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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24 day of February, 1914. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Test the immigrant only as to his moral, mental and physical fitness.

In our watchful waiting, we still want to be very careful not to fall entirely asleep.

With the base ball season in sight, Mexico cannot hope to hold the records much longer.

More than one crooked lawyer is quaking in his shoes for fear the grand jury may get him.

The pacificator in politics has about as pleasant a prospect as the peacemaker in the proverbial family row.

Now, let Congressman Lobeck lazzo the Indian supply depot just to prove that he is all the cowboy we need.

Why hasten the bill to create a lot of new generals? Even in the event of war we would still need a few privates.

As a constitutionalist in his earlier years, President Wilson must admit that there is some slight excuse for legislative authority.

At that, water board employees should be more careful in sending out turn-your-water-off notices to members of the official family.

Another sign that the world is growing better is the reappearance of the "big 'un," the Hon. John Lawrence Sullivan, in vaudeville.

Our water board boss is bound to have light, but seems to be undecided whether it shall be gas light or electric light, or only candle light.

But without further preferment, will this brief official distinction be considered as full or fair reward for all that Dick Metcalfe has done for his country?

Yes, and count, the Auto show among other things we would be deprived of by the loss of the Auditorium unless we built another one to take its place.

Yes, but how long must Uncle Sam and John Bull stand, hats in hand, waiting the consent of a Mexican butcher to view the body of a murdered Briton?

None of the Haymarket rioters, the McNamara dynamiters, nor Hans Schmidt, nor even Coalgoss, would have been barred under a literacy test, remember.

The German admiral's admission that he threatened Americans boarding his flagship seems to give Admiral Dewey all the justification he needs, so why not end the argument here?

The Niobrara national forest forest reserve is not to be eliminated for the present. The thing to do now is to find the kind of a tree that will grow successfully in the sand-hill country.

Congressman Stephens declares it would be wholly useless to argue with the redoubtable Charles Wooster. That's where the Third district congressman shows almost marvelous perspicuity.

From newspapers published in Boston, New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles and San Francisco it appears that the only policy for this country to adopt in Mexico is the one advanced by William Randolph Hearst.

Two hundred and thirty-four Nebraska banks have applied for membership in the new federal reserve banking system, more than twice as many as Maryland, which has about the same population. Not a bad showing.

Farmers and Autos.

Farmers of Nebraska and Iowa and other states are numerous at the annual Automobile show, not only as spectators, but also as purchasers. Anyone may see them already speeding up and down our thoroughfares with their new "1914" cars.

It is a quite current belief that many a city man stretches his resources to the breaking point to maintain a machine. Not so the farmer. His life-long habits of economy almost invariably keep him from overstepping himself. You may put it down that generally when a farmer buys an automobile he can afford to do so. It is not show or even all pleasure with him, though he and his family get great enjoyment from it, but as those familiar with conditions well know the auto on the farm has come to be more of a utility than a luxury. It is one of the elements transforming rural life into its larger possibilities. It is a distance-annihilator, a time-saver, therefore a money-maker. The farmer, though frugal, is not to be regarded in this relation as sordidly utilitarian. He is able to afford an automobile for pleasure, but at the same time very worthily makes it serve his highest practical purposes.

What proportion of sales made during these annual shows are to farmers we do not know, but we imagine it is large. The upshot of it all is another emphatic affirmation that the basis of permanent prosperity is found in the tiller of the soil.

The Case of Castillo.

What is the status and the best disposition to make of the Mexican bandit, Maximo Castillo, held by federal powers in a Texas prison? The question is not as simple as some think. Admittedly, he is an undesirable alien, an outlaw whose hands drip with innocent blood. As the creature who set the tunnel fire that wiped out scores of lives, he ought to be speedily punished. But by whom? His crimes were committed, not in the United States, but in Mexico. To be sure, he would not want for punishment if delivered over to Villa. Then, as some insist, why not deliver him? Why should our government hold fast to so cold-blooded a murderer? Yet we are standing upon the ground that there is no responsible government at present in Mexico. This raises the point that there is no one to whom we could properly deliver this man. In consequence, we are somewhat in the position of the man holding the bear by the tail. Yet it goes without saying that the outlaw may not expect indefinitely to profit by these fortuitous circumstances. A way must ultimately be found to deal with him as he deserves.

Up to the Parent.

When a child and his teacher fall out the child invariably blames the teacher and goes home feeling sure that he himself is right. The controversy soon forms the chief subject of conversation in the family circle. With instinctive facility for setting forth his own virtues together with the fond parent's natural bias, the child makes a deep impression. Without hearing both sides, the parent often joins the child in criticism, if not condemnation, of the teacher. No parent can afford to pass judgment in such a case on one-sided information. It is wrong both to the child and teacher, worse to the child, though, for he has the impressionable effect of it to battle with the rest of his life. The fact is, successful schooling for any boy or girl demands a sympathetic co-operation on the part of parent and teacher. Teachers may often err in judgment and discipline—indeed, we have known instances where exceedingly poor judgment was shown—but the parent who is wise will not aggravate matters by also exercising bad judgment. That every child is apt to be the same boy or girl at school as at home should be realized and constantly remembered by all parents. That is one way of getting a line on things, and another and better way is to go to the teacher in such emergencies and join forces to meet them.

Democratic Dollar Diplomacy.

By way of Paris comes the information that our State department has been receiving the co-operation of the American Chamber of Commerce in its effort at readjusting tariff disputes with France, which is imposing excessively discriminatory duties upon American goods. This is in line with an intent underlying this organization, but it suggests a possibility which might eventuate embarrassingly to the present administration, particularly to Secretary Bryan, who has had so much to say adversely of so-called "dollar diplomacy." Unless we are very much mistaken, Mr. Bryan may find it necessary to resort to the same means in this and other such controversies before he gets through them. If he did it would be nothing new or unprecedented any more than it was under the former administration, roundly censured for it by unfair critics.

The commission of rebels that went to Chihuahua to try to persuade Villa to deal more frankly with American authorities found a holiday in full swing, and Villa, doubtless, full of the holiday spirits, so they had to defer the conference.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

CONCEIVED FROM BEE FILES

FEBRUARY 27.

Thirty Years Ago—Another terrific explosion started the people of Omaha which it turned out came from a powder magazine belonging to Steele Johnson which was blown up.

Later investigation disclosed that four boys in that vicinity had been the victims, and literally torn to pieces, namely: Chris Madson, William Auley, William Mallus and Jack Stitts, all living in the neighborhood of Sixth and Pierce.

Adelini Patti and her husband, Mons. Nicolini, passed through Omaha on their way to the coast, traveling under the chaperonage of Mapleson, the great impresario.

Total subscriptions in Omaha for Ohio flood sufferers to date make \$66, which with the proceeds of Dr. Miller's lecture, amounting to \$257.50, aggregates \$323.50.

The republican state committee in a meeting at the Millard, presided over by its chairman, Hon. C. W. E. Duesey, issued a call for a state nominating convention to be held in Lincoln in May. The Omaha members answering to the roll call were C. E. Yost and I. S. Haskell.

A pleasant social evening was spent by about fifty young people at the residence of Henry Livezey last night. It was a private masquerade party.

The Board of Public Works let the contract for paving Farnam street, with foundation of crushed stone, to Hugh Murphy & Co. for \$144 per square yard.

Twenty Years Ago—Circuit Judges Caldwell and Sanborn issued their eagerly-looked-for order commanding the Union Pacific to meet its employes in conference on wages, and so it was announced that on March 15 President S. H. H. Clark and such other officials as agreed on would meet the men through their delegates and redress the grievances arising when the company slashed the wages some weeks hence following the receivership.

Edward Urdike, a prominent citizen of Harvard, Neb., was registered at the Millard.

The Omaha Kennel club held a well-attended meeting at the office of the president, J. C. Whinnery. Among those present were: Vice President J. H. McTague, Secretary E. L. Marsten, Financial Secretary Charles Frenser, Treasurer Fred Rath, J. C. Morrison, John T. Evans, L. Hutchinson of the well-known St. Bernard kennels, C. P. Hubbard of the Loup Farm kennels of Broken Bow and several others. After much discussion the stock in the club was reduced from \$25 to \$10, and several applications were announced.

George Young, a watchman in the Union Pacific yards, was found dead in his room at the home of Mr. Martin, 1512 Burt street, at 4:45 in the afternoon. The cause was not apparent.

Ten Years Ago

Raymond Kline, the little one-armed newsboy, for whom so many good people manifested sympathy, found a happy home when Emil Moll of Lincoln adopted him.

Omaha became enveloped in the densest fog of the oldest inhabitant had ever seen. Before dark the city was lost in the mist and it was as if sable night had suddenly encompassed it about.

Many people were reminded of Dear Old Louisiana and San Francisco.

Judge W. W. Stalwart wrote to The Bee to say that a new civic league had come into existence in the body of the Federation of Omaha Improvement club that was destined to work wonders in the beautification and material improvement of this city. He appealed in behalf of the federation for the aid and co-operation of every citizen who loved his town.

Colonel W. F. Cody called at the First National bank and deposited \$200 with his friend, F. H. Davis, as a contribution to the Auditorium building fund. As a matter of formality B. H. Barrows notified the Treasury department at Washington that Supervising Architect C. W. Mardock, had formally turned over to him as custodian the care and keeping of Uncle Sam's official residence in Omaha, otherwise the federal building, and that he proposed to keep it in the proper fashion.

People and Events

Even in the "Sunny South" the high cost of living is causing some unhappiness. A Mississippiian is being sued for \$17,000 for stealing a hie.

David Moore of Cary, Me., who died recently at the age of 84 years, was never married, but educated eighteen orphans, all of whom are at the present time valuable citizens.

Two out of three women candidates for the city council in Chicago have been endorsed by the Municipal Voters' league. Quite a high percentage for an organization of men.

Leo Gilleran, a boy in Auburn, N. Y., had an eye tooth extracted and shortly afterward found returning to him the sight of one eye, which he lost some time ago, without any apparent cause.

Twice Told Tales

A Mean Trick.

Two lawyers, one a veteran and the other a novice, were arguing a case before a judge renowned for his incorruptibility. The novice, however, was unaware of this. Taking the veteran, his opponent, aside before the case went on, he said:

"Don't you think it would be a good move for me to send a box of cigars to the judge, with my card in it?"

"The other fellow up his hands in horror. 'Man, your case would be as good as lost!' he exclaimed. 'That judge prides himself on his honesty above all else, and he'd decide against you, no matter what the evidence was, simply to teach you not to try bribery with him.'"

"Oh, I guess it'll be all right if I send the cigars," insisted the novice. "The other, too disgusted to give him any further good advice, left him to his fate."

The case was tried and decided by the judge in favor of the novice. The latter, much elated, buttonholed his veteran opponent as he was leaving the court room.

"Well, I sent the cigars to the judge," he announced triumphantly.

"You did, did you?" said the other, incredulously. "I'm simply amazed that you decided in your favor."

"Oh, I put your card in the box!" went on the novice.—Washington Star.

His Trusty Sword.

Brown, an elderly gentleman, was entertaining some friends one night, and during the evening some of the guests paused to admire a particular room where arms of various kinds decorated the walls.

Among the arms was a sword that attracted considerable attention, and one or two of the guests asked that it be taken down for closer inspection. The host, of course, complied.

"Speaking of this sword," said Brown, as he tenderly took the carving tool from the wall, "never will I forget the day I drew it the first time."

"I thought that blade had a history," remarked a guest, eagerly. "Where did you draw it, Mr. Brown?"

"At a 25-cent raffle," was the happy rejoinder of Mr. Brown.—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

The Next Rehearse.

The girl was attempting to dance with a fat man at a tango tea. The fat man was a great bungler, and he knew it. He gasped, as they hobbled about to the strains of "Every Little Movement."

"It's awfully kind of you to dance with me—me, the worst dancer in the room!"

"Then he trod on her foot for the sixth time, and the girl replied: "Oh, but can you say so? Why, you hardly seem to touch the floor."—Chatanooga Times.

Editorial Viewpoint

Kansas City Times: The editor of that Mexican paper ought to have known better than to go up against a man named O'Shaughnessy.

Chicago Inter Ocean: Notwithstanding the little rumpus over the immigration bill we confidently expect to see congress continue to eat out of President Wilson's hand.

Washington Post: We learn with regret from cannibal headquarters in the Andes that another American exploring party has permanently penetrated the dark interior.

Chicago Record-Herald: Revolutionary Villa proposes to murder people until he forces the United States to intervene in Mexico. Intervention should begin with the hanging of Villa.

Baltimore American: The Postoffice department will carry no more babies by parcel post. That infant industry of the new process ceased with the first experiment, probably too much of a howling success.

Brooklyn Eagle: German newspapers say their empire will not take its peace ideals from the United States. We will not take our war ideals from Germany. So honors are easy and the self-respect of two great nations is maintained.

Philadelphia Ledger: Strange as it may seem, the Panama canal was not built solely for the purpose of putting the transcontinental railways out of business. They, in fact, are worth more than the canal both in money and in service. The question of tolls will not make very much difference one way or the other, but demagoguery is seen on the pinnacle when it puts forth as a reason for the exemption the theory that this would enable the nation to punish the railroads severely.

Hammer Taps

Nearly all of the trouble in this world is started by people who imagine they are doing good.

Anyway, a woman doesn't spend much more time in front of a glass than a man spends behind it.

Woman has it all over man. She never looks warm in summer and she never looks cold in winter.

A fat woman likes to wear a straight front because it feels so good to scratch the welts when she takes it off.

The world is full of queer people, including the man who will spend \$4 to get a 50-cent pass to a show.

The Bee's Letter Box

As to Girl Shoe Shiners.

OMAHA, Feb. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: We take great pleasure in thanking Mr. McIntosh for his boost to the trust busters of the Twentieth Century shoe shining parlor. But we wish to correct his sentences about the girls being too proud to wash dishes. It isn't that; it is only to show the public that they are not too proud to get their hands dirty. The Greeks and colored men are stepping in and taking the girls' places, and then they go in as waiters. Why should we not shine shoes? At least we would be making an honest living, and I think Omaha should be proud of such girls. Well, we are not going to get discouraged and quit. We are going to trust or bust, and win in the end.

ONE OF THE TRUST BUSTERS.

Mexico, Feb. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is now apparent that President Wilson's Mexican policy of "watchful waiting" is a failure, and that his refusal to put himself in accord with the other leading nations in recognizing Huerta's government was a mistake. Huerta appears to be made of the right kind of stuff to make a dictator and tyrant, and such a government seems to be the only prospect for Mexico in its present condition. Mexico has been in a state of chronic revolution since its independence from Spain, with the exception of the administration of the dictator, Diaz. Diaz knew Mexico and that kind of a government was practicable. During his regime the country made great progress in civilization and economic development. Foreign capital came in to build railroads, to open mines, to develop agriculture, to stock raising, etc. To be sure he ruled with an iron hand, but he made Mexico prosperous. Of course a benevolent dictator, and a soft glove on the iron hand would be preferable. Time has demonstrated that Mexico is not yet capable of self-government. Huerta came into power by the revolutionary route; so did Diaz, and under circumstances but little less reprehensible. There is nothing of the soft glove about Huerta, but the "raw one" is better than anarchy. It appears that Mexico must submit to one of two evils, to tyranny or to anarchy, and history proves that tyranny is the lesser.

Says Omaha Gets the Worst of It.

SIENANDOOAL, Ia., Feb. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: I note an advertisement in your paper calling attention to the new "low" express rates. We shippers into Iowa territory immediately tributary to Omaha are somewhat touched by the immense "reductions" in rates.

Before February 2, 100 pounds of food products (second class matter), could be expressed over here for 40 cents. The new "low" rate is 65 cents, or an increase of almost 50 per cent.

Towns within forty miles or less of Omaha pay this higher rate, while St. Joseph, from two to three times as far, can ship to the same towns at the same rate.

Several merchants have informed me that they have cut Omaha houses off their trading list because of this raise.

Surely this is a matter of enough import to Omaha business men to demand their attention. S. A. L.

Why an Army and Navy.

BRADSHAW, Neb., Feb. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: We have for some time been wondering what use our costly navy and army have been to our country since the Wilson administration set in, and even before. For the last two years this country has suffered at the hands of the Jingo government of Mexico, all kinds of bluffs, bluster and even downright threats. Yet the president of this glorious America, with his proud army and navy, says: "Sch, sch, wait; there's a hen on," and this do-nothing kind of policy toward the mixup in Mexico has been held out so long that Huerta, the so-called federal dictator, and Villa, the rebel usurper, have become so bold that they make no bones in telling this government to go to now, and they will follow out their custom of executing whomsoever they choose that may happen to fall into their hands. And again we ask, what have we an army and navy for, anyhow? JOHN B. DEY.

Lincoln and Spiritualism.

OMAHA, Feb. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee:—The Bee the other day had a short notice of Dr. Eddy's "stunts," in which is the following:

"Perhaps the most remarkable bit of work was the movement of a table about the stage and the motion of the table was not retarded even when two of the men of the four from the audience, who were to view the work, showed their range, presumably to find fraud) climbed to the top of the bulky affair."

I quote this particular part of the item because it reminds me of some things in connection with President Abraham Lincoln, of whom so much has been written in regard to his being inspired during the late civil war.

There are several millions of spiritualists in this country who understand how Lincoln was inspired, but those who know nothing of the phenomena of spiritism know not the source of the inspiration. A book entitled, "Was Abraham Lincoln a Spiritualist?" would interest every one interested in Abraham Lincoln. The author was, at the time of the civil war, a girl in her teens, who had occasion to go to Washington to see about getting a brother home who was ill in the south, a union soldier. This girl, Nettie Colby by name, was a medium and held seances in Washington and nearby points, which were attended by Lincoln, his wife and several officials of prominence, and advisers of Lincoln.

The special incident recalled by the article in The Bee occurred at a seance where there was a "physical" medium, that is, one for whom heavy articles of furniture, etc., are moved without visible force. This medium was playing the piano and the piano would be lifted up and down, keeping time to the music. Lincoln said that he believed he could hold the piano down by sitting on top of it, and climbed onto it. But the piano did such stunts that he was glad to get off.

One of the prominent men who had accompanied Lincoln, said to him: "What shall I tell," mentioning another prominent person, whose name I do not remember, "when I see him."

This man was presumably a skeptic, for Lincoln replied:

"Tell him that if he will come here and put his foot under this piano that I think he will be convinced by the weight of evidence brought to bear upon his understanding."

Many other seances are described in which Lincoln participated.

But all these transactions were kept secret for fear that if they became pub-

SMILING REMARKS.

"When little Chawville Brown's spout coast says he paid \$40 for it. Chawville's extravagance is getting worse and worse."

"It should be checked." "It was paid,"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A stinky chap died, and his claim, also stinky, was becoming him. "We were very close friends," said he. "Yes, I know you were," said a bystander, who had known them both well. —National Monthly.

Sunday School Teacher—When the prodigal son returned, why did his father order the fattest calf to be killed? Muddled Youth—Because, miss, all the pigs had run down into the sea and got drowned.—Boston Transcript.

"Is the doctor taking the proper interest in your case?" "I think he's doing his best. I told him there was nobody to pay him unless I got well."—Louisville Courier Journal.

"Is that man going to abolish graft?" "I don't think so," replied Senator Sorghum. "My impression is that he will do away with certain old-fashioned forms of graft and create something modern." —Washington Star.

PEGASUS MOUNTS A CAR.

Chicago Record-Herald. Pegasus was speaking, and Peg was saying: "I'm off of this stuff; I've winged you and hither for ages and more."

And intentions were speedy enough. But men have invaded my airy domain and chased me all over the place—so hook this, be gone, no more winglets for me. I'll grab off a car in their place.

"Henceforth when I saunter a stanza or two I'll jump in my automobile and some of those epic and gushy goo-goo I'll dream to the pulsing of steel. No more will I flutter on wings soft and white. 'Neath the cold steady stare of you star. For, wings soft and white, I have kissed you Good Night! It's me for a big auto car. Ha! Ha! A new '14 model gas-car."

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