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WEST COMES BEFORE ISTHMUS.

Colonel Bunau Varilla's proposal that the United States expend a billion dollars to construct a sea level canal through the isthmus of Darien is getting considerable attention.

American officers have already expressed opinions as to the need of another canal to take care of future commerce, for which the existing ditch is certain to prove inadequate.

Something else is needed before another passage between the two oceans is cut by man. Internal waterways are yet to be improved, that commerce and industry of the great central empire of the country may have cheap and dependable water transportation.

What should be done? It is plain that the transportation question is the key problem, and that it will not be solved offhand.

These projects are practical and feasible, and will be of vastly more service to the interior of the United States than another canal at the isthmus.

BUSINESS METHODS IN THE CHURCH.

A layman of a local church is out with a thought that is engaging, to say the least. He proposes that a card index be prepared, not only of the church members, but of good "prospects."

The other feature will appeal to most men as a good business practice. Insurance people have a similar system; automobile men used to keep very accurate records of probable customers.

Having washed Miss Philadelphia's face, General Butler should now give due attention to the expense behind her ears.

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ANOTHER LESSON FROM TUT'S TOMB.

In I Kings we are told that Solomon's temple was built without the sound of hammer, axe, or any tool of iron being heard about the premises.

Hammer marks, tool marks of many kinds, gold inlay bruised and mashed, because of the hurry shown in pounding together the parts of the canopy, all signs that the workmen were eager to get it over and get away, are found in plenty.

The tomb of the king would be sealed against inspection by human eyes, and they were willing to take a chance with the gods.

How different from the great care lavished on the monuments that stood in the broad daylight.

change since then. Man insists on putting his best foot forward, and expends his effort on the things that will be seen of men, just as he did when the valley of the Nile was the home of a great civilization.

PROBATION FOR FEDERAL OFFENDERS.

Welfare workers are approaching congress with a plan to reform federal court practice. At present no law permits the placing of any federal prisoner, juvenile or otherwise, on probation.

Even those who sympathize with the theory of the federal practice will agree that in the case of juvenile offenders some softening of the rule could be had without seriously interfering with justice.

Alongside of it the welfare workers are setting up another idea, that of adult probation. Eleven states in the union are without this provision, and the hope of making it general animates those who have observed and been encouraged by what has taken place where the practice is followed.

ANOTHER ALLIANCE WITH AUSTRIA.

Another great international crisis is passed, Colonel Henry Huddleston Rogers having agreed to accept his daughter's choice of husbands as his.

It is almost impossible to even dream of comparing mothers with a bonus. Remuneration? Indeed there is remuneration for the mother and father, too, when the war is stalling.

The average father will not blame Colonel Rogers for feeling a little cool to the son-in-law his daughter picked for him, seeing he had never met the gallant youth until she brought him home.

The count says he proposes to return at will to his ancestral home in Austria, where he will surely be welcomed for the bride he brings back, not to speak of the wherewithal to aid a future that otherwise was not so bright for him.

When women begin tossing their hats into the political ring will it bring about a stabilization of fashions, or merely an increase in millinery bills?

Isn't it awful, Mabel? No soner had the governor headed for Washington than the oil octopus jumped the price of gasoline 2 cents a gallon.

The Minneapolis Journal editorially discusses "the art of spending tax money." And we thought all the time that it was merely a fixed habit.

King George might thank Ramsay MacDonald or someone else should the pomp of his procession to the House of Parliament be omitted.

About the easiest way to bring about a reduction of taxation is to bear well in mind that tax money is not collected merely to be spent.

"Coming Coolidge's way," asserts the Washington Star. Including, of course, the verbal brickbats and dornicks heaved by Hiram.

The announcement that Uncle Sam is 33 billion dollars in debt will arouse in the minds of some folk only a feeling of envy.

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It appears that Mr. Bryan's announced choice merely plunges democracy deeper into the Everglades.

College girls are not as bad as they are painted, asserts a welfare worker. Some of them couldn't be.

Homespun Verse
—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davie

INCONSISTENCY.
It doesn't matter how much you know, nor the number of deeds you do.
A month is little, a week is less, but years are all to you;
You turn from one to another task till life is a wheel of change.

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

Soldier's Wife Wants Bonus.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: No doubt many like myself read the letter entitled "Soldiers' and Mothers' Pensions," in The People's Voice, and wondered how any real true American citizen could ever believe or give utterance to such statements.

How foolish it seems to try to compare a little war like the one of 1846-1848 to the late world war. The one concerned a boundary of one state, the other involving a world war. Really, there can be no comparison.

I am the wife of an ex-soldier. Many, I know, can think back a few years ago and remember what we did with the bonus of \$50. Was it wasted? Ah, yes, if to pay for coal, make a first payment on furniture or home, say that many of us did.

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I thought of the poor, dumb horse having a frozen bit put in his mouth and the consequent result of trying to eat hard corn with a frightfully sore mouth. The bridle, if not kept in a warm place, should always be dipped in hot water before using during the cold weather.

THE MAN WHO KNOWS IT ALL.
When he dies I shall beat a tom-tom. I shall carry a banner and sing. I shall see him laid low in the dust. And the earthworms shall crown him their king!

I shall not shed a tear nor feel sad. Though he haunt me the rest of my life. And the moans and the sighings and psalms I shall leave to my church-going wife.

And I've found out as I go along. That's always the proud ones who fall; But that man will be boasting in hades. For that man when he lived knew it all!

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"From State and Nation"

Editorials from Other Newspapers

A Development in American Railroad.

From the Christian Science Monitor.
It is not often that a railway can give tangible proof, in the form of a locomotive engine, of a reconstruction of the attitudes of management and men toward one another.

The Fremont Tribune opines that W. J. Bryan has learned a lot by experience. He has learned that many of his own hats tossed into the presidential ring has been tossed by other men's hats.

Adam Breeds tells the world that the greatest dam of all is being erected in India. And here we were thinking that it was the combined one uttered by Nebraska democrats when they learned the identity of W. J. B.'s preferred candidate.

Frank Kimmel of the McCook Tribune asserts that the state-federal road quiz "is leaving Governor Bryan as the rapidly diminishing end of a more or less sizeable fiasco."

Noting that the marriage fees are going out of the state and the courts throwing monkey-wrenches into the plan of the railroads to give passes to ministers, Editor Carlton of the Oakland Independent wonders one wouldn't high time for the clergy to form a bloc for their protection and privileges.

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Abe Martin



Wonder how long it's been since any woman horsewhipped a masher for makin' eyes at her? Outspoken people allus seem 't be fond o' onions.

he is housekeeping, and while he does not marry his wife's father, there is nothing in the marriage vows to prevent the old man from borrowing money from him or his wife's mother from telling his wife how to run her house and boss her husband.—Eulaula Citizen.

Not Only Birmingham.
The chief ailment affecting public enterprises in Birmingham is the sleeping sickness.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Scientific.
Willie (who has got a microscope for Christmas)—Say, cook, lend me a flea, will you?—Boston Transcript.

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