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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me
this lat day of April, 1914.
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Just a trifle early yet for the first killing of the coming peach crop.

Colonel Goethals is now monarch of all he surveys, and he is some surveyor.

Which reminds us, that Platte river power canal has not been built again for a long time.

Fifty dollars is a reasonably light fine for a man who goes out poisoning his neighbors'

Candidates' filings are coming in fast for this early season of the year. The more the

The president need not tell us we want no trouble with Great Britain. Actions speak louder than words.

If democrats are not ungrateful, at least an effort will be made to find something for "Met" that is "just as good."

It begins to appear as if we might have to submit to arbitration the question whether Torreon was taken or not.

"Stand by the administration," exclaims Richard Oiney. It needs support now, but will be in greater need later.

Try work as a preventive of spring fever.-Balti-Aw, stop your tick-eling, Joe.

No politics whatever in the location of those regional banks-no more than in the management of our Omaha water plant

Congressman Mann tells us that "war is inevitable," which is a rather mild reduction downward from the Sherman definition.

If the location of those regional banks was not playing politica, it would be interesting to have the democratic idea of what playing poli-

Whether Nebraska participates or not, several of our distinguished citizens will have had an enjoyable trip to San Francisco at the expense of the exposition authorities.

Says Boss Murphy to Governor Glynn; "Whose 'ittle governor is you, now?" Says Governor Glynn to Boss Murphy: "I's 'ouse 'ittle governor, that's whose 'ittle governor I is."

Most of the blindness with which people are afflicted is pronounced by experts to be preventable or curable. Here's a field of usefulness for medical science whose benefits may be shared by the whole of humanity.

The competition for the new state reformatory, for which the last Nebraska legislature made an appropriation, is not as keen as was expected. The average live town is doubtful whether a reformatory is an asset or a liability.

A Kansas City judge rebuked curious spectators and told a lawyer for the defense he would not accede to his request to make the witness, a young woman, telling a humiliating tale of brutal assault, "speak louder." Good for the judge and better had he driven the curious crowd out of the court room.



Congregational church the subject, "Benefit to come from the riot at Cincinnati." He tried to draw a parallel between conditions there and in Omaha with reference to the lax enforcement of the law and the earlis of the jury avatem.

The Jewish synagogue of this city has bought two lots on Twenty-third and Harney, where they will build a beautiful temple of worship, for which an architect is now drawing plans.

Dr. George B. Ayres will fill the chair of clinical surgery at the Osusha Medical college from which Mercer has resigned. The German theater company entertained its

patrone with a performance of "The Queen of Laces." The river has been rising slowly, going up almost six inches. The bottoms on this side north of the bridge to the foot of Douglas street are almost inundated, and people are moving out of their houses

Judge John R. Forter, one of Omaha's pioneers. now of southern California, is here for a month's visit with relatives and friends

Mrs. Wilson, wife of General Thomas Wilson, and her daughters, the Misses Henrietta and Margaret on, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Switzler. Mr. Nathan Ronewater of Cleveland, recently mar-ried in that city, is with his bride guests of his brother, City Engineer Andrew Rosewater, Eight years ago he was the classmate of Norman A. Kuhn at the Pharmacentical college, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Dawes, wife of Governor Dawes, to the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Woodman.

That Friendly Feeling.

The Lincoln Star reads a biting curtainlecture to the insurgent Modern Woodmen who in their Omaha meeting resolved that the head consul should have his headquarters and office at the headquarters of the society. This, the Star tells us, is an unneighborly poke at Lincoln, having reference to the fact that the head consul has maintained offices in that city instead of Rock Island, and the action is halled as a flagrant exhibition of Omaha antmus.

It just happens that the very same issue of the Star blazons on the gront page the comment of Lincoln bankers upon the award to Kansas City of the regional bank for this district. Says one bank president:

It was practically decided by the bankers that if Lincoln was not fortunate enough in securing the

bank, Chicago was preferred. And two other bank presidents echo this sentiment, although a fourth is magnanimous enough to declare:

Lincoln honestly wanted Omaha to have the bank if it could not get it itself.

The fact, however, is not disguised that the demand of Lincoln for the reserve bank, although in no way justified by its banking strength or commercial importance, and the refusal of Lincoln to pull with Omaha, must have helped Kansas City to land the prize. Why any one in Lincoln should prefer Chicago or Kansas City over Omaha for the regional bank is explainable only on the score of narrow-minded

Recalling that in union there is strength, we submit that Omaha and Lincoln will have to sink petty differences and pull together for their common interests better than they have been doing.

Conservation of Perquisites.

As a matter of news, the report of the house's refusal to cut down mileage allowances for members from 20 cents a mile to the actual expenses has no value, whatever. It is exactly what has been done every time the question has come up. The surprising thing is that it recurs.

Congressmen may become ever so earnest and eloquent in pleading for reform and retrenchment; they may talk themselves black in the face and out of breath about saving the people's money, but they never so completely lose sight of the main chance as to cut in on their own personal perquisites. It would not be so noticeable if many members of congress did not make such a play to the galleries of their zeal to conserve the public exchequer. When they deliberately refuse, without offering any good reason, to hew to the line of simple reimbursement in the matter of their own travel pay, they invite public criticism and impugn their own sincerity.

Autoists' Safety First Rules.

A splendid set of rules in the form of a catechism has been promulgated by the motorists in behalf of the "safety first" crusade. They are addressed primarily to children as instruction in the prevention of accidents and are altogether worthy and commendable. Here, for instance, is question No. 1:

Before crossing a street, what would you do? Answer-Look both ways to see whether street ars, automobiles or wagons are coming and avoid them, then cross the street quickly,

Good. So also are the rest of the instrutions. But no matter how well the children heed them, casualties are inevitable without equal diligence on the part of the autoist and others using the streets. We fancy that, while children will be children, they are, considering their own natural fear of danger and the precaution they receive at home, about as careful as some of the others.

Getting down to the facts, let all who drive machines observe the road rules rigidly, especially those against speeding, and thus cooperate with the children in the "safety first" campaign. So long as these rules are utterly ignored by so many on some of the main thoroughfares, where autos are most numerous, so long will all our other efforts at safety first in this respect count for little.

Georgia's Egregious Blunder.

The appointment of W. S. West as United States senator to fill out the unexpired term of the late Augustus O. Bacon is an unpardonable blunder. We get this straight from Norman Hapgood, original feminist and monitor of men and morals. Says Hapgood's weekly: There could hardly have been chosen a more

egregious reactionary or one so little likely to reflect

But what boots it for the people of Georgia to lament now, when they might have had the light before instead of after by going to the source of light for it? How did it happen anyway, that Governor Slaton, responsible to the people of his state, deliberately picked out the most unworthy man he could find to foist upon the fair commonwealth, the "Empire State of the South?" The Light tells us:

Governor John M. Slaton regarded his ambition and not his fame.

That is, the governor has hopes of becoming senator, himself, at the next election, and, being an astute man of affairs, concluded not to put the least possible barrier in his own way in naming a man for the unexpired term. Not a very new trick, nor even a very shrewd one, in this case, if all that Mr. Hapgood says is true. If the new senator is the most egregious reactionary and the people of Georgia do not desire that sort of a man, it goes without saying that they will be apt to hold the governor responsible and show their resentment of his scheme to elevate himself.

There is this possibility also, that the governor and people of Georgia know pretty near as much about their own domestic affairs as any long-distance adviser of all the country.

Why pretend to ignor the fact that Kansas City's pull in landing the reserve bank came from a deal made, while the currency bill was up, between the administration and the democratic senator who has his home there. It is not reasonable to suppose that Senator Reed did his flop without assurances.

The official canvass for the South Dakota primary shows over 45,000 votes cast for the nation. The total vote polled in the republican column in South Dakota in the last presidential election was only 58,811. There is food for thought in these figures.

Secretary Bryan's carriage footmen are to be disturbed by cutting off the appropriation. Mr. Bryan always had footmen attending him when driving about Lincoln-in fact, when at home he, himself, foots it most of the time.

Let Her Answer for Herself. LINCOLN, Neb. April 1 .- To the Edito f The Bee: I was reading your valued paper today and was much impressed with a letter headed: "Experience of a

Working Woman," signed "J. H. O." I like her style of writing and I wish you would kindly either send her this letter or ask her to send me her permanent address. I am preparing a book on the subject she writes about. WALTER M. WALMON

P. O. Box 1977.

Policy of the Federation. OMAHA, April 4.- To the Editor of The Bee: The Bee of last Friday, April 2, in reporting the proceedings of the Federation of Improvement Clubs, says: Mr. R. J. Sutton made a resolution that the activity of Mr. Kugel be com-mended and the actions of the other commissioners in recent cases prosecuted by

The resolution was passed. Will you kindly correct the above statement, for there was no such resolution either offered or passed by the federation? A motion was made, after Mr. Kugei had finished speaking, thanking him for his address and commending his

The federation, by resolution adopted February 5, had gone on record favorable to the enforcement of the laws. This organization has no desire to either interfere with, comment upon or take any part in the judicial matters brought before the city commission in their judicial capacity, and will never do so, And we believe that the entire commission are interested in, and enforcing the laws, so far as their powers enable them to do so. Otherwise Mr. Kugel would never have been put in the position that enables him to enforce the laws. And we understand that the 'law-enforcing power" of either a city, state or government, or nation, especially in countries under constitutional government, is in the "executive" department and not the

THE FEDERATION OF IMPROVE-MENT CLUBS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY

By F. W. FITCH, President. CHARLES A. JOHNSON, Vice Presi-

H. C. TIMME, Secretary. No Polities in It. OMAHA, April 5 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Omaha is the home of a senator at outs with the administration. Omaha gets no regional bank.

tariff measure. New Orleans gets no regional bank. Richmond is the home city of a member of the locating committee. Richmond

Both Louislana senators fought the new

gets a regional bank. orgin is the native state of Secretary McAdoo and soon-to-be son-in-law. Atlants gets a regional bank. Missouri is the home state of the third member of the locating committee, Secre-

tary Houston. Missour! gets two regional Politica? Perish the thought! WILL B. HURD.

Political Meetings in the Schools. OMAHA, April 4. - To the Editor of The Bee: There has been siderable newspaper comment week regarding alleged political meetings being held in the public schools. Briefly, I wish to make a statement for the benefit of those who think the future use of the schools is in jeopardy because an official addressing a non-political club on municipal ownership, favorably mentioned the names of two legislators, who, he said, worked for the interests of Omaha as against the interests of a private corporation. In so doing, he does not make a political speeh, nor has anyone the right to say the meeting was a political meeting.

The Board of Education has plainly defined political meetings as political railies, the gathering of people in the schools for the purpose of endorsing a party, its methods or candidates. This, I believe, should not be tolerated at the present time. There are few questions in which the people are vitally interested that are not, more or less, of a quasi political nature and any individual, newspaper or body of men who is opposed to the free and open discussion, under proper supervision, of these questions, go on record as against one of the basis principles of

our democratic form of government. We feel this cannot rightfully be said of the members of our school board, for they have shown themselves to be progressive and have offered much encouragement to those who are working for broader use of the school plant. There is a provision in our club constitution that provides against the endorsement of any party or candidate and there has been a gathering in Monmouth Park school that has even assumed the nature of a political meeting. The opposition to the open school calls to our minds the individuals, whom the Master spoke of, as straining at a gnat, but who would awallow a camel.

Theordore Roosevelt urged "the logical procedure or shifting the polling places into the school houses and then making them the deliberative as well as voting headquarters of district political organinstions, the senate chamber of the peo-

The time is not far distant when we shall realize this great advantage, and through it, shall be established the sovereignty of the people, which, can only come through co-operation.

E. D. BLACK.

Nebraska Editors

Ben Brewster, proprietor of the Chadron Chronicie, is installing an intertype ma-

D. J. Taylor has purchased the Blaine Booster from J. Warren Gardner. His son. Maurice Taylor, will be editor and manager of the paper.

Editor F. P. Compton of the Greeley Citizen died at his home in Greeley last week after an illness of a week. body was taken to Waverley, Ia., for in-

O. H. Tompkins, formerly of the Wahoo Democrat, has purchased on interest in the Grand Island Free Press and will begin the issue of a dally edition within

The industrial edition of the E T. Westervelt's Scott's Biuff Republican consists of twenty-four well printed pages and gives a graphic description of the transformation of dry prairie lands to a productive garden in a decade. It is beautifully illustrated with pictures of farm scenes, town residences, business houses and portraits of prominent men and women.

Building and Loan Societies

Signed Article by George F. Gilmore, President Conservative Savings and Loan Association.

The most pronounced success in the history co-operation in the United States is the building and loan association movement. Beginning seventy years ago, in the crudest prossible way, simply by a few neighbors gathering together usually once a week, and contributing their little savings to a common fund to be used in building a home in turn for each one contributing to the fund, there has grown today a tremendous volume of building and loan association business, aggregating better than \$1,250,000,000 contributed to, and owned by 2,500,000 people. Throughout all this splendid growth the idea has prevailed and still prevalls that these are the people's organizations, designed to aid and encourage thrift and home-owning. And while they are not in most cases the small neighborhood organisations they formerly were, yet their affairs are still managed by the people them-

While the plans of these various associations differ greatly in the different states of the union, the basic principles are the same, and they are doing more today for the solid upbuilding of our cities, and to some extent, of our farming districts, than any

other similar agency.

In Nebraska there are at this time seventy of these organizations, with 75,000 members and \$35,000,000 of resources. They are all under the supervision of the state banking board at Lincoln, by whose experts they are examined and to which they report on call. Since January 1, 1896, the first fairly normal business year after the 1893 panic, to June 30. 1913, these associations assisted in the erection of 21,683 buildings in this state, practically all homes, and they also assisted in that time in the purchase of 30,000 homes already built.

Had not these institutions existed in our state during these years, the possibilities are that not more than one-half this number of homes would or could have been built and owned by the occupants, for the reason that there was no organization other than these ready or able to furnish so large an amount of the cost of these properties,

The funds thus brought together are not those of people of wealth, but are the combined savings of tens of thousands of people. Nor have these funds. as a rule, been drawn out of banks or trust companies to the detriment of commercial business. On the other hand, the greater part of these funds represents the increment of thrift, the by-product of economy and careful living; and through the medium of co-operation furnished by these associations, it has been gathered together and put actively to work in assisting in the development of a better American citizenship by assisting people to secure homes of their own. What it means to our commonwealth in the way of a better, more intelligent, more independent citizenship, cannot be reckoned in figures

In Omaha there are eight building associations, with \$20,000,000 of resources, practically every dollar of which is helping men and women to secure homes of their own, free of debt. From June 39, 1899, to June 30, 1913, these associations assisted in the erec tion of 6,728 new buildings, mainly homes, in Greater Omaha. The average cost of these homes has been \$2,000, so that outside of furnishing good homes for our people, the splendid sum of \$13,600,600 has been added to the wealth and visible taxing value of our city and county. This thing could not have been accomplished without these institutions, as there was no agency in existence in Omaha able to gather these funds together and to loan a sufficiently large sum to each individual to enable him to secure his home And while money on deposit in banks and trust companies, or hidden away in safety deposit vaults, is not always turned in for taxation, yet this money thus put to work in the creation of new values in our city by the erection of new homes, has very materially increased our taxable property in a way that brings in a sure revenue each year hereafter.

A movement is now on for extending the great benefits of these associations to the farmers of the United States by enabling and assisting them either to organise such institutions for themselves, or by monthly loan-payments and by way of a lower interest rate, to join the associations now in existence for the purpose of securing needed funds therefrom This idea is already worked out in a practical way in Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin, where farmers are able to borrow at the market rate for money of that kind, the morgages securing same being amortized on a twenty to twenty-five-year basis, where that is desired, with the right to repay all or part of principal practically at any time without notice. This is bringing the farmer cheaper money, since it does away with the matter of commissions charged for making or renewing loans, and enables him to carry the loan a long series of years without additional expense or to pay the same off whenever to his con-

No line of financial activity has ever been more honestly managed than the business of these associations. Defaications and failures are practically unknown; and as the home is the best type of security that can be given for money (as a home-owner usually sacrifices all else before he gives up the home), there has therefore been but the minimum of loss due to poor security.

The development of these associations in Omaha has been such as to enlist the interest of people throughout the United States.

Omaha owes its spiendid growth of the last fifteen years to these associations, and has today the largest association in the country. The reason for this local growth has been due largely to the fact that since the "93" panic there have been no savings banks as such in the city, and as the people of any thrifty, enterprising community are so constituted that they will save money, these associations have taken the place of the ordinary savings bank and have been able to attract to their treasuries the funds of tens of thousands of people in and out of Omaha, because of the pliability of their plan of operation, the safety with which they are operated and the rate of dividend which they have been able

The strength of these associations locally was never so well-tried as following the tornado of a year ago, when not only did they not lose a dollar for the reason that through their foresight in carrying blanket tornado policies covering all of their properties, they were fully protected, but they began loaning money the following day to rebuild the stricken part of the city. Aside from their financial resources, the unmeasured strength of all these associations is due to the fact that no one can do business with them either as savers or borrowers except they first become members of the association. This insures their operation on the co-operative plan for the benefit of all people who see fit to do

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Twice Told Tales

Sceing Red.

Herr Straus, the famous composer, has very decided views on harmony, whether relating to music or to color, and one day his artistic temperament was shocked by the sight of a brilliant red tie worn by one of the orchestra. He ordered the offending object to be removed at once, but the musician refused, and Herr Straus distnissed him. The man complained to his society, and all the other musicians were called out on strike, but Herr Straus was so determined that the strike collapsed and the offending musician consented to appear without a red tie.

It was Herr Straus who told the story of the man who remarked that he came from a very large family. "How many are there of you?" he was asked, "Well, there were ten of us boys." he said, "and

each of us had a sister." "fined gracious!" exclaimed the other. "Then there wers twenty of you?" "No," said the boastful mun, "eleven!"-New York THESE GIRLS OF OURS.

Wife-You are forever criticising. cording to you, I have never shown a particle of taste in anything I ever did. Husband—In anything? I deny that! Wife—Oh, I know you think I showed great taste in selecting a husband.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"How can you tell when a woman is only shopping?"
"When they intend to buy they ask to see something cheaper. When they're shopping they ask if you haven't something more expensive instock."—Louisville Couries-Journal.

Mrs. Grammercy—Do you think she's bringing up her daughter right?

Mrs. Park—Indeed, she is, my dear!
She gave the little thing a stuffed buildog to play with instead of a doll.—Judge.

"Nora, aren't you ashamed to have worn my hat out?"
"Indeed, I am, ma'am. Why, I never dreamed it was last year's style till my friend. Miss Jones, told me:"—Leslie's Weekly.

He (in their new home)—Do you know, I can hardly believe that we are really and truly married.

She Glance over these bills ,dear, and you'll have no doubt whatever.—Boston

"Mother, why do they play some of the music so slow and the other so loud?"
"So that the people who are hard of hearing can get their money's worth"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mrs. Kawler-So you've a grown-up son in New York. Is he doing well there?
Mrs. Hlunderby-My boy is doing splendid. He's working in the office of an artichoke, a man who draws houses, you know.—Boston Transcript.

"Well, this is the time of the year when a young man's fancy lightly turns to "It isn't that way with a girl. This is the season when her fancy is turning to clothes that make her look a little more

ridiculous than she has looked before. Chicago Record-Herald. Howard-A fool and his money are soon

Mrs. Howard (clapping her hands)—Oh, John't How much are you gaing to give me? "In your automobiling, are you running under your first estimate of expenses?"
"I would be, if I could only keep from running over people."—Baltimore American

Algy's Mother—I suppose yer gettin' a good fee, sir, fer atendin' to the rich smith boy?

Doctor—Well, yes, I get a pretty good fee, but why are you asking?

Algy's Mother—Well, I 'ope yer won't forget that my little Algy threw the brick that 'it 'im.—London Opinion.

THE MERCENARY SEX.

'Twas ever thus, from childhood's hour I've seen my fondest hopes decay!" never loved a maiden fair, But she would frown and turn away.

ometimes it was my Roman nose; Sometimes it was my common assee, But almost always, heaven knows! It was my lack of dimes and cents.

Suppose a man can't buy a car, A yacht, or wine or Easter hat, A mansion, eggs or choice cigar, A man's a man for all o' that.

His heart with love of home is filled
As full as it will ever hold;
A maiden's heart is filled with love,
But—only for a purse of gold.

So one more dream has passed away,
As all the others did before;
Though, if a maid should change her
mind, Here's David at his cottage door.

Since maids can change their mind at Why then bemoan your single state; You'd find a bowl of mush and milk The sweetest thing you ever ate. Omaha. DAVID.



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