patterson will leave for New Origans to be absent a month. Miss May Nichols, nices of P. J. Nichols, who has been visiting her uncle, returned to her nome in

Puchia.

Mr. J. E. Market and Mr. S. H. H. Clark and family left by special car for Los Angeles, where they so on a health-social expedition.

Mrs. E T. Bracey and daughter of Philadelphia

is not on record, however, that Mr. Rockefeller at any time used his moral influence to bring about any settlement of the trouble in the mines of Colorado, other than what was finally determined by force of arms through the intervention of the United States. He does not show that he was displeased at any time by the course pursued by the officers of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, in the affairs of which concern the Rockefeller interests dominate. It will take a great deal more than Mr. Rockefeller's letter to the commission to rid the public mind

of the belief that he could have settled that strike long before it was stopped if he had earnestly tried the role of peacemaker.

Street Railway Valuation.

Officers of the Omaha Street Railway company are averring in court that the total value of the real and personal property of the corporation is \$15,000,000, and that any reduction in fares preventing the earning of a profit on this capitalization would be confiscatory. Compared with the valuation return for taxation, there is an apparent discrepancy of six or seven million dollars, but the presumption is that the city's legal representative will endeavor to beat down the valuation for rate-making purposes, rather than to increase the valuation for taxing purposes. The allegation of these values by the company, however, does not establish them as binding on the court if contested by the city, as they surely will be. As The Bee said when the seven-for-s-quarter initiative ordinance was up, it meant, as the first step, merely buying a law suit, and having bought it, we may as well pursue it to a finish now as soon as we can.

Two hundred and thirty years before Rooseelt or Carnegie drew plans for world peace, William Penn published an "Essay toward the presont and future peace of Europe." The famous quaker plonger of Pennsylvania advocated a federation of European states as a peace measure, but his dream came no nearer fulfillment than the peace dreams of more recent advocates.

The wonders wrought in a decade in the world of material things are no more surprising than the transposition of scenery in the state house. Ten years and more ago railroad representatives touched the button and lawmakers responded. Now the lawmakers lean back on their dignity and watch the tagged lobbyists cooling their heels in the vestibule.

The suggestion of the American Bar association committee that it is as much the duty of lawyers to settle disputes without unnecessary ditigation as to try them in court, would produce in practice a condition of affairs which would make judges ashamed to draw their salarles.

The first contest and recount under our new election commissioner system has landed exactly on the same spot as recounts under the old system-all kinds of discrepancies disclosed in the returns, but merely offsetting one another without changing the result.

will give you the other things during the next three years.'

A smile passed from face to face and then the serious matters of ti occasion were resumed



A Future Rockefeller.

Trusts, mon polles, have had their day. They did more harm than good. Hence, they must go. But, all the same, we must admire the long-headedness of the men who created these vast enterprises."

The speaker was Senator La Follette. He went on: "The trust creator reminds me of the little boy who enticed the farmers truck patch and said, touching a handsome cucumber on a visat

'How much for this?'.

'Ten cents,' the farmer answered.

"'I don't want to pay more than about 2 cente." said the boy.

"Well, here's one for that price,' said the farmer, and he lifted up a very small cucumber that grow beside the big one.

" 'All right, I'll take her,' said the boy. 'But don't out her off now. I'll call for her again in two weeks' time." "-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

No Censor There.

An American who was attached to the embassy at Paris tells of a Parisian journalist who holds a strong objection to the notebook, dear to most of his associates.

This newspaper man wears large white cuffs, and on these he jots down such events as appeal to him, with suggestions for his subsequent articles. At first his laundress was much pussled by these hierosignhies, but as time went on she became able to read them and apparently derived much benefit and pleasure therefrom

One day the journalist received with his laundered garments a ellp of paper on which was written: "Your last washing was very interesting, but we

should be glad to have you give us more war news."-Pittsburgh Chronicie Telegraph.

People and Events

Thirty-two hobous, guests of Hotel Gink in New York, out forty pounds of meat in a day. Appetites of that quality induce the tired feeling in vegetarian circles.

The estate of the late John Muir, the famous aturalist, amounts to \$250,000, of which \$179,000 is cash deposited in various California banks. Two married daughters are sole heirs to the fortune.

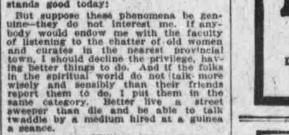
The Hebrew Free Loan society of New York in the twenty-two years of its existence has lent \$5,952,713 in 236,03 farts, and 27 per cent of it has been repaid by the barrowers. The loanable capital was used fivtimes over.

Should the legislative deadlock on the speakership in Illinois run through this week the top record of deudlocks, two years ago, will become a second rater, Meanwhile the honorable members draw salaries for just "sticking around."

A great passe conference is to be held in Chicago February 27 and 21. The text for the conference, sup-plied by Jane Addams, reads! "Mothers do not want to rear and educate their sons to see them shot down in the prime of life."

After a thorough inspection of student set "swear words," such as "Tudge," "O. pickles," "the dickens" and "the deuce," Charles F. Thwing, doctor of divinity and president of Western Reserve university, Cleveland, is quoted as recommending an improvement a co-ed class. "I think it is perfectly permissible to swear at times," the girls quote Dr. Thwing as saying. "I think it is all right to say 'damn' even. If some man did something terrible to you and you said Damn that man,' what's all right-the man should be damned." Remember, the girls say the doctor said it. | right here at home."

of faith, philosophers bow in reverence Neverthless, the work goes merrily on to find out something about the soul by scientific methods by the psychologists, who will never give up. This reminds one of what Huxley said long ago and stands good today:



Here is what William James, professor of philosophy at Harvard and the dean of the American psychologists, has to say after forty years' work: "Yet I mak theoretically no 'further' than 'I was at the begining; and I confess that at times I am tempted to believe that the Creator has eternally intended this department of nature to remain baffling to prompt our curiosity, hopes and suspicions. And here from Maurice Maeterlinck, the Beigian, probably the leading paychologist of the world: "The dead have not a great deal to tell us. Whether at the moment they can speak to us, they have nothing to tell or are no longer able to do so, but forever withdraw and lose sight of us in the immensity which they are exploring." This is probably the testimony of Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir William Crookes, Hacekel, Eucken, Bergson and all the rest. It may in time be given to us to know

much more about the mind, the will, consc'ousness and things mundane, but about the soul never, for this is the Almighty's secret, His design for our best.

One wonders what the poet, Alexander Pope, had in mind when he penned these two couplets in the "Essay on Man:" Order is Heav'ns first law; and this con-

fessed, some are and must be greater than the More rich, more wise: but who infers

That such are happier shocks all common sense.

GRONGE P. WILKINSON.

Nebraska Editors

The Ericcson Journal Journal has been the official paper of Wheeler made county.

Banjamin McKeen, proprietor of the Madison Chronicle, has purchased Pougins block in that city as a some for bis paper.

F. H. Galbraith, who recently sold his interest in the Columbus Journal, has purchased the Star-Journal at Alneworth and will take pomeasion of the papes next weak.

The Alliance Times has reached that ers of prosperity and dignity that enables it to buy in carload lots. Editor Thomas unounces the building of a warehouse in the rear of the present building to accommodate the increased stock.

"It tears your heart strings and causes sympathetic tears to flow when you read shout the starving Beldians," remarks Colonel Barton of the Bartley Interocean, "but you'd feel a heap worse to hear about an editor starving to death

