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The Memorial Day spirit is more in evidence and no one need apprehend its ever waning. Westward the Star of Empire! Also, westward the movement of Omaha's churches!

Nebraska democrats will occupy two trains the way to St. Louis and avoid the risk of striking their knives crossed. Safety first.

It is the irony of fate that some of the very men who fought the hardest to keep South Omaha out of Omaha are now fighting the hardest to land that vacant commissionship in the Omaha city hall.

Samuel Gompers tells labor men out here that they would do much better to help to improve our Nebraska workmen's compensation than to try to repeal it. Good advice, which hope will be accepted.

According to Edgar Howard, the Roosevelt-loving "is as spontaneous as the giggling of school girl." Perhaps—but frequently a school girl giggles only because some bad boy in the class behind is tickling her.

Now that the latest discovery of gold in Nebraska, like all those before it, has been definitely proved, we can again boast of living in a state that digs countless millions out of its soil every year, but not an ounce of precious metal.

Memorial Day and the Future.

This is Memorial Day, when the nation pauses for a moment to place a wreath on the tomb of its soldier dead, and to "highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

Memorial day has a deeper meaning for us now. In 1861 and 1898 war came upon the land unsought, and found the people unready. The tale of this unreadiness is found in the toll of death, taken, not on the battlefield, but in the camp; in the base hospitals, not amidst the crash of cannon and the rattle of musketry, the rushing charge and fierce grapple, where death for liberty is life's finest boon, but by disease which might have been prevented and the existence of which is still a source of shame.

When we resolve today that liberty shall have a new birth in this land, why not also resolve that we will make reasonable preparations, so that if our young men are called again to defend that liberty and the flag that symbolizes it, they will not fall victims to ignorance of the simplest requirements of life in camp. Memorial day should teach something for the future by recalling the mistakes of the past.

James J. Hill, Empire Builder. James J. Hill will be remembered as a builder. He came at a time when an empire was to be opened, and he had the clear vision to see its possibilities. The wonderful resources and limitless possibilities of the northwest appealed to him at a time when to others less gifted it seemed but a region of waste and cold and barrenness.

Platforms to the Point. A platform "brief and to the point," as suggested, would be a highly welcome innovation by the impending national conventions. The trouble is that the platform-makers are always beleaguered by spokesmen for all sorts of interests and organizations backing projects calling for national legislation, all insisting upon the indorsement of their particular proposals.

No Neutrality for Greece. Efforts of the king of Greece and his advisers to keep out of the war are likely to prove unavailing. Occupation of Saloniki by the allies is answered now by the occupation by Bulgars of Greek forts in Macedonia. That these forts were evacuated by the Greeks without resistance may be interpreted as indicating Grecian leaning to the side of the central powers, but the fact that only moral objection was made to the occupation of Saloniki by the allies may as well be taken as evidence of Greek favor for their cause.

Modifying His Mexican Policy. The announcement from Washington that a petition has been received from Americans resident in Mexico, complaining of treatment received at the hands of the Mexican government, is significant of a change of heart at the White House. It doesn't so much matter what the actual or final disposition of the complaint may be, the outstanding fact is that its receipt has not been suppressed.

Two Kinds of Twins

FEW persons know that, if present biological theories are correct, there are two fundamentally different kinds of twins. In one kind, where each individual develops from a separate egg between any two children of the same parent. In the other, the twins are really one individual split in two, being products of a single divided egg-cell. Twins of the first type may have little resemblance and may be of different sexes. Twins of the second type are always of the same sex and are often so much alike that only their closest friends can tell them apart.

"The kind of evidence that one gets as to the heredity of twinning may be indicated by reference to a group of fifty St. Louis families. The investigator had no knowledge of any of these families until, in each case, the birth of twins was reported to the bureau of vital statistics. On looking into the family histories, it was learned that these fifty new-born pairs of twins had 171 elder brothers and sisters born singly, and twenty (ten pairs) who were twins. The frequency of twins among the brothers and sisters of twins then is about 1:18. In the mothers' fraternities (groups of brothers and sisters) there had been 318 single births and ten pairs of twins (1:32), and in the fathers', 219 single and eight pairs of twins (1:37). Comparing these figures with the 'normal incidence' for St. Louis (1:90.6) one is justified, especially since essentially similar figures are obtained from more extensive data, in concluding that twin-production is frequently a family peculiarity.

Analyzing the individual families, evidence is found that what seems to be biocular twinning is hereditary in the direct female line. Whether there is any relation at all between the two types is an open question. While some of these families furnish beautiful charts indicative of a hereditary tendency for twinning, others are frequently met with in which twins never occur, nor, on the other hand, in which there are, in fact, only one pair of twins appears. In some instances the twins sometimes seem to be biocular, sometimes uniovarial. Such family histories may indicate that while twinning is in some way hereditary in most instances, it may nevertheless at times appear sporadically. The most probable inference to be drawn from this fact would seem to be that the ability to produce twins is possibly common to all strains, and that the frequency of twin-birth in different lines is merely relative. It is not likely, on the one hand, that strains will be found in which twins never occur, nor, on the other hand, in which there is nothing but twinning. But that such causes as may tend toward twin-production are more constant or react more effectively in some lines than in others seems evident.

Nebraska Press Comment. Norfolk News: The Omaha Bee has adopted a bigger size of type, such as the w. g. c. d. has been trying for thirty years. Welcome to our circle, Bee.

Oconto Register: About fifty women from all walks of life applied for the position of "clowness" in answer to the ad. of a circus in Omaha. If any of them were dressed according to the latest dictates of fashion they were already garbed for the role. Takamah Herald: The Omaha Bee is certainly giving sufficient publicity to the wild-cat banking methods practiced by Cashier Elliott of the Farmers' State bank at Decatur, which was recently closed. If the state banking law cannot be enforced, the public should know the reason why.

Gering Courier: The World-Herald made a "nonpartisan" appeal for Andy Morrissey for supreme judge, because he is a democrat. There are many republican papers who make a similar appeal for Fawcett, because he is a republican. That's a game with two sides, but irrespective of politics, Fawcett is the right man. Blair Tribune: Decatur's bank failure reads like a tale of frenzied finance and makes one think of Wall street and the bucket shops. The first year after a change was made in the management a 50 per cent dividend was declared and the manipulation of the books fooled the State Banking Board. The promoter made things hum, and rumor had it that he owned six different automobiles in the two years' term. But the bubble burst and the promoters were brought back to mother earth with a bump that took all of the wind out of their sails. Moral: You must do something bigger than to break a country bank if you would get away with it.

Kearney Hub: For something real nasty and offensively partisan it is not necessary to look farther than the following paragraph from the World-Herald: "While republican leaders keep howling for preparedness, and while mammoth parades are arranged and pulled off to demonstrate that the country is clamoring for it, the democratic administration is providing it." This is equivalent to the charge that republicans planned the New York preparedness demonstration and are planning the proposed demonstration at Chicago, when it is a fact, as all know, that there is absolutely nothing partisan in the preparedness movement. It is something quite new if the time-honored use of the petition and personal demonstration are to be suspended just because the democratic party is in power. Don't you think so?

Tips on Home Topics. New York Post: President Wilson says he is often tempted to disguise himself with whiskers. Well, there are those who believe that after the fourth of March next year Mr. Wilson will be entirely concealed by exactly that sort of disguise.

The Bee's Letter Box

High Taxes. Omaha, May 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial regarding the high and unnecessary tax was timely and the point and an investigation should be made by some competent and honest men. There is something wrong, probably a political machine being built up, "jobs" created, etc. The high tax is a study in an outrage and works a hardship especially on those paying on homes. This in connection with the rising price on the commodities of life is getting too much for the ordinary man to bear. Am glad, and thousands of others, that you have taken the matter up. We are with you, Mr. Editor. The commission-ers promised economy. Are we getting it? M. M.

Appreciation. Omaha, May 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is impossible for me to express adequately my appreciation of your courtesy regarding our concert of last night. Your great kindness in giving the group picture of the young people was an inspiration to them, as it surely was to me, in striving for any civic benefit possible at our hands. I may only hope and trust that your thoughtfulness of this cause was justified by the results musical. Ever at the service of Omaha. HENRY C.

Indulging Speculation. Grand Island, Neb., May 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: Will Justice Hughes accept the nomination for president and would he be able to fully satisfy the demands of ex-President Roosevelt? These are two questions that are as yet only in the realm of guess. What will happen at Chicago is certainly an unknown quantity, but the defeat of both Roosevelt and Hughes may be quite possible. The strength of Hughes has been his past record, and the man himself, and it will be interesting to observe his strength. Though I should like to see him nominated I do not think he would accept if more than four or five ballots are necessary to choose, or Roosevelt puts a veto. As for the colonel, with Hughes out of the race his stock may go up, but here is a prediction that ex-Senator Root will develop remarkable strength. His opposition to the vacillating policy of Wilson is just as strong, his devotion to Americanism and preparedness as marked, and his ability and standing as unquestioned. Yes if Root is nominated republicans can be congratulated. The feeling that we must have a president able to care for the exigencies that may arise in the further course of this war and qualified to take part in any peace conference called upon demands that the republican party select its strongest representative. Whether the delegates think this is Roosevelt, Hughes or Root is in doubt, but it is almost certain to be one of these three.

Editorial Snapshots. Boston Transcript: Paragraphers disappointed in learning that there is no such place as Two Beers, Tex., will have to be content with Brandy, Va., or Bourbon, Ky., but we advise them to stick to Pump, N. C.

Pittsburg Dispatch: With all the advance-the-clock camouflaging that will continue to be a number of people endorsing the poet's maxim that "The best of all ways to lengthen our days is to steal a few hours from the night, my dear."

Chicago Herald: Mr. Bryan's intimation that a prohibition plank might fit nicely into the national democratic platform shows that although he cannot be a delegate he can still throw a cold chill or two into the gentlemen who are.

Indianapolis News: That increase in the country's revenue receipts is very gratifying, and especially so to the congressional pork packers who know just exactly what should be done with the money to do them the most good in their districts.

Philadelphia Ledger: The refusal of the militia in the three states on the Mexican border to respond to the call of the president for service with the regular troops is a poor augury for the federalized militia provided for in the army bill just sent to the president.

Believing with outstretched arms to thy cities and to thy farms. The world offers no greater charms. Nebraska: Fairest of the plains. T. D. H.

She—Would you leave your home for me? He—I'd leave a base ball game in the sixth inning with the score a tie—Life. Violet—Adele is such an economical little body! La Rose—Ah, yes! I'll tidge for miles from one law office to another to save \$10 on a divorce—Boston Globe.

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, A YOUNG LADY WHOM I LOVE DEEPLY, SAYS SHE WILL ONLY MARRY A GENERAL—WHY SHALL I DO? JOIN THE ARMY AND WORK YOUR WAY UP!

Are you looking forward to the summer with pleasant anticipations? asked the optimistic citizen. "Yes, indeed," replied the pessimistic person as looking at will go out of town for the summer.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

"Mr. Smith, I wish you would make that horrid dog of yours stop howling whenever I sing." "Ah, my dear madam, don't blame the poor dog; it is the only way he has of telling he knows good singing when he hears it."—Baltimore American.

Artist—What's the matter? It's a good joke, isn't it? "It's a very good joke. The first time I heard that joke I laughed till the tears rolled down my pinnafe."—Life.

"Why didn't you interfere when the cook chased the waiter with a cleaver and the waitress rolled murder?" "I thought it was an ordinary cabaret feature."—Kansas City Journal.

THE BURIAL OF A DANE.

Henry Howard Brownell. Blue gull all around us. Blue sky overhead— Myster all on the quarter. We must bury the dead! It is a Danish sailor. Rugged of front and form; A common son of the forsaate. Grieved with sun and storm. His name, and the strand he hailed from We know; and there's nothing morose But perhaps his mother is waiting In the lonely island of Fohr. Still, as he lay there dying. Reason drifting awreck, "As my watch, he would mutter, "I must go upon deck! Aye, on deck, by the foremost! But watch and lookout are done! The Usher-Jack laid 'er him. How quiet he lies in the sun! Slow the ponderous engine. Stay the hurrying shaft. Let the roll of the ocean Cradle our giant craft. Gather around the grating. Carry your meemate aft! Stand in order, and listen To the holdest page of prayer! Let every foot be quiet. Every head be bare— The most trade wind is lifting A hundred locks of hair. Our captain reads the service. (A little spray in his cheeks) The grand old words of burial. And the trust a true heart seeks—"We therefore commit his body To the deep"—and, as he speaks, Launched from the weather railings. Swift as the eye can mark, The ghostly, shotted hammock Plunges, away from the shark, Down thousand fathoms, Down into the dark! A thousand summers and winters The stormy gull still roll High o'er his canvas coffin; But silence to doubt and rage— There's a quiet harbor somewhere For the poor weary soul. Free the fettered engine. Speed the tireless shaft. Loose 'er gallant and topast. The breeze is fast abaft! Blue sea all around us. Blue sky bright overhead— Every man to his duty. We have buried our dead.

NEBRASKA. The depths no haubten hold; Thou art not seamed with gold; Greater virtues hast thou in store. Nebraska: Fairest of the plains. Dyes not with the conqueror's gore; Pined not with murderous lore; Greater virtues hast thou in store. Nebraska: Fairest of the plains. Thou has purring brooks and woodland rills; Wind-swept vales and sand-swept hills; And the autumn's forest that always thrills. Nebraska: Fairest of the plains. Fertile land: Thou cannot boast A rugged, bold and rocky coast; But to the world thou art a host. Nebraska: Fairest of the plains. For stout hearts and willing hands; For man's life and smiling lands, Here greeting and becoming stands. Nebraska: Fairest of the plains. Welcoming with outstretched arms To thy cities and to thy farms. The world offers no greater charms. Nebraska: Fairest of the plains. SUNNY GEMS. She—Would you leave your home for me? He—I'd leave a base ball game in the sixth inning with the score a tie—Life. Violet—Adele is such an economical little body! La Rose—Ah, yes! I'll tidge for miles from one law office to another to save \$10 on a divorce—Boston Globe.

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