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> JANUARY CIRCULATION. 53,714

State of Nebraska. County of Douglas, sn. Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly aworn, says that the average circulation for the month of January, 1915, was 52,741.

was 52,74. DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager, Subserfibed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 2d day of February, 195. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Thought for the Day Selected by E. M. Jones

Pebruary 4

It is not enough for us to be musicians only. We must be men and women of general information, of liberal education-in short, men and women of culture. - Gates.

The snow shovel is pushing to the front as a sign of the spring campaign.

Siz weeks more of groundhog hibernationbut there are exceptions to all rules.

The democratic pilots are surely having a tough time keeping that ship purchase bill nosed to the chart.

But our amiable democratic contemporary fails to make it plain whether it is for the nepotism bill or against it.

All things considered, the bill hopper managed to do a tolerably brisk business on the last two days of its performance at Lincoln.

Welfare work is conceded to be an instrumentality for good. Even the city commission will appreciate all the welfare work it can command for the spring months. No codding.

Like Artemus Ward, Congressman Dan Stephens is willing to sacrifice all his wife's relations who are fighting in the German army providing he can keep Uncle Sam out of the

Tightening the War Lines.

Two of the latest moves in the great war game, while neither is in itself a surprise or a novelty, come with something of a shock to the general public. One is the embargo laid by England on Germany's food supplies, through declaring contraband all food destined for German consumption. The other is the embargo placed by German submarines on English shipping of all kinds. These moves, each of wide possibilities, are essentially developments of the modern theory of war. All humanitarian principles are abandoned in the effort to hamper as far as possible the military activities of a for by interfering to the utmost with his source of energy. which is food.

In either instance the interests of neutrals are totally ignored. Neither Germany nor England is likely to spend much time at present in pursuit of a solution that leads through the mystifying ramifications of international law: the appeal to force is more direct and promising of more immediate results. Warfare in its application has taken on many aspects much at variance with the doctrines so earnestly debated at Hague conferences, and the warring nations are apparently willing to leave to future conferences the determination of the details and refinements of questions now summarily decided. One little grain of comfort may be found in

the present attitude of the belligerents. Their course ought to have the effect of sooner exhausting their resources and thereby shortening the struggle.

Good Bill; Push It Along.

Among the good bills introduced into the legislature at Lincoln is one presented by Representative Palmer, which has the good object in view to stop the absorption of naturalization fees by the clerk of the district court, and to leave no ground for further dispute about this form of graft. Inasmuch as the bill is not yet available in its printed form, we must assume that it is properly framed, and does not give away the case in which our greedy district clerk is claiming a present right to pocket all naturalization fee collections, amounting upwards to \$7,000 or \$8,000.

It has been a long fight to set the limits upon the fee grabbers, who, each time, after solemnly taking official oath to uphold and obey the laws, seek at once to evade them for their own personal profit, and force the taxpayers to spend all sorts of money for lawyers and court costs to compel grafting officials to disgorge the public money they hold out, either as insanity fees or naturalization fees. So with reference to Representative Palmer's bill, we say push it along, in order that the door will be closed against future foe grabs, regardless whether the courts stop the pending treasury raid or not.

Publicity for School Appropriations.

While he does not disclose the exact purpose of his resolution for a special committee to have charge of the bills affecting education before the legislature, the surface indications are that Representative Taylor seeks to check possible extravagance in our various public schools and maybe to curtail waste. If this is his aim, it will be supported by the best thought of the state at large.

In the past it has been the practice to make lump appropriation for the support of the university and allied schools, the detail of apportionment being left to the Board of Regents. The wisdom of this course can not now be seriously questioned, assuming that the lump sum has been within proper bounds at all times. The effect of the practice has been to keep the great educational institutions of the state as free from political influence as possible. It is not at all likely that any harm can result to either university or normal schools to have detailed statements of expenditures made public. The people are vitally concerned in these institutions and are entitled to know to the fullest extent the items that enter into their cost. ,

THE BEE: OMAHA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1915



MUST confess again that I had some misgivings when I started this column as to the sort of re

ception it would have, the question in my mind being whether my personal observations and casual comment could be made interesting generally. There was also a semblance of lurking suspicion that projecting my individuality in this way would evoke the customary criticism of too much ego. I remembered the many-times-used remark about the printer setting up the copy exhausting the cap "I" box. So to have people tell me-and people whom I have no reason to believe particularly interested in my personality-that they are looking for this column is a gratifying experience, and, more so yet, are the letters from out of-town readers and notices in other newspapers.

Here, for example; is an extract about my "Viewa" from the Nebraska City Press, whose editor, J. H Sweet, ordinarily is guite the reverse of complimentary, and has heretolore missed few opportunities to declare that he does not like something I do or say:

'Having been fortunate in knowing a great deal about what he writes, the editor of The Bee adds a human interest flavor to his articles which makes them intensely interesting to every man. Mr. Rosewater's father was so closely related to the history of Nebraska, both as a journalist and a politician, that his son, intimately associated with his father, is in an admirable position to give us new insights into some of the important and eventful episodes of the past.

Here again are some paragraphs quoted from a latter from Editor F. A. Watkins of the Hastings Republican, which puts it on even thicker, and whose encomiums I hope some day to merit;

"I desire to take this opportunity of complimenting you on the quality of your writings that have been appearing on the editorial page of The Bee under your signature. I would perpetrate but one criticism, and that is that you do not make these regolar daily feature. I have never had the pleasure of meeting you, personally, but I knew your father quite well. I always had great admiration for him because of his positive personality and the impress of that personality on The Bee. I well ember the last time I saw him. I accompanied him to the telegraph office in our city when he was here once with a delegation of Omaha business men, and I well remember his frank conversation at that time. His personality was so strongly linked with The Bee as to make it one of the most widely known and quoted papers in the east, which I had occasion more than once to discover.

"I regret that too many of the large papers of the country are known chiefly by their co bigness and the important field they fill, rather than the medium through which a great mind wielded a wide influence for public good. When your father lived, when people were heard to comment on anything that appeared in the columns of The Bee, they would say. 'Rosewater says' and not 'The Bee says.' etc. All journalistic friends of your illustrious father would be rejoiced to see his successor perpetuate this individuality and personality at the head of The Bee's editorial rage.

"Perhaps -I am presuming and intruding, but having been in the newspaper harness in an humble way for over thirty years, and in that time I have learned the value of journalistic worth and genius as I see it, and I appreciate efforts along the lines I have mentioned."

Now after incorporating into this column these kindly meant compliments. I have no doubt I have exposed myself more than ever to the accusation of ormally inflated ego, but the only answer I can make is to plead justification on the ground that I may never have another just-as-good chance, because all the other bouquets may be brickbats.

"Did you ever see so much spow on the ground at one time before?" asked C. W. Lyman the day after the big storm.

"No. I never did, but I can't remember back as far as you can," I replied. Well, I never slid either." said he.

level-headed labor unionists with whom I have come

in contact. He is a union man through and through,

but not an agitator for visionary schemes. Coffey is

another of the men who served with me on the Work-

men's Compensation commission appointed by Gov-

ernor Aldrich to investigate and advise him on this

intricate subject, but whose recommendations he re-

jected without walting for their report. In the course

of the commission's study and bill-drafting, Coffey's

uneful service was distinctively noticeable and to him

more than to any other one man is Nebraska in-

debted for having gotten as far as it has in the

matter of compensating injured workmen without

forcing them to litigate and divide with the contingent-

Twice Told Tales

Rather Bewildering.

She had engaged a maid recently from the country

and was now employed in showing her newly acquired

treasure over the house and enlightening her in regard to various duties, etc. At last they reached the

I'm glad Frank Colfey has been appointed State Labor commissioner, for he is a printer and a good one, and what is more, one of th



Evokes a Friendly Interest.

VERDIGRIS, Neb., Feb. 2-To the Editor of The Bee: I read the article in The Bee that Omaha girls, studying at Lucerne, hear the cannon roar. I was born in Switzerland at Neuchatel, on the lake. I am here for thirty-one years, established as a photographer in Verdigris. have a lot of relatives still living in Switzerland and I would be very glad to get the correct address of the American girls through their relatives in Omaho. I would like to see some of those American girls visit some of my folks, by whom they will surely be welcomed. I have served five years in the French navy, three times around the world, and I would be happy to hear of my folks in Switzerland, through any of our American girls abroad. Hoping to hear from you soon LEON OLSOMMER.

Politics in the War Fever.

BOELUS, Neb., Feb. 8.-To the Editor of The Bee: I, like Mr. George Gowin of Litchfield, am an American by birth, and would fight to the last for my country. But it is a sad thing we find one who calls himself Weybright, which is a German name, and my idea is that he was born in the backwoods of northeast Germany, and that he had to get out of there on account of religious tendencies. Please print, all of Mr. George Gowin's letter, because everything he has written so far is the truth, and good, common sense. Come again, George, and if you ever want public office it is yours for the asking. W., AN AMERICAN.

What the Spiritualists Want.

OMAHA, Feb. 3.-To the Editor of The Bee: In The Bee I find the headline. "Spirits Fail to Move City Dads to Exampt Licenses."

I so often wonder why it is that when any matter comes up that it becomes necessary to get into print in which spiritualists are concerned that we cannot be treated at least with a reasonable degree of respect. Why a spirit of derision and the finger of fun is at all times pointed at us. No effort made to discriminate between the respectable class of spiritualists and those who have attempted to appropriate our living to serve the devil in. This was the question argued before the council This, I say, is the bone of contention, as to how this elimination of unreliable and undesirables can in the best and most effective way be banished. We all claim to be working for the

betterment and the uplift of humanity. The true and earnest seeker after knowledge is not ashamed of the company he keeps. His friends are legion on both sides of the death line. All sacred books are chuck full of both its phenomena and philosophy. It numbers among its adherents the brightest minds of the world, including kings, queens, presidents, governors, as well as statesmen and scholars, as well as many divines. W. T. DENNEY.

2316 Ogden street.

Commendation for Robert Cowell. BANCROFT, Neb., Feb. 2 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Allow me to commend Mr. Robert Cowell for the stand he has taken with regard to children's play. He is absolutely correct. Others would take the same stand if it were not for the popularity of the play crase. H. JEGER

Waboo Advice to Omaha.

WAHOO, Neb., Feb. 3 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Inasmuch as the subject of

state banker, and, as stated, the state is getting its singular tax on all actual property within the state. If that be true

or personal property and Jones must pay on the capital stock that already has been assessed singularly.

The borrower is going to pay the bill if not in taxes he will be obliged to pay it in the rate of interest in accordance with the demand of the money. The banks already subject to a three or four

contrary to law, an existing body for which every term of the legislation makes restrictions and fines are imposed upon them. We are at present subject to regular county and state taxes, subcontrary to law, an existing body for regular county and state taxes, subject to the mational corporation tax, sub- When street cars are crowded to the

ject to the guarantee fund tax, subject to examination tax, subject to war tax, and all other unfavorable conditions. known to banks only, which I could enumerate, but in conclusion I will say that with the foregoing facts 'we are entitled to our share of respect and impartiality of our present law making body. FRED SOFCER. President of the State Bank of Hildreth.

PASSING FLEASANTRIES.

"We ought to be prepared for war.,' "Aw, nobody wants to go to war with us." Be "That's all right. Even at that we don't want to be the innocent bystander." -Louisville Courier-Journal.

Alice-Now that you've broken your en-gagement with Jack you will of course return the flamond ring he gave you? Betty-Certainly not: it would be a con-stant reminder of the happiness he had missed.-Boston Transcript. blue.

Old Lady (Stopping on Road)-Dear' dear! Why are you two men using such frightful language? Tattered Thomas-Well, yer see, lady, me an' me pard has ter exchange heated words to keep warm, not havin' no over-coats.-Boston Transcript.

"What do you think of the president's

"I don't like it!" "Have you read it?" "No. When I disagree with a man's politics I don't have to read his speeches to know I don't like 'em."-Washington Star.

"Why did you leave your last place?" "The master kissed me, mum." "And you didn't like it, eh?" "Oh, I liked it all right, mum; but the missus didn't."-Boston Transcript.

"Yes," said the young lady. "I spent the entire evening telling him that he had a terrible reputation for kissing girls against their will." "And what did he do?" "He sat there like a boob and denied it."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Sweet are the uses of adversity."

"I believe it." retorted the dissatisfied one, "but, somehow or other, I don't seem to be able to cultivate a taste for it."-Philadelphia Ledger.

"This talk of submarines filling all needs is piffle, I say." "Me, too, Submarines can't supplant battleships. What good would a sub-marine be for a moonlight dance?"-Pittsburgh Post.



YE JITNEY BUS.

There no bot pipes will correct pay bus the money must pay on his real estate to repeat pay on his real estate to a strap.

When you have missed your usual car And the streets are one big muss, You meed not wade thre come and arime-Behold yon jitney bus.. You may get joits, may bounce about And fall in some one's lap. But what's the odds, the risk's the same When hangin' to a strap.

time double taxation will in time feet that they are classed as an evil and. It's a long, long way to your job, my

ears But just be thankful that you alt Instead o' hangin' to a strap. If you have no ear flap. Omaha. BAYOLL NE TRELE.



you happy. Why? Because, it may "How Can I Reep Up?" be a worth-while hint to take better care

of yourself. "Blues" are apt to come from peisoned blood - often are caused by uric acid which the kidneys should filter from the blood. Strengthen your kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills-the remedy recommonded everywhere for backache, uric acid trouble, bladder and kidney ailments

A Case Right Here

in Omaha

Mrs. R. Jorgensen, 2119 Leavenworth St. maha, says: "My back ached all the time. I felt dull and droway and didn't have much life. Sometimes my kidneys acted too often, then again not often enough. As soon as I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills, they relieved these allments. I used five boxes and today my sealth is much better. My back feels strong and my kidneys are doing their work as they should."

OAN'S FILLS

50¢ at all Drug Stores Foster-Milburn Co.Props. Buffalo,N.Y

By sending another personally selected agent to Mexico, President Wilson doubtless hopes to get a line on the number and speed of the revo-News reports overlook census statistics.

All the women teachers demoted or dismissed without hearing by the last school board hav now been reinstated, but nothing yet for the man teacher similarly dropped. What about it?

Contributors to The Bee's Christmas ship collection are hearing by letter from the children in Europe who were made happy by the gifta. That's the best kind of a receipt that any one could furnish.

A showing of 100,000 new depositors in the postal savings banks during the last six months is gratifying proof of national thrift. War checks the speed but does not wholly obstruct the advance of the saving habit.

Today is expected to tell whether the literacy test boosters can put it across in the house over th president's veto. Failure in the house would finish it, although, of course, the veto would still stand unless outvoted in the senate too.

Why an all-the-year-round salary for a jury commissioner who will have only a few weeks work at most? If no present salaried officer can do the job, why not pay the jury commissioner a per diem for the actual time he puts in?



prospective introduction of manual training into high school is indicated by a resolution adopted the school board, constituting a committee of errs. Copeland, Griffin and Parker to estimate the cost of the different systems and report as soon as

The officers and directors of the Omaha Loan and Building association for the ensuing year are: Presi-dent, W. P. Bechel; vice president, John Rosicky; shendent, E. K. Nattinger: treasurer, E. N. Long: onal directors, G. Andree, James Forsythe, John tler, C. R. Turney, C. P. Needham, L. M. Rheam

The Gies club concert at the Boyd last night is mounced a brilliant munical event, the solos being ated by Mizz Frama Medulla Baker, contraito; me H. Broderick, bass; Miss Alice Atwood, so-m, and Prederick Austin, on the cornet. The Madclub of Chicago and Fourth Infantry band an-

The Home Circle Literary society, in session at the ence of William Latey, was entertained with a ram whell culminated in an * amaleur surprise rical, "Our Surprise Party," the characters taken by the Misses Maggie Latey, Annie Lane, Amy Pickmis, Dolly Bailey and Mosars. F. W. Pickens, B. P. Redman, D. P. Beard and W. H. Latey.

Rav. Mr. Pyle, the Nebraska revivalist, is holding services in the First Methodist church, nightly,

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Taylor as Nors and Margaret Boyd and Mr. J. H. dt and daughter, Alice, left for New Orleans to do

Care must be taken, however, to avoid anything that will hamper the administration of the schools. The Regents must be given full authority for the proper maintenance and direction of the institutions under their management Money spent to support educational institutions is the best investment the people of the state can or do make, but it should be at all times under such control as renders certain that it is being wisely and efficiently expended.

stuffs is asked as a preventive, but its efficacy

or expediency may be questioned. The economic

truth that is being driven home by the increase

in cost of food products is that all civilization

tions of this law. It will be well for our citizens

and all must suffer when millions of laboriously

accumulated wealth is sent up in smoke or con-

Not Cause for Deep, Alarm.

dividuals. The man is under arrest, and when

the nature of his offense is finally determined,

the law will deal with him in due order. The

incident is not likely to disturb the sincere rela-

tions between the United States and any of the

That picture of the soldiers hunting for

money in the debris of the earthquake-ruined

bank at Avezzona reminds us how lucky-or un-

lucky-we were that no Omsha bank was fool-

ish enough to collide with our tornado.

The hair-brained attempt of an individual to

verted to ruins.

belligerent powers.

best room "These," said the mistress of the house, pausing The Price of Bread. befare an extensive row of masculine portraits, "these are very valuable, and you must be very careful Master bakers are telling their troubles to when dusting. They are old masters." the public. The mounting price of wheat has Mary's jaw dropped and a look of intense wonder carried with it the price of flour, and, as a result, ead her rubicund face. "Lor, mum," gasped, gazing with bulging eyes on the face of her the losf is less in weight and higher in cost. new employer; "lar, mum, who'd 'ave thought you'd Thus is the, effect of the war brought to the been married all these times!"-- Pittsburgh Chroniclebreakfast table in every American home, and to Telegraph. the attention of those who cat at hotels or restaurants. An embargo on the export of food

foo lawyers.

Zeke's idea of it.

A well known congressman from Virginia, leaving his house one morning, forgot a letter that he and That afternoon something called it moant to mail. to his mind, and as it was of considerable importance he immediately hurried home. The letter was nowhere to be found. He summaned his faithful old darky servant. "Zeke," he said, "did you see anything of a letter

of mine around the house?"

- Yeasuh, Yo' lef' it on yo' table."
- "Then where it it now?"
- "hh mailed it, stah."
- Mailed H! Why Zeke, there wasn't any name of address on the envelope!" 'Jus' so, suh. Jus' so, Ah thought it, mus' be

an answer to one of dem 'nonymous letters yo've been settin' lately."-Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

People and Events

Commissioner Katherine Davis of the New York Board of Correction, declined a box of cigars a convict admirer sent her. Then came a box of candy tied with pink ribbon. That reached the spot.

During the last five years the United States Steel and Carnegie penalon funds distributed \$1,575,621 in ons to aged and infirm employes. Pitisburgh and Cleveland workmen got the bulk of the money.

Down in Jersey it appears that hubbles take big chances in filrting with affinities. In a recent divorce case the plaintiff testifed that she donned hubby's trouters in order to climb a telegraph pole and look into a second-story room spotted in her ausy But the measly occupants pulled down the blinds. However, the pole-climber got her divorce.

Havans, Cubs, comes to the front with a circum stantial biography of a woman who died last fall et the age of 120. Hhe was a slave in her youth, a servant in middle life, and a hermit the last sixty years. living in a cave twenty miles from Havana. Her name was Catalina Alianas. Mrs. Hannah Roscorr of New York, with her spore of 117 years, takes second place in the old year's record of ancients.

prohibition is now the principal topic of conversation and discussion 1 have decided to ask you to print the following. which appears in a recent number of the Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Republican:

which appears in a recent number of the Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Republican:
Waterloo went dry in November, 1912, closing twenty-six saloons and six brewery warehouses. John Mikchell, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, says: "Close a brewery, a factory takes its place: close a saloon and in its place comes a store." Since going dry, Waterloo has built eight new factories and empty saloons? Fifteon new grocery stores, six meat markets, six clothing stores, two shoe stores, four millinery stores, two shoe stores, four millinery stores, six restaurants, three hotels, seven how in honorable lines of merchandise, waterloo also built 1,735 houses and flats and has thirty-four more empty houses that has thirty-four more empty houses and that and has thirty-four more empty houses the public stores. A noted decrease in drunkemess, crime, poverty, vagrancy and built 1,735 houses and flats and has thirty-four more empty houses for city administration. Prohibiliton produces prosperity. Sign no more saloon public extenses.

What is the matter with making Omaha dry in 1910? Don't say you can't, but fust try. I firmly believe that every city, town, village and hamlet can banish their saloons if they see fit to do so. You will only have to educate public sentiment to a standard of decency and common morality and it will then demand it and will accept nothing else. C. H. GILLILAN

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Bankers Object to Double Taxation. HILDRETH, Neb., Feb. 1.-To the Edl-The Bee: In tracing the actions of the different committees of our law making body I find that the section of that body to whom the revenue and taxation department was assigned recommends a law prohibiting all banks and trust companies from deducting any real estate mortgages from their respective capital stock and hurpluses.

Why and on what grounds and foundation of justice and impartiality does this body hase their action? Are they looking after the state's and the county's interest from which they are sent in accordance with impartiality and justice to all the state, or even to the county from which they were sent, with the thought of the people that they would be impartial and do justice to all?

First, do the statutes of our state prohibit any bank from loaning any or all of its capital stock not expended for real estate and fixtures? We assume that there is no prohibition. What about Real Estate Agent Jones, or Private Individual Johnson conducting a loan office across the street? If, for an illustration, he has a private capital of \$50,000 and loans it on real estate and contracts with the horrower to, pay all the taxes; that is legal. Still in addition Jones gives his note to a number of private individuals and borrows \$50,000 at any 4 per cent and reloans it at 6 or 7 per cent, as he may see fit to loan it to the individual; all on real estate, with the mortgage clause attached. Is that not lawful, according to the statutes and the constitution of the United States? Is not the state getting its singular taxes by taxing the property purchased with all the borrowed ney on real estate as well as ou personal property? If that is the true condition in Jones' and Johnson's particular cases, as above set forth, and Jones and on are under no restrictions to the state in any particular way like the

tiful spring gowns, all pink and white. She has great rolls of waxen curls, big blue eyes and oh dear me, when you see her dainty little feet and pink shoes and stockings, you'll just want to eat her up.

Mildred wil be given free to the little girl under 12 years of age that brings or mails us the largest number of doll's pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m., Saturday, February 6.

Mildred's picture will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them out and ask your friends to save the pictures in the paper for you, too. See how many pictures of Mildred you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4:00 p.m. Saturday, February 6.

You can see "Mildred" at The Bee Office



More Skates

Barney & Berry. American Club, Nickel Plated, Tempered Welded Steel Blades. Sizes to fit.

This picture of one of the Skates will be in The Bee every day this week.

Cut them all out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too. See how many pictures you can get and bring them to The Bee office next Satur-

The Skates wil be given Free to the boy that sends us the most pictures before 4 P. M. Saturday, February 6.

destroy an international railroad bridge can not be made cause for serious complaint on part of Great Britain. Chief interest will be found in establishing the status of the offender, whether he is a criminal or merely a political malcontent. In either event, the United States can not be held responsible for his actions, for this government is not blamable for the unauthorized acts of in-