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Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Ten days more and we will have the ground hog's tip on the weather.

The munitions manufacturers may have selfish motives, but how about Brother "Charley" keeping an eye to the main chance of the Bryan peace propaganda?

From the present outlook, the president's western tour is not to include Omaha. If so, we are sorry, but it will be as much the president's loss as ours.

Never mind! The real harmony delegation that will represent this state in the Chicago convention will be made up by the rank and file of republicans by direct vote in April.

With the door for primary election entries open for nearly sixty days, no aspiring statesman of any political party in Nebraska can complain of lack of opportunity to get into the

Yes, but do other cities buy the same fire hose any cheaper? To secure that information looks easy, but the fact is the fire hose people change the label nearly every time they make

Our democratic senator once endorsed our present assistant postmaster as the man entitled to have the postoffice, but that was when some one else had the giving of it. It's different now when the senator can make his endorsement

To the newly reformed or the recent convert a suggestion of friendship for former sinful ways | and to promote a democrat to be chief justice. spurs indignation to the steaming point. This explains the amazing speed of a Denver court in jumping on a tourist who perpetrated the unpardonable crime of giving away the contents of his bottle before entering the city. Besides, carrying an empty bottle into the city spells rank discourtesy to the dry belt.

Fifty-four bond issues of American corporations, mostly railroads, are officially approved by the British government for buying or borrowing, as the owners elect. The quantity of these issues obtainable will not be known for some time, but the supply has been materially decreased since the war began. It is known that \$1,500,000,000 of American securities held abroad have been absorbed by this country in the last twelve months,

The miracle wrought by a pardon in restoring the health of Charles W. Morse has few equals in modern records. A similar source of wonder is the readiness of speculative big business to sit in with Morse in playing the old games. Just now the wool clippers of Wall atreet are backing Morse in rigging up a new ship combine, evidently confident that the deal can be put over as smoothly as Morse slipped out of the Atlanta penitentiary.



After a night of storm and howling wind, the day broke with the mercury at 20 below, but it managed to cimb up ten points by midday. Plans have been perfected for a concert and ball

noration of the hundredth anniversary of

the birth of Robert Burns, to take place at Light Guards' hall next Monday, A small audience witnessed the opening engagement of "Romany Rye," which was none the less

presented with spectacular scenic effects. The blissard also put a damper on "Muldoon's Pionic," which received but a poor greeting at the

People's theater. A complimentary concert was given last night to Miss Fannie E. Loomis of Boston at the First Pres-byterian church. Miss Loomis was assisted by Miss Blanche Oliver, Mrs. F. P. Gay and Messrs. L. M. Bartlett, W. B. Wilkins, J. L. Smith, W. T. Taber and

E. A. Todd C. J. Canan refuses to serve as manager of the Western Base Ball league, which he was invited

John Hoye is offering a reward for the return of his horse, bob-tailed and 9 years old, to his residay le, 1222 South Seventeenth street.

F. D. Mend, 30 Bouth Sixteenth, offers to put up Weather strips and storm doors ething new in Omaha is held out by N. Salewitz

and L. Gardner, importers of lineas, table cloths, nap-kins and spreads, to be exchanged for old clothes of every description. Incidentally, satisfaction is guar-

Henry Vots, the architect, has gone to Milwaukee end Chicago on business.

Villa as a Scapegoat.

Beyond the pale of the law, condemned to be hunted and shot as an animal, Pancho Villa's picturesque and bloody career seems drawing to a violent close. It is certain he will receive no mercy from the Carranzistas, and that his capture means speedy death for him. When he has died, will all the record of Mexican outrages, so patiently borne by this and other countries, be wiped away?

Francisco Villa was a "patriot" a few months ago, when he took up arms against Porfirio Diaz. By his daring he rose to leadership, and it was his army that opened the way for the rebels to the City of Mexico, and led to Diaz's abdication and flight. He became our "friend" when he rebelled against Huerta, and was thanked for his "services to humanity." Then he served with Venustiano Carranza, and was high in the council that named the "first chief" as leader. Unspeakable crimes were then being committed throughout Mexico by the "army of liberation." Is Villa the only leader of that army who is guilty? Did his final refusal to follow Carranza make him responsible for all the wrongdoing in Mexico? Will his death discharge the account and allow others to go free?

Villa is not to be admired in any sense, but it is not at all certain he will be generally accepted as a scapegoat, or his death as fully atoning for all Mexicans have to answer for. And a mind even lightly inclined to be suspicious of men's motives can not avoid recurring to the thought that "dead men tell no tales." The Carranzista leaders will breathe much easier when they know Pancho Villa is beyond talking.

#### Which Is to Blame?

Omaha again is called upon to realize the benefit of having a senator at Washington to look after matters of local interest, the president passing up the town in making out his western itinerary, just as did the federal reserve board. The president also passes up the state, which may put a portion of the blame on the late secretary of state. Beginning with Mr. Cleveland, every president of the United States has found Omaha a good place to visit, and from here all have delivered their message to many thousands of their fellow citizens.

Mr. Wilson, doubtless, realizes the advantages possessed by Omaha as the center of social and political life in the Missouri river region, but he hesitates to venture his personal program among the constituents of two eminent democrats who have managed to so effectually alienate the White House. The personal attitude of the gentlemen concerned is not of deep public interest, but it is a matter of regret that the state and the city should be ignored on account of either.

That Supreme Court Vacancy.

Washington gossip has it that the president is still casting around for a suitable choice to fill the vacancy of the federal supreme bench created by the death of Justice Lamar, and that the one thing settled is that the new judge must come from the south. If these advices are to be accepted, this conclusion is reached by a process of exclusion, the first decision being that former President Taft, who has been quite generally mentioned for the place, in fact urged by Judge Parker, one-time democratic presidential standard bearer, and other prominent demopublican. It was all right for President Taft to appoint two democrats to the supreme bench but the appointment of a republican by a democratic president is simply out of the question.

The next two names most generally suggested, those of Secretary of War Garrison and Secretary of Interior Lane, are said to be doubly barred by both being from northern states, and also indispensable at the present time as members of the cabinet. The most promising aspirant, therefore, is Solicitor General John W. Davis, who, we are told, "is a southerner like Justice Lamar," or some as yet unmentioned southern judge. It is conceded that Mr. Davis is comparatively little known, and, if appointed, could not participate in the hearing of the most important pending cases in which he has been representing the government, but he is a democrat and a southerner.

To sum up the situation, then, the next judge of the federal supreme court will meet these tests: First, he will be a democrat; second, he will be a southerner; third, he will be little known except in his own balliwick. To the extent this information goes, everything is reassuring.

Nebraska's Volunteer Firemen.

A lively convention just adjourned at Crawford is a reminder that the larger part of the urban property in Nebraska is protected from destruction by volunteer firemen. These men form a most important group in the social organization of the state. Wherever organized municipal government exists, the fireman is a necessity, and in the smaller towns his service is performed by volunteers, coming from the people, and giving time and money to the work. It is not often they are called upon to achieve the deeds of daring that fall to the lot of their city brethren, but when duty demands, the volunteer is there to perform, and he never fails to acquit himself with credit. It is the sense of mutual dependence that brings these men together, and that has through them wrought many achievements that would be notable, even in the annals of professional fire fighters. Well trained, willing and efficient, the volunteer firemen deserve and are worthy of all the privileges the state has granted them.

If Uncle Sam can get away from the claims for damages arising out of the South Omaha anti-Greek riots by footing bills amounting to \$40,000, he may be driving a tolerably good bargain. He takes a chance, however, of setting an example that may encourage similar demands every time an alien residing in this country suffers damages as a result of lawlessness. If claims like this could be adjudicated it would be better all around.

It is a question whether unmarried Britons are worth conscription. Given the choice of marrying or volunteering they dodge both. Such material might serve as "cannon fodder," but lacks the courage which makes fighters.

## Ignorance of the War

FROM the results of tests put to the students of several institutions, among which were Bowdoin.

Williams and New York university, a teacher of nistory at the latter college states in the New York Times that he believes the apparent indifference of students toward the present war is indicative of a general tendency on the part of the public to neglect a close study of affairs in Europe, Students may regard the task of keeping abreast of the multifaring news of today too much akin to a major elective. The Times prints the list of questions with notes on the character

The questions asked by members of the faculty at both New York university and Bowdoin college were as follows:

"Where is Gallipoli?

"What is the capital of Bulgaria? 'What countries bound Serbia?

"In what country is Saloniki? (In spite of the fact that this city has been frequently mentioned in the daily papers during the last two weeks, forty-two out of fifty-three students at Bowdoin failed to give the orrect answer, and results were similar at New York Iniversity. It was frequently located in Poland.)

"On what sea is Montenegro? (About half of the students taking the test answered this correctly. others gave nearly every sea in Europe and eastern Azia.)

"Who is in command of the French army? "Who is the prime minister of England? (Winston Churchill was a popular choice.)

"Who is Bethmann-Hollweg? 'Who is Poincare? (One student answered that he

"Who is Venizios? (This was the question that perplexed more students both at New York university and Bowdoin than any other-some said that he was a French general; others that he was a Mexican rebel.)

"Who is Briand? (Only eleven correct answers were given at Bowdoin.) "Who is von Hindenburg?

"Who is General French? (One student at New York university replied that he was the English gen-

"Who is Sir Edward Grey! "Who is Vivani? (This question also baffled students, and at Bowdoin there were only four correct answers although many designated his as an 'Italian.) "Name, with the proper title, the ruler of Ger-

many? "Name the ruler of Greece. (Only twenty-three out of a class of fifty-three Bowdoin students could name this important ruler, and results were about the same at New York university.)

'Name the ruler of Turkey. (This also received several surprising answers.) "Name the ruler of Italy. (One student said that

he was Victor Emmanuel XXIX.) "Name the ruler of Bulgaria. (One answer gave him as King Augustus.)

"Name the ruler of Russia."

The Williams result not included in the above is rather better. At least twenty out of twenty-three knew who commands the French armies. Bowdein and New York struggled with him as "Joffree," "Joffery" "Geoffrey" "Jeoffrey." The general result at

"None answered all the inquiries correctly, while only three obtained a grade above 90 per cent. Of a class of twenty-three freshmen nine failed, while the average rank was 63 per cent. Another class of the same number of freshmen averaged only 52 per cent and thirteen falled to pass, while a class made up of upper-classmen did as poorly and averaged a grade of only 61 per cent"

The ignorance of the generality of young men at college, says The Times editorially, "is charmingly incredible." It proceeds thus light-heartedly:

"They have studied and read few books. History, outside of a compendium of American and perhaps Greek and Roman history, stuffed with dates unspeakably dreary and indigestible; art, politics, geography, some confused remembrances of school atlases and maps; science, most of the record of human achievement are unknown to them. They have forlittle learned there. They have not yet acquired, most of them, the main advantage of the college mental training, the art of knowing how to know. Some scheme and skeleton of knowledge, to be filled out later, they are beginning to get. They will learn, too-the young gentlemen of New Brunswick and New York haven't learned it yet-to know accurately, not to pretend to know what they don't. But every examiner is aware of the want of concentration, the mental confusion, the reluctant working of the brain, that are so common among the victims of college-examinations. It takes time, except in the case of brilliant minds, to learn how to pass an examination. Mistakes of haste In an examination which 'doesn't count,' like this war-examination, possibly the temptation to 'kid the professor' wasn't wholly wanting.'

A comparison of results in some of the many classes where a weekly review is used as a text book would be interesting.

# Twice Told Tales

An Imperial Pooh-Bah. We read that King George has appointed the Em-

peror Nicholas a field marshal in the British army. Which reminds us of a little story, "Donald," said an officer of the Scots Greys, some

years ago, "have you heard that the cear of Russia has been appointed a colonel of our regiment?" "Indeed, sir, is that so?" said Donald. "It's a verra gran' thing for him." Then he paused and

scratched his head, while a puzzled expression came over his face. "Beg pardon, sir," he added, "but will he be able to keep baith jobs?"-Boston Transcript,

Silenced Them.

A novelist recently found himself in a train with two talkative women. Having recognized him from his published portraits, they opened fire upon him in regard to his novels, praising them in a manner which was unendurable to the sensitive author.

Presently the train entered a tunnel and in the darkness the novelist raised the back of his hand to his lips and kissed it soundly. When light returned he found the two women regarding each other in loy

Addressing them with great suavity, he said: "Ah, ladies, the one regret of my life will be that shall never know which of you it was that kissed

At latest accounts the ladies had not yet spoken to each other.-Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

# People and Events.

A New York judge told a rebellious wife: "Let this young woman obey the commandment to obey her Evidently the bench warmer doesn't care a rap for the present or future.

Neal Kearney, coroner of Evansville, Ind., throws an official boquet to redusired people. He reports there is not a redhead in the local jail nor in the divorce court, and does not recall a redheaded suicide. What's the answer?

According to the latest returns 161 widowed mothers in New York City have been placed on the mothers' pension roll and enabled to care for their shildren at an expense of \$21.55 per month for each family. Caring for children in an institution costs taxpayers \$30 per family.

Mrs. Gaither Drewry, 36 years old, of Spencer munty, Kentucky, tops all known scores with a record of nine children born within eighteen months. stork brought five on the first call and four on the second visit last month. Seven of the nine, all boys, are living. Mr. Drewry is entitled to go a/mod



Thoughts by the Wayside CREIGHTON, Neb., Jan. 19.-To the Editor of The Bee; Perhaps the man was wise beyond his day and generation, who said there shall be wars and rumors of

wars, but he wasn't far sighted enough to tell us the why or the wherefore, To question prophecy of ancient times ts not the purport or question of this letter, but it is a weak attempt to assist in finding a solution for vexing present day problems that will place a quietus on war, murder and strife so plainly visible on the great horoscope of the age we

The peaceful pursuit of life and happiness in agriculture, commercal and industrial fields are almost entirely ignored or forgotten with the all absorbing theme of war and why? We are educating our young men on the nobility of war and self defense by brute force in various ways. In the postoffices throughout the land advertisements are posted depicting actual views in naval life on board dreadnaughts. This poster portrays interesting scenes in firing large guns for practice, seeting forth advantages in travel, seeing the world and the trained man's chances for permanent employment are said to be sure and certain. Athletics are also encouraged in base ball, foot ball and kindred sports. The pay is said to be excellent and advancement assured to men who become proficient, enlistment carrying privilege of retirement with pay, and no slack time of ration or pay.

Beautiful indeed is such a picture, but its real meaning is death and destruction on life and property in defending our homes, peace and dignity and who s counting the cost? Let's forget it. Let us direct our attention to a spirit of helpfulness to the other fellow.

There are many fields open to render assistance in stopping the war by diverting the human mind in an opposite direction and the joy of such service receives merited reward.

Perhaps there is no better field open than that of tilling the soil. The development of the great state of Nebraska in the last fifty years offers abundant proof for this statement. Land advancing in price from \$1.25 per acre to \$250, producing in rentals alone from \$4 to \$35 per acre and resources in production yel in its infancy. May we not inaugurate a "back to the soil movement" with the spotted cow and the speckled hen with her cackle of prosperity as valuable assets in making homes of a nation in ten acre tracts with all hands employed with reasonable reward in building homes of the greatest race of people on the globe in true Americans.

Perhaps such a condition would help stamp out a spirit of militarism and assist in promulgating peace that passeth all understanding and place the bloody gods of war in eternal shame with the theory of beating the sword into plowshares becoming an actual fact to the glory and honor of all concerned.

This idea is not copyrighted and only advanced in a hopeful spirit of being helpful to those who believe in the motto of "live and let live" in hours when justice and mercy appear forgotten in the arts of war with "humane bullets" playing havon with mankind in remote, and, may I say uncivilized countries of earth.

T. J. HILDEBRAND. Lack of Fresh Air Spoils Concert. OMAHA, Jan. 20 .- To the Editor of The Bee: We know that Omaha is sadly in need of a music hall of generous propertions, as was evidenced by the magnificent audience that gathered to hear the great master, Paderewski, Monday evening. What Omaha needs is a hall large enough for concerts, recitals, etc.not a place the size of the barn-like Auditorium. But it is not the size of the place we have to complain of-it is the lack of fresh air. We venture to say that the building had not been ventilated or opened since the severe weather set in. The air Monday night was so thick and bad that many were drowsy and almost faiting, and we hear that some of the foremost patrons of art, music and the drama actually alept and doxed during some of the most beautiful of Paderewski's numbers. Think of it! With such an artist as Paderewski at the plano! A friend, after a good deal of trouble, got the attention of an usher and begged him to go to the office and ask for some ventilation. He replied that he did not think they had any. in this age of science, hygiene, sanitation, etc., we believe these sciences and arts, or whatever one likes to call them, are taught in the schools nowadays; therefore, why in the name of comm sense cannot we have public halls, churches, etc., properly ventilated?

Will the 'Retailers' association please see that the Auditorium is opened up and filled with pure air before the audience gathers for the Kreisler concert FANNY HILTON. in February? Brownell Hall,

Re-population of Europe.

Many people seem to think that a

woman is very immodest and unnatural

OMAHA, Jan. 21 .- To the Editor of The Bee: As the question of repopulating Europe by stimulating marriages is very vital one at the present time, I would like you to print the following in the letter box:

she loves a man without him making all the advances at first. The most necessary and the best thing for the world is that a woman love her husband. It is not nearly so necessary that the husband love the wife. Take the case of the woman loving her husband, but the husband not loving the wife. The woman will be glad to bear children like her husband. Her children will be good, pure and beautiful, for she will be good, pure and trautiful in order to win her husband; and her children will be forgetful of themselves and thoughtful of others, for the wife will think more of her husband than of herself. Now take the other case. No matter how much money and attention the husband gives the wife, she will not love him, for love cannot be bought. The wife will not want children and will do all she can not to have any. It is of such a marriage that the majority of immoral men and women and murderers are born. Either the husband and wife should each love the other, or the wife should love the husband. If the husband does not love the wife, he should at least be honorable and support and protect her well, for the children she bears will be a joy and benefit to him-self and the world. So if the men want the world to be repopulated and improved they should marry women that love them and not look for one they think would please them better. God did not make several women for Adam and let him take his choice; God gave him one woman. Sunday, I saw a very long article in one of the newspapers, in which a famous minister tried to claim that God was not against war. I wander if the minister

ever heard of the commandment, "Thou

think that whatever is, is right, and that if they sin they can blame Adam an Eve, and let it go at that. Everybody knows that everybody breaks some the commandments, but each one should take it on himself to be better, and each one should help other people to be better In the Bible, it says that through Jesus man is saved. If a man offers to help you, you should show your gratefulness for the help by helping yourself all you can.

#### SMILING LINES.

"Modern civilization has made a great change in the commercial aspect of mar-

"Fathers used to sell their daughters Now they have to give them away."-Baltimore American.

"Do you think it proper to call an antagonist names?" "Oh, yes," replied the scholar, "If it is done properly. By selecting epithets sufficiently long and unusual to send people to the dictionary, the process may be made positively educational."—Washington Star.

"My husband tells me that he was out late last night with your husband. "That isn't so. I want you to under-stand that my husband was out with your husband."—Detroit Free Press.

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE I'M UNDECIDED BETWEEN TWO GIRLS ONE IS VERY RICH, BUT CANNOT COOK. A GOOD COOK - WHAT SHALL I THE OTHER IS VERY POOR, BUT IS

MARRY THE RICH GIRL AND HIRE THE OTHER ONE!

Tommy saw a small tug tow in a large ship and heard the tug whistle loudly.

'Oh papa.' he cried, greatly excited.
See! The big boat's got the little one by the tail and it's squealing!"—Woman's the tail and it's Home Companion.

Fogg was giving his 4-year-old a "piggy back" ride. In this position the youngstor came into close proximity with the baid pute of his sire. Rubbing his tiny hand over the glossy surface, he exclaimed, "Moon, papa, moon!"—Hoston Transcript.

"A man dat kin smile and act pleasant all de time," said Uncle Eben, "ain't necessarily good natured. But he's in-titled to some applause foh bein' a good actor,"—Washington Star.

#### THE ACHOO ARMY.

John O'Keefee in New York World. The rapid-fires may rattle
A regiment to death;
The howitzers in battle
May Blow a hell-born breath.
But here at home
By Knieky's dome
One volley hits the ears—
The choo-abchoo-abchoochooc

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Bah for the bomb's alarms!
Tush for the Gallypolly
Arbitrament of arms!

They are as mild As some sweet child Beside the thing one fears— The choo-ahchoo-ahchooch Of the Grippy Grenadiers!

There, where all men are maddened,
Where trenches take their toll,
Your heart may meet a bad end,
Blown outward with your soul!
But as my cough
Blows my head off,
I give, instead of cheers,
The choo-ahchoo-ahchoochoochoo
Of the Grippy Grenadiers!

O weary-eyed battalions,
Who nasal trumpets blow!
You wear no king's medallions
For fighting with the foe.
Yet hope that dies
Now fills our eyes
With more than Europe's tears!
Hark to the choo-achoochoocho
Of the Grippy Granadiers!

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