

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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OUR EXCHANGES

Ponca Advocate: Miss Arlene Fisher, of South Sioux City, spent Sunday visiting Miss Evelyn Bolton.

Pierce Call: W. D. Shepardson went to Norfolk Saturday to attend the hog sale of J. B. Roberts.

Riverside items in Sioux City Tribune, 8th: Mr. Cobleigh and family of Hubbard, Neb., will occupy the residence recently purchased at 1913 Nash street.

Leeds items in Sioux City Tribune, 8th: Mrs. Ed Bakke, of Homer, Neb., and Miss Agnes Bakke of Sloan, Ia., have departed after a brief visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caulum.

Obert Tribune: Fred Brown visited his mother over Sunday at South Sioux City. Mrs. Bagnos, who had been visiting at the home of her son, north of Obert, returned to her home at Dakota City yesterday.

Fullerton News-Journal: Rev. John Grant Shieh, formerly pastor of the Fullerton M. E. church was in the city last week to assist with the series of revival meetings in progress at the M. E. church.

Sioux City Tribune, 8th: A rough game of basketball was played in South Sioux City last night between the South Sioux City and Walthill teams. The score was 13 to 11 in favor of the Walthill team.

Wynot Tribune: F. R. Beyschlag and Dan McGraw were business visitors at Jackson Tuesday. Mrs. Ralph Goodwin of Dakota City, has been here during the past week visiting at the E. J. Morin home and with other relatives and friends.

Waterbury items in Allen News: Earl McAfee has moved onto his farm west of town. Miss Baker visited in South Sioux City Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Metz, from South Sioux City, visited over Sunday in the E. E. DeLaney home.

Wakefield items in Wayne Herald: Mrs. Brown Palmer of Hubbard, spent Wednesday with friends in Wayne. Miss Gladys Barto, who underwent two operations on one of her feet, at a hospital in Sioux City, has been obliged to undergo the third operation.

Ponca Journal: Mr. and Mrs. James Sutherland spent a few days last week with their son in Jackson. Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hedges entertained the Presbyterian Adult Bible Class at their home. A delightful evening was passed by those present.

Walthill Citizen: Miss Sylvie Lamson was a Lyons visitor Saturday. M. Mason and wife of Homer, were in town yesterday visiting with their son, W. H. Mason. Mrs. W. H. Mason and daughter, Lena, were Sioux City passengers Tuesday evening. Mrs. Amos Lamson and two daughters, of near Rosalie, were visitors at the G. L. Rogers home Saturday.

Hartington Herald: Mrs. J. A. Ireland and son Will, arrived Saturday evening from Emerson for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ireland. Mr. Ireland's return from the hospital, where he had undergone a severe operation, was the occasion of the visit. His brother Will, has recently returned from France, where he had been serving in the army with the 127th Military band. The mother and son returned home Monday.

Emerson Enterprise: Mrs. M. S. Mansfield of Winnebago, was here visiting Mrs. Sol Smith Friday and Saturday. Grace and Melroy Nixon of Morningside, visited with Hazel

Smith the latter part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Drain came from South Sioux City Tuesday morning to attend the Leonard Werz sale. Misses Grace and Margaret Powell spent the week end visiting in Dakota City with their aunt, Mrs. W. M. Powell. Mrs. W. M. Powell and Mr. Walter Snyder of Dakota City spent Friday in Emerson visiting with their sister, Mrs. W. R. Mattheson.

Sioux City Journal, 11th: Died—South Sioux City, Neb., Monday, February 10, 1919, Mrs. Amelia (nee) 72 years old, of pneumonia. Mrs. Blassl was the mother of Postmaster Frank Blassl, of South Sioux City. The body will be taken to Salem, S. D., for interment. The journey of an automobile truck thru Dakota county, Neb., yesterday afternoon brought smiles and winks from wisecracks who had been tipped that the driver would pass out liquid refreshments with lots of "kick" to anyone who could furnish the high sign of the brotherhood. The truck progressed slowly, due to a rush of the thirsty ones, among whom were a plentiful supply of farmers. The lack of speed proved unprofitable, however for Sheriff George Cain and Deputy J. P. Rockwell, of Dakota county, took charge of the traveling saloon at Hubbard, Neb., at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon before it had traversed more than a few miles. The chauffeur-bartender, Ed Oxford, who says he lives in Sioux City, was taken to Dakota City and placed in the county jail. Fifty pints of liquor were confiscated. Whether Oxford succeeded in disposing of any considerable amount of liquor before his arrest has not yet been determined.

Sioux City Journal, 6th: The city council of South Sioux City passed a resolution at a meeting Tuesday night protesting against the rates imposed by the owners of the combination bridge. A copy of the resolution has been forwarded to government officials at Washington, D. C. The protest alleges that the rates charged for vehicular traffic are excessive, setting out that a farmer bringing produce to Sioux City must pay 50 cents for the privilege of crossing the structure twice and asks that means be taken to lower the toll charges on automobiles, 20 cents for car and driver and 5 cents for every additional passenger. The company's commutation books for pedestrians, the petition also states, while sold at half rates, are in reality oppressive. The books, containing fifty tickets, are sold at \$1.25. The company, however, provides that these books may be used by only one person, and that the tickets are accepted only for the current month in which purchased. The city council asks the government to order the company to remove the time limit on commutation books and also prays for the removal of the non-transferable clause, so that different members of the same family may use the same book. Any action to build a free bridge across the Missouri will meet with the hearty co-operation of the South Sioux City residents, members of the city council said Tuesday night, alleging that the majority of the suburb's people place the combination bridge company on a plane similar to that given highway robbers.

Allen News: Frank Hill, who has been with the army in France, was recently mustered out of the service and returned home the latter part of last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Atkins and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morgan, of South Sioux City attended the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Benstead Sunday afternoon. Sarah Moles Benstead was born August 8, 1837, Cambridge-shire, England, and in the month of September, 1856, was united in marriage to Shadrach Benstead. Immediately after marriage they emigrated to America, living for a time at Mill Point, Mich., later moving to Evansville, Ind. In the fall of 1876, they moved to Nebraska, where they both lived until their death. Shadrach Benstead preceded his wife in death on June 19, 1904.

Sarah Moles Benstead passed to rest in the Great Beyond Friday afternoon, January 30, 1919. Although she has not been in the best of health for years, Grandma Benstead had not seemed to be unusually ill lately, Friday noon ate a hearty dinner and seemed in good spirits, when her son, James, with whom she has been living, went out to his work. About the middle of the afternoon he went into the house for something and there found his mother dead in her arm chair. The children who are left to mourn the loss of a devoted and loving mother, are four sons, James, John W., Fred P., and Albert; two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Ellis, of Allen, Neb., and Mrs. W. A. Morgan, of South Sioux City, Neb. All the children were present at the funeral. The last services of honor were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. Kilburn, from the Friends Church east of Allen, and the body layed to rest by the side of her husband in the East View cemetery.

BEGIN TO RENEW FORESTS

England and Scotland Have Already Started to Replace Trees Cut Down During the War.

England and Scotland are preparing to replant forests which have been cut to provide war supplies. They are not waiting until peace is concluded, but are doing it now. Never before have those countries been so bare of timber. Hunting ranges and sporting grounds have been sacrificed to supply munition factories at home and armies abroad. The old forests were primarily ornamental and incidentally useful, but those which are now being provided for will be primarily useful and incidentally ornamental, says Robert H. Moulton in Popular Mechanics Magazine. In the United States we are not in so much need of tree planting as they are in the British Isles. But there are two kinds of timber which the war demand has greatly depleted, and they are kinds of much importance—locust and black walnut. There is another point to be considered in the planting of these trees: They can be grown on sandy tracts of land which are now considered of no value, and thus reclaim the land. An excellent illustration of what can be accomplished in the way of reclaiming useless land through the planting of trees has been carried out during the last six or eight years by a resident of Whiteside county, Illinois. In these years he has accomplished the seemingly impossible task of turning some 70 acres of sand, formerly as barren as the desert of Sahara, into a flourishing forest. Nor is that all; for this forest, acting as a sand binder, has been the means of saving other fertile acres from the inroads of the drifting sand, and the total result being that the farm has increased several times in value. The sandy tracts, which, before being planted to trees, were practically worthless, are now worth anywhere from \$50 to \$100 an acre.

HOLYOKE HAS LOST HONOR

Town Officially Declared Not to Have Been the Birthplace of Junius Spencer Morgan.

Holyoke, Mass., which has long claimed the honor of being the birthplace of Junius Spencer Morgan, grandfather of the present J. P. Morgan, has been shorn of this fame by the town of West Springfield. This decision has been rendered by the Connecticut Valley Historical society. The explanation lies in the fact that the present city of Holyoke was formerly a part of the town of West Springfield and that, contrary to Holyoke's contention, and the assumption of the Morgan family, the site of the ancestral home of Junius Spencer Morgan is still included within the boundaries of West Springfield, though by a narrow margin. The present J. P. Morgan received an opportunity to perpetuate family history in West Springfield through the instrumentality of any public gift which appended to his fancy. Though Mr. Morgan was unresponsive, the contest between Holyoke and West Springfield for birthplace honors progressed merrily and was settled only recently.

Aviators' Ailments.

Rarefied air affects the aviator as well as his engine, and those who plan to make flying a regular vocation or to make frequent flights to a considerable height are liable to find difficulties in adjusting themselves to the new conditions. Etienne and Lamy reported to the French Academy of Medicine that enlargement of the heart develops in all aviators. In ascending to an altitude where the atmospheric pressure is half that normal to the body or less, extra work is suddenly thrown upon the heart, and if this is repeated often or long continued some adjustment is the natural course. The hypertrophy seems to vary in degree with the height frequented. Chasing and bombing airplanes usually fly above 15,000 feet, and the heart enlargement induced is greater than among the groups of fliers who keep in the zone from 3,000 to 10,000 feet above sea level.

CHANCE FOR COAL EXCHANGE

Britain Has Too Much Anthracite and New York Has a Surplus of Bituminous.

In England the coal controller is trying to induce the people to burn anthracite in place of bituminous coal. He offers to exchange two tons of large anthracite for every ton of bituminous coal that consumers have on hand. In the eastern United States the fuel administration has been trying to get consumers to use bituminous coal in place of anthracite. Welsh anthracite mines are operating on part time, while English and Welsh bituminous coal mines are working overtime, says the New York Commercial. This would be a fine chance for exchange of products if shipping were available, and it soon will be. New York city needs anthracite and can get a surplus of bituminous coal. England needs the latter and can spare the former. In England most of the people do not know how to burn anthracite. New Yorkers are ignorant of the way to use bituminous coal. The English persist in using open grates for heating rooms, and find it hard to make anthracite burn in them. In New York the open grate is found only in the homes of the wealthy. England shivers with plenty of anthracite in sight, while New York is threatened with a famine of domestic sizes of anthracite. Each regards the other as pig-headed because neither knows how to use the fuel available. It's an odd world.

WELCOME DEATH'S COLD HAND

Little Wonder That Men Who Realize Their Appalling Loneliness Should End It All.

Alone. Not a living soul near to whom to speak. Forsaken it seems almost by God, whose presence scarce can penetrate the confused jungle of the city slums. Alone and penniless, with none to know or care. It is a harder lot by far than death. What wonder that men die? Alone—with bitter thoughts of failure crowding through the interstices of a sluggish brain. Alone—with not even two coins to rub in warming friction, clammy hands thrust into empty pockets. It is hard to live and doubly hard to die. What wonder that men kill that breathing, pulsing thing within we call life? What wonder that men pass by their own hand from living death to deathless living? They come and stay with us a while—and pass, defying God and man, themselves defied. And only they whose hearts beat with a richer, warmer, redder blood will understand.—Millwaukee Journal.

Patti's Beauty Vanishes.

According to a writer in Everybody's Magazine, "Patti lives, not only in our hearts, but really, in the flesh, at the age of seventy-six, in her magnificent castle of Craig-y-Nos, ten miles north of Swansea, in South Wales, on which she has spent quite half a million. She lives there with her third husband, Baron Cedersstrom, and sometimes, when they feel inclined, they throw open their theater, a replica of the Balreuth theater, to the countryside and give one of the operas in which Patti once thrilled the world. Until recently Patti was even sometimes prevailed upon to appear at Albert hall in London for the benefit of some charity, but her beauty is quite gone—it vanished far earlier than her voice—and so for the most part she is happiest in her Welsh fastnesses among the neighbors, who will always call her the 'Queen of Wales.'"

Dutch Select Wireless Site.

The site for the wireless station intended for communication between the Netherlands and the Dutch East Indies has finally been decided on. The Koeberg hill, which is 83 meters high and located in Hoog-Buurl, near Apeldoorn, was selected, according to the Scientific American.

A new railway line will be constructed from Kandyk. The station is to have four towers, each 210 meters high, a large power house and building for housing the operatives. The communicating station in India is to be built near Bandong in the Preanger, so that the distance between the two stations will be some 11,000 kilometers.

Ancient Rock Engravings.

The prehistoric art museum lately revealed in Montequil-Avantes, Arlege, southern France, contains rock engravings estimated to be 30,000 years old. Continuing the exploration interrupted by the war, Count Begouen and his three sons discovered on the inner walls of the cavern a bas relief of a real lion, with numerous figures of reindeers, bisons, horses, bears, elephants, rhinoceroses, and such birds as ducks and swans. Strangest of all is a silhouette of a powerful man, with thick neck, distinctly human limbs, feet and hands, and a tail, and represented walking on all fours.

TAKE UP THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN

By Rev. C. R. Lowe.

Will the United States become a mandatory power? Will the people of the country stand for it? A mandatory power as the term is used is a nation into whose keeping is placed the protection and direction of some small country that is not able to protect itself and which is not capable of self government according to the modern notion of the idea. It can not be said that all people are fit for this task. There are a lot of things a boy is not allowed to do because he is a boy, when he gets to be a man he can do the same things with impunity. So it is with nations. A father takes the son to the circus because he is too little to go alone, and the smaller nations have to have some one to take them into the game of world politics because they are unsophisticated in the arts of the game and are weak.

There are the German colonies which are never to go back to the control of the German. Glory be for that. Mr. Wilson has led the allied nations to concede that these colonies are not to be annexed to any country, but that they shall be held in trust by some "mandatory power" that can be fired off the job as mandator in ten years or multiple thereof, if their conduct does not suit the league of nations. There are other districts which are to be taken from the Turks, for instance, and they will have to be taken care of. It will not be possible to set these districts off by themselves and told to govern and direct themselves, first because they have been under the heel of oppressors so long they are not governors, it is crushed out of them. When I was a boy I got a whipping for trading off an atomizer and I couldn't trade dollars now and break even. They could not be left alone secondly because the old powers would not have any compunction against taking them back again, and there would be no one capable to hinder it, and then some other nation might take possession. If a man finds a gold piece he will pick it up, and so will a nation pick up a colony. Sure it would be a fool not to do so.

But the question is what we are going to do in this matter. We are not a colonial country, and we do not want to be. We have always stood aloof from the world's politics till we were in danger, and are we ready to get into the world game and play a part that is fitting our energy, push, and power? That is a thing for us to decide, and the argument is not on one side. We have taken upon ourselves a long time ago matters of the Western Hemisphere, and we did not think anything about that, and it is not our idea to give over our leadership to any other so far as the two Americas are concerned. We are not going to be crowded out of the position of the Monroe Doctrine. Will participation in the European and Asiatic affairs compel us to fore go this? At the risk of some inconsistency we better hold to what we have and let the coming events take care of themselves.

We are all aware of the place our Army and Navy have made for this country of ours, and we know the leadership of President Wilson is accorded at Versailles and our people seem to be willing to stand for this leadership. But it will entail responsibilities. While Mr. Wilson is talking mandatory leadership for some districts and the nations have in part at least agreed to it, the representatives of our nation are trying to get out of the game by shouldering the responsibilities onto some other power, just passing the "buck". Just the other day Salvatore Barzilai, a former member of the Italian Cabinet, said, and not without reason, "By participating in the war and by taking a leading part in the Peace Conference, the United States has undertaken such moral obligations as almost constitute international duties, the fulfillment of which becomes a point of honor to any member of the society of nations."

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And there is not the slightest question of the truth of it. It is not as though we had a lot of lobbyists at the peace conference who are trying to get hold of the mandatory business for ourselves against the competition of the other countries. It is a responsibility that has come to us unsolicited. There are none of the nations that want this, the colonial nations would rather have the colonies outright. And now what is our duty in the matter? Is it right, and to us that means American to get the other nations to play our game and then leave them to hold the sack? When a man has a bonafide business he is promoting, we look to see how much of his money he is investing. And when the Peace policy for these nations has become but mandatory governing power instead of possession, and that at the insistence of the representatives of our country, we cannot with good grace run away from the responsibility. I know a man upon whom the death of a brother has reaped labor and responsibilities that he did not want at all, but like a man he got under the load and is doing what he ought under the circumstances. At Versailles there are several of the near eastern peoples and probably some others that are inviting the United States Government to take their affairs in hand. The Armenians for one definite examples. We have lots of famine money there and may have a lot more, we have a sentimental interest in them. And when they desire our influence in their countries, and for the U. S. A. to be the mandatory power over them our representatives at the peace table are trying to get out from under the load. Of course we do not have to take it. We can, like a weakling refuse it, but that is not American. If we are in the world's game, we have to play the game according to the rules. We may not have wanted the war, but we got it, and saw the finish, and now whether we wanted it or not we have the leading role at the Conference. Now what are we going to do with it. We ought to stand by the position we have won or get clean out. We cannot maintain the place and not share the responsibilities incumbent upon it. Others will take them if we will not, but we will have to get out. Our people did not want the Philippines but took charge because there was nothing else to do with them. We do not want the Eastern peoples either, but what are we to do with them. We cannot shirk. We will have to take up the burdens and responsibilities the we do not want them and make the best of it. We have grown since Washington's time and with age and growth comes labors incident to manhood, and we cannot shirk them.

It may not be democratic in Mr. Wilson's mind to be a mandator, but it is more so than to give them another country, or cast them adrift. We have got into a position where we have to fish or cut bait. Let us fish. Take up the white man's burden of government of the world, be true to the duty, magnify the American Idealism, show the world that it will work, and we will not lose a dollar by it. We are right at a great place in our history as a people, a great opportunity is knocking at our door, if we are greater than it is, and are strong enough we will make it turn to our account. We have no reason to think the President is not strong enough or that he does not have the good name of the nation at heart. We will have to take up our share of directing these little peoples, or else we will have to let those who will take the burden say what they will as to the disposal of them.

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