

Today

Remember Harding.
We're Doing Well.
Oliver Twist Bonus.
Poor Danish King.
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Harding memorial week is drawing to a close. President Harding was a good American, did his best, and died in the service of the people. Millions of Americans that will want to be represented in that memorial may communicate with the Harding Memorial association, No. 1414 F street, Washington, D. C.

How is the country, as regards prosperity? Answer: Pretty well, thanks.

Before you went to bed last night you read these headlines:

"The Flood of Extra Dividends Continues."

"Our Gold Imports Gain Heavily in November. Inflow Exceeded Only Twice in the Last Two Years."

"Rate for Call Money Declines to 4 1/2 Per Cent."

"Stocks Advance in Active Trading. All Departments Improve. Bonds Firm."

We are not doing badly.

The bonus bill is back in congress once more, with about as good a chance as Oliver Twist and when he asked for his second installment of nourishment—assuming that the administration has its way.

It is certain to be vetoed by the president.

Wise people, however, say this. The president declares that the bill thus pleasing "the big fellows" needed in all republican elections.

The republican majority will pass the bill over the president's veto. Then the "big fellows" will say:

"Coolidge did his best."

Little gentlemen on the stump will say to the crowd:

"That's the republican party that gave you boys the bonus."

That isn't a bad arrangement, politically speaking.

Anarchists have threatened to kill the king of Denmark. His life is one excitement after another, from crowning Dr. Cook, as dictator of the north pole, to doubling the guard around his palace.

The wise self-governing Swiss have just elected Monsieur Chuard, president of Switzerland. He was vice president last time. They manage that government very smoothly.

England has given up temporarily the scheme to fortify Singapore. That's the first result probably of the labor victory in the last election.

Professor Henry Fairfield Osborne, head of the American Museum of Natural History, good judge of prehistoric animals, says "The best American stock is rapidly dying out." Harvard and Yale would be practically empty if they had to depend for their students upon sons of graduates.

That doesn't mean necessarily that the "best American stock is dying out." It means that men lacking energy and ambition to have children are not having children.

And that's an excellent thing for the "American stock."

As between a Yale or Harvard graduate, who sits in a club window, sucking the head of his cane, and mourning over the good old cocktail days, and a young immigrant proud of his wife and eight or nine children, this country would choose the young immigrant.

"The best American stock" won't be in danger for some time yet.

A corporation is an organization "without heart or soul." So they say. But the United States steel corporation gives \$100,000 to the Catholic diocese to help finish a home for children.

And the Metropolitan Life Insurance company issues, in advertising, excellent advice on health, explaining to parents why they should encourage use of the Schick test in public schools, giving other information to prolong life.

The president of Germany has his salary cut to \$7,500 a year. Ambassadors get \$1,850. Guards employed by the government railroads get \$150. "Woe to the vanquished," especially financial woe.

Earnest believers of the so-called "Anglo-Catholic" which is the extreme "high church" part of the church of England, will carry on never ceasing prayer all through 1924.

There will be no minute in the year without prayers rising con-

City Must Pay Cudahy \$81,000

Water Board Loses Case Involving Water Rental.

The Metropolitan Utilities district of Omaha was ordered to pay \$81,249 to the Cudahy Packing company in a jury verdict directed by Federal Judge Woodruff Thursday afternoon.

This is a principal sum of more than \$47,000, plus interest since 1914. When the city took over the water system, June 20, 1912, the Cudahy company held a contract for water at 4 1/2 cents per thousand gallons, which still had two years to run.

The city, however, raised the rate to 8 cents, and the company had to pay. The suit was to get refund of the extra three and one-half cents per thousand gallons.

Yale Holland, C. W. Sears, George DeLacey and Edward Svoboda appeared for the company. John L. Webster and City Corporation Counsel W. C. Lambert presented the utilities district side.

Expect Another Appeal.

This is the second trial of the case. At the first trial, about three years ago, Federal Judge T. C. Munger directed a verdict for the city and Metropolitan Water district. The circuit court of appeals reversed this.

The present hearing narrowed down at the end to a claim by the defense that there was a supplemental agreement between the Cudahy company and the old Omaha Water company that the former would not hold the latter to the four and one-half cent contract in the event the city acquired the property. This the defense failed to prove.

The case will probably be appealed to the circuit court.

Defers to Appeal Court.

In directing the jury to find the verdict for the packing company, Judge Woodruff said:

"Now, in my direction here, that you return a verdict in favor of the Cudahy Packing company. I base it entirely upon the ruling of the court of appeals."

Now, in the deciding of that case in the circuit court, there were three judges sitting, and they were not unanimous. One Judge, Judge Stone, dissented from the majority of the court. Now it was no part of my function at all, and I cannot say that I am not permitted to counter to anything that is laid down in the decision of the court of appeals. Inasmuch as the decision there was by a divided court, and as the matter may again go before the court, and my associate judge, Thomas C. Munger, expressed his dissent from the majority in this case and the matters involved in which I might express my opinion on the merits for any effect it might have in the court of appeals. The only function I perform here is to follow the direction of the court. It is all I do, and I do not even venture to express the conclusion and opinion of the law that I have, except for the fact that there was a division of the judges up there, and it might at some future time come up as to how the different judges who had heard the matter before them, had viewed it, and I contribute then to the record merely this expression, that with all due respect that I owe to the court, my own personal judgment I find controlled by that of my associate judge, Thomas C. Munger, and of the dissenting Judge, Judge Stone, in the court of appeals, it appearing to me that the conclusions in the case are in law unassailable, and upon the specific grounds which they set out, which I do not desire to add anything or attempt to add anything, what the court has decided, because my duties have been circumscribed by the decision of the court of appeals. Inasmuch as the four judges have heard the matter and each one given the very best judgment he had, I do not add my contribution and express my opinion that the majority of the court has made here, and the arguments made by Judge Stone and the dissenting Judge, Thomas C. Munger, are of such a nature that they would have appeared of appeal, control the decision of the court, in my judgment, to be controlling in the case. But the decision of the court that decision, we are bound to render a judgment, in favor of the plaintiff, and so do."

King's Daughters Meet.

King's Daughters' society of the R. L. Wheeler Memorial Presbyterian church met Friday at the home of Mrs. John Robb, 3532 South Twenty-third street. Assisting the hostesses will be Mrs. Herman Oswald.

Regular Bible study hour will be followed by discussion of plans for work to be done by the society during the coming year, and the formation of plans to take care of needy families at Christmas time.

Theodore Roberts Ill.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 1—Theodore Roberts, veteran scenarist and stage actor, was confined to his room in a hotel here last night under the care of two physicians after having been taken suddenly ill Wednesday night at the conclusion of his appearance at a vaudeville theater. Physicians declined to discuss the nature of Mr. Roberts' illness.

tinuously for the conversion of all England to that particular branch of the English church.

It is an interesting thought and shows energy. But what does the Angel Gabriel think about it? Is it necessary for him to write down every word of all that earnest praying?

One hundred and twenty-five government agents are guarding 160 miles of the border with "Christmas whisky and gin," pouring in over the border. What chance do you think 125 men have to protect 160 miles?

With two bootlegging agents to watch and keep track of each guard, excepting those that bribe money can put to sleep, how are you going to keep out the Christmas gin and whisky? You can't do it.

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Heads of County Commissioners



Pitiful Stories Told in Letters

Just Such Cases Helped by The Omaha Bee Free Shoe Fund.

"Please send me some shoes if you have any for me. I have no father. My size is 13. I am 8 years old. Harry Telles."

"We have no shoes to wear to school. We have no money to buy shoes. We sure wish they would send some shoes for us in our family. We are a very poor family that live away down by the tracks. We are 8 children and we need shoes to go to school."

These are two letters received today, scrawled in pencil on cheap paper but telling their pitiful stories. Money sent to the Free Shoe Fund of The Omaha Bee supplies just such cases. Teachers go to the homes and investigate. If the families can't buy shoes, orders are given through School Officer Carver on stores where the children are fitted and the bills paid by the fund.

Not a cent is paid out for raising the fund or for distributing the shoes. Your money is 100 per cent active.

Can you help the scores of children who are helpless in the winter's cold, help them get the one thing they can't get any other way—shoes? Checks should be made out to "Free

Shoe Fund.

Checks and money sent or brought to The Omaha Bee office.

Published heretofore	\$245.50
Alice E. Houghton, Hampton, Neb.	5.00
Alpha Chi Omega Alumnae club	5.00
Charley, Omaha	5.00
A. W. Justman	5.00
Cash	10.00
Myron Heicks	2.00
Total	\$276.50

Gretna Cowboy Can't Remember

J. G. Thomas, Gretna, Neb., atired in a huge fur coat, sombrero and riding boots, doesn't remember much about what happened after a stranger asked him to have a drink on the street in South Omaha Thursday, except that he went to a house at Twenty-seventh and Harrison streets, and that when he recovered, \$35 in cash and a diamond ring belonging to him were gone.

He was dismissed in South Omaha municipal court Friday morning when he appeared to answer a charge of drunkenness. He promised to go back to Gretna.

Czecho-Slovakia is issuing postage stamps in commemoration of the republic's five years' existence.



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12 and 16 Button Lengths	2-Clasp Gloves
"Trefousse" French kid in brown, mode, gray, black and white. Pair—	A fine quality glove, "Trefousse" French kid in all desired shades—
\$7 and \$8	Pair \$4
Warm Driving Gloves	
A strap-wrist gauntlet of cape or mocha leathers with one-piece knitted lining, pair	
\$6.75	
Fur lines, \$12 and \$13.75.	

Street Floor

Thompson-Belden & Company Silk and Wool Remnants

The gift of a package of piece goods will be truly acceptable. We offer hundreds of remnants ranging from 1 to 6 yards in length, listing only a few of them that you may realize the values obtainable.

The Silks		The Woolens	
3 1/2 yd. 40-in. all-silk canton crepe.	\$7.95	2 1/2 yd. 54-in. brown Fashiona coating	\$17.50
3 yd. rose radium pongee	\$2.55	2 1-6 yd. navy charmeuse	\$7.95
1 1/2 yd. copenhagen velvet brocade	\$8.75	3 yd. 54-inch all-wool suiting	\$4.95
chiffon	\$4.95	2 1/2 yd. 54-in. imported Italian Plaid	\$5.95
4 yd. printed silk georgette	\$4.95	3 yd. 54-in. navy all-wool eponge	\$6.95
3 1/2 yd. brown sat-in duvetyne	\$9.95	2 1/2 yd. Sorrento blue broadcloth	\$5.50
4 1/2 yd. taupe all-silk chiffon	\$19.95	1 1/2 yd. 54-inch all wool plaid skirting	\$2.95
5 yd. burgundy silk voile	\$4.95		

Street Floor

Thompson-Belden's Christmas Greeting Cards

3c to 25c

The attractive cards with which one remembers those to whom she does not wish to give gifts are a reflection of one's unerring good taste. Select from our wide assortment cards that are distinctive.

Second Floor

Christmas Closing

Store Hours 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

In accordance with our usual custom, THE THOMPSON-BELDEN STORE will open at 9 in the morning and close at 6 in the evening.

We believe that rested employes, working the accustomed number of hours, give better and more cheerful service to our customers. It is the aim of every business to make money and to serve as large a number of customers as possible, but we believe also that satisfaction in service and merchandise is the only way that lasting success may be built.

Our employes appreciate this policy, and we know by their constantly increasing number, that our patrons approve it.

Thompson-Belden's

Thompson-Belden's Saturday is Madame Antoinette's Last Day

If you have not secured appointment for a drape, or if you need Madame's advice in regard to the selection of apparel or accessories, call at once, for this is her last day with us.

Thompson-Belden & Company Notable Apparel Reductions

We have taken marked reduction on many articles of apparel for madame and for mademoiselle. All our beautiful coats are reduced.

Lovely fur collared models at \$79.50

Bolivia coats of excellent quality, self trimmed and in sizes 16 to 18. \$25

14 Suits—All that remain—1/2 price. Two fur-trimmed models, sizes 16 and 18. Twelve suits, sizes 16 to 52 1/2.

Every Silk Overblouse and all Brushed Wool Sweaters at 20% Discount

Third Floor

Thompson-Belden & Company Glove Silk Underwear

She who receives a gift of glove silk underwear from Thompson-Belden's may know that its quality is of the best; that it will wear long and well. Plainly tailored bodice topped vests in flesh color are priced \$2.50

Bloomers to match at \$3.95.

Lace-Trimmed Vests range in price from \$4.95 to \$8.25

Bloomers to match \$5.95 to \$8.50

Street Floor

Thompson-Belden & Company Dainty Lace Bandeaux

models particularly suited to small figures

69c each \$1.00 and \$1.25

Madame Antoinette has impressed school girls with the importance of being modestly clad. A bandeau is of utmost importance to even the slender figure. The dainty lace styles are particularly appealing to the girl who has never worn the bandeau. Even the prices bespeak of modestness.

Second Floor

Thompson-Belden & Company Women's Handkerchiefs

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