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Irwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average circulation for the month of November, 1918, was 14,482 daily, and 45,971 Sunday. DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager, Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this Ind day of December, 1918. C. W. CARLSON, Notary Public.

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Winter begins officially today. makers are entitled to another guess.

Berlin has nothing on London when it comes to dispensing sonorous praise of the fighting men

Experts agree that the door of peace is open slightly. As much, possibly, as the celebrated open door of China.

In quoting Abraham Lincoln, Lloyd George cites an authority whose motives will not be questioned by anyone.

behooves the dove of peace to fly high or stick to the Miami perch. One-half of the 6,000 men registered for work

While pot hunters are abroad in the world it

in New York City fled as soon as the job appeared. Opposition to work is strongest among those who talk loudest for it. Warning against avoidable fire risk cannot

be too often repeated. It is this below-zero weather that strains heating apparatus to the limit and keeps the fire department busy. The Santa Claus of the pie counter plays the

game just like Reindeer Nick. Some stockings groun under a load of good things; others hang

Attorney General Reed wants \$100,000 to pay for that part of enforcing prohibtion which comes under his jurisdiction. The attorney general evidently believes he is to have some job on his

The ancient and honorable office of coroner is about to make its exit from the boards in Nebraska with the fast approaching close of the Get the "Hic Jacet" and "R. I. P." signs

According to the returns, "Billy" Sunday has not quite converted Boston to the gospel of "dryness," but he will probably find consolation in a record-breaking thank offering on the last day of his engagement.

When a wise gamester, satisfied with his winnings, pushes his stack to the dealer the action is popularly known as "cashing in." Wall street sports are more polite. They call a simi-lar operation "taking profit."

The vacancy on the federal court of appeals bench for this circuit goes to the son of the senior senator from Missouri, which leaves Nebraska applicants again out in the cold. Nebraska is apparently cast only for the role of step-child in this democratic administration.

At any rate, Uncle Sam will bring the boys on the border home this time. Remember how the volunteers returning from the Philippines were given their discharge as soon as they landed in San Francisco and a transportation fund had to be raised here to bring them the rest of the way?

Tax dodging knows no race distinctions or national bounds. Like the Count of Monte Cristo. the world is its field. The German manufacturer who pulled down big war business and dodged patriotic war taxes for two years is not only a model of his class but a picturesque example of German efficiency in "passing the buck."

Bryan's Optimism

One of the delicious humors of the post-election period is Mr. Bryan's naive suggestion of a constitutional amendment "providing for a referendum on any declaration of war, except when the country is actually invaded."

This is worthy to take its place alongside that other Bryanic suggestion that, in case this country was invaded a million armed men would spring to its defense before sunup the next morning.

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The referendum is a mighty engine of democracy, but the picture of a solemn vote of the whole country being taken, canvassed and officially declared after an actual invasion of the land had taken place, after the battleships were in our harbors and the soldiers had been landed on our shores, is one that requires the imaginative optimism of a Bryan to conjure up.

While the election machinery was being brought out and oiled up, while the judges and clerks were being named, while the voters were thronging to the poils to say whether a defense of the nation should or should not be made, the enemy would, of course, be left to work his own sweet will.

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sweet will.

And then there would be the wait for the official returns, the figures from the "back counties," the verdict of the precincts whence a messenger must come on a long journey through snow and ice. Suppose California, reflecting how we had been "kept out of war" and desiring to remain thus kept, was close again. The bombardment of New York, the capture of Washington, the surprise of Boston—what could the isolated men in the mountains know of all that?

"This will be not only a safeguard to us," says Mr. Bryan, "but it will be an example to the nations of Europe," It will, indeed! An example of fathomless folly; an invitation to come and attack us when and how they please.

Path of Safety for Our New Governor.

Just as the little boy who expects a spanking begins to scream before a hand is laid on him. democratic organs are already raising an outcry against the possibility of adverse criticism that may be passed on Nebraska's incoming governor.

The Bee speaks only for itself, but we caution Governor-Elect Neville and his spokesmen not to yell until they are hurt unless they know it is coming to them. The Bee will judge the goverhis official conduct; we will frankly contmend him when he does right and fearlessly condemn him when he does wrong. While we will criticize him freely, we will not hesitate to offer unsolicited advice. He has his career to make, for in public affairs he is a wholly untried man, and if he has any definite ideas as to state policy and administration they are yet to be developed.

Aside from inexperience, which is remediable, the worst thing that can be said about Mr. Neville to date is that he is surrounded by altogether too many unsavory friends and invites judgment by the company he keeps. He will be held responsible for this, however, only in case he fails to find them out and shake them off and permits them to use him for their own selfish ends, since he must know that he cannot, at one and the same time, conscientiously serve the people who elected him and the democratic patronage-mongers and plunder-bund living on the spoils of office.

Let it be understood right now that this it not a question of "wet" or "dry," strict or liberal law enforcement, but of honest performance of duty. No amount of advance noise-making will shield the governor from criticism if he fails to go straight and nothing will entitle him to credit but measuring up to the full requirements of the gov-

France Prepares for Greater Burdens.

The French, always exemplars of thrift and patriotic devotion, are to be put to new tests by their new government, which is preparing for even greater burdens to be borne during the continuation of the war. Greater revenue is required and this is to be provided for by new taxes. Men who are not serving in the army will be required to contribute their share of service by payment of a specific tax. Exemption of incomes from tax has been lowered from 4,000 to 3,000 france and the rate put up from 2 to 5 per cent. This gives a better idea of how thoroughly in earnest the French are in the matter of prosecuting their share in the present war. In other times they have shown much ingenuity in devising taxation schemes for raising money to carry on wars of aggression, but now they have the higher incentive of national defense. That the war has solidified the democracy of France as never before cannot be doubted, nor can the French be considered as a disappearing nation.

Omaha's Budget for 1917.

Heads of the several departments of the Omaha city government are making up their estimates for expenditures for next season and some rather formidable totals are being talked of. Not all of these will be included in the budget when it is finally adopted, but the certainty of an unusually impressive aggregate is assured. should concern the taxpayers, to the extent that they interest themselves in the purposes for which money is to be set apart. Omaha has some pressing problems, the outcome of urban development These have to do with the ordinary functions of city government and are paramount to any of the novelties in municipal housekeeping to which so much attention has been given lately. The immediate needs of the fast growing city will require an expenditure of money sufficient to make up a tax roll that ought to suit the most ambitious Economy should be the rule in all departments and nowhere can it be better exhibited than in connection with things the city can do without and still prosper.

Look Out for Christmas Fires.

Just a word of caution to celebrants, that Christmas festivities be not turned to disaster through carelessness. It is become customary to observe the day through much decoration of homes, by trees, wreaths, streamers and the like, bringing into the house much of material that is highly inflammable, and consequently a grave source of danger. Especially is this true of the trees and the leaves of holly wreaths. Pine needles are full of resinous juice and almost as unstable as gunpowder in contact with flame. Therefore it is essential that trees be trimmed and watched with the utmost care. Especial attention should be given to the placing and lighting of the candles on the trees. Santa Claus himself is a noble figure, but his hempen beard and his cotton trimmed clothing are about as safe as dynamite. Then, too, furnace fires and other forms of househeating should be carefully looked after during the holiday season. Joy need not be restrained nor any check put upon merriment of young or old, but prudence should be constantly on watch

Adenoids and the Criminal Tendency.

The presence in court of a young man, pleading guilty to crime after he had been operated on for the removal of adenoids, may not shake the faith of advocates of reform through surgery, but it will not disturb the doubt of those wh cling to the belief that the connection between man's moral and physical natures is not so intimate that a few snips of the scissors will make the coherence definite. Iconoclastic though it may seem, the psychologists have not yet fully established the accuracy of some of their conclusions concerning the dual nature of man. Clearing out the nasal passages and removing superficial ob structions from the pharynx certainly will conduce to better health and is quite as likely to enable the individual of criminal instinct to pursue his obliquity with even greater success. Theories on this point have not as yet reached the solid basis of law and perhaps until we have made further advance in knowledge and its application society will be as well served if we do not abandon all our old-fashioned notions about the punishment of those who turn to crime as a substitute for honest work.

National preparedness against possible foreign oe lacks the urgency of preparedness against the home made enemy. The daily grist of highway robberies, malicious killings and outlawry of lesser degree suggest less comment on Mexican banditry and more vigorous suppression of the pative product. Home safety is the first con-

uderation. The shrewd Danes voted to sell the West Indies to the United States and pocket \$25,000,000 of the highest grade of money affoat. The trade brightens the defensive future of this country and the Danes get rid of an expensive encombrance.

Romance in City Planning

Address Before Omaha Rotary Club.

Omaha should not permit that kind of develop ment which centers solely around the commercia and economic considerations. These, althoug important, and the basis of true city planning are merely means towards an end and that en These, although is a cultural and spiritual existence on a level as high as it is possible to attain. My observation is that Omaha is not doing as much as it might to preserve the priceless traditions and marks of historic interest which invest this brilliant young

historic interest which invest this brilliant young city with a national interest.

Lately I was a guest in New Haven, Conn., and in Boston, and in Newark, N. J. These proudly boast a heritage of from 250 to 400 years years since the early beginning of their activity. They are prone to scorne you of the west, and yet you may point back nearly 400 years to Coronado, the Spaniard, who came up from Mexico to look over these lands. Then 250 years ago came Pere Marquette, down from Canada-way, to be followed a little more than 100 years ago by the intrepid explorers, Lewis and Clark, sent out by Jefferson, to make appraisal of what became the fferson, to make appraisal of what became the ouisiana Purchase from France, of that which is now, in whole or in part, fourteen of our states.

The records of these events so far in the past, thrilling in their interest, must yet give way to that matchless romance which began when Omaha had its birth—born of that conception which brought forth also the first transcontinental railway. What a period! Westward the star of empire was indeed taking its way. Hither had come the earlier scouts, but now here were those brave men and women who, turning their faces toward the west, saw the dangers, the trials, the toils and the hardships of conquering this great western wilderness—saw them not with the quivering of fear or hesitation, but with flashing eye and dauntless breast, laughed in the face of peril and dared to do and live for the spread of civilization onward to the sea. The records of these events so far in the past,

and dared to do and live for the spread of civili-zation onward to the sea.

It was only about fifty years ago when this romance began. Beyond were trackless plains, serried mountanis, riches of gold and silver and other minerals; and, greater than all this wealth, was to be wealth of the rolling lands—a granary and pasture of the nation and of the world. Why should you not preserve in a systematic way in should you not preserve in a systematic way, in a planned way, the facts and marks of all this marvelous romance of the past?

I found a spring—listen, the fountain of eternal youth, sought by the Mandon Indians—but I found it with difficulty, as though you desired to hide it from the prying eyes of strangers. Who has not heard of that Florida fountain of eternal youth, voyaging to find which Ponce de Leon crossed an ocean? And yet what less of romance, or, is it not a more fascinating romance formance, or, is it not a more fascinating romance that the initiatored savage went upon such a quest, thinking to find it here where Omaha stands? Why do you not make known to the world, why do you not make easy of access this center of poetic interest, and at the same time preserve for your young people a certain measure of its historic value? For always in every land there is a twillight come between raddition and there is a twilight zone between tradition and the proven record.

The days of Buffalo Bill, the hurrying hither

The days of Buffalo Bill, the hurrying hither of the engineers and graders, the provisioning of wagon trains, the beginning here of a city—the gateway, not a gateway—of the real west! Why are you not developing a local literary colony to embed in novel, poem and historic volume this story of empire conquest, than which none more brilliant or thrilling was ever achieved? The knights went in armor-clad to the holy land, and literature is rich in the telling of the story. The Jews made that unrivaled trek from Egypt back to their beloved Patria, and the greatest book of all devotes large part to relating us the tale.

And yet these movements were puny little things compared with Omaha's romance, its wooing of the great west. Lincoln, the great Lincoln, saw the inner meaning of it all, and came here within sight of Omaha that he might personally have a hand in pushing onward the progress of this brilliant story—a billion acres of land with every climate known to man and every variety of natural resource which God ever gave to humankind, stretching onward across these wast plains over a mountain range down into a vast plains over a mountain range down into a table land, across another mountain range to where rolls the Oregon, and then on to listen to the waves of the sunny Pacific lap the shores of our occidental states.

You sordid souls, if there be any such in Omaha, if you want to coin romance into dollars, urge on this work of collating and systematizing, making distinct these priceless values of the past. I speak not for a city planning that proposes modernity at the expense of tradition, but rather for a city planning that proposes. modernity at the expense of tradition, but factor for a city planning that would preserve intact and emphasize these stories of the old day, these marks of the intrepidities of men and women who came here to found an Omaha, the gateway of

Omaha was laid out in its central area in a way to express the large, fine nature of those pioneers. I wish you had always emulated them; but one is forced to say you did it not. Later came, as always come, some small-souled, selfish men who sought to extract to the last dollar what they could from additions to Omaha from war. they could from additions to Omaha from to year, and, then, too, there were those who to year, and, then, too, there were those who, not from selfishness, but from ignorance, made unscientific and unsocial enlargements of the city. a hodge-podge, a helter-skeiter, a sort of Topsy town that "jest growed" without plan, and with-out harmony, and was therefore uneconomic, and unsocial, and wasteful and unbeautiful. And so today we are attempting to correct these errors where we can and see to it that in the future all new parts of Omaha shall grow as they should

Finally, you cannot have a real city, a strong city, a healthful city, an economic city, a happy city, a clean city, a city politically triumphant of democracy, a city of progress, a city of industrial efficiency, a city of commercial power—you cannot have this kind of a city if you neglect to provide clean and healthful play and a meed of this rich, historic wealth to those who come after.

People and Events

Coming all the way from Nome, Alaska, to attend the University of Minnesota, Miss Leona M. Miller frequently sobs for a run of "homey weather." The hyperborean belt puts up a good quality of winter as a regular thing, but the girl from Nome thinks anything less than 40 degrees below is too mild for exercise.

Speaking about preparedness. Tom Gillespie is an ideal exemplar. Tom hails from Collinsville, III. Realizing the perils of invading Chicago, he donned armor, consisting of two suits coats. The best a trolley car could do to him when he blocked the track was to break his collar bone. The rest of him simply murmured,

when he blocked the track was to break his collar bone. The rest of him simply murmured, "Never touched me."

The witchery of native melody in the song "Killarney" brought an aged New York millionaire of Irish birth to the feet of Miss Honora May O'Brien, a typewriter, As a business woman Miss O'Brien played the game from the start, since the prospect of wedding an octogenarian suggested substance. Before the wedding bells rang on Monday May banked \$500,000 out of the old man's pile. The wise take no chance.

A rural credit system enacted by the last Philippine legislature opened up a big field for easy money grafters on the islands, and they jumped to it with the speed of a cat for a cream pan. The Manila Bulletin of November 14 reports the indictment of several "sooners" who had garnered shekels from farmers by selling stock in mythical associations. The account fails to state whether the grafters are natives, but as natives are shrewd imitators it is probable they assimilated some imported schemes for getting there first.

Thought Nugget for the Day. To the noble mind Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind.

One Year Ago Today in the War Russians occupied Kum after severe

s. nan Reichstag voted war credit German Reichsung vote to 132,509,000,000 for 12,509,000,000.

Asquith's call for 1,000,000 more men opposed in House of Commons. Italian force attacking Monte Michale annihilated, according to

Vienna. French captured important position on Hartmanns-Weilerkopt in the Vos-

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago Today.

President G. W. Lininger of the Lininger-Metealfe company enter-tained his office and other employes Lininger-Metealfe company enter-tained his office and other employes at an elegant supper at his home. Elghteenth and Davenport. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Met-caife, H. P. Devalon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Haller, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith and Messrs. John Hass, Mi-chael Schibsby, H. K. Smith, Frank R. Raymond, James Wilson, A. Dal-rymple, John Johnson and William H. Clark.

R. Raymona.

Tymple, John Johnson and William

H. Clark.

A. Hospe, jr., popular dealer in music and art goods, while at work at his deak was surrounded by his employes while J. L. Smith laid on his deak an elegant gold watch. Mr. Hospe, after thanking his friends, assured them that he would see that their time was the kent in the future. Those



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Mrs. Catherine Creighton, wife of Joseph Creighton, died at her late residence, Seventeenth and Cass.

The purchase of the Millard corner at Seventeenth and Farnam has been made by Mr. Booth for the New York Life Insurance company of New York Life Insurance Life Insurance Company of New York Life Insuranc

This Day in History.

1620—Pilgrims left the Mayflower and landed at Plymouth Rock.
1804—Earl of Beaconafield (Benjamin Disraell), famous novelist and statesman, born in London. Died there 1814—The British approached New Orleans and General Jackson and his

April 19, 1881.

1814—The British approached New Orleans and General Jackson and his forces advanced to meet them.

1829—Laura D. Bridgman, a blind deaf-mute who acquired a liberal education, born at Hanover, N. H. Died in Boston May 24, 1889.

1864—Rank of vice admiral created by congress and bestowed on David G. Farragut.

1866—The Bioux Indians massacred and scalped three officers and ninety privates at Fort Philip Kearney, near Big Horn, Wyo.

1870—The French made a vigorous sortie from Paris, but were repulsed.

1891—One hundred and fifty persons were drowned at Cordova, Argentina, in a flood resulting from the bursting of a canal.

1900—Count von Blumenthal, the last of the great German generals who fought in the Franco-Prussian war, died. Born July 39, 1819.

The Day We Celebrate.

Prank T. B. Martin of Martin Bros. & Co., insurance, is 40 years old to-day. He was born at Galesburg, Ill., and studied at Knox college. He came to Omaha in 1898, incorporating with his brother in the present firm in 1907. Sir Kenneth S. Anderson, head of the official committee to handle delays to neutral shipments passing through British waters, born fifty years ago today.

years ago today.
Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati publisher and brother of former President Taft, born in Cincinnati seventy-three years

ago today.

Dr. Edward C. Elliott, chancellor of
Montana, born in the University of Montana, born in Chicago forty-two years ago today. Henry Crosby Emery, noted economist, who has gone to Russia as investigator for one of New York's largest financial institutions, born at Ellaworth, Me., forty-four years ago today.

worth, Me., forty-rour years and day.
C. Carroll Marden, who has been selected to fill the new chair of Spanish at Princeton university, born in Baltimore forty-nine years ago today.
Fred Williams, outfielder of the Chicago National league base ball team, born at Wadens, Ind., twenty-six years

born at wadena, ind., twenty-sty years ago today.

Walter C. Hagen, metropolitan open golf champlon and former holder of the national title, born near Rochester, N. Y., twenty-four years ago today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders. Today is Forefathers' day, the 296th anniversary of the landing of the Pir-

grims.
Today is the day of the winter solstice, which marks the beginning of the winter season.
A new campaign for the purpose of raising \$10,000,000 for the relief of Jewish sufferers after the war will be inaugurated at a meeting to be held tonight in Carnegie hall, New York City.

City.

As a part of its campaign to promote friendly relations between the peoples of the western hemisphere, the Southern society of Washington is to give a reception and ball at the Pan-American building tonight in honor of the diplomatic representatives of the South and Central American can republics.

Storyette of the Day. Andy Donaldson, a well-known character of Glasgow, lay on his death-

bed.
"I canna' leave ye thus, Nancy," the

"I canna' leave ye thus, Nancy," the old Scotchman wailed. "Ye're owe auld to work, an' ye couldna live in the workhouse. Gin, I dee, ye maun marry another man, wha'll keep ye in comfort in yer auld age."
"Nay, nay, Andy," answered the good spouse; "I culdna marry anither man, for whit wull I dae wi'twa husbands in heaven?"
Andy pondered over this, but suddenly his face brightened.
"I ha'e it, Nancy!" he cried. "Ye ken auld John Clemmens? He's a kind man, but he's na a member o' the kirk. He likes ye, Nancy, an's gin ye'll marry him, 'twill be a' the same in heaven. John's na a Christion, and he's na likely to get there."—Argonaut.



Another Needless State Board.

Lincoin, Dec. 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: Almost every meeting of the normal board gives added evidence of its uselessness. At the last meeting A. L. Caviness and T. J. Majors, as usual took occasion to oppose what they thought A. O. Thomas wanted. In fact, the only reason Caviness ever had in being a member of the board was to serve Majors and the schoolmasters' ring and incidentally make a nest for himself in one of the normals. Every time an appointment is to be made on the normal board Caviness, Majors and the rest of the ring gather around the governor like flies around a cake of honey. Their motive is not the welfare of the normal schools, but to land some of their number in a place of power or profit.

As soon as it was known that Prof. W. H. Clemmons was elected state superintendent members of this crowd began to curry favor with him. The same men who for years have opposed him and ridiculed his school and his methods now are making great pretense of friendship for him. This is all done with the idea that he can be used by them. This state of affairs has existed in the noraml board and in the ring of the School Masters' club, which has endeavored to dominate the board for ten years. The people are sick and tired of it. If the normal Another Needless State Board.

which has endeavored to dominate the board for ten years. The people are sick and tired of it. If the normal board were elected by the people the schools would be freed from the men-ace of the school masters' ring and

The higher educational institutions board composed of really big men place the schools under the boar university regents would insure an ecoadministration of educational affairs. D. B. JOHNSON.

How to Catch Wild Horses.

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Kearney, Neb., Dec. 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: If you only knew how much hilarious fun I have derived from the columns of The Bee these last several days anent the wild horse proposition you would look with charitable benevolence upon this irrepressible communication which primarily purports to give you and your amused readers some inside information on this rich subject.

But first I must say how funny the thing does seem. I am of the belief The Bee has also enjoyed this piquant occasion from the way you have tipped the wink in several editorial-ettes found in the first column of the editorial page. In one of these you paid the presiding federal judge a solemn compliment upon his judicial temperament, his sang-froid, or self-

emn compliment upon his judicial temperament, his sang-froid, or selfpossession, under circumstances most provoking to ordinary human amusement. If the learned jurist sat through this trial, this trying situation, without cracking a smile, he is in line for promotion to the supreme bench It occurred to me a recital of the

It occurred to me a rectual of ingenious method of catching (the wild horses) would be of interest at this time. A friend proprietor of a half section of falo county's incomparably rich raid ocunty's incomparably rich and read an advertisement several years ago in which it was stated the pro-moter had several hundred head of good range horses he would exchange for land or staple merchandise on a good range norses he would exchange for land or staple merchandise on a basis mutually agreeable and equitable The advertisement was so adroitly drawn as to act as an exciting cause of a bad case of infection of a speculative character. In fact, the toxaemia following hard by was soon observed by a few intimate friends, who were much concerned for his mental equilibrium. The fine and fertile farm, in which he had on all previous occasions shown so much pride and interest, now seemed a small thing. At length his good wife, becoming alarmed, quietly called upon their banker. My friend was immediately sent for and subjected for hours to the third degree—when at the end of the ordeal he made a full confession, acknowledging, with great mental exaltation, that his dreams of wealth were just on the eve of materialization. That he was to receive a trainload of good western horses in exchange for his monotonous farm lands.

It was found that he had not seen the bronchos. It was suggested that he had heretofore exercised common horse sense in the transaction of his affairs. It was intimated that he was horse sense in the transaction of his affairs. It was intimated that he was tired and needed a vacation trip and that Arizona was indicated as a mild climate and full of picturesque novelty. He must go away from common-place things and spend a brief time in the recuperation of his health—out in the wild woods, the petrified forests of Arizona.

Upon arriving he felt a curiosity to see the range and also some wild animal life. At his hotel, upon innocent inquiry, he learned that the full area of Co-co-in-no county, Arizona, had not been explored. But of one fact the informant was sure; there were but four water holes in the county and they were fifty miles apart. All animal life must drink from these pools. He learned that wild horses

All animal life must drink from these pools. He learned that wild horses were seldom caught. Yet if one must catch one or two the scheme was to locate a few cowboys at each water hole. The wild horses came daily to one or other of the pools. Upon the one or other of the pools. Upon the approach of the little ponies the cowboys would fire off their guns and give the Apache war whoop, this stambul they were all wise.

beding the quary. The wild horses would run for the nearest water hole—only to be met in the same cruel manner and so at the third hole But upon arriving at the final, or fourth, hole the men were concealed and the poor famished horses were permitted to fill their hides with alkali water—when the cowboys let loose a bediam of diabolic yells almost as savage as the average collegy yell. Result: The boys, mounted on fresh fleet horses, soon had their pet-bellied, water-logged cayuse horse-decombat.

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P. S.—Oh, avarice! What shame is linked to thy name. Yet Lord Ten-nyson said, "Oh. discontented man, takest what thou want; but pay the

New Land Commissioner Speaks Out.

Scottsbluff, Neb., Dec. 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: Newspaper Instincts and the love of a good story will sometimes make one forget courtesy to a fellow official. Certainly knowledge of the duties of the office and "competent testimony" had little to do with the recommendation of the state auditor, that the state land commissioner's office should be abandoned. Thinking that it might be taken seriously by the legislators who are inclined toward economy. I am inspired to say why the land commissioner-elect does not concur in the recommendation.

The office is now elective and should the duties be transferred to the auditor's department a competent chief clerk or department manager would cost as much or more than the \$2,000 now paid the commissioner. The selection of the new official would be taken away from the people and made by one person.

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Just now the nation is breaking away from the old and obsolete custom of selection by proxy and vosting the power directly in the people and progressive Nebraska can afford to take no backward step.

At the present time and for the next ten years and perhaps in perpetuity the department of the commissioner of public lands and buildings will be one of the most important offices in the state for the safeguarding of the interests of western Nebraska. This fact has failed to reach the vision of the excellent editorial writers of the Bee, and western Nebraska may hold them to "strict accountability" if any harm comes of the avidity with which they have commended the plan. they have commended the plan.
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It has been intimated that if I would favor the movement to abandon the office of land commissioner it would insure my re-election! I am opposed to it, I am not an idler and I want no empty honors. I will not be a candidate for any office where there is nothing to do. is nothing to do.

I am sorry that the auditor he

made the recommendation. I am sare in his heart he has no other purpose than being progressive and o'smo-cratic, but he has made a mistake. His proposal will not stand analysis. He suggests the unethical possibility of giving a man the power to audit him-self or the bureau which he dominates. G. L. SHUMWAY.

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Omaha, Dec. 12.—To the Editor of
The Bee: Reading the article of Mr.
Cameron, secretary of Omaha Retail
Grocers' association, in The Bee on the
high cost of living, permit me to differ
regarding co-operating. He states t
grangers were popular for a time and
are now forgotten. Co-operation
stores are bobbing up and the last
heard of them is, "Stockholders Hunting for Promoters"—forgotten. Six
or seven years ago we paid 45 cents
for eggs—forgotten! You remind us
of Rome in 1893 and trading stamp
season in 1907. Forgotten. That is
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the trouble with us American people, we are in such a hurry to forget:
Some twenty-five years ago a little colony of people in the southeast part of our city bought co-operative. How long did it take the grocery and butcher with whom they previously traded to stop them from buying wholesale? Six weeks.
Some little over fifty years ago Denmark was confronted with the high cost of living. They started co-operative stores. Ask any citizens of Danish birth if co-operating over there is a success.

ish birth if co-operating over there is a success.

Why was our market house built at heavy expense to Omaha taxpayers forn down and ruined except for a trust? Why is the Basket stores heremaking a success, but keep that dividend the buyers should have? It is admitted that any men engaged in private business shall have profit, but co-operating takes and divides the profit. GEORGE C. NIELSEN.

SMILING LINES.

Drew-Oh, she'll be all right. She'll lake cheiter in some shop.

Crewe—Exactly. That's what makes me so anxious.—New York Times.

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