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MARCH CIRCULATION.

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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 March, 1916, was 56,628 Daily and 50,628 Sunday.

DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1916.

ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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

Those Mexican bandits must be doing a little "watchful waiting" on their own account.

Diplomatic relations between Fairview, Oyster Bay and Washington are suspended indefinitely.

Just as charity begins at home, so these "safety first" rules might well start with the police and fire departments.

The longer the American army remains in Mexico the better will Mexicans become acquainted with good society.

The female apostle of anarchy once more breaks into a work house. The Goldman woman is happiest when breaking something.

It is worth noting that the defeated always evince less faith in the method of nomination by direct primary than those who win out.

If Lincoln also wants a new Union depot, Omaha might as well join forces with her and put in an order at once for a sixth of a dozen.

Outlawry unrestrained breeds more outlawry. Five years of it renders the average Mexican incapable of understanding law and order.

The coming opening of the navigation season on the Missouri river adds another scenic route to the numberless splendors of "seeing America first."

Last week's list of army recruits total 772 for the whole country. So far rumors of war and war scares have not produced any rush to the recruiting offices.

The enthusiastic welcome our soldiers are having at the hands of their hosts in Mexico reminds one of the greeting, "What's your hurry? Here's your hat!"

How about having the down-town paving, which is scheduled for this season, done this spring instead of next fall, and thus give us some use of it when we want it?

The Mexican commander at Juarez, General Gavira, shows himself a leader of surpassing enterprise in expediting Mexican rumors over the international bridge.

As compared with Omaha, "Billy" Sunday put in an extra week in Baltimore and more than doubled the money. "Billy" has a good business eye as well as a good batting eye.

On the test of realizing on their non-partisan endorsements for supreme judges on the extra ballot it would seem that the "Drys" do not figure themselves out quite so well.

King George's example in giving \$500,000 out of his private purse to help along the war has not provoked a rush of government imitators. All seem content "to let George do it."

The masculine straw hat is ready to burst forth in all the glory of rainbow bands. Should man's courage survive the decorative test, woman's monopoly of colorful headgear will suffer an irreparable crash.

Poor Lo of the Shawnee tribe in Oklahoma pleads poverty at Washington and begs the Great Father for a helping hand. Somehow the Shawnees were switched off the gas belt and allotted lands so poor that gophers shun the region. At the same time luckier tribes are rolling in oil and grazing wealth, but, like the paleface, they know not their poor relations.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee Files. H. C. Mitchell has commenced action in the district court to secure damages against the J. H. Brock company for alleged breach of contract. His asks judgment for \$4,000, with interest from November 1, 1914, and costs of suit. Hon. Paul Schickler, H. Fisher, Frank Turner and H. L. Overton, justices of Nebraska's 10th, paid The Bee a pleasant visit. H. B. Williams, treasurer of Reed's opera house, is in Minneapolis. The St. Joe team will play return games with the Union Pacific in Omaha May 3 and 4. Joseph Johnson, D., has left for the east. A. A. Thompson of Yankton, S. D., arrived on the Northwestern train and will stay a few days with his son, C. D. Thompson, and family. The members of the Mendocino Quartet club sang with Max Meyer.

Altogether Far-Fetched.

Our amiable democratic contemporary tries to make out that a survey of the opposing tickets, shows "the democracy of Nebraska is representative of all sections and broad-minded as to issues, while the republican party is both sectional and intolerant." Of course, it shows nothing of the kind—except that the democratic machine has a fast grip on the situation within the democratic party, while on the republican side the rank and file are left free to choose their nominees without dictation or constraint.

It is merely an inherent defect of the statewide primary that favors the bunching of the nominees on the ticket, geographically speaking, in the places where the large vote is centered. Unless the filings are in some way controlled, this is bound to happen by the mere law of chance and any other distribution is purely accidental. Again, if the democratic ticket happens to include this time both "Wets" and "Drys," it is no tribute to "broad-mindedness," but merely proof of the inability of the powers-that-be to "line 'em up" solidly for one particular slate, and this is equally true, though perhaps less conspicuously, in the results on the republican ballot.

To pretend that the democracy of Nebraska is representative, in any true sense of the word, is altogether far-fetched in view of the fact that it is and must be only part of the national democracy, so notoriously sectional and one-tracked.

The Senator and the President

Having returned to Washington with the scalp of Ig Dunn at his belt, and the sorrow in his heart that the late secretary of state will not be sent as a delegate to St. Louis, the senator takes time to explain his vote on the Chamberlain army bill. It is the old story with him. He is supporting the president, by voting against him at every opportunity. President Wilson strongly favored a measure similar to the Chamberlain bill, but the senator voted against it, because it doesn't meet his personal views as to what is a sufficient land force for national defense. He has his own notion of exactly what size army we need, and he will not give his assent to anything else. President Wilson is always certain of the senator's support till it comes to the roll call.

Woman Triumphant.

A Lincoln policeman has just been vanquished in another skirmish of the battle which began in the Garden of Eden and still continues. He asked a woman auto driver to comply with the law of the state, which requires that the license number be carried on the rear of the machine. The lady preferred to have hers on the front end, and after some argument they compromised. The lady drove off with the license number on the front end of the machine. What's a little matter like the law of the land when it comes to a question of lovely woman's whim? The "face that launched a thousand ships and burned the topless towers of Ilium" is still doing business at the old stand. Man will ever bow in exultant submission to woman's will, sweetly but imperiously expressed. She doesn't need the ballot to preserve her "rights."

Down to Business with Carranza.

General Funston's announced determination to rearrange his army in Mexico to occupy fixed posts indefinitely is formal notice to the de facto government that it must make good on its promises. General Pershing is to be reinforced and given an opportunity to rest his men a little, and future operations will be directed from bases so established as to make more effective results possible. A first step in the real business of quieting Mexico has been taken, and the proceedings that have disgraced civilization for five years put in a way to be ended. Carranza must understand by this time that the recognition given him as de facto head of the country did not include permission to shirk his task, and to connive at further lawlessness. His government, so far, is mere fiction, just as the "country" of Mexico has ceased to be much more than a name. He may have full chance to show his capacity for government, but unless he is able to restore order and to revive Mexico as a nation, realizing the responsibilities that go with national existence and recognition, he will eventually have to give way for a stronger man.

British Embargo on Neutral Commerce.

President Wilson, having finally taken action in the Mexican situation, and firmly expressed his fixed determination concerning the German submarine campaign, now has an opportunity for a further step in behalf of humanity. He might make it plain to the British government that the United States, at least, resents the interference that has all but ended communication, not only between neutrals and belligerents, but between neutrals themselves. Our Postoffice department has just decided to return to senders some 50,000 parcels that were to have been sent by post to addresses in The Netherlands, but whose carriage has been refused by steamers because of British interference with mails.

No more arbitrary course has ever been pursued than in the present attitude of Great Britain towards the commerce of the world. Under no possible stretching of the regulations of commerce is the traffic between neutrals subject to interference, unless it is clearly established that the trade is for the exclusive benefit of a belligerent whose ports of entry have been blockaded. The interruption of mail communication between the ports of Holland and of the United States has been especially flagrant. Even the official communications between our government and its agents abroad have been inspected by British censors. One dispatch recently told of \$13,000,000 of negotiable securities taken from Holland mails destined for America because of the supposed German ownership.

It is almost as important to Americans that they be permitted to send their goods abroad in safety as it is that they be permitted to travel in safety. Our president has here a splendid chance to show to the world that he is not playing favorites between the warring nations. Winter wearables continue strictly in style while Nashville Hat remains in the ring.

Nebraska Political Comment

Lincoln Journal: Disgust over the ballot jungle was quite universal in Nebraska election day. In some quarters a disposition was shown to blame the newspapers for not telling the voters how to choose between the large number of citizens offering themselves for office. But the newspaper men were not able to decide for themselves when confronted with the enormously long ballot, and in many cases were obliged to skip offices entire because they could not make an intelligent choice. The fact was that the people were given an impossible task in this hopelessly long ballot. The remedy most often discussed is a change in the primary law. That will be a mere palliative. The short ballot is the only permanent cure for the evils we all see so plainly.

Nelish Leader: A piece of as dirty politics as has been played in a long time developed Tuesday. A telegram was sent out from Lincoln to J. T. Fletcher of Orchard, chairman of the republican county central committee, to the effect that John L. Kennedy was the brewers' candidate for the United States senate. Mr. Kennedy was telegraphed as soon as the news was received here, and replied there was no truth in the story and referred inquirers to Rev. Carson, head of the Anti-Saloon league for verification. In the first place it is dirty politics to scatter such statements at a time when the men who do it believe there is no chance to refute it, and in the second place, it is still dirtier to send out reports which the senders themselves know are not true.

David City Press: Voting by mail, a convenience already provided for traveling salesmen in this state, should be extended to the farmers, so Victor Rosewater of The Omaha Bee, first proposed, and so W. J. Bryan advocates. There is good argument for it.

Tekamah Herald: Since W. P. Warner is the republican nominee for congress in this, the Third district, it will make our old friend, Congressman Stephens, think that he has had a "hoax race" before the campaign closes in November. Mr. Stephens' treatment of his party newspapers has made many of them hostile and they will accord him very little or no support. Then his vote on the McLemore resolution was offensive to many loyal Americans. It was an attempt by a few in the house of representatives to invade and usurp the proper functions of President Wilson in conducting his diplomatic correspondence with foreign nations.

Albion Argus: Some concern was manifest in Albion G. O. P. circles on the morning of the primary election by the report that the dry federation had profited that the Liquor Dealers' association in Omaha had endorsed Kennedy as republican candidate for the United States senate. The rumor had also been circulated that the liquor dealers had endorsed Jim Dahlman, although notice had long since been posted that the dry federation had pre-empted Jim and had the prior claim on him. Too bad, too bad!

Columbus Telegram: We find funny things in the game of politics, as well as in other places. One of the funniest features of the late primary contest was the claim of Senator Hitchcock that Mr. Bryan and his progressive associates were not friendly to President Wilson. No finer piece of political comedy was ever played on any political stage. The answer to the claimed friendship of the reactionaries for President Wilson may be found in the figures of the voting in the democratic primary in Platt county. In some of the Platt county voting districts the race between Woodrow Wilson and Robert Ross for the presidential preference vote was very close. In some other districts it was three-to-one against the president. Each of the districts which humiliated President Wilson by casting a majority preference vote for an unknown freak opponent was absolutely under control of the elements which opposed Mr. Bryan and the progressive primary candidates. How do we know that Senator Hitchcock's friends cast those votes against President Wilson, and in favor of the horse jockey? We know it because of the positive fact that in one township which snatched the president in the face at the rate of two to one, all of the democratic ballots with four lone exceptions were marked in favor of Senator Hitchcock and all his reactionary mates on the ticket.

People and Events

Organized charity is so well organized in New York City that the payroll alone amounted to \$300,000 last year. The charity system is considered highly efficient.

Another huge hotel to cost \$5,000,000, is projected in New York at Forty-third street and Lexington avenue. Sketches call for an eighteen-story structure, with 1,500 rooms with private bath, to be let at \$2 and \$2.50 a day.

A 2-year-old in Philadelphia tumbled out of a fourth story window, struck several clothes lines on the way down and landed right side up on soft turf. When the screaming mother reached him the youthful acrobat was sucking a scratched thumb.

Several new railroads in the resort region of central New York have been put out of business by automobiles. Three bankrupt roads, ranging from five to ten miles in length, which cost \$1,000,000 twenty years ago, were recently sold for a total of \$8,100. Quite a shakedown for the gas wagon.

There are snores and snores, gentle, spasmodic, explosive and klaxonic. Two young women in an apartment building in Chicago pulled off a more deafening racket than the neighborhood and brought the police. "We had been automobile and were tired," the girls explained as they apologized and hit the feathers on the other side. Can you beat it?

A liney driver operating between Newark and Harrison, N. J., threatened to maul a tow-headed, tan-gloved "rube," who objected to rude language in the hearing of women passengers. The supposed rube proved to be a retired bantam pugilist, and what he did to the ill driver was satisfactory to the spectators, especially the apology to the passengers.

Reports filtering out of Russia throw a sidelight on Chinese methods of tipping a revolutionary conspirator in the neck. The governor of Urumatsi got a bunch that he was booked for the axe, so he expedite matters he invited twelve conspirators in a feast, filled them with good things and then beheaded them one after another. The governor continues on the job.

"Getting money from home," is esteemed a joyful thriller, but when the amount far exceeds expectations, words hardly express the inward felicity. Through the error of a bank clerk, Uncle Crawford Fairbanks, the Indiana brewer, sent several thousand dollars more than he intended to a nephew in Switzerland. But the reward equalled the generosity. The nephew blew \$60 in cabing his gratefulness.

Chicago is arranging to handle 30,000 bathes a day at the municipal beaches during the bathing season. A charge of 10 cents for each bath is to be made, and for this the bathers will receive a bathing suit, comb, brush, soap and towel. Special lockers for valuables will be provided without extra charge. Spectators in street clothes will not be permitted to mingle with the bathers at the Carson beach, which will accommodate 3,000 bathers at a time.

Twice Told Tales

Ahead of the Law. A sea captain and a lawyer lived next door to each other. One very windy night the lawyer was reading a book in his study when a terrific crash upstairs startled him. Upon investigating he found that a chimney had tumbled through his roof, doing considerable damage. He discovered that it was the sea captain's chimney. Hastening down to his library, the lawyer pulled out his law books and hunted up similar cases, deciding and concluding how he could secure satisfaction from the sea captain. While he was thus engaged a note arrived from his neighbor that read as follows: "See if you don't remove those books at once. I will put the matter in the hands of the law."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegram.

The Bee's Letter Box

The Why and Wherefor.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 24.—To the Editor of The Bee: The editor of the World-Herald is very accurate in his statements, very truthful, of course; but nevertheless one may well question the comment concerning The Bee's statement as to the republican presidential nominee of this state. Though the republican voters of Nebraska are of average intelligence, it is a superfluous task to get a majority to write in the name of a candidate and place a cross opposite the name. The two prominent candidates are Hughes and Roosevelt, neither of whose names were on the ballot. Oregon has reached a far better development of the primary. The whole primary has, however, failed to really get at a decision of the national sentiment of republicans, though Hughes continues to be the hope of the party, even though enough voters did not write in his name in this state.

But may the World-Herald editor get comfort! He need not all the ton he can get. For the renowned editor of the Herald is in a bad fix. Once more is the democratic party true to the dominant faction of the party and if Bryan, after this primary, supports the state and senatorial candidate, well—he will lose all the more by it. No wonder the demo editor said, "Tis no time for desolation; forgive and forget." Why? The figure of John L. Kennedy, backed by all loyal republicans, and Judge Sutton looms in the distance! But I forget. Judge Sutton is devoted to only one ideal: It may be that the voters of Nebraska will otherwise decide this coming November. And say, Kennedy has not the experience or the ability as one present senator, concerning whom, lest we forget, Bryan said, "God save the president from such as he! Perhaps the republican party will answer Bryan's prayer this November.

CLARENCE W. KELSO.

Preparedness.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 24.—To the Editor of The Bee: We note in The Bee that "Wilson Faces a New Problem as Japan Protests Barrier—The Administration is Optimistic and Thinks Terms of Immigration Measures Can Be Arranged to Please the Mongols." Now, what is the matter with our administration? They all act as though they had never been out of the precinct where they were born. None of the great questions and problems which have confronted our present administration have been met with any practical solution of conserving the real interests of these United States of North America. In regard to the Japanese or the color problem, our people should take a lesson from the southern continent, Australia, whose confines is larger than the United States of North America, whose northern boundaries almost touch that of Japan, and whose population only exceeds 4,500,000, yet whose slogan is "White Australia" and it goes, not a colored man from any country can land in Australia except under bond to get out again within a certain time. Now, if Japan is so sensitive to questions of this kind, why does it not begin expansion on its own borders, and into climatic conditions that favor its people, the whole of northern Australia which borders on Japan is an undeveloped country, but regardless of that the Australians will leave it so before they will permit the Orientals or Indians to incubate their culture on that soil. Australians who know best know that as soon as the country is overrun with these people that progress and civilization stops, and that the ambition of the white race is so handicapped that nothing can be done except to slumber away in ignorance. Steps should be taken immediately to see whether our educational system is comprehensive enough to assimilate the elements that is surging into this country. I do not think it is. Different nationalities segregate and are lost to their own resources and original culture too much. Great industrial establishments should be forced to employ only a certain per cent of un-naturalized foreign element, and not any longer than necessary for the employe to gain his papers. The tenets of our culture should be brought to their attention, if it is not of careful consideration worth while, then the person should be deported. "Advance the United States" should be the motto of every inhabitant, the Golden Rule for every one, save the one thing that we cannot permit, the down-trodden hordes of imperialism of any nation to swarm upon us in numbers sufficient to sink the ship. Our schools are the bulwark of the nation. Let us see that our national principles are paramount and that true Americans are employed to propagate this culture, and for peace, but all the while let us have a strict military training for our growing youth, which will fit them to defend their principles as well as inculcate in them orderly discipline, which means much in any of the occupations of life. Out of 30,000 applications for military duty, we are informed by the press only 2,000 were found qualified for admission. This statement of conditions alone should be sufficient to cause the greatest alarm. Preparedness is the new word that should go home to all, it should become the national watchword. It is the word that expresses the key to our continued greatness and now is the turning point of the nation whether it is to become the vessel of imperialism of Europe or to become what it ought to be the star of hope for the world. L. C. SHARP.

Editorial Snapshots

Detroit Free Press: Two Beers, Tex., is talking of changing its name. The news are getting it from all directions.

Indianapolis News: Another 16 per cent advance in wages has been announced by the steel trust. (Come over, go easy!)

Washington Star: Calling Verdun the longest battle in history doesn't mean much to the man who is about to celebrate his silver wedding.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: It is now reported that our Apache war mounts are wearing what watches. And yet some people think that the we are not wearing anything from the sunbath in Europe.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Just two years ago today President Wilson read his message to congress dealing with the Tampico incident and the demand for a salute to the flag that was never fired. Will history repeat itself as a result?

Baltimore American: A California woman has declined the office of mayor of a town in which she was elected on the ground that the post involves too much dignity. This shows again how little women can appreciate the practical advantages of politics. Imagine a masculine candidate refusing a "puff" because he feared his dignity would not measure up to his responsibilities!

SMILING REMARKS.

"I'd like to talk to you, sir, about some sweeping reforms we are contemplating." "Can't listen, sir. My wife is cleaning house just now, and there are too many sweeping reforms for me going on at home."—Baltimore American.

"There is nothing like the weather as a topic of conversation." "That remark," observed Senator Norzheim, "leads me to infer that you have never concerned yourself much about the tariff."—Washington Star.

Jimmie Willis—What are you going to be when you grow up? Tommy Gillis—An American bandit in Mexico. "But ain't that dangerous?" "Naw. Neither side can shoot you for fear of causing international complications."—Life.

The grocer had just given little Ethel a banana which was accepted silently. "Well, what do you say to the nice man?" prompted the fond mother. "I'd skin it!"

DEAR MR. KABBLE, MY FIANCE WALKS IN ABOUT 9.30 EVERY EVENING AND THEN SAYS IT'S TOO LATE TO GO TO A SHOW—IS THAT FAIR? POSITIVE NO—TELL HIM YOU ARE WILLING TO MISS HIM THE FIRST ACT AND I BET HE'LL BE ON TIME AFTER THAT!

Patience—Has leap year worked any havoc among the bachelors in your town? Patrice—I should say it has! I've got a lot of them frightened to death.—Yonkers Statesman.

"Well, my dear, how did you enjoy Mrs. Fulford's luncheon?" "It was fine. She served oysters in such a unique manner." "How was that?" "In what she called cocktails. The sauce was delicious."—Louisville Courier Journal.

Mr. Flirtleigh (looking for quarters)—

Apartment to let. And are you to be let with them, my dear? Janitor's Daughter—No, I'm not. I'm to be let alone.—Boston Transcript. "How's the baby?" inquired the neighbor of the new father. "Fine," said the proud parent. "Don't you find that a baby brightens up a household wonderfully?" pursued the friend. "Yes," said the parent, with a sigh. "We have the gas going most of the night now."—New York Times.

THE SODA WATER SHOP.

Philander Johnson in Washington Star. Now temperance is a thing to which most people will assent. The man who drinks hard liquor takes upon himself a burden. So when I go to town upon a sunny afternoon There isn't much temptation in the sight of a saloon. I simply say kiddie—or put more gasoline in play.— And tell the demon rum to get away behind and stay. But just beyond there is a place where I'm compelled to stop. I've stony feet to linger at the soda water shop.

There is music in the murmur and the rattle of the glass. That the neat young man is loading with carbonic acid gas. And as the color lightly gleams in iridescent showers, You think you're swallowing rainbows mixed with honey from the flowers. And Gladys, Kate, Hortense and Maud and all the other names That go with pretty girls—and titles—uncor of staidier dames. Are buzzed in conversation till your drink you lolly drop. While you look around and listen in the soda water shop.

Forgotten are the warnings 'gainst the beverage too cold. And the various ills dyspeptic that the beverage may hold. In a whirl of dissipation that no reason can restrain You absorb the reckless potion and return and quaff again. It needs no stout convivial to promote the gay refrain. Which all politely corresponds to "See 'em up again!" Irresistible temptations seem to splutter and to pop. Mongal and subtle fascinations of the soda water shop.

England, Germany and France Agree on one thing, if on no other. They all prohibit the sale of alum baking powders. There must be a good reason for this. It is because alum was found to be unhealthful. Royal Baking Powder is made of cream of tartar, derived from grapes, a natural food product, and contains no alum nor other questionable ingredients. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO. New York

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