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Arbor day is over, but the tree-planting need not stop.

With Easter so late, it is more likely to mark the close instead of the beginning of the spring bonnet season.

No human necessity or ornament seems immune to the uplift of Mrs. Bibbes. are now taking the price escalator.

There is no visible connection between the high cost of government and war, but war gets the slander just the same.

Periodical spells of nervousness in Wall street possess little significance beyond the brokers' esteem for lambs' wool. Business is business.

London's insurance gamble raised the rates on war ending this year from 70 to 90 per cent. The value of the prohibitive rates lies in being guess backed by cash.

This week will see the big majority of the delegates to the Chicago convention chosen and commissioned and the political astrologers will soon be busy casting horoscopes.

At this particular time Japan's protest on the immigration bill is mighty annoying, not to say positively ungrateful, coming from a partner of the entente allies.

The cause of humanity will not be fully safeguarded until outdoor life is assured on sunny spring days and indoor life in wet, gloomy weather. Any party featuring this ideal system in the platforms will get votes to burn.

During the lean months of January and February the New York Central earned 11 per cent on its capital. During the same months continued with the last half of 1915 the Burlington system earned 22 per cent. The west beats the east from a railroad standpoint.

Most of the old time methods of war with modern trimmings have been brought into play in Europe, the latest addition being steel breastplates introduced among the French first trenches. Shades of old time knights, what next?

American shipbuilding industries are pressed to capacity, there being 340 ships now under contract, with a total gross tonnage of 1,067,856. Present huge profits of sea-going traffic, together with the certainty of ship shortage long after the war ends, furnishes the stimulus for American marine enterprise.

The meat packers have made a settlement with the British government for cargoes of provisions seized during the early months of the war, and are rejoicing as though the remittance had the feel of "money from home." How much of the joy will radiate to the American consumer may be learned from the retailer.

Seventy-five tobacco crooks have been apprehended in New York for defrauding the government of revenue, refilling clear boxes with cheap cigars and selling them as well known brands. Adequate punishment of these heartless culprits may meet the law's requirements, but none fits the crime short of smothering in the flames of their own cabanas.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee Files.

On Tuesday, the twelfth, Robert Widenmann, secretary of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, celebrated his fifth birthday. Letters and telegrams of congratulations were received from several people abroad, among them being Mrs. Dunlop and Katherine A. J. Anderson and Warren Swisher.

The sixty-ninth anniversary of the organization of Old Fellows in this country is to be celebrated at the Odd Fellows building. Some of the honorees named in the decoration were arranged by Little Misses Maggie Fraser and Ethel Nichols.

The candidates on the Board of Trade list have gotten ahead of the grades.

The delegation of the Omaha lodge of Elks left Saturday afternoon at 1:30 for Minneapolis. The object of the visit was to attend a similar delegation from Chicago in the formation of a new lodge, which is to be formed with a charter membership of sixty persons.

Constitutional bill was the order of the day at the annual meeting of the International Association of the Young Men's Christian Association, which was held at the Hotel Hamilton in New York.

The Ladies' Mutual Society meets Wednesday afternoon at 1:30.

The American Mood. The American mood is plainly against becoming embroiled in the maelstrom of European warfare if it can possibly be avoided with honor. From the outset, our people have taken the position that this is not our fight and that the question of the balance of power in Europe affects us only indirectly.

The American mood is apparently to "worry along," confiding in "manifest destiny" and depending upon a continuance of American good luck. Our fervent prayer must be that this good luck may not turn, for, if it should, our woeful state of unpreparedness would be a terrific indictment of our recklessness.

An Irresistible Conclusion. Nearly two-thirds of the republican newspapers in Nebraska, sensing the sentiment of their respective communities, voiced the conviction during the preliminary primary campaign that, with Charles E. Hughes as the party standard bearer, the complete reunion of the elements would be sure and republican success in state and nation made certain.

President Wilson as a Candidate. In his Jefferson day speech Mr. Wilson for the nonce assumed the character of a candidate, speaking support for his second term nomination, and with such adroitness as to suggest careful preparation for the role.

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Gigantic Magnet Under Our Feet

A VAST number of people ride in automobiles nowadays, and probably less than one in a thousand of them would care to be told how the magical machine gets its power. They are content with being whirled away as mysteriously as the old woman on her broomstick.

There is reason to believe that at least half of the entire bulk of the earth consists of iron. Deep in the interior of the globe there is probably a great core of metallic iron, intermingled with other heavy metals.

Thus, in a sense, the earth is enveloped with an electric field originated by the sun, and rotating with that field. Its huge globe, so largely composed of iron, becomes magnetized. But this is only a general statement of the manner in which the earth has been magnetically charged.

Some of the probable details are indicated in Prof. Sylvanus Thompson's suggestion that the evaporation in the tropics causes the ascending currents of heated air to be positively electrified, and that, as they travel northward and southward until they descend in the polar regions, they act like electric currents, within which the earth is rotating.

Prof. Thompson has for many years upheld the view that "the thermodynamic production of polar currents, in conjunction with the earth's diurnal rotation, affords the only rational means yet suggested for accounting for the growth of the earth's magnetism to its present state."

If we could lift off the cover of the earth-engine we might find out why its magnetic elements are so strangely variable. When words are used accurately there is nothing more misleading than to say that the magnetic needle points north.

At London the needle points about sixteen degrees west of north; but 20 years ago it pointed exactly north, and about 12 years before that it pointed eleven degrees east of north.

At the same time the position of the poles of magnetism appears to change in the earth, and in the same latitude the needle dips more at one time than at another. At the magnetic poles, which are far from the geographic poles, the needle stands upright, showing that there the magnetic lines of force run straight downward.

Put it Up to the Judge. Judge—Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say for yourself? Prisoner—Yes, your honor, I admit I'm a vagabond and a thief, but you ought to be very thankful I'm here and let me off lightly.

He Bounced the Jub. After Old Moss had been given a job the foreman saw him comfortably seated on the sand he was to shovel, directing another dusky laborer. "Why, Moss, he exclaimed, 'I did not hire that man. What's he doing here?'"

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that says you are going to die and tell you how to do it properly.—Judge. "That patent of mine, why a ratting off all of the goods of the neighborhood!" "Yes. When it was morning to talk they foreclosed, take it out of the room the day the active goods met.—Drawing Magazine.

AN EASTER NOTE. Clinton Scollard, in Judge. I have gone a-snoozing. Down the wood-ways of the spring. That therein I may discover Some bit Easter offering!

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