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APRIL CIRCULATION 58,448. State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss. Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that average daily circulation for the month of April, 1914, was 58,448.

Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested. This is the season for straw hats. Also for hats in the ring.

If anyone wants to "tell it all," well, by all means let him tell it. Now watch our Commercial club auto excursionists hit the road.

When that School board lid comes entirely off we shall see what we shall see. The cheapest publicity on the market is that bought with the office-seeking filing fee.

"What is the best way to kill dandelions?" asks a reader. Has a way been discovered? Just how the latest "news from home" affects the Hon. Lobeck is a matter of conjecture.

The man who says, "Come on," may be depended on to lead more than the other man who says, "Go on." It's a tongue-twisting title, "Nebraska Panama-Pacific Dollar Day," but if it does the work no one will complain.

Note that Tennessee's democratic candidate for governor, Colonel Rye, has come out against old John Barleycorn. "The statesman who hesitates is lost," says the New York Sun. How about those who do not pretend to be statesmen?

Not every man can found an Ananias club, for not every man has the sufficiently necessary wide acquaintance with eligibles. "I have no vote and I'll raise hell over this country," shouts "Mother" Jones. What effect would the ballot have on her?

Man Who Sacrificed Title and Position for Love is Dead—Headlines. Let us hope, through that was not what killed him. Nebraska is to have two members of the federal reserve bank board. Still, Missouri is way ahead, with two reserve banks in that one state.

"Delayed in his visits to the public schools by the rain." Oh, tell it to the marines. Who ever heard of a newsboy being scared out by the rain? The president and those with their all tied up in business may not wholly agree that the only occasion for uneasiness as to the government's policy is psychological.



The Madison Square Theater company presented "The Raah" at Boyd's. The cast included H. M. Pitt, E. M. Holland, Marie Burroughs and Marion Kimmor. Contractor Kyner is putting the last touches to the grading for the new state yards southwest of the city.

The funeral of the late John B. McCormick was held from his residence, corner Thirteenth and Dodge, with Rev. John Williams conducting the services. Samuel Burns, W. A. Sharp, R. C. Jordan, Joseph Barker, Dr. Miller, E. B. Chandler, Judge Lake and Herman Mouton acted as pallbearers.

Pointing the Direction.

Although publicly proclaiming that no honor would be more gratifying to him than to be permitted to serve as Nebraska's chief executive, Richard L. Metcalf, of here and Panama, has been spying out the land for a week or more without so far indicating any move on his part to get into the gubernatorial race on his side of the political fence.

Of course, the self-exclusion of Governor Metcalf from the primary heat may be explainable in more ways than one. It may be that the lay-out of the colors for the democratic nomination handicap does not look good to him and that he does not wish to become embroiled by weighing in against former friends and associates.

Looking at it from either viewpoint, the political rainbow seems to be veering distinctly away from the democratic camp and to be heading in the direction of a reunited republican phalanx in Nebraska, as well as in Iowa, South Dakota and other neighboring mid-west states.

Those who believe the United States has no right to exempt its coastwise vessels from tolls in the Panama canal, because, as they contend, no such provision was intended by Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote under the equal nation clause in the treaty, should be interested in observing the comment of Dr. David Jayne Hill on that point.

In the Review of Reviews Dr. Hill makes very plain the fact that no such interpretation of the treaty as the present administration places upon it was ever contemplated by either Hay or the British ambassador, Pauncefote. He also makes clear that if the United States were included under this clause on the same footing with all other nations, then not only must the canal be free and open to all ships of commerce alike, but also to all ships of war, those of other nations the same as ours.

The question is one of sovereignty, of our supremacy over a canal bought, built and paid for solely by our government and to be maintained at the expense of none other but our government. To say that we have no more rights in the canal and the canal zone than any other nation that happens to ply a ship there is to deny the basic principle of American sovereignty.

As "Hay's right-hand man" in the making of this treaty, Dr. Hill's right to speak of the intentions and motives of Secretary Hay will not be questioned. What he says, therefore, should carry weight with the senate before it votes away any of our sovereign rights. But a treaty is a law and a law is subject to amendment or repeal.

That Macedonian Cry. Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma have called on the secretary of labor at Washington for assistance in securing \$2,000 wheat harvest bands for three to six weeks' work at from \$2 to \$3.50 a day, which offers another interesting object lesson in the matter of employment and the unemployed.

But what will the answer be to this Macedonian call? Will the millionaires come across to help us out? The lines of idle men have stretched too far of late for the comfort and peace of mind of those with the common good at heart. Let us see now what will be the result of this clarion call for many more than 82,000 men. Truly, the harvest is promising. How about the workers? Perhaps some of those Colorado mine strikers might find a few profitable weeks of work in the fields.

This lull in the Mexican storm gives the secretary of state a little time in which to make a comparative survey of proposed chautauque contracts with a view of selecting the most promising. If you cannot see a person's faults with the naked eye, save yourself the trouble of taking a spy glass for them.

Merry Legal Briefs

A Mystery Solved. "Why does a man have to hire a lawyer for every little thing? Ain't the law plain?" "You don't understand. A good lawyer can take any law and prove that it doesn't mean what it says."

Hitting the Can. "My dear," called a wife to her judicial husband, who was in the next room, "what are you opening that can with?" "Why," said our legal light, "with the caspener—that did you suppose I was doing it with?" "Well," replied the better half, "judging from your remarks I thought you were opening it with prayer."

The Judge's Diamonds. A wizened-faced newboy climbed on a Geary street car the other evening and, working his way past the conductor, walked down the aisle yelling: "Las' edition! All about Judge Longran findin' the tray of diamonds!"

Putting It Up to the Judge. A colored woman was brought before a West Virginia magistrate charged with inhuman treatment of her child. Evidence was clear that she had severely beaten the youngster, who was in court to exhibit his marks and bruises.

Near the Finish. A distinguished lawyer and politician was traveling on the train when an Irishman came into the car with a big basket, bundle, etc., and sat down near him. When the conductor came around to collect fares, the woman paid her money, and the conductor passed by the lawyer without collecting anything.

Editorial Snapshots. New York World: The name of the Colonel's River of Doubt should now be changed to the River of Sure Things. St. Louis Globe Democrat: While the earthquake shock at Colon did not affect the canal locks it made many Americans tremble for the \$400,000,000 investment.

Chicago Tribune: Doubtless the Carnegie Foundation for international peace will set off against its painful discoveries in the Balkans the glorious fact, reported from London, that "the passing of the home rule bill has not resulted in the breaking of a single head in all Ireland."

Monte Shleida, assistant editor of the Eustis News, is a candidate for judge of Frontier county. I. M. Ward, editor of the Valentine Democrat, has been appointed postmaster at Valentine. M. E. Vandenburg, editor of the Ravens News, has filed for the republican nomination in Custer county.

L. B. Dundas, editor of the Naponee Herald, has been appointed rural mail carrier. He made his first trip June 1. The Indianola Reporter has been purchased by Ed Sushrou, one of Red Willow's county commissioners. James Pontius will be editor and manager under the new regime.

Glenn Howard of Hooper, Neb., has purchased the Ashland Gazette from F. L. Carroll. The change becomes effective June 1. Mr. Carroll bought the Gazette about three years ago from W. E. C. Becker. Last week's American Press published a paper head before the National Editorial association at Houston, Tex., by E. R. Purcell, publisher of the Custer County Chief, at Broken Bow. It discusses content methods as circulation boosters.

John H. Moist, who formerly owned a half interest in the Alliance Times, has purchased the Pioneer at Ida Grove, Ia., from Frank Clarkson, who has owned it for several years. Mr. Clarkson, who is well known to many Nebraska newspaper men, has suffered for many months from rheumatism and must seek a milder climate.

A Country of Contrasts

Education and Ignorance. "Perhaps nowhere else in the world is there a country so full of contrasts as Mexico," writes William Joseph Showalter to the National Geographic society at Washington. "With a university established before John Harvard, Elihu Yale or William and Mary were born, the masses of its people are hopelessly ignorant."

Remarkable Vegetation. "Mexico probably has a greater range of remarkable vegetation than any other country in the world." The parrot fruit tree produces an odd-shaped fruit, bearing a close resemblance to green parakeets. When the parakeet is frightened it makes a dash for the parrot tree, where it assumes a position which makes it look like the fruit itself.

Natural Resources, Native Skill. "Mexico produces one-third of the world's silver, a considerable percentage of its gold, one-ninth of its lead and one-twentieth of its copper. The country's mineral production, exclusive of iron, coal and petroleum, amounted to \$158,000,000 in 1910. The famous iron mountain at Durango is estimated to contain 600,000,000 tons of iron ore, which is worth seven times the value of all the gold and silver mined in Mexico in two centuries."

Twice Told Tales. A carpenter, sent to make some repairs in a private house, entered the apartment of the woman of the house with his apprentice and began to work. "Mary," the woman said to her maid, "see that my jewel case is locked up at once!"

Strong Competition. In Colorado, remember, the women vote as well as the men. In the fall of 1910 a man named Smith was running for sheriff against a man named Jones. One evening just before election Smith rode up to the barnyard of an old farmer. The farmer was milking a cow and was having difficulty with a lusty calf that continually tried to "butt in."

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LIVELY AND LIGHT.

"Oh, Johnnie, can't I ever teach you to put things away?" "But, mother, I'm practicing to be a salesman, not a stock clerk."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. Gibbs—Does your wife ever scold when you have been out late at the club? "Ehba—Never! She merely gets up at 4 o'clock the next morning and practices on the piano, and I daren't say a word."—Boston Transcript.

"Next we must go to Algiers." "I am tired out. Let's rest here in Naples for a few days. We can send our suit cases to Algiers and have labels pasted on."—Louisville Courier-Journal. Shoestore Proprietor—So Miss Jones on that last trip did not select for us a darning slipper of proper style? "But, mother, I'm selecting the slipper she did, she put her foot in it."—Baltimore American.

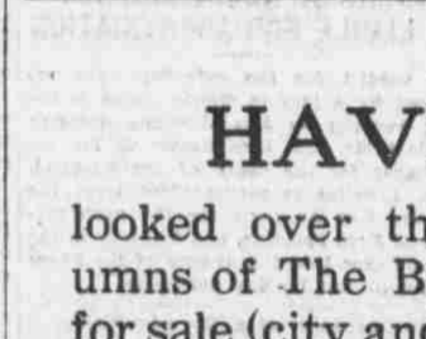
"Of course, I believe in mind over matter," said the eminent psychologist. "But I'm afraid we have a very difficult demonstration on hand." "What's the trouble?" "We have tried telepathy, hypnosis suggestion and absent treatment, and still we can't make that fellow down in Mexico resign."—Washington Star. "Why did you quarrel?" "She wanted me to hold her hand at a crowded reception." "Why didn't you?" "I was already holding a plate of salad in one fist and a cup of coffee in the other, with no earthly chance to set anything down."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"What is the greatest need of this country to-day?" yelled the militant suffragist orator from the soap box. "A fool killer who will stay on the job!" replied a mere man in the rear of the crowd.—Chicago Record-Herald. Miss Bute—Jack Timmid has asked me if he might call tonight. I think he wants to tell me he loves me. Her Friend—Oh, that goes without saying. Miss Bute—Yes, and I'm afraid he will, too.—Boston Transcript.

A BOY'S IDEA. Detroit Free Press. This world ain't being run the way it should be run, it seems to me; I wish that I could have my say. I'd fix things as they ought to be. I'd start by makin' all the kings Give up their thrones and earn their keep. I'd set the queens to doin' things Where life was hard and labor cheap. I'd make Caruso go to work. And give John D. a job somewhere As butcher's boy or grocer's clerk. And he would have small wages there; I'd try to have the parents trained. So they would do what they were told. The Wall street sharks would all be chained. Just out of reach of piles of gold. The Vanderbilts would walk the track Instead of livin' easy lives. And I would make them all go back And take up with their former wives; Gee, but I'd rip things up and down. I'd soon rob money of its charms. And all the folks who live in town Would have to go and run the farms. I'd stop the wars in every land And give the poor a chance to play; I'd make the armies all disband And end the navies right away. If I could have my say I'd be The greatest pitcher in the world. And not a better fakin' man. Would ever hit a ball I hurled.

Something About Government Ownership. No. 6. Considerable has been said about government ownership of telephones—about its efficiency and low cost of service. Every government owned telephone system considers the Bell System as a standard, uses the Bell operating methods and either uses Bell apparatus or copies it. Yet there is not another system in the world that gives an approximation to the facilities that the Bell System gives, or gives as good or as cheap service on the same basis of accounting, franchise conditions and wages paid. The reason is that there is no such a thing as economical government administration; that low cost of government operated utilities is, as a rule, due to lack of quality, or to the fact that deficits of operation are being supplied out of the public treasury.

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