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APRIL CIRCULATION 50,106. State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss: Dwigth Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of April, 1913, was 50,106.

Cincinnati is in the throes of a street car strike. Omaha knows what that means. The doctors tell us that it is criminal to neglect disease. It is worse than that—it is often fatal.

Chicago has not only flattered Omaha by imitation, but is making its clean-up day last a whole week. Sarah Bernhard, says that since traveling in America she has great admiration for American honesty.

After talking loudly for some time all these years, why should our amiable democratic contemporary, the World-Herald, be so terribly distressed at the prospect of getting it?

Chief Wilkie, famous government sleuth, is going to retire from public service. Mr. Wilkie has some great detective work to his credit, but he really never got into the present-day dictograph class.

People who had the notion that the railroad question in the United States had been solved, and ceased to be a current issue, should not fool themselves. The railroad question is just getting back on the boards.

Now we have it. The excessive use of tobacco is responsible for all our ills, including race suicide, high cost of living and the suffragette movement. At that, tobacco users will insist that there are compensatory offsets.

"You can make your pioneers who walk the streets of Omaha as interesting as Romulus and Remus," declares one of our historian visitors. Yes, better than that, for our pioneers traveled a much faster pace than did Romulus and Remus.

Members of the Omaha Builders' exchange have just wakened up to the fact that the insurance agents were busy with the legislature when the workmen's compensation law was being put through.

Columns are being written about the puzzles and self-contradictions of the proposed new income tax law, but if the law is ever put into operation, it will develop puzzling problems that no one can possibly figure out in advance.

One of the leaders of our state senate attributes the flood of bills to the free manufacture by the legislative reference bureau, and thinks it will be checked by fixing a fee for drafting such measures.

The reciprocity act, which admitted Canadian wood pulp and paper free, is held by the customs court to have opened the door at the same time for all countries having most favored nations clause treaties with us.

The city authorities have a new problem in a request for cancellation of taxes on property destroyed by the tornado. The point, however, cannot be a new one as to the legal effect of destruction of property on taxes already levied and payable.

For the next tax levy there is no question that the assessment should be revised and made to conform with the valuation at the present time whenever change has occurred since the last assessment.

Varying Production Costs.

The supplemental report on the steel industry by the acting commissioner of corporations among other things points out the variations in production cost at different plants, and in different localities, for the manufacture of steel products.

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Another market horse attorney has been projected. This time to be erected by General Estabrook at a cost of \$50,000 on his own property on Sixteenth street opposite Jefferson square.

A special train brought the Cody & Carver Wild West combination in from Columbus to go into camp at the Driving park.

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Twice Told Tales

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The Bees Letter Box

Free Boost for Kresco Dip. OMAHA, May 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: Thinking this will be of some benefit to the public in cleaning up the dandelions in Omaha, I have tested this dip, and find that it will destroy the root, and all complete. Take Kresco dip, that can be obtained at any drug store, and drop five drops into the crown of each plant.

A Tax for Water Not Used. OMAHA, May 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: In all that has been said about the water board, I have seen no good solution of the evil.

Test of Common Sense. OMAHA, May 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: This question of whether Billy Sunday is preaching just for the money or not, cannot possibly be determined until the last judgment, so it is useless for us to weigh probabilities.

Value of Brain Work. In the lobby of a Washington hotel the other evening they were talking about big legal fees when Representative Koendig cited a case.

Just Like a Man. A man suffered from inflammatory rheumatism, and his wife nursed him patiently. He had a very fault-finding disposition, but she was very patient and also very fond of him.

British Expectations. OMAHA, May 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: Amest the tariff revision now receiving attention at the hands of the American congress, the following from a recent issue of an English newspaper does not even to a casual observer, suggest well for the interests of Americans engaged in the line of business referred to.

Political New Brooms. A special session of the New York legislature is scheduled for June 15, to act on a direct primary measure defeated at the regular session.

Stories in Figures. St. Paul banks hold \$9,834,868.88 in deposits. Copenhagen now claims a population of 569,287.

Editorial Snapshots. St. Louis Post-Dispatch: By increasing its "wet" majority does even Lincoln, Neb., express disapproval of the grape juice policy?

GRINS AND GROANS.

"I should think giraffes would make a very exciting race, more so than horses." "Why so?" "Think of the point where any of the entries would be running neck and neck."—Baltimore American.

"Where's your aeroplane?" "My aeroplane?" "Certainly. Didn't you say you had dropped in for a flying visit?"—New York Sun.

Shie-George, the last dress I bought has lasted me nearly a year and a half. He-Ge, but you women are lucky. That last tire I bought hasn't lasted me a month and a half.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Last time I saw Squalop he was house hunting." "That must have been some time ago, or else very recently. Last time I saw him he was wife hunting; he had just got his divorce."—Chicago Tribune.

"I thought I told you to quit using tobacco," said the doctor. "I have quit it," replied the young man. "Then what is that in your mouth?" asked the doctor. "A cigarette," replied the young man. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

"I suppose your family will go away for the summer?" "Yes," replied the man in the alpaca coat. "And you?" "Oh, I'll have a nice time, too. I'm the one who will sit quietly at home and look at the pretty pictures on the post cards."—Washington Star.

"I never dreamed any young man could be so attentive as George is. He showers me with candy and flowers, and takes me to the end of places. He's just lovely! Isn't a courtship delightful?" "Yes. Put off your wedding day as long as you can."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE DEPARTED FRIEND.

Robert Louis Stevenson. Though he that ever kind and true Next week I'll bury you back. You're whole, long, gusty lifetime through. He's gone a while before—Be now a monument gone before, Yet wouldn't you, when the seasons shall restore Your friend to you.

That self-same arduous way—That self-same upward, backward way That you and he through many a doubtful day Attempted still.

He's not dead, this friend—not dead. But in the path we mortals tread Got some few, trifling steps ahead And nearer to the end. So that you, too, once past the hind, Shall meet again, as face to face, this friend You fancy dead.

Push gayly on, strong heart; the while You travel forward, mile by mile. E'en loiterers with a backward smile. Till you can overtake, And strains his eyes to search his wake. Or, whistling not, as he sees you through the brake, Waits on a stile.

Let Him Have It. Boys tease for 'Porokin' Let your boy have it. It looks so good, feels so good. It is so cool, comfortable, light and flexible—fits and 'gives' so well that they can tumble about with ease.

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