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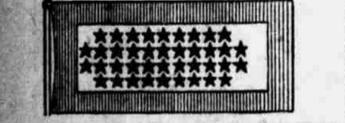
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"Work or fight!"

The old wooden sleeper is still adding to its list of victims.

Uncle Sam is slowly but surely taking up the lost motion in his war machinery.

Get ready for the war savings drive; it is one way by which you can help and help at the same time.

Nebraska wheat fields are pouring their golden treasure into the big heap that is to defy hunger and defeat famine wherever American generosity can reach.

Commissioner Ringer wants suggestions as to how to control traffic. The Bee ventures to propose that pedestrians and drivers alike be taught the rule of the road.

One hundred thousand soldiers from Yankee-land to France in a week is a pretty fair proof that we are getting into the game right. In this light the kaiser's anxiety can be appreciated.

From western Russia to western France by way of Vladivostok and North America is going a long way to get into a fight, but 50,000 Czechs are taking that trip to show their earnestness.

"Think of Wilson suggesting Henry Ford for United States senator for Michigan" Yes, but can anyone think of Wilson suggesting our present democratic United States senator for senator for Nebraska?

The Lincoln Journal seems almost disconsolate over the outcome of the disloyalty trial of members of the State university faculty. Better make the best of it; pull in a notch or two and speed up the spirit of patriotism.

One of the real jokes of the war is that told of the German effort to surprise a Yankee post and take some prisoners. It worked, with reverse English, and when the news of that exploit is told in Berlin, if it ever is, American stupidity will be more than ever condemned.

Drive for War Savings.

On Friday of this week a nation-wide concerted effort is to be made to close up the War Savings account. While Nebraska has gone to the front and held a proud place in this endeavor to raise money, many other states have sadly lagged, and in communities where success ought to have been easy the sale of stamps is almost a failure. Several reasons have been suggested for this, all conjectural and maybe none of them the right one. More to the point is that for some time attention has been systematically given to the spread of information concerning the stamps, their purpose and how to obtain them. This propaganda is to be followed up immediately with the drive to interest all. The thrift stamps have a number of attractive qualities, but chief of them is that through the purchase of them the habit of saving is inculcated. Twenty-five cents at a time may be invested, to draw liberal interest and certain of return on the government's guaranty. This puts the stamp within the reach of the humblest of investors, and gives everybody a chance to help out in the great problem of financing the war. It is needless to descant on the virtues and benefits that come in the train of thrift properly applied. Just acquire the stamp habit, and the rest will be made plain.

"WORK OR FIGHT."

Little disposition to cavil at the order to "work or fight" has been noted at any time, but some whose affairs may be disarranged by its enforcement have awaited with interest the pronouncement from the provost marshal general as to how it is to be enforced. General Crowder's classification of occupations as to usefulness will bear close scrutiny, also, and should bring home to everybody the seriousness of the business we are engaged in. While most of the people have long realized that our country is at war, a few have declined to consider the fact from any angle save as it touched upon their own personal comfort.

Some of these have seemed at times to resent the interference of the national enterprise with their private plans, and others have acted as if imbued with an idea that they might pursue their own fancies and wait for the urgency, if ever, to make contribution to the common cause. It is not charged that these people are lacking in patriotism, or are unwilling to give in service or otherwise to help out. They simply have failed to grasp the significance of what is going on around them, or, with understanding, have thoughtfully withheld from joining the general movement. They are comparable in some measure to the young man who has abstained from volunteering, feeling that when the draft called him it was time enough to give over his personal interest and take up the public burden.

General Crowder is now bringing the stern reality directly home to all, and soon whatever individual effort is expended in our land will go in the general direction of helping to win the war. "Work or fight" is a good motto for all.

Babies on a Standard Basis.

Eugenics has evidently passed its zenith as a topic of interest in New Zealand, for from that land of many innovations comes a more advanced proposal for standardization of the human family. This time the baby's advent is awaited, and then he is brought to scale through being fed on a prescribed diet. Laying aside any question of desirability of a standardized race, those who have had any amount of experience with babies will be extremely dubious as to the success of feeding all alike. The London Lancet gravely discusses this point, and solemnly points out that a London baby has been known to thrive on a diet rejected by a Bradford infant. Such a divergence of taste in food sometimes exists in the same household, where offspring of the same parents have shown a marked difference in ability to thrive on certain diets. Even were some patient investigator rewarded by the discovery of a food that would meet the needs and tastes of all infants, would the mothers be willing to adopt it? It is doubtful, for each baby's mother is sure that her own is apart from all others, and she wants it reared in her own way, at least until it has reached the time when it can sit up and take nourishment along with the elders of the family. The New Zealand plan may serve to divert us from the war for a moment, but a much stronger request than has yet been heard is needed to get the world ready for a uniform grade of babies.

Military Law and Good Morals.

In the news reports of a single day came accounts of transactions in application of military discipline that arrest attention. First of these is the act of the president in extending clemency to two young soldiers under sentence of death for sleeping when on duty as sentinels. This crime is one of the greatest that can be committed, and when in presence of the enemy it carried but one penalty. Nobody will grumble because the president has exercised his supreme function and granted full pardon to these boys, young and inexperienced, and against whom no intentional disloyalty is alleged. They will doubtless by their conduct repay the country for the boon of life granted. Against these may be contrasted the dismissal of a captain of the quartermaster's department, caught in petty thievery, and the arrest of another, accused of soliciting bribes from clothing contractors. What can be said in defense of these men? Each is a man of mature years and of business experience, else he would not have been clothed with the rank and responsibilities put upon him. As a proposition of morals, it is easy to distinguish between the fault of the boy, who, worn out by hard marching, yields to nature's demand and falls to sleep on his post, and that of the man of ripe years and judgment, who deliberately plans to pilfer from the government. Consequences of the boy's act may be the more severe, but that of the man is surely the more despicable. It is fortunate for the service that few sleepy sentinels have been found, and equally so that dishonest officers are also scarce. But the military law ought to deal with a thief or a grafter more rigorously.

Ferdinand of Roumania may now comprehend what was in Emperor Karl's mind when he urged the necessity of kings sticking together. The populace is steadily prying them apart.

If any sport is to be preserved it should be base ball, but the great game will not be forgotten if it finally must be adjourned for the war period.

Views, Reviews and Interviews

Changes to Be Noted in Omaha in the Period of Twenty-Five Years.

With so much space in this issue given over to selections from what I have heretofore written for The Bee and other publications, it seems that I should have consideration here for the reader and celebrate the completion of my 25 years in the newspaper harness by omitting this column. But I do not want to start the next 25 years with such a hiatus in its continuity. One scarcely realizes the changes of a quarter of a century until some such occasion compels a retrospection. The changes in Omaha's outward appearance, in the scope and volume of its business, in its social and civic activities are almost incomprehensible, but the most noticeable changes, of course, are the changes wrought by the procession of time on the personality of the people figuring in current events.

Twenty-five years ago, Grover Cleveland had just begun his second term in the White House, Lorenzo Crouse was governor of Nebraska. Our state was represented in the senate by Charles F. Manderson and William V. Allen. In the lower house of congress, David H. Mercer had just been chosen to represent this district. William Jennings Bryan was still a member of congress from another Nebraska district, to retire the next year and put his name at the head of the editorial page of our present democratic senator's newspaper. In the city, George P. Bemis was mayor, assisted by a city council of 18 members, half of them representing wards and the other half chosen at large. The schools were under the direction of Superintendent Frank A. Fitzpatrick.

Omaha in reality had in 1893 approximately 75,000 population, although the previous census had been padded up to 140,000 names. The Bee building and the New York Life building were the only two modern fire-proof office buildings we could boast of. The then new city hall and federal building had been completed, but we still admired the old court house and the old high school building, both torn down a few years ago to make way for the present beautiful structures. We had not a trolley car running on our street, no passenger depot, the Transmississippi Exposition was still unopened. Our numerous present day "skyscrapers" were possible visions of only the dreamers. And in the life of a growing community 25 years is almost as a day.

In the death of Dr. Charles C. Allison Omaha has lost one of the men who has done as much if not more than any other to make this city the acknowledged medical and hospital center for this section of the middle west and the point of radiation, through out

Sartorial Economy With Bark On

The really economical house-mother buys dress goods that are alike on both sides, knowing that after a season's wear the home dressmaker can turn and sponge a gown of that sort and make it up wrong-side-out as good as new, provided only it is given some camouflage trimming for the neighbors. Lordly man who has profited by this sort of cleverness, and has condescended to approve it for that reason, never dreamed that his own wardrobe could come to such a pass. But the war is doing queer things and among them is the offer of a literally "warred robe" to the men who buy fine goods and patronize fine tailors. One such artist-artisan announces that he will turn and remake a whole suit of good quality for \$16.50, or that he will turn and resew shiny trousers for \$4.

Here is an economy that strikes a man where he lives. Whether 'tis better to buy a new \$75 suit or to let the tailor turn the old one for \$16.50 and buy a Liberty bond and a lot of war savings stamps with the balance, is now a problem which confronts every "good dresser on and off"—as the theatrical advertisements have it. "Is a man a shaver, or does he turn his trousers?" is one of the questions which will presently assail those guides who purvey "good form" to the masses. The first and most obvious answer is another question: "Will the trousers turn?" If the stripes on the outside run up and down, while those on the wrong side run crosswise, we venture to hope that the man who buys a new pair and sends the old ones to the Goodwill house will not run the risk of a detention camp. At the same time we foresee a "boom" in the cloth market for goods alike on both sides. The next step in the war economy will be the sign in some little tailor shop: "Trousers pressed while you wait, 25 cents; trousers turned, 50 cents."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Consider the Soldier's Father

Prof. W. W. Campbell of Lick observatory has a son with whose name the world is familiar. He has just received word that this son has been slightly wounded. The son is Lieut. Douglas Campbell, the first American-trained "ace." A few days ago a friend of the professor—probably Eliphaz the Temanite, or Bildad the Shuhite, or Zophar the Naamathite—chose an agreeable topic of conversation the great danger of the land of service in which the young man was engaged. We may infer from the professor's answer that Bildad dwelt on his son's youth, and deplored the possibility of a premature end; for the answer was: "A man's life should not be measured in years, but by what he accomplishes. My son's letters say he is happy to be over here."

That is the answer of a Roman—no, of an American—father. We hear a great deal, these days, of such an agreeable topic of conversation the great danger of the land of service in which the young man was engaged. We may infer from the professor's answer that Bildad dwelt on his son's youth, and deplored the possibility of a premature end; for the answer was: "A man's life should not be measured in years, but by what he accomplishes. My son's letters say he is happy to be over here."

Editorial Shrapnel

Minneapolis Tribune: This is the time when the heavy cross is invited to find his place in the sun.

Minneapolis Journal: Germany may stick to flightiness, but Director McAdoo's rightness is one of freightsomeness.

Louisville Courier-Journal: "God will help further," declares the kaiser. Going to board the hospitals or down more women and children?

Baltimore Evening News: Berlin is advertising a great naval drive. It also advertised a dinner to be given by the kaiser in Paris. But it isn't keeping faith with the promises therein set forth.

Brooklyn Eagle: Uncle Sam is providing for his esteemed but fever victims or devotees in a national foray of 20,000,000 tons of steel for the mountains, where the pollens cease their troubling and the weezers are at rest. He's a pretty good uncle, even in war times.

New York Herald: Production of bituminous coal last week was the largest in the history of the industry, nearly 12 and one-half millions. If the output could be kept up to an average of 12,000,000 tons weekly for the remainder of the year the country's requirements would be fully met.

New York World: The Italians' feat in torpedoing two large battleships of the Viribus Unitis class near the Dalmatian straits was accomplished under the most difficult circumstances. The Austrian navy, like the German, is safest when lying under the protection of harbor guns.

Some California timber has been found to be particularly suited for the manufacture of artificial silk.

It is estimated that 70 per cent of the residents of the United States use electricity in some form every day.

Seventy-five per cent of the wealth of the country is in the hands of families receiving incomes of \$9,500 or less.

A group of retail grocers in Vancouver, B. C., recently conducted a campaign of advertising to educate the public to the desirability of using whole meat.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland is said to have spent about \$650,000 during the last 15 months in the purchase of agricultural implements.

A scheme for collecting several million sea-gull eggs to relieve the shortage in hen's eggs is being launched in Scotland. The gull's egg is said to be an excellent substitute for the hen's egg.

The first steamboat on Lake Erie, the Walk in the Water, was launched at Black Rock, a short distance below Buffalo, just 100 years ago. She made her maiden voyage from Buffalo to Detroit in the following August.

Insurance experts contend that a woman who is in good health at the age of 45 is likely to outlive a man of the same age, because she is apt to be more temperate and less liable to accidents.

Around the Cities

Teachers in the public schools of Pittsburgh have been granted an annual war bonus of \$100.

Down in Kansas City the summer cry is: "Boil the city water." A wise precaution, in view of the quality of goods requiring a "chaser."

Washington has a greater number of sight-seers than any city in the union. The latest addition to the fleet is a 30-foot car seating 60 persons.

Autographed loyalty pledges will be required of all teachers and employees of the Board of Education of St. Louis, beginning next September. Refusal to sign up severs the party from the payroll.

Minneapolis loyalists jumped fore and aft on Mayor Van Lear at the primary ballot box. It was the first chance they had to emphasize their contempt for a socialistic slacker and they did it good and plenty.

St. Joseph boosters have launched a recruiting campaign for harvest hands for work in the fields of Missouri and Kansas. Efforts are mainly directed toward convincing farmers and employers a release of men in industrial establishments and using them to make sure of the grain crop.

ODD BITS OF LIFE.

A score of backward cities east and west are just starting their war stamp drives. In most instances the Nebraska plan is the model of action.

Naturalists declare that fish make love to the partners of their choice practically in the same way that pigeons coo and bow to their mates.

In certain of the rural sections of England it is a belief that a bride at the altar, to insure a happy wedded life, should on no account allow anyone to speak to her husband before she has addressed him by name.

Many years ago some ingenious workmen in Petrograd carved six cannon out of blocks of ice, turned them in lathes, and bored them for 6-1/2 inches. They actually fired salutes from them. The ice was sufficiently strong to withstand the explosion of 2,000 grains of gunpowder.

Idaho is the only state able to boast of a railway run solely by one man. The track was once a portion of an irrigation system, long since abandoned. An enterprising individual conceived the idea of operating the road with a high-powered motor truck, built with flanged wheels, and with two trailers to carry freight and baggage.

A certain American jurist has drawn up a dietary to cure all the ills that flesh is heir to. Thus, for bad temper he prescribes pigs' knuckles, tripe, buttermilk and stale bread; for wife-beating, vegetables, nuts and cereals, jelly-cake and lady-fingers; for drinking, milk, candy and irradiated, for cold feet, buckwheat cakes, sausage, fried potatoes and ehal' roe.

SELF DEPENDENCE.

Weariness of myself, and sick of asking What I am, and what I ought to be. At this vessel's prow I stand, which bears me— Forwards, forwards, o'er the starboard sea.

And a look of passionate desire O'er the sea and to the stars I send: "Ye who from my childhood up have calmed me, Calm me, ah, compose me to the end!"

"Ah, once more," I cried, "ye stars, ye waters, On my heart your mighty charm renew; Still, still let me, as I gaze upon you, Feel my soul becoming vast like you!"

From the intense, clear, star-strown vault of heaven, Over the lit sea's unquiet way, In the rustling night air came the answer: "Wouldst thou be as these are? Live as they."

"Unfrighted by the silence round them, Undistracted by the sights they see, These demand not that the things without them, Yield them love, amusement, sympathy, "And with joy the stars perform their shining."

And the sea its long moon-silvered roll: For selfpoised they live nor pine with not-thing. All the fever of some differing soul. "Bounded by themselves and unregardful In what state God's other works may be, In their own tanks all their powers pouring, Thumbed and thumbed, the mighty life you see, O air-born volent long since severely clear, A cry like thine in mine own heart I hear: "Resolve to be thyself; and know that he Who finds himself, loses his misery!" —MATHEW ARNOLD.

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WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

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DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Father—You're late again, Sylvia. The won't do, you know. You must tell that young man of yours that late hours are bad for one!

Sylvia—All right, dad! But they are splendid for two.—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

"It doesn't seem right," said the man with worried brows. "What doesn't seem right?" "That a mere cow can afford to wear all that leather!"—Washington Star.

Mrs. Justward—You must not expect me to give up my girlhood ways all at once, dear. Justward—That's all right; go on taking an allowance from your father just as if nothing had happened.—Boston Transcript.

Physician's Wife—Are your affairs in bad shape, John? Physician—Yes, but I hope to pull through. My creditors have extended my papers to the middle of the watermelon season.—Doctor's Leisure Hour.

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TODAY

Due Year Ago Today in the War. Reception in house of representatives to war commission from Russia.

House of representatives passed food administration bill, giving broad powers to President Wilson.

The Day We Celebrate. Thomas F. Hall, retired real estate agent, born 1841.

Herbert H. Neale, abstractor, born 1854.

Frank E. Clark, broker and school board member, born 1859.

Prince of Wales, heir apparent to the British throne, born at White Lodge, Richmond, 34 years ago.

Brig-Gen. Henry A. Reed, United States army, retired, born at Plattesburgh, N. Y., 74 years ago.

This Day in History. 1757—Clive's victory at Plassey, which laid the foundation for British rule in India.

1799—Americans under General Greene defeated the British at Spring-Field, N. J.

1812—Capt. John Rodgers fired at the British frigate Scythians, the first naval encounter in the war of 1812.

Just 30 Years Ago Today

A very pleasant informal musicale was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Woolworth.

Not less than 100 of the prominent society citizens honored the occasion with their presence to welcome a friend and artist of great merit, Mrs. Fannie Kellogg Bachert, who is visiting in the city for two months.

A June festival under the auspices of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Congregational church was given in the Sunday school rooms of the church.

Miss Bella Barton of Baltimore is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Milroy.

Taking Chances. "But does her heart beat for me alone?"

"You'll have to take a chance. I know of no stethoscope that will throw any light on that subject."

Louisville Courier-Journal.

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