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Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bas Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average circulation for the month of February, IDIS, was 54.255 daily and 50.519 Sunday. DWIGHT WILLLAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 2d day of March, IDE. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Are you registered so that you can vote in the coming primary? If not, why not?

The snakes driven out of Ireland by St. Patrick must have been reincarnated in Mexico.

All right, Mr. Groundhog! Having finished rour hibernation, you may consider your quarantine raised.

Still waiting for the other Omaha papers to ioin in with The Bee to pull that much needed new Union depot across.

Though those Jacksonians missed their patron maints' day, they managed to wake up in time to get under the wire before St. Patrick arrived.

At any rate, the troops on the border must not be so inconsiderate as to catch Villa before the troops enroute from the interior posts catch up with them.

Even should the Russian bear Bagdad and the rest of the family, the event will not alter the determination hereabouts to give the aze to the March Hon's tail.

Despite the vocal thrills and frightful scares fashioned by oratorical uplifters, humanity lods along fairly well and manages to absorb the customary nourishment.

The New York court made short work of the trumped-up charges against former Warden Osborns of Sing Sing. Political animosities make little progress before an impartial court.

Retirement of Von Tirpitz

Alfred von Tirpitz, admiral of the German navy and minister of the navy in the German imperial cabinet, has resigned and retired after half a century of active connection with the sea arm of the empire. Reasons for this move may only be surmised, but it cannot be because of his inactivity. He has followed a policy that has at times seemed inexplicable, but which can hardly be personal to him. The refusal of the German navy to try conclusions at sea may be well accounted for on a single hypothesis. It is well understood that at the beginning of the war the German navy was doubly overmatched by that of Great Britain. Perhaps the same relative strength still is maintained. The contemplated invasion of England will require the service of a strong navy, and, therefore, von Tirpitz held his warships waiting until the army had cleared the way to the coast of France or Fianders, that it might be at its maximum of efficiency when called upon to support the land forces in their swoop across the channel. At all events, von Tirpitz must have had the support of the cabinet and the emperor for his plans. He has been charged with the responsi-

bility for the spread of terror at sea, and will probably accept that, so far as it conforms to his personal views of war. Von Tirpitz is a warrior, devoted to the Fatherland, and thoroughly imbued with its ideals. He would make any sacrifice for the advantage of his country, and feel he simply was doing his duty.

What the sea plans of Germany are has never been disclosed, nor does the present move afford any better basis for conjecture. Perhaps a change in ministry may bring new views to bear. although assurance has been given that no modification will occur in the subsea warfare. The kaiser's will will be done, so far as the participation of the German navy in the war is concerned.

What is a Democrat?

An Omaha man has attracted a momentary flash from the spotlight by objecting to the name of William Jennings Bryan on the Nebrasks primary ballot as a delegate to the St. Louis convention for the reason that he is not a democrat. This renews the old, old question, What is a democrat? Is he a man who follows Bryan or Hitchcock, who believes in free trade with Underwood or protection with Wilson, who accepts the gospel of democracy as taught by Sam Randall and by Henry Watterson, or the dogma expounded by Norman Mack and Tom Taggart? Which one of the various vagaries of the leaders must he espouse in order to stand the test? Once the democratic party was aptly described as "an organized appetite," but it has lost even that distinction. It now appears to be a disorganized mass of misguided advocates of a multitude of unrelated hobbies, exploded theories and impossible proposals. Maybe Secretary Pool will be able to tell us what is a dem-

ocrat, and then we may again resume contemplation of the equally interesting problem, Why is a democrat?

Meaning of the Water Works Figures.

The state audit figures it out that the Omaha water plant is properly chargeable with, in round figures, \$130,000 in taxes that would have been paid into the public treasury, under private ownership. It shows, also, another \$135,000 taken out of the public treasury as hydrant rental taxes. These two items comd, or \$200,000, represent the annual contribution of the taxpayers and property owners to the water works operation, to be offset, of course, by the water furnished the city for fire protection, the bond sinking fund of \$130,000 and the surplus of \$88,000. On the face of it, the audit shows good earnings, but it also fully confirms The Bee's assertion that either the meter rate is still too high, or the hydrant tax is too high, or, more probably, both.

The Harp on Ireland's Flag

Washington Star."

E ACH year as St. Patrick's day arrives public at-tention is drawn to the green flag of Eris and its harp of gold. The popularity of this national

biem is so complete that the design of the EmeralJ Isle has gained world renown. Not only natives of the "auld sod," but people of other nations show an indisputable fondness for this flag. It is not because the banner of green is representative of power of wealth that it has been able to blaze its own way into prominence, but the secret of the admiration of the Irish flag lies in the fact that it symbolizes so exactly the national characteristics of its people. The color suggests the constant verdure of the

land, the outdoor habits of the rural folk and the sunshine of life, which is reflected in each Irish heart. Times may be hard and dark clouds of poverty lower, but the Irish always see the sliver linings which foretell better days. The people talk, laugh and act in music, each singing his song from the cradle to the grave. Some measures are glad and some are sad, but hope is never abandoned.

In chosing the harp as their national emblem the sons of Erin wove the symbol of their very being into each Irish flag. The harp represents their early religious worship, both pagan and Christian; their national recreation, the medium through which the deeds of their heroes were taught to the people and the book from which every child in early times learned the lessons of patriotism and love of country. From historical accounts it seems that this musical instrument is as old as Irish civilization, but even history is antedated by the legend of the first harp of Ireland.

The old story of Dagda, the pagan god, tells that once when the hero was walking by one of the beautiful lakes of his country he beheld a pretty damsel. It was love at first sight on the chief's part, for Dagda sought the maiden, in the hope of gaining her hand in marriage. Probably the girl was not so favorably impressed with her wooer. She ran into the forest to hide from him, but Dagda pursued close by. At length upon coming to a rounding beach the maiden's attention was assorbed by strange sounds. Such music! The dried skin of a whale stretched over the skeleton of the creature formed a harp for the mournful wind to whistle through. The girl was enchanted. When Dagda saw that such sounds fascinated her, he improvised a wooden instrument patterned from the whale harp. By plucking the strings with his strong finger, he played such sweet mu to the maiden that he finally won her heart.

The success of this romance gave the incentive to other lovers to fashion similar harps until it was not long before the "old story" was set to music whenever a young chief went wooing. Harpers all over the country accompanied their stories of love and valor with this musical instrument. Bards journeyed from place to place with their harps, singing of the deeds of wonder which their brave chiefs had accomplished. As all this happened long before the day of printer's ink, it was the only way in which the people of the land could learn of the conflicte and victories of their own heroes. The harpers were always welcome and given the best in the house. Even kings were so gladdened by their presence that the coming of one of these bards meant a banquet in the great hall where the table seated more than a hundred. If a story teller was present he shared honors with the harpist, for these two entertainers furnished the merriment for the all-night feast.

For a nobleman to be without such a symbol of rank usually meant that his position had been forfeited. As time went on the growing popularity of the harp and the genius of the poor people in performing upon the instrument made it possible for all freemen to posseas harps. This ownership was one of the three things distinguishing a freeman from a slave. How much those in bondage suffered from the restriction that slaves should not even touch these instruments cannot be easily linegined. Gradually the barp became more and more common in Brin's Isle until in the fifth century there was scarcely a peasant's hut without one. Harpers became so nu erous that there were not places enough for them in the homes of the aristocrats, where many found permanent berths. Numbers of bards who sang the stories of the old heroes roamed from



Milk Pasteurisation. LONG BEACH, Cal., March 16 .- To the

Editor of The Bee: I wish to thank you sincerely for the prominence you gave my telegram in your paper. And I want to call your attention to the erroneous statement of your city milk inspector in an article of your issue of February 23, which has been sent me. He claims that the death rate in New York City, in spite of pasteurization, was in 1915-117 per thousand.

The true figures as recorded by health department for 1914 were 23.9, (1915 has not been officially published yet). When I began to supply pasteurized milk in New York City in 1892, the death rate for the year was 96.5. You can judge by the enclosed folder, which is a copy of the New York health department statistics, how the death rate fell from year to year.

This mistake of your city milk insp tor puts pasteurisation in a bad light. The obstacles to my propaganda have usually come frome such quarters, and no matter how sincerely made, they cause no end of misunderstanding. I must relterate what I have said before, that inspection, no matter how well and carefully conducted, will not protect the public from infected milk. The proximity or distance of the sources of supply is a negligible point.

I enclose you copy of cases on record by eminent scientist which proves without further explanation the fallacy of milk inspection. It would necessitate a daily inspection not only of cows, stables and dairies, but mainly of the milkers. any you must agree that that is impossible

It is very discouraging to have such an important matter discredited by any one who has not made the study that it deserves. In addition to my personal experience of twenty-five years, our government hygienic laboratory in Washington, has by extensive experiments scientifically sustained and verified every claim I make for the necessity and merit of pasteurization.

I am on, my vacation here trying to lead a quiet life, but if there is anything I can add to this explanation I will cheerfully do so, as it is of the highest importance that the public know the serious danger which lurks in raw milk. NATHAN STRAUS.

Constituencies Spoke by Telegram. OMAHA, March 15 .- To the Editor of The Bee: "J. B. H." in your letter box. insists that the recent vote in congress of the Nebraska delegation on the armed ship question was "disgraceful," and thereupon quotes what Senator Williams said on the subject. It may be of interest to "J. B. H.," and to your other readers. to know that there was sent on March 1, a telegram to each senator and representative from Nebraska, reading as follows:

lows: We respectfully urgs your vigorous pro-test and vote against any legislation per-mitting American citizens to travel on armed belligerent vessels at the risk of involving this country in a foreign war, the effects of which would forever leave an indelible stain on the reputation for peace and neutrality of the United States. Our honor and self-respect does not de-pend on insistence on the rights of Amer-leans to assume risks which it is their patrictic duty to avoid. This sentiment is strongly endorsed by an overwhelming majority of our people, who are strongly opposed to war and believe congress should insist on its prerogative to act independently. ntiy.

This telegram was signed by 20 representative Omaha citizens, many of them very prominent indeed in our professional and business community and, what is

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Editorial Snapshots

surprised to find that their constituents

New York World: Census figures show

a decline of more than 25 per cent. in

tween 1904 and 1914. This is a mere record

of conserving life instead of wasting it

Boston Transcript: The refusal of Jus-

tice Hughes to become a candidate in Massachusetts shows he is standing now

precisely where he stood in Nebraska last

November. It is encouraging to feel that

there is one man in the country who

stands four square to all the winds that

Pittaburgh Dispatch: Lord Robert Cecil

makes it clear by saying British instruc-

tions are that "merchant wessels must

not attack unless a submarine shows un-

mistakably hostile intentions." There has

been some question as to how far the

undersea boats were used for paying

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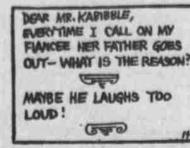
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blow without a wobble.

friendly calls.

"Why do you women insist on going to bargain sales to get something for noth-"Why do you men go to poker clubs to try the same thing?"-Baltimore Ameri-

"Is your husband working now, Mandy". You'm You'd ought to see him in his new uniform. He's advertising manager for a painless dentist."-Browning's Mag-Brooklyn Eagle: Congressmen who refuse to run for re-election because they cannot support the president are always



"Papa." said Jamle. "the reason there's so many laws is because there are so many lawyers in the legislature, isn't it?" "Tes. said his father. "Bed for yours.

"Just one more question, pape," said Jamie. "Why are there so many taxes, when there aren't any taxidermists in the legislature?"-Judge.

"Now my dear, you must be consistent in politics. Always vote the same way." "How absurd," retorted his wife. "I voted in a blue suit last year. You don't expect me to do that again?"-Pittaburgh Post.





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Indians's senatorial vacancy brings Tom Taggart to the front as "the logical man" for the temporary job. By any other route than appointment the honor is beyond Taggart's

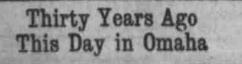
Colonel Watterson renews his war cry: "On to Panama!" regardless of the condition of Mexican roads. The drumbeats of Kentucky help to sustain the country during the silence of Oyster Bay artillery.

Fee-grabber "Bob" is pocketing several times more in fees these days than he is earning legitimately by the generous \$4,000-a-year salary. That's right, "Bob," make hay while the sus shines, for it won't shine on you forever.

Commend to us the candidate for democratic nomination for governor who has retired without making his withdrawal "in favor of" anyone. The candidate who imagines he can "deliver" his friends to someone else is apt to be fooled.

But if "Bob" were in "Bill's" place, it would be a fair guess he would be freezing fast to all the interest on the public deposits and going into court to contest the validity of the law requiring him to turn this interest money in as part of the public funds.

Former Secretary of War Garrison will remove his legal shingle from New Jersey to New York. The distance is a trifle, but the business prospects constitute an irresistible lure for legal talent. In other communities foce of a thousand or two look large; in Gotham they rank as moderate tips for law office porters.



Compiled from Hee Files.

St. Patrick's day was observed in Omaha by a grand entertainment given at the Boyd theater by the United Irish societiss. The meeting was cauled to order by Hon. John A. McShane, president of the National Irish league, with many prominent man ecsuppling seats on the platform as vice presidents. Failure of the advertised orators was made up by an address by T. B. Minnahan. Recitations by Miss Stacia Crowley and Edward Larkin, and music numbers by Miss Fannie Arnold and a choir, led by Mr. E. McCrary.

Members of the First Baptist church congregation are endeavoring to persuade Rev. J. W. Harris to withdraw his resignation as pastor

The Thurston hose team returns from New Orleans flushed with success, but by some miscue were greated only by reporters instead of by a brass hand and delegation of citizens.

Frank E. Gross left for Lincoin, where he will incuits and enter into the real estate buriness.

C. Is Leslie of the Union Pacific headquarters has left for Pocatallo, to take the position of an sistant superintendent of the Idaho division, to which he has been promuted.

Miss I. Lorino Gibson was the recipient of a sprin Shamrock from Phillipstown, King county, Ireland. sent by M. Lords of the Religious Order of St. Contentina.

Public Health and Garbage Nuisance. Omaha is again facing a problem that comes

with every returning springtime season. It is the disposal of household refuse. From the time Omaha began to take on metropolitan proportions this question has been acute. It has been temporized with, shuffled with and in every manner of way has been evaded. It is now at a point where it ought squarely to be met. What good is there in preaching about public health, and scolding people for failure to observe the commonest rules of sanitation, when the city authorities will permit the dumping of refuse and garbage on vacant lots? The manner in which Omaha has dealt with the question would shame a savage. The wildest and woollest community that ever sweltered in the sun on a western plain showed more care for itself than is evinced here in a city that is beautiful

and progressive in all other regards. Many plans to remedy this have been discussed, but none adopted. It is time something definite were done.

Poaching on Local Political Reserves.

Democratic candidates for state office, com-

ing into Omaha seeking for votes, may rest assured they are welcome slways, and that the hospitality for which the city is famous will not be stinted for them. But they must be warned against a serious breach of that hospitality. already committed, unwittingly, no doubt, but nevertheless an offense that can hardly be overlooked. They must learn to respect the rights of their local brethren. Certain issues are reserved for the especial uses of the Omaha politicians, who will protect their rights under the game laws, and according to the rules laid down by Hoyle. This list includes the salvation of Omaha from the clutches of the corporations, the restoration of the city's moral rectitude by the vanquishing of the cohorts of conglomerated cussedness, and the inauguration of a vast system of public enterprises that is to do away with all poverty and distress, taxation of any kind and the everiasting emancipation of the propertyholder. Outsiders are at all times privileged and welcome to come in and tell us about their views and their position on the issues of the day, but the home boys reserve the right to turn Omaha into an earthly paradise, and visitors should respect this right.

The presumption is that all the other army posts in this department have now been denuded of soldiers as completely as has been Fort Crook and Fort Omaha for the last three years. The danger is that Uncle Sam may acquire the notion that these posts are just as useful when empty as when garrisoned.

place, spending a day or week wherever food and sheltar were provided.

Religion, romance and valor were still in the music, but after a while songs of everyday life crept into the soul of the harp. The breezes of summer, the chirping of birds, the whirr of the spinning the singing of the teakettle and the crooning of the baby were all echoed by the bards.

During the eighteenth century the ravages of smallpox through Ireland teft hundreds of the patives blind. Little children grew into manhood and womanhood sightless. To while away the lonesome hours, or more often to prepare themselves for gaining a livelihood these unfortunate people turned their attention to the bary. It was reckoned that six out of every ten harpists were without sight. Dennis Hempson, the noted bard, who still performed in Belfast at the age of \$7, had been blind all but three years of his life. To have been such accomplished players as many of the sightless bards were certainly denoted musical genius. The well known niniani once played Vivaldi's fifth concerts on his vielin before Turlogh O'Carolan, whom he asked to repeat it on the harp. To his surprise the Irish bard not only complied with his request, but composed a concerto of his own on the impulse of the moment. This last real Irish bard lived about 200 years ago.

Of all harp tunes none was more famous than "Elleen Arcon." for Handel declared that he would rather have been the author of it than to have written the best of his own compositions. "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Hall" has had many trials, but it still remains Ireland's national air. Each year the ancient harp of thirty strings which belonged to Brian Boru, an old warrior of 1014, is prized more highly by those who care for it in Trinity college,

Few persons realize when looking at Ireland's flag that the same musical emblem was suggested as part of our national seal. On the Fourth of July, when the Declaration of Independence announced that the thirteen American colonies had formed themselves into a new nation, congress saw the necessity for a national seal. On that day John Hancock appointed Dr. Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson as smittee to prepare a suitable design for the seal of the new nation. About a month later Thomas Jafferson submitted a design for each side of the seal. The plan for one elde displayed a shield supported by the Goddees of Liberty, holding a spear and cap, and by an American rifleman. Above was the all-seing eye of Providence and below the motio "E Pluribus Unum." The shleid, which was the design of Du Simitiere, a West Indian Frenchman, the friend of Adams and Jefferson, gave recognition to the various nations which had peopled the new re-

In the six quarters of the shield were the rose of England, the thistle for Scotland, the harp for Ireland, a flower de luce of France, the imperial eagle of Germany and the Beigic lion of Holland. Although this seal was not adopted, it showed the high regard in which many prominent persons held the old world countries

The harp was prohably in recognition of the thousunds of Irish who migrated to the new world before the revolutionary war. Later a design for a seal was submitted, which showed a harp of thirteen strings representing the thirtoen original states. With this are was the motto, "Majora minorobus consonant." meaning that all play together in harmony. Although this design was not the one finally accepted. it indicated that the early Irish influence in the new nation pore considerable weight. The musicloving people brought their happy characteristics across the water with them; their tuneful melodies were sung not only in the time of peace, but in the din of battle. At least one of their folk songs has lived as one of the most inspiring national tunes we have today, for it is said on good authority that our "Yankee Doodle" of revolutionary fame is the air to which the Irish sang their "All the Way to Galway." Incd protests from the truly elect.) Yours

more probable, not more than 30 per cent of them could be deemed to have any sympathies for the central powers, and all of them being as patriotic American citizens as "J. B. H." or anyone else can be. From Lincoln a similar telegram was sent, signed by 900 people. It would really be of interest to know

whether "J. B. H." considers that the onor and self-respect of the United States does depend upon this administration's insistence on the right of American citizens to protect such cargoes against submarine attacks by traveling on armed ships carrying munitions to Europe, with the sorious risk of embroiling this country in a foreign war. J. C. L.

Moved to Satire.

OMAHA, March 14.-To the Editor of The Bee: It really is inconceivable to me that local contributors to the Letter Box should continue to adhere persistently to the use of nom de plumes, when the genorally permicious, demoralizing, deleterious, disintegrating and soul-retarding effects of such and addiction have been kindly and patiently set before them at recurrent intervals, extending over a period of nearly three long years. Such a striking illustration of "Ephraim joined to his idols" has seldom been paralleled in the world's history.

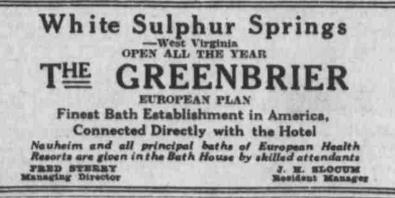
How, Mr. Editor, can we reasonably expect The Bee's Letter Box to "grow with growing Omaha" under such abnormal and retrograde conditions? . It avails nothing to put forth such antediluvian and moss-grown arguments as that the majority of the world's greatest writers began their illustrious careers by using pseudonyms. Humanity is supposed to be constantly evolving to higher planes of consciousness; therefore, what was proper and essential to such back numbers as Carlyle and Dickens, Mother Goose and Oliver Wendell Holmes, is obsolete in this day and are of advanced thought, and should be relegated to the fossiliferous substrata of antiquity that holds the sole record of evolutionary missing links.

Let us in a spirit of lofty tolerance and pure philanthropy inquire of "Medic" if he does not wish to grow and to see Omaha grow? To build up this struggling little hamlet of ours into a genuinely progressive city like Sheridan, Wyo. Imagine real paved streets! And electric lights and railways! And spiendid buildings over three stories high! imagine a pretty park with a squirting fountain connecting with a water supply, that instead of holding in solution myriads of deprayed and malevolent animalcular that breed disease gorms in our long-suffering internal economies, is gioriously permeated with untold billions of those nnocuous and fascinating little illusions known to Christian scientists as "errors". and perfectly harmless to the human race, as long as the said race keeps in close touch with an up-to-date practi-

ioner-at so much per. See Sheridan and die! For then the summit of earthly bliss will have been attained. See Sheridan and die! For nothing worthy of human attainment will remain. See Sheridan and die! But 'Medio" and the rest of our nom de plumes are doomed to a long and joyless existance unless they see and mand the error of their ways: for there can enter into Sheridan, Wyo., nothing that useth a pseudonym or flieth in the face of medical othics. Selah! (Let us trust that it will not be necessary for this

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