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me, this 7th day of December, 1914.

ROBERT HUNTER, 1 stary Public.

Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Another paradox: Sinking a submarine.

Desk mottoes are too often just desk mot-

And what is more, it continues to be known as the Pacific ocean.

The pretty shop girl smiles prettiest on the man who shops earliest The disorganization of "Organized base ball"

is one of the paradoxes of the season.

All things human must have an ond, and to this rule there is no exception-not even war.

The agitation for moving up the clock hands does not seem to strike the public as particularly timely.

And the coroner's office is not the only payroll job that could be dispensed with without being seriously missed.

Republican federal brigade hold-overs don't care how long the democrats continue to quarrel about cutting up the pie.

Although the advice is to shop early, our merchants will still try to accommodate those who insist on shopping late.

The biggest argument in favor of Omaha's lining up for a Missourl river barge line is the absence of any argument against it.

Those lions that broke loose in a New York theater and created a panic showed very plainly they were not moving picture beasts.

A lone bandit robbing a bank and engaging in a gun fight with policemen on the streets of Cincinnati is another reminder that the "old west" is not entirely a thing of the past.

People who travel between Omaha and Dundee are entitled to a safe crossing over the railroad tracks, and it is up to the Missouri Pacific to provide it without further unnecessary delay.

Governor Goethals may be returning to spend Christmas with his children, but he is sure to make use of the occasion to drop a hint at headquarters about the necessary protection at

That escaped lion in New York, however, is nothing beside the whole menagerie that has broken loose in Europe-the Russian bear, the numerous or multi-headed French, German and Austrian eagles and the British lion,

The Wilson administration takes pains to make it known that it is not responsible for, nor behind, the so-called Hitchcock prohibition-ofarms-export bill. If proof were needed that the senator is not in close touch with the White house, the Nebraska patronage deadlock should be conclusive.

If Britannia with all her big navy cannot protect her little coast line from attack how many battleships would the United States need to patrol our water front? The whole competitive armament idea admits of no limits.

"Cole Blease," says the Washington Post, whose interviewer run across the fiery governor in Washington, "is provoked at the reports that he has emptied the penitentiary of South Carolins." Now, just for that he may go back and finish emptying it.



tional church gave its first entertainment in church pariors, presenting "A Christmas Festival, in which Fred Hainsworth impersonated Santa Claus and Miss Georgia Brunner Christmas. Others particinating were Miss Jennie Houcks, Miss Luiu Heroy lies Chase and the Misses Manse Taylor, Lila Tower and Emily Heroy. Baskets were presented to W. O. Taylor, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Mrs. C. E. Squires, chorister, the presentation speeches ng made by Mins Jessie Howard and Miss Blanche

A beautiful banner was on exhibition at Raymond's jewelry store, made by Mrs. Miles D. Houck, which is to be presented to ex-Senator Caldwell of Kansas on in arms with the eider Mr. Houck during the Mexican war.

Manager Boyd is trying to arrange with Mapleson for a night of Rallan opera some time in February, with Patti in the leading role. Miss Emms Payne of Nebraska City is the guest

ber slater, Mrs. Wilcox. Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Patrick and Mrs. Burdette nave gone to Worccater, Mass.

Latest Moves in the War Game.

The week that is closing has witnessed several real moves in the war game that was for the moment verging on the monotonous from which the Germans have a right to draw deep satisfaction and to feel re-inspirited for the next

The raid of the German naval scouts upon the British coast, and still more their successful eluding of pursuit after the exploit, will rank among the brilliant exploits of the war and is certainly making the British look to its resources for defense against invasion.

The Russian defeat or retreat in Poland, whichever way it may be viewed, adds additional prestige to German and Austrian arms. Some ardent advocates of the German cause profess to see in it a decisive battle that is to mark the growing ascendancy of 'he kaiser's armies and put the Russian wing of the allies' forces beyoud the possibility of recovery sufficient to be of further service for the offensive field. From this standpoint, the smashing of the Russian host will release the kaiser's seasoned veterans to be hurried back to the western arena, there to deliver the crushing blow upon the combined adversaries. Success in such an achievement, however, presupposes many favorable conditions depending on uncertain elements.

Without looking too far ahead, it is enough to survey the changes that have visibly taken place on the board. War is too hazardous a game to count on more than one or two moves in advance.

Where the Coroner Comes In.

As an echo of the German bombardment of British coast towns, comes this, another tribute to the indispensability of the high office of coroner, being the sapient verdict rendered at the inquest over the shell victims:

The deaths of eighty-five persons were due to combardment of twin boroughs by an enemy, who, under cover of a dense fog, fired shots and shell into the towns, killing many unarmed civilians.

If English coroners are like American coroners, the usual fee was taxed up for viewing each of the eighty-five cadavers and the talesmen favored by the coroner with a call to sit on the jury cashed in after signing the findings.

Smashing "Rots" and "Spots."

All power to the paternal arm of Uncle Sam in smashing the trade in "rots" and "spots." "Rots" and "spots" are those malodorous mavericks from the poultry yard-more recently the cold storage plant-which, no longer passing muster in polite society, are sold to cheap bake shops and eating houses.

The federal pure food laws make no distinctions between rich and poor, high and low, a cheap restaurant or a swell cafe, with respect to decayed, impure or adulterated food or food products. Bad eggs are bad whether forming part of a poorly-cooked ple in a ham-and restaurant or the most delicate angel cake at a swell wedding feast. "Rots' and "spots" are not only bad, they are dangerous to health and should be barred from the channels of trade,

Uncle Sam, it is said, has a sneaking idea that these "rots" and "spots" come as a rule from cold storage plants, after over-detention there, gauged by the fluctuations of the speculative market and not at all by the demand. The egg is a most popular food product and always in demand. While storage for a reasonable time is legal and harmless, the use is so steady as to permit almost every egg to be consumed really fresh.

The food purveyor who knowingly buys "rots" and "spots" is not blameless and of course the man who supplies him never is. But after all, it gets back to our vigilant pure food inspectors to purge the atmosphere of this ill odor and to them the public will look for the

When Admirals Disagree.

Our navy could not meet the test with the greatest of navies.-Rear Admiral Fletcher.

Ship for ship the American navy is as good as the best.-Rear Admiral Badger.

I doubt if in five years we could get the navy up to the highest efficiency,-Rear Admiral Fisks. When our admirals cannot get together better than this, what is to be expected of the mere civilian? When naval doctors disagree, who shall decide?

Some Encouraging Activity.

The plan for a forum of rural school patrons at Lincoln during the week of "Organized Agriculture" in January to discuss the question of systematic rural education in Nebraska is most encouraging. Coming closely on the heels of the Nebraska Farmers Congress, which demanded legislative enactment for systematic rural education and while the legislature is in session, it ought to produce results. Let us hope farmers and rural school patrons from every county in the state will attend it.

The need for more systematic education of the children of the farm farmward is not debatable. The Bee has consistently urged its importance as one of the surest solvents of the back-to-the-farm problem and it believes that if the great state of Nebraska, supreme in the field of agriculture, will take the lead in this movement it will soon be followed by states throughout the country. Surely the country has by now paid dearly enough for the indifference and neglect largely responsible for the conditions which this movement is designed to overcome. It is time for action, if we are ever going to act.

The Nebraska Farmers' Congress at its recent Omaha convention outlined in its recommendations to the legislature what seems to us to be an excellent program for consideration. Presumably these proposals will be taken up systematically at the Lincoln forum. With a legislature composed largely of farmers, there should be no difficulty in getting the proper hearing. But so far as that goes, this it a question that affects, not only the farmers, but all the people, for the simple reason that it lies at the very root of all economy. The wonder is that, with all the professional discussion it has had, it has not been more carefully considered by the people in general. If it had been, it would have been disposed of long ago.

Food for thought in the president's reply to the correspondent's inquiry about differences arising between Secretaries Garrison, Daniels and Bryan over the matter of protecting the Panama-"There can be no real difference, since I will finally decide." The little boys may quarrel but teacher runs the school,

Aimed at Omaha

David City Banner: Notwithstanding that Omaha is "ferninst" it, there should be a general movement among school boards to refuse to allow their teachers to have time off to attend the State Teachers' association unless the teachers vote to change the time to the first three days of Thankegiving week. Every advantage can be secured at that time that can be had the first week in November and it surely is bad for school work to have so many vacations and broken

Edgar Post: Headline: "Omaha business man loses his hand while hunting." Why doesn't be put an ad in The Bee "Lost and Found" column.

Loup City Times-Independent: The recent election was rather hard on Omaha, for none of its state candidates on the state ticket were elected, but on the hand were among those that received the least number of votes. This is not the fault of Omaha, but the fault of some of its candidates, who come from that city. When men coming from Omaha will campaign over the state holding Omaha in public scorn. for the sake of getting votes out in the state, it is to be expected that the voters will take the opposite view of the situation and turn Omaha candidates

Lincoln Journal: Senator-elect Quinby of Omaha suggests a thus far unmentioned way to secure an amendable constitution for Nebraska, and incidentally to rescue from defeat the taxation, jury and salary amendments which were voted upon last menth. The lion in the path of majority rule on constitutional amendments is the necessity of securing for amendments a majority of all the votes cast at the election. The votes for the three amendments now counted as beaten were substantially larger than the votes against them. But the favorable vote is not large enough to leap the majority-over-all rule. Mr. Quinby calls attention to the fact that this rule holds by decision of the state supreme court. In the case of State against Babcock the supreme court decided that the words "majority of the electors voting at such election" meant that amendments must have a majority over those voting against the measure and in addition a majority over those who did not vote on the measure. This de cision was reaffirmed in the case of Tecumseh Bank against Saunders. Mr. Quinby holds that the court could with equal reasonableness have decided this matter the other way, and he thinks the present supreme court should be asked to pass on the matter the light of more modern thought. What the chances are for such an expedient would require a lawyer, familiar with recent decisions of the courts on such points, to judge. Whether this is the way out or not, the situation is a serious one and needs attention. If the voters have quit patronising the party circle, as they seem to have done in the last election, the constitution is unamendable except by the arduous process of the initiative. Unamendable constitutions are like botlers without safety valves—they insure an ultimate

Wayne Herald: A Wayne business man talking to an Omaha wholesaler recently, was informed by him that dealers in northeast Nebraska towns were the most prosperous in the state. It is a fact, which investigation will prove, that northeast Nebraska takes the lead in all respects. Its land is the best, its farmers are the most intelligent and prosperous, and thus, accordingly, its towns the most wide-awake and progressive. People who are dissatisfied with conditions in northeast Nebraska ought to visit some of the old crumbling business cemeteries in the southern part of the state.

Twice Told Tales

Reason Enough.

There recently visited the west a young Turk attached to the Turkish embassy at Washington. This

youthful Ottoman was much taken by the daughter of a ranch owner in Wyoming. You walk and ride and shoot as well as a man,

said to her one day. 'Why, to be sure!" exclaimed the girl, to whom all these things were a matter of course.

"Can you swim, too?"

Then you must be quite as strong as a man." "I think I am-as strong as the average man-

"And you wouldn't let a man beat you-not even

if he were your husband?" "Certainly not," exclaimed the girl in indignation. The Turk shook his head reflectively. "Now I un-

derstand," said he, "why the men of the western world never have more than one wife-they're afraid!"-New

Walking Graveyards.

Some of the Indian princes have given 50 and 60 lakhs of rupees apiece-over \$2,000,000 apiece-to Great Britain for the war. Beside such gifts, the gifts of the London business millionaires seem small

"In fact," said James Douglas, the liberal publicist in an interview with an American correspondent-"in fact, the gifts of the nisam of Hyderabad and the maharajah of Mysore and the gackwar of Baroda give our English merchant princes, who owe England so much more, a look of avarice, and you know the definition of avarice. "Avarice, like a graveyard, takes in all it can get

and never gives anything back."-Boston Globe.

Sweet Revenge.

A small boy, with the most of his face apparently hanging on one side, went to the office of a dentist and requested him to pull an obstreperous tooth. The dentist, after examining the tooth, picked up the forceps and was about to wade in when the patient

Say, Doc," said he, just a little tremblingly, "look out the window and see if any boys is there, won't

"Mercy, yes!" replied the dentist, stepping across "Two dozen of them! What do they want?" "Revenge," answered the small patient, with a lful sigh. "Them's boys what I have licked. They follered me down here to hear me holler."-Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph,

People and Events

Wisconsin and Michigan lost forty hunters during the deer season. It wasn't a good season for deer

The name of Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa will be the top-liner of the "shingle" of a law firm in Des Moines after the first of the year.

Two exiled presidents of Mexico, Diaz and Huerta are taking a much needed rest in Spain, where castles await those who have the price.

To facilitate statistic effort word comes from an expert that each man killed in the big war costs \$15,000. This simplifies the task of determining the cost of the fracas. Multiply by the number of dead.

In the work of directing the reconstruction of his factory Tom Edison shows all the energy if not the agility with which he won his youthful spurs as a news butcher on Michigan trains. More power to his Another scientist breaks into print with the awful

news that Niagara will be dry in a thousand years.

To see the majestic loneliness of a dry Niagara is the greatest incentive to longevity that has come to the fore since the war. Congressman Palmer of Pennsylvania regards the

use of the word "Quaker" in a brand of whisky as not only inappropriate, but an insult to a sober and righteous sect, and has introduced a bill forbidding the use of the title. Three suits to break the will of the late Mrs. Frank Lesite have been filed in New York courts. The latest

was entered by Arthur Leslie, grandson of Frank Lealie. In each case the object is to set aside the clause in Mrs. Leslie's will which bequeaths to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, some \$1,000,000, to be used in furthering the cause of woman suffrage. The other contestants are Mrs. Florence Leslie Weissbrod, daughter of Frank Leslie, second, and Mrs. Lecnetta Lealie Hollander, daughter of Scipio Leslie. A fourth suit is to be entered by Frank Leslie, third.

The Bees

The Salvation Army's Appeal. OMAHA, Dec. 18 -To the Editor of The Bee: For many years past the Salvation Army has been the medium through which those who were able have passed their Christmas gifts to the needy and deserving poor. They eagerly look to us and we, in turn, look to you.

Last year in Omaha we distributed 1,500 basket dinners and gave Christmas entertainment to 300 poor children, at which hundreds of toys were disposed of. It is our purpose to repeat the same this year. more if necessary. In addition to the special help given at

this season, we are continually faced with the necessity of supplying food, fuel. clothing, etc. Past generosity encourages us to call

again for assistance, and to ask our friends not only to remember our Christmas and relief effort, but also our genoral work.

Earnestly hoping for a liberal response and thanking you in anticipation, I re-AMY PERRETT. Captain

Regarding Consolidation. OMAHA, Dec. 18 .- To the Editor of The Bee: During the last five or six years I have had to meet all sorts of arguments by a few of the residents of Dundee against its consolidation with Omaha. One of these was that they would have nothing to do with the "rotten government of Omaha." Both the absurdity and unfairness of that statement were shown. Those who advanced it have now been shamed into silence.

Another argument was that they desired to get certain improvements. It has now secured these, the village being now well improved, even to the extent of making a very large addition to its school house and grounds and establishing a fire department. It now lacks only high school facilities.

Now, the last argument these few private interests advance is that if Dundee should become a part of Omaha, it would never be able to secure improvements that it might in the future desire. What these are we are not informed. However, I propose here to demolish that

Patrick Henry said, "We have no guide for the future except the experience of the past." From past experience Dundee has no occasion for the fear that union with Omaha will deprive it of alything. Indeed, if it could get from Omaha as many favors as it has secured in the past, what might it not secure in the future, were it a part of Omaha? Think of the many years, up to about a year ago, when Dundee had no fire department, but relied upon the generosity of Omaha, and how well Omaha always respended. What about its independence in that regard? Even now Omaha stands ready at all times to send its department out there, and in the event of a real or extensive conflagration, such as the Hart building, destroyed a couple of years ago, everyone knows that the Dundee department, efficient as it is, would still be inadequate to meet the emergency.

Several years ago, regarding the disposal of sewage, negotiations with Omaha led to the proposal on the part of Omaha to provide for the use of Omaha sewers in perpetuity upon the payment of \$5,000. An official of Dundee prevented this disposal of the sewer question out there, preferring to have the village build a septic tank, which, up to date, has cost the village perhaps twice \$5,000. The proposition was then made use Elmwook park, belonging to Omaha, in which to place a septic tank into which Dundee sewers should flow. and Omaha granted to Dundee that privilege. That tank finally became such a nuisance and offense that Omaha was obliged to order its removal. It was reconstructed a few miles further out, but still Omaha granted to Dundee the privilege of running its sewer through Eimwood park to its new septic tank. At the present moment Dundee is negotiating with Omaha to take care of its sewage in the district bounded by Underwood avenue and Hamilton, Forty-eighth and Fifty-second streets. All of which shows that after all the sewage equipment of Dundee is inadequate to its needs, notwithstanding the efforts of its own people to perfect it. A few years ago, more for the benefit

of Dundee than of Omaha, the city bought and laid out Elmwood park. Remember that Elmwood park is west of Dundee and does not touch Omaha at any point. It is Dundee primarily that is enriched by this park, for it adjoins it. The expense of maintenance (and Elmwood park is well maintained) rests entirely upon the city of Omaha. Yet its nearest point to Omaha is a mile west of the city limits. In short, Omaha spends thousands of dollars every year to keep in splendid condition this great park, chiefly for the benefit of Dundea and adjoining residents.

Two years ago, those who have been interested in improving Dundee secured the co-operation of Omaha in constructing Happy Hollow boulevard. This boulevard extends from Leavenworth street to Cuming street and does not touch Omaha at any pointe. Yet Omaha spent \$15,000 toward the grading of that boulevard. (Since that improvement Dundee has annexed all the territory adjoining it.) Further to facilitate the improvement of this territory Omaha constructed a culvert on the west side of Elmwood park which cost \$782.

When citizens of Dundee and vicinity sought to have the county pave Dodge street from Fiftieth street westward, Omaha co-operated with them, paving seven feet on each side of the street, in addition to the sixteen feet in the center paved by the county, along Elmwood park, at an expense to Omaha of \$3,629.52 This improvement, paid for by Omaha, increased the value of every foot of land in Dundee, especially that adjacent to Dodge street. Gutters and catch basins, as a part of this improvement made by

Omaha, amounted to an additional \$260.40. In August of the present year Omaha paid \$1,318.65 for curbing and guttering Happy Hollow boulevard from Dodge to Chicago. As not one foot of this boulevard touches Omaha, but is all in Dundee, who were most benefited, the citizens of Omaha or of Dundee? Yet the people of Omaha directly are taxed to pay for this Along this boulevard there is a beautiful sunken garden. How many citizens of Dundee realize that the city of Omahe furnished and planted the trees and flowers there at an expense to the citizens of Omaha of \$700. In addition, it is the people of Omaha and not Dundee, nor citizens of Dundee that pay the maintenance cost of all these improvements on Happy Hollow boulevard and Elmwood

park. The total of these expenditures made by the city of Omaha, not counting the upkeep of Elmwood park, during the last two years, aggregated \$21,700.58, All this

was primarily for the benefit of Dundee and to the financial advantage of a

few of its citizens. comes in mighty bad taste for any citicomes in mighty bad taste for any cititand you don't have to take a drink to
do that, do you."—Houston Post. zen of Dundee to object to taking his part in the erection of the Greater Omaha on the ground that "we will not se able to get improvements made if we become a part of Omaha." If our Dundee citizens are so enterprising in securing favors of Omaha without assuming any of its responsibilities, or even the ton Star. cost of special improvements themselves which they have in the past secured from Omaha, what might they not secure from it if Dundee comprised a part of the city -the Greater Omaha? L. J. QUINEY,

A Reply to Wooster. HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 17 .- To the Edior of The Bee: I note the article by Charles Wooster in The Bee and his ridicule of President Wilson, Why should private citizen so 'belittle" a man with the intelligence and education of him who is honored and chosen us a nation's chief executive. We should not criticise too quickly matters of which re are not entirely familiar. A private | citizen cannot be expected to pass intelligent judgment or decision on such matters as brought before the president without having all incidental information and facts that the president necessarily has before him. He is far better able to judge, and any man chosen to fill the high and henored position of president should indeed be highly respected, and

is far above beeing quoted a "mere school

master.

AITCH EFF.

LAUGHING GAS.

In view of the record, I submit that it make a fool of myself."

"The public frequently changes his Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "As I reflect on the statesmanship of our foretathers I fear that a nation's changes of mind resembles the process of chang-ing a twenty-dollar bill which finally re-flices it to dimes and nickels."—Washing-

He-I understand, my dear, there is a crisis coming in China.
She-Good gracious! Then I had better watch the new cook while she's washing the dinner dishes - Baltimore American. Ragged Rogers-I heard a feller say dis

he wasn't happy unless he was workin'.
Tattered Thomas-Ain't it a terrible
'ing when or habit gits hold of er man?
-Boston Transcript. 'Was your Christmas present in the

nature of a surprise?"
"I should say so. It was just what I wanted."—Judge.

"Nero fiddled while Rome burned," "But that's no exsaid Mr. Growcher.

cuse."
"For what?"
"Our cook playing the piano while the turkey scorches."—Washington Star. I would I were a bird," she sang.
I would you were," said her husband,
ou could go south for the winter withits costing me anything."—Life.

Mamie—That Mrs. Flipp is a great matchmaker, isn't she? Tessie—I used to think so, until she bought her red-taired husband a purple necktie.—Judge

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