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Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the average circulation for the month of December, 1915, was 53,534.

"Baron H'astor of 'Ever Castle.'" Get it right.

The Russian army once more proceeds on the assumption that General Winter is invincible as an ally.

Still, while "a place 'n the sun" is not always attainable, the limelight of the primaries are free to all comers.

The question of the hour, "Is Russia coming back?" locks horns with a companion inquiry, "Will von Hindenburg back up?"

It is too early to measure the durability of the democratic split on preparedness. The amount of light coming through helps to brighten the republican corner.

Two inventive manufacturers in the eastern scare belt offer a new mobile coast defense gun to the United States for a trifle of \$50,000,000. This is patriotism tagged with safety first.

The saddest words ever fashioned by tongue or pen are none too solemn for a tablet to mark the noiseless and voiceless passing of St. Jackson's day hereabouts. Is Jacksonian patriotism dead?

The old-time drug store sign of mortar and pestle acquires new significance in new dry states. The resemblance to a tub and a stick promises to revive its ancient glory as a business getter.

The bottom of the Mediterranean holds a greater variety of war craft, ancient and modern, than any body of water on earth. Perhaps this fact accounts for the belief that the sea is uncommonly blue.

The cheery voice of Secretary Redfield repeats the prosperity music of Chairman Gary and merrily applauds the artist. It should not escape notice, however, that both vocalists also hang redlights along the road.

It is worth while noting that the railroad managers will not disturb coast-to-coast passenger rates. The uplift is confined to interstate rates in the middle west, a region highly esteemed by rate makers as an inexhaustible pudding.

Schools in the trenches is the latest innovation of war carried in the reports. The whole war in all its variations has been educational from the start. The main drawback to its value is the uncertainty of graduating into a graveyard or a hospital.

In saying that army officers regard universal military service as the one perfect state of preparedness, Secretary Garrison emphasizes a world-wide truth. An active army officer who does not believe in compulsory service would be court-martialed for professional treason.



The cold weather today had not moderated as much as had been predicted. At dawn the mercury stood at 15 degrees below zero and the highest it got during the day was at 3 o'clock, when it reached 4 below zero, and at nightfall found the temperature 9 degrees below zero.

The marriage of A. B. Falconer to Miss Nellie Leach, one of his accomplished clerks, is announced to take place in February.

It is quietly rumored around army headquarters that Colonel H. A. Morrow at Fort Sidney is to be made head of the judge advocate's department very shortly.

Superintendent Hutchison of Fort Niobrara is absent from Omaha on his return from his leave of absence in the east.

G. A. Bennett, Twenty-first and Pierce streets, advertises that he has taken up a large red cow with horns, which the owner can have by paying expenses.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Weston gave an enjoyable birthday party last evening to their little daughter, Grace, at their residence. Twenty-sixth and Louisa streets.

The Republican Convention Call.
The promulgation of the formal call for the republican national convention which is to meet in Chicago, June 7, next, is attracting attention to the revised delegate apportionment adopted last year and now incorporated into it for the first time.

The noteworthy thing about this call is that it is the first and only substantial step made by any political party in the direction of more equitable apportionment. As a progressive measure for popular rule, this republican innovation outdoes the democratic party, and the progressive party, too, for that matter, neither of which have made any change in the ancient and inherited system which both have so roundly denounced.

Attention is also being called to the fact that the republican call is a broad invitation not only to republicans, but also to "all other electors without regard to past political affiliations who believe in the principles of the republican party and endorse its policies," to unite in the choice of convention delegates.

Federal Farm Loan Banks.
The administration federal farm loan bill has been introduced into congress, but only meager details of its provisions are so far available. It seems to be a projection of the federal reserve bank idea into the realm of agriculture, with the intention of loaning money for the financing of farm operations along lines similar to those that now provide for the operation of the reserve banks in providing money for commercial purposes.

Tree Planting for Service.
Arbor Day is still some months ahead, but it is not too soon to commence planning for its observance. The value of carefully directed arboriculture has been so often and so fully discussed by The Bee, that repetition of the arguments in favor of the planting of useful trees by Nebraskans might be tedious, if they were not timely.

Nebraska's soil and climate are favorable for the growth of the most valuable forest trees indigenous to the temperate zone. Experiments have demonstrated this, and with the feasibility of the undertaking established, tree planters should look ahead, directing their efforts to the development of woods that will be of service to generations yet to come.

Fixing Responsibility for the War.
Returned from his peace mission, Henry Ford expresses himself as being convinced the people of Europe and not the rulers are to blame for the war. He might have reached this conclusion without having left his factory office, for he was not in Europe long enough to learn anything beyond his reach at home.

The greater duration of the present war and the uncertainty of the finish enables Rome, Athens, Geneva, Vienna, Berlin, Petrograd, Copenhagen, Paris, London and Constantinople to dim the luster and smother the beacon lights of historic Mole St. Nicholas as a rumor factory. Fame's favorites are the spotlights of the passing hour.

National Capital Topics
Edgar C. Snyder,
The Bee's Washington Correspondent.
SERVICE in congress has many drawbacks. Sometimes it has its rewards. Outside of the mere service, which means the salary and perquisites in the way of mileage and clerk hire plus a certain amount of stationery, the representative in congress knows but two things, to be on the "tidal wave" and a knowledge of the wants of his constituency.

Sometimes the rewards for a man's activity in congress come in his lifetime, most largely, however, they come when he is dead or out of congress. Having been associated in a newspaper way when the so-called "Kinkaid Act" of 1904 became operative it is with a good deal of interest that I find that the first assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior, Andrews A. Jones, has endorsed it in a most laudatory manner, while the author of that bill is still in congress and representing the Sixth congressional district of Nebraska, Moses J. Kinkaid.

The bill which contemplates for public land states that Judge Kinkaid secured for his own state is favorably recommended by the Department of the Interior. The basis of this recommendation is the "Kinkaid act" as applied to the Sixth Nebraska district. Eleven years have elapsed since the passage of the law relating to western Nebraska and the Interior department has no hesitation in saying that its investigations as to the results of that legislation are both important and significant.

Within the thirty-one counties in which the "Kinkaid law" is applicable the Interior department officials find that the total acreage was 134,668 in 1890, 107,424 in 1900 had increased to 162,717, an increase of nearly 50 per cent in the population during the last ten-year period, six years of which period the 60 homestead law was in force.

Twice Told Tales
Sorry He Spoke.
A senior of one of our large manufacturing concerns came through the store and noticed a boy sitting on a counter swishing his legs and whistling merrily. The senior eyed him severely as he confronted him, and inquired: "Is that all you have to do?"

People and Events
The "Cafe" restaurant, 115 South Sixteenth street, has been purchased by Mrs. H. H. Wrighter, who will try to make it the popular eating place of the city.

Happy Jack Cameron and Miss Rose Elliott, each 24, an engaged couple of the West Pullman district of Chicago, builded air castles out of the glow of youth and the joys of marriage planned for the coming April. Both were buried side by side, last Sunday. From gay to grave was spanned by pneumonia.

The Bee's Letter Box
A Little Memory of Bishop Beannell.
OMAHA, Jan. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is now a number of years since the autumn evening which added this pleasant picture to my mental gallery.

Not too absorbed to be hospitable, but as simply delighted with his "language school" as a studious boy, he quickly turned on the lights, and the shrewd, kindly eyes in his delicate, somewhat acute face twinkled happily as he explained all the little mysteries of the teacher-machine and dilated on its merits and efficiency. This was just before his long journey abroad, which was to include a visit to Spain. They said that in a few weeks of such study he gained an excellent working knowledge of the language, and that with other languages he had followed the same method meeting the same success.

Work for Live Wires.
OMAHA, Jan. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: The Bee prints a "Work for Live Wires" column. Such a man can be found in Omaha where there are many. It is suggested that he should work for the interest of Omaha at large, and not wholly for the Commercial club and a few monopolies who are drawing the life out of Omaha and its people.

Foreign Languages in the Schools.
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Domestic Pleasantries.
"Have you convinced your congressman that he ought to vote for preparedness?"
"Reminded him that he had used the eagle and the American flag so much in his speeches that it was up to him to see that there could be no chance of anything serious happening to them."—Washington Star.

Country Judge—How long have you owned a car?
Motorist (charged with speeding)—One week your honor!
Judge—Um—then you can still afford to pay a fine. Twenty dollars!—Puck.

Hub—I told Bohrum that we might drop in on them tonight.
Wife—Oh, judge! You know I don't want to visit those people and I can't see why you do.
Hub—That's hard on yourself, my dear. We can stay at home tonight without fear of having them drop in on us.—Boston Transcript.

When Arthur ruled in Camelot.
A Camelot Protective Leagueur.
Became extremely wroth and hot.
And claimed that styles were far too meager.
"Observe," he moaned, "our gracious queen!
She says her wimple is de rigger!
She can't fool me; for I have seen
Her figger!"

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