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Yes, but grow better, and make sure against growing worse.

That long-waited-for Dodge street viaduct is coming—so is Christmas.

With all these new autos flying about, that Lincoln highway should be a hummer as soon as the roads are good.

The scare belt of the Pacific coast easily rivals the Atlantic coast in translating long distance shadows into big fleets.

The taxpayers are against the fee grab, whether naturalization fees, insanity fees, or vital statistic registration fees.

The danger is our bull-moosers may have to abrogate the rule of one office to one man, and double up on themselves, to fill all the places on their ticket.

Premier Aquino restates the minimum peace terms of the allies in tones strong enough that he who fights may hear. The main task is to make the hearers heed.

Mount Lassen is smoking up and giving evidence of preparedness for the summer rush. The early outburst merely emphasizes the fact that the coast is already hot for summer tourists.

It would seem that the most daring aeronautic acrobats are scheduled to take place in the democratic end of the big tent show, when the political primary circus is pulled off in Nebraska next April. So keep your eye on the democratic ring.

The circumstantial account of the Ford peace excursion given by Brother Weatherly is instructive in many particulars. By comparing the account with press reports at the time the reader is enabled to grasp much of the color shading imparted by war passions and partisan zeal from the sidelines of the mighty struggle.

By some oversight, the provision of the water district law expressly prohibiting employees from mixing in partisan politics is not self-acting, but depends for its enforcement on the board. But how long would a meter reader or a counter clerk stay on the payroll if he undertook to run for office at each succeeding election?

Some disagreeable truths were told the Traffic club of New York by William Howard Taft, when he pointed out the responsibility of the railroads for provoking restrictive legislation. The evil which get-rich-quick promoters have done live after them, and every attempt to shift the blame on the public is bound to encounter vigorous resistance.

The oldest Odd Fellow in Iowa has just died at the age of 91, with the unique distinction of never having worn an overcoat nor any but a straw hat the year round. Now, all we need to know is that he was an inveterate smoker, took a nip when he felt like it, and swore like a trooper, to have the infallible prescription for living to a ripe old age.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

The executive committee of the charity ball report net receipts of \$4,000, being nearly twice the amount raised last year. Judge Philip Anderson celebrated his forty-second birthday and the thirtieth anniversary of admission to the bar with a grand "Commere" at Germania hall. About seventy-five men were present and never passed a jollier evening. Louis Helmsrud presided at the head of the table.

The Certificate-of-Deposit Plan.

The examination just made by the state auditor discloses, we believe, for the first time, funds in the custody of the state treasurer in the form of certificates of deposits instead of merely bank credits under the depository law. The auditor does not dispute the legality of this procedure, but ventures to say that "it is apparent at least some of the Nebraska banks are willing to pay more than 3 per cent interest on state funds if left undisturbed for six months or more," and he suggests adoption of what is known as the "Ohio plan" allowing the banks to bid for deposits, with the understanding that the deposits of those in the banks paying the lowest rates be the first ones checked out.

But if the certificate-of-deposit plan is good for the state treasury, why is it not also good for our county, city and school treasuries? Our home-rule charter, framed three years ago, had that very plan incorporated into it, and we see no reason why even now the permanent balances could not be deposited for definite periods. Care in making these deposits so that the certificates expire in proportional amounts from month to month, would easily forestall the possible objections to trying the money up at times when needed to meet current demands.

"Rocking the Boat."

Missouri democrats in congress are giving a most remarkable exhibition of hysteria just now, with their clamor for the consideration of the McLemore resolution, the purpose of which is to thrust into the congressional debate the negotiations the president is engaged in with the belligerents. The president's plea for patience is unheeded by these men, whose agitation can only make the problem more difficult of solution.

If the movement involved only the single point of warning Americans against taking passage on armed ships, except at their own peril, the question would be simple enough. The McLemore, or any similar resolution would, however, open the way to the continued aggression of all belligerents. To give way on the rights of neutrals on a single point means that in time all neutral rights must be foregone. The one way to preserve our rights is to stand firm with them all.

Outlining the Naval Program.

Rear Admiral Badger has given the house committee on naval affairs a comprehensive notion of the definite problem that confronts congress in the matter of providing for the needs of the navy. That the country's development has far outrun the present establishment, or the program of a few years ago, is the most salient feature of the proposition.

The present war has more than justified the naval preparation made by Great Britain. To share with John Bull the dominion of the sea is necessary for our commerce, unless we are content to trade on terms prescribed in London. This can only be done on terms of equality, and for this reason, more than any other, our navy must be such as will competently represent the dignity and importance of the United States anywhere.

"Progressive" Legislation.

Much is being said preliminary to the primary campaign about the failure of "progressive" legislation in Nebraska. It is charged that various agencies of sinister influence have thwarted the passage of measures needed for the relief of the people, and that this menace must be done away with permanently.

Within the last ten years the Nebraska legislature has adopted as comprehensive a program of reformatory and progressive legislation as can well be conceived. Beginning with the fight for reform of the revenue laws, championed by The Bee alone for years, and finally won, and continuing down to the late session, record of the lawmakers of Nebraska has been steadily on the forward movement.

The only backward steps have been taken by the democrats, who have modified laws passed by the republicans. The defeat of woman's suffrage was by the people, not by the legislature. Present day charges that Nebraska's laws are not progressive lack support in fact.

Aviation service scandals which congress is asked to air come from the dump which a court martial at San Diego and San Francisco attempted to fumigate last summer. The latter inquiry supplied material for action, but the disposition to act is lacking.

Machinery for Making The Best Tariff

Among all the great nations of the world customs tariffs have been a reasonably true expression of popular business attitude toward foreign commerce and an indication of the prevailing opinion among the people of any country what part foreign commerce ought to be allowed to play in the whole business of their nation.

Now the war, which has brought the imminence of a situation of emergency that demands, at once, careful preparation for the best possible handling of our tariff in case of a trade war following the making of peace, has brought at the same time clearly into view several ruling facts about international commerce that were never seen clearly before.

Germany's tariff and diplomacy of commerce were adopted by the imperial government after the whole plan had been virtually created by the organized business interests of the country. For years, a central organization that represented Germany's chambers of commerce, boards of trade and technical associations in different industries and commercial activities had been gathering the material.

When the central organization of German industry went to the government it was ready with a complete strategic plan of campaign, including the tariff system that is only part, but a vital part, of Germany's system of artificial restraints and helps exercised in every conceivable manner.

The functions of the Board of Trade in England are so well known as to make comment superfluous. If England should modify its policy of virtual free trade by placing protective duties on certain articles, or establishing a whole schedule for application to certain nations, this board would probably supply the information and do the planning.

Russia has been developing machinery for an intelligent reorganization of internal industry and external commerce during the last ten years and will be in a position to make new tariffs and new commercial treaties expressive of the business aspirations of its people when the war ends.

France has till now used experts from its regular official service in the making of tariffs and it has been typical of French tariff modification that changes have been gradual over years of small, particular amendments. But for the purpose of a thorough-going reorganization of industrial methods in France and a new campaign for foreign trade, a national body to act in an advisory capacity to the government is now being formed under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of Paris.

The United States has not needed foreign trade in the past. It has been absorbed in developing its industries through the period in which they acquired efficiency of organization and technical skill among the workmen, and developed machinery to the point of ability to compete. The experience of the world in the last quarter of a century seems to indicate a prevailing business opinion in all developing countries that tariff policy must be adapted to progressive industrial development.

The Bee's Letter Box

FREE Speech and Free Press. SOUTH SIDE, Omaha, Feb. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: Editors of newspapers by certain rules laid down governing correspondents in what they say for publication, make it quite difficult for a correspondent to assail another for what he has said in theory advanced.

Now, if the theory of the press, that the press is one of the best educators of the masses, be correct, then we might add to O'Connor's query and ask what important lesson has been taught the public? I only see some sarcasm indulged in, which, perhaps at times, might be a little wholesome.

Let us have such free speech and free press as will not mar, deface or twist into ill-shape our organic law, or laws made thereunder to their detriment, and old glory trailed in the dust.

Guaranteed. GLENWOOD, Ia., Feb. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: Comes now the M. D. with a pill, when I give out that I am ill with rash, rheumatism, corns or gout.

The Woman of the Future. NORTH LOUP, Neb., Feb. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: What will be the woman of the future is the question. The society woman has long been taught that a worthless life is the ideal life for the age when both men and women will be universally taught that labor is honorable, and the woman who fails to be accomplished in a thorough education in classics, the knowledge of rearing children, the art of cooking and housekeeping, will not be esteemed with the highest respect.

Want a Soldier's Monument. OMAHA, Feb. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: We know that you have been very kind to us in the past, but we have one more request, that you would print the following resolution presented by Hon. A. W. Jeffries at our Washington and Lincoln birthday celebration.

Persistence is the cardinal virtue in advertising; no matter how good advertising may be in other respects, it must be run frequently and constantly to be really successful.

LAUGHING GAS. "Is Birzbin patriotic?" "Thoroughly." "Would he fight for his country?" "I don't know about that. But he hasn't the slightest doubt that in an emergency somebody ought to."—Washington Star.

How to avoid Operations. These Three Women Tell How They Escaped the Dreadful Ordeal of Surgical Operations.

Hospitals are great and necessary institutions, but they should be the last resort for women who suffer with ills peculiar to their sex. Many letters on file in the Pinkham Laboratory at Lynn, Mass., prove that a great number of women after they have been recommended to submit to an operation have been made well by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



Marinette, Wis.—"I went to the doctor and he told me I must have an operation for a female trouble, and I hated to have it done as I had been married only a short time. I would have terrible pains and my hands and feet were cold all the time. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and was cured, and I feel better in every way. I give you permission to publish my name because I am so thankful that I feel well again."

Detroit, Mich.—"When I first took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was so run down with female troubles that I could not do anything, and our doctor said I would have to undergo an operation. I could hardly walk without help so when I read about the Vegetable Compound and what it had done for others I thought I would try it. I got a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and a package of Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash and used them according to directions. They helped me and today I am able to do all my work and I am well."

Bellevue, Pa.—"I suffered more than tongue can tell with terrible bearing down pains and inflammation. I tried several doctors and they all told me the same story, that I never could get well without an operation and I just dreaded the thought of that. I also tried a good many other medicines that were recommended to me and none of them helped me until a friend advised me to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. The first bottle helped, I kept taking it and now I don't know what it is to be sick any more and I am picking up in weight. I am 20 years old and weigh 145 pounds. It will be the greatest pleasure to me if I can have the opportunity to recommend it to any other suffering woman."

If you would like special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

Union Pacific Railroad Lands On 10 Years' Time Farm, Ranch and Grazing Lands In Nebraska—\$6.00 Per Acre and Up In Kansas... \$7.00 Per Acre and Up In Colorado—\$4.00 Per Acre and Up In Wyoming—\$2.00 Per Acre and Up