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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.

Thought for the Day Selected by Rev. P. F. Judge

Money is a good stream, but a poor master. Money is a good thing to possess, but a bad thing to be possessed by. A wise man should have money in his head, but not in his heart.

Calculations on the cost of the war for six months mount high enough into the billions to assure posterity a screaming load.

The successful sleuth work of the sheriff of Washington county goes to prove that the large cities have no monopoly of Sherlock Holmes talent.

The "Jitneys" boast of taking in \$26 the first day in Omaha. The street cars take in about \$6,000 a day. The "Jitneys" will have to go faster.

It is worth noting that legislators, while eager for the recall of other officeholders, are not prescribing the same medicine for themselves.

Although the war bulletin editors invariably put the heaviest losses on the enemy's side, it must not be inferred that the enemy is shooting paper wads.

The country is on the eve of a new era of prosperity, according to President Wilson. If you can't see it with the naked eye, wait until the smoke lifts.

Governor Clarke's response to the Iowa senate's request for facts about the legislative pie counter carries more barbs than the august solons bargained for.

The latest archaeological discovery is a Babylonian law code. We will wager it is no more difficult to understand than some of the laws inscribed on the statute books by our present-day legislators.

The new 140-ton 16-inch gun, which is on the way to Panama, will throw a 2,400-pound shell twenty-one miles. As a canal defender, the mammoth watch dog insures more than ordinary respect for the laws of the highway.

Municipal philanthropy reaches the borders of absurdity when it provides a home for professional hoboes. Give them shelter and food in winter and life minus work becomes a joy ride. New York leads the way in capitalizing shiftlessness.

Suppose all the leaders of capital and labor should emulate Young Rockefeller and Mother Jones in the lion and lamb act, what would the caloric uplifiers of the oppressed do for a peg to hang a grievance on? The millennium is some miles away.

With the estimates for 1914 based on incomplete returns, the liabilities involved in commercial failures during twenty-two months of the Wilson administration total \$760,000,000, which is \$118,000,000 more than the total for the four years of President Taft.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Local Knights of Pythias lodge are preparing for a reception to John Van Valkenburg of Fort Madison, Ia., supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, to whom they will tender a banquet and ball at their hall on Thursday.

Elias Glah, the old stand-by at Dixie's & Mail's undertaking rooms, has been quite ill, but is now on the high road to recovery, to the delight of his friends.

Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, will hold a three days' assembly in Omaha about the middle of March. Delegates from all parts of the state are expected to be in attendance.

From Westbrook and C. E. Hackett, the professional bicyclists, are back from a tour of the state. Mr. A. Keating has taken the Omaha agency of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association for Bee and bottled beer.

Six Months of War.

Today marks the completion of six months of the great European war, and finds the situation more complicated than at the beginning, with the ultimate outcome as much a matter of speculation as ever.

Anyone venturing the opinion the first of August that the first of February following would arrive with no signal advantage of a decisive character scored by either side, would not have commanded much of a hearing.

Already six months of warfare between the most highly civilized nations of the earth in this twentieth century—enough to make everyone join in the hope, with or without confidence of its early realization, that this will be the last great war.

The Street Railway Company's Answer.

One of the officers of the street railway company furnishes an answer "in brief" to the Bee's suggestion that the company pay a little more attention to the murmurs of dissatisfaction among its patrons, and make a still further try at better service to relieve the pressure.

Without inviting a controversy The Bee wants to remind the street railway people that its suggestions are offered in very moderate language with a view to securing a remedy for evils which they must admit exist, and which are not cured by pointing to other advantages or telling us that conditions are as bad or worse in other cities at the hours of traffic congestion.

Still a City of Home Owners.

Apartment houses have been a notable feature of building operations in Omaha during the last two years. Some forty buildings of this class have been erected in that time, representing a total investment of \$750,000.

In some quarters the multiplying of apartment houses is regarded as marking the transition of Omaha from the separate individual home to the grouping of many families under one roof.

The figures point unmistakably to Omaha's unwavering loyalty to the individual home, standing four-square to all the winds that blow.

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"Daddy, is today tomorrow?" "No, my son, of course today isn't tomorrow," answered the father.

"But you said it was," continued the son. "When did I ever say today was tomorrow?" "Yesterday," answered the son.

"Well, it was; today was tomorrow yesterday, but today is today, just as yesterday was today yesterday, and yesterday today, and tomorrow will be today tomorrow, which makes today yesterday and tomorrow all at once. Now run along and play," and the father collapsed into his chair with a sigh of relief.

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Estimates of war cost hitherto published require revision upward. Figures compiled by the London Economist, show that Great Britain's per diem cost rose progressively from \$4,000,000 a day in August to \$9,850,000 per day in December.

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Street Railway's Answer

PERMIT me to reply briefly to the editorial entitled "Food For Thought For the Street Railway." You say that the street railway management can find food for thought if they will listen to the talk indulged in by many passengers on their cars.

You say some very nice things of the street railway service in Omaha, but wind up by saying, "but still there is a lurking dissatisfaction which stimulates the hope of relief through another transportation system."

You complain of the amount of street railway service, and suggest improvement "must come from putting in additional cars or re-arrange the hours to conform with the changing demands."

Anyone who can point out a plan which will solve the rush-hour problem, will be a real benefactor. Street railway operators have been wrestling with this problem ever since street cars have been operated, and no one has as yet been able to solve it.

You ask further in your editorial, "Is it necessary to compel people to stand at street corners in below zero weather and watch from two to four overloaded cars pass them up without even stopping?"

You also ask: "Why should not the street railway timetable be made to fit in better with the timetables of the railroads, so as to carry incoming travelers from the stations to their homes or to the hotels when they arrive?"

You close your editorial by saying, "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."

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The Bee's Letter Box

ABOUT the Consolidation Vote. OMAHA, Jan. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: I wish to commend and to thank you for your logically-reasoned editorial on "Greater Omaha Consolidation."

Some years ago, easily within the memory of a majority of the people of this nation today, there was a certain movement on the part of a few of our states to withdraw from the union.

Let those who are demanding that the question of consolidation be left to each of these communities to decide for itself be so abashed as to say that if certain sections of Omaha desired to separate themselves from this city the question should be left for decision to the voters of that section?

Let those who are opposing "force," as they term it, be consistent. Let them say to the legislature and to pass any more "force" laws. If they did so, and if the legislature obeyed, it would have to adjourn, for it passes no act at all which is not force, and the governor is enjoined to use the state militia, if necessary, to enforce it.

Those who are the loudest in demanding that this matter be left to a referendum of the people, would be the first to oppose such a referendum if it included all the people of the community.

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SAID IN FUN.

"I follow the medical profession," rejoined the newcomer proudly. "Surgeon" we asked politely, just to make conversation. "Undertaker," he replied sentimentally, though gravely.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"If I had my way," said the determined-looking woman, "I'd have every man who tried to flirt with a good-looking woman arrested." "But suppose the woman wasn't good-looking?" "Then I'd have him sent to an insane asylum."—Washington Star.

"When the police dogs get to work, the most daring of the bibulous fraternity will hesitate to do one accustomed thing." "What is that?" "Brush the growler."—Baltimore American.

"See America first!" didactically quoted the professor. "I have already done so," replied J. Fuller Bloom. "I was born here."—Judge.

"What are you reading about?" "The ruins of Pompeii." "When was it, bombed?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Boreleigh (at 11:40)—Do you know I always thought you had a retiring disposition? Miss Woreleigh (stirring a yawn)—Not exactly, Mr. Boreleigh, but I must confess to a disposition to retire.—Boston Transcript.

"How's the baby?" asked the neighbor of the new father. "Fine," said the proud parent. "Don't let the first three baby birthdays up a household would you?" pursued the friend. "Yes," said the parent, with a sigh. "We have the gas going most of the night now."—New York Globe.

OUR NEW SLOGAN. Strickland Gillilan in Japan. When first the pilgrim papas landed—On that much-trunged Mayflower—banded—And on the Plymouth Rock were stranded, Then came to us the first froeboding Of this great phrase we're now uncloaking On all the earth—ambition goading—Malden America!

Later—how could Virginia Dare?—The first white girl was born somewhere Amid the dark-red farnes down there Where rolls the rapid Rappahanoc! That region settled by Queen Anne's—(There was the first of these she began!)—Malden in America!

Now that the war is on abroad, With scarcely any who applaud, While every foreign tummy's gnawed—Since Europe's commerce stripped her—And filled her tradesmen all with fears, We, in the whole world's eager ears, May din "America!"

This, then, the slogan to the end—The slogan sung by foe and friend—That round this ball we gladly send—The blessed sign of peace and thrift That shines through battle-smeared drift—That shall remain when war clouds lift—Malden in America!

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better men, because there are better men elected to state office every year than most our governors have been since the old days. A governor is no more qualified to select an officer than are all the voters. Such an innovation would sweep rinks and cliques into power more than has been witnessed before. F.L.P.

THE Power Behind the Throne. OMAHA, Jan. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your Pullerton, Neb., contributor calls the Hitchcock bill a "sentimental" measure, and in criticizing certain charges made against England's treatment of this country during the revolutionary war, says of German sympathizers:

They forget that that war was unpopular in England, and that it was forced upon England by a German king. Will you not please refer to Sir William Arthur, who has told us time and again that England's government is the most perfect in the world; that it responds instantaneously to public opinion; that the king is only a figure head, and that its parliament (or representative government) is all powerful? If so it would seem hardly fair to blame it all on George the Third. It would be just as unfair to blame England's moral support of the confederacy on Queen Victoria. The power behind the throne in England, and also behind Parliament, is commercial interest and the pound sterling; our alleged dollar diplomacy is but a circumlocution to it. J. L. MEYER.

Women's Activities

Miss Euceline Warwick Bushnell of La Grange, Ill., is the great grandniece of the inventor of the submarine boat, and because of the relationship was chosen to christen on January 20 next, the largest boat of this kind in the American navy, the launching to take place in Seattle.

It has been suggested that women's names be given to schools in New York; and among the names that have been mentioned for them are those of Louisa M. Alcott, Grace Darling, Charlotte Bronte, Jane Walsh Caryle, Maria Mitchell and Florence Nightingale. Three of these are American and three English.

Mrs. Ida S. McBride of Indianapolis, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, in an address recently says that through the corps for the last year was expended \$11,721.16 for relief, \$11,221.06 for Memorial day, and \$30,555 turned over to posts. There are thirty-eight departments; number of corps, 2,709; number of members, 160,901, and total amount expended for relief, Memorial day and turned over to posts since organization, \$4,428,664.32. The total number of persons assisted last year was 24,621.

Ruth was won by Beatrice Parker, 1316 So. 12th St., with 595 pictures.

Mildred Is Next

The snow will surely melt when she comes out with her beaming countenance and beautiful spring gowns, all pink and white. She has great rolls of waxen curls, big blue eyes and oh dear me, when you see her dainty little feet and pink shoes and stockings, you'll just want to eat her up.

Mildred 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, February 6.

Mildred's picture will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them out and ask your friends to save the pictures in the paper for you, too. See how many pictures of Mildred you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4:00 p. m. Saturday, February 6.

You can see "Mildred" at The Bee Office

The skates for this week were won by Leoland Shipman, 1255 So. 13th St., with 431 pictures.

More Skates for our Busy Bee Boys

The skates will be given free to the boy that sends us the most pictures before 4 P. M., Saturday, February 6.