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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 May, 1916, was 57,852 daily and 52,748 Sunday.

DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 3d day of June, 1916.

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Convention news will now make way for other front page topics.

The campaign speed of Mr. Hughes is a surprise as political enemy as was his nomination.

In the interval, Omaha's need for a new Union depot must not be permitted to lapse into innocuous desuetude.

Now perhaps the senator will relent and permit Brother-in-law "Tommy" Allen's nomination to be confirmed.

It is evident from the output at St. Louis that the Wilson administration sorely needs defense and a host of defenders.

Fairbanks and Marshall, rival aspirants for the vice presidency, physically represent the long and the short of Indiana politics.

How about the repayment of that stretch of Farnam street for which the contract was let over a year ago? Time to get busy.

Some day an enterprising broker will grab opportunity by the collar, deliver his product direct to the consumer and tap a gold mine.

Judging by his numerous references to old-time friends it is evident that Mr. Bryan and the brewers will not pull-tandem or abreast this year.

A tracer should likewise be sent out to discover what happened to Art Mullen's boom for the chairmanship of the democratic national committee.

The rush to the republican big tent foreshadows a vote for the ticket so large that democrats might as well prepare the motion to make it unanimous.

Odds of 6 to 5 and 8 to 6 on Hughes winning are the earliest betting straws on the political currents of New York. Shrewd sports hitch their rolls to a star.

And all Bryan did at the St. Louis convention was to make a harmless speech which must be disappointing both to his political friends and his political enemies.

Who says we are not making progress? It used to be a fight every year for the retail store clerks to get 5 o'clock closing during the summer months and now it comes as a matter of course.

If Mr. Bryan insists on going into the proclamation business the man who prepared those cinching advertisements used in the Nebraska primary campaign over the name of "H. E. Gooch" should be requisitioned again to tell the answer.

John M. Parker, nominated for vice president on the bull moose ticket, is a man of much ability and personal charm, but his residence in Louisiana makes him valueless as a political asset. It is our guess that Mr. Parker will be for Hughes and Fairbanks before the finish.

Did you notice that complaint in our Letter Box about basement kitchens in certain Omaha hotels and restaurants which make the work of the culinary artists almost unbearable? While we are trying to improve conditions in shops and factories, these "food foundries" should not be overlooked.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Compiled From Bee Files. Herman Kuntze, J. A. Field and Contractor Johnson are having plans drawn up for a row of seven brick stores to be erected on St. Mary's avenue, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth.

Democratic Claims and Performances.

As the campaign progresses opportunity will offer for discussion of the democratic platform in detail. For the moment a little attention to some of its specific claims of achievement, contrasted with actual performances will suffice.

In the preamble to the document is found this sentence: "We challenge comparison of our record, our keeping of pledges and our constructive legislation with those of any party at any time."

To begin with, the Baltimore platform pledged its candidate to a single term; this promise has been kept by renominating Woodrow Wilson and Thomas R. Marshall.

In the same platform was a specific pledge to reduce the cost of living. Look over your household bills and see how this promise has been kept.

Other pledges equally definite were similarly treated, and finally the plank that devoted the party most sacredly to the redemption of each of its promises was ignored entirely.

The democratic record on achievement is just as well, or rather just as poorly, supported. The tariff was revised, but the principal effect of this revision was to produce a depression of business in 1913-14 such as moved the president to threaten to execute summarily whoever might be guilty of undertaking to start a panic.

The utility of the federal trade commission, for which so much is claimed, remains to be established. Up to the present it has been chiefly useful in pointing out how the anti-trust laws may be evaded.

Congress has "lifted human labor from the category of commodities," but the clause presumed to have accomplished that was inserted in the Clayton law by Senator Cummins, supported by republican votes, and otherwise would have been defeated.

Sufficient revenue has not been raised, the platform to the contrary notwithstanding, for where the republicans left a surplus of more than \$85,000,000 in the treasury, the democrats reduced this to a deficit of more than \$65,000,000 in less than eighteen months, and even with the most extraordinary of tax levies are only just now able to collect enough of income to meet the ordinary outgo.

Other platform claims of the party are as shallow as these. The promises for the future are not so definitely worded as those made at Baltimore, but might have been, for the democrats will not be called on soon again to make good on any pledges.

Bryan's Defense Not Happy.

Mr. Bryan, being called before the St. Louis convention to defend the administration, and incidentally himself, was not especially happy in his utterances. Particularly is this true of his dealings with the Mexican muddle. Here Mr. Bryan was forced to set up a straw man and give over his energy to buffeting the dummy.

Silver Slipping Back.

The price of silver bullion, which created a little flurry of interest a few weeks ago by an apparently sensational rise, seems to have ended its flight, and is now slipping back down the scale it so hurriedly mounted. Nothing unusual is noted in this; a suddenly increased request for the metal, incident to the unusual amount being coined by countries engaged in the war, enhanced the price.

How They Do Love Each Other.

Nebraska democrats are certainly a loving lot, and they like to exhibit this affection on all occasions. St. Louis got a fine example of the harmony that prevailed in the fold when the Bryanites and the anti deadlocked over committee selections. Now we have further proof of the concord among the brethren in the little mix-up between the Mullenites and the Dahlmanites.

Observers at the democratic convention noted the highly prosperous appearance of delegates and party boosters. Swell fronts were conspicuous, raiment fresh and fashionable, and a general air of high living and liberal spending presented a marked contrast to the lean and hungry aspect at Baltimore. The two pictures ranged side by side constitute an admirable tribute to the efficiency of the great American pie counter.

As to a New Idea

It is difficult to be patient when a man who is accepted as a scholar and historian lapses into such inexact assertions as the president did when he said in one of his so-called "landmark" speeches that "the republican party hasn't had a new idea for thirty years."

Turning to other new ideas which have come into political discussion during the last forty years, some of which have been crystallized into statutes, what ones have been contributed by the democratic party? What states have been most advanced in the prevention of child labor, in compensation to injured workmen, in all kinds of protection to labor? Reputation is not democratic states? The one vivid fact that tells the republican story in detail is that there are just five states in the Union which do not yet have compulsory education laws, which have not yet come to the belief that an education is a thing which society owes to the individual.

The value of our real estate is daily increasing and examiners of titles are daily becoming more and more strict in examination of titles and quite frequently require certain notices to be taken, costing heavily in time and money, which would have been avoided had the notary not failed in his duty.

It seems to me that it is time for the appointment of notaries to be made according to a certain number in each community according to its population, and to those who are able to pass an examination showing a thorough knowledge of their duties. The liabilities assumed should be specifically set out in the law as well as the fees he would be entitled to collect for the work, and he should be required to give sufficient bond to assure his careful attention to any work brought to him.

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Whiskers: In Hoc Signo

A GROWTH of hair on the face has always been held to be a sign of superior strength, for the reason, no doubt, that it distinguishes the stronger sex. Nobody ever has hinted that a man incapable of hair-growth on his face would be a man fit to trust in an emergency of any kind.

HERE AND THERE.

A locomotive going at express speed is said to give 1,058 puffs a mile. A mirror has been mounted on the portrait photographer's camera so that the patron may see what the resulting picture will look like.

The women of the Philippine Islands make some of the finest hair in the world from a strong silk-like fiber obtained from pineapple leaves.

Gold is being mined at a depth of more than 3,000 feet in South Africa, and it is believed that the shafts can be sunk 3,000 feet more.

An electric fan has been invented in which the vanes are covered with a gas which now enters a tank of water at each revolution and helps to cool the breezes the fan creates.

Horses imported into Argentina are taught to avoid a poisonous weed that the native animals shun naturally, by forcing them to inhale smoke from burning piles of the weed.

Pendleton county, Kentucky, famous for its honey, seems to have some reason to be proud, data showing that several beekeepers there gathered 10,000 pounds each and one 25,000 pounds.

There is one of the foremost ports of Europe for the importation of American cotton, and the handling of this staple has long constituted the principal source of the business prosperity of the community.

Probably the largest gas well ever struck in Oklahoma was brought in recently at Fox Pool, south of Okmulgee, a gas well which now spouts approximately 100,000 cubic feet a day, enough for a city of 100,000 people.

E. H. Greeley of Ellsworth, Me., first drove over the road from Columbia Falls to Ellsworth, a distance of forty-four miles, May 30, 1848, when he was 16 years old; this year, on the same day, Mr. Greeley, at the age of 84, made the same drive. The trip took six hours and Mr. Greeley did it without a stop.

People and Events

The spirit of preparedness manifests itself in unlooked-for directions. A baby in a King family at Pittsburgh was born with eight teeth, four in the upper and lower jaws and Samsonian locks of raven black hair.

New Jersey lost \$250,000 of state revenue from corporations by the operation of the reform laws known as Wilson's "seven sisters." Many corporations shifted headquarters to more friendly states and left the Jersey state treasury to do the worrying.

According to the transfer tax appraisal filed in the New York surrogate court the late James R. Keene, financier and horseman, left an estate worth \$1,062,539. Among the souvenirs scheduled as valueless are loan notes of politicians and down-and-out race track sports.

A breezy banker from California, C. F. Langley, gives Atlantic City a novel touch of financial high life. Instead of the usual long roll of the banking profession, Langley carries a package of his own bank bills in blank, and attaches his signature to one or more as his necessities require. Much of his pleasure is derived from "manufacturing" his money on the spot, to the amazement of the resort gawpers.

The record of the automobile as a life-taker is now varied by a definite instance of life-saving. A woman at Hackensack, N. J., who was in danger of being strangled by a walnut she had swallowed, was rushed toward a hospital in an automobile. The bumping of the machine in crossing a railroad dislodged the walnut and her life was saved. The make of the car was forgotten in the joy of its achievement.

Old St. John Street church in the downtown section of New York, said to be one of the earliest of Methodism in the United States, is about to disappear to make way for a skyscraper. Originally the site was occupied by Wesley Chapel, built in 1768 by Philip Embury, an Irishman who in 1760 organized the first Methodist church society on the western continent. The present church was built in 1841, the third on the site.

The Bee's Letter Box

Would Limit Number of Notaries. Create, Neb., June 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: May I take just a few lines to call attention to an existing law, that, while it was probably all right when it was made, has come to be a little more of an annoyance to the public.

The requirements of this law are such that almost anyone possessing the ability to write his own name can obtain a commission as notary public. The liabilities he assumes are such that any of the regular bonding companies are willing to assume the risk on his bond of \$2,000 for a period of six years for less than \$5.

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A City Hall Idea.

Omaha, June 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: I was standing in front of the city hall yesterday wondering when the welcome arch would fall over, when I had a thought. I believe this is a valuable idea, so I thought I would let you have the benefit of this bright cerebral effort. It is advertised that the city commissioners are going to spend \$35,000 to remodel the city hall.

I have a better plan which I trust the commissioners will carefully consider before they set foot on the ground. It is to advertise that the city commissioners are going to spend \$35,000 to remodel the city hall.

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TIPS ON HOME TOPICS. Brooklyn Eagle: "Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers." If you don't believe it, analyze carefully one of the college graduating essays that are floating about on these sweet June breezes.

Booleon Transcript: Before this campaign is over "Aldrich Bill" Murray of the Oklahoma base, won't be the only democrat to regret the drafting of a supreme court judge for a presidential nominee.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: A student of the opinion that the "Wagon" is the best because all the presidents since Arthur have run alphabetically—Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson. But what's the matter with "Ugbes"?

Philadelphia Record: "I wonder how many Americans who live in England expect to escape the war taxes imposed on England? They chose their place of residence presumably for their own advantage. If they now find it disadvantageous, they have the privilege of returning to their native land. To eat one's cake and have it is an agreeable but highly difficult feat."

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"I see one lady missing from this war who has figured prominently in warfare." "Who is that?" "Minnie Ball." "Well, there's Shrapnel."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Remember, my son," said the father, "that politeness costs nothing." "Oh, I don't know," returned his hopeful son, "I've ever try putting 'very respectfully yours' at the end of a telegram."—Ladies Home Journal.

DEAR MR. KABBLEB.— LAST NIGHT IN HIS SLEEP, MY HUSBAND CALLED ME A USELESS BIG CATHEAD. WHAT SHALL I DO? PERPLEXED WIFE —MAYBE HE WASN'T ASLEEP

"Did you hear that Jiggs was killed while traveling in Kentucky?" "No. How was he killed?" "In a feud."

"And I always told him not to ride in those cheap cars."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mrs. Needoo—Your maid is a jewel. You must consider her worth her weight in gold.

Mrs. Homebody—Gold? Why, I would not trade her for her weight in beefsteak.—Puck.

"That fellow's got his nerve with him!" "What's the matter now?" "He actually asked me to lend him a couple of gallons of gasoline until next Saturday."—Detroit Free Press.

"I told that inveterate gossip, Mrs. Gabby, that I saw young Highly taking lunch with a married woman in the fashionable restaurant."

"And was he?" "Sure. It was his mother."—Baltimore American.

"Is it your intention to offer your enemy an olive branch?" "I'm not sure," replied Senator Borahum. "We'll try out the olive branch proposition; but we'll fix the thing so it can be turned into an ax handle."—Washington Star.

Head of Business—What position do you desire in our establishment, sir? College Graduate—Oh, something like confidential adviser or general manager.

Head of Business—Good! You may have both jobs. I will make you an office boy.—Dallas News.

PERSISTENCE.

Philadelphia Inquirer. A swallow in the spring Came to our granary, and death the avenue essayed to make a nest, and there did bring Wet earth and straw and leaves.

Day after day she toiled With patient art, but ere her work was crowned, Some mad mishap the tiny fabric spoiled, And dashed it to the ground.

She found in ruin wrought, But, not cast down, forth from the place she flew, And with her mate fresh earth and grasses brought, And built her nest anew.

But scarcely had she placed The last soft feather on its ample floor, When wicked hand, or chance, again laid waste And wrought the ruin o'er.

But still her heart she kept, And toiled again, and last night, hearing call, I looked—and lo! the three swallows slept Within the earth-made wall.

What truth is here, O man! Hath hope been smitten in its early dawn? Have clouds of carecast thy purpose, trust or plan? Have faith, and struggle on!

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