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Subscribers leaving the city should have The Bee mailed to them. Address changed as aften as requested. Twas ever thus. The humble spud, reclining

in the lap of luxury for a brief season, cruelly cuts its poor relations. An anti-treating bill is pending in the Kansas legislature. Under bone dry conditions con

serving the stock on hand is vital. Prospects for real trench fighting are as remote in Cuba as in Mexico. Tropical revolu-

tions are a means of recreation, not work.

No need of alarm about these cases of meningitis, but at the same time let us omit none of the proper precautions against its spread.

If the Deutschland is not tied up to a British dock its intrepid commander will surely find a way to let us know that it is "alive and kick-

Rival belligerents persist in broadening the The difficulty of digging ocean danger zones. postholes defers for the moment fencing the seven

William Howard Taft says this nation is a 'good-natured, tolerant, war-hating giant." Stil it is not good policy to step on the giant's corns

The persuasive power of federal grand juries ranks as a modern marvel. No other wheel in judicial machinery possesses equal skill in turning a combine into pulp.

Keep your ear to the ground for the names of the directors to manage the federal land bank at Omaha! According to all reports, the suspense will soon be over.

The Federal Trade commission wants \$400,-000 to start searching for the causes of the rising cost of living. The size of the touch innocently exposes one of the main causes.

The threatened 7 o'clock closing law for pool halls is already in the discard. Wonder if the pool hall men responded to the unwriteen invitation to come down to Lincoln and see about it?

That Shallenberger defense of Bryan may be taken as corroborating the suspicion of senatorial ambitions harbored by the former governor and now congressman from the Fifth Nebraska dis-

Tax gatherers stand a slim chance of reaching federal farm loan bonds. The attorney general holds the exemption clause of the act constitutional, thereby shutting the door on the lo-

This week brings the second birthday anniversary in the month of an American immortal. For sound statesmanship and advice given us by our presidents no font is comparable to Lincoln's, except that furnished by Washington.

Wartime's whirligig makes startling contrasts. While the lordly spud struts the market place with swelling front the 5-cent loaf humbly shrinks cavity to hide its diminished shape.

Persia appears to be the liveliest spot on the war map. Two revolutions are in full swing, the Turks are shooting up the country at both ends and the middle and Britons and Russians are burning powder on two sides. Beside the Persian fraças Mexico's emente is a third rate amateur performance.

New Spirit in China.

Public attention, focused on events in Europe, is missing one of the most interesting evolutionary movements in modern history in not noting what is going on in China. Some notice has been given to affairs there, because of the acts of the Japanese, the change in government and a suggestion from Baron Shibusawa that the United States join with Japan in exploiting the great empire, but these are only the outstanding salients of the news. What has really occurred is of vastly greater importance, for the future rather than the immediate present.

China has established itself as a republic, thwarted an effort of its first president to seize the imperial throne as emperor and has now reinstated the republic, with a strong and able man at its head, surrounded by capable and patriotic advisers. This government is so supported that it has been able to practically compel by moral force a revision of the Japanese demands that startled the politicians of the United States a year and a half ago. It was that affair that really awoke the Chinese to their national sense and aroused the spirit of patriotism thought to have died out. The example set by the people, through the enormous voluntary contribution to the fund for defense and the more effective boycott on Japanese wares, gives the new statesmen of China encouragement in their work.

That these statesmen, many of whom are well known in America and some of whom, like Dr. Wu Ting-fang, have been on terms of intimacy with leaders of American thought, turn to us as their friends is a welcome result of a policy of justice and generosity. Unless some monumental blunder prevents, the readjustment of world relations will find China well placed among the powers and a Chino-American entente, based on mutual regard and understanding, flourishing to the advantage of both peoples.

Rehabilitation of the Missouri Pacific.

Omaha and Nebraska have a special concer the rehabilitation of the Missouri Pacific which is about to emerge from its receivership. In, mileage and territory covered the Missouri Pacific is one of the great railroads of the country and it has one of its main termini in Omaha. It is greatly to our advantage to have every railroad serving us adequately financed, well equipped and efficiently conducted and there is every reason to believe the Missouri Pacific will from now on occupy a stronger position than it has ever before

The road has been brought successfully through the receivership period under the guidance of Benjamin F. Bush, who is practically certain to succeed to the presidency and who will be looked to, in that capacity, to continue the broad-gauged progressive policy inaugurated by him as receiver. Omaha wants the new Missouri Pacific to make more of this end of the line as soon as it is able to do so, and in natural consequence, to make more out of it. If the end of the receivership means, as it should, the writing of Omaha in bigger letters on the Missouri Pacific map, the road will also have a right to look to us for reciprocity and co-operation.

"Spirit of the Crusader."

Opinions expressed by Dr. Fred Morrow Fling are entitled to something more than ordinary consideration, but his choice of similes in reference to the possible entry of the United States into the world war is rather unfortunate One usually thinks of a crusader as a militant meddler, while crusades as a rule are marked by an attitude of presumption on part of the active participants. However, the word "crusade" is much misused, and it is possible that Dr. Fling employed it in a colloquial rather than a specific sense.

The United States, if it enters the war at all, will do so with utmost reluctance, and with nothing of the spirit of the crusader. It will be with no purpose to establish our own political or economic ideals, beyond supporting our right to hold and enjoy the same. Nor will we try to enforce our ways of living on any people. Sane and effective social reforms do not advance on such lines.

Our part in the war so far has been passive but resolute, to the extent that nothing of our national beliefs has been surrendered. Nor have we undertaken to impose these beliefs on others. So far as the older peoples of the world are concerned we will yet be content to teach them by example and precept and without entering or

Where Eden Was and Is.

The Nebraska minister who announces that the Garden of Eden was located not far from Omaha and on this side of the Missouri river has merely confirmed an opinion that has long been held by careful students of the Biblical story. It is beyond comprehension why the announcement has so long been delayed. All material evidence supports the proposition. At any rate no place in all the world can vie with this region in its productiveness, its capacity for supplying all of man's creature wants, while at the same time affording him the inspiration as well to sustain and develop his spiritual nature. We are loathe to think, even now, that Adam deliberately forfeited his right to live in this delightful region, "where every prospect pleases and man alone is vile." It must be so, though, and in charity to the ur-father of the biggest family known we may think of him as living ever after in vain regret. It is quite likely that when driven forth he went to Kansas, for in that section of the world he could better appreciate the meaning of the mandate: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." Kansas certainly conduces to and induces copious perspiration. But hereabouts we find constantly multiplying evidence of the favor that has been in all times bestowed upon the land around Omaha and in fruitful fields, vol uptuous vineyards and fecund flocks in resented proliferous proof of the assertion ti. his was and is the Garden of Eden. The preacher is right -no one here is disposed to contradict.

Monkeying with Man's Apparel.

It has come to be the custom in the United States for some self-appointed arbiters elegantorium to semi-occasionally pronounce in what manner mere man shall be attired. Those who are moved by the dicta thus emitted and who earnestly strive to regulate their garb in conformity thereto find themselves everlastingly perturbed as to whether they are doing the right thing in the proper way. Happily for humanity, most of that division of the population to whom the bifurcated garment is appropriated by custom as well as law gives little heed to the oracles who decree the involved and complicated schemes for masculine adornment. Thus the latest dictum, under which the suspenders and the belt alike are ejected from the wardrobe to the limbo of the unfashionable, is likely to receive about the same amount of serious attention as did that which would have man bedeck himself in prismatic hues, till his exterior resembled a rainbow. We want it distinctly understood that too much of responsibility rests on the suspenders to be lightly transferred to a loop of elastic tape, while the belt performs some functions that are not to be Furthermore, if the sartorial pundits care to know in what estimation they are held hereabouts, let them sojourn in this vicinity at any time during the next few months and watch the happy, prosperous, hustling burgher of Omaha disregard their advice and go without a vest while clinging to both his galluses and his surcingle.

Fixing Prices by Commission. The surrender of the paper makers to the Federal Trade Commission can hardly be taken as establishing the right of the government to fix and maintain prices on commodities. If the move sent means anything it is an admission on part of manufacturers concerned that the prices exacted were boosted by a combination within the purview of the anti-trust laws and not as a result of trade conditions. The settlement just announced is salutary as indicating the possibility of stopping price manipulation without interfering with legitimate conduct of private business. The trade commission can serve by following up this line and perhaps with a few more similar adjustments much of the so-called "psychological" causes for inflated selling prices will be removed and the buying and selling of the country may be placed on a more nearly reasonable basis than has prevailed for several months.

It is everybody's guess which side won in that three-hour suffrage debate.

Views, Keviews and Interviews

THE announcement made elsewhere in this I issue of the impending retirement of my brother from the joint management of The Bee, brother from the joint management of The Bee, which we have conducted together since the death of our father, should set at rest the gossip which has been more or less current with reference to a change in the ownership of The Bee. Our alert competitors have had a habit of selling. The Bee in imagination ever so often to some one, but have never effected the sale. It is only fair, however, to state that my brother and I not long ago entered into a "buy-or-sell" agreement. long ago entered into a "buy-or-sell" agreement, the outcome of which has been my purchase of part of his one-third holding to make a majority stock control for me. The remainder of the part of his one-third holding to make a majority stock control for me. The remainder of the stock remains, where it has always been, in the hands of members of the Rosewater family here and in Cleveland, except a half dozen scattering shares. It should be noted, too, that The Bee Publishing company, which publishes the paper, and the Bee Building company, which owns the Bee building, are wholly separate and distinct, though with some duplication of stock ownership, and that the recent lease of the building has no relation whatever to the present changes in The Bee Publishing company.

I heard an apt story this week said to be "Bill" Park's account of his first meeting with Edward H. Harriman back in the days when Horace G. H. Harriman back in the days when Horace G. Burt was head operating boss of the Union Pacific and Park was division superintendent out in Wyoming. Mr. Harriman was making his first tour of inspection accompanied by Mr. Burt in the president's private car, which had been stopped over night. Before 7 o'clock in the morning Mr. Harriman sauntered forth and encountered Park on the ich.

tered Park on the job.
"Are you connected with the road?" he asked.
"Yes, I'm the division superintendent."
"Well, what are we waiting for? Why don't

we pull out?"
"We're ready to start any moment," was
Park's prompt answer, "but I'm under instructions not to move until Mr. Harriman gives the

word."
"Well, go ahead!" said Mr. Harriman, and clambered aboard, while the train began immediately to move.

Later Mr. Burt took his division superintendent back to introduce him to Mr. Harriman, present-ing him in this fashion: "This is Mr. Park, our division superintend-I believe you have not yet met him, Mr.

ent. I believe you have and Harriman."

"Yes, I have," bluntly answered Mr. Harriman,

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while you were till asleep.

Let me acknowledge indebtedness to Herman Peters for a copy of a little house publication entitled "The Bigelow Magazine," sent me to call my attention to an article in it upon telegraphy, in which my father is mentioned in a complimentary way. I quote from the article:

"Telegraphy has contributed about as many

big men to the country as typography. Thomas A. Edison. Frank Munsey, publisher; Edward Rosewater, late editor of Omaha Bee; Richard Spillane of Commerce and Finance; George Kennan, writer and traveler, and George Ho-bart and Guy Carleton, piaywrights, were all

telegraphers.
"Telegraph operators as a class have con-"leigraph operators as a class have contributed much to the literary output in the general periodicals of the country. A trade journal, The American Telegrapher, has a department of verse contributed by telegraphers and much of it is of unusual merit—above the average of the popular magazines. Probably the researchers are so many literary conaverage of the popular magazines. Probably the reason there are so many literary contributors and even poets among telegraphers is that at certain stations they have long periods of leisure time for reflection and contemplation; they are intelligent as a class and have ease and facility in the use of the pen or typescripter.

"The best and fastest penmen in the world

"The best and fastest penmen in the world are telegraphers—and particularly among the old-timers who were in the business before the introduction of the typewriter. The profession really developed a style of penmanship of its own—one that was rapid and in all cases above the average in legibility."

The reference to the peculiar penmanship of telegraphers, or "the telegraph hand," as it is called, makes me wonder to what extent it still survives the inroads of typewriter and printed telegraph. In the days of receiving by sound and transcribing in long hand this penmanship was wonderfully legible and rapid, My father could tell at a glance from the handwriting whether the author of a letter had ever been in the telegraph hand" will before long be a lost art.

The Lincoln birthday banquet of the Young Men's Republican club at Lincoln showed by its attendance and enthusiasm that there is a live bunch of republicans at the state capital who are going to stay on the firing line until the political enemy is again dislodged. The best part of it was the interest manifested by the younger element, which, it is a regret to report, seems harder and harder to enlist for political activity in our campaigns, a difficulty encountered by both political parties in this state and, I take it, in other states, too. With a militant backing the young men who successfully promoted and "put over" that banquet can do a whole lot to help "put over" a clean-cut republican victory at the next election in Nebraska. Men's Republican club at Lincoln showed by its

People and Events

Governor Lowden of Illinots commuted to imprisonment for life the death sentence of a negro who execution was deferred seven times by Governor Dune. The successive respites were granted because an obstreperous sheriff insisted on making a public show of the execution. The last act of elemency nullifies the sheriff's defiance.

Edward Swagg manages a cafe at Minneapolis, His nationality or politics is not defined, but he doesn't care who knows that he doesn't like the colors of Old Glory. One of his waiters innocently indicated his feelings by wearing a small flag on his coat lapel. It cost the waiter his job. Swagg is now trying to explain the incident, which has already diminished his daily eating house swag. house swag.

School teachers looking for jobs in New Mexico face a perplexing proposition. Some cities make a practice of holding out salaries as a penalty for marriage during the school term. Others offer liberal bonuses for teachers who remain single. Marriageable girls are in greater demand than teachers and the teacher who preto the man challenges the risk of fers the bonus t being kidnaped.

being kidnaped.

Talking to the Commercial club men of St. Joseph on "The Fun of Making a Living," Bishop Quayle of St. Louis expounded this brand of live philosophy. "It's a mighty lot of fun to be here. It's a mighty lot of fun to have nothing and improve on your capital. The only robust thing worth while is making a living. Because a man eventually is going to be a corpse is no excuse for his being one all the time. It elongates the funeral. Stand out, look your job in the face and say, 'I like you'."

say, 'I like you''

Big risks and big money work together around powder mills these stirring times. The Du Ponts run a big plant in a ravine in the wilderness of Wisconsin, out of which grew the town of Barksdale. The town has a population of 100, is eighten miles long and four miles wide and is said to be the richest burg in the country. From the powder company alone the town pulls \$75,000 in taxes annually and is blowing itself building paved roads to every householder's door.

Health Hint for the Day.

If earache is neglected the inflam-mation may spread in the ear as well as in the bony lump behind the ear and thus cause mastoid disease, which may attack the brain if not cured by surgical operation.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Victory at Erzerum celebrated throughout Russia.

throughout Russia.

Berlin reported failure of British assaults at Ypres.

German assallants entered French trenches in upper Alsace, but were driven out.

United States notified its representatives abroad that merchant ships could carry guns.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

The ladies of the German school gave a masquerade ball at Germania hall, the committee of arrangements con-sisting of the following: Mesdames C. C. Schaeffer, Max Hemple, S. Reich-enberg, M. Tibke and Miss Ida Po-mey.

enberg, M. Tibke and siles for re-mey.

The physicians of Omaha were re-quested to meet at the office of Dr. Tilden to take suitable action on the death of Dr. James P. Peck.

The Church Guardian, official organ of Bishop Worthington, published in

this city, appears this month in a new dress and contains fourteen pages of interesting reading matter.

While crossing the Sixteenth street viadact the horses attached to a carriage containing Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rosewater and two friends became frightened by a locomotive and broke the carriage pole.

Rev. T. J. Mackay of St. Paul church in Council Bluffs announces that a new pipe organ has been ordered for which he has made himself personalty responsible.

C. S. Higgins gave a banquet at his establishment to a few of his Pythian

establishment to a few of his Pythian friends, the occasion being in honor of his having taken third rank degree

in Triangle lodge.
Thomas H. Larke, the competent nomas H. Larke, the competent young man who has been acting as private secretary to W. N. Babcock, general agent of the Chicago & Northwestern, has resigned and gone into the real estate business.

This Day in History

1795—Geore Peabody, philanthro-pist, born at Danvers, Mass. Died in London, England, Novembr 4, 1869. 1817—General Lewis A. Armistead. 1817—General Lewis A. Armistead, noted confederate commander, born at Newbern, N. C. Killed while leading his brigade at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863.
1842—Charles Emory Smith, Philadelphia editor and postmaster general in the McKinley cabinet, born at Mansfield, Conn. Died in Philadelphia, January 19, 1908.
1848—General William O. Butler succeeded General William O. Butler succeeded General

1861—Jefferson Davis was inaugu-rated president of the Confederate State of America at Montgomery. 1865—Federals occupied Charles-town, S. C., which had been evacuated the day before by General Hardee. 1867—The Austrian emperor re-stored the Hungarian constitution. 1871—The republican government of France was recognized by the great powers.

1892_Arthur J. Balfour introduced the Irish local government bill in the House of Commons. 1895—Archduke Albrecht, who com-

House of Commons.

1895—Archduke Albrecht, who commanded the Austrian troops in the Franco-Italian war, died in Vienna.

1899—Emile Loubet was elected president of the French republic.

1904—Lord Roberts retired from the post of commander-in-chief of the British army.

The Day We Celebrate.

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R. F. Kloke is 57 today, having been born in Wisconsin. He came here from West Point, Neb., to take up the farm loan and investment business.

Jean Jules Jusserand, French ambassador and dean of the foreign diplomatic corps at Washington, born at Lyons, France, sixty-two years ago

James P. Geodrich, governor of In-diana, born at Winchester, Ind., fifty three years ago today. Edgur E. Clark, interstate commerce

commissioner and member of the spe-cial commission named to investigate cial commission named to investigate the workings of the Adamson eighthour law, born at Lima, N. Y., sixtyone years ago today.

August Belmont, head of the New York banking house that bears his name, born in New York City, sixtyfour years ago today.

Right Rev. Theodore N. Morrison, Episcopal bishop of Iowa, born at Ottawa, Ill., sixty-seven years ago today.

day.
Sherrod N. Smith, pitcher of the Brooklyn National league base ball team, born at Mansfield, Ga., twenty-six years ago today.

Storyette of the Day.

"It is a rule to which most good lawyers adhere," observed a well-known attorney, "never to tell more than one knows. There was an incident in a western town wherein a lawyer carried the rule to the extreme." "Counsel for one side objected to

"Counsel for one side objected to a person, whose name was on the court's register for some purpose or other, on the ground that he was dead. The counsel on the other side declined to accept the assurance, and demanded conclusive testimony on the point.
"Whereupon counsel for the other

side arose and gave corroborative evi-dence as to the decease of the man in

"But, sir, how do you know the

counsel. "Well," was the reply. 'I don't know. It's very difficult to prove.'
"'As I suspected. You don't know whether he's dead or not?"
"No. But I do know this—they buried him about a month ago on suspicion!"—New York Times.

HERE AND THERE.

The British army consumes 20,000 tons f potstoge every month.

The torpedo as fired from surface vessel effective up to 10,000 yards range. The Montenegrin soldier wears his medals for valor on his cap, instead of across his left breast.

Under English law no clergyman can be arrested within the walls of his church, or while he is going to or returning from his

The biggest gun of the United States navy is sixty feet in length, weights about eighty tons and fires a projectile weighing 2,100 pounds.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

The engagement of the young surgeon to the telephone girl is unusually appro-

Why so! Because she makes a practice of cutting folks off and he of cutting them up."-

"Do you think women ought to smoke?"
"I should say not. It's hard enough as it is to tell who's the man of the house."—
Detroit Free Press.

"Jiggs always gets the best of a job lid Bill, the burglar. "Last night hi

and Hill, the burglar, "Last night h an' me trimmed a provision store," "Did he set all the money?" "No. He let me take the cash while slipped around and gathered in all t sirioin steaks."—Washington Star.

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, OUR ENGAGEMENT IS BROKEN - AM I HONOR BOUND TO RETURN THE RING? . ROSE ALBERTY ? STATE

SEND HIM THE PAWN TICKET! DVV6

Wife—Well, John, I'll have to do the cook-ing now. Bridget left without warning. Hub—Not exactly without warning. She said this morning that I'd better bring home some dyspepsia tablets tonight, but I didn't quite catch on to what she meant.— Boston Transcript.

Church-Do you supper peace will com Gotham—Why, surely. We don't have any presidential election this year, do we?— Youkers Statesman.

Fonkers Statesman.

A stranger entered a church during the sermon. Getting tired, he asked his neighbor. "How long has he heen preaching?" "About thirty or forty years, I think," re-"About inity of the stranger: "he must be nearly done."—Christian Herald.

An Irish magnitrate, one of the old school, was summing up a case in a Dublin court. The plaintiff was a handsome woman and her good-looking daughter was one of the witnesses. "Gentlemen of the jury," said his honor, "everything in the case seems plain—except, of course, Mrs. O'Toole and her charming daughter."—Dublin Mail.

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Lone star that lights Quivera's shore!

Where cities rise by magic hand.

Let wealth not pauperize the land.

Where graneries burst with stores given

To hands of toil by hand of heaven,

Be thou forever an open door—

And star of hope to the homeless poor.

Pair garden for the toiler's plow
To thee with welling hearts be bow!
May our souls be broad as thy endless
May virtue here strive not in valu.
May laws most just, with halance fab
To rich and poor give houset share,
May thou shine on, and on, as now
Crown jewel on Columbia's brow.

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