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It's askimpy snowfall that blows nobody

The president's diction is superb and without contradiction.

Listen, boys and girls, you can almost hear his bells a-jingling now.

How to Create Sex Problems,-Headline. But is that the question that bothers?

Yet it is rather hard to work up agitation among the American people over the art of their coins.

Those western railroads will not be happy so long as the eastern roads get all the rate in-CTRABES.

No truly benevolent person of limited means is ever able to give half as much as he would

It will take days to figure out just how many millions of dollars this foot of snow is worth to Nebraska.

Lincoln has 15-cent water as against Omaha's 23-cent rate, and it does not meter the sewer flush tanks either.

zonscience fund sets the lead for the fellow who owes it \$90. Watch him follow suit. ffhand, just as if you had a week in

The man who contributes 90 cents to the

which to think it over-what is the name of the present provisional president of Mexico? The Lincoln Journal says our senior sena-

tor's bill to probibit arms export is just a clever political play. Oh, perish the thought!

A war photo shows a company of soldiers playing foot ball while awaiting a call to the trenches. Nothing like keeping in fighting form.

Paradoxcally, the soldiering in Europe is a contributing cause to the immense amount of soldiering going on at present in our own

But remember that when we spend upward of \$10,000 of the taxpayer's money to attach meters to the sewer flush tanks, it will give a job to another meter reader.

Over \$900,000 of unpaid Nebraska state treasury warrants are outstanding. And our state constitution says there shall be no state debt in time of peace in excess of \$100,000.

A Missouri county judge, evidently going on the theory that to be "forewarned is to be forearmed," proposes to keep the grand jury in session during the whole term of legislature.

The rapidity with which these "decisive" batties follow each other would suggest an early ending of the war-if the same battle were not invariably heralded as a victory for both sides.

The charge that we have a lot of ornamental payroll positions in the city hall can, we have no doubt, be readily established. But that is not the only place where they are. The Water board psyroli, the School board payroll, the County board payroll, and the state payroll could each be subjected to some real pruning without impairing the service to the public.



Today was the coldest of the season. The mercury ent down to 17 degrees below zero, and the man who ted an open winter took his departure for the New Orleans exposition and the Florida orange groves.

George H. Hammond of Chicago, in company with John H. McShane, arrived in the city for a personal inspection of the new slaughter houses at the stock yards, which Mr. Hammond has leased. Fourteen homeless and shelterless tramps slept

at the city fall last night.

George Mediock, the veteran sexton of Prospect Hill cemetery, celebrated his sixty-second birthday, He was remembered by the Coffin club, which has its rendezvous at Drexel & Maul's undertaking rooms, with a beautiful warm neckscarf.

A number of prominent citizens met at the Paxton take steps toward securing the state fair for another five years. N. B. Falconer presided, and Henry Ofbson acted as secretary. A committee was appointed to pursue the subject, consisting of Frank Colpetser Frank Kitchen, Max Meyer, Al Patrick and W. V.

Miss Flora Blackburn, who has been teaching

school at North Platte, is spending the holidays with her brother. T. W. Hackburn, Oscar Goodnian is home from school for his holiday vacation.

Effects of Bank Legislation. Answering inquiries from South Dakota

about the working of our Nebraska deposit guaranty law, the secretary of the State Banking board replies that only one state bank has failed since its adoption, while eighteen national banks have taken out state charters. He should have added information about the number of state banks that have nationalized because of the guaranty law, and the comparative amount of deposits and capital involved in each transfer. He might have added, also, that except for the guaranty law a much larger number of national banks would undoubtedly have taken out state charters to get away from the requirements of the new federal reserve act. But at best a full exhibit of these operations would prove nothing except that the banks consult their own interest primarily and are controlled by the advantages they think they would reap from retaining or abandoning national or state incorporation, as the case may be.

Mere "Pieces of Paper."

Judging from the case of Mr. Walter Johnson and one or two other celebrities, base ball contracts count for no more in these days of war and adversity than international peace treaties-mere "pieces of paper." The famous Washington pitcher signs up for three years with a Federal league club despite the fact that he is still bound to Washington by a clause in his former agreement giving that club an option on his services for another year. Then after signing with the Federals and accepting \$6,000 as a bonus, heeding the argument of the Washington management as to the binding effect of this option clause, he signs up with his old employers for two years, presumably for a larger bonus.

The question is, How long can base ball survive such deliberate rejection of the principles that govern other lines of business, the principles of common honesty and legal obligations. Of course, civil suits are threatened for the protection of rights and the player is denounced for his duplicity. But it would be idle to attempt to lay all the blame on the player, who is a young man, of less mature judgment than the co-called business men angling for his services. It takes two to make a deal, and the player alone, however indifferent he might be to legal or ethical restrictions, could not do what Johnson and so many have done without the owner or manager, or both.

Base ball has recently been given some so vere and costly lessons on the subject of frenzied finance and will have more if it is not careful. The public will not long meekly condone even in its famous game and sport, derelictions that would be intolerable in any ordinary business transactions.

Adieu, Little Shirtwaist.

Where now is that sapient prophet who told us a few years ago that, come what may in mandates for style from her imperial majesty, Dame Fashion, the shirtwaist "is here to stay?" In verse and song its paeans of praise were

sung. It was a "thing of beauty and a joy forever," for it so deftly combined the elements of ornamentation and utility and made milady look smart, chic, charming- oh, all that and more. It was made in all sorts of ways and styles. There was the tightfitting, the long-sleeve, the short-sleeve shirtwaist, and varieties as many as modister to make them. There was the low-cut shirtwaist, the peekaboo shirtwaist, the loose, lingering shirtwaist that looked so inviting. (With apologies to the old oaken bucket.)

And some said it never would go. But it has gone. "Doomed," is the word of the imperious dame, whose word no well dressed woman would ever think of defying. "The shirtwaist has outlived its popularity," says the seer. It is the onepiece suit from now on, beginning close up to the ears-for the high collar is coming back-and continuing to the feet, giving milady that tall, graceful, sinuous effect. As to material, fine serge, gaberdine, silk cashmere, faille, satin cloth, taffeta and poplin will do.

Nor is this a foreign importation. Our American modistes, you know, are trying on their own garments now and if they suit, perhaps they will not need the foreign styles when the war ends. The flat of the Fashion Art League of America is back of this decree, and it takes "art" to make a thing like style go.

California's Awakening.

Business and public interests in California have warned "those seeking employment" not to go to that state, which is already overrun with idle men and women. For every demand for work there are said to be many applicants, and this condition on the eve of the San Francisco and San Diego expositions is causing some uneasiness.

California, with its mild, salubrious winter climate, naturally will continue to attract people of all classes, from the rich pleasure-seeker down to the professional hobo seeking an easy existence. In between these two extremes come thousands of energetic men and women wanting work. But California, as it doubtless realizes at this late date, is not wholly blameless for its present situation. It has gone in entirely too much for boom advertising, lacking candor in the discussion of its actual economic affairs. It has in a way sown to the wind and is now reaping the whirlwind.

As the friends and admirers of the great Golden West, we of the still greater middle west hope for an early improvement in conditions, but also that the force of this rather severe lesson wil not be lost on California.

Still another local contemporary has joined in The Bee's demand for the abolition of the office of coroner as a relic of ancient days that has degenerated into a graft, pure and simple. The only reason the people have stood for the coroner game so long without effective protest is that they have been busy unloading other and worse grafts.

Speaking of cutting off needless public employes, our law-makers have a wonderful opportunity themselves to set a shining example at the outset of their session when they make up the payroll list of doorkeepers, committee clerks, coat-holders, bill room boys, cuspidor cleaners and other on-hangers.

Our state senator does not make clear, however, just what it is that has changed him from an ardent advocate of Greater Omaha consolidation two years ago to its outspoken opponent

In the Wake of the War

Where Paul Jones Won Fame.

The German cruisers which raided the east coast English towns of Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool boomed hostile guns over the waters on which Captain John Paul Jones and the Bon Homme Richard won imperishable fame for the American navy during the revolution. That famous sea battle was fought off Flamborough Head, a few miles south of Scarborough, on September 23, 1779. Not since that historic afternoon IE years ago has the sound of hostile guns been heard in Scarborough, and never behas a hostile shell exploded in that seacoast resort, because shells are a modern development. In these same waters the Bon Homme Richard found its grave. Captain Jones stuck to the hostile Serapis so closely, lashed together, in fact, that when the latter struck its flag he took charge, transferred his crew to its decks and let his own ship, damaged beyond repair, go to the bottom two days later. The thunder of the guns in that sea duel was plainly heard in Scarborough, and the inhabitants were in dread that Jones would sail in where the Germans did and batter

Victoria Cross for Hindu. For the first time in history a Hindu soldier has

received the Victoria Cross. is stated that the granting of this decoration s not merely the recognition of an individual valor, but is a testimonial to the efficiency and courage of

the Indian troops in European warfare. The recipient of the Victoria Cross is Harildar Gagna Singh of the Fifty-seventh Wildes Rifles. He was attacked with fifteen others in the trenches just before dawn. The enemy was held back several seconds by barbed wire and sustained serious losses before they succeeded in getting past,

In the hand-to-hand fight which followed Gagna Singh shot a German officer, seized his sword and killed ten other Germans before he was wounded with a rifle ball in the foot. He was left the sole survivor of the fifteen men.

Gagna Singh arrived at Boulogne in the hospital ship a bundle of splints and bandages, but very cheerful and full of heart. He has five builet wo in the leg, one in the chest, one in each hand and on the scalp from a revolver shot fired point blank. Eligibility to the Victoria Cross was one of the boons granted by the king-emperor to the Indian subjects at the Delhi Durbar of 1912.

Buried in banks of fog, drenched by drizzling rains, swept by hitter winds from the Antarctic, the Falkland islands are surely the most dismal of Great Britain's family of organized colonies, says the Cleve land Plain Dealer. The rain ceases only when the wind blows its fiercest, the fog hangs low and heavy except when the gales whip it to shreds. It is a treeless land; part barren rocks, and part grassy slopes A day of sunshine is a rare joy. Tierra del Fuego is its nearest neighbor. The people, some 2,000 in number, are sturdy descendants of Scotch emigrants, and the sheep that browse on the eternally damp hills are their only source of revenue. Yet there is a capital, a government and a governor duly appointed by the rown and sent to suffer virtual exile for a time among the moist shepherds of the antipodes.

The Falkland islands appeal to the imagination as remotest, loneliest and least desirable of all lands inhabited by Europeans. The war, one would think would scarcely send its faintest ripple to this forgotten Arcadia of wetness and desolation.

Yet it was off the coast of the Falklands that the war's greatest naval battle has been fought. The victorious German Pacific squadron, having entered the Atlantic to escape the British and Japanese hunters of the sea, were met by a mysterious and unrepurted British force sent all the way from the North Sea to the Antarctic on a definite mission of destruction.

And so the land of the Falkland shepherds stands very clearly on the map today. A few weeks ago the Cocos islands, isolated in the equatorial drift of the Indian ocean, witnessed the destruction of the gallant Emden. Japan has drawn attention to Yap and Jaluit and other palm-crowned coral specks of the vast Pacific. But when the war reached Falkland it was at the jumping-off place to nowhere.

People and Events

Love laughs at empty pocketbooks as well as locksmiths. A youngster in Los Angeles, who could not scrape up enough for the marriage license fee, holdly touched the clerk for the balance and got it. The average marriage license clerk would rather die poor than halt a honeymoon.

Short in stature but long in good deeds characterized the life of Miss Florence Tate, age 46, who is dead at her home in Granite City, Ill. Miss Tate was only twenty-four inches tall and almost a life invalid. yet she was the most efficient organizer and booste: of good deeds her native city has known.

The court of appeals at Springfield, Mo., hits wildcat stock companies a body blow. In a case in which a local company put out \$48,000, while its actual property was less than \$1,000, the court ruled that stockholders are liable to the extent of their stock for the excess of capitalization over real property.

New York county paid out \$50,000 in prosecuting Henry Siegel for looting the savings bank department of his store, but didn't get much for the money. Siegel got off with a sentence of ten months in the penitentiary, with the understanding that if he makes ubstantial restitution the sentence will be suspended indefinitely.

How old was Mrs. Frank Leslie, or, as she preferred. Baroness de Bazus? Obituaries gave her age as 63, and "Who's Who" gives the same fures, stating that she was born in New Orienns in 1851. The family contest over the baroness' will in New York brings out the statement that she was 86 years old at the time of her death.

H. J. and C. D. Hathaway, twin brothers, the former residing in Maine, the latter in California, are viewing the sights in Sacramento together for first time in sixty-one years. They were kids of 15 in the days of the Argonauts and sailed around Cape Horn to the golden state, drawn thither by the high note of fortune struck at Sutter's Mill. The brothers are four score and one.

Word is passing along the line to descendants of Lord Baltimore that there is \$400,000,000 of property in Baltimore which may be recovered by the heirs if they will chip into a common pot enough coin to boost a legal fight. The estimated value of the property at stake throws in the shade the mythical estate of Aneke Jans, the most persistent of Dutch dreams kept alive in New York City.

"The good old days of the pass" is a theme worthy of the best vocal effort of passenger traffic managers No other topic carries such tonnage of reminiscence, of cordiality and effusive friendships, now congealed frost of romping years. The glad hands that halled the dispensers of passes morning, noon and night no longer reach out in hearty clasps; the whispered appealing melody which of times soothed weary ears is hushed, perhaps forever. And the good that was handed out in trips and annuals is forgotten and amothered by the aubsequent cruelty of coughing up cash. It is a theme, too, that strikes a long note of loneliness around headquarters.

Twice Told Tales

Her Quick.Witted Aunt. Conversation at a Washington club the other evening dwelt on the subject of rising equal or superior to a light situation. Statesmen present unfolded many quip relating to their political experiences. Senator Newell Sanders of Tennessee told of a quick-witted

young aunt. Some time ago little Dorothy was being taken on a railroad trip by her young aunt and aunty's flance. Everything ran along as lovely as great joy until the train entered a darksome tunnel, and then came the delicious smack of a sweet kiss and the voice of the

"Oh, aunty." exclaimed the voice of the innocent little Derothy, "please Riss me, too! Home situation, but aunty was quite equal to it. Before the smile of the passengers could break into a tickled titter she was calmly addressing the child "It is incorrect to say, "Kiss me two," Dorothy, dear," said aunty. "You should say, 'Klas me twice."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.



OMAHA, Dec. 21 .- To the Editor of Th Bee: I think I am one who responds to calls for charity as much as anyone pro portionate to his means, but in view of recent money-raising exploits in the name of charity. I am constrained to ask, Where does the money go? Does it really go to help anyone who needs help? Or does the bulk of it go to promoters, professionals and expense accounts that have no claim on charity? Please let me ask a few questions through your paper

The first roundup this year, I recall, was a "tag day" for the visiting nurses, and we were all duly tagged. I do believe someone announced that the proceeds were upwards of \$3,000, but I never saw any statement of the expense of the undertaking. How much was tagged in? And how much of it went into the treasury of the Visiting Nurses?

Then there was 'The College Hero' benefit of the Child Saving Institute This show filled the public prints and filled the theater for four performances, if we were correctly advised. I bought tickets for it, and know that the house was full the night I attended. I read later that the promoter carried away some \$1,400 with him and that the Child Saving Institute got \$1,800. But how much was taken in and where did the rest go?

Yes, and what about those graphi noving pictures of the war that held forth a whole week for the relief of the Relgians? The World-Herald did most of the drumming and horn-blowing for this and claimed exclusive credit for it. I bought tickets and saw the pictures, and saw one statement in the World-Herald about the middle of the week that 4,200 admissions had already been registered. but nowhere have I seen anything to show the final results. How much was taken in? How much of it did the World-Herald absorb? How much of it did the moving picture man pocket? How much really went to relieve the starving Belgians?

The latest was the grand charity ball at the Auditorium put through with a rush, and a swirl of professional dancers, here for the money and not for their health. What were the total receipts of this campaign in which all our worthy charities were to share? The profes sionals, it is understood, got, or were to get, \$2,500, and the hall and the dance music were donated. Were there any other expenses? How much is left for charity? And how much does each of the worthy charities get?

Oh, I almost overlooked the other charity ball-the one given without any professional assistance-for the benefit of the Creche. How much was taken in by that ball? And how much was spent? And how much was left for the Creche? Wouldn't it be a travesty to learn that the Creche charity ball netted more for charity than the other grand blowout?

Won't you invite the managers of these arious charity entertainments to make a full report of the money collected and expended so I, and others like me, may not be left wondering whether we were contributing on the square to the unfortunate, or were merely worked in the name of charity? Now, I am giving you my name, but

as my impertinence is not likely to make me popular, I ask you to withhold it and INQUISITIVE. sign only,

Belgium, Germany and United States SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., Dec. 21 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly give me space to correct the erroneous impression your caption gave my recent article in The Bee? I did not say, or mean, that I objected to the Belgium relief fund. I said, "Why not ask Germany to feed the people they nad robbed?

In the name of humanity, let all who are able to give contribute freely to the relief of this unfortunate nation, and in addition congress should appropriate at least \$100,000,000 for their relief, and when the proper time comes compel Germany

One writer, A. L. Meyer, who has contributed column after column to The Bee's Letter Box trying to make "black look white," takes occasion to call me "ignorant and prejudiced." I may be ignorant, but I am not prejudiced. I base my opinion solely on the merits of the case. I am not so "ignorant" that I do not know that the present outrageous slaughter in Europe is of the kaiser's own making. His ambition to be "emperor of Europe" and build "a German Roman empire that shall rule the world" will be his downfall, just as Napoleon's ambition was his undoing. and Roosevelt's ambition goaded him on to political suicide.

J. F. WEYBRIGHT

Political Pointers

A flock of aspirants for the postmastership of Jefferson City, Mo., throws such a scare into the congressman and senator controlling the job that a primary is talked of to switch responsibility for the selection.

Down south political interest centers just now on the pardoning activities of retiring Governor Blease of South Carolina: Sporty people are offering odds on the proposition that the governor will make a clean sweep of all jailbirds before he relinquishes the office.

Twenty years ago the supreme court of Illinois declared unconstitutional a law limiting women's hours of labor to certain occupations. Recenty the same court, differently constituted, congratulated the state on having placed on the books a dozen laws of similar tenor. Judges broaden out or move out.

The supreme court of Missouri denounces the clauses of the primary law which require candidates to pay fixed fees to their respective party committees. 'Such a law," one of the judges said is against sound public policy, and is enough to make every honest man in the state hide his face in shame."

Should the progressives numerically dominant in the legislature of California fulfill pre-election pledges, future elections in the state will be conducted on the nonpartisan basis. The party is committed to the elimination of party des'gnations from tickets, and a law to that effect, it is expected, will be enacted.

A few weeks ago Pittsburgh got front page publicity with the news that its councilmen, as a measure of econo had agreed to cut their own salaries. The extraordinary nature of the news, sidering the source, glued attention on the home effect. Fortunately, the tension has been relieved by a ruling of the mayor to the effect that the law definitely fixes compensation of couclimen, and it cannot be violated with impunity. So great is councilmanic esteem for the law that they have reluctantly accepted mayor's interpretation. Pittsburgh is itself once more.

Editorial Viewpoint

New York World: Myron T. Herrick's remark that his diplomatic experience in France cost him \$400,000 may explain in some degree the painful rejuctance of the

Parisians to let him go. Parisians to let him go.

Boston Transcript: We have a suspicion that no adequate immigration bill that way. She issues an ultimatum. will ever be enacted in this country save in the last half of the term of some president who has a grudge against his own

party. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: We forget to whom we last awarded the world's championship medal for optimism, but he should voluntarily relinquish it to the Washington officials who "are greatly

cheered over the Mexican situation." Pittsburgh Dispatch: Poland's case is little better than that of Belgium. She has the solace of seeing her ancient oppressors chasing each other over her territory and hitting each other stunning

blows whenever they get the chance. Washington Star: Millions of dollars worth of battleships converted into junk and sent to the bottom of the sea represent a highly expensive method of impressing the principles of patriotism, culture and the higher ideals in general. Springfield Republican: Does Senator

Works perhaps think that the most humane way to end a war is to starve the women and children? That is the nature of an embargo on food, for the man behind the gun has to be fed first. New York Post: The Arizona law limit. ing the employment of foreign labor must have been framed in gleeful consciousness that the nation most affected can now

state's 48,000 foreign-born, approximately 30,000 are Mexicans. Pittsburgh Dispatch: The information that the Reichsrath cheered the vote of \$1,250,000,000 more debt to carry on the war, carries the suggestion that it is a good deal more cheerful than the next generation will be in putting up taxes to pay off the debt.

make no diplomatic protests. Of the

Philadelphia Record: Secretary of State Bryan makes haste to assure his fellowcitizens that he does not contend that to be a good democrat means to be a prohibitionist. This will be gratifying to very many democrats, who, much as they may desire to accept Mr. Bryan's interpretation of democracy, would likely not have followed him had he continued to press the prohibition idea.

JOLLIES FROM JUDGE.

Producer-The comedians seemed nervous. What they newled was life.
Critic-You're too severe! Twenty years

"I never knew until last night what a pright fellow Mr. Fiddlewit is." "H'm. How did you find it out then?" "He told me."

She-Isn't she a garrulous bore? He-Well, no; because I manage to work out all my next day's problems while she chatters.

"Did your children recognize you when you played Santa Claus last year?"
"I hope not. If they did it was very rude of them to keep on referring to me as the funny little fat man with the

"I find," confessed skimpy little Mr. Meek, "that I do the housework easier and quicker when my wife is not at home to help me.—

"Pa, how do architects and builders make so much money?"
"They make most of it, son, by insisting in putting billiard rooms in houses where nobody ever plays billiards."—Judge.

CAUGHT NAPPING BY SANTA

fisherman laddle, the night before Christmas,
Salled home very hungry and sad from
the isthmus,
Where haddock had learned to beware.
"It's I who is caught in the net, like a Christmas, And cast on the merciless bank of misfortune He mused, bowing low in despair.

Declaring the story of Santa Claus fable. His long stocking cap he knocked off of the table, Which caught on the foot of the bed; And, closing his eyes, he was soon lost in slumber And failed to arouse at the fingle and lumber

A visitor made with his sled. "I see," said old Santa, on making bis entry.
"This boy is expecting"-with peep in the pantry-

the pantry—
"A whole lot of good things to eat."
He filled up the cap with a number dishes, And laid on the top a half dozen cooked Then rattled off into the street.

"Well, well!" said the youth, as he weke at five-twenty following morning. "Why, here in For days—and, why, here is some more:
If there is no Santa, then I am a-cheating.
The proof of the pudding is found in the

cating So here's to the saint of the poor WILLIS HUDSPETH

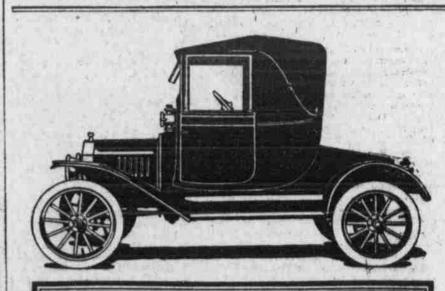


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