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## DECEMBER SUNDAY CIRCULATION.

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State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, sa. Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average Sunday circulation for the month of December, 1914, was 45,679. DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Bubscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 2d day of January, 1915. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Thought for the Day Selected by Kate McHugh

"Mark there, We get no good By being ungenerous, even to a book, And calculating profits, -so much

help By so much reading. It is rather when

We gloriously forget ourselves, and plunge

Soul-forward, head-long, into a book's profound,

Impassioned for its beauty, and salt of truth-

'Tis then we get the right good from a book."-Mrs. Browning.

The way to swim is to plunge into the water and strike out, and the way to navigate is not much different.

The Illinois Central gleefully announces that it has not killed a passenger for two years. Knock on wood!

Still, it does look a trifle queer to see our old friend "Met" again mixing with "Mike" Harrington and Arthur Mullon.

As a moving picture of galvanized energy the activity of new brooms in the state house cannot be equalled outside of the pie belt.

## Workmen's Compensation.

We trust people hereabouts who aim to keep posted on current events dld not fail to notice in passing the decision rendered last week by the United States supreme court affirming the constitutionality and validity of the Ohio workmen's compensation law. As every one who has studied the subject knows, there are several points in this class of legislation upon which the question of constitutionality can be raised, more particularly the elimination of the so-called common law defenses in personal injury cases, and the fixing of liability upon the employer for all accidents to his employes regardless of his own negligence or carelessness.

The common law theory is epitomized by the phrase, "Where there is a wrong, there is a remedy," from which the corollary has been drawn that no legal remedy may be had for an injury where no wrong has been committed. All the compensation laws, however, rest on the proposition, that responsibility for the care of accident victims may be placed by statute upon the employer, or group of employers, without respect to the cause of the accident, and the supreme court evidently sees nothing in this depriving any one of any of his constitutional rights,

The workman's compensation law in Ohio differs in detail from our Nebraska compensation law, but the basic principle is the same. There is sure to be litigation growing out of our Nebraska law, and the question of constitutionality will doubtless be raised. Our law may possibly be found defective, but the decisions of the courts now give assurance that the plan for compensation for work injuries is in general feasible, practical and legal.

Work of the Schools.

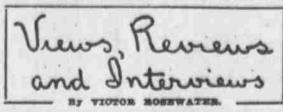
Not more than 1.5 per cent, or fifteen out of 1,000 children in the United States between the ages of 10 and 14 years, are unable to read and write, according to a report from the bureau of education at Washington. This is a reduction from forty-two to the thousand in 1900 and twenty-two in 1910. More substantial proof of the efficiency of the American public school system could scarcely be afforded. In the list of atates Nebraska continues to hold its proud position at the top with South Dakota, these two states showing but two out of 1,000 children between 10 and 14 unable to read and write.

Ability to read and write fits the individual for the proper exercise of responsibilities that come with citizenship in a republic like ours. This training is provided by the public schools, and the schools in turn are supported by a free press, the two together forming the best possible guaranty of the perpetuity of our institutions.

## For Better Americans.

Thoughtful students of social conditions, and especially those who have sought to analytically consider the effects of the war in Europe on the national life of America, agree with singular unanimity that out of the welter of conflict will come good for all. Better Americans are being made every day, because of new emphasis that is being laid on the fundamentals of American life and the institutions that have developed therefrom.

Civilization has not failed, because of a sudden breaking away from its higher ideals by the great nations of Europe. On the contrary, its forces are working now with energy that is, if anything, enhanced by the emergency. These forces are not animated by the purely sentimental or speculative phases of social existence. They are dealing with the great problems in an intensely practical way. For one illustration of this aspect of the case, let us cite the Red Cross and other organized relief movements that have done so much to lessen the suffering incident to the clash of arms on a scale more stupendousand deadly than any known to history. Other proofs of American capacity and efficiency are as easily afforded. The attitude of the American people toward the belligerent nations is evidence that we have been meeting the questions of life at points where Europe has failed. Civilization is not dead; the upward movement of mankind has not been checked. A common necessity is bringing us closer to a common footing, and a better understanding, and from that vantage point the people of this great republic will be able to reach out and help the people of Europe to reshape their governments, to re-establish their national life, and we will be then even better Americans because we can and will do this.



THE TALK had drifted to the subject of the builders of Omaha, and the public spirit of the pio-

neers in laying the foundations of the future "I do not believe any one in those days was equal as a builder of Smith S. Caldwell," said Milton Barlow. "When Omaha was little more than a struggling village, and a brick house of any kind was a monument of enterprise, Caldwell did something we all had said was impossible. He got the owners of all the lots on Douglas, from Thirteenth to Fourteenth, to join with him in a single improvement by sreating a three-story brick building, making a solid and uniform front from one corner to the other. and, to give due credit for the wonderful achievement was called the 'Caldwell block.' The bank, later the Omaha National, had one corner, and J. J. Brown cupied the other corner with his mercantile establishment, and in the center the Redicks put in our first pretentious theater, known as the Academy Music. After Caldwell had demonstrated what ld be done, the people over on Parnam street got together and duplicated the undertaking by erecting the 'Central block' as a similar combination building, running from Hellman's clothing store at Thirteenth to Milton Rogers' hardware store at Fourteenth

Caldwell was the active factor in another great bufiding project, when in 1870 his enthusiasm and personalive powers induced 100 citizens of Omaha to contribute \$1,000 aplece to erect the Grand Central hotel, which was handed over to the Kitchens to operate. The Grand Central, which was the precursor of the present Paxton, for that day was a much' bigger proposition, and meant a great deal more to Omaha, than the building of our million-dollar Fontenelle hotel now. I do not know of another man among the ploneers who could have pulled that hotel scheme through successfully the way Mr. Caldwell did.

Although the least conspicuous of the waterways delegation from Kansas City, which has just made a visit to Omaha, Walter S. Dickey is pointed out as the man whose laboring oar really launched the barge line on the Missouri. He plunked in a \$55,600 subscription to the navigation company when it was organized in Kansas City, and was naturally drafted to head the corporation. In his private business, Mr. Dickey is a manufacturer of sewer pipe and drain tile, with a by-product of clay pigeons, known to sportsmen all over as "Dickey birds." When he began with almost nothing to make sewer pipe many years age, Mr. Dickey came into contact with my uncle, City Engineer Andrew Rosewater, and particularly his specifications for sewer work, not only here, but in cities and towns throughout this section.

"You Omaha folks never realized it," said Mr. Dicked to me within the hearing of a half dozen others, "but you had the services through your city engineer of one of the master engineering minds of the country, with the soundest ideas on municipal public works of all kinds that I know of, and I have met most of our great civil engineers."

Not only does Mr. Dickey rank high as a manufacturer and business man-one of the speakers said he had eighteen plants at different points-but he has also been active in politics. He is a republican, and organized the forces in Missouri for the preliminary campaign of 1908, becoming later the chairman of the state committee, with whom I co-operated in the publicity work when I was in charge of the western literary bureau for that presidential campaign-I remember exchanging at the close of the contest congratulatory messages on the success of our mutual efforts that helped put Missouri for the first time in the republican column-I hope not for the last time.

By the way, knowing his wide experience. I propounded this question to Mr. Dickey:

"Is there any city within your acquaintance that meters the water flowing through sewer flush tanks?" "Oh, it's possible," was the answer, "but I never knew of one."

"That anecdote of yours about what your teacher wrote on your essay, raminds me of a similar experience," remarked Charlie Slingerland while "making up this form. "I handed in a composition with the customary ending, "This is all I know about

#### TABLOIDS OF SCIENCE.

An instantaneous electric water heater is now made, which gives hot water on demand.

Tests have shown that properly filtered off may be used indefinitely without loning its lubricating qualities.

A few drops of oil of lavender and Canada balsam aprinkled on book shelves will prevent books becomind moldy.

In every test made by Russian cavalrymen, horseshoes of aluminum were found to outlast those of steel and iron.

A phonograph is built into a new alarm clock to awaken a eleoper by playing his favorite tune instead of ringing a bell. Two Swiss surgeons have, invented an easily used drug which stops the flow of blood from wounds almost instantly. Documents, letters and pictures can be preserved indefinitely by soaking them in a strong solution of alum and then drying thorn

A system has been developed whereby wireless messages may be received in safety at all times, even during thunder-STOPINS.

A rag soaked in hot water and wrapped around an automobile earburetor and intake manifold will help in starting a car in cold weather.

Doctors have decided that an electric shock kills a man by destroying the shythm of the heart beats and acting on the lungs like an overdose of an anesthetic.

Sea water electrically treated has been found to be of great value as a disinfecting means, and is now used regularly in a number of English cities for cleaning swimming pools, school rooms, hospitals and similar places.

Extensive investigation of smoke prevention by the United States geological survey has led to the conclusion that it is mechanically possible and that the best results have been attained by the use of mechanical stokers.

A Japanese inventor has provided an but it weighs just as much. fron kettle which bursts into song the moment the kettle begins to boil. The can bet that he didn't lose much. sounds are produced by steam bubbles striking against musical metallio bars, fled. The other \$,909 either have too much just above the water. or not enough.

Engineers have pronounced practical the scheme of building a bridge connecting the island of Ceylon with the mainland. The distance is twenty-one miles and the foundation will be a rocky reef known as Adam's bridge.

#### AROUND THE CITIES.

#### Chicago plans to establish noiseless sones around hospitals.

The fabled stork paid 149,687 visits to tomes in Greater New York last year. Eiggest baby show in the land. Salt Lake City's total revenue last year

was \$1,923,489.55. All but \$9,900 was spent in keeping the municipal machine in running order.

The town of Turlow, Ky., is one mile long and about fifty feet wide, consisting "five stores, two blacksmith shops, two churches and one mudhole.

Nothing like a battle happened on the streets of New York City last year, yet 518 persons were killed by vehicles, more than half the fatalities by automobiles. Sacramento sends out word that there are no vacant jobs in California's capital. Easterners looking for work are requested to stay at home and save rallroad fare.

St. Louis charges business depression with having chilled the ardor of marriageable people. Marriage license business has fallen off and romance is guthering cobwebs.

Philadelphians are putting their shoul-

## SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

also broadens it."

marketing 7

it has some academic significance.

in France and Italy. In the latter coun-

MUFFLED KNOCKS.

"Embonpoint" listens better than "Fat,"

Any old time a man is a good loser you

About one man in each 10,000 is satis

The trouble with having a fur-lined coat

money.

and warm.

plate.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Census Taker-Madam, if you wan't tell me your age, I'll ask the lady next door and let her guess at it. Woman-Stop: I'll set the family Bible right away.-Philadelphia Ledger. Philadelphia Ledger: The bishop of London has used about 700 words to say what Admiral Decatur put in seven when he declared that "war shortens life, but

Lenders-Say, I've been carrying these 7. O. U's of yours until they are about worn out. Brooklyn Eagle: We are thrilled by the archbishop of Canterbury's call to arms. worn out. Borrows-Sorry, old man. Next time 111 use better paper.-Boston Transcript. The archbishop himself is serving the God

Whom Germans worship, but that notion "Now they are advertising dread-nought stay. They ought not to drag the various colors into this imbroglie." "What do you mean?" "Gray has always been considered a neutral tint."-Louisville Courier-Journal never threw a pall on patriotism or nationalism since the world began, though

Boston Transcript: "Forty dollars," be moans Rev. Herbert S. Johnson anent the

"Are you a director of this instituhigh cost of New Year's evening, "would tia buy a dozen chickens, a bushel of pota-

"Tes, sir," "Well, what directing do you ever do?" "Pardon me I direct my pen in re-celpting for my salary." - Baltimore toes, a barrel of flour, a dozen mufflers. a dozen pairs of shoes, twenty pairs of woolen socks, a top of coal and a wheel-American. barrow to put them in." We have sadly

"What you want to do,' said the physician. "Is to take an ice-cold bath overy day." "I haven't the nerve." "You won't mind it after the first observed Jately that you can get a modern ton of coal in a wheelbarrow, but where does the pastor do the rest of his

Indianapolis News: The reflex action of "That's what I am afraid of. If I could only manage to take the plunge unex-wave in many countries, and notably so in France and Italy. In the later count ington Star

try the people are flocking to the churches. both Protestant and Catholic. Men of high social and official positions are turn-ing their attention to spiritual things, and a wave of religious faith is sweeping over

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magistrate. "They were throwing dice to raffle off a cow." replied the policeman.-Cincin-nati Enquirer. the people. It is believed that after the war there will be a normal and spiritual transformation of the entire continent.

In the German colonies the effect of the war was to empty the mission houses At one place only eight or ten mission stu-dents were left out of 12. There is also an interruption of intercourse among the mission fields and a failing off of money contributions.

The Desk Officer-Well, madam, what's

The Desk Officer-I congratulate you, ma'am. Good day.-Cleveland Flain

ma'am. Dealer.

O COUNTRY MINE, TAKE HEED!

or not enough. Somehow or other a homely girl doeen't look so homely to you after you get to know her real well. Every man knows a lot of remedies that hs is always recommending to other peo-ple, but wouldn't think of taking himself. The trouble with having a fur-lined coat

The trouvie with having a fur-lined coat is that if you button it up on a cold day people won't be able to see that it is fur-lined. Some men seem to be hanging around in the world just to keep their wives from having a little fun on the life insurance Take beed!

money. Every man wants to run the home news-paper and the home hall team. But if you tried to run his business he would You can't make a princess believe it. But the fellow who can run fifteen balls paper and the home ball team. But if you tried to run his business he would -14

But the fellow who can run fifteen balls at pool often has a hard time making And thou shalt live, indeed, supreme

And thou shalt live, indeed, supreme \$15 per week. Mother can always find out what father did when he stayed out until 5 a.m. She lets him tell all the things he did and then she knows that he did all the things he was afraid to mention. And thou shalt live, indeed, supreme in the World's thought! Each nation's dream For self, in thy rare greatness, yes. Shalt see fulfilment, lol one day. If thou with Truth dost keep thy word. If thou with Truth dost keep thy word. If thou forgetest not thy Lord! O Country mine! I say, take heed--Take heed!



Every scheme for the uplift of youngsters or

elders points unerringly to the public treasury for the needful uplift of the promoter.

It is definitely agreed that while Judge Landis is deliberating on the troubles of Organized Base Ball, the bleachers will not fire cushions at the umpire.

Those Germans were a trifle slow in setting their publicity bureaus equipped and manned, but they are doing some effective work on the firing line now.

And recommending that all state printing be done in a convict labor print shop is not the only place where Governor Morehead got off on the wrong foot.

Congress is about to appropriate money for six new revenue cutters. Oh, pshaw! 'Let us have a couple of them out here to help start our Upper Missouri barge line.

The honor and well-being of the United States above all other countries is the supreme test of American citizenship. . This truth cannot be too often impressed upon war partisans.

Depend upon it, the advertising artists of the tobacco trade will not overlook the business value of the picture of Captain Loxley standing on the bridge of the Formidable and puffing a cigarette as the battleship went down.

After all, it takes men of large mold and comprehensive vision to show proper appreciation for the talents and patriotism of newspaper While Nebraska solons with heartless thuds threw down two members of the pencil cian, Governor Whitman installed a newspaper man as his private secretary.

#### One-Term Ideal Discarded.

President Wilson is not the first to find that possession of office is potent to alter the viewpoint. His utterance at Indianapolis indicates his beller that the democratic candidate for president in 1916 is already selected, a fact that will occasion little surprise, but may engender some sorrow among those who thought the president was sincere in his one-term utterances. Howover, the exercise of authority usually operates to lure the officeholder away from any lofty notions of sacrifice he may have indulged; at least, it enables him to reconcile himself to spreading the sacrifice out over a little longer time, two terms if possible. This is merely the difference in view that comes when on "the inside looking out." Mr. Wilson does not need to go far for a precedent to support his change of mind; Nebraska has just seen a governor take the oath or office a second time, after he had publicly and repeatedly said one term was enough for any governor. If this is not sufficient authority, he may refer to the example of one other distinguished citizen, who once said two terms were all any man should have. At any rate, the oneterm ideal has apparently gone to the discard Ibls Snie.

Publicity for Railroads. Letters have appeared in The Bee and other newspapers taking exception to a series of articles running in the various newspapers presenting the railroad's side of the rate controversy. One of our contributors wants to know what is the purpose, and who is paying for the space, although the articles themselves carry the answers to those questions, each being specifically labeled "paid advertisement," and no one harbors suspicion that any one but the railroads are paying for railroad publicity.

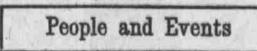
But instead of subjecting the railroads to fault finding for using the accepted channels of publicity to talk to their patrons and the public as a whole, this publicity campaign should have general approval whether or not it serves to convince people that the railroads have a just case. In the old days what we complained about most was the resort of the railroads to devious underground or secret methods of reaching the authorities charged with power to regulate and control, and their efforts to obtain by subterfuge and stealth what they could not hope to obtain in the open. The domand was for above-board dealing, and this is what the railroads have now voluntarily, or involuntarily, come to. One of the up-state papers, the Albion News-and it is a newspaper that has a record for fearless independence-expresses this thought aptly when it eays:

We trust our roaders are reading the series of railroad articles running in this paper. The railroats are spending thousands of dollars to run these articles in all the larger papers in the state. What are they doing it for? To gain public sentiment in their favor. We say we trust our readers are reading them because it is necessary to hear both sides in order to form an intelligent opinion. The railroads are begging for a square deal. But it is not forgotten that a few years ago the public was begging the railroads for a square deal and were turned away in derision. The tables are turned now, but the people will not he so involerant as were the railroads. In the long run the public is just.

For The Bee we also hope all our thoughtful readers will take this opportunity to hear the railroad spokesmen, because only by understanding both sides of the argument can fair conclusions be reached.

this subject." Never conclude a composition with a sentence

like that,' said the teacher. Some folks might think you knew more about it."



The Hoboken prophet who put out a forecast of war gloom for the United States this year seems to have hit the bull'seye. Irvin Cobb is going on the road with a stereopticon lecture on the world war.

The saving sense of humor brenks out in an unexpected quarter. England chases sausage casings as ontraband of war, and has seized a consignment on board a ship at Halifax. The prospect of lessening the horrors of war appears remote.

Mrs. F. J. Shepard, who was Helen Gould, played the part of Santa Claus for the railway employes at the stations of Tarrytown and Irvington, N. Y. Mes. Shepard usually gives \$10 gold pieces, fastened to the Santa Claus pack. This year she gave instead orisp new \$10 bills

Mighty hard lot to please, those Chicago wives, One applies for divorce because hubby persisted in throwing hard money at her. Another is being shaken in the divorce route by hubby because he wouldn't go away off and die so that his life insurance pollcy might be cashed in.

In order to get the right othtopic twist of the tangue for a successful grapple with Russian war names, a regular practice with American names will help some. For example: Youghlogheny, Skeneatles, Wawaw, Ronkonkoma, Pocomoonshine, Xenia. Schochoh, Cheektowago, Sylacauga, Ossawatomie, Swapannoa, Tallapoosa, Yamme. Perfectly good Ameri-

Although he has done a vast amount of bossing and blue-penciling himself, R. S. McClure, the New York publisher, is doing a reporter's stunt on a New York paper just for the experience on the outside and a working knowledge of the inside of the shop. Mr McClure doesn't need the salary, being quite well off. but thinks a man of 60 cap find much to learn if he looks around for it.



Further details are being worked out for the cor ing charity ball, which will be in charge of Charles Squires, assisted by C. P. Woolowrth. The floor managors are George Patterson, D. W. Saxe, Lieutenant Guy Howard, James Ross, Robert Patrick, Will Mc-Millan, Ed Peck and Clement Chase. Measrs. Shaw and Field, the builders of the opera house, are putting in a false floor, and the top bidders for the boxes are Guy C. Barton, A. L. Strang and Nathan Merriam.

"The Simughter Continues" is a headline, but it refers to the great reduction in prices at the wonderful store of Loyal I. Smith, the popular Farnaro street dry goods man.

At a meeting of the newsboys in the council chamber last night to form an organization, the following were in attendance; John McQuillan, John Haggerty, Ernest Embell, Willie Tracy, Freddie Arnold, Vincent McQuillan, Ed Fitspatrick, Ross Cobb, Willie Ross, Vio Ducrow, Charlie Whyte, Frank Haggerty, Nut Travers, Leroy Wroth, Frank and Charite Morton.

Mr. P. C. Himebaugh was given a pleasant surprise by about forty members of the Y. M. C. A., and a gold headed cane presented to him, Mr. C. H. Harrison making the speech.

G. C. Hobbis at the ticket office, 1413 Farman, is inviting bids to build a frame row of five flats at the corner of Sixteenth and Cass.

ders to the wheels of the "give-a-job" movement. By systematic co-operation a great number of half-time and wholetime jobs have been secured for idle men. Two-storied streets are urged as the best means of relieving the downtown congestion in Chicago. Mayor Harrison's

administration champions subways hecause they will not disturb the signs or Cleveland Plain Dealer: Naming a batscenery. tleship the Formidable does not make it A witimsical citizen, deceased, of Cleveso, any more than calling it a dreadnaught frees it of dread. Mines and subland, made provision in his will for the

establishment of a national cemetery near the Rockefeller estate, for "the burial of the illustrious dead of the state and nation." The idea that Cleveland is "a

good city to be buried in' does not commend itself to the live ones. Out at Douglas, Wyo., William (Jerky

Bill) Ciayton, a rough rider in Buffalo Bill's show in years past, calmly looked on while a doctor amputated his right foot at the ankle and his left foot at the heel. 'The "nerve-blocking" system of deadening pain was used by the doctor. Frozen feet rendered the operation necessary.

## ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN.

Miss Margaret MacCreighton is the winner of the first scholarship ever awarded by the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women.

England has twenty women inspectors of labor, and they are practically independent in their work and functions. France has eighteen women inspectors: Austria, five; Belgium, one.

The Colorado woman's eight-hour taw is sweeping in its application. It includes bookkeepers, stonographers and cashiers who are employed in mercantile, merchandise and manufacturing establishments, according to a ruling of Judge C. C. Butler of Denver.

Mrs. Anna P. Schenck and Miss Marcia Mead, two of the leading architects of the country, have prepared plans for the 6-pence a year. block of model buildings which are to be a memorial to the late Mrs. Wilson in Washington. Mrs. Archibald Hopkins is the originator of the plan, and already a number of contributions have been made to the fund for the buildings.

Romona Flores is the only female colonel in the Mexican army. The Joan of Are, as she is called, has fought fortyseven baltics and was wounded twice. Carranza gave her permission to join his ranks, and she was made colonel and given command of a battalion of 500 cavairymen.

There are four women dentiats in Cleveland, O., and they are said to be very successful Two of them are married and they conduct their households as well as offices. A campaign for mouth hygiene was held in Cleviand last year, and the women dentists did very much to make it a success.

While some women look for burglars under their bed. New York has a night watchwoman who looks for them in dark corners. She totes a gun, too, and isn't afraid of it. Any thiaf who attempts a gotaway with the fruit she guards in the district where the commission houses are located will be halted with a chunk of lead. "Being a night watchwoman," she smys, "isn't near as had a job for a woman as you might think. You know if keeps one out in the open at-"

nantie young girl. The wides wants to hear the same old line of courting bull all over again, and it listen's just as good to her as it does to the young girl.-Cincinnati Enquirer.

marines never stop to read the name-

Indianapolis News: Under the new di-

rect system it cost \$460,777 to elect the

A lot of the June brides who were prom-

ised that they would never have to soll

their itsey, weeny, pitty fingers by doing

any work are now wrestling with the

furnace every morning while hubby

pounds his ear until the house is nice.

A widow wouldn't any more think of

marrying a man on one day's notice than

## Excursion EDITORIAL VIEW POINT.

(Return Limit 21 Days.) First and Third Tuesdays

# Illinois Central Railroad

United States senators who were candidates last November, which is only a fraction of what it used to cost under the old system to elect one senator.

Indianapolis News: The Austrian am-**Direct Route To the** bassador denies that Austria is tired of the war, and maybe it isn't officially: South and Southeast but actually Austria is probably just as tired of it as England, France, Germany, Russia and all the rest of them are. ENJOY THE ALL STEEL Philadelphia Record: Good roads are

very important to the farmers, but they are pretty, expensive, and the cost is more and more put upon the state, instead of the town and county. This increases the opportunity for grafting, and fow, if any, state highway departments are free from corruption, or, at least, the political use of the service. The director of the federal road burcau estimates wastage through politics at \$50,000,000 a Year.

Springfield Republican: Americans regard it as highly amusing that some one in England should have taken out insurance against war with the United States, but the English have the insuring habit as no other nation has. At a London club recently one member knocked off a man's eyeglasses and broke them. He apologized, but the man was not perturbed. "Never mind, old chap," he roplied pleasantly, "they're insured." A policy on eyegiasses costs 1 shilling and

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