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A few more flag paraders can be accommodated at the recruiting offices.

No doubt the Teutons consider the big push of the allies decidedly offensive.

And Old Glory looks just as good every day of the year as on Flag day and the Fourth.

The weather man might at least have refrained from putting such a damper on the small boy's patriotism.

Nobody knows how hot it is on the Mexican border, but then the corn belt is no limping slouch in the heat line.

Anyhow, should the worst befall, our second line of defense is fairly impregnable. Cyclone Davis and Colonel Tom Taggart are on guard.

Under ordinary conditions, overflowing public treasuries tempt extravagance. Just now the November reckoning warns the spenders to go slow.

Half year reports of the business development of Omaha institutions warrant hanging their banners on the outer wall before the year's finish.

Monocles are more generally used in England than ever before. It is easy to understand why the "slackers" fail to see the recruiting offices.

The great rush of taxpayers on the last day of grace is not a sure sign of cheery digging up. Rather it reflects eagerness to escape a second hold-up.

After profound meditation the British war office decided that Zeppelins should be referred to as he and him. With this problem satisfactorily solved the big push began.

If "Samson" could be induced as a patriotic duty to proceed to Mexico and show the natives how artistically the successors of Coronado "throw the bull," international affairs would take on a more peaceful aspect at once.

While the administration maintains a pose of anxiety regarding Mexican affairs, apparently Washington has forgotten that John Lind and William Bayard Hale diagnosed the case and prescribed the treatment that failed.

A call is out for meat inspectors to join the Guards and go to the front. The task of this class of commissary assistants is very important, especially should it become necessary to capture the long line of beef drying on the wire fences of Mexico.

Yes, we notice that Editor Sutherland of the Tekamah Herald has called another political fake, perpetrated through the local democratic organ, purporting to be a declaration by a republican in favor of Wilson, no person bearing the attached name being known in Tekamah. Little misadventures like that, however, will not feaze the fakera.

There will be no "row" over the naming of the democratic county committee or the selection of the delegates to represent Douglas county in the democratic state convention. Hitchcock, Fanning & Co. will drive the machine "without waiting for the aid or consent" of any other democrats in the bailiwick.

People and Events

Chicago scored a bumper crop of June brides, the total running up to 4,497 licenses issued, an increase of 636 over the former top record.

Elbert H. Gary, head of the steel trust, is exploring Japan instead of Europe this summer, seeking pointers on trade and trade betterment.

The Kansas division of Kansas City proposes to show Missourians as well as the natives an assortment of undesirable citizens. Permission has been given the commission to erect a public stockade in which convicted wife beaters will be exhibited. Domestic evils require heroic treatment.

One of the hot weather evangelists throwing out tropical stuff in New York, became convinced that there was something wrong with the women of the city and set about investigating. The trouble he found was not "votes for women," but abbreviated skirts. Evidently the clerical admonition, "Look up, not down," was suspended during the investigation.

One of the "war babies" of New York, the E. W. Bliss company, manufacturers of machine tools in peace times, tickled the stockholders with 100 per cent dividend, last week. The "melon" grew out of a shrewd contract which the company tickled since the war began. Besides the juicy dividend the company made enough to pay for three enlargements of the plant.

Inventive genius quickly senses the spirit of the times and turns it to account. As a boost for greater generosity in church finance and the opening of slackers, an Oklahoma inventor puts out a contribution box which receives any sum from a quarter up noiselessly, but a dime rings a bell, a nickel starts a whistle and a copper makes an explosion. The only thing lacking is a camera that will snapshot the fellow looking the other way.

Wages and the Call to War.

Those employers who have announced an intention to continue for a specified length of time the wages of any on their pay rolls who may have been called to the colors, may feel assured their motives will be variously defined. It is not likely, though, that sheer selfishness animated them all. A far better way to look at the movement is to admit that some of the soulless institutions have actually developed a spot that can be touched other than the pocketbook nerve. It would be incredible if all the welfare work developed within the last decade were solely for exhibition purposes. The present manifestation may well be accepted as the result of a determination of the big corporations to "do their bit" along with the boys who go to the front, and in no finer way could they do this than by making the soldier's mind easy as to the fate of those he leaves behind. The action of these employers is in strong contrast to the conduct of some members of organized labor, who have refused to enlist merely because the pay of a soldier is not equal to the wage scale commanded in civil life.

Business Methods in City Purchases.

Much improvement has been made in purchasing methods employed by municipal authorities, but there is always room for more improvement. This is strikingly emphasized by a paper that has just come to hand in the printed proceedings of the "City Managers' association," which met at Dayton last November, and which contains a discussion of "Buying for the City" by the purchasing agent for Dayton. Some of the experiences cited as examples illustrating how savings can be effected for the benefit of the taxpayer, are so directly in point that they are worth quoting. Here are three cases submitted to prove the value of closely watching the markets for the most favorable moment:

1. We purchased cast iron water pipe at an exceptionally low price by going into the market at the right time, when the iron market was at its lowest point and the pipe foundries wild for business to allow them to keep running. We waited three months after we knew we would need the pipe until we judged conditions were right. After the purchase was made the market advanced several dollars a ton within two months and as we used sixty-three hundred tons, the saving on this one item was sufficient to pay expenses of our entire division for more than four years.

2. We contracted for a year's supply of gasoline on August 1, at 9 cents per gallon, the lowest point in the market here. The price to date has been 4 or 5 cents a gallon, and a good prospect of a further advance, and as we will use 75,000 gallons, we are already \$3,000 ahead.

3. Next spring we expect to build three bridges which will require approximately 800 tons of reinforcing steel. Instead of waiting to buy when we have completed plans and placed contracts, or letting the contractor furnish it at a high price, we purchased it October 1, and at today's market for the same material, we are \$2,400 ahead, and with conditions as they are existing at present in the steel trade, we will be \$4,000 ahead by the time we need delivery.

How Dayton successfully tackled the fire equipment and supply problem is thus described:

One of our most radical departures from the usual methods in city buying was on a purchase this year of \$50,000 worth of motor fire apparatus. The bids as first received were too high for the available funds—rather than refuse all bids, readvertise and probably reach the same result, we gave all bidders the same opportunity to lower their bids, having the reduction based on our placing the entire order with one firm. We felt fully justified in doing this from the fact that all bidders were given the same opportunity, that it was obviously to the advantage of the city to buy only one type of motor, and thus greatly simplify the handling of the apparatus in the department and reduce the expense of making repairs in the city garage. By taking this stand we saved just 20 per cent of the cost and were able to buy some extra apparatus.

On fire hose we combined the strongest points in several sets of specifications from other cities and from the Board of Fire Underwriters and added several tests and provisions which we have found by experience are of value. We have just received our last purchase, for which we paid approximately 45 cents per foot, and from laboratory tests and analysis I believe it is as good or better than the hose we formerly bought at 85 cents and \$1.00 per foot.

Of course we are not drawing any odious comparisons, but simply giving the information about Dayton, as it is furnished, first hand. We leave it to folks to form their own conclusions as to the application to Omaha or any other particular city.

No Bank Monopoly Yet.

Although the point involved may not be settled short of a final ruling by the supreme court, the recent decision of Judge A. J. Cornish of the district bench of Lancaster county against the assumed right of the State Banking board to refuse a charter solely on the ground that the community where it is proposed to start the new bank is already sufficiently supplied with banking facilities, has a far-reaching significance. Judge Cornish holds unequivocally that, as our Nebraska laws now stand, there can be no banking monopoly in the sense of being protected by law against competition of other adequately capitalized and honestly managed banks.

On general principles, public opinion is against monopolies, whether in doing a banking business or selling automobiles, in vending money credits or grocery credits, and if the people ever reach the point of acquiescing in a bank monopoly, they will probably want it to be a state owned and state-managed bank. The fact is that even without court interference the State Banking board could not keep down a new bank, amply backed, for a national charter could be obtained, though denied a state charter, but to do so would require a capital perhaps not justified by the size of the locality. What the State Banking board, however, has a right to do, and it is its duty to do, is to protect the deposit guarantee fund against dangers and risks, which is quite a different matter. An existing bank, or a proposed bank, that would put an extra hazard upon this insurance fund could properly be turned down or closed down, and action along this line could in no way be construed as a policy for building up monopoly in banking anywhere.

Senator J. Ham Lewis thinks a navy yard would improve the scenery around Chicago and wants an investigation. A like institution would fit into the scenic arrangement of the junction of the Platte and Missouri rivers and materially reduce the war fever in Iowa and Nebraska. Carter lake and Manawa are equally available for naval preparedness, garnished with a slice of bacon.

To many swimmers and nonswimmers there is more wisdom than poetry in the swimming hole rhyme, "Hang your clothes on a hickory limb and don't go near the water."

TODAY

Thought Nugget for the Day.
The generous never enjoy their possessions so much as when others are made partakers of them. —Sir W. Jones.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Archduke Joseph Ferdinand of Austria defeated by Russians northeast of Kraisk. Germans captured lines along front on two-thirds of a mile in Le Pretre Forest. General Hamilton reported the great assault of Turks at the Dardanelles repelled with loss of 20,000.

Kaiser directed informal negotiations with Washington looking to settlement of submarine problem.

This Day in Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

Mr. Hugo Brandeis, who has been visiting his parents in this city for the last two weeks, has returned to Chicago, where he holds a lucrative position with J. F. Farwell & Co.

O. L. Bangs & Co. have fitted up rooms over 1018 Farnam street in very tasty style, to be used as a malt cure dispensary. The malt served will be prepared in their own laboratory.

The southeast corner of Ninth and Farnam is devoted to music every evening by the Musical Union band and the Bavarian warblers. The musical program is under the management of W. F. Plaigang.

Miss Hattie Holmes of Plattsmouth is visiting Mrs. J. R. Campbell on Georgia avenue.

Miss Annie Watkins of St. Louis is visiting at the residence of C. P. Needham.

Messrs. Markel & Swobber, proprietors of the Millard hotel, are adding two stories to their hotel building and are rebuilding the kitchen and supplying it with all the latest commodities.

The new firm of Russell & Usher, the iron founders in Bedford Place, has put its engine in motion and the machinery of the new institution was given its first turning.

Today in History.

1715—Sarah Siddons, famous actress, born in Wales. Died in London, June 8, 1831.

1801—Admiral David G. Farragut, famous Union naval commander in the civil war, born near Knoxville, Tenn. Died at Portsmouth, N. H. Aug. 14, 1870.

1809—First day of the battle of Wagram, which ended in a victory for Napoleon over the Austrians.

1814—Americans defeated the British at battle of Chippewa.

1830—Algiers taken by the French.

1866—Marriage of Princess Helena, daughter of Queen Victoria, and Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein.

1898—The Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba appealed to Madrid, advising the government to surrender the city to the Americans.

1902—King Edward VII. gave a dinner to 600,000 poor of London.

1903—Cable between San Francisco and Manila completed.

This is the Day We Celebrate.

Major George T. Langhorne, who recently led a squadron of the Eighth cavalry in pursuit of the Mexicans, was born in Kentucky, 49 years ago today.

Admiral Sir Hedworth Meaux, late commander of the British home fleet, born 60 years ago today.

Robert Bacon, former Secretary of State and Ambassador to France, recently named as president of the National Security League, born in Boston, 56 years ago today.

Joseph P. Foraker, former United States senator from Ohio, born in Highland county, Ohio, 70 years ago today.

Will N. Harben, author of "The Inner Law" and other popular novels, born at Dalton, Ga., 48 years ago today.

Benjamin F. Bush, receiver and former president of the Missouri Pacific railroad, born at Wellsboro, Pa., 56 years ago today.

Jan Kubelik, one of the world's most celebrated violinists, born near Prague, Bohemia, 36 years ago today.

Ward F. Miller, outfielder of the St. Louis American league baseball team, born at Mt. Carroll, Ill., 31 years ago today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

Prince and Princess Christian (the latter an aunt of King George V.) celebrate their golden wedding today.

County agricultural agents of Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas are to meet at St. Joseph today for an interstate conference lasting two days.

James M. Beck, former Assistant Attorney General of the United States, is to be the guest of honor at a luncheon to be given in London today by the Pilgrims.

Nearly one thousand school boys of Kansas City, Kan., have agreed to devote today to the work of collecting and destroying all the cigarette stubs found on the streets of that city.

A boys' camp is to be a new feature of the great annual camp meeting to be opened by the Methodists today on the camp grounds at Des-Plains, Ill.

Registration is to be opened today for the homestead settlement of about 400,000 acres of the Colville, Indian reservation, lying in the fertile Columbia river and Okanogan valleys in the state of Washington.

An international labor congress has been called to meet in London today, as a sequel to the recent economic conference of the Entente Allies.

The first national conference of Visiting Teachers and Home and School Visitors is to begin in New York City today, in conjunction with the National Education association convention.

Delegates from all over the country will assemble today at New Haven, for the national convention of the Young People's Christian Union and General Sunday School association of the Universalist church.

Where They All Are Now.

Tom Scanlon, formerly of the Union Pacific freight department here is with the Illinois Central in Chicago.

W. D. Bancker, formerly manager of the Omaha News company, is now head of a similar periodical magazine dispensary at Indianapolis.

Oney Giggins, associated with Ross Chamberlain an Omaha newspaperman, in several works of fiction published here several years ago, is now in Mexico.

Dr. Frank Crane, former pastor of the First Methodist church, resides in Chicago and lectures and writes articles for newspapers and magazines.

James H. McIntosh, once practicing law in Omaha is connected with the New York Life Insurance at New York as its general solicitor.

Frank Irvine is one of the public service commissioners of the state of New York. He was district court judge here before he went back east to grow up with the country.

Fred Reaner, for many years on the Bee and Republican, afterwards publisher of a paper in Weeping Water and Hastings, is now a happy ranchman near Roseburg, Oregon, and is enjoying the sweet fruits of his industry and economy.

Our readers are cordially invited to help us make this column the attractive feature in the paper. Send in your favorite quotation, your birthday items, information of present whereabouts of folks who used to live here and whatever pertains to a particular day and is of general interest.

The Bee's Letter Box

Pender, Neb., July 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: Under heading, "Unofficial Medication Sometimes Effective," I read in your paper in second section, "In all wars, unofficial steps have paved the way to official acts," etc. Would you please give names of wars and names of mediators, etc., where such has occurred, in your next issue and oblige.

C. J. WEBORG.

Note: In the war of the American revolution, Benjamin Franklin, who was the first minister to France, and who negotiated the first treaty for the colonies with the king of France, was continually in communication with Dr. Priestley of London, and David Hartley, member of Parliament for Hull, and through them, in unofficial touch with the government of England. Negotiations and understandings established thus, in the end, so weakened Lord North that his cabinet collapsed about the time of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, and Lord Rockingham came to power with a cabinet filled with friends of the American colonies. The unofficial negotiations set on foot by Franklin became the basis for the final treaty of peace.

In July, 1898, a few days after the naval battle at Santiago, wherein Admiral Cervera's fleet had been destroyed by the American fleet, Minister Cambon, representing France at Washington, tentatively approached President McKinley on the matter of peace; two weeks later Cardinal Rampolla, acting for the pope, sounded the European powers as to terms on which peace might be secured. United States and Spain met at Ginebra, Switzerland. These steps were entirely unofficial, as were others similarly taken, but they led to an early restoration of peace.

When Japan and Russia were at grips before Munkden, Secretary Hay, for President Roosevelt, approached the belligerents, without official character, and opened a way that led to the treaty of Portsmouth.

NEBRASKA EDITORS.

H. Gordon Cross finished his eighteenth year as editor of the St. Edwards Star last Friday.

J. J. Gunthorpe of Denver has purchased the Plainview News from V. E. Schoenauer, to whom he sold the paper seven years ago.

The Osallala Tribune is the name of a new paper that will make its appearance at Osallala next week. J. S. Kroh will be editor.

Editor M. A. Brown of the Kearney Hub completed his fiftieth year in the printing business June 25. Mr. Brown began his career as a "printer's devil" at Jefferson, Ia.

Harold L. Dunn, editor of the Stapleton Enterprise, and Miss Mary Osborn of Broken Bow, were married a few days ago at Broken Bow. Mrs. Dunn is a daughter of the teachers in the Stapleton schools last year.

F. R. Hayes, who has been employed on a newspaper at Valentine, will manage the Alliance News for F. M. Brumme, who has been accepted receiver of the land office at Valentine.

Clay Center Sun: The program committee of the coming editorial meeting make a big mistake if they do not ask Adam Breed of the Hastings Trib to read a paper on "Ladies' Home—What I Know of Them and How I Secured My Information."

M. M. Warner, editor of the Lyons Mirror, which is the oldest paper in Burt county, last week got out a special edition of 5,000 copies. It contained a complete list of the assessments of Burt county, and a copy was sent to every home in the county.

T. T. Ross has sold the Richardson County Courthouse, which stands at Falls City a few months ago, to Rev. H. Anderson, pastor of the Methodist church at Rulo. The new proprietor has moved the plant to Rulo, where he will publish a paper. Rulo already has a paper, The Register.

Newman Grove Reporter: Inasmuch as Edgar Howard, Ross Hammond and Doc Bixby all use the upright pronoun instead of the ancient and honorable old-time "we" when expressing their most earnest thoughts to an editor, it is suggested, for the good of the press, that the editor, I have decided that it will be all right for me to do the same. Therefore, in the future, if the readers of this column should have reason to think that I am afflicted with an inferiority complex, or, in other words, they will please overlook it, for I shall only be following illustrious examples.

TIPS ON HOME TOPICS.

Chicago Herald: The theory of the senate seems to be that every National Guardsman is a man of independent means who is merely looking for a new sensation.

Washington Post: The movies will, indeed, add in recreation, but they are the only places where an officer can fight for three days and come out with a perfectly clean collar.

Indianapolis News: With both exports and imports breaking the record every month, it would seem that the country could stand a little slackening of business with the coming of peace without going broke.

Detroit Free Press: The congressional committee finds that the price of gasoline is due to the arbitrary fixing by the controlling companies. In other words you pay "em whatever price they choose to pay in red figures over the pump.

Boston Transcript: Secretary McAdoo has a brilliant scheme for paying the extraordinary expenses of the government by his own private system of bookkeeping, but we fear that it won't work for him any better than it did for the late Wilkins Micawber.

Baltimore American: The president of Cuba, in his recent speech, is doing the carrying of firearms. The order is for the purpose of making the electoral campaign a safe and sane proceeding, with accompanying excitement calmed by merely the natural weapons.

Springfield Republican: The alleged delusion of General Buller, that the country could stand a little slackening of business with the coming of peace, must have suggested to many that perhaps the United States army underestimated the Mexicans fully as much as the British army underestimated the Boers in South Africa. The early British reverses under General Buller were due, in no small degree, to the low opinion the British regulars held of the unorganized and undisciplined Dutch farmers and cattlemen of the veldt. The Mexicans have seen a good deal of war in the last five years, and it is surely high time not to deny to any race or nationality abundant physical courage.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES.

Although "Grandma" Anneling is 90 years of age, she is making a "full hand" picking strawberries at the plantation of her son, Jacob Anneling, north of Atchison, Kan. Mrs. Anneling enjoys the best of health and is never more content than when at work.

There are two camps in Massachusetts for the training of women for service in war. The training is similar to that of the men at Plattsburg and it is expected it will rival the Chevy Chase encampment at Washington.

"Americanization of Immigrant Women" was one of the subjects discussed at the recent meeting of the General Federation of Women's clubs in New York, and during the next year the subject will be considered more fully in all the clubs of the country.

German women are said to be working twelve hours a day in the mining and smelting industries. The president of the Birchdunker Labor unions is said to have declared that the work of the women is equal to that of the men, but that their wages are from 25 to 40 per cent lower.

Mrs. Ross Kallhofer of New York has the honor of being the first woman to be chief of the "mother police." The mother police force will help the real policemen to detect wrong measures and weights, objectionable dance halls and motion picture and vaudeville houses, and cigar stores selling cigarettes to minors. The immigrant girl, with no one to look after her, will be the special care of the mothers' police force.

SAID IN FUN.

"His teacher says Georgie has a wonderful memory. He can run off without a mistake, even the most unimportant details."

"Yes, I heard him the other day tell the name of all the vice presidents."—Baltimore American.

"Why did Adam and Eve leave the garden after they had dressed themselves in fig leaves?"

"I don't remember," replied Mr. Growcher. "But I have a suspicion that Eve wanted to go somewhere to show off her new clothes."—Washington Star.

"Can you dance?"

"No." "Sing?"

"No. But why all these irrelevant questions? I thought you wanted me to appear in a musical comedy."—Courier-Journal.

AFTER ALL.

Mary Starbuck, in Life.

She's athletic, academic, But she's the girl for me. For I've seen her all unknowing With a baby on her knee.

She hugged the dimpled kiddie. And she teased him to and fro. And the little fellow gurgled. For he liked it, don't you know.

And then she sang a ballad. The kind that makes you cry. But the kiddie-boy lay smiling. Looking off into the sky.

Then his eyelids closed so slowly. And my girls laid him down. Kissed his round head very gently. Turned—and met me with a frown.

She may beat at golf and tennis. May do awful stunts of Greek. But I've seen the true girl— She may hide, but I will seek.

She may play at independence. She may prate of brains and mind. But to make that little love me, The way I'll surely find.

She may jeer and flout and scorn me. But I yet will make her see. That the best worth while of all her. Stunts is—just to want me!

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