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

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It would seem that there are a few horse lovers left despite the arrival of the automobile.

Still, when a householder buys cream supposed to test 18 per cent, it is only reasonable to insist that she gets 18 per cent cream.

If the coming Nebraska state fair truly represents the state's agricultural development, it will unquestionably be "the best ever."

Mr. Bryan is to speak in every eastern and middle west state except Missouri and Michigan. Missouri is Champ Clark's state. 'Nuf sed!

The retail credit men in their national convention have been discussing how to open an account. The usual way is to say simply, "Charge it."

No one in either South Omaha or Dundee is now heard complaining about annexation or asking to be unmerged. A year's experience has proved that the benefits of consolidation far outweigh the disadvantages.

Note that our democratic senator from Nebraska is not bolting the caucus these days. With Mr. Bryan out of the cabinet, the senator is satisfied that he has the pull on the White House patronage pot without making intimidating demonstrations.

Several buildings on the Epworth League assembly grounds at Lincoln have been destroyed by conflagration. The visitation must have been designed to furnish an example of the "hell-fire" described by "Billy" Sunday as the alternative of repentance.

The president of the University of California threatens to exclude the automobile from the curriculum of the institution. The gods forbid! In this age of educational uplift a reversion to the primitive condition of pedal progression is unthinkable.

From now on until the second Monday in September 200 or more spellbinders will fit from stump to stump in Maine and tell the Tall Pines how to save the country. As long as the state gets the goods for nothing, chaotalking is bound to be unprofitable in Maine.

Omaha can put up just as strong a showing for the new federal land bank as it put up for the federal reserve bank. By giving us the land bank, the administration can do a little toward correcting the palpable mistake it made in withholding the federal reserve bank.

The federal appropriation of good roads money for Nebraska may be ready for our use, but Nebraska will not be ready to use it until suitable legislation is enacted. Those interested in good roads should get busy right away and agree upon the measures they will ask the law-makers to adopt.

New York merchants, hotelkeepers and amusement resort managers complain of immense losses sustained by reason of the publicity attending the infantile paralysis epidemic. That reminds us of some things we heard when we were trying to help check the spread of scarlet fever—as if it were the publicity instead of the disease that does the damage.

People and Events

Half a cartload of watermelons disappeared in Cleveland recently and the police are getting bulletins from the bedside of four sick boys.

A physician says no man should begin playing golf until he is 40. Rarely does one of lesser years fathom the mental mysteries of the game.

The customary "short crop" of Delaware peaches is unusually abundant and orchardists are picking up big bunches of money. The fruit of 1,100 trees netted the owner \$3,500.

A marriage performed by a spirit through a medium is considered valid by a New Jersey court. The important detail of the size of the spirit fee was lost in the shuffle of greater issues.

Two hundred and sixty Rockefellers held a reunion last week in a suburb of New York, but John D. was not there. The Midas of Pocantico hills looms large as a shrewd economist on family relations.

War continues piling up orders for American barb wire. Exports have jumped from \$4,000,000 in 1914 to \$21,000,000 in the last fiscal year. Barb wire entanglements are not a conspicuous target for artillerists, but they manage to blow them up, greatly to the joy of the manufacturers.

Edward Lauterback, a noted lawyer and politician of New York, admits being the victim of a frame-up of blackmailers for ten years past, and paid out as much as \$70,000 in hush money before appealing to the courts for protection. The more he gave the greater and more persistent were the demands. At last he kicked and turned the chief of the blackmailers over to the authorities.

The oldest woman in New England, Julie Boudreau, has just passed away at the age of 109 years. She left no specific for longevity, but her life exemplified humanity's unflinching stand-by-work. She did a man's work on the farm, in timber cutting and as a sailor, when she married a sea captain. The harder the job the better she liked it and the greater her reward in years.

Settlement by Compulsion.

As the debate over the demands of the employees continues, the probability of a general railroad strike becomes more remote, and it now appears that some sort of adjustment will be reached under which the traffic of the country may continue uninterrupted. Proceedings under guidance of President Wilson are far enough advanced to permit discussion of the methods adopted by him to impose his views on both the contestants.

A peaceable settlement of the dispute has always been possible, but both sides assumed an unyielding attitude, neither being willing to concede a point to the other. President Wilson's support has encouraged the men in flatly declining the offer of arbitration made by the managers; the president's ex parte award of the eight-hour day and its concurrent increase in pay disposing of the main point. Whether this is entirely conceded by the managers, or some middle ground be eventually found, the settlement will be one of compulsion and not reached by conciliation, and both sides will leave the court dissatisfied with an outcome determined by force instead of justice.

No amount of sentimental prologing can overcome this fact. Labor has always objected to compulsory arbitration, and has uniformly opposed legislation looking to this end, or to enforce arbitration awards. Labor leaders understand that a wage decision based on force can not stand, and for this reason have preferred to rely on conciliation, arbitrating points on which agreement is not reached, and turning to the strike only as a last resort. In this case the president's course is tantamount to compulsory arbitration, with a foregone decision against the railroads. The unfairness of the procedure will not be denied.

Whatever adjustment is finally reached under his plan, seeds of friction will be left, and a long time will be needed to restore the basis of mutual confidence essential to hearty co-operation.

Nebraska Wheat Abroad.

Omaha's grain market has gained a much desired distinction, in that its inspection is now authoritatively recognized by foreign governments, and grain goes direct from this market to Europe without the intervention of any other inspection bureau. This point was attained by the simple expedient of convincing the foreign buyers that the Omaha inspection is competent and thorough, and that its integrity may be relied upon. The advantage of this to the wheat raisers in Omaha territory is obvious. Their product will stand on its own merit in the big European market, where it is already recognized as first class because of its superior quality. Better prices and surer sale will naturally follow. Here is one service the Omaha market has rendered its patrons that can scarcely be measured yet. In return wheat growers will seek Omaha more and more, because it is to their advantage. Steadily the obstacles are disappearing, and the future greatness of the "Market Town" is made more certain.

Omaha's Milk Supply.

A number of local dairymen have been fined for failure to serve customers with milk up to the required standard. This is the outcome of a rather remarkable state of affairs, the dairymen having relied upon the advice of the city health commissioner, who told them to ignore the law fixing the quality test for milk. On his side, the health commissioner says he felt justified in permitting a reduction in quality rather than subjecting the public to a threatened advance in price. Late events show the public to have been hit at both ends of the milk bottle; the price was put up, and till the state intervened the quality was kept down.

Determination of the authorities to enforce the law which sets a standard for milk and cream to be delivered to customers brings a long fight nearer to its end. Local dairies have been brought up to a high plane of sanitary excellence through a fight extending over a number of years, and in which The Bee stood alone among the local papers for months, facing threats of damage suits and other forms of retaliation because it fought for cleanliness all along the line in the dairy industry. This fight has gained for Omaha's milk supply a splendid reputation; the lowest infant mortality among cities of its size in the whole country is the reward. Constant watchfulness is needed yet to maintain this standard, but the dairymen will in time learn to cheerfully co-operate, because it is to their interest as much as to that of the public.

The next point to be considered is the price. Up-to-the-test milk delivered as now required to insure sanitary handling, costs more than it did under the discarded method, but this has already been considered by the producers. New York and Chicago have had much trouble with the milk-producers' combination, and it is to be hoped Omaha will not have a similar experience.

As to Comparative Chances.

In his latest Commoner, Mr. Bryan draws what he calls "An Unpleasant Contrast" in which he says:

"Iowa and Nebraska are separated by the Missouri river but, unfortunately, that is not the only water that separates the democracy of the two states. If the democrats of Nebraska will read the platform adopted by the democracy of Iowa, they will understand why the party is hopeful of carrying that state this fall. Iowa democracy is looking ahead."

The irresistible and probably intended inference is that Nebraska's democracy is not looking ahead and that, in Mr. Bryan's judgment, the democrats have less reason to be hopeful of carrying Nebraska this fall than they have of carrying Iowa, and goodness knows the chance of carrying Iowa for the democratic ticket is about as slim as is the chance of the republicans to win out in Georgia.

Humanity and Brotherhood.

Mr. Hughes says it is "not mere poetry or rhapsody to speak of the ideals of human brotherhood." And this sentiment gets unexpected confirmation from a high source. Recently a conductor on the Iron Mountain railroad held his train twenty minutes that milk might be procured for a sick baby. For this he was reported by a subordinate official, who recognized the breach of discipline, but did not, apparently, look beyond that. B. F. Bush, who is directing the operation of the road as receiver, takes the wider view of the conductor's act, and has written to congratulate him that he "places the interest of humanity above even railroad discipline." The heaven is working, and while the millennium is not likely to be ushered in by this one event, it shows that we are making progress towards our ideals of brotherhood, and the multiplication of such deeds is making the world a much better place in which to live.

TODAY

Thought Nugget for the Day.
The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone. —George Elliot.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Germans crossed the Narew river. London reported a successful landing of allied troops at Suvla bay. Both French and British maintained their ground against vigorous German attacks at numerous points along western front, according to Paris reports.

This Day in Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

Engineer Cook of the water works and City Engineer Rosewater have gone to Fremont to test the water works just completed in that city. W. J. Martin has received the grateful news that his wife, now visiting in Galesburg, Ill., has become the mother of a bouncing healthy boy. The funeral of Ezra Millard took place from the family residence, 1818 Capitol avenue. The pallbearers were W. G. Maul, Samuel R. Johnson, L. B. Williams, Herman Kuntze, Clark Woodman, E. M. Morsman, Henry W. Yates, Judge James W. Savage, T. L. Kimball and George W. Holdrege. The remains were interred in Prospect Hill cemetery. Frank Crowell of Butte, Mont., an old Omaha boy, is in the city visiting two of his most intimate friends, Martin Range and Charley Koster. Mr. Crowell is one of the young men who were born in Omaha when it was a territorial village. Bruce Cartwright of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, who has been spending a few days with his old college mate, Hon. J. E. Riley, has left for San Francisco. Mrs. D. C. Hull has gone to Binghamton, N. Y., in response to a telegram announcing that her brother, E. B. Conklin, was dying. "Ben" was well known here while he was connected with the Union Pacific, and many friends will hear with sorrow of his untimely summons to eternity. Byron Clark has gone to Ottumwa, Ia., for a brief vacation in search of rest and health. His many friends here wish him both. The examining board of applicants to the position of teacher in the public schools are W. W. Keyser, Mrs. Sudborough and W. S. Curtis.



This Day in History.

1828—Prince Paskiewitch and the Russians defeated the Turks near Akhalzikh. Armenia, and four days later captured the city. 1855—Queen Victoria visited the Paris Industrial exhibition—first English sovereign in Paris since 1422. 1857—Beginning of a financial panic, which culminated in an almost entire suspension of the banks in the United States. 1862—Confederates under General Bragg crossed the Tennessee river above Chattanooga, to begin an invasion of Kentucky. 1865—Two hundred and sixty-five lives lost when the emigrant ship Eagle Speed foundered near Calcutta. 1866—The Diet of the Germanic Confederation held its last sitting. 1867—Johns Hopkins university was incorporated. 1892—Great strike of railway switchmen at Buffalo declared off. 1903—The Turks massacred all the women and children in twenty-two villages in the districts of Florida and Monastir. 1904—Beginning of the great battle of Liaoyang, between the Russians and the Japanese. 1906—President Roosevelt ordered a simplified form of spelling in the government printing office.

This is the Day We Celebrate.

Frederick Cohn, rabbi of Temple Israel, is celebrating his 43d birthday. He was born at Battleboro, Mo., and educated at Hebrew Union college. His first charge was in Fort Wayne, whence he came to Omaha in 1904. Ferdinand Haarman, president of the Haarman Vinegar & Pickle company, was born August 24, 1855, at Hanover, Germany. He went into his present business with his father in 1870. He has served as a member of the state senate. Peter H. Dillon, police sergeant, is celebrating his 52d birthday. He was born in Cincinnati and went into police service in 1889. Calvin Frye, the new president of the Mother Church of the Christian Scientists, born at Andover, Mass., seventy-one years ago today. Rt. Rev. Theophile Meerschardt, Catholic bishop of Oklahoma, born in Belgium, sixty-nine years ago today. Laura Drake Gill, president of the College for Women of the University of the South, born at Chesterville, Me., fifty-six years ago today. Hector Velazquez, the diplomatic representative of Paraguay at Washington, born at Asuncion, Paraguay, fifty-one years ago today. Prof. Joseph French Johnson of New York university, who argues that large families should not be encouraged, born at Hardwick, Mass., sixty-three years ago today. Harry D. Hooper, outfielder of the Boston American league base ball team, born at Santa Clara, Cal., twenty-nine years ago today. Henry Gowdy, catcher of the Boston National league base ball team, born at Columbus, O., twenty-six years ago today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

Perryburg, O., is to celebrate its centennial today. The town of Crofton, N. H., is to observe its 150th anniversary today. The Cremation Association of America begins its annual convention today at Cincinnati. The annual Kansas State conference of Seventh Day Adventists is to meet at Emporia today for a session of ten days. The annual Canadian National exhibition, the biggest affair of its kind in the Dominion, will open at Toronto today and continue until September 11. Lorain, O., is to be the meeting place today of the annual national convention of the Daughters of Scotland. The American section of the Theosophical society is to begin its annual national convention today at St. Louis. Charles E. Hughes, republican presidential nominee, is scheduled to speak today at Ogden and tonight at Salt Lake City. The southern division of the International Bible Students' association is to begin its annual conference today at Nashville. Chinese students attending American colleges and schools are to meet today at Phillips academy, Andover, Mass., to begin their twelfth annual conference. The Vermont legislature has been called to meet in special session today to consider the question of providing financial assistance for dependents of Vermont soldiers in service on the Mexican border. Storytellers of the Day. George Frisbie Hoar used to tell this story: "A young woman met her husband as he returned from the office, and showed unmistakable signs of recent weeping. 'What's the matter, Ellen?' asked the husband. 'Oh, John,' she said, 'I dropped my diamond ring off my finger, and I can't find it anywhere.' 'Don't worry, Ellen; it's all safe. I found it this morning in my trousers' pocket.' —Boston Record.

The Bee's Letter Box

Mercy Matrimony Musing.
Omaha, August 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have spent some time lately trying to fathom the mental processes of the remarkable jurist of the district court, whose ways of handling domestic matters brought before him pass my understanding. Two cases involving the remarriage of divorced persons have just been adjudicated by him, and the remarkable result they left one husband with two wives and one wife with two husbands. In each case he set aside a divorce because one party had remarried within less than six months. It did not appear in either case that the original cause for divorce was not sufficient, nor that it had been removed. Nor was it shown that either of the spouses separated was again seeking reunion with the discarded mate.

Elements that ordinarily would warrant judicial interference with the new matrimonial alliance were lacking in both cases, but it was shown in one that the second wife is soon to become a mother. This sapient and inscrutable judge, however, finds that the remarriage had occurred within six months of the granting of the divorce, so he asked the jurist in each case, and ordered the renewal of the bond that had been cut. To readjust the middle he has created, he advises the first wife of the doubly-wedded husband to again apply for absolute divorce, and the twice-widowed wife ask for the annulment of her marriage to her extra spouse, overlooking the fact that she had already been divorced from the husband she forced back upon, and quite likely will be again. Of course, all this muddle vindicates the "majesty" of the law, and preserves judicial inerrancy, but how does it square with common sense?

Wilson's Worthless Word.

Omaha, Aug. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: One finds both interest and amusement in studying the answers and criticisms of our democratic friends in their response to Judge Hughes' severe denunciation of the present administration's misconduct of national affairs. After carefully reading their comments it is somewhat difficult for me to believe that these gentlemen have any confidence in their ability to successfully defend the administration. In fact, the "baby act" seems to be rapidly growing in popularity among these friends of the president.

Everybody remembers that Mr. Hughes had hardly had time to give notice of his acceptance of the nomination to the presidency before a host of prominent citizens—democrats and assistants—democrats constituted themselves a vanguard of the administration's campaign forces by repudiating the republican candidate for assertions contained in his message of acceptance. The president demanded of him in his letter—a definite statement of the faults which he found connected with the administration's policies. Now that their demand has been fully complied with, the gentlemen kick like bay steers because of it. They spend less time in attempting to refute the statements of facts enunciated in Judge Hughes' addresses than they do in bickering complaint over his reiteration of them.

The democrats tell us the president has kept us out of war, and that this achievement alone would entitle him to triumphant reelection. I have serious doubts that the president is entitled to as much credit on this score as congress; for almost every communication from the Department of State to the German government since the president's inauguration has been a European war has breathed a spirit of unfriendliness, if not of actual menace. I cannot help believing that had congress exhibited as high a temper as did the president in matters particularly relating to the German government, we might now be engaged in military difficulties of a much graver nature than our troubles with Mexico.

But I imagine that one of the most unkindly and fatal cuts Mr. Wilson has inflicted upon his party is the shabby way in which he has constantly dealt with a class of citizens who had hitherto almost solidly affiliated with the republican party. Just before the last election Mr. Wilson addressed a delegation of colored voters, who called on him for his views and sentiments, and in his part, was the response of our (then) prospective president:

"I assure my colored fellow citizens of my earnest wish to see justice done them in every matter; and not merely grudging justice. Every guarantee of our law, every principle of our constitution commands this, and our sympathies should also make it easy." It may be asserted without successful contradiction, that no other administration has ever held forth during the entire history of the government, that manifested a spirit and policy more absolutely antagonistic to the sentiment embodied in the above quotation than has our present chief magistrate and those of his appointees holding administrative offices.

AROUND THE CITIES.

No matter how fast New York City builds subways, passenger traffic exceeds facilities. Sioux City coal dealers threaten to curtail credit during the coming winter. Prompt payment is to be demanded and the price raised to delinquents. Minneapolis streets are so encumbered with parked automobiles that moving traffic is seriously handicapped. Authorities are looking toward idle suburban streets for relief. The Woman's Municipal league of Boston is directing a war on rats. The campaign has reached the colored poster stage, but the success of the drive is yet to be determined. Philadelphia school children have been drafted for a crusade against caterpillars, which infest trees and shrubbery. One recent day's work resulted in a score of 78,293 fuzzies captured. A hot fight is on in San Francisco to drive jitneys off Market street, the city's principal highway. Jitney operators are asking for a fund of \$20,000 to fight exclusion at the polls and in the courts. San Francisco merchants are getting together on a plan which will end the custom of sending out goods on approval. Health officers urge the plan as a means of checking the spread of possible infection. Hibbing, Minn., claims to be the richest town for its size in the world. Assessment returns show unmined iron ore valued at \$24,000,000, mining securities valued at \$20,000,000 and \$2,000,000 of plain real estate and improvements. All violators of traffic laws in New York are now sent to the traffic court, organized for the benefit of speeders. During July the court heard 1,250 cases, imposed fines to the amount of \$16,209, ordered forty-four imprisonments and revoked five licenses. The annual report of the St. Louis public library shows 445,311 volumes on the shelves of the central building and branches. Registered users during the year numbered 104,813. Nearly two million volumes were circulated for home use. The library staff consists of 260 persons. A move in the political pit ball of Kansas City to dispense with the services of a senile milk inspector collapsed suddenly when the woman of the Consumers' league got councilmen on the phone and talked to them in a warm motherly fashion. The date resented and promised to be good.

SMILING LINES.

The ship's officer was talking to the inquisitive old lady who was making her first sea trip. "There goes eight bells," he said. "Excuse me, it is my watch below." "I don't see you," exclaimed the lady. "Does your watch strike as loud as all that?" —New York Times.

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE

I'M GETTING MARRIED NEXT WEEK—SHOULD I TAKE MY WIFE ON A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD? —FRITZ SCHWITZBERG

YES—YOU'LL ONLY HAVE TO LEAVE OUT: ENGLAND, FRANCE, ITALY, RUSSIA, JAPAN, INDIA, EGYPT, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND 172,467,431,812,30 SMALLER ISLANDS.

"See here, you old rascal, why didn't you tell me this horse was lame before I bought him?" "Well, the fellow that sold him to me didn't say nothing about it, so I thought it was a secret." —Pittsburgh Dispatch.

"I don't think so much of the Yellow-stone!" "But you were there on your honeymoon! One must see it under favorable conditions, to appreciate its beauty!" —Puck

"She—I'm sure there are many girls who could make you happier than I could." "No—That's just the difficulty; they could but they won't." —Baltimore American.

"The Deacon—It is said that the preacher who mixes business with his religion never succeeds." "The pastor—Well, we'll go on passing the plate a little longer, anyway." —Yonkers Statesman.

Hokus—Whenever Fluddub meets a girl he begins to indulge in honey phrases. "Poku—Maybe he's afraid he'll have to eat his own words." —Judge.

"Isn't this dreadful about not being able to move from one place to another without a permit?" "Not so bad. It's helped my purse considerably in stopping the family vacation." —Baltimore American.

Agod Sutor—It is true that I am considerably older than you, but a man is as young as he feels, you know, and— "I miss Peter—Oh, that doesn't matter. What I want to know is if you are as rich as you look." —Boston Transcript.

The doctor had listened to his patient's

heart, taken his blood pressure, in short, made a thorough examination of his physical condition. Then he announced his verdict. "What you want is to get more exercise, walk more regularly." "Well, doctor, I don't see how I can do that," answered the man. "I'm a postman!" —New York Times.

A MOTORMAN'S DREAM.

(He dreamed that G. W. Wattles gave him one of the finely-decorated picnic cars.) Trimmed in red and yellow and blue. Some purple and green and crimson too; Formed in a fashion fancy and straight; With beautiful designs all to mate. Not one inch with a slightest space. Nice and even, not one rough place. Nicely designed and beautiful to see. The decorated car Wattles gave to me.

Each figure so smooth and fine. So perfect, not one unbroken line; Each fender fastened with greatest care, Beautiful and neat with not one blur. Work of an anglic expert hand. All carefully wrought as if it was planned. An angel's message it sure must be. The decorated car Wattles gave to me.

Given in remembrance of by-gone days. For doing my duty in many ways; So may I lead a life as fine and true. As the decorated car of many a hue. Think of something better than gossiping foam. Keep my car as cozy as a well-kept home. A lasting lesson may this present be. The decorated car Wattles gave to me. W. D. WYKOFF.

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