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OCTOBER CIRCULATION 53,818 Daily—Sunday 50,252. Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the circulation for the month of October, 1916, was 53,818 daily and 50,252 Sunday.

Do your early Christmas shopping now before the prices are marked up again.

Now that official returns agree with the unofficial, pay the bet and forget it.

Our long ballot could easily be reduced one-half and no one would miss what was cut out.

The price booster who is not "just forced to it" by some one else boosting prices on him would be a fine museum exhibit.

This deciding-first-and-investigating-afterwards rule may make for speed in litigation as in legislation, but it is dangerous in both.

The late Emperor Francis Joseph indisputably helped bring on the great European war.

The late Emperor Francis Joseph began to rule at the age of 19, his successor at the age of 29. A handicap of ten years give little hope of equaling the reign record.

Reading between the lines of his cheery congratulations to the winner it is possible to vision Mr. Hughes' silent gratitude in escaping an endless string of wearing worries.

If any qualified citizen of Omaha failed to register for the last election he still has a few days to get in under the wire for the special election to be pulled off week after next.

A Pennsylvania congressman actually flew to Washington and claims to be the first man to get there by the air route. Omitting the word "hot" shuts out a lot of competitors for the title.

In four years Nebraska's high vote advanced from 258,193 to 302,685, a gain of 44,492. The figures afford tangible evidence of growing population temporarily marooned in democratic swamps.

No one can blame the Omaha school teachers for asking for more money, but it is their misfortune to ask right in the face of shrinking school revenues and the two do not go well together.

The note of congratulation to the victor in a presidential election is nothing but a polite formality anyway, more so than ever in a case where nothing short of the official figures make it certain who was to write the note.

Mexican national dignity is a queer compound. Murder, robbery and outlawry at home does not disturb its poise.

It is a matter of history that the last time the question of a municipally-owned electric lighting plant for Omaha was submitted to the voters here, the World-Herald and the boss war boarder worked shoulder to shoulder against it.

Three separate bandits' hauls made in the United States in one day netted the raiders \$55,300 from an express company and two banks.

Who Cares Where Bryan Lives?

Substantiated stories that William Jennings Bryan has dismantled Fairview, his home near Lincoln, Nebraska, and sent his library to Asheville, N. C., are accompanied by unverified assertions that he is giving up Nebraska for good.

Nebraska's Ray of Sunshine.

Official figures of the recent election in Nebraska confirm results indicated by the first compilation of the returns by which the whole republican state ticket was enmeshed under the Wilson wave and the "wet" entanglements.

While our delegation to the next congress splits half and half in party affiliations, all the sitting members being re-elected, the republicans have carried Nebraska by a snug plurality of 5,279 on the congressional footings, as witness this table:

Table with columns for District, Republican, Democrat, Plurality, and Total. Rows 1 through 6.

Remember, too, that this total would have favored the republicans more, except for the wholly accidental misfortune that brought about the death of the republican candidate in the Fifth district on the morning of election day and the transfer, by spreading the news of his death, of many votes to his opponent that would have been cast for him—many people think enough to have changed the election.

Considering all the circumstances the exhibit is not bad—certainly not discouraging. Though Nebraska is and will continue to be fighting ground, politically speaking, the republicans have better than an even chance to win back lost ground.

Muddling the Adamson Law.

Judge Hook's decision, holding the Adamson law to be unconstitutional, moves the matter another step nearer to the supreme court, which has the final say.

Short On Everything

From every factory, from every banker and business man, from foreign and domestic financiers and manufacturers comes the one cry of shortage of something that is needed in that particular line of endeavor whence comes the complaint. There is a famine in steel and orders taken now cannot be delivered before well into next spring.

Pruning the Bill of Fare.

Walter Runciman's control of food in the United Kingdom promises to be rigid. His determination to prevent extravagance or waste in any way will have a marked effect of consumption, and prices should respond accordingly.

People and Events

The deer hunting season in the Adirondacks closed with five funerals of hunters mistaken for deer by hunters.

Single tax propositions encountered Waterloo in California and Oregon. In both states the voters rejected the proposition by overwhelming majorities.

All hands of the California section of the Standard Oil company have been given an eight-hour work day. Last year this company tickled stockholders with a 50 per cent dividend.

New York's public service commission accepted the graduated electric light scale presented by the Edison company.

Justice Guy of New York is a real wise one. In a recent ruling in a divorce case he remarked that co-respondents escape too easily.

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The Art of Growing Old

David's nineteenth Psalm (the one mentioning three-score years and ten as man's allotted span) has killed more people than this war, ten times over.

Don't retire at 60 or 70. Keep on going. Have an interest in life. If not sport—their public service. Have an eye for a pretty girl—and tell your wife all about her.

You needn't be a mollycoddle or an insipid Pollyanna when you're 70 or older. Enjoy yourself. But do your little charities as you go along and you'll be glad to have lived this glorious life.

Have some special interest apart from your business. Mine is the platform. There are many who like golf. (There are lots of liars in the world.) If not sport, let service be your recreation.

The greatest of recreations is service, and there is plenty of need for it; service to the church, the nation, the state, the city.

I well remember seventy-five years ago, when I was seven and a half, the village where I lived had any number of old men and women. They advertised themselves. The woman at 60 donned a cap; one sort for day, another for night; but she never was without one. It advertised her age.

We haven't got those people nowadays. I defy you to show me a woman with a cap. You can't tell, in these times, mother from daughter. And you'll have a hard time finding a statesman on a nail keg.

Shakespeare's "Seven Ages of Man" don't exist today. Shakespeare died at 52 thinking himself an old man.

We ought not to fail to take David's character into consideration as well as his words. He died in the early evening, but he had lived the life. From a shepherd boy, he'd risen until he was king.

This Day in History. 1713—Laurence Sterne, whose failure as a preacher led to his becoming famous as an author, born in Ireland.

The Day We Celebrate. Frances Hodgson Burnett, successful author and playwright, born in Manchester, England, sixty-seven years ago today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders. The second biennial convention of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae is to be opened at Cambridge, Massachusetts, this morning.

Storyette of the Day. When Richard O'Connor, now a widely known attorney of San Francisco, was a student at the University of California he was also local correspondent for the San Francisco Bulletin.

TODAY

Thought Nugget for the Day. Let us resolve, first to attain the great of silence; second, to deem all fault-finding that does no good a sin, and to resolve, when we are happy ourselves, not to poison the atmosphere for our neighbors by calling on them to mark every painful and disagreeable feature of their daily life.

One Year Ago Today in the War. Entente note to Greece demanded seizure of Allied troops. French guns held the advantage in artillery duels on western front.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago. President Max Meyer has appointed the following gentleman on a committee to amend the city charter: Max Meyer, E. Rosewater, John Evans, A. J. Poppletton and C. S. Chase.

Port Calhoun, Nov. 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: In yesterday's Bee we read the headlines that imparted the information of the death of the ruler of one of the now warring countries of the world; and that the end came in the midst of "a war due largely to a resolve to avenge the murder of an heir."

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The Bee's Letter Box

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every man who is entitled to a vote in those states shall be free to cast his vote as freely and untrammelled as every democrat can cast his vote in all of the states of the union, both north and south.

In the recent election the democrats of South Carolina, according to their figures, cast 55,000 votes for Wilson and only allowed Hughes 1,500 votes.

Such an unfair situation must be rectified as soon as possible and the leaders of the republican party must get their nerve with them and declare strongly in favor of cutting down the representation in congress in every one of the states I have named until they allow their citizens to cast their votes as freely as we do in Nebraska and to have them counted as cast.

I would like to be a member of the next national republican convention and work and vote for a strong plank in favor of every citizen of the United States casting his vote freely and untrammelled, whether they are democrats, republicans, socialists, white or black in color.

A very honorable man of this city invited a polling place in the state of Mississippi this year when the democrats were holding their primaries and watched them to see how they conducted the election.

We need some Blaines and Chandlers and Logans today to stir the people up to the dangers that beset our national life.

I hope to see the day when no right voter in all of this great nation will fear to cast his vote as he pleases and have it counted as cast.

Two Promising Enterprises. Council Bluffs, Ia., Nov. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: I want to endorse your editorial first, "The Time to Push for That Pipe Line."

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