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D. W. WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 24 day of February, 1915.

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Thought for the Day

The habit of looking at the bright side of things is worth more than a thousand a year. - Samuel Johnson.

Political robins are now due.

Home rule in practice sounds the depths of absurdity when the state legislature essays the regulation of the hours of labor of Omaha firemen.

An intimation of probable economy in state appropriations is interesting as far as it goes, but performance is what counts on the score-board.

About the most delusive notion capering in a brain apartment is that a fat man can sit on a fence without disarranging the creases of his trousers.

If there is nothing to cover up in the business of the Metropolitan Water board, why the fierce opposition to an official examination of accounts?

Peace advocates might give their theories practical exercise by intervening in the merry vocal war of the railroad commission and the attorney general.

Democratic lawmakers candidly admit that they have forgotten their pre-election pledges, and have appointed a committee to search for them.

Colorado mine owners admit a strike loss of \$1,250,000. The state of Colorado expended a like sum in militia maintenance, and the striking miners an unknown amount of contributed cash and two years' labor.

The decision of the federal supreme court in the California oil land case puts thousands of oil land grabbers out of business and restores 50,000 acres of mineral land to the public domain.

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Retrieving an Historical Crime.

If the guns of the allies succeed in pounding open the Dardanelles, it will be the culmination of an effort that has been postponed for almost 500 years. Since the middle of the fifteenth century the Turk has held closed this gateway to the east against Christianity and all its forces.

Neither Great Britain nor Germany may take any credit for the maintenance of the Turk in his commanding position at Constantinople. One or the other of these great powers has interfered many times in recent history to keep that capital from falling into Christian control.

Modern Prison Methods.

Much has been written in the last decade about reforms in methods of handling prisoners at the several penitentiaries. "Golden rule" wardens have been told about from time to time, their humane treatment of men in their charge has been extolled, and results achieved have been set forth in considerable detail.

These are pretty large straws, and certainly indicate the direction of the wind. Modern prison methods are applied for the purpose of bringing out whatever of good may be found in a man, and criminologists pretty generally agree that some good may be found in any man.

A Study in Police Methods.

Raymond B. Fosdick's work on "European Police Systems," just off the Century Press, and published by the Bureau of Social Hygiene, has in it a great deal that will be of interest to the casual reader, but more that will engage the attention of the conscientious student of social science.

Mr. Fosdick says his studies disclosed the uniform integrity of the European police. Nowhere in Europe did he discover any sign of what in America is euphemistically referred to as "the system."

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Views, Reviews and Interviews

BY VICTOR ROSEWATER.

THE death of Martin Dunham freshens memories of early days when he was active in the community, and to me recalls especially his part in my first initiation into public life.

The prospect of novelty brought my ready acquiescence and I presented myself duly in the council chamber as directed.

I continued on the page job for a year or so. My onerous duties consisted chiefly of gathering in the papers and documents and carrying them from the committee's desks to that of the council.

While in New York I dropped in for half an hour on the investigation of the Public Service commission, which was being conducted by Will Hayward.

It was at the neighbors of the days I am recalling, that I last saw Mr. Dunham, and his face beamed with satisfaction, as quite a number came up to greet him and to tell him we were glad he was able to be out.

No Relief in Sight

A family on the north side of Boston have several children, but only one—the eldest—is a boy. The little lad grew used to sisters and longed for a brother.

A baby brother, fairly snuggled to the younger, "No, dearie—it's a baby sister," replied the nurse. "Oooh!" groaned the youngster, "must I always sit these ashes?"—National Monthly.

On the program of the Golden Fleece society at the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church were literary numbers by Miss Agnes McDonald and Dr. Hachett; music by Miss Boulter and Mrs. James Holloway.

A well attended citizens' meeting discussed charter amendments with A. R. Jones presiding and S. P. Woodbridge serving as secretary.

Mr. Lew Hixley, head salesman in Branch A Co.'s ammunition store, is rejecting over the advent of a bouncing baby boy at his house.

W. A. Kelly, foreman of the Republican office, was held up at the corner of Tenth and Farnam Friday night. He boldly drew his revolver and frightened the hold-ups away.

People and Events

Nevada digs considerable precious metal out of the ground. The rest of the circulating medium is dug up by the six months' rule.

Dallas, Tex., awards "the meanest crook medal" to the housebreaker who stole the burial clothes of the oldest inhabitant of the city.

Much depends on how you feel about it. A New Jersey hermit who lives on 18 cents a day is as contented with his lot as the fellow who ducks a limousine bill.

Man's inhumanity to woman occasionally does the booming act. George Costa of Aurora, Ill., was soaked in court for \$5 because he objected forcibly to his wife warming her cold feet on the small of his back. Wouldn't that jar you?

A shining exhibit of economic efficiency is revealed in a divorce bill filed in court at Findlay, O. The complaining wife avers that her husband in thirty-five years of wedded life gave her a total of 4 cents in cash. There is no danger of his dying of heart enlargement.

Courts are supposed to solve difficulties, not to make them. Yet a Missouri court revoked a divorce granted to a woman because she married again within the vacation limit fixed by the judge.

A gentleman farmer is defined by the commissioner of internal revenue as "a person cultivating or operating a farm for recreation or pleasure on a basis other than the recognized principles of commercial farming, the result of which is a continual loss from year to year."

An echo of the interminable Thaw case bobs up in a libel suit entered by Attorney General Woodbury against the New York Tribune. When Thaw was turned over to New York state by the federal supreme court the services of Attorney Jerome were dispensed with and the case taken over by the attorney general.

The horsepower represented in the automobiles of this country is more than 2,500,000. A Seattle inventor's life preserver resembles a diving suit in that it completely envelops a wearer and is waterproof.

A portable metal roof, made in sections, has been patented by a Kansan for protecting hay stacks from rain.

Nevada again was the greatest silver-producing state last year, followed in order by Idaho, Montana, Utah and Colorado.

Chicago leads cities of the United States in concrete building construction, with Seattle in second place and Philadelphia in third.

An Englishman has invented a machine for redressing worn wooden paving blocks at a rate of 1,000 an hour so that they may be used again.

Moving pictures are used in a school of electric railway employes in Los Angeles to show how all sorts of accidents occur and how many of them can be prevented.

The Long Island railroad hopes to save \$20,000 by equipping its ferry and tugboats with oil-burning engines. The cost of making the change will be inconsiderable.

The greatest steel producing country on earth, Germany comes next, with Great Britain third. The figures for 1910 (the latest at hand for the moment) show this country to be equal in steel products to both Germany and the United Kingdom.

TABLETS OF SCIENCE.

French scientists have found that rubber, unless kept in perfectly dry air, is subject to the attacks of microbes.

Alum added to the last rinsing water of the starch when cotton garments are washed, will render them fireproof.

An Italian priest who has invented many wireless devices has succeeded in intercepting messages with needles thrust into a potato.

Wireless telegraph waves are propagated along the surface of the earth with a velocity slightly less than 186,000 miles an hour.

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WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES.

The first woman lawyer in Australia is Miss Emma Brennan, who recently tried her first case, wearing a white dress, over which was a black robe of the professional barrister.

Nashvota, the actress, is said to have made her maiden speech recently on the subject of suffrage, the occasion being the celebration of the Birthdays of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and the late Susan B. Anthony.

There is likely to be another exciting presidential election in the Daughters of the American Revolution ranks when the national congress meets in April. Twelve of the twenty-three vice presidents general, six of the nine acting officers and twenty-three of the forty-eight state regents are said to have endorsed the candidacy of Mrs. Story.

No new teachers are to be appointed in Chicago this year, if the ruling of the superintendent, Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, holds. Last year there were 20,000 pupils over the preceding year and if there are that many this year they will have to be divided among the teachers, and naturally they do not like that at all and have protested against the order.

Mrs. D'Arline Holcomb of Bowling Green, the county seat of Pike county, Missouri, is said to be a Jill of many trades. She is a road roller, a transfer and bus manager, United States mail carrier, Standard Oil agent, and, besides, she is a perfectly beautiful and well-grounded woman.

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Dubuque's municipal budget for 1915 amounts to \$46,171.

Manhattan, Kan., jars negligent housekeepers by showing them photographs of their back-yard rubbish heaps.

Des Moines' street car company reports a noticeable decrease in income, which is equally attributed to jitneys, bad weather and wet streets in a dry town.

Although New York is carrying a staggering load of debt, the city comptroller reports that it has a borrowing margin of \$9,000,000 for 1915 without overstepping the debt limit.

Word comes from Wichita, Kan., that flocks of crows roosting on neighboring farms are accused of carrying the foot and mouth disease to two herds of cattle on adjoining farms.

Aboliquere is putting the finishing touches on sixty miles of the road connecting the city with Le Grand, Quivern, and expects a large run of automobile tourists down that way next summer.

The little town of Waupun, near La Crosse, Wis., succeeded in popularizing a debt-paying reform, calling for the settlement of bills once a week. The idea is spreading to other Wisconsin cities.

QUAINT BITS OF LIFE.

The Lapiander who marries a girl against the wishes of her parents may be severely punished.

John Wellman, aged 85, testified that he never rode on a street car in his life, although he has been a resident of St. Louis for the last fifty-three years.

Making half and half mince meat of a cow: Advertisement of a Sheffield (O.) bakery says, "In order to have a good supply of fresh meat for the manufacture of our pies we will kill a cow every week."

A workman in a Detroit factory, sorting some boards, was surprised to find one with a well-defined image of a dog's face in the grain of the wood. The face was outlined by the peculiar formation of the core and knots in the wood.

While digging potatoes in Hope, Me., Arthur Hobart found one 12x15 inches in circumference, in which was a mouse nest containing one old one and four little ones. The skin was left on the top like a trapdoor.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

St. Louis Republic: Omaha will be visited by Billy Sunday in September; it is a serious state of affairs when towns can only be saved by one man.

Indianapolis News: Preachers have one advantage over editors. The public generally doesn't come in and advise them how they shall conduct their pulpits.

Brooklyn Eagle: A revivalist at Yale claims 500 student converts. He is a Calvinist, and the reformation doctrine is a great help in foot ball, where Yale needs most to mend the fences.

Houston Post: A North Carolina minister says people should go back to the old custom and hang a "God Bless Our Home" motto in their living room. We do not need a motto like that, but if any dealer has a "God Bless Our Boarding House" motto, we'll buy it.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: The financial condition of the worn out preacher can be improved and it is the duty of the church to improve it. If it were necessary to do it at the expense of other church activities it should be done. All the dictates of humanity demand it. The men who have borne the brunt of the battle and given their lives for the church, without a thought of self, should not be left to die in abject penury. Men would not treat their worn out horses so.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"It is decided that a man's readiness for voting purposes is where he sleeps." "Then I can't vote at all." "Why not?" "Because of insomnia."—Baltimore American.

"Would you love me as much if father lost his wealth?" "He hasn't lost it, has he?" "No." "Of course I would, you silly girl!"—Minneapolis Journal.

"Did you see that husky who sued our son for breach of promise?" "I did." "What did she look like?" "She looked to me like a sonkist lemon."—Judge.

Clerk—I'd like to get a week off, sir, to attend the wedding of a friend. Employer—A very dear friend. I should say to make you was that much time. Clerk—Well, sir, after the ceremony she will be my wife.—Boston Transcript.

Rankin—It takes a long time to get anything through Beaubrough's skull, doesn't it? "Phileas should say it does; that man will be dead and buried before he ever finds out he's sick."—Youngstown Telegram.

"Why do you live in such squalid quarters?" "So that any visitor may see at a glance that the prisoners have all the best of it," explained the warden of the prison. "You can't be too careful these days."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Now, Johnny," said the small boy's father, "I don't want you to get into any quarrels with the boys at school." "I never do. I start right in by telling them I'm neutral." "And then I suppose they let you alone?" "No, they don't. They all pick on me for not taking sides."—Washington Star.

Mr. Manley—Well, my dear, I've had my life insured for \$5000. Mrs. Manley—How very sensible of you! Now I don't want to keep telling you to be so careful every place you go.—Pathfinder.

Fleabush—When I came out of church on Sunday I found my horse fast asleep in the shed. Benson—Why, he couldn't hear the sermon from there, could he?—Yonkers Statesman.

THE MISSOURI.

I. Cameron Mann in the Century. Between low brinks of ragged clay The rapid river takes its way. Its heavy, tawny waters flow As if their road they did not know; Swirl off in loops, spread out in lakes, Where sandy shoals trail sluggish wakes.

II. They gnaw away the tumbling banks. Mow down their leafy willow ranks; They dwindle, till the dust blows round Where fishes swim and men were drowned; Then flood the bottoms miles away, Fenoes, barns, and houses their scattered prey.

III. But yet, far back, the hills remain, Which all their wanderings restrain. O, mighty river, we may see Our new democracy in thee.

IV. No Rhine art thou, thy effies beest, With castles on each parapet; No Thames, of placid, even tide, With grass lawns edging either side; But strong, and turbid, and perplexed, By frequent whirls and eddies vexed—

V. At times an overwhelming fall Of brute destruction—yet, through all Large meadow bestowing—grain and woods Unspringing where once swept by floods, And so we know, whatever thy force, God's hills will hold thee to his course.

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