### Colonel Keith Neville.

Nebraskans were prepared by The Bee weeks ago for the official announcement that Keith Neville would exchange the governorship for a commission as colonel of a Nebraska regiment. Therefore, his acceptance of such a commission from Lieutenant Governor Howard is no surprise. No definite time is fixed as yet when Governor Neville will formally resign his office, and allow it to pass under the constitutional succession to Edgar Howard, but now that he actually has assumed the title of colonel of the new regiment, it is not improbable he will want to take active part in its completion and therefore may soon give over civil for military activity.

Governor Neville is not the first governor of Nebraska to turn his office to the lieutenant governor, but he is the first to step out of the executive's chair to become a soldier. His action is characteristic of the high spirited youth of the state, who find in the field far more attraction now than the routine of office can hold. The Bee congratulates him on his determination and renews to him the pledge made when he was inaugurated in January, that he will have its loyal support in all his honest efforts to serve the people.

Governor Edgar Howard, when he ascends to the executive chair, will take with him the good wishes of this paper also. His politics are not ours, but his interest in Nebraska and his loyalty to the American republic are unquestioned.

### Ishii Makes Pledges for Japan.

Baron Ishii crowns his American mission with a pledge that Japan will hereafter tespect Chinese Two kings to draw to-King Ak-Sar-Ben and integrity, both political and territorial, providing other nations do so. The saving clause in the latter provision of the baron's pledge may leave his whole proposition open to question. Japan has twice in recent years interpreted acts of other nations as warrant for taking over some part of China and has called out vigorous protest from the United States on both occasions. It is, of course, quite possible that the mikado's government is sincere in its promise this time, as recent changes in China are of a nature to justify the belief that the Celestials will be able to take woman at Aurora, Ill., willed an estate of \$50,000 care of themselves.

Ishii, however, did not come to this country at this time to make this pledge. His real object has to do with relations between America and Japan. The Japanese chafe under our national attitude towards them, especially resenting the fact that we have classified them as racially objectionable. Their own scientists lay claim to in Germany. "Hoch der kaiser" comes perilously an ethnological distinction we are unwilling to concede to them, asserting they are a superior and not an inferior race. This has naturally afwho headed in 400 raiding miners in New Mexico fected the intercourse between the countries and involves points not soon to be settled. Japanese ambition, fostered by pride in accomplishment, looks forward to a national destiny equal to that zine, a New York periodical, into the bankruptcy of any of the great peoples of the world and resents treatment that savors of less than equality. To establish a better appreciation of Japanese aspirations in this regard is really Ishii's object in America.

Americans are justified in entertaining some distrust of any overture from Japan, because the Nipponese have not always been frank with us. The time may come when a complete understanding will be reached and visits such as that of Baron Ishii and his party will help to this end. Japan's relations to the world will undoubtedly come in for some consideration when the gen-The American invasion of France has broken eral readjustment of relations comes at the end into the language defenses of the country and it of the war. It will be one of many vexatious is now possible to say "hello" over the telephone propositions then to be taken up and like the and get an answer without putting the line out of others will probably be determined on the basis of what is better for everybody.

### That Early Shopping

Washington, Sept. 30 .- In about two months there will stare at you from car cards and billboards, from your morning mail and your evening newspaper that ancient, oft-repeated slogan, 'Do your Christmas shopping early.'

It will then be too late. If you really want to select your gifts instead of just buying them, and if you want to arrive on time instead of some time, begin laying your plans now. This great annual American exchange of greetings, good will and general merchandise has grown to such gigantic proportions that the retail stores and the Postoffice department bump their heads against the limitations of time, space and human idurance in the effort to handle it. If you go in for giving on a large scale you must start while the weather is still warm to put them all across before next year.

The amount of time and energy expended by he American people in celebrating Christmas is something stupendous. They spend enough money to float another Liberty loan, and enough energy to push the western front back ten miles. The worst of it is that a good deal of this money and energy is wasted. A gift is a fine thing if it is carefully selected; if it contains thought as well as money, and is an expression of individuality. But when you start out on the Saturday afternoon before Christmas to buy your whole list of presents, and find long before you are done that the stock, the salespeople and your own patience and wind are exhausted, giving becomes a bore and a disappointment. Furthermore, unless the gift is packed right and mailed early, the chances are against its arriving on time and in good shape if at all.

It is fairly obvious that the federal Postoffice department should conduct a publicity campaign Christmas preparedness. But it has never done more than send out a few suggestions for postmasters, and those last year arrived too late to do much good. The Postoffice department has no appropriation for a nation-wide campaign of publicity, and that is one all-sufficient reason why it has never made one.

One of the most effective of the publicity methods used by the postmasters of cities was to persuade the public school officials to let the boys in high schools write essays on how the Christmas mail difficulty might be met. This gave the boys a chance to exercise their ingenuity and executive ability, and some of them made sug-gestions of which the postoffice was able to make use. Then boys who had written essays were given first call on the several hundred positions as assistants for the Christmas work. Many of them took the jobs and they proved to be the most intelligent and willing of the emergency employes.

Another feature of the campaign was a series cards which were mailed to every house in Washington, wishing the inmates a happy Christmas, and telling them how and when to post their Christmas mail. The first of these cards, mailed December 2, simply urged the citizen to do his shopping and mail early, thus allowing the parcel at least three or four days more to reach its destination than in normal times. The second card, mailed on the 9th. gave the household a schedule of dates, showing when to mail parcels for different sections of the country. Thus parcels for California and the far west had to be mailed not later than the 16th, while those for local distribution could be mailed as late as the 21st. The last card, on the 16th,

The efficacy of this campaign was proved by the fact that the average mailing date was advanced about three days. The packages began to come in early in the month, and by the middle of the month were received in considerable vol-A large part of Washington's Christmas outgoing mail was out of the way before Christmas day, and the employes were able on that day to clean up the last of the incoming. Of course they had to work hard to do it. But Christmas always means hard work for postal employes They regularly work from twelve to fourteen hours a day for several days, and although they are paid overtime for the extra work, that is no compensation for a Christmas spent away from home at back-breaking toil. Of course extra employes are called in by the hundred, but there is a limit to what an untrained man can do in a postoffice. The Christmas situation this year is going to be complicated by the number of soldiers and near-soldiers in training camps, cantonments and abroad, who are sure to be heavily showered with Christmas gifts. Everyone will want to show his good will toward the soldiers, and there are so many things that a soldier can use. A cake or a box of cigats, which would be commonplace to a man at home, are welcome luxuries in camp and these bulky things are undoubtedly going forward by the ton.

# In England all carts and wagons must bear

### Right in the Spotlight.

Virgil G. Hinshaw, the leading spirit in a conference called to meet in Chicago today with the object, it is said. of bringing about a political working agreement among the prohibitionists, progressives, socialists, single taxers union labor, is the chairman of the national committee of the prohibition party. Mr. Hinshaw is a native of lowa and was graduated from Penn college in 1990. For four years he traveled in the interest of the Intercollegiate Prohibition association. From 1906 to 1908 he studied law at the University of Minnesota. Then he became president of the Intercollegiate Prohibition association and traveled for two years, promoting its interests. Later he set up a law office in Portland, Ore., where he was making his mark, when summoned to the position of chairman of the national committee. In this office he has been singularly successful in raising funds for the party.

#### One Year Ago Today in the War. Count Okuma, prime minister of Japan, resigned.

Austrian monitors on the Danube destroyed pontoon bridges in rear of the Roumanian forces invading Bulgaria.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago Today.

The republican convention nominated the following candidates for the various county offices: County treasurer, Henry Bolln; county recorder, Charles P. Needham; county judge, D. H. Mercer; county school superintendent. James B. Bruner; county clerk, B. F. Redman; coroner, P. J. Barrett; county commissioners, William R. Turner and John Morrell.

Julius Sardanapolis Cooley blew around the town with an invitation to



the board of trade banquet clutched proudly in his hands. N. Merriam is advertising for a fam-

ily coach team. The proprietors of the gas well have let the contract to Bert Bullock of

South Omaha to sink a well 300 feet. The following men were added to the fire department: John Tidner,

Mike Hannon, Frank Mezik, Charles Fleming.

The dummy passengers are demanding a ticket office at Sheely station. A meeting of the Loyal Legion of Nebraska was held at the Millard hotel and the following new members were admitted: Colonel Summers, R. w Patrick, Captain Jacob W. Iler, B. S. Paddock, John A. Gordon and Captain Dexter L. Thomas.

And ladies who keep boardin' house adopt this notion new, And if you are a boarder they're servin' Ed Miller, who had his arm broken a short time ago, had the misfortune to fall and have it rebroken in the The something, let me state, When he said lower temperatures in houses same place.

### This Day in History.

1775-Benjamin Church, surgeongeneral of the American army in the revolution, was convicted of treason. the first conviction of its kind in the colonies

1817-Robert Finley, fourth presiselves into our clothes; We'll shiver down our breakfasts and we'll dent of the University of Georgia, died shiver to repose To help our Uncle Sammy in a cause that's at Athens, Ga. Born at Princeton, N. J., in 1772

1832-Edward E. Noyes, civil war

#### SMILING LINES. HERE AND THERE.

of the point scratching the child made its

Millions of horses are being destroyed in

the present war. Since the beginning of the

war about 750,000 have been sent from the

CON-SERVE.

The katy-dids in Omaha are arguin' pro

The ladies are a knittin' warm articles.

The robins are a saunterin' all silent on the

toothsome little ants Lest his train should lack a diner-he's too wise to a chance.

Which he began ere he was forced by Hooverish legislation.

The B. and O. are choppin' hash to con-serve on their diners And the travelers partake thereof because

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Athens last December.

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Olathe, Kan.

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He-So you refuse to be married on Friin England all carts and wagons moved to the owner's name and address before being tused in a public highway. The simple twisting of a safety-pin in Friday woulding because it was my last

such a way that there could be no danger charce .- Boston Transcript.

Billton (engaging new chauffeur)-And have you any references from your last empatentee rich beyond the dreams of avarice. A wealthy Greek ship owner has given ployer

ployer? Applicant—No, sir; but I can get some in about a week. Billton—Why the dclay? Applicant—He's in the hospital, sir.— \$100,000 to the French government, the interest on which is to provide pensions for the families of the French sailors killed in

Everybody's Magazine.

The food esten each year by the rat popu-"My daughter is engaged to a very promlation of the United States amounts to \$160 .lation of the United States amounts to \$100. 600,000. This figure does not include the ising young man." "Yes, I know him. He has promised to

loss of materials other than foods destroyed pay me the money he borrowed from me when he got hold of yours."-Baltimore If success greets a memorial campaign American.

now being waged, a \$250,000 memorial to the late John P. St. John, governor of Kan-"Yes, she accepted him nearly three weeks ago, and they are not married yet." "What a pity! I never did believe in those sas and prohibition leader, will be erected at long engagements."-Life,

"Many of our girls marry well," said the head of the store to the new saleslady. "A millionaire just married a girl in our fur United States to Europe, and reports show a department. Settled \$50,000 on her, too." department. Settled \$50,000 on her, too." "Dear me, and here I am at the bargain horses in this country for the year 1916 and counter."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Who was it said the children should be seen and not heard?

Oregon and Washington were once the "I don't know. Fome old grouch, I suphabitat of camels, long extinct in this counpeas."-Detroit Free Press. try, according to the announcement of a discovery made by Prof. John C. Merriam and

"Mary had a little lamb, as possibly you now, and everywhere that Mary went the John P. Buwalda of the University of California. Fossil remains of camels were found in the White Bluffs region along the north-ern bank of the Columbia river. lamb was sure to go."

"Must have been a trifle awkward to have the critter at afternoon teas." com Mrs. Flubdub.-Cincinnati Enquirer.

"The young fellow was actually burning with indignation when I refused to let him marry my daughter." "What did you die?"

and con. sun is shinin' hot, too hot, to put your "I put him out-Baltimore American. "I'm fixed. One of my daughters married a baker and the other a butcher." heavies on; frost has not yet nipped the corn, the trees still flaunt their green.

"I see. You have one son-in-law who can raise the dough, and another who can make both ends meet."-Baltimore American. The' in the shors and on the heads new autumn lids are seen.

The asters bloom upon the lawn; the morn-Belle-Do you known I've had this dress ing glories clamber And lift their pretty goblets up to catch the sunlight amber; for eight years? Beulah-Yes, I know you've had it all the time you've been 28 years old.-Yonkers

The amateurs are digging corn and husk-Statesman. While their wives are making onion jam and jell of green tomatoes. Mr. Exe-Did you tell the cook that the

Air. Exe-Did you tell the cook that the beefsteak was burned? Mrs. Exe-Mercy, no! She would leave in-stantly. I told her it was just right, but that we preferred it a trifle underdone.--Boston Transcript.

now bless 'em. Of various shapes and sizes, sure 'tis some job to guess 'em: By the color of the yarn they use they Knicker-What are the Smiths doing? like the autumn leaves will

Bocker-She is figuring how to spend \$10 and he is deciding how to spend seven billions .- Judge.

"Just saw a performance of Julius Cae-

lawn, plannin' trips to southern lands where sar." "How was the mob scene?" the early bird has gone, While the flicker fills his pocket with "Not very realistic"

"It destroys the illusion to recognize your butcher's boy in a crowd of Roman citi-sens."-Birmingham Age Herald.

The squirrel is oblivious to the arguments "You say you make your living as a character reader?" "I do." "Can you tell people what they really 

him a rogue, But keeps at his "bisness" of "vittle" are?

"I don't try to do that, my friend. If I did they'd never recognize themselves."-Louisville Courler-Journal.

"I never allow young men to kiss me." "Oh, I see. You're one of those conscien-tious objectors, too."-Detroit Free Press.

"With coal beyond reach and wood going up every day, how are the common people going to keep warm this winter?" "I guess they'll have to do the beat they can with their burning indignation."-Bal-

imore American. this

Mr. Nuwed-Sweetheart, did you make his biscult out of the cookery book? Mrs. Nuwed-Yes, love! Mr. Nuwed-Well, I thought I tasted one The useless use of fuel to supply the na-tion's need. 'Twill offset anyhow the lack caused by

of the covers .- Judge.

Mrs. Billon (at the theater)--Mr. Tilton goes out between the acts, doesn't he? Bilton--No, dear; he comes in between the drinks.--Life.

"Why is Senator Bludub so angry about this interview? Does he claim that he was incorrectly quoted?" And yes, we'll even dine on hash, if Unc

again urged early mailing, and advised marking packages "Don't open till Christmas."

## By Fre eric J. Haskin

the docks because too ripe to sell. What would happen if free beans were distributed is too hor rible to think about.

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October's initial performance promises to out-

Nebraska's crop of 250,000,000 bushels of corn

"He as has, gits," or words to that effect. A

In the race for quarters in jail it is neck-and-

Imperial jewels are going into the melting pot

There is something in a name. The sheriff

Pacifism in wartime blew Pearson's Maga-

But when Uncle Sam fixes the retail price of

coal for all consumers throughout the country, it

is hardly likely he will make a special exception

Fifteen thousand Bostonians scrambled and

fought for free bananas distributed near one of

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business.

Chancellor Michaelis and Grand Admiral von Tirpitz still cling to the delusion that American help in the war is a phantom. All the more reason why the coming awakening is bound to be an earthquake.

The country where President Cleveland used to go duck shooting in Harford county, Md., has been selected for a thirty-mile range for big guns. The ducks may fly away, but if they knew it the place is safer than ever.

A chaplain for every 1,200 men in the army and navy foreshadows a serious draft on the supply of clerics, already below the needs of home sinners. The latter doubtless will meet the sacrifice with due humility and conscript the deacons to lead in prayer.

A showing of building operations for nine months surpassing the same period last year is notable evidence of Omaha's forward speed. Labor troubles and high material costs, two adverse factors unusually prominent this year, failed to check constructive enterprise.

Down in old Missouri the popularity of the German language in the schools sags painfully and French grows correspondingly in favor. In one girls' college at St. Louis only sixteen out of 250 students elected to take the disliked language, and the class was abandoned.

Merely by accident a Minneapolis importer of matches discovered one of the supposed methods of smuggling fine steel into Germany from Sweden. About half the Minneapolis invoice had a small steel spring concealed in the bottom of each match box. It is assumed the package was switched in the wrong direction in Sweden.

Dummheit

New York Evening Fost It is a good German word and it is a word which Germans themselves have freely applied to their own rulers. After the revelations of the last few days they will be inclined to apply it with more freedom and bitterness than ever. In the way of criminal proceedings the German govern-ment has lost the power to give the world any-thing novel. The worst is now easily believed. But in displays of stupidity German officials seem But in displays of stupidity German officials seem to be able to go on surpassing even themselves. What most strikes one in the Bernstorff attempt to corrupt congress and in all the plotting and vio-lation of the law in which the German embassy and its agents and dupes engaged is not so much the wickedness of the whole as its crass folly. These astute supermen of diplomacy were im-posed upon right and left. They were veritable "easy marks" for adventurers and fakers. The money they poured out was largely wasted. They bought men for thousands who were notoriously "easy marks" for adventurers and fakers. The money they poured out was largely wasted. They bought men for thousands who were notoriously not worth a nickel. And their miscalculations throughout were simply ludicrous. They had more blundering conceptions of the real forces that sway this country than were ever before enter-tained by a single set of incompetents. A child in the kindergarten would have had a better idea of means and ends than that they acted upon. They were credulous beyond belief; they were bled through the nose by all sorts of impostors; they ' either understood their job nor how to go about it. Of boasted German efficiency in gov-ernment they made a screaming farce. With all the outside world now aware of this, how long will it be before the German people understand it?

### United States Control of Shipping.

October 15 has been set as the date on which the United States will commandeer all vessels under the American flag and put into effect the uniform schedule of charter rates determined upon. This is by far the most drastic step yet taken by the federal government in its price control operations. A basic rate for monthly charters, beginning with \$5.75 per deadweight ton for vessels above 10,000 tons deadweight capacity and going up to \$7 for vessels as small as 2,500 to 3,000 tons, determined for a speed of eleven knots, with a bonus of 50 cents per knot or fraction, is fixed. When this is contrasted with rates that have been as high as \$100 per ton from New York to British ports the radical character of the reduction that has been made will be apparent. No feature of all the war has been so marked as the rapacity of the vessel owners. They have capitalized the necessities of the nations at enormous profits to themselves and by their operations have aided in levying tribute on all industries and commerce of character. This, too, in face of every possible protection given them against the dangers and vicissitudes of war, with ample government insurance in case of destruction, thereby making vessel and cargo owners alike immune to loss. Neutral ship owners will be under the same control, as port privileges may be denied them in event of their refusal to conform to regulations established. Moreover, it is held that under stress of emergency the government has the right to commandeer any neutral ship for its uses. As the United States has shipping to the extent of almost 3,000,000 tons of its own, the addition of the fleets it is now able to control will pretty well insure a reduction in ocean freight rates and thus eliminate one of the scandalous phases of the war, with a corresponding influence on prices.

### Inscribe the Names on a Roll of Honor.

Over at Chicago the municipal authorities are to accord official recognition to the men who have been serving on the various exemption boards by inscribing their names on a roll of honor in the public records. This in an example which could well be followed in Omaha, for here, as everywhere, these men have been performing a most onerous and exacting task. Few of them will even put in a claim for the nominal compensation which they may have for the asking. Although drafted to this work, they are in reality serving as volunteers at no inconsiderable sacrifice of their own private interests.

Taken altogether, the exemption boards, local and district, rank high above the average and command the confidence of the public in their ability and desire to give every one a square deal As a consequence there have been practically no complaints here so far of unfairness or favoritism or of yielding to undue influence. These exemption board members already have that highest reward, the feeling of self-satisfaction, but they are entitled to something more in the way of a testimonial of public gratitude.

Rushing school improvement bonds into a market fairly smothered with the federal loan and interest rates rising suggests business foresight going to seed.

To prepare for Christmas is to do a great deal ore than help the Postoffice department handle the mail. It is to help relieve the greatest of our holidays, the season of most delightful traditions and memories, of the crowding and pushing, the noise and hysteria, which are becoming all too much a part of it. You do not have to be very old to reflect that Christmas nowadays is not much like it used to be, and that the old kind was the best. There is undoubtedly something of a reaction against it. The spugs are only one symptom. To more and more people every year Christmas is becoming simply a heavy expense and a lot of extra work. The way to have a "safe and sane" Christmas is to prepare for it ahead of time plan your giving and enjoy the old-time spirit of it.

### The Burst Bubble

Senator James Hamilton Lewis made an in teresting contribution to literature bearing upon the war when he presented in the senate the report of Admiral Dewey to the Navy department repeating a threat of German world conquest made by Captain von Goetzen of the German navy in 1898. The German officer boldly warned Dewey that about fifteen years from that time Germany would start a great war, take Paris and then hurry across the channel and crush Eng-

"Some months after we finish our work in Europe," he said, "we will take New York and probably Washington and hold them for some time. We will put your country in its place with reference to Germany. We do not propose to take any of your territory, but we do not propose to take any of your territory, but we do intend to take a billion or so of your dollars from New York and other places. The Monroe doctrine will be taken charge of by us, as we will then have put you in your place."

Dewey, then in comman. of the American Asiatic fleet, thought this boastful statement of enough importance to make report of it to the department and it is to be found in the archives. Interesting though it is and startling in its brutal frankness, it will occasion little surprise among the American people, since there has been a general impression here for many years that Germany's var preparations were based upon some such delirium as this. Germany's course during all of the present kaiser's reign obviously was aimed at the accomplishment of world domination. The American public has not forgotten the with Dewey in Manila bay in that memorable month of May, 1898. Dewey stopped the inter-ference by notifying the Germans that if they were looking for a fight they could get it right there.

The kaiser, it appears, was late in starting his world conquest and, once he started it, he met such delays that he is now running far behind schedule time. New York is doing very nicely and Washington remains in the hands of the Americans. The Hohenzollern hubble has burst. the vision has vanished into air, the German government stands balked in its designs and the in-same effort to vanquish the world has accomplished nothing but misery and suffering.

Haverhill, Mass. Died at Cincinnati, September 4, 1890.

1842-Marcus Whitman left his mission station on the Walla Walla river and began a perilous overland journey to St. Louis to plead with the missionary board for permission to continue his work among the Indians.

1848-Emperor of Austria dissolved the Hungarian parliament and proclaimed martial law. 1863-President Lincoln instituted a

national thanksgiving.

1867—Elias Howe, inventor of the sewing machine, died in Brooklyn, N. Y. Born at Spencer, Mass., July 9, 1819.

1914-Rusten Bey, Turkish ambassador at Washington, quit his post because of official dissatisfaction with his published views on American affairs. 1915-Russia sent ultimatum to Bulgaria.

### The Day We Celebrate.

Frederick Simpson, retired, is 75 today. He owned Omaha's pioneer blacksmith and carriage shop on Cuming street. He was captain in the Thir-ty-fifth regiment in the civil war. Major General William C. Gorgas, surgeon general of the United States army, born at Mobile, Ala., sixty-three

years ago today. Nora Bayes, noted singing come-dienne of the American stage, born in

Chicago thirty-seven years ago today. Crown Prince Carol, heir to the Roumanian throne, born in Bucharest

twenty-four years ago today. Royal C. Johnson, representative in congress of the Second South Dakota district, born at Cherokee, Ia., thirty-

five years ago today. Andrew J. Montague, former governor of Virginia, now a member of congress, horn in Campbell county, Virginia, fifty-five years ago today. Miss Virginia Gildersleeve, dean of Barnard college, born in New York City forty years ago today.

### Timely Jottings and Reminders.

Today has been fixed by the War de-partment as the date for summoning another large contingent of draft forces for the National army. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is

scheduled to speak at Madison, Wis., today in the interest of the Second Liberty loan bond issue.

Plans to enlist women in agricultural work to meet the nation's necessities during the war will be considered by the National Woman's Farm and Garden association at its annual con-vention to be held today in Chicago. A political working agreement

among the prohibitionists, progressives, socialists, single taxers and union labor is said to be the purpose of a conference to be held today in Chi-cago. There will be 100 delegates, twenty from each contingent, and they will meet behind closed doors.

Storyette of the Day.

William Williams hated nicknames. He used to say that most fine given names were ruined by abbreviation, which was a sin and a shame. "I myself," he said, "am one of six brothers. We were all given godd. old-fashioned Christian names, but all those names were shortened into meaningless or feeble monosyllables by our friends. I shall name my chil-dren so that it will be impracticable

to curtall their names." The Williams family, in the course of time, was blessed with five children, all boys. The eldest was named after the father—William. Of course, that could be shortened to Will or enfeebled to Willie-but wait! A second son came and was christened Willard. "Aha!" chucked Mr. Williams. "Now everybody will have to speak the full name of each of these boys in order to distinguish them." In pursuance of this scheme the

next three sons were named Wilbert, Wilfred and Wilmont.

They are all big boys now. And they are respectively known to their intimates as Bill, Skinny, Butch, Chuck and Kid.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Michigan believes it has enough salt to supply the world for 2,000 years.



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