

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE

FOUNDED BY EDWARD ROSEWATER

VICTOR ROSEWATER, EDITOR

Entered at Omaha postoffice as second-class matter.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION. Daily Bee (without Sunday), one year, \$4.00

Office: The Bee Building, South Omaha—Twenty-fourth and N.

Communications relating to news and editorial matter should be addressed: Omaha Bee, Editorial Department.

REMITTANCES. Remit by draft, express or postal order.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION. State of Nebraska, Douglas County, The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says

Table with 3 columns: Date, Circulation, and Total. Rows include weekly and monthly figures for various dates in 1909.

When out of town. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have the Bee mailed to them.

Governor Shallenberger's Annapolis club will have to enlarge its membership.

An earthquake at Lima, Peru, stopped the clocks. That's nothing; even the Nebraska legislature did as much.

The night riders are busy again in Kentucky. The recent elections in that state rendered things dry enough to burn.

If a governor is known by the appointments he makes Governor Shallenberger will have a heap to answer for later.

As another sample of democratic home rule South Omaha has just gotten a new police commissioner commissioned in Lincoln.

The woman who held onto her Easter hat and let her pocketbook blow away evidently knew which represented the greater value.

Philadelphia club men have taken up the flying machine fad. Club men have a reputation of flying pretty high without the aid of machines.

The speculators are having their say now, but wait until western sunshine gets busy and there will be something really doing in wheat.

The Treasury department has ruled that prepared Chinese duck is not dressed poultry. Does the department intend to inauspicate that there is laxness in the methods of preparing the product.

New Yorkers are offering a play entitled "The Return of Eve." Unless she has elaborated her costume since her initial appearance she will find the New York season hardly far enough advanced.

For the first time in a period of peace the United States army is recruited up to its maximum limit. With this competition removed the governor of Nebraska should have no difficulty in securing a supply of colonels.

Senator Chamberlain of Oregon says he does not believe in opposing the republicans when they are right. The application of that principle would have deprived most of the democrats of an occupation during recent years.

A popular local preacher, speaking to the club women, has seized the opportunity to take the customary shot at excessive bridge playing. It is to be noted, however, that for lack of courage he fought shy of the Easter hat.

The Memorial day committee of the G. A. R. starts out with a neat cash balance on hand, left over from the Memorial day celebration of last year. Better put that committee in charge of some of our other public enterprises.

If buying the water works will not increase taxes, what was the object of that bill so zealously lobbied for by the water-marked statesman to put an annual frontage water tax on every owner of Omaha real estate facing a water main.

Forty-four days of storm, with a total of nine feet seven and a half inches of snow, is the record of Denver for the season. When the summer sun starts the water down stream it will be time for people on the bottom-lands to take to the hills.

Stretching the Constitution.

Nebraska's state constitution has undergone a great many twists and turns in the supreme court. It has been held that a stenographer is not a clerk and also that two railroads joining the same termini by the most direct routes are not parallel and competing roads.

The dissenting opinion of Judge Rose seems to us to be by far the more convincing. There should be no trouble in having the legislature appropriate at each session the money produced by the mill levy and to make an additional appropriation, if necessary, of any surplus proceeds collected in from previous levies.

Instead of asking the court to suspend the constitution the university should have asked the legislature to appropriate the unused collections from the back taxes.

The Cry of Coercion.

When democratic senators charge President Taft with trying to coerce congress by threatening to veto bills they sound upon unsympathetic ears. This charge hardly comes with good grace from the democratic side of the fence when the late democratic standard bearer of the party in the last and in two previous campaigns has been putting in all winter traveling over the country seeking to coerce democratic legislatures into passing measures which the country has repudiated.

So far as made public, Mr. Taft has not said he would veto any measure passed by congress or made any threats of what he would do in case desired legislation was not enacted. He has made it plain, however, that the country expected congress to redeem the pledges made to the people who elected them.

As president Mr. Taft is not only the head of the republican party, but is primarily held responsible for the redemption of the pledges the party made to the people on which the republican party was retained in power.

Opening the Base Ball Season. The umpire's call, "Play ball," resounds throughout the land—not the half-hearted exhibition kind of ball, but the real article which is to settle who is mistaken in the many guesses on pennant winners.

In business and in play American life demands action of the strenuous kind and base ball fills the bill. This is the answer to the query, "What do Americans see in base ball to make it a national sport?"

The situation in the anthracite coal fields presents some encouraging and some discouraging features. The failure of the operators and men to reach an understanding leaves a difficult problem, fraught with all kinds of possibilities, yet to be solved.

Put it down that you cannot have your pie and eat it, too. The bills will have to be paid either by the water users or by the taxpayers, and the basis of the burden will be the price paid for the plant with a million or more added for betterments and extensions.

Speaking of "the water company and its friends," the very best friends the water company has in Omaha right this minute are the members of the Water board and their satellites, who are tearing their hair to hand over to them \$6,263,295.49 in exchange for that water works plant.

William R. Hearst is in hard luck. First they tried to take from him by legal process the evidence intended to be used in the libel suit brought by Governor Haskell and now they have stolen it from his representative. The governor is in Oklahoma and can easily prove an alibi.

Omaha should be specially gratified over the promise which is held out that the receivership of the Chicago Great Western is soon to be terminated. The Chicago Great Western started things here when it pushed its

will prevail and all simply wait for developments.

The encouraging feature is the fact both parties have decided to proceed with the work of mining and marketing coal. Time was, and that not so far distant, when on April 1, when the old lease expired, would have witnessed a strike or a lockout.

General Booth's Optimism. The eightieth birthday anniversary of the founder and commander of the Salvation Army has brought from him a letter filled with optimism.

And at Any Hour. The Michigan supreme court has decided that a man has the right to treat his friends in a dry territory. Strong friendships will now become epidemic in the drouth counties of Michigan.

Utilizing Waste Products. Buffalo Express. The state of New York has been collecting taxes on gas. Now if congress would levy a tax on the hot-air expelled at its sessions the problem of meeting the national deficit would be solved.

Yellow Piners Line Up. New York Sun. The entire Florida and Louisiana delegations and seven of the eleven Georgians voted against free lumber in the house. Great will be the ordeal of the senators from those states if a separate vote is taken on the lumber schedule.

Where the Tired Feeling Prevails. Brooklyn Eagle. The injuries to naval officers engaged in the riding tests prescribed by Mr. Roosevelt, and not yet prohibited by Mr. Taft are so serious that we venture to suggest that this form of exercise be confined henceforth to the horse manes.

Lawful Explosions. Baltimore American. A judge in Iowa refused to hold a man accused of swearing at a baggage-man was justified. Trunk owners will probably enjoy traveling through Iowa in future. They will be able, without fear of the law, to square many long-standing accounts with the smashing fraternity.

Improved Treasury Showing. Boston Transcript. An improved showing in the Treasury shows how closely federal revenues are related to business conditions. In boom times almost any schedule yield large returns. It is not so easy to devise a revenue law that will be depression proof.

Susceptible Jurors. Cleveland Plain Dealer. It is difficult enough to obtain a verdict of guilty against any woman charged with a capital crime, triply difficult if she happens to be young and of attractive personality. Preachers of women's rights have held the women should be tried by female jurors. No jury of women could possibly be more lenient to a woman than is the usual male jury in this country.

RECASTING JUDGE-MADE LAW. Fellow Servant Doctrine Repudiated by Several States. Philadelphia Press. New Jersey follows New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware in the enactment of a statute covering the liability of employers for injuries to their servants.

American states other than those already named have repudiated the doctrine by statute. Georgia, Montana and Colorado, Kentucky and Connecticut are among those which have joined with Massachusetts in repudiating the doctrine of "common employment" and minimized the defense of contributory negligence.

A Faithful Public Servant. New York Tribune. Ethan Allen Hitchcock did a great work, and did it out of a clear sense of personal and official obligation. The bitter enemies which he incurred are a tribute to the zeal and thoroughness with which he applied his policies. He never was in the least a politician, but always an administrator of public interests and the improvement of the public service.

Spring Announcement 1909. Guckert McDonald, Tailors. We are now displaying a most complete line of foreign suitings for spring and summer wear.

Used by the best families, hotels and restaurants the world over. Makes the lightest, most delicious and tasty hot-bread, rolls and muffins sweet and wholesome. Protects the food from alum.

PERSONAL NOTES. After twenty-nine years of faithful service, Crier Jones, tailor of the Michigan supreme court, has resigned, because of ill health, he is 92.

Whittled to a Point. First Lion—wonder how Teddy the Terrible is going to fill us? Second Lion (glomming)—We won't have much chance to escape. If he doesn't do it at once with his new gun, he will probably hit us over the head with that Annapolis club—Baltimore American.

Around New York

Ripples on the Current of Life as Seen in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day.

Corporation tricks to do "the dear public" are too common to excite wrath, but occasionally one sounds the depths of absurdity and pretense. New York supplies a shining example. A number of streets in that city have street car tracks on which cars have not been operated for years.

Measured by the combined length and capacity of its five main spans, says Collier's Weekly, the Schoharie suspension bridge across the East river from Fifty-ninth street, New York, to Ravenswood, Queens, is the greatest bridge in the world.

When one of the large ocean liners which reached New York a few days ago had been less than three days out on its trip from Europe it became known to the first class passengers that there were people aboard with whom it would be dangerous to play bridge.

One of the odd ways of earning a living in New York is that of the confidential bookbinder. He is in great demand in banks and other large financial institutions. His books are usually patchwork, but occasionally of late he is entrusted with the building of a complete set of covers for a collection of papers or records that have accumulated in some of the new fashioned filing or recording devices.

There is a man who owns a farm away out in New Jersey. He spends his spring and summer on it amusing himself with his hay and butter and fruit and garden truck. About the end of September he runs up to New York and makes the round of his customers. Then he arranges a schedule according to their needs.

The divorce courts of Nevada are improving. Perhaps it is because of the example of South Dakota. Judge W. A. Pike of Reno, in Nevada, granted a divorce last fall, on the ground of desertion, to a New York actor, although neither he nor his wife had gained a legal residence there. Immediately thereafter a person in New York attempted to secure a divorce in Nevada without even appearing in court.

One Nevada Court Declines to Boost the Business. New York Times. The divorce courts of Nevada are improving. Perhaps it is because of the example of South Dakota. Judge W. A. Pike of Reno, in Nevada, granted a divorce last fall, on the ground of desertion, to a New York actor, although neither he nor his wife had gained a legal residence there.

CALL OF THE TIMES. Baltimore American. Now in the land heard that cry, Which no ear careless passes by, But which to answer all men try, "What's the score?"

SALT SULPHUR WATER also the "Crystal Lithium" water from Excelsior Springs, Mo., in 5-gallon sealed jugs. 5-gallon Jug Crystal Lithium water... \$2 5-gallon Jug Salt-Sulphur water... \$2 Buy at either store. We sell over 100 kinds mineral water.

Sherman & McConnell Drug Co. Sixteenth and Dodge Sts. Owl Drug Co. Sixteenth and Harney Sts.

Spring Announcement 1909. Guckert McDonald, Tailors. We are now displaying a most complete line of foreign suitings for spring and summer wear.

Used by the best families, hotels and restaurants the world over. Makes the lightest, most delicious and tasty hot-bread, rolls and muffins sweet and wholesome. Protects the food from alum.

PERSONAL NOTES. After twenty-nine years of faithful service, Crier Jones, tailor of the Michigan supreme court, has resigned, because of ill health, he is 92.

Whittled to a Point. First Lion—wonder how Teddy the Terrible is going to fill us? Second Lion (glomming)—We won't have much chance to escape. If he doesn't do it at once with his new gun, he will probably hit us over the head with that Annapolis club—Baltimore American.

Used by the best families, hotels and restaurants the world over. Makes the lightest, most delicious and tasty hot-bread, rolls and muffins sweet and wholesome. Protects the food from alum.

PERSONAL NOTES. After twenty-nine years of faithful service, Crier Jones, tailor of the Michigan supreme court, has resigned, because of ill health, he is 92.