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JULY CIRCULATION.
57,569 Daily—Sunday 52,382
Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average circulation for the month of July, 1916, was 57,569 daily and 52,382 Sunday.

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

Nearly 90,000 automobiles are now registered in Nebraska. Some autos.
Between the auto hold-up and the auto thief, the life of the auto owner is not a continuous joy-ride.

Still, our soldier boys would not have to go all the way to the Mexican border merely to fight mosquitoes.

The old "billion-dollar congress" that used to draw democratic fire looks like a piker beside the democratic congress of today.

Little navy men in congress show more courage than discretion in attempting to beat back preparedness waves with wind.

"Thieves break in at the state house" says an item from Lincoln. Why go to so much trouble when it is so easy to walk in the front door?

The boom in Omaha bank clearings is all the more impressive because it reflects the industrial, commercial and agricultural interests of city and state.

It is evident from their exchange of hot compliments that Senator Larry Sherman and Sam Gompers do not work the same side of the avenue in Washington.

An Omaha man announcing a record fish catch explains that he was accompanied at the time by a well-known attorney—which makes it look more like a frame-up than the average fish story.

Of course, there is no politics in this railway strike threat and promise of settlement. It is mere coincidence that the wage dispute is brought to a head just in front of a presidential election.

"The most august assemblage in the world," managed to keep a straight face while Senator Tom Taggart roundly rebuked congressional waste. Senatorial courtesy is a wonderful institution.

Semi-official word is given that President Wilson is not "too proud to fight" for re-election on issues of his own selection. Welcome the announcement. It indicates that democrats will at least go through the motions.

The International Typographical union is not a short-sighted body; it sees plainly that the contraction of the size of the newspapers forced by the high price of print paper means less type setting at the cost of compositors and like conditions in job printing shops. Another illustration of the solidarity of employer and employe.

Edgar Howard, whose elevation to the lieutenant governorship should be one of the accomplishments of the voters, election day.—World-Herald.

No, this endorsement is not in the editorial column, but only a hand-out in the "political gossip." The World-Herald editor is having great difficulty restraining himself from printing what he really thinks about Edgar Howard.

Nebraska Press Comment

Pittsboro Journal (Dem.): It is not likely that Mr. Harman will get far with his proposition to make his office of food inspector good for six years and keep him on the job. Why single out food inspectors?

Hartington Herald: A democratic contemporary wants to know how there can be any joy in the republican camp when there is no way to credit the gain in bank resources to a republican tariff law. Well, laying party politics aside, the American people got more joy out of resources founded upon a protective tariff than they do out of profits drawn from the battle fields of Europe.

Ord Quir: The democrats are just now fond of quoting Lincoln's saying about swapping horses while crossing a stream; but there are exceptions to all rules. He is a chump who would not swap if the horse he was riding balked, or became weak and wabby and showed signs of lying down with him in midstream. At this time there are strong symptoms of determination on the part of the voters of this country to do some horse swapping next November.

Wausa Gazette: We note by the dailies that Bryan is going to take the stump for Wilson in the present campaign, in the east, but so far we have seen no intimation made that he will be on the stump in Nebraska for Mr. Hitchcock or the democratic state ticket. When asked if he meant to attend the democratic state convention, Mr. Bryan replied that the brewery gang has nominated the ticket and are welcome to take care of the coming campaign, and probabilities are that he is of the same opinion still.

Beatrice Express: The Omaha World-Herald is unduly excited over the resignation of Chairman McNish of the republican state central committee. Mr. McNish resigned merely because his ideas and those of Judge Sutton and other state candidates relative to the manner of the management of the coming state campaign did not coincide. It was the decent thing for him to do. The candidates for United States senator, governor and other state offices are entitled to have something to say as to the methods of conducting the campaign, and no one not in full sympathy with them should for a moment seek to remain in the state committee.

Look Behind the Platform.

The democratic Columbus Telegram appears to be greatly distressed because the platform adopted by the democrats to go before the people of Nebraska this year is silent on three subjects that it thinks should have been included. We maintain that the platforms of all the parties are plenty long enough even though they might have readily been made to cover many more points. Political platforms have rightly come to be looked on as mere outlines of party policy on vital issues rather than detailed programs. Formal declarations are good guide posts for the voters so far as they go, but they must be accepted with due allowance for the general reputation of the party behind the platform for veracity, fidelity to obligations and capacity for performance. The best possible promise from some one with a known record of repudiated pledges or proved to be incompetent to deliver the goods is not worth much. It is dependability and performance that count, or should count, as much as platform pronouncements.

Blaming It Onto Electricity.

Some entertaining diversion is afforded by the views of a correspondent, who maintains that the sun does not send out heat, his belief, apparently, being that the cause of those blistering days during July was either a superabundance or a misbehavior of electricity. Another eminent Omahan, who has amused and edified the public by his wireless manipulations, comes forth with the word that hay fever is occasioned by electricity. And who is going to say them nay? A few years ago we had some definite notions about such things, and had even evolved some "laws" to govern them. Then came radiation in the wake of helium, and between the pair they upset all ideas of matter and natural forces and their laws, and required that scientists hastily construct a new cosmos. This was built on electricity, and there you have it.

In present day science, the electron is the basis of the ion, and from them we build up. So, if electricity is the primal cause, why may it not be the real reason for the sun's so-called heat, the irritating element that makes the hay fever victim sneeze, as well as the active agent in other forms of good and ill in life? We know it used to be the thunder that turned the milk sour in the pans, and it was lightning that caused the thunder, and now we know electricity causes lightning. Thus, gradually, we are bringing home the underlying influence, and with confidence may we blame it all on electricity. And, so long as we know no more than we do of electricity, its whys and wherefores, we are safe in this.

Fending Off Trouble.

Premier Asquith gracefully fends off further trouble for the British government by proposing to extend the life of the present parliament until the end of May next. In doing this he is able to evade the complexity involved in the proposed extension of franchise to include all soldiers in the field and all munition workers. This proposal is complicated in some degree by the presence of woman in the munition factories, and the awkward fact that it would be ungalant, at least, to permit her to assist in saving the country by doing a man's work in the mills and elsewhere, and at the same time deny her full participation in the shaping of the government she has so generously defended. Mr. Asquith says this is not the time to take up the discussion of the franchise, and perhaps he's right, so far as Great Britain is concerned, but he will find it waiting for him in May, just as it is today.

Raising the Revenue.

With the appropriations totalling well up to two billions of dollars in sight, the democrats in congress are sorely perplexed as to how to secure the income that will equal their extravagant outgo. The administration revenue bill, just agreed to by the senate caucus, is a wonderful patchwork of makeshifts and expedients. Its coy and coquetish approach to protection, in the form of a duty on dyestuffs, is amusing enough, and is rendered the more so by the sudden shying noted in the amendment to suspend the duty during the war. This will permit the Deutschland to come again and again, as often as it likes, with its cargo of dyes, and enter them duty free, to the discouragement of the industry now sought to be established. Stamp taxes and surtaxes are inextricably confused in the measure, and a special grab is made for a share of the profits on munitions contracts. For some reason the framers of the measure overlooked a provision that would make the gamblers in grain share their winnings with Uncle Sam, but this is about the only thing the bill does not include. The bill, as it now stands, may, if passed, produce revenue, but it will certainly provide work. It is chiefly valuable as indicating the democratic method of going about an important undertaking. The president made definite recommendations to congress on the subject of revenue in December, and the senate gets around to consider them in August. At least, there is no sign that it has ceased to be the greatest "deliberative" body in the world.

What answer will the voters give to this party, which is now asking for endorsement of its record, just being made up?

Warning Call That Should Be Heeded.

The collapse of that old Capitol hotel at Lincoln, with serious, if not fatal, results to several victims, is seized on by the Lincoln Journal as a warning call for a roundup of dangerous tumble-down places. The mishap carries the same suggestion for Omaha as it does for Lincoln. It is a good deal better to order old shacks demolished and removed than to wait for them to fall of their own accord at the wrong time. Buildings deteriorate steadily unless kept in good repair, and the fact that they have once passed inspection does not mean that they would still stand the test. A little stricter and more strenuous enforcement of the building laws would not hurt in Omaha any more than it would in Lincoln.

President Wilson's apologists say he is being attacked for appointing democrats to office. It is not the appointment of democrats that puts him in bad, but the kind of democrats he has been appointing, and in most cases he cannot excuse himself, as he can here in Omaha, by showing the responsibility for an obnoxious selection over onto our democratic senator.

The new British loan, offered to New York, carries higher terms than the previous one negotiated by the allies. The loan is to run two years at 5 per cent, and is offered at 99. Adding the cost of placing the paper, the deal approximates 6 per cent money, an extraordinary rate for the erstwhile financial giant of the world.

TODAY

Thought Nugget for the Day.
The wealth of a man is the number of things he loves and blesses, which he is loved and blessed by.—Thomas Carlyle.

One Year Ago Today in the War.
Germans captured outlying forts of Kovno and Georgievsk.
German submarine shelled three towns on English coast along Irish sea.

This Day in Omaha Thirty Years Ago.
The gentlemen waiters of the Paxton hotel, among whom were Steven Lewisters, Jerry Hall, Johnny Hughes, Frank Woods, Charley Esters, Payton Owens and Joe Booker, serenaded the new ice cream and private boarding parlors of Mrs. A. C. Adams, 1606 Cass, just opened.

The cases against the fruit peddlars who have been arrested for violation of the ordinance keeping them off of Farnam and Douglas streets have all been dismissed but one, which will be tried as a test case before the following jury: R. J. Pieronet, John Fox, J. S. Caulfield, W. T. Seaman, M. O. Maul and James Stephenson.

The Misses Molly and Sarah Fallon of Hillsboro, O., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taggart of Walnut Hill for several weeks, have gone to Helena, Mont., for a continuance of their summer pleasure.

D. Dunbar, editor of the Western Merchant of this city, has gone to Portland to bring his wife and child to Omaha, where he will take up his permanent residence.

Prof. Pat Fallon has issued neat cards of invitation to a grand afternoon and evening reception with which he proposes to celebrate the opening of his new suburban resort "Cottonwood Villa," formerly Croft's Club House. Every preparation has been made for a first-class time. There will be music by the military band, grand illuminations and fireworks and supper will be served by Kingsley of Chicago.

Judge Wakeley and wife have left on a three weeks' trip to Chicago and northern Washington.

This Day in History.
1777—Two detachments of British and Indians from Burgoyne's army were defeated by the Americans under General John Stark near Bennington, Vt.

1816—Sir Daniel Gooch, noted English engineer and associate of Cyrus Field in the laying of the Atlantic cables, born. Died October 15, 1889.

1841—President Tyler vetoed the bill for the establishment of a fiscal bank.

1866—The president issued a proclamation declaring the blockade of Matamoros and other Mexican ports, decreed by Maximilian, void.

1867—United States troops defeated 500 Sioux Indians in battle at Plum Creek, near Omaha.

1877—President Hayes and other notables attended the centennial celebration of the battle of Bennington, Vt.

1878—Kaiser Hodel was executed in Berlin for an attempt on the life of the German emperor.

1891—International Socialist Labor congress began its sessions in Brussels.

1894—Santo, the assassin of President Carnot of France, was beheaded in Lyons.

1895—Viscount Wolsley succeeded the duke of Cambridge as commander-in-chief of the British army.

The Day We Celebrate.

Al C. Scott, boss of the Omaha Tent & Awning company, is an Omaha-born boy, just 34 years old today. He began at the bottom in the tent and awning works and kept going straight up until he owned the whole enterprise.

J. H. Wise, one of Omaha's promising young attorneys, is just 30 years old today. He was born in Iowa.

Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, born at Lowell, Mass., sixty-five years ago today. He used to be a Union Pacific man here in Omaha.

General Sir John Eccles Nixon, who was, for nearly a year, in command of the British forces in Mesopotamia, born fifty-nine years ago today.

Colonel Wilber E. Wilder, in command of the famous "Fighting Fifth" regiment of cavalry on the Mexican border, born in Michigan, sixty years ago today.

James Wilson, former secretary of agriculture of the United States, born in Ayrshire, Scotland, eighty-one years ago today.

Locke Craig, the present governor of North Carolina, born in Bertie county, North Carolina, fifty-six years ago today.

Rt. Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, Catholic bishop of Girard, born at Girardville, Pa., fifty-one years ago today.

George Wingfield, millionaire Nevada mining man and one-time opponent to the United States senate, born at Fort Smith, Ark., forty years ago today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

Vermont will keep a holiday today in celebration of the 139th anniversary of the battle of Bennington.

The town of Stratham, one of the oldest in New Hampshire, will hold a jubilee today in celebration of the 200th anniversary of its founding.

The Bee's Letter Box

Wake Up, Mr. Hotel Man.
Omaha, Aug. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: The other evening, with two friends, I dined at one of our local hotels. The dining room was well appointed, the linen clean, the silver shining and the general atmosphere of the place gratifying.

His sable garments, stiff with the perspiration (too classy) of a word, I assure you of these recent torrid weeks, might have vied for popularity with those of Jean Valjean after his memorable flight through the city's sewer!

Mr. Hotel Man, whose middle name is Rip Van Winkle, this means you, and you, and you! Wake up and try to realize that this is not the Dark Ages, nor is it Show-hee-ah, but Nineteenth century, and Nineteenth century's Pride of the West! Zounds! Omaha—NUNTOO SQWEEMISH.

Ex-Governor Shaw on Provincial Business.
New York, August 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: Speaking at Detroit, President Woodrow Wilson said some pleasing things, and when viewed in the light of well known facts they become very amusing things.

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SMILING LINES.

"That horrid Mrs. Gaddy says her children are her Jewias!"
"Johnny—Yes, ma'am. It's a boy what comes to school with a smile on his face.—Brooklyn Citizen.

"What is Gertrude Gader's latest fad?"
"Prison reform."
"Along what lines?"
"She thinks that every convict ought to have a canary in his cell.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

NEAR MR. KABISBLE.
MY FIANCE ONLY TREATS ME TO PICTURE SHOWS AND GUM — SHOULD I GIVE HIM UP?
NO — NOT IF HE'S THAT WISE! HE SIMPLY DONT WANT YOU TO TALK WHILE THE PICTURES ARE ON!

"I met your wife on the street yesterday. She'd been shopping and was about 'til in."
"Yes, she was so tired all last evening she would hardly keep her mouth open.—Boston Transcript.

"Mercy!" exclaimed Mrs. Diggs. "The baby is chewing on your pocket edition of Epictetus."
"Indeed," replied Professor Diggs, with a proud and happy look. "Let the child alone. It is seldom that a mere infant shows such a pronounced taste for the classics.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

"Do you expect a landslide next fall?"
"No," replied Senator Burghum. "Out our way I'm afraid the only movement in political real estate will be a little mud-slinging.—Washington Star.

"I thought you were going to improve conditions," said the impatient man.

FUTURE FICTION.

Arthur Gutterman.
Alas! this Mexican imbroglio! Alack! its aftermath—no olio

Of wild, pimento-flavored stories! To celebrate our martial glories! And, well-to-day! the lurid fiction Of coming hot tannais fiction!

That proud Hidalgo, Don Antonio Of Rancheria Altamira, Shall have a daughter—Senorita Dolores—inez—no, Juanita.

To them shall ride a young lieutenant Beneath the hated tirupo peasant. The proud Hidalgo and his daughter Shall greet the fellow food and water, And yet, as far as that is lawful, Shall smile their guest—ah, something awful!

The young lieutenant, Richard Hadley, Shall love the dark Juanita madly. Before his heart has burst asunder Shall come a party bent on plunder—

A gang of outlaws; and the bandit Jose Tobasco shall command it. Jose shall seize the senorita And bear her hillward—probreca!

But, speaking swifter than a swallow, Lieutenant Robert H. shall follow. Concluding then a lively fracas At Guadalupe or Zacatecas, Lieutenant Bob shall spit the Greaser And leave him dead as Julius Caesar.

When you shall have what you are dreading, An invitation to a wedding. Heroic! rodeo manilla Sombrero Santa Rosa Villa: Frioles, matador Gonzago Caramba poncho Santiago!

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