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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 August, 1914, was 56,554.

DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 3d day of September, 1914.

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Strange how the supply of imported beer holds out.

Boundaries as well as names of capitals will be radically changed before it is over.

Keeping a loaded revolver in your bureau drawer does not always scare off the burglars.

If it costs \$15,000 to kill a man in war, we'll give the money to charity and let our man live.

"Japanese Troops Will Not Enter Europe," says a dispatch. Probably not, but not for that reason.

Yes, but is that federal patronage pie reserved for Nebraska democrats never going to be cut?

Even those most outspoken against the kaiser are particular to disclaim sympathy with the czar.

Signs are visible of improvement club mobilization for another attack on city hall entrenchments.

The peaceful monarch, Ak-Sar-Ben, is busily marshaling his contented subjects for the triumphal entry.

A government for the Mexicans by the consent of the governed no longer seems to interest us so vitally.

Those Germans display as much fondness for the French left wing as the small boy does for the "drumstick."

Pools on the duration of the war are more uncertain than pools right now on the sailing time of steamship liners.

That poetic bomb dropped from the heights by Rudyard Kipling does not seem to have seriously damaged the enemy.

"Civilization is on trial," says the Baltimore Sun. Yes, and the jury's prolonged deliberation makes us a bit uneasy.

To make the late primary election look familiar, we will have to have at least a recount or two, if not an election contest.

We are coming to that season of the year when it takes a right sharp guesser to pick out the suitable sort of clothes each morning.

Woman suffrage is the avowed cause of a divorce just granted in Omaha. Wonder how many divorces man suffrage has produced.

If the Germans succeed in their attempt to bottle up the French, they will doubtless shoot a few corks when they celebrate the victory in Paris.

Why cannot the same human skill and ingenuity that produced the mighty machinery of war achieve an equal triumph in securing the instruments of peaceful abatement—why, except that the will is not up to the way?



This is supposed to be the inaugural opening of the state fair. The chief activity at the fair grounds was in getting the exhibits ready for the real opening next week.

Rev. E. N. H. Potter has addressed a letter to the standing committee of the diocese, definitely and finally declining to reconsider his election as bishop to succeed Bishop Clarkson.

Farnam street was sprinkled today, much to the delight of business men and their patrons.

Miss Mattie Vickers appeared at Boyd's Opera house in the play "Jacqueline."

Max J. Baehr, one of Max Meyer & Bros' traveling salesmen, who returned from Europe a few days ago, brought back with him an unique watch—a viewfinder that keeps perfect time, but not as large as a nickel.

Mrs. Schroeder, the magnetic healer, is now located at 1821 Cass street.

What the Long Ballot Does.

Remembering that each voter exercising his full right of suffrage was called upon to make fifty-eight cross marks at our recent primary, the final footings of the official count in Douglas county present some interesting sidelights on what the long ballot will do.

For the republican nomination for lieutenant governor 559 votes are recorded for A. J. Van Alstine—one in twenty of the total vote—certainly cast in utter ignorance or indifference, because no one who knew him could have voted willfully for him.

For the republican nomination for county surveyor the vote stands 6,558 for Adams, as against 3,511 for Black. Mr. Black endeavored to withdraw his candidacy, but his withdrawal was refused by the election commissioner as coming too late, so his name remained on the printed ballot despite his public announcement that he was out of the race and was supporting Mr. Adams.

For the republican nomination for commissioner of the water district 623 votes are recorded for A. C. Arend, who had likewise done all he could to advise everybody that he had considered his candidacy and was no longer standing for the nomination.

For the democratic nomination for county commissioner in the second commissioner district, out of 1,245 votes 188 are recorded for Frank J. Fixa, who, unfortunately, had died previous to the primary and could not have qualified even if unanimously elected.

It must be obvious that nothing but a short ballot will give us intelligent voting and effective popular government.

Free Legal Aid.

Conservative old St. Louis is about to establish a free municipal legal aid bureau, authorized, though not required, by its new charter.

Like other sensible reforms, this one has its critics, and, as might be expected, some of them are lawyers, who profess to find in it simply an encouragement to pauperism.

The very conception of a free legal aid bureau is a visualized protest against the abuses of contingent-fee law practice, both at the expense of the poor litigant and of justice itself.

Through the Panama Gateway.

Paralysis of sea transportation as a result of the war, shutting off the importation of necessities, has, according to reports, precipitated "conditions worse than anything known in many years" along the west coast of South America.

Such conditions must rebuke Americans for their past indifference or failure properly to cultivate the rich commercial markets of South America.

War and Politics.

What will be the effect of the European war upon politics in the United States is another question which is being quite generally propounded.

The international crisis has probably strengthened the democratic position in the elections this fall.

Premature predictions in the field of politics are always rash. The only certain thing is that predictions made on the basis of public sentiment before the outbreak of the war will have to be revised.

Kansas republicans declare against life tenure for federal judges excepting supreme court justices. Mr. Bryan beat them to it, for this same declaration was incorporated into the original Chicago platform on which he made his last race for the presidency.

Dundee folks are considering the advisability of taking steps for annexation with Omaha without waiting for the aid or consent of any legislature on earth.

Surgical Statistics of War

Army and Navy Journal.

A fact about military surgery that may be melancholy and early demonstration in the present great European conflict is emphasized by Dr. Octave Laurent, surgeon of the St. John's hospital, Brussels, who followed the troops in the Balkans for eleven months, and who has just issued a volume dealing with the fatality of modern firearms and the problem of care for the wounded in modern battles.

At the beginning of the Balkan war Bulgaria had a population of about 4,300,000 and put into the field more than 500,000 soldiers.

The mortality was thus distributed: Fifty-five per cent due to wounds of the head, from 35 to 40 per cent to wounds of the trunk and 5 per cent to wounds of the limbs.

Bringing his figures to totals, Dr. Laurent estimates that during the single month of July, 1914, 150,000 men were killed and wounded on both sides, and of these more than half, at least 80,000 fell on the banks of the Bregalnitsa in the six days from June 29 to July 5.

Twice Told Tales

John Burns in Uniform.

John Burns is something of a man. When he accepted cabinet office, being then the labor leader in Parliament, it was wondered whether he would wear the necessary court dress, in his turn as minister attending upon the king.

King Edward said to his new minister, "You flatter me by wearing my uniform, Mr. Burns."

Not a Billie.

The repeal of the much-argued-about Panama canal tolls brings to mind an excellent story of Colonel Gosthale, the moving spirit in the construction of the great canal.

One morning a rather fidgety subordinate came in to the colonel's office.

Her Right Number Was 4s.

Bena was much excited over the prospects of a camp meeting that was about to take place in her neighborhood.

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What she said, "I sh'ld' want to git a pair o' slippers fo' ds meetin' commences, an' I ain't got a single cent left."

"Mah right numbah is fo'," she replied, "but I has to wash sebena, 'cause fo' ds hurts me dat bad I jes natcherly can't hardly walk."



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

Irish and Germans.

OMAHA, Sept. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: Regarding the meeting held at Boyd theater by the Nebraska branch of the Irish volunteers, let me state that I was an Irishman attending and instead of a meeting to aid the Irish in Ireland, it was more of a German meeting than anything else.

Unless the Nebraska branch of this society can hold a meeting in aid of Ireland without turning same into what a fizzle it should be.

I think when this war is over and the allies are victorious England will grant Ireland about anything it wants.

The "Foe of Democracy" Cry.

OMAHA, Sept. 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: I do not remember when I have been so shocked as when I read a two and a half column editorial in the Courier-Journal on "The German in America."

At the start the majority of American newspapers were looking at the war through English glasses, proclaiming their biased views through English megaphones, simply because they believed Germany would be crushed in a few weeks' time.

The Kaiser No War Lord.

COZAD, Neb., Sept. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: Allow me to answer the letter of S. F. Weybright. The writer hopes that the Kaiser, whom he calls the European war god, and Germany as a nation be crushed out of existence.

Now in face of these facts, who is the war god? If the Kaiser is so fiendish for war, why did he hood back the Germans in 1890, when they clamored for war against Russia in 1905, or why did he hood back in 1908, when he could have wiped Russia off the map?

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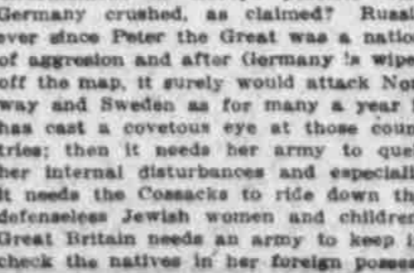
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LOOTED LEVITY.

Farmer Clapole—Has that city feller who bought Stone's farm learnt anything yet? Farmer Sands—Wall, he's learnt it don't do no good ter try ter make apple butter in a churn.—Judge.

"You come from the kingdom of An-dorra, you say?" "Yes."

"That's the smallest kingdom on earth, isn't it?" "Not so loud, please. Somebody may think we're big enough to hold an ultimatum."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Here you are," scolded the robin, "putting your egg in my nest and expecting my wife and me to hatch it. You have a mighty bad reputation for your irregular habits."

"Oh, I don't know," saucily replied the cuckoo. "I never heard of any clocks being named after you."—Chicago Post.

"What's your time?" asked the old farmer of the brick salesman.

"Twenty minutes after 5. What can I do for you?" "I want them pants," said the old farmer, leading the way to the window and pointing to a ticket marked "Given away at 5:30."—Kansas City.

Washington Star: Investigation as to who really began the war may perhaps be held up with propriety until a way to terminate it has been ascertained.

Baltimore American: The Germans seem to be maintaining their reputation for thrift even in the midst of war's alarms, by taking up a collection all along the line of march.

St. Louis Republic: The difference between the German claims of victory on the one hand and those of the allies on the other is that the allies eventually confirm the German reports.

Each has but one life to live. Live it now! Scatter love along the way, Right and left, and day by day, That blessings in the future may Bloom for you. —DAVID.

Here's the Food for Backbone and Muscle. Haven't you often wondered at the wonderful strength and vitality of the Italian race. Their chief food at home is spaghetti—a food that is rich in gluten—the element that goes to make muscle and flesh. We can follow this example with benefit. A 10c package of FAUST SPAGHETTI contains more nutriment than one pound of the finest tenderloin steak. Easier digested, too—also easier prepared. And what good eating Faust Spaghetti makes! rich, savory, relishable meals. Try it cooked with tomatoes and served with powdered cheese—it's great, as per our free recipe book—copy free. 5c and 10c pkgs. Buy today. MAULL BROTHERS St. Louis, Mo.

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