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Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Ad-dress will be changed as often as requested.

Thought for the Day Selected by W. A. Johnson A man must serve his time at ev'ry trade,

Save censure; critics are ready made.

Plenty of time yet for numerous city cam-

-Byron.

Yes, this is just the appropriate weather to revive the Cook-Peary controversy.

paign boomlets to thaw out.

Anyhow, letting steam out of the annexation boiler eases the pressure on the crownsheet.

"Made in Omaha" is a guaranty of high class goods, full measures and right prices. Push it along.

Sure, let the people rule in this consolidation matter-but all the people rather than just a few small groups of them.

Still, Omaha ought not to have to go to Lincoln to get any reductions in electric lighting rates to which we may be entitled to.

Railway rate raising is doing more to boost the river navigation game than the efforts of all the waterways promoters put together.

With all lights out, the darkness of British cities at night is pronounced beneficial to eyesight. Even the short-sighted are made to "sea things."

Formal opening of the Panama canal may be postponed. It is to be noted, however, that the canal is open and doing business without waiting for any formalities.

If all the wind power going to waste in and about the legislature could be harnessed, development of our water power resources might be safely deferred for another few decades.

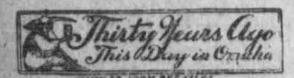
Renewed assurance of an early opening of the federal pie for "deserving democrats" of Nebraska does not lighten the pathos of the words: "Thou art so near and yet so far!"

A government which successfully solved the problem, "What is whiskey?" can be depended on to show equal perspicacity when it goes to the bat with the question: "Is playing base ball

It is worth noting that Uncle Sam's plea for shortening the long hauls on shrinking national revenues stirs no responsive chord in the pork bar'l corner. Economy planks are useful only to get in on.

Stricter, regulations in granting passports for foreign travel are rendered necessary by the war. The State department has more pressing duties than acting as guardian for "innocent spectators" of a widespread row.

· Revelations on the methods of preparing for consumption the North Pole etories of Peary and Cook bring the spotlight to bear on literary secrets usually kept in the dark. Not a few of the magazine heroes of today are strutting around with the plumes of borrowed literary or connected up with, machinery for gathering merit.



L. C. Foster of Chiengo, grand organizer and Inspector of ralicond brukemen, is to Omaka on a western tour for the purpose of organising new branches of the brotherhood.

Another workingmen's meeting was held at Kanper's half to discuss the convict labor cuestion. speeches being made by Hon. William Turtle, F. S. Lowis, J. A. Kretschmark and J. H. Winespear

Mr. Revel France wishes it to be understood that his drug store, located on Howard street, is not the place where the inlatake was made in compounding a prescription a few days ago.

The first reciety of spiritualists is called to mo t at Metropoli an half, curner seventeenth and Dodge streets, Saturday at 7 p. to.

Mr. Thomas Ewobe and Mr. J. M. Eddy of the Palace Hotel convucy are back from an extended trip ever the Union Pacific lines to look after their

Will & Westkers have capped the climax; or rather their salesmer, whose bends are udarned with alcell cap with the name of the firm worked in red letters.

A legislative consulties is in Omata inspecting the deaf and dumb institution. The only familiar name to the list of members being that of Phelps Paine.

Food for Thought for the Street Railway.

Following up the note of warning sounded by The Bee for the rate raising railroads, let us suggest that our street rallway management can find food for thought if they will observe current conditions in Omaha and listen to the talk indulged in by the passengers on their cars.

Let the street railway people ask themselves, Why is it that the prospect of jitney bus lines arouses such a welcoming chords, regardless whether the scheme may be practicable or profitable?

Grant that the street railway service in Omaha is in many respects excellent, and the management notably progressive along certain lines. Concede that the successive demand for extensions into new territory have been cheerfully met, sometimes before fully warranted Admit that the cars are for the most part now, roomy, fairly clean, up-to-date, well heated in the winter time, if not always properly veutilated. Agree that the motormen and conductors are well paid, efficient and accummodating within the rules which they are required to observe. But still there is a lurking dissatisfaction which stimulates the hope of relief through another transportation system.

Is this dissatisfaction, and its causes, irremediable, or are there some improvements which could be provided?

The common complaints, it is true, go largely to the amount of street railway service at hours of traffic congestion, and the relief, if possible, must come from putting on additional cars or rearranging the hours to conform with changing demands.

Is it necessary to compel people to stand at street corners in below-zero weather and watchfrom two to four over-loaded cars pass them up without even stopping?

Is it necessary to compel passengers when they finally squeeze on, to stand on the steps, or be wedged against an iron railing, or nang from a strap, as the only alternatives to walking?

If this congestion cannot be avoided in the carly evening hour, why must it be repeated at the time when people are going home from the theaters and amusement places, when other cities have theater car service.

Again, why should not the street railway time table be made to fit in better with the time tables of the railroads, so as to carry incoming travelers from the station to their homes, or to hotels, when they arrive?

We do not believe the people of Omaha as a whole are specially hostile to the street railway company or over-exacting. As a rule they realize the difficulties besetting the company, and appreciate efforts at relief, whether they accomplish all that is desired or not. We say this, however, that if the street railway people have their eyes open, they will at least make a try to give greater satisfaction without waiting for complaints to accumulate into an upheaval.

Can They Over-Ride the Veto?

As was naturally to have been expected, strenuous efforts are well under way to line up enough votes to put the literacy immigration bilt across over the president's veto. On final passage in each house, the bill had more than the necessary two-thirds to meet the constitutional requirements for this purpose, but there is no certainty of holding this support-in fact, the veto of any bill is supposed to create a presumption against it, and compel every one who favored it originally to reconsider and ascertain whether his impelling reasons still hold good.

noxious literacy test was vetoed by the preceding occupant of the White House, the same bluff and bluster was heard about overriding the veto obstacle, but it was soon found to be much easier said than done. Failure to count the requisite number of supporters left it hanging, as it were, in the air, at the close of the session, with no other recourse but to start over and try again in the next congress.

In the present instance parliamentary procedure demands re-enactment with a two-thirds vote before the advent of March 4, which marks the death knell of all unfinished business on the calendar. Let the midnight hour of that day pass without affirmative action and the bill is dead, and cannot be resurrected even during the remainder of President Wilson's term, because in the next congress, with its narrower majority margins, any effort to override another presidential veto of the literacy test would be hope-

Under the conditions as they are, therefore, The Bee again urges it as the duty of every member of congress from the yet-to-be developed west, which has so much work for willing hands to do, to stand by the president when the vetoed bill comes up again.

Postal Savings and the Schools.

A bulletin of the national bureau of education cells attention to the fact that a million and a quarter dollars is on deposit in the school savings banks of this country distributed among 217,600 pupils, who thereby learn lessons of thrift for use in later life. Practically all of these savings accounts are la private banks or financial institutions that have established, the school children's savings. The bulistin referred to suggests that there can be a stimulating relation between the schools and the government postal ravings system, which even now accepts as depositors any person over 10 years of age. "School gavings banks," it decrares, "are needed to prepare young people to profit by the postal savings banks,"

Accepting this conclusion, it seems to us that it should devoive on the postal officials to work out the necessary school branches by which the teaching and practice or thrift may go alongside the rudiments of education. It strikes up also as the proper alliance-in fact, the only proper alliance—for the schools to be connected with the postal savings system, because of the absolute safety and complète freedom from possibility of private manipulation. The warst tlow that could be given to the saving habit of the school child would be to have its small acumulations lost or indefinitely tied up. The postal savings system would afford an absolute safeguard for the peculiar conditions surrounding school children's money, which would afterwards find the way into other avenues of investment or unefulness.

General O'Bregon may not entertain designs on Tipperary, but having entered Mexico City. he appears to be on the way and going some.

## The Political Caldron

BY MONDAY next Judge Sutton will again be private citizen for the first time in a long while, stepping down from the district bench by his own resignation. Although in announcing his retirement, Judge Sutton also announced that he was going into private practice, and had no intention of getting on to the race track in the coming municipal campaign. instead of setting at rest the discussion of his name, he has only caused more talk. This is the line you can hear at any corridor conference.

"Well, Judge Sution is out of it, and there is no more use making calculations on him. If he had any idea of being a candidate for commissioner, he would have said so, and would have said that he was giving up his judgeship so he could not be accused of using his judicial position to most his political game. That would have strengthened hm, and made him a

"Don't you believe it. That stuff about private practice is just a blind. It's just a clever front to make them tease him harder, and make it look as if he was dragged in when the time comes. It's the old Cincinnatus-at-the-plow story, and he has gone back to the plow in order to be ready to be drafted

not as a private, but with a general's commission." That's where you're all dead wrong," chimes in a third, "Judge Sutton means just what he says when e says it, only he changes his mind like other people. If he had wanted to stay in politics he would resigned last fall, and run for congress, and he would have had a good chance to win out, too, but he didn't, because he figured that when he should quit, it would be to do something for himself. If they get him to change his mind about this city campaign now, it will be because he is sincerely convinced that it's his duty to do so, and that if he refuses the folks making the demand, he cannot call on them later for anything else."

So there you have it coming and going, up and down, crosswise and on the bias.

"Viewing the political situation at this early date, I would ask what issue can be brought against the present city administration? I have talked with many business men and they all agree that the city never was in better condition from a governmental standpeint. Our parks have been brought up to a high standard and the public funds never have been expended with more regard for the public interests," declared Mayor J. C. Dahlman yesterday during a little

"Do you really believe the entire seven commissioners will be re-elected if they all file again?" was

"There is nothing written in the books to indicate otherwise." was the reply.

"I want to tell you right now, that whoever gets in the road of the present administration will go into the ditch. They will be up against a buzz-saw. The only remaining issue I can see just now is the wet and dry issue, and of that I am not afraid. The liberal element which supported us three years ago-or at least supported me-is just as strong today. There can be no doubt as to the outcome on a straight-cut wet-and-dry proposition," continued the mayor, emphasizing the incisiveness of his remarks by shaking an index finger.

"Of course," he added, "there may be developments which may change the situation, but I really believe the people of Omaha feel that the present administration has more than made good."

That's Dahlman's present view of the situation. Tom Flynn, the mayor's political lieutenant, feels the same way. He is inclined to believe that a wet-anddry issue will be injected into the campaign.

The political dopesters are having a merry time these days talking over available timber and reminfecing on political battles lost and won. Anybody who has not been mentioned in connection with the city commission election is either in one of the local cemeteries or in jail. Some of those already referred to will in all probability file and some not yet heard from may file. Out of all the clatter and fanfare comes one man who has the temerity to say positively he "will" file for the primaries. He is James Mc-Donald, already on the pay roll as superintendent of boulevards under Commissioner J. B. Hummel.

"I will file!" he seld, just as if he were standing t Armageddon or on top of the Woodmen of the World building. He is said to aspire to the department of public improvements, now held by Thomas McGovern. Mr. McGovern expects to run, and he, too, wants the same department again. It looks very much as if somebody is going to be disappointed.

One of the old political wheel-horses wants to know whether there will be a lot of slates at the city commission primaries on April 6. Of the making of slates there reems to be no end and the slate makers and slate smashers move in mysterious ways. The slate factory is being overhauled and will soon be ready for the spring trade. Speaking of states and things, J. P. Butler, gas commissioner in the city claims to have done some crystal gazing of late and he read in this mystic object a sign that the city hall slate will be the only slate at the primaries.

"The antis, or whatever you want to call them, says he, "will not have a slate this time as they did three years ago. They do not want to antagonize any person or persons before the primaries. But they will induce some men whom they believe to be strong to file and will tell them that if they can break into the first division of fourteen nominees, they will support them at the election, as against the administration bunch. This, I take it, would keep the atmosphere clear for the antis up to the primaries, according to what some of them have told me. Suppose they have twenty so-called good men and true in the primary race. They will commit themselves to none, but just let the field get away and each man make the best race he can. Am I right or wrong? I think I am right. And you know I would rather be right than be gas commissioner. The antis know a thing or two. They gained considerable experience three years ago. and I am here to tell you that experience is a good school, even in politics. The days of slate-making are

In this connection it will be remembered that three years ago the Citizens' Union candidates all pulled through at the primaries and elx of the opp slats were nominated, with A. C. Kennedy the independent and fourteenth man. After the primaries the lineup was slightly changed by Ryder switching from the Citizens' Union state to the "Square Seven" slate, and Mr. Kennedy being taken up into the vacancy thus made on the Citizens' Union ticket.

### People and Events

A smokecioud is not the only dark spot in the horizon of Chicago, A brewery has gone into the nands of a receiver One of the curiosities of vegetation can be seen

at Beechwood, where, high up in a big butterwood tree, there is a current bush which has borne fruit English soldiers report a new cure for neuralgia.

is to have a German shell burst nearby and render the patient unconscious. The soldier who discovered it was named Palmer, and German shells have been nicknamed "Palmer's Neuralpha Cure." Matthew Beeman, aged 33, of Pike county, Ohio heads the family procession of wife and two sons attending the state phiversity. Pather and sons are

taking what the university offers, and Mrs. Beeman is wading into the mysteries of home economics. A collection of the Cophics of Indian Chief Red Cloud, including the warrior's beaded buckskin abire, is on exhibition at the public library in Sloux City The collection belongs to P. H. De Rhodes of Chad-

ron. Neb., who was a personal friend of Red Cloud. A member of the New York legislture has put in a bill for an act requiring the "skull and crossbones" poison label on all bottles containing whisky and beec. But when the contents docun't throw a scare into consumers a printed suggestion will not get very far

New York ministers to the number of 200 have signed an invitation to Rev. Billy Sunday to come to the metropells and save it. A fund of \$30,000 is to be raised for expenses only. The date of salvation is a matter of negotiation, for the revivalist is said to be "signed up" for this year and next.



Let Them Reed the Warning. SHELTON, Neb., Jan. 3.-To the Editor of The Bee: This is applause to your remarks in The Bee headed, "A Note of Warning to Railroads." Such from you should place you on the pinnacle of justice and fearlessness among all Nebraskans who are travelers or shippers. regardless of the accomplishments. Evinced by a "Missourian" who has

been passenger and shipper and shown. P. W. NYE.

The Gospes of Corn. ELWOOD, Neb., Jan. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: Are we not neglecting an opportunity to spread the gospel of corn more universally? Not very long ago it was endeavored by the aid of commissions of lecturers and cooks to educate the people of Europe in the use of corn as food. I have not seen corn nor its products mentioned as desirable for Belgian relief. I myself object to paying trust prices for flour to send for relief. Lexington flour was sold as cheaply in Europe before the war as at the mill here. Corn products, as meal, starch, hominy, glucose, etc., are superior to wheat as food and cheaper.

Not for the Short Ballot. OXFORD, Neb., Jan. 78.—To the Editor of The Bee-One thing stands out plain and clear in the short ballot cumpaign is that it is not being engineered by the common people. They have not asked for it and if it is ever forced on them it will have to be accomplished through the party circle or some similar fraud There is not a scintilla of evidence that the voters at the last election did not vote just as intelligently for the minor state officers as they did for governor. If the people were behind this short ballot cry it would not need a national organization of salary drawers, editors and the Omaha water works to boost for

If it is true, as claimed, that the governor can do a better job of electing our state officials than the people, why not make him czar of Nebraska and let him or some of his appointees look after the counties. This so-called reform may be called the short ballot, but its true meaning is a long ale counter.

The governor is to be furnished material to build a gigantic political machine and the people are required to furnish the oil to run it. Not only that, but his term of office is to be lengthened on the same old claim that it will shorten the ballot; but in truth, it is from fear that the people are not competent to judge whether their governor is doing his duty and they might foolishly throw him out of office at the end of two years, thereby wrecking his machine before he had time to get his safety governor working right, Our long ballot comes as the fruit of a lot of pinheaded statesmen monkeying with our election laws for several years. Not only has the ballot under their manipulation became cumbersome and non-effective, but the methods by which candidates get their names on the ballot have become vicious and foreign to good government. I am not a defender of the present style of ballot, neither can I accept the theory that it can be made over to suit the people with a pair of pruning shears. A. C. RANKIN.

Why Raise Railway Rates? CLARKS, Neb., Jan. 29.-To the Editor of The Bee: The railroad campaign for more money is now on and they are spending their surplus freely in trying believe that we owe them a living.

They begin with the catching phrase "Farmers Vitally Concerned in Railroads." They tell us that hungry thousands are out of work and stand in the bread lines and before the soup houses. They would infer that we are the cause of this enforced idleness, this lack of employment, these bread lines and soup houses. It is not true. They, themselves forced our people into idleness by importing cheap foreign labor

The farmer ought to be vitally concorned. He saw the government give them the right-of-way and land enough along the main lines to have made a kingdom. For years they set their own price for freight and charged "all the traffic would bear." We found relief only when we were strong enough to de-

We raised a tremendous crop at inst and shipped it over the roads. We received back from 9 to 12 cents a bushel for our corn, the freight took the balance. and when we cried to them for relief they turned a deaf ear.

They boast that they have 30,000 men and women on their pay roll. We answer, 1,000,000 men, women and children have given the best of their labor to build up and support this great railway, telegraph and express system. The express companies pleaded that they could not lower their rates and pay their help. The parcel post proved them deceivers of the public, and they themselves lowered their rates and still do business.

We call the attention of our railway commissioners to the fact that they are the servants of all the people, lest they have their ear too near the siren voice of the railroads who "are with them We say to them, "Our side of the question needs attention at this time." The "ultimate consumer pays the freight" and should be heard. W. H. CAMPBELL

## Editorial Viewpoint

Brookiyn Eagle: The Nebrasks wins the navy's engineering prize on points. Any deserving democrat who can't draw hope from such an omes is wholly devoid of imagingtion.

Boston Transcript: When the old English kings wanted to put something over they calmly kicked Parliament out, but Woodrow Wilson could have shown them a trick worth two of that.

Baltimore American: Ex-President Taft counsels against profanity on the golf course. Unfortunately, not all men are blessed with the unfulling good humor and sense of proportion of the great expresident, and are upset by trifles. His sterling equipment would come in handy just now in Washington.

Emporia (Kan.) Gazette: It has been suggested that polygamy will be instituted in Europe as a social necessity after the war. Most any man would oult any war to go home to one wife, and probably come home gladly. But if a man knew that he had to go home to three or four wives, he probably would go right on funting. Three or four vives may be all right in theory, or by way of diversion. but as a steady every day business must men yould prefer the Busy Bertha cruel war.

#### SUNNY GEMS.

"The Grouch always has a wry look on his face," said the Old Fogy. "Yes," replied the Wise Guy. "I have often noticed his now."—Ciscinnati En-

Barber-Hair pretty thin, sir. Been that way long?
Man in Chair-Long? I was born that
way. It is true that aubacquently I enjoyed a period of birsuite efflorescence,
but it did not endure.—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Gnaggs—Before we were married, you used to say you could listen to my sweet voice all night.

Mr. Graggs—Weil, at that time I had no idea I'd ever have to do it.—Judge.

"The laws forbid this kind of dog on the cars, sir."
"What laws can forbid one kind of dog?"
"The laws against expectoration, sir.
Your dog is a Spliz."—Haltimore Amerlean.

Hampton-That cigar you're smoking is strong enough to kill a mule. Rhodes—G'wan, I've been smoking these for years!—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"So you want to be somebody, do you?"
There's only one way you will ever make
a noise in the world." What is that' "Join a brass band."-Baltimore Ameri-

Bride-Why did you borrow Jack's silk hat to wear at our wedding when you have a nice one of your own? Groom-I heard that he intended to throw a lot of old shoes-Boston Tran-

THE WOMAN'S PART.

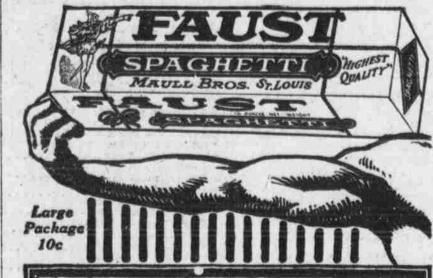
M. V. Caruthers, in New York Times. Beside my ruined cottage, desolate, The children cowering 'round me, mute from fright. With tearless eyes and brooding heart I

wait, Watching through all the long, the weary night. God of the homeless, look from Heaven and see! Out of the deeps, a woman calls on Thee:

My little ones, they cry all day for bread, And, 'neath the shelter of my meager breast,' Stirs one unborn, who must e'er long be fed— Another babe to hunger with the rest. Madonna Mary, hear a mother's mean Pity the travail I must bear alone!

The tassled corn would plenteous harvest yield, But all the crops are rotting in the Where are the reapers? On some battle field, They fight for nought and die there. one by one! God's comfort be upon them where they Sheep to war's shambles driven-who knows why?

Death and destruction walk by day, by night. Men's blood is split and sacrificed in While women wait for tidings of the fight.
Who may not even sepulchre their sight.
They say "God's in His Heaven"—but, They say "God's in His Heaven"—but, instead.
'Twould seem He is asleep—or, maybe,



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She is over two feet high, has very dark hair, blue eyes that go to sleep and rosy cheeks. She wears a white dress with blue trimmings and a blue hat with white trim-

mings, all the latest spring styles. We thought it would be spring when she came out, but we saw several ladies out with their spring suits today, so it must be time to wear them.

Ruth will be given free to the little girl under 12 years of age that brings or mails us the largest number of doll's pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m. Saturday, January 30.

Ruth's picture will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too. See how many pictures of Ruth you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m. Saturday, January 30.

You can see "Ruth" at The Bee Office