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No politics whatever in the land bank location

British Tommies call the armored tractors "tanks"

Announcement is made of a secret compact against war between Norway and Sweden.

Diplomats of the allies think the retaliatory legislation of congress is useless.

Isn't it a trifling brass to have the question of republican campaign contributions raised by the mouthpiece of any democratic candidate who is himself financed by wet-gold sources?

Picture the reunion of the formerly divided republican elements any way you please, it does not alter the fact of reunion which stares out fearless democratic friends in the face.

"America over all." The motto of Mr. Hughes, flashed at Milwaukee, tersely embraces the issue of Americanism.

William M. Calder easily captured the senatorship prize in the New York primaries.

Nearly \$30,000,000 were contributed by Americans to the various funds for the relief of the victims of war.

The British government is said to be negotiating a loan of \$200,000,000 in Japan.

Disastrous floods in China and in Bohemia involve thousands of lives and property loss of immense value.

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Value of Autumn Leaves
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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But these leaves are more than rubbish. They are part of nature's balance.

He makes a mistake, however, if he destroys the leaves that he takes up and wheels away.

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Hearing on the Land Bank.

Omaha will be host today to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and members of the Land Bank board, seeking first-hand information as to the possible locations for the twelve banks that are to be set up under the new law.

Two Laws That Are Misbranded.

Legislation enacted in haste and under duress by the democrats just before the adjournment of congress has engendered a great deal of discussion. As political medicine, the Adamson railroad bill and the law intended to retaliate against the British interference with American trade are splendid examples, but as laws doing what they purport to do they amount to nothing.

The people of the United States are beginning to realize that laws passed, as were these, without debate or consideration of any sort, can not serve the purpose for which they were enacted.

What the El Paso Parade Should Mean.

Twenty-six thousand United States soldiers, the largest number save one that ever paraded, passed in review at El Paso, and the enthusiastic reporter tells us that "not a gun sling nor a hat cord was missing."

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Bull Markets

The criterion as to the ability of the banks to carry a rising stock market is whether or not credit is extended in business lines the country over. In this connection the relation between bank loans and deposits is frequently considered.

Those who lay stress upon the position of bank loans and deposits as related to bull markets may derive some interest from the subjoined figures, setting forth the individual deposits, loans and surplus reserves reported by the national banks at about this season in certain of the last twenty years which bear particular reference to bull movements (ooo omitted):

Table with 4 columns: Year, Deposits, Loans, Surplus Reserve. Rows for years 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1896.

It will be seen that on former occasions loans have throughout been ahead of deposits, even at the inception of a bull movement.

But much more can we gather in this respect from the reserve position of the banks. The bull market that started on the McKinley victory in 1896, although marked by excess loans, was varied through into the expansion that characterized the opening of the century with relatively strong reserves.

A glance suffices to show the different situation today. In course of a two billion increase in deposits over two years, against an increase of a little over a million dollars in loans, the banks have a surplus reserve, over and above their requirements, of \$800,000,000.

We have used up some billions of credit in the last two years, for the absorption of foreign-liquidated securities and in foreign loans.

But there are billions more of credit available which cannot be used up in many years to come.

The stock market is now calling into use some of this credit because of the exceptional situation growing out of the war, the almost fabulous earnings of certain industrial enterprises and the wondrous stream of gold to these shores.

There is danger, of course, of a bull movement being carried too far, like the swing of a pendulum.

But a check will undoubtedly be administered upon the advent of peace. And of that there is no sign at present.

Wastefulness in Charity

An interesting question as to the value to the community in general of organized charity has been raised by Judge Henry Neil of Chicago, known as the "Father of the Mother's Pension System."

At the close of an investigation which has taken him across the country eight times and during which he has made an exhaustive study of the workings of charity in many places, the judge declares that organized charity, as he has observed it, does not relieve poverty to any appreciable extent; that it has a tendency to perpetuate charity and poverty; that it has become the sixth largest private business in the country.

This is a rather serious arraignment of a form of philanthropy which the country has been told during recent years was the only sane and successful method of relieving the poor.

It has been argued on behalf of organized charity that it prevented duplication of benefactions and consequently did away with a lot of waste.

Efficiency in discovering the real facts in cases of distress and so handling the relief that it did the greatest good to the greatest number has been pointed to as one of the principal reasons why the support of the philanthropically inclined should be forthcoming.

Yet here comes Judge Neil, who presumably is acquainted with his subject, and declares without qualification that the system is wasteful and inefficient; that it has no constructive social plan and that its result is really to cripple the self-respect of those it is supposed to serve.

Nebraska Editors

The Wood River Interests, O. M. Quackenbush, editor, appeared in a brand new dress last week.

The Semi-Weekly Sheridan County Republican of Gordon will henceforth appear as a weekly.

The stork left a fine baby boy at the home of Editor C. E. Jones of the Summerfield Sun on September 7.

Editor George A. Miles of the Holt County Independent last week issued a handsomely illustrated twenty-four page industrial edition.

County Judge T. J. Ashby of Minden has purchased the Orleans Lasser from Frank P. Shields. The name of the paper will be changed to the Orleans Chronicle.

Alfred C. Hosmer, for more than thirty years editor of papers at Red Cloud, died at his late home last week.

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People and Events

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Thought Nugget for the Day.

Censure is the tax a man pays to the public for being eminent.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

New Austro-German army cannonaded entire northern Serb frontier.

French aeroplanes dropped 100 bombs on royal palace and station at Stuttgart.

German captured Ostrow, but bulk of Russian army in Vinnia salient escaped.

German claimed capture of nearly 50 miles of the Russian front south-east of Dvinsk.

Bulgaria signed "armed neutrality" agreement with Turkey, and concentrated army on frontier.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

A new social club was formed by a number of young men, who met at the Millard hotel. The officers elected were Charles Beindorff, president; John M. W. ...

The well known market located at 314 South Fifteenth is now in the hands of Albert Wessell, who for years past has been best salesman at the Dodge street market of Harris & Fisher.

Cliff Redfield, the 18-year-old son of Joseph Redfield, fell off his father's

house, at the corner of Tenth and Hancock, and broke his arm.

A schoolhouse is now in course of erection near Hancock park and the school board has selected a site for another of large proportions, in Borg's Hill's Omaha View.

Cadet Taylor, business manager of the Republican under the new regime, has arrived in the city.

Miss Nina Martin, formerly of the force of lady clerks in the county clerk's office, has accepted a position in the court accountant's office, Union Pacific railroad headquarters.

The Metropolitan club has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, S. C. Berfeld; vice president, Adolph Meyer; treasurer, Dave Kaufman, and secretary, J. Eichenman.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lucas celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary. A large number of friends were present and the Rev. C. W. Savage made a fitting speech.

This Day in History.

1776—Nathan Hale was executed as a spy at New York by order of General Howe.

1798—Marshall P. Wilder, who presided at the first national agricultural convention held in this country, born at Ringo, N. H. Died in Boston, December 16, 1888.

1816—Philetus Sawyer, pioneer Wisconsin lumberman and United States senator, born at Turland, Vt. Died at Oshkosh, Wis., March 29, 1901.

1862—General McClelland, in command of the Army of the Potomac, occupied Harper's Ferry.

1881—The cedon Indian lands in Oklahoma were opened to settlement by proclamation of President Harrison.

1898—The emperor of China made a forced abdication in favor of the dowager empress.

1906—Atlanta was placed under martial law as a result of anti-negro riots.

1912—A typhoon swept Japan, causing many deaths and \$20,000,000 property loss.

The Day We Celebrate.

Emerson Benedict, contractor, is 63 years old today. He was born in Rockton, Ill., and was a member of the legislature from this county for one term.

Dr. John C. Davis, physician and surgeon, was born September 22, 1858, at Bridgeton, N. J. He came to Omaha in 1878 and has practiced medicine here continuously since then.

Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, died at Danville, Ky., 63 years ago today.

Abdul Hamid, 2d, who reigned for more than fifty years as sultan of Turkey, until deposed in 1909, born seventy-four years ago today.

Prince Mihail of Braganza, who married Miss Anita Stewart of New York, born at Riehenau, lower Austria, thirty-eight years ago today.

Guy Bates Post, one of the well known actors of the American stage, born at Seattle, Wash., forty-one years ago today.

James P. Walsh, outfielder of the Beaton American league base ball team, born in Ireland twenty-eight years ago today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, president, will deliver the annual address today at the beginning of the one hundred and thirty-seventh session of Princeton Theological seminary.

An official party, headed by Governor Burnquist, is to attend the dedication of a Minnesota soldiers' monument today at Little Rock, Ark.

Leaving Richmond at 7:30 o'clock this morning, Charles E. Hughes will swing back through northern Indiana, concluding his day's itinerary at South Elkhart.

The Bees Letter Box

The President's Responsibility.

Omaha, Sept. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: In an editorial on the "Shame of Watchful Waiting" in today's Bee you say "Of course the president had cognizance of what was going on in Mexico, for he had access to the reports made to the State department."

In this statement have you not shielded the president from the greater part of his responsibility by stating only 1 per cent of the truth?

In addition to the State department information, available in full to the president every hour of the day, did not the president send his own personal representative to Mexico, time and time again, for investigation and report?

It would be highly educational at this time for The Bee to remind us in detail of the incursions of "personal representatives" of the president into Mexico with a view of determining whether the president could have possibly been ignorant of the murder and rape of American citizens in Mexico, known as it was, from day to day for a period of more than three years by every reading citizen of the United States. Yours for the whole truth, GROVER C. WARD.

Wants His Present Position Known.

Stromsburg, Neb., Sept. 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: You did me a great injustice recently in running a news item which charged me with favoring an increase of farm telephone rates. The quotation from my brief in the Polk county telephone case was considerably garbled. It left out the proposition set out in large type immediately preceding the quoted matter, which was as follows: "The commission erred in dismissing the complaint in that the new rate 'applied by the commission discriminates unjustly against the respondent and the users of business telephones.' The brief did not contain a word favoring the increase of any rate and was directed altogether against doing so."

As to my position in the matter I think that the farmers are paying high enough rates for the party line service they receive, and especially too high in some cases that I know of. VICTOR E. WILSON.

Origin of Playground Movement.

Omaha, Sept. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: A writer in your Letter Box speaks of the origin of the Playground Movement in Omaha. The origin of any movement is generally interesting, although the most important thing is what is being done at present.

The Playground Movement, as I understand it, really began in Omaha in the fall of 1902. W. W. Slabaugh, then president of the Omaha improvement club, as a delegate from the Woman's club of Omaha that fall attended the National Improvement association at St. Paul, and on his return reported in the progress of the playground movement in various cities of the United States, and especially the advance work in Louisville, Ky., as told by a delegate from that city. He urged that the work be taken up in Omaha. The next year a committee of playgrounds was appointed as one of the committees of the club. It was found difficult to find any person who would take charge of the work.

Finally in about the year 1904 Mrs. Harriett Heller was asked to take the chairmanship of that committee, but feeling that she could not take up the burden, asked her husband, Frank Heller, to report that fact to the club at its next meeting, then held in the park board rooms of the city hall. After Mr. Heller had reported that fact, he was asked to take the chairmanship. In a day or so thereafter he accepted the place and to him more than to anyone else is due the splendid work and success of the playground movement that followed for two or three years thereafter.

The writer recalls the fact that Mr. Heller on his way down to report that his wife could not assume the responsibility had a serious bicycle accident, but escaped sufficiently to attend the meeting, and was told that a man that could pass through such an accident would make a good playground superintendent. Mr. Heller, I believe, had charge of the work until his death. He spared no time in the work, and many will recall the playground at the northern corner of Twentieth and Harney streets in 1904, 1905 and 1906.

A juvenile city was also formed with various officers all the way from mayor to police judge and policeman. Equipment of many kinds was provided on the playground. Many things were given by the merchants of Omaha and work donated by loyal citizens. In a crude way nearly everything was provided that was needed for the playgrounds of the larger cities. A superintendent was later hired from Chicago, and if the money was not on hand for his payment W. W.

Willis-I wonder if there will ever be universal peace?

Gillis-Sure. All they've got to do is to get the nations to agree that in case of war the winner pays the pensions.—Dallas News.

"A farmer when he puts up fence around his truck stand to keep the cattle from destroying it, pursues methods entirely different from other business ones."—New York.

"He keeps his trade by closing out his entire stock."—Baltimore American.

A Scotch farmer, on hearing that the minister was making munitions on week days, remarked: "Munitions made by ministers are of no use; they have been making them all the week during the past 2,000 years and bring them at the del's Sunday, and he's away to the fore yet."—Boston Transcript.

He had complained jealously that she had too many other young men around. "The idea!" she laughed. "Why, I can count them all on the fingers of my left hand. The index finger is Mr. Smart, the second finger is Mr. Balder, and the third finger of my left hand—the third finger is you." Next day he got a ring for it.—New York Times.

Dear Mr. Kabbie, HOW CAN I FIND OUT WHEN MY HUSBAND COMES HOME FROM THE CLUB?—YIM A VERY SOUND SLEEPER!—MRS. CONNOLLY

HOW CAN YOU SLEEP WITH ALL THAT WORRY ON YOUR MIND?—J. COOK

Advertisement for Edelweiss cigars. Text: "For a home surprise—send a case of Edelweiss". Includes an illustration of a woman sitting at a table with a large case of cigars. Bottom text: "A CASE OF GOOD JUDGMENT Henry Rohlf Company, Distributors 2567-69 Leavenworth Street Phone Douglas 876 Prompt deliveries to any part of greater Omaha Mail orders by freight or express to any point"