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Diplomacy is talking now. That is diplomacy's specialty.

Secretary Bryan continues to shine diplomatically in the reflected light of Counsellor Lansing.

Mr. Carnegie's peace palace continues at the old stand, but there is not enough business to pay the printing bill of a peace bulletin.

Full valuation of visible property is not as important to taxpayers as an efficient means of placing invisible property on the tax rolls.

Consumers of shrunken bread loaves may draw some satisfaction from the trimming of wheat speculators. No charge to watch the show.

Just as Russia took advantage of war to abolish vodka, France takes courage from like conditions to banish absinthe. Two good deeds apring from the evils of war.

If the national government does not come formerly figured but lightly in the export trade

THE BEE: OMAHA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1915.

The Political Caldron

of laudation of Governor Morehead, his numerous virtues and excellent qualifications being TNTEREST in the registration for the forthcomi extensively extelled, preparatory, an observer might conclude, to some further flight by his city commission primary on April 6 and election on May 4 is beginning to manifest itself in the elecexcellency across the political fields of Nebraska. on commissioner's office in the county court house However, the zeal of the governor's advocates There is no particular rush of voters, but the daily now and again seem to outrun the limit of pruregistrations and revisions show an increase. During the recent weeks, when the city was employing large dence, and place him in a position against which gangs of men to shovel anow from the streets, there some legitimate criticism may be directed. were about 300 new registrations to meet the require For example, we are just now informed that ents of the city street department.

Economy, or Grandstand Play V

by his predecessors in office, going back to Gov-

ernor Savage, and coming down through Mesars.

Mickey, Sheldon, Shallenberger and Aldrich, thus

insinuating that Mr. Morehead has been very

considerate when it came to saving the state

The question comes up here, is this economy

or merely a grandstand play on the part of the

governor? The state of Nebraska is well able

and quite willing to pay its officials, and car-

tainly does not require that its executive serve

at a loss to himself. Appropriations for defay-

ing the legitimate expenses of the governor

have always been made in good faith, and demo-

crats and republicans alike have availed them-

selves of the provision. The salary of the gov-

ernor is not aufficient to pay the expenses he is

legitimately required to assume; an effort to in-

crease this pay was defeated by the voters last

fall, but not with any intention that the governor

should be compelled to pay out more than the

state allows him. If such a policy were adopted,

it would effectually preclude a poor man from

Governor Morehead has a perfect right to de-

cline an expense account allowance from the

state, and to defray from his own means the en-

tire cost of maintaining himself in office, but

he should not criticize, even by innuendo, his

predecessors in office because they did not antici-

Foreign Trade of United States.

has suffered guite severely, as a result of the

war, but it is far from being dead, as is shown

by the bulletin of the Department of Commerce.

The imports at thirteen principal ports for the

week ending January 30, amounted to more than

\$27,000,000, while the exports sent out from the

same ports totalled above \$63,000,000. These

thirteen ports handle about 80 per cent of the

foreign commerce of the United States, so that

the whole showing for the week in question will

be well above \$100,000,000, a volume of ex-

Trading between the United States and European ports is still very brisk, despite the inter-

ruptions incident to the war. The nature of the

articles imported has been much changed, and

not a few things that were formerly purchased

abroad in large quantities are now being made

at home. Many articles of manufacture which

ternal trade that is quite satisfactory.

Externally the commerce of the United States

pate his democratic devotion to "economy."

aspiring to the office.

money.

We are just now being regaled with much

during his term of office, Governor Morehead Deputy Election Commissioner Henry Ostrom says has made no charge against the state for the tre are yet quite a few voters who do not understand that one registration suffices for all time, as expenses incident to maintenance of the executive ing as they do not change their residences. This mansion in Lincoln, nor for money expended on class thinks it must register for each election, having account of journeys the executive of the state forgotten the provisions of the new election law. In cases of change of residence it is only necessary to may from time to time be required to take in call at the election commissioner's office and have the change recorded, would be well enough, but coupled with it is a showing of the moneys expended on these items

For the information of prospective voters who my or may not have taken out their first naturalization papers, it is stated that they may register for the May election on or before March 6, the law re quiring that they cannot vote on their tirst papers within thirty days after their declaration of intention. Thirty days after March 6 would bring the time up to the commission primary election. They, of course, must have lived in the state six months to be eligible under the provision referred to.

The books of the election commissioner will be open for new registrations or revisions up to ten days before the primary for the primary election, and the condition will apply to the election in May.

The experience of the election boards shows that some voters forget to have new addresses recorded at the election commissioner's office, and there are others who do not know that such action is even necessary, unless they want to go to the trouble on election day of bringing two freeholders of their ward to youch for them.

The election commissioner's office is open every day for registrations, and Deputy Ostrom says it saves a lot of trouble and confusion on election day if voters will just think to register and have their changes of residences recorded.

The new election system is becoming more under stood by the voters. The records now show 34,600 registered voters in Omaha. The clerks get the death ords from the city half and mark off those who die, and the inspectors who canvass their respectiv districts report back yoters who have moved perma nently out of the city.

There is a class who never register. The other day a young man called for a petition blank for the comsolon primary. He wants to be a city comm It was discovered that he had not been registere since before the last presidential election. Some d Some do not register because they want to escape jury duty. and others say it is too much trouble.

The sunshine had the effect of bringing out a new batch of city commission aspirants. Fresh timber is being heard from every day. It is said that the full moon has something to do with the mental condition of those who may be susceptible to the wiles of the political siren. There will be no full moon this month, but in March the moon will be full on two occasions, thus giving quite an impetus to political activity, it is declared by those who claim to know about lunar Influence

J. R. Musgrave, one of the deputy sheriffs, is out with a city commission primary petition and expects to make the race. Charles Bruner, ploneer, is being mentioned with more or less frequency. He expects the support of the ploneers. Ed Leeder, identified with the double shift for city firemen, and known as a justice of the peace, is another name being discussed Owen Slaven has confided to friends that he has his eve on a city commissionership. He has lived here many years, and in the early days was in the grocery business. He and Colonel Charles Fanning years and years ago had the contract for cleaning the streets at so much per mile.

Robert Drussedow, legislator, may file. Fred Hoye has a little boomlet which is a booming on the south



fore Schleswig-Holstein History. CLARKS, Neb., Feb. 16 .- To the Editor of The Bee; In answer to Mr. Boronso concerning his claim of rightful owner ship of Schleswig-Hoistein, will say: This country has been populated by Germans as long as there was any history written about these countries, with the exception of North Schleswig, which is partly settled by Danes. Schleswig-Holstein it German, and always wanted to belong to Germany. A large part of Holstein was diked in from the sea, and this land (called Ditmarris) was very fertile, which the Danes took notice of, and tried to onquer for centuries. The 16th of June, 1559, they took possession of this country, Ditmarria, but the people kept up their language until 1840, when the Danes tried to force them to learn Danish, and make Danes out of Germans. (My mother had to learn Danish at school.) Then the Germans thought it time to stop them. Contradict this, Mr. Sorenson, and don't aquent about loning stolen property. HERMAN HOLM.

About Consolidation.

SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 13,-To the Editor of The Bee: The question of consolidating the smaller cities surrounding Omaha with that city is one that should receive the support of all the broad-minded citizens of our state. Nebrasks is one of the leading western states and should have one or two large cities within its borders mmensurate with its splendid possibilities, and the legislature should see that the selfish interests of a few politicians be not permitted to block the onward march of the largest city of our state. Minnesota's pride is St. Paul and Minneapolls; Wisconsin boasts of its Milwaukee,

and Missouri of its St. Louis and Kansas City, and they are all spiendid cities, and every one of them in their great growth absorbed various cities, towns and villages that stood in the way of their expanalon

Is there any reason why Nebraska, with the contiguous support of western Iowa, should not make Omaha as large as Kansas City, thereby inviting men who invest only in large cities to open up large factories and other industries within our state, giving semployment to thousands of men within our borders who now go elsewhere? This cannot be done unless the city of Omaha is permitted by the legislature to expand and take in the several small cities and towns surrounding it, and which thrive in a small way by reason of its greatness, and as a taxpayer of South Omaha for fifteen years I know that the mass of the solid citizens therein favor consolidation.

I have too much faith in the integrity of our legislature to think that the presence of city officials drawing in many cases over \$5 per day from the laboring taxpayers of our city, spending days in Lincoln as supplicants to be retained in office, and in no manner representing the sentiment of the actual taxpayers of our city, will in any manner be influenced thereby. Onward march, should be the slogan of every Nebraskan, and every member of the legislature. Det us all be proud of Omaha and Lincoln and help them to be the Minneapolis and St. Paul VERITAS. of Nebraska.

Lusitania and the Flag. OMBAHA, Neb., Feb. 11 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Referring to your recent editorial on the Lusitania incident, I wish to ask if your presentation of the TOLICIO same is not misleading, especially where you compare it with the case of the "Emdan," a German cruiser which distinguished itself by the construction of a dummy fourth funnel in order to depelve a French and a Russian man-of-war, destroying both. Their claim that the Emden also flew the Japanese flag has been denied and has never been proven. The two incidents present no parallel whatever. French, Russhans and Japanese were enemies at war with Germany. The Lusitania is an English merchant vessel hiding behind the flag of, a neutral and friendly nation. In no instance during the war did German ships fly the flag of a neutral nation, which disposes of the claim of "a case in precedence. It is also erroneous to say that it is practically impossible for submarines to stop a fast steamer, and that it is an easy matter for such a steamer to escape a submarine. In your own columns, you reported but shortly that the German submarine U-21 within two days stopped five English steamers and destroyed them after making their crews take to the lifeboats. I believe this disproves also the statement made in your editorial that the declared German blockade of English waters is only a "paper" blockade. In view of these facts I must also take issue with your conclusion that the Lusitania incident is of no consequence. You will remember that at the beginning of the war the English press, voiced furious protests against German mine laying trawlers, claiming they had sailed under neutral flags (which has never been proven), and denounced the alleged act Rock law, ' At that time, as a ruse of the Island Germans, it was descried as a wicked wrong, but when the English Lusitania files the stars and stripes, "the practice is as old as civilized warfare and is commonly resorted to." Can it be that anything England does to well done? The abuse of the United States flag is distinctly an unneutral act and only an ally of England could pass it over without vigorous protest. Hiding be-hind the United States flag is bad faith and a confession of weakness on England's part. DR. HERM GERHARD, "Efficiency" in City Administration OMAHA, Feb. II.-To the Ellitor of The Bee: Mayor Dahlman, in a recent speech in Sheelstown, is reported to have dwelt mainly on "efficiency in municipal goy-ernment." In The Evening Bee I find an item, "Clean your walks or the officer will get you, Sergeant Russell and a squad of ten officers to round up all offenders who have not cleared their sidevalks of mow and ice." After wading through enow and ice for five weeks this efficiency order is amusing to say the BR.HE.

GRINS AND GROANS.

Hokus-Yes, she's pretty; but abe

Pokus-Rubs off. st?-Judge "Why do you state that women are lower than men" demanded the suf-

slower than men"" demanded the suf-fragette. "It takes most of them forty years to reach the age of 20," replied the grouch. --Cincinnati Enquirer. "What is the matter with your old cat? She looks discenselate these days." "Pap hurt her feelings dreadfully, Brung home a mouse trab has week. I told him not to do it Cats has got their feelings same as anybody clas."-Louis-ville Courier-Journal.

"When women go campaigning, offer-ing kinses for votes, the result will be an illegal election." "How so?" "All the voters will want to be re-peaters."-Baltimore American.

Judge-You admit, then, that you stole the loat of bread? Woman Prisoner-Yes, your honor. Judge-What have you to say for your-

Woman-Sothing, your honor. If it was lace or jewelry I might plead kiepto-mania; hut we can't work that when it's hread.-Boston Transcript.

E. C. Converse, Director, Bankers Trust Co., Liberty National Bank, Inter-national Nickle Co., New York.

E. Corey, Former President U. S.

Steel Corporation, New York.

A. Corliss, President, Lamont,

Corliss & Co., New York. H. Sabin, President, Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., New York.

P. L. Foster, London Exploration Co.,

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New York.

Well. I've done it' I'm a fool, all this glory talk is drool. I'm a triple-plated human donkey-net! I've been wallowing in stench in a thing they call a trench. Since Monday week without a cigarette. Say, if ever I get out I shall do the right about. And-What?-the bugles?-charge-Are we the ones? We are-by all that's luck! Where's my rifle? God! Hooray! Now we'll make those fellows duck In that trench across the way-Sons of guns!

THE VOLUNTEER.

Thomas R. Ybara in New York Times.

am working at a desk, which, although

and work of the stored away and will soon have more (or may).
And the rester of my friendships might

in as law as a cat and I'm growing protty fat. And "comfort" is no more an empty.

But-there they go again. But-there they go again. Busie note and roll of drum. And the swing of marching meni Lord of war, I come, I come-I have heard!

Convertible Debenture 6% Bonds Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co. Listed on the New York Stock Exchange Anthonized and outstanding, \$4,500,000. Dated July 1, 1914; das July 1, 1919 "HE company's properties adjoin those of the Miami Copper Company's property in Globe, Arizona, and are identical in general character with that and other long established dividend-paying porphyry copper properties. Official reports state that the property has developed over 73,000,000 tons of good commercial ore Income return on bonds over six per cent. Large ore reserves make the investment safe. Liberal sinking-fund and valuable conversion rights make for higher prices. Earnings on full operation on present price of copper should equal ten times all interest charges. Board of Directors of Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co. W. Allen, Director, United Metala | Eugene Meyer, Jr., Eugene Meyer, Jr., Selling Co., New York. & Co., Bankers, New York. John F. Alvord, President, Excelsior Needle Co., Torrington, Conn. T. F. Cole, Director, Montana Power Co., Duluth, Minn. L. D. Ricketts, Consulting Engineer, Warren, Arizona.

W. G. Rockefeller, Director, Union Pacific R. R. Co., Amalgamated Copper Co., New York.

John D. Ryan, President, Amalga-mated Copper Co., President, Montana Power Go., New York.

W. B. Thompson, Director, Federal Reserve Bank, New York. W. D. Thornton, President, Greene Consolidated Copper Co., New

York. A. H. Wiggin, President, Chase Na-tional Bank, New York.

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up to the expectations of everybody, it is not for want of free advice. Bales of safety suggestions pack government wastebaakets.

While the purists are insisting on making all things pure by law, why not include a law for pure tobacco. The field is boundless and would yield a large crop of surprises.

A rural school reform over which the lawmakors dallied at Lincoln was achieved by a simple ruling of State Superintendent Thomas, Which shows how easy a task becomes when you know how to do it.

The gaiety of this country is visibly increased. by the insistent claims of officeholders that they can teach business men how to do business and make money. But they are shrewd enough not to vonture in with their own coin.

Because Mrs. Leslie did not distribute her fortune among relatives they have gone into court to prove that she was crazy when she made her will. None of the accusors had the courage to tell it to the madame when she was making the money.

The last word in sartorial necessities put out in Chicago fixes \$1,000 a year as the minimum cost of properly draping a man's form so as to bring out his fine curving lines. . Those who cannot go the limit are doomed to hide their bumps in hand-me-downs.

The German Imperial bank is now reported to hold \$548,750,000 in gold, an increase of more than \$200,000,000 since the commancement of the war. The figures far exceed the estimates of the financiers of the allies, and add one more to the many surprises Germany has given its enemies.



Colonet A. Hoagland dollvered his farewell lectur to the citizens of Omaha at the First Christian church Stirring addresses were also made by Rev. W. J. Harstin and Mr. C. E. Newton of the Charity Union

Harstin and Mr. C. E. Newton of the Charity Union. A prearranged series of cock fights which were to have taken place today in a Douglas streat resort drow a large suthering of sports, but ewing to the failure of the owners of the makibled birds to appear. the fight was declared aff. Mr. J. C. Knight of the superintendent's office of the Union Pacific is panetag around cigars. It's a boy-Nearly thirty persons have professed conversion at the retival meetings at the Seward Street Methodise.

the revival meetings at the Seward Street Methodia The Danish Brotherhood held a grand masquarade

at Turner hall. The costanes were very fine and prime awarded to Dora Johnson, Katle Frederickson. John Smith and Loritz Jensen.

Miss Lysis Wilson has returned from Port Leav-worth, where are visited friands. W. W. Rullock, a resident of Omaha for the last a years, has gone to Louisville, Ky., to engage in

its drug business

Rev. W. O. Pearcon of Warcoster. O. has come

here in this charge of the other of the state of the stat

are now being sent abroad in large quantities. These facts directly and favorably affect the industriar situation in the United States.

Large shipments are being steadily made to the countries at war, and with the adjustment of certain questions in connection with the control of the seaways, a still further activity in the export trade may be looked for. The United States is the great source of supply for the world.

Let the Birds Alone.

The Nebraska senate has just performed a real service for the farmers of the state by putting a quietus on a bill that had for its purpose the extermination of the crows. It seems a little bit remarkable that at this time any farmer should be found shortsighted enough to give his countenance to a movement having for its sim the interference in any way with the birds who make their summer homes in this state. Nehraska is blessed with a wonderful variety of birds, and the farmer should understand that these are his best friends. The slight cost of crop damage that may result from the presence of the birds, no matter of what variety, is more than repaid by their activity in destroying insect pests whose unchecked ravages would soon denude the state of all growing things. The crows in particular, are the foes of the rodents, whose depredations would soon amount to damage far greater than could possibly be wrought by the birds themselves. The slight toll that is taken from the fields and orchards of the state is but little recompense for the service actually performed by the birds. By all means let them

Where One Reform Pinches. Surgery cannot be practiced without giving

alone.

some pain to the patient. No reform of an admitted burden can be inaugurated without affecting the pecuniary interests of somebody. It is not surprising that the bonded abstractors of the state regard the present system of property transfers as the best ever. It surely is the most profitable system for the abstractors. No persum can acquire title to a piece of real property without giving the abstractors and the title examiners their bit, and the same property cannot be imprigaged for a loan without a like contribution. The system is costly, clumsy and inefficient, and is especially burdensome to the small property owner.

Uncle Sam's treasury balance continues shrinking like a family purse in a meat market. It is around the \$50,000,000 noteh now, compared with \$68,000,000 on the first of the year, a shrinkage of \$3,000,000 a week. Despite. the growing peril of the deficit the congressional pork bar'l bill has been fattened by the senate to a total of \$42,060,000. Democratic economy is a political outcast.

Viewed in the proper light the action of the Ordana's captain in flying the Stars and Stripes while sailing along the south coast of Ireland is not a serious breach of fing rules. In that losality the natives cherish a decided preference for the American flag, and the skipper, doubtless, took that means of giving them a joyous thrill.

Mike Lee says he believes it is too expensive a

luxury for him in this year of grace. He will sit on the bleachers this spring and watch the political game.

Attorney John T. Dillon says he enjoys making a survey of the field of candidates in any political cam-paign, particularly a city campaign. He believes a city campaign is closer to the citizens of a community. He looks upon this matter in the light of the public employing certain men to work for them.

He contends that voters should know the men who are applying for public office. He thinks the availability of these men for the various places, elective and appointive, should be a matter of serious con

This citizen has started to get a line on the men already mentioned for the city commission primary. He knows most of them and is familiar with their records. He says there are many capable men in the list, but the chief objection he finds is that nearly all of them want to be mayor. There is a plethors of mayoralty aspirants, he finds. He believes it importand the city should have a mayor, a competent chief executive, but his point is that it is just as important that the city shall have a competent man for the public improvements department, for instance. He would like to see more man who are up on pubhe improvement matters come forward and announce their candidacy, and the same with the other branches of the municipal service. He does not want to be understood as finding any particular fault with the present incumbents, but he hulds that the people owe it to themselves to select the very best material and to be "up on their toes" from now to election day on May 4.

Mr. Dillon maintains that efficiency is becoming more and more a prerequisite for public service.

Twice Told Tales

Por Work-End Parties.

The old-fashloned razor is a recognized weapon of offense and defense in the south; in fact, to such an extent that many states (including Arkansas) have seen fit to embrace them in laws prohibiting the carrying of weapons.

few days ago a negro entered a hardware store and asked to see some raxors. The clerk showed him some safety raxors, which he looked at with rather a critical glance, finally saying: "Boss, dis am not the kind of ranor I wants; I desires one strictly for social purposes."-National Monthly.

Self-Dental.

"Ernest," she gasped, cheking back her tears, Cather has lost all!" +* B(B) 948.

"Father has lost all," she reiterated, sobbing, "Not all!" he exclaimed.

"Yes, all." "Never," he said bravely, pulling himself together You, Miranda, still are left to him. I could not be so ruel as to take the last of his wealth."

Firmly he held her off. "Tell him, Miranda. No! tell him from me, that his generosity toward me de-mands that I leave what little has in my powerl'-Philadelphia Ladger,

An Indiscovet Memory.

"You and that very charming Miss Malcoim were py-and-atri friends, I'm told."

'Yes.' "I saw you talking to her. You must have had a

delightful time recalling early days." "Well, no. I tried to make it pinasant, but it didn't seem to work. I recalled to her how she climbed trees and feature when she was 10 years old, and she gave me a freezing look. Then I asked her to remem-ber how she was thrown from an overturned bohsird into a snowdrift and stuck there. You were 7 years old.' I said, and I recall that you were What do you think she did?" 'I dunno

""Baid 'Birl' and stalked away."-Cleveland Plata

If any great desire or efficiency existed in the city hall, an order of this kind would be issued and enforced after every mowatorm. W. L. WRIGHT. Twenty-sixth and Chicago streets.

People and Events

Transides." the old home of the mother of Charles Stawart Parnell, Ireland's "uncrowned king," at Bordentown, N. J., has been destroyed by fire. The estate of the late Marshall P.

Wilder amounts to \$250.000 Mr. Wilder extelled the joys of the sonny side of the read and the observed listeneous yielded a moderate crop of gold.



