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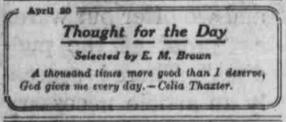
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State of Nabraska, County of Douglas, sa. Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bes Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average circulation for the month of March, 1915, was 3.65. DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 2d day of April, 1815. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Just two weeks from today to the battle of the ballots.

Make way for the new members of the Ananias club!

Whoever plants a tree where none exists is benefactor for himself and posterity.

If Leavenworth is alive to its opportunities will take a census while the Indiana colony is on the ground.

Happily, all is not lost. Some 5,000,000 flytraps are coming over from Hamburg. Meanwhile, work the swatter.

Any one running for an office in the city hall who is not for "public ownership?" If so, he has not yet discovered himself.

Still, should Spain butt into the war just to be neighborly, the famous airy castles of Castile will not serve as targets for artillerists.

There is little chance of banishing yellow peril war scares until Uncle Som stretches a

A Higher Justice for Frank.

The supreme court of the United States, with two justices dissenting, holds that the trial of Leo M. Frank does not show sufficient irregularities to require annulment of his conviction.

But the court of public opinion has unquestionably reached a different conclusion. The court of public opinion joins with the two dissenting justices in the view that, guilty or not guilty, Frank did not have a fair trial, with presumption of innocence which the common law and the guaranties of our American constitution promise every man accused of crime. In a word, the people of the country as a whole are far from being convinced "beyond a reasonable doubt," and in that state of mind they will regard the execution of Frank as nothing short of murder under form of law.

It is taken for granted that all possible legal proceedings to secure a new trial have now been exhausted-if so, the only remaining recourse is the pardoning power of the state of Georgia. What the disposition of the governor may be, we do not know, but he ought not to be left in ignorance of the feeling generally prevailing and should know that commutation of Frank's sentence would meet with almost universal approval. The innate sense of fair play in the American people must assert itself in appeals to Georgia's governor for a higher justice.

The Editors Are in Town.

Omaha is again honored in having the pleasure of entertaining the Nebraska Press association. This organization is a body of representative business men, whose life effort has been to make Nebraska, the greatest agricultural empire in the world, greater in all essential respects. How far its influence has affected the growth and development of the state, the formation of its institutions and the shaping of its destiny no man can compute. That it has had an influence. mightier and more direct than any other single. agency, none will deny.

The country editor is awake to his responsibilities and his privileges, and is today better than over qualified to direct the power he wields. His newspaper is on a business basis these days, and no commercial or industrial enterprise is conducted with closer regard to the details of management. Ideals have not been abandoned, but the happy-go-lucky methods have vanished before the operation of the natural evolution of the industry, and the newspaper publisher has become a man of affairs in the commonwealth

Nebraska has a fine lot of newspapers, fairly representative of the intellectual, moral and material life of the state, and worthy of the support they have won. Their editors are the advance guard of progressive civilization, and provide the people a living guaranty against public or private corruption or oppression. That they have the confidence of the public is the best proof of their fidelity and their greatest reward.

The Improving Business Outlook.

The improving business outlook is more pronounced as spring advances, although much of the impulse is seasonal. Building operations are proceeding, retarded in spots only by the usual labor disputes. Outdoor employment is fairly abundant, and bread lines in the large cities have disappeared. This in itself consti-

THE BEE: OMAHA, TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1915.

Aimed at Omaha

Kearney Hub: Will someone explain why the city government of Omaha is always the chief baus of contention in a seasion of the legislature, and why the state should have anything more to say about municipal government in Omaha or Lincoln than in Bridgeport or Papillion? A large part of every session is devoted to matters orrtaining to the Omaha city government that should be entirely within the urindiction of the people of that city and concerning which no outsider should have a thing to say.

O'Neill Frontier: High school youngsters at Omaha neglected to consider the Board of Education in planning to put on a big dance at the grand new hotel. with cabaret and other modern frills of the dancing floor. The Board of Education does right to forbid the dance as a high school function. The school kids have the right to dance all they want at private or public affairs, but using a public institution to forther a function for social pastime to which many object is going it too strong.

Hartington Herald: With Sloux City going dry and Billy Sunday coming to Omaha, the regeneration of our great centers appears to be assured.

Nebraska City Press: A lot of Nebraska editors will be entertained at Omaha next week, and one of features of the three days' session is a dinner at the Fontenelle, given by the Omaha Commercial club. Editors' wives have been coaching their husbands in etiquette and social usages for several weeks, admonishing them how to use the finger bowls and, for neaven's saks, not to tuck their napkins around their cars as if they were in a barber shop. Putting a country editor in a hifalutin hotel is like turning a bull loose in the parlor (or is it "living room" now?)

Fremont Tribune: It is to the credit of Governor Morehead that he vetoed the bill giving Omaha the privilege of owning and operating an electric light That showed the governor was ready to stand plant. by the men who stood by him, even to the extent of eliminating himself from future political possibilities. His willingness to pay his debts under such circumstances shows him to be an honest man.

Plattemouth Journal: The Jacksonian club of Omaha was in very poor business when it condemned Governor Morehead for vetoing the Omaha light bill. Governor Morehead understands his own business about as well as the Jacksonian club understand theirs. If we were governor we would have vetood the annexation bill. But Omaha is never satisfied unless it gets the whole hog.

Kearney Democrat: For two years Senator Hifchock has been fighting President Wilson and his administration to the death. Last week Bryan's friends announced that Re would enter the senatorial race next year as a candidate against Hitchoock, and since then Hitchcock has come out stronger than a fox in favor of Wilson and his administration. Bryan will force the liquor question to an issue and Hitch-cock will be backed by the "booze" element.

Kearney Hub: The most shameful spectacle seen in a Nebruska legislature in many days was that of county officeholders' lobby the latter part of the the week crowding the rail in the interest of their bill to extend their terms of office two years, or rather to not hold an election for county officers in 1916, which would have given them a two years extension of office. At one time it looked as though the measure would pass, but happily there was a healthy reaction against it at the last moment.

Ord Journal: To pay for having voted for annexation the members of the legislature were invited to Omaha by special train and while there they were entertained at a new and expensive hotel. Of course all members were invited but not all attended. The Commercial club financed the excursion party.

Platismouth Journal (dem.): Mr. Quinby, who was elected to the state senate from Omaha by the demo-cratic votes, we understand, claimed after he got to Lincoln, that he was independent of party affiliation and would act accordingly. If Mr. Quinby had made this declaration before election he would undoubtedly have been left at home. If a man is elected to any position on the democratic ticket he should consider himself a democrat. The democrats are always har-boring fellows who are not reliable democrats, and who sell them out at every opportunity. That is one drawback to the success of the party.



OMAHA, April 19 .- To the Editor of The Hee: Just now the various belligerent factions in Mexico seem to be very much exercised over the announcement of Huerta's probable return to his native land and many suggestions are being made by the American press as to what should be done with him in the matter. It will be remembered by nearly every citizen of the United States that our president took it into his head to make Mr.

dent of Mexico, salute the Stars and Stripes. After spending several million of dollars and spilling considerable good American blood in the effort, it was discovered that Mr. Huerta was not present to render the act of courtesy to our flag, hence the salute was never made.

Some newspaper wag has intimated that Mr. Huerta may be returning to Mexico for the purpose of obeying Mr. Wilson's request to salute the flag,

It would seem to me a better plan would be for the United States government to intercept Mr. Huerta and take him to Washington city, where the salute could be made in due style, accompanied by rousing speeches by Messrs. Wilson, Bryan and a few other theorists whose ideas, according to Colonel Watterson, may be all right in heaven, but unsuitable for earth. J. P. PETERSON.

Safety First in Cleaning.

NEW YORK, April 18 .- To the Editor of The Bee: The fatalities and loss of for cleaning purposes in the home and

tion-when they hear that it is unnecessary for heat or flame to come in contact with such substances as Lenzine. naptha and gasoline to cause fire. Their vapora will ignite and explode, even at a considerable distance from the vessel in which they are contained.

nelpiess, as they cannot watch or direct

To cause a fire from gunpowder or dynamite, it is necessary for heat or flame to come in direct contact with them-not so, however, with benzine, naphtha or gasoline, as the vapors do

In some cities there are regulations governing the use of these fluids for cleaning purposes-the quantity that can be bought at one time and in one container is limited and the label must bear the caution "Dangerous." "Inflammable." etc., and a warning given that it must not be used near fire or flame.

The agitation throughout this country of the "Safety First" movement should make the newspapers take up this subject and make a study of it for the purpose of having the various cities pass ordinances regulating the sale of bensine, naphtha and gasoline, and should undertake themselves to make the people

LINES TO A LAUGH.

Judge Morson-What were the shirts worth anyway, or rather, how often had they been to the hundry? Plaintift-Three or four times. Judge Morson-Oh, then they were not worth much. That would finish my

Plaintiff-Tes, but mine were good shirts .-- Philadelphia Ledger.



"You saw Venice, of course,"

"Did you go out in one of those highly "Did you gondolas?" "Yes, but that trip was spolled for me." "How so?" "Our gondoller wore a derby hat."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

"What is your idea of neutrality?" "Neutrality," answered the diplomat, "Is a state of mind so disinterested and accurate as to permit no question that the side of the controversy represented

Den't let the light in your eyes dance, Don't gayly trip or lightly prance, Don't fall into an April trance-It never pays to take a chance. -BAYOLL NE TRELE. Omaha.

Penny Wise and Pound Foolis'

by me is entitled to the fullest support."-

"Yes, I tried the experiment of an of-fice girl instead of an effice boy. She didn't whistle or smoke, but she failed to please the office force.". "Why was that?" "She could never learn to go out and get the correct score."-Newark Star.

"Did you ever work on a farm, Sam?" "Oh, yes, boss." "What did you do, Sam?" "I had t' sit out under a tree, boss, an' wait for de dinner horn t' blow."-Yonkers Stalesman.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

If your own life-craft you would tow And keep your heart-beats beating slow, On April hikes you must not go With one who might be called your beau.

Don't go with him to look for ferns, For in the spring (the wise discerns) Where 'tis a young man's fancy turns-This fact in literature she learns.

Don't linger on some moonlit bank Near Minne Lusa's water tank, With some devoted Mr. Blank, (Who after all may be a crank).

orned

In April when the budlets burst And the land in sunshine is immersed it always pays to fear the worst And heed the motto, "Safety First."

Hard times make every woman look to see where she can save money, which, of course, is sensible and proper if not carried too far.

In the case of food it would be foolish to attempt to substitute sawdust for a breakfast food because it is cheaper. Everyone knows sawdust has no food value and its use would be a positive detriment to the health.

Alum baking powders may cost a little less than cream of tartar powders like Royal, but many of the highest food authorities both in this country and abroad have declared them to be injurious and not safe to use.

To attempt to cut the cost of living by using low-grade alum powders is unwise economy.

> ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO. New York



What to Do with Huerts.

Huerts, who was then provisional presi-

property through the use of explosives factory of this country is appalling.

It is a surprise-even to people of educa-

It is a common thing for householders to use these dangerous fluids and subject other people in the same building to the dangers of fire. To take precaution against this, the innocent are entirely what should be done for the safety of themselves, so far as the use of these fluids by others is concerned.

not stay confined and reach the flame.

realize their dangers.

string of warships from San Diego to Seattle.

As usual there is "nothing to arbitrate" in the Chicago building trades strike. Had there been a disposition to arbitrate, there would have been no strike.

The country refuses to be alarmed over a threatened famine in dyestuffs. If the worst comes, goods in their natural colors will give that trade. more wear for the money.

The D. A. R. girls will now give a graphic exhibition of a parliamentary fight with all the recourcefulness and skillful maneuvering that man's convention could supply.

In spite of the many modern innovations of the war the charge and counter charge of using gas-laden bombs proves that the ancient Chinese stifle pots are not a lost art.

What's that 'The South Omaha boosters crowning their trip to Wyoming with a bath, and emphasizing the event more by telegraphing it all the way home? Hurrah for clean-up day!

The prompt and vigorous lineup for the offices in the Daughters of the American Revolution affords welcome assurance of the fighting spirit which never tolerates a mollycoddle in the ranks.

The present era offers the historian material for thrills unequalled since biblical times. Hostile armies are shooting up the Garden of Eden and cannons boom within forty miles of Jerusalem.

"The pen is mightier than the sword," as every editor verily believes. Those foolisa European warriors, however, seem to think they can do more deadly execution with long-range big guns and explosive shells.



The Creighton college base ball club has been or ganized with twelve members. It will be captained by Charles Creighton and will open the season with a match with the high school club.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Pioneer Hook and Ladder company will be celebrated May 5 with a hall at the Little Casino rink.

Dean Millspaugh was called to Minnesota to the sizide of his father, who has been ill for some time with typhold fever.

Mrs. C. D. Collins of Cleveland is visiting her air tor, Mrs. J. F. Mayor.

Dr. L. F. McKenna has gone to New Orleans to attend the National Medical association meeting there. Thomas Fisming of Ithaca. N. Y., a spending a few days with friends in this city on his way to Callfornia.

The Omaha Wheel club re-elected all its old of ficers and added two new directors. A wheel tournamont for amateurs, to be held in either May or June, was also decided on

The day witnessed a real summer-like rain and half torm. Some of the hall-stones were of musual size. the thunder pealed and roared at times like the rumtiting of artillery, and the streets and alleys were theoded in an incredibly short time.

tutes an enlivening of the currents of trade, yet it is but one of the many propelling forces.

Summarizing the trade reports, manufacturers of staple articles are increasing their output, to meet the certain demand which will come from diminished retail stocks and the limited purchases of last fall and winter; orders for railroad supplies are steadily increasing and stimulating the various industries devoted to

Restored confidence is also reflected in the nenewed activities of Wall street. Behind the uplift which the stock market gauges lies anabundance of available money at normal rates. Bank reserves at the moment are around \$150,-000,000, nearly twice the reserves in sight at the rebound from the panic of 1907. Besides this sustaining resource the national trade balance for March totaled \$145,000,000. Credit men from various sections of the country assembled in Philadelphia last, week gave expression to the confident tone of business and that conditions were, nearer normal than at any time. since the war began.

The mighty push behind the general betterment in actual conditions and business tone comes from favorable crop prospects. The latest government report indicates a winter wheat harvest of 619,000,000 bushels, a decrease compared with last year, but larger than that of 1913. This crop alone is sufficient for home needs, leaving the spring wheat harvest to supply the wants of less fortunate people.

All things considered, the outlook is decidedly encouraging, and nowhere more so than in the agricultural sections of the country.

Nebraska's Semi-Centennial.

It transpires that the legislature exhausted the entire time of its session and adjourned without making any provision whatever for an official celebration of Nebraska's fiftieth anniversary of statehood, which occurs March 1, 1917. The Lincoln Journal calls attention to this omission, with the further suggestion-in which we concur-that the event is too big and historic to be ignored by the people of Nebraska, regardless of legislative inattention and neglect, and calls for a popular commemoration befitting its character and significance.

The Bee was the first, we believe, to voice the demand for a suitable semi-centennial celabration, and to urge that it be state-wide and broad enough for the participation in it of every resident who appreciates the wonder-working achievements of these fifty years. In the absence of official initiative, nothing remains now but the formation of an unofficial committee or association of public spirited citizens to take the matter in hand and carry through a celebration program on a big, broad scale, creditable alike to the occasion and to the great state of Nebraska.

Any person, firm or company may go into the banking business in lilinois without official permission or inquiry as to whether the capital is cash or pure nerve. As a consequence the state has the dubious record of twelve private bank failures during the last fiscal year, against fifteen in all the other forty-seven states. The Sucker state is living up to its nickname.

Twice Told Tales

Took Mother's Advice.

time ago a party named Brown married a pretty little thing, and after the usual honeymoon the roung couple settled down to housekeeping. Little wifey wasn't much of a cook, but she mapaged fairly well in the matter of builing eggs and frying potatoes, and hubby didn't grumble.

"Harry, dear," happily remarked wifey when hubby returned from the office one evening. "I have been baking a pie for you. I want you to come and 800 IL.

"Why, so you have," responded Harry, hastening to the kitchen and taking a critical look at the pastry. "But what in the deuce is the matter with it? crust dogen't half cover it?"

"Of course, it doesn't, stily," smilingly returned the young wife. "Your mother told me how to make the pie and she particularly said you like the crust very short."-Philadelphia Telegraph.

Early to Rise.

The excitement of the biggest wheat crop he had ever grown led a farmer near Winfield, Kan., to rouse his men at 3 o'clock in the morning on the first day of the harvest.

One Ozark "hill billy," who had sought work in the western wheat fields, tumbled out of bed at the farmer's call and was easerly eating breaklast when his fellow workmen appeared. After he had stowed away a quantity of hot cakes, four fried, eggs and two cups of coffee, he arose from the table and grabbed his suitcase. The farmer caught the gleam of the wanderlust in his eve.

"Look here!" he said, in alarm, "where are you startin' to?"

The "hill billy" did not stop, but called back over his shoulder:

"To find some decent place where I can sleep the rest of the night!"-Youth's Companion.

A Quiet Maid.

When the conversation turned to the domestic problem, Miss Effle Londer, a Kansas suffrage worker, recalled this appropriate story:

Some time ago Mrs. Smith was entertaining a number of women friends when a maid quietly entered the parlor, did the business for which are was called and just as quickly retired. Instantly several of the guesis were favorably impressed.

"You have been getting a new maid, Mary," exclaimed one of the party, her eyes following the domentic, "How long have you had her?"

'Not very long," rather indifferently replied Mrs. "We got her about two weeks ago." Smith. "She looks like a varitable gem," was the admiring

comment of the other. "How nice and quest she is! 'Yes," returned the hostens. "She is very quiet. As a matter of fact, she doesn't even disturb the dust when she is cleaning a room."-Philadelphia Telegraph.

People and Events

Albert Peeler, dead at Malden, Mass. aged 73, lod oharmed life as a soldier in the civil war. Throughout his service in Massachusetts regiments he 24 ceived thirty-two bullets in his clothing, yet he never was injured.

Foreign newspapers carrying liquor ads may ride into Alabama unmolected, but the home-made article prohibition law forbids printing of house "ada." The Birmingham Age-Herald already is adjusting its pen work to the coming style. Here is a sample. 'July I will soon be here and then goodby w-y and b-r. If we filled these blanks they'd shake our scada because published 1-r ads."

There are substitutes for bensine. naphtha and gazoline that will not burn or explode and which are sold by nearly every drug store. D. KORNFIELD.

In Re Prohibition.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, April 19 .- To the Editor of The Bee. There is one point that the apologist for prohibition seems to ignore and that is that it is a small part of a great question.

To the historical student the question of prohibition must appear as a reactionary movement, it being a continuance of the attempt made in the eighteenth and seventeenth centuries in Europe and the United States to make all people think alike on religious questions. That attempt was not a success and France. where it was tried out, is a freethinking country today. Some of the prohibition laws in Kansas

and elsewhere are just as drastic as the laws which penalized the religious liberty of citizens 180 years ago. By way of illustration let me quote from a letter written by that clever literary celebrity, Lady W. Montague, from France March 25, 1744. (Pages 210-211, McClurg & Co.'s, 1890 edition)

The greatest part of the town of Nismer The greatest part of the town of Nismes are Protostants, which are still severely punished according to the edicts of Louis XIV whenever they are detected in any public worship. A few days before we came they had assembled; their minister and about a dozen of his congregation were seized and imprisoned.

An appeal was made to the Duc de Richelieu on their behalf, and to again quote this eighteenth century writer, he told her he was no bigot:

He pitled them as much as I did, his orders from court were to send th to the galleys,

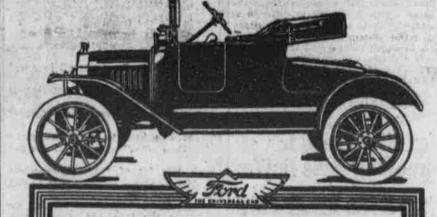
which" was a living death. In this particular case, probably due to the influence of the parties who interceded for them the liberty of these Protestants was obtained.

In France at that period the property of persons convicted of religious difference with the majority was confiscated. The English treatment of Catholics in Ireland was quite as bad as the French treatment of Protestants. Byron, in Don Juan, calls the attention of bigots the world over to the fact that

Christians burned each other quite per-That the accettes would have done as they did.

In Ireland a Catholic minister was liable to be executed for holding a relimous meeting (giving a mass and communion.) Papists could not vote or serve on juries or hold real estate. (Breweries cannot hold real estate in some states in 1914), and in the matter of personal property these "Papists" were graciously alowed to own a horse if valued at no more than 40 shiftings (or, say, \$40 at the present time.)

Do we want to return to all these iniquities? And prohibition is a logcial step that way. If we want to legislate about personal rights where are we going to end? If it's right to prohibit the use of a glass of wine and beer (both wholesome beverages, if used in moderation), then we can have meat, tos and coffee and any other article of food or drink likowise placed under interdict. Then it's only a step to enforce attendance at the particular church which the majority shall decree to be the "state church. Dress and pleasures can likewise be sublects of legislation wherever the fanatics are in a majority, and laws will multiply until another French revolution breaks down the system. Hence, the question suggests itself, cannot we learn something out sumptuary laws from the past? 3% Pearl Street. WALTER BREEN.



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