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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager.

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It looks as if the Hawkeye state were painfully heroic.

Preparedness is making progress in congress in spite of persistent head winds.

The tempest in the Recreation board having subsided, let us all now collect bird pictures.

"Senatorial courtesy" shows no impairment of strength of the message it sends to the pie counter.

The more the political field is surveyed the clearer is the proof that silence beats noise as a delegate-getter.

That Waukegan judge should not feel unduly annoyed over citizens dodging jury service. It is a popular failing, and is not confined to high social circles.

The senator was dead set against anything more than 50 per cent increase in the standing regular army, but ends up by voting for 100 per cent increase.

Those Mexican railroad strikers might demand canned sunshine as pay. Gold costs real money, and the first chief is not handling that grade of goods.

Well! Well! Well! If "Billy" Sunday should come back to Omaha now, perhaps the Episcopal churches might become members of the Evangelical association.

Mr. Bryan will not accept the commission as alternate delegate to the St. Louis convention tendered by fellow Nebraska democrats. Promotion backward has no charms for him.

Who cares if Italy puts an embargo on the export of macaroni? We have a plant here able to respond to all requisitions with made-in-Omaha macaroni that puts it all over the Italian brand.

Chicago convention plans contemplate laying noiseless pavement around the convention hall. A wise precaution, enabling the "outs" to hear and re-echo the shouts of the "ins." Chicago aims to please all classes.

And now our local democratic contemporary says the republicans will nominate Hughes "if the Colonel will let 'em." As Hughes is the one man the democrats fear most as an antagonist to Wilson, that looks merely as if they were reconciling themselves to the inevitable.

The Bee gave admonition at the right time of the boost in the tax bills sure to result from the tremendously increased levies made last year which property owners are now waking up to. We have here, however, only another example of silent indifference when protest might count and indignant outcry when what has been done cannot be undone.

The federal circuit court of appeals of New York has released from custody Jared Flagg, a notorious get-rich-quick promoter convicted of using the mails to defraud. Conviction was obtained by the use of documents seized in Jared's office without warrant by postoffice inspectors. The court holds the seizure a violation of the constitution and the conviction void. Excessive zeal or carelessness thus destroys a meritorious prosecution.

## Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Compiled From Bee Files.

A tract of land, 132 feet by 132 feet, at the southeast corner of Twentieth and Farnam streets, was sold for \$10,000 to a company of capitalists, represented by G. A. Joslyn of this city.

Captain Marsh has associated with himself Moore, brother of Council Bluffs, Fleeting and Smiths of this city and with them intends to start the Douglas County National bank. The capital of the bank will be about \$100,000.

Dr. L. A. Stevens, a physician of large experience and long and successful practice, has located in Omaha, 46 North Nineteenth street.

He is, however, one of the most popular and representative men in this city, has been promoted from the position of assistant editor caricature to that of managing editor. His route is in the southeastern part of the city and he succeeds R. H. Nichols, resigned.

Chris Spain, carver maker, has returned from Mexico. Where he has been working arrangements have been made and he is continuing the work already started.

C. H. Kilian, emigrated as watch maker at May Street & Bee's, is the happy father of a thirteen and a half pound boy.

Wat McMillan has returned to Omaha to remain and will be associated with Himeshagh & Morrison.

### New Government for Ireland.

Premier Asquith is reported to have said that the present form of government for Ireland has had its day, and that he will devote himself to devise a newer method for administering the affairs of the island. This presages a reformation in Irish government that ought to be for the better. Asquith is known to sympathize keenly with the people of Ireland in their aspirations for control of their local affairs and has hitherto given support to measures intended to ameliorate their condition. The problem of government there is perplexing in the extreme, because of bitter local antagonisms. A home rule bill, all but passed through Parliament, has the determined opposition of a large element, who go even to the length of armed rebellion against the purpose of the imperial government in resentment. This is but one of the difficulties that must be reconciled before entire harmony can be established in Ireland.

Americans are unable to fully appreciate the sentiments of the Irish on either side. Extreme devotion to traditions and apparently irreconcilable division on issues that have lost their reality in all the world elsewhere, fail to appeal to the world outside, but it is a trait of the Irish character which must be reckoned with. Idealism has a much stronger hold on the people of the Emerald Isle than realism, and they are poetic rather than practical. Ireland in a material way is more prosperous today than ever, and a new form of government may bring a better feeling to its people, and perhaps do something to heal a breach that has gaped for centuries.

Asquith's further announcement of his plans will be awaited with interest, because of the keen sympathy Americans have for the Irish in their home problems.

### If Bryan's Figures Are Correct.

As an aftermath of our recent primary, William J. Bryan is indulging a bent for political mathematics for the evident purpose of making a favorable showing for the "dry" amendment. He computes the "wet" majority on the democratic side to be 13,640, arrived at by subtracting from the vote polled for Neville that polled by "Brother Charlie" to defeat whom, he says, "many wet" republicans voted in the democratic primary.

If Mr. Bryan has here the explanation of his brother's defeat, then at least 13,000 republicans must have crossed over into the democratic side, whereas no one knows of any appreciable number of democrats voting in the republican primary. The total vote in that primary is officially recorded as 86,889 for the democrats, against 102,755 for the republicans. Transferring 13,000 from the democratic column back to the republican column would make the latter 115,000 and reduce the other to 73,000, measuring the disparity between the two parties at 42,000. If Nebraska republicans really have a lead of more than 40,000 over the democrats, it is all over but the shouting, provided only the republican elements are firmly united behind a satisfactory presidential standard-bearer.

### Disclaimer from Berlin.

The announcement from Washington that Germany has finally put in a disclaimer of the unlawful acts of German subjects or German sympathizers in the United States, affecting American neutrality, is worthy of attention, as indicating that the imperial government is not unmindful of matters that might lead to complications. Ambassador Bernstorff, through the State department, in addressing subjects of the kaiser domiciled in the United States, warning them to refrain from any illegal conduct, and to observe closely the laws of the country in all their actions. This can scarcely affect the sympathizers with Germany who are not subjects of the emperor, but it does put the onus of their conduct on them. Germany's foreign office is beginning to show something of the quality of astuteness for which it was given credit prior to the war, but which has been obscured in a considerable degree since the beginning of hostilities.

### An Old Story Retold.

The Decatur bank failure has no element of novelty in it. It has been repeated many times, world without end. Get-rich-quick schemes usually are founded on air, and almost invariably come to the same end. The business of banking has a stable foundation, and it must be managed along fundamentally sound lines in order to endure. The man who undertakes to accomplish wonders juggling with money belonging to others sooner or later will lose his balance or miss his grip, and then comes the smash.

For Nebraskans the experience carries something of a warning. When the bank guaranty act was under discussion, this very contingency was pointed out, and the necessity of making provision against it was strongly urged. Then as now personal probity, business experience and unremitting industry were the requisites for success in banking as in any line of commercial endeavor. The guaranty law undertook to add to these the additional safeguard of making all the bankers sponsors for the integrity of each other. That it has failed to create honesty is not cause for wonder.

Secretary Royle of the State Banking board recently sounded a warning to the bankers and the public alike against conditions possible under the present statute. The laws of Nebraska should be further amended so as to absolutely eliminate the wildcat banker.

### Does Anyone Want War?

Commenting on a deceptive diagnosis of the body politic, William Allen White, oracle of the upholders, declares in his Emporia Gazette:

"The truth is Roosevelt at this moment is not a factor in the republican national convention. But next month things may change. A war would make the colonel's nomination inevitable."

But does anybody want war to make this contingency "inevitable"? Even Brother White fully refrains from letting out the shred of a hint that he would like to have any popular hero nominated at such a cost.

A Japanese evangelist modeled on the "Billy" Sunday plan, minus trill hitting, is reported to have created a furor among the natives of the Sunburst Kingdom. Japanese attitude as imitators is well known, but has not been exerted, heretofore, in the evangelistic line. Competition in this direction foreshadows another addition to the yellow peril.

If those University of Nebraska students want anything while in Omaha that they cannot reach, all they need do is to ask to have it passed along.

## THE BEE: OMAHA, FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1916.

### Chromatic Surgery

#### Literary Digest.

WILL you have your appendicitis operation done in pink, or nil green, this year? Pink would be a more cheerful tone, encouraging optimism, but green induces tranquility, and doubtless has a sufficiently lethetic quality, when dominating walls and ceiling of the operating room, to enable you to forget the bill that awaits your recovery. The point is that physicians and surgeons are beginning to believe the psychologists, who say that color affects our moods, and also that our moods determine to some extent the success or failure of medical and surgical experiments with our interior economy. This Medical Review explains more fully as follows:

"A saffron tie makes us languorous, while a purple one inspires us to noble deeds. Green produces a state of tranquility, while blue depresses us. And so on. But now the chromatic scheme of things entire has invaded the operating room, that hitherto domain of the strictly practical. Last September Dr. Berkeley Moynihan wrote to The Lancet stating that

## The Bee's Letter Box

### Prefers State to National Bank.

St. Edward, Neb., May 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: I note that you have made special mention of the failure of the Decatur State bank. It is surely right for you to give this prominent publicity, for the piflering of a bank is one of the very worst kinds of stealing that ever happened.

There is no question but that every cent of loss in this case will be made good by the state guaranty law, and the thought comes to me as to why you gave such little notice to those of Superior and Superior.

A large number of our people are like myself, very much in the dark as to our banking system. I don't know whether my eyes are out yet or not, but anyway I am one of the unfortunate who fell in the Superior trap.

It was my misfortune to ship a car of corn to a customer at Superior, drawing through our bank for the proceeds and they in turn through the Superior bank. It seems this wonderful "National" bank went out and collected the draft, and as they needed the money they kept it, and our comptroller of the currency has decided that as they kept the money, it made us simply depositors.

I at once sought after light, and to my complete surprise found that of all the fakes ever pulled on an unsuspecting public none was ever greater than the word "national" in the name of the numerous banks.

I have often in my innocence gazed on these beautiful gilt bank signs with the "nationals" in them, and a feeling of confidence and pride would come over me when I thought how splendid it was to have institutions backed up by our national government, and I can now realize how Mark Twain felt when he went to Palestine to see some of the bunches of grapes his mother used to tell him about that the spuds got in the promised land.

Your correspondent says the stockholders are worrying, as they are liable for twice their capital stock. I would suggest to them that they advise with the superior stockholders, for I don't think they are worrying much. This double trouble, just another one of the jokers these institutions pull off, for it is written you must first catch your rabbit. Then after you find out who owns the capital stock you can start suit, and if in the meantime they haven't turned their property over to their wife, you may be able to collect your judgment, less lawyer's fees and costs.

One thing that the Decatur people can be thankful for, and that is that their bank is a state bank instead of one of these institutions whose principal stock in trade is the word "national."

R. W. LIGHTNER.

Scope of Standard Price Bill. Omaha, May 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: In newspapers lately I have noticed a common misapprehension that the Stephens' standard price bill will apply to all merchandise. The truth is only a small part of a retailer's stock will be affected, as the legislation covers only standard trade-marked goods.

Another mistaken conception is that such a system of merchandising would be impractical for perishable goods. Supporters of this notion forget the bill is permissive and not mandatory. No producer need come under its provisions unless he desires to do so. Undoubtedly much confusion of thought is caused by failure to bear in mind at the time that this bill is only expected to specifically cover standard articles of national reputation used as "bait" to demonstrate trade—such articles as a rule have a steady volume of sale.

T. L. COMBS.

A witty observer of men and things remarks yesterday: "The toxin of war is in many cases an effectual anti-toxin for the war fever." "The men are ready to go to war the moment they are needed, and others the moment they are not needed."—Boston Transcript.

"Porter, this berth has been slept in!" "No sash! I assuah you, sash. Merely on the more old fashioned sash."

"Oh, I thought you said something?" "I did, but I was just taking my soup."—Yonkers Statesman.

"Don't you see at Miss Golder's reception?" "No, I didn't speak, dear." "No, she and I had a little difference of opinion."

"Nothing serious, I hope."

"I'm afraid I thought I was the man she ought to marry, and she thought I wasn't, that's all!"—Boston Transcript.

R. W. LIGHTNER.

A Curious View of Preparedness.

Omaha, May 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: I observe that the pacifists are still trying to you about the beauties of trusting in the brotherhood of all men and being unprepared. Do not believe them. I tried pacifism for two years and it was a great disappointment to me. That was when I was a young dog and had not been disillusioned. I went about wagging my foolish tail, trusting in the brotherhood of dogs and the protection of a simple heart. The result was that I was assaulted every time I left my own yard, and in all the neighborhood was no dog so lowly that he might aspire to sample the quality of my upholstery. Even that ugly little lapdog across the street who looks like a cream-puff ran yapping at my heels, trying to bite with what had been supplied him as a substitute for teeth!

Since those unhappy days I have given up being a pacifist and have learned to fight. I am prepared, and they all know it by the way I walk on my toes and sniff the air. No longer do they come boldly into my yard to steal my best bones hidden under the lace bush, and if I wish to go for a quiet walk I may now do so without running the risk of being assassinated by the first bold coyote that comes along hunting for his little bones.

These are my views—the opinions of a hound-dog who has been through the mill and had experience.

BROWNE HYDE.

### EDITORIAL SIFTINGS.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: The administration now proposes a tax on expert munitions, and with the speed it has displayed with other measures, the tax should be effective about the time of the next great war.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Give the Turks credit for unexpected humanity. They have permitted the British to send to Kut-Ell-Amaras for their sick and wounded. Is the "unshakable" adjective a misnomer?

Leavenworth Courier-Journal: During at least four hours the fool who lights the kitchen fire with kerosene and is burned alive has been succeeded by the fool who tries to change seats in a cause in mid-stream.

Indianapolis News: Doubtless, as the fashion folks say, the old skivvies "make us look good"