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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...

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...

The Bee's Letter Box

Where Does the Money Go? OMAHA, Dec. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: I think I am one who responds to calls for charity as much as anyone...

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 reluctance of the Parisians to let him go.

JOLLIES FROM JUDGE.

Producer—The comedians seemed nervous. What they needed was life. Child—You're too severe! Twenty years would be enough.

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It's a skimpy snowfall that blows nobody good.

The president's diction is superb and without contradiction.

Listen, boys and girls, you can almost hear his belt as jangling now.

How to Create Six Problems.—Headlines. 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 increases.

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

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.

The man who contributes 90 cents to the conscience fund sets the lead for the fellow who owes it \$90. Watch him follow suit.

Now offhand, just as if you had a week in which to think it over—what is the name of the present provisional president of Mexico?

The Lincoln Journal says our senior senator's bill to prohibit 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.

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

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 rapidly with which these "decisive" battles 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 payroll, 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.

More "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 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.

Base ball has recently been given some severe and costly lessons on the subject of frenzied finance and will have more if it is not careful.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 will 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.

Speaking of cutting off needless public employment, 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 today.

Victoria Cross for Hindu.

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

It is stated that the granting of this decoration is not merely the recognition of an individual valor, but is a testimonial to the efficiency and courage of the Indian troops in European warfare.

Far Reaches of War.

Buried in banks of fog, drenched by drizzling rains, swept by bitter winds from the Antarctic, the Falkland Islands are surely the most dismal of Great Britain's remote possessions.

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.

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, boldly touched the clerk for the balance and got it.

Short in stature but long in good deeds characterized the life of Miss Florence Tate, age 68, who is dead at her home in Granite City, Ill.

The court of appeals at Springfield, Mo., hits wildest 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.

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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 tight situation.

Some time ago little Dorothy was being taken on a railroad trip by her young aunt and aunt's fiancé. 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 child.

"Oh, aunt," exclaimed the voice of the innocent little Dorothy, "please kiss me, too!"

Some situation, but aunt 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 twice,' Dorothy, dear," said aunt. "You should say, 'Kiss me twice.'"

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Political Pointers

A flock of aspirants for the postmaster ship 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厅birds before he relinquishes the office.

Twenty years ago the supreme court of Illinois declared unconstitutional a law limiting women's hours of labor in certain occupations. Recently the same court, differently constituted, congratulated the state on having placed on the statute 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 progressive numerically dominant in the legislature of California fulfill pre-election pledges, future elections in the state will be conducted on the nonpartisan basis.

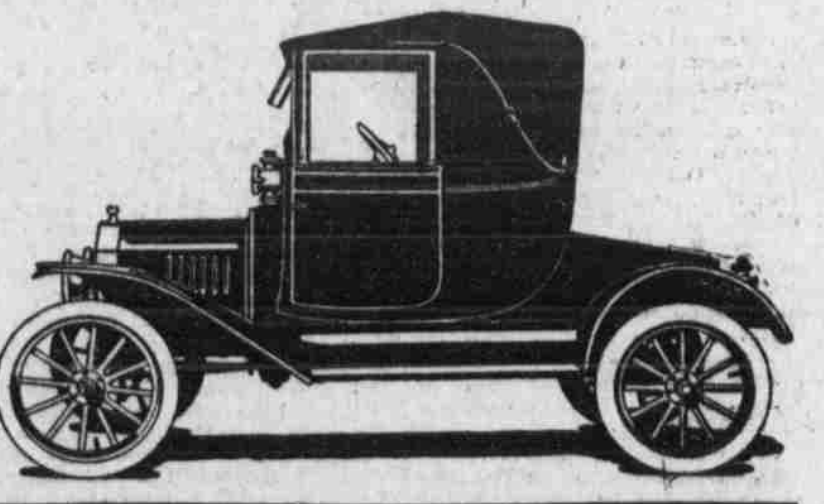
The party is committed to the elimination of party designations from tickets, and a law to that effect, it is expected, will be enacted.

A few weeks ago Pittsburgh got front page publicity with the news that its couponmen, as a measure of economy, had agreed to cut their own salaries.

The extraordinary nature of the news, considering the source, gained 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 couponmen, and it cannot be violated with impunity.

So great is councilmanic esteem for the law that they have reluctantly accepted the mayor's interpretation. Pittsburgh is itself once more.

No Christmas Dinner will be complete without Italian Swiss Colony Golden State California Champagne. Awarded the "Grand Prix" at Turin, Italy, October, 1911, and at Ghent, Belgium, July, 1913. At all Grocers, Clubs, Cafes and Wine Dealers.



The new Ford Coupelet brings the unmatchable low price, the small expense of maintenance common to all Ford cars and the largest measure of modern luxury and class. When the top is folded (a matter of a minute or so) it is a snappy, stylish, luxurious roadster; with top raised you have a closed car, cozy and comfortable in inclement and wintry weather.

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