And the price of pork still soars.

Looks like an early spring, but you never

The tigare te bill is a little disfigured, but it

The house censored the movie censor bill, and it is no more.

Somebody ought to remind the noisy German politicians that it was they, not us, that

German potash producers expect to dispose of their surplus stock to the United States. Not if Nebraska knows it.

All together, or none, say the lumber dealers, in regard to the matter of letting down prices. And there you have it.

"Tay Pay" O'Connor sees a commanding anti-British sentiment growing up in America. He ought to look again.

Chevenne is pursuing bank robbers with antomobiles. What has gone wrong in the last stand of the "wild" west?

Twenty-four per cent of General Pershing's army is either at home or on the way, while the other 76 per cent is eager to get started.

The booze-route through Iowa is not traveled as easily as it used to be. But the runners

Uncle Sam is going to cut lo ase some of the wool he holds in stock, and it may be possible in time to get a piece of real woolen goods again.

One of the little ironies of the situation is the German government's being required to deposit money in a bank at Brussels to pay for

The French aviator who was to start on a Transatlantic flight did not, and blames a cracked cylinder. Recalls somehow Walter Wellman's flight from Spitzbergen that never

Also, we have to go to Lincoln to get permission to finish the municipal auditorium. How much longer will Omaha chafe under the leading strings, when it can achieve home rule simply by voting for it?

by right of seniority) of the senate committee | condition, rather than call the republican conon foreign relations supports the League of Nations, we can take up the next order of business. Will the peace conference also support it?

A public bath house on Jefferson square will add to the comfort and happiness of men who are now compelled to go to the river when they want a plunge. But it seems to a man up a tree as if Omaha had other more urgent needs than this.

Base ball being an essential industry, Grover Cleveland Alexander is on his way back from the front. A lot of farmer boys are still on guard over the Rhine. This bit of information will be appreciated in Nebraska, where "Alex" has his home.

The British government is willing to leave the question of the captured German cables to the decision of the peace council. Why would that not be a good place to take the question of the cables captured by Albert E. Burleson some time after the war ended?

May we not congratulate William Jennings Bryan and his excellent wife on having recovered from recent illnesses, and further to felicitate the great commoner on having attained his fifty-ninth birthday, even if the date does bring him that much nearer the Oslerian

#### Bourgeois and Proletarian

The word bourgeois is the old French word for a citizen of a bourg, or city; we have the same word in English as burgher. Originally distinguished the town dweller from the noble who lived in his castle or the peasant who dwelt in the hamlet among the fields. Then, since the bourgeois was likely to be a tradesman or a craftsman the word came to have that

meaning, too. .As a noun it described the thrifty, industrious member of the mercantile or manufactur ing classes; as an adjective it described the qualities, the standards and the characteristics of those classes. In the most modern sense of all-that employed by the socialist writers who take their cue from Karl Marx-the word is used to mean those who have accumulated some property, those who are in a position to

employ other people and to pay them wages. The word proletarian comes from the Latin word proles (offspring), and 2,000 years ago, was used by the Romans to designate the less substantial and useful members of society, those who had nothing except their children to offer to the support of the state. The word also has taken other shades of meaning until it has come to be applied to a member of the community who has no other capital than the strength of his hands; the laborer or workingman who lives, as it were, from hand to mouth, and who has no reserves to support him in

ime of need ·It is fair to say that until the great immigration of the last 40 years and the consequent growth of great industrial establishments there was, among the white people of the United States, no class that could properly be called proletarian. The proletariat we have today is made up almost wholly of recent immigrants who brought with them to this country the traditions, the prejudices and the suspicions of their European class. A great many of our foreign-born fellow citizens have worked out of that state of mind and of purse and are today prosperous and independent, but there are millions who are still near enough to the conelitions that they grew up in to afford fertile soil for the propaganda of proletarian socialm.-Youth's Companion.

LET US CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS. Omalia is entertaining a number of projects just at the present time, some of them quite nebulous, none of them very far advanced, and a few at least of doubtful character as to feasibility or desirability. The absence of a definite or fixed program renders discussion of any of

the suggested schemes desultory or ineffective. The growth of the city is faster than most of its inhabitants can appreciate or understand. Rrovisions that were considered ample a few years ago have been outgrown, and those of the moment are being strained every day to meet requirements. This in itself has interfered with the realization of a great many dreams for public improvement or the setting up of conveniences for general accommodation. Experience ought to teach us something in this connection.

Instead of scattering around with a multiplicity of alluring projects and getting nothing done on any, would it not be wise to carefully consider all, determine what are most needed, what will be most useful and what we can best afford, and finally to decide on something and

For illustration, the enthusiasm for a soldiers' memorial a little while back was so general that almost any sort of a plan would have had support had it been presented in a concrete form. Tentative suggestions then made have been laid aside or forgotten, other proposals equally tentative have been brought forward and we have made no nearer approach to a decision than when the subject was originally

Would it not be well for our expensive city planning board, the city commissioners, the Chamber of Commerce and other public and quasi-public agencies to get together, unite on some program and set the wheels in motion to accomplish something other than inconsequential debate?

#### Another Call From the Red Cross.

Peace conference delays are accepted as a matter of diplomacy, the processes of which are generally those of delay. The naked women and children of the devastated districts of Europe are not clothed by fine words and ringing proclamations from Paris. Neither do wellworked-up arguments for abstract principles provide shelter for sufferers turned out into the weather by war. Therefore, the American Red Cross again has appealed to our people for donations of cast-off clothing. Omaha is allotted are not deterred by the loss of a cargo and car. | the task of gathering 35,000 pounds of this clothing, and is asked to have it ready at once. That is the proposition, stated in its simplest terms. A short, intensive "drive" is being planned, and the big-hearted people of the community are hereby adjured to ransack their closets and wardrobes, that they may locate anything left over from previous drives, or which may have been laid aside since the last one, and have it ready for the workers, for the destitute of Europe need it, and there is no other way to clothe them at the present time.

#### Miserable Peanut Politics.

"A lie well stuck to is better than the truth half told," is the motto emblazoned on the banner of the Omaha Hyphenated organ of incompetent democracy. For example, ever since the late congress, in which the democrats controlled both senate, house and all the committees, failed to make provision for carrying on the government, and the democratic president preferred to Now that we know why the late chairman let the government drift along in its helpless gress together, the Omaha Hyphenated has been shouting "republican filibuster." On the front page of its Tuesday morning issue appears the headline: "Congress' Failure May Cut Funds for Soldier Families. Republican Filibuster Keeps Aid From Needy."

The purpose of this is obvious. Its effect as well as its intent is made the plainer on reading the article it captions. This says: "There is no shortage in the funds for allotments, since this is deducted from the soldiers' pay, but the funds available for allowances added to the allotments are limited." Does this mean that the soldiers' families are to be allowed to suffer?

1 The same article goes on: "Cabinet members have cabled the president reports of serious conditions in their respective departments caused by the failure of congress to appropriate funds." The president was well advised of these conditions before he sailed from France, but positively refused to call an extra session.

How is it possible to put on republicans the blame for this colossal exhibit of democratic

### Courtesy and the Man Below.

You recall the old story of the grizzled sea dog, who pulled his foretop and answered the captain's question as to what was wanted with the statement: "Just a little common courtesy, and the commonest blankety-blank kind of courtesy will do." A writer in the Railway Age, discussing "Decreasing the 'Man Mileage,'" descants on the effect of the wording of messages from officers to subordinates. He illustrates his point with some sample messages, each showing something of petulance, impatience, or downright discourtesy. Against these he contrasts the sentences as they might have been framed to express the same ideas or convey the same meaning, yet without having the irritating quality of being hastily written, carelessly framed communications that defeat their end by arousing antagonism and producing only perfunctory replies. His argument is that men all the way up or down the line are human, and that authority is best enforced when it is wielded with judgment as well as firmness. His conclusion is commended to all who may be in a position to give orders to others: "A closer understanding between officers and men in the ranks will without doubt result in an improvement in our man mileage." Just a little of the commonest kind of courtesy helps a lot at

It was quite complimentary to the Irish to remind them on St. Patrick's day that a lot of prize fighters and pluguglies had worn good old Irish names when carrying on their questionable trades. It recalls to old-timers the occasion when the same paper referred to the A. O. H. convention as a gathering of "Old terriers."

The Postoffice department calls attention to the amount of work the dead letter office has to do, but says nothing of the delay in delivering letters that are plainly and correctly addressed. It is this that most aggravates the public.

The contest between the New York brewers and the collector of internal revenue is interesting reading as an abstraction, but out here we have the concrete fact of an air-tight, bone-dry

#### Insured by Uncle Sam

New York Times.

When Secretary McAdoo said in his bulletin of January 1, 1918, entitled "Uncle Sam's Insurance for Soldiers and Sailors," that "the government is making a liberal, an unprecedented offer to the fighting forces," he may be said to have spoken with great moderation. Never was such a generous offer made to men going into battle on land or sea. About 4,000,000 men have taken advantage of it. The effect on morale must have been tremendous. Bravery was stimulated, devotion to duty intensified. If fate ordered that a man was to be killed, or even to die, in a home camp or port while awaiting the call to battle, his beneficiary would never be an object of charity. If it was decreed that a soldier or sailor was to be disabled, he would re-ceive from the government a certain sum of money every month as long as he lived in addition to separate compensation.

In the old days the dependent relatives of a soldier killed in battle might have to beg their bread, and a soldier mutilated might exhibit his injuries to collect pennies in a tin cup. His grateful country in course of time provided a pension for him if his case were presented in the proper form by a lawyer who very often was not altruistic. But Uncle Sam changed all that when he drafted men to fight, took them from their work and homes, willing or not, in doing which he recognized an obligation to protect them and their families from the hazards of war. The result was that an invincible army fought on the fields of France.

In June, 1918, 70 marines fell in battle in an attack somewhere near the Marne. All had taken out the insurance provided by the law of October 6, 1917. Fifty-seven of them had carried the maximum, \$10,000; one was insured for \$8,000 and 12 for \$5,000. The government obligation was \$500,000. Earlier in the same month of June, 1918, a young soldier who had been ill in camp at Wrightstown, N. J., died of pneumonia. Just before he went to the hospital he had taken out a policy for \$10,000, naming his mother as beneficiary. Today, the war hav-ing passed into history, several million soldiers and sailors, including officers, are insured with Uncle Sam; and unless they neglect to pay premiums they will carry policies to the end of life at rates which no private company could propose, rates so low that only a benevolent government could offer them.

There were two reasons for the insurance legislation adopted early in the war-the noninsurability of risks incurred by soldiers and sailors, and the forestalling of service pensions. Up to the end of 1918 the United States government had paid out to veterans of the war of the Revolution, the War of 1812, Indian wars, the Mexican war, the civil war, and the war with Spain the vast sum of \$5,215,528,780 in pensions. will probably be found that the war insurance legislation of October, 1917, was a good stroke of business on the part of Uncle Sam. It should be a deterrent to service pensions. What politician will have the effrontery, in our time at least, to ask that any veteran of the great war be helped from the public purse in spite of the option he had to take out an insurance policy on terms that were the despair of the regular companies? The terms: For a soldier or sailor of 18, 63 cents a month for every thousand dollars, and an ascending scale for age up to 64, when the rate was \$3.07 for every thousand dol-

The government pays all expenses of insurance administration. Insurance is creditorproof; it cannot be attached. It is not the only protection provided by the government in the act of October 6, 1917. There is besides monthy compensation for death or injuries or disease suffered in the line of duty." This is entirely independent of the insurance which the soldier or sailor takes out. Compensation, it must be admitted, may open the door to near-pensions, as congress could decide to raise the compensa-

As long ago as April, 1918, the insurance on e books of the war risk bureau "was nearly payments thereon. four times as great as that of the largest com mercial life insurance company in the world" and more than half the total amount of life insurance carried by private companies in the United States. It was then estimated that within a year probably between twenty and thirty billions of dollars of insurance will have been issued." The total is now \$36,000,000,000. About a week before the armistice was signed the war risk insurance bureau was carrying about 4,000,000 policies on the lives of American soldiers and sailors, the bureau having become the largest single establishment of the govern-

#### Burleson's Telephone Failure

Substantial popular support will be given to the appeal of the National Association of Railway and Public Utilities commissioners that the telegraphs and telephones be restored to their owners.

The question is not whether there was any ustification for governmental seizure of these lines or whether there has been favoritism, as is charged, in the financial arrangements which the Postoffice department has made with them. What chiefly concerns the people at this time is the matter of service. That it is poor and growing poorer and that there is no prospect of improvement will be very generally admitted.

It has been charged that the department took over these lines with a definite purpose to establish national ownership, a plan which postmasters general of both parties have advocated for several years. If that was the aim experience has not demonstrated the wisdom of the

Under private management the telephone in New York was efficient and trustworthy. In the hands of the Postoffice department it has ecome in many cases an exasperating nuisance. Judging public operation by its own performances for six months past, it is a failure and furthermore it furnishes the worst possible recommendation for Postmaster General Burleson's grand scheme of public ownership .-New York World.

#### The Day We Celebrate. James G. Martin, live stock commissioner,

William J. Bryan, born at Salem, Ill., 59

years ago. Duke of Westminster, the wealthiest peer in the United Kingdom, born 40 years ago. Sir Lomer Gouin, prime minister of Quebec,

born at Grondines, Quebec, 58 years ago. Gen. George P. Harrison, former congressman, and commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, born near Savannah, Ga.,

78 years ago. Moorfield Storey, eminent Boston jurist and former president of the American Bar association, born at Roxbury, Mass., 74 years ago. Rear Admiral W. McElroy, U. S. N., born in

#### Illinois, 61 years ago. In Omaha 30 Years Ago.

Debate over the new postoffice location discloses that the lots finally bought constituting the square between Sixteenth and Seventeenth and Dodge and Capitol avenue were owned by the Folsom estate (Mrs. Grover Cleveland), Dennis Cunningham, G. M. Hitchcock, William Fleming, Brown, Union National bank, Byron Reed, Mrs. Z. B. Knight.

William F. Cody is the guest of George Canfield. He is to take his Buffalo Bill show to

Paris, sailing April 27, with all his cowboys, indians and ponies. Twenty suits of Mother Hubbard uniforms were received for the county jail for female

J. B. J. Ryan, old time newspaper man, was on the street for the first time after a 12-weeks illness.

### Our Free Legal Aid

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Let The Bee Advise You

Descent and Distribution. P. K. B.—A man dies leaving a boy 10 years of age by a former marriage, also a widow with no children of a second marriage. What is widow's share of estate there being Answer-After the payment of

Should boy be supported and educated out of his share or step-Answer-The court will make an

widow will take a one-fourth inter-

debts and funeral expenses

allowance to be used from the boy's share for his support. Can widow sell any of the property before boy is of age? Answer-Both the real and personal property can be sold for the istration of the estate of the deceased, or if necessary, to obtain funds for the support of the boy, or

can be sold by partition suit. Insurance. Deceased's life insurance is made payable to the estate. Should debts be paid out of insurance money before a division of the estate is made? Answer-Insurance being made payable to the estate is a part of the assets to the same extent that money in the bank would be and all debts, funeral expenses, etc., should be paid before any division is made.

If boy dies after father to whom

does boy's share descend?

Answer—If the deceased shall leave no issue, nor father nor mother, the estate shall descend in equal shares to his brothers and sis ters and to the children of any derepresentation. But if there be no father or mother or brother or sis-ter, the estate shall descend to his next of kin in equal degrees and those who claim through the nearest ancester should be preferred.

#### Iowa Law Distribution

F. M. J .- If a resident of Iowa dies, leaving a widow and five children, three children by a former marriage and two by the second marriage, how will the estate be divided between the widow and the children, the property all being located in Iowa? Will the children of the first marriage share equally with the children of the second mar-riage and will the widow's share on her death go to her children or be divided between all the children? Answer-The widow will take a one-fourth interest in all of the esministration. The remainder of the estate will be divided equally between all of the children, but upon Guardianship.

should the deed be made out?

Answer—You have not stated triotic request of the people to re-facts enough to answer fully, but the deed should no doubt be taken out in the name of the children. If belonging to the children and it is and gross incompetency in the confor their best interests to complete duct of national affairs? It is also court will give you an order to complete the purchase, or will no doubt responsibilities.

The administration never has explored the purchase of the story of the story of the young fellow who

#### Lotteries

Postmaster—I understand that there is a law in this state against the operation of slot machines and punching boards. In spite of this law there is a pool hall proprietor here who operates both and the city council refuses to make him quit. Are they liable to prosecution for nonenforcement of law, and, if not, who is supposed to enforce it? Answer-It is the duty of the city fail to do so they are subject to pros The county attorney, however, is the proper person for you to consult relative to the enforcement of the aw in your case.

J. G. C.—I do not know whether I should make an income tax return or not. I had about \$3,000 in receipts, but upon filling the farmers' schedule I find I have a small loss instead of a net gain, but am in doubt as to whether I should make

Answer-Under the income tax law all persons who received a net income of more than \$1,000 if a sina married person or head of family. are required to make a return, regardless of whether or not the exemptions allowed on account of loss or otherwise, would require them to

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# Little Folks' Corner

#### DREAMLAND **ADVENTURE** By DADDY

(The Flying Ogre traps Lonesome Bear a cave after trying to shoot him.) CHAPTER III.

Balky Sam Comes Home. caught this way," scolded
Billy Belgium, as Lonesome Bear
wept over his plight.
"I don't want

cept with blueberries and acorns and nice things to eat," wailed Lonesome Bear in answer.

Billy walked up to the stakes which which barred the entrance to he cave and tried to pull them out.

He couldn't budge one of them. We will have to get a saw to cut "Don't leave me!" begged Lone-



Welcome home from war!" cried Peggy and Billy.

ome Bear. "The Ogre and the aviator will, be back soon to smoke me out. Then they will shoot me." From the bushes across the river ame a surprising bit of advice. "Get a gas mask and they can't oke you out.

the speaker. No one was in swered Billy. sight. Lonesome Bear was so wrapped up in his troubles that he hadn't we did to Hun traps in Europe, heard the voice. He went right on brayed Balky Sam.
with his wailings. "I don't want to He plunged into the river, with

"Then get a helmet!" advised the unseen speaker.
Billy pushed Peggy behind him. The speaker might be the Ogre.
"Who are you, and what do you want?" shouted Billy Belgium.

In answer a head bobbed up from among the bushes—a head even more scary than that of the Ogre in his goggle-eyed helmet. This head had a round top, big ears, huge eyes, bulging cheeks and a trunk like that of an elephant. "Gee-whillikers!" exclaimed Billy, using one of the favorite words of the Giant of the Woods. "Golli-

kins!" said Peggy, peeking around his shoulders. Low down in the bushes, a second head poked itself out, a head just like the first one, only it had smaller ears. Then, over at one side, anpeared a third head—one with horns instead of ears. All three stared at the children with unblinking eyes.

Billy raised his bean shooter, and, "Puff!" a bean sped across the river, landing on the first head. Plink; went the bean, bounding off. Another shot sped right into the eye of the second head. The shot hit and bounded off, but the eye didn't

even wink.
"Gee-whillikers!" said Billy again. "He-haw; Get a cannon," advised the first head.

"Ha, I know you now," cried Pegleaping from behind Billy Balky Sam, you march right out of those bushes. "He-haw! Hee-haw! We fooled you just like we fooled the Huns,"

brayed Balky Sam triumphantly, parading out of the bushes on his hand legs. On his head he wore a German helmet and over his face he had a gas mask. No wonder he had a gas mask. No wonder Peggy and Billy didn't recognize him. And out of the bushes, too, trotted Billy Goat and Johnny Bull, each wearing a helmet and a mask. "Welcome home from war!" cried

Peggy and Billy.
"What's the matter over there? Got some fighting to do?" bra Balky Sam, shaking off his mask. "Lonesome Bear has been trapped Peggy and Billy whirled around to in his den by the Flying Ogre," "Hee-haw! We'll show you what

Daily Dot Puzzle

Sixty lines and then you'll see My old - from Tennessee.

Billy Goat and Johnny Bull swim-(In temorrow's chapter the attempt to

## The Bee's Letter Box

Democratic Incompetency. though the late democratic congress tor is to have the same voice as the placed itself so completely in the "gentleman from Timbucto." No tate after the payment of all debts hands of Mr. Wilson and depended more, no less.

of the deceased and the cost of adabsolutely upon him to map out its Maybe it's all right—maybe it's all

late general election. Is this not another illustration of you have any funds in your hands the democratic party's inefficiency

loyal assistance rendered the presi-dent by republican congressmen and senators in putting over important war measures when certain of his own party opposed or refused to vote when important war legislation was before congress for consideration. The democratic party is nothing if

furthermore, it will get another one

Partnerships. Council Bluffs, Ia., March 17 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Prudent business men are cautious about partnerships. And it is well. This is able that the United States will be especially true with successful men called upon to defend this hemiwho have established large and pros-perous intistutions. Your Uncle Samuel has been a very successfut that happens. man of business; for more than a Kansas City Star: Vice President hundred years his various enter- Marshall, defending the league plan, prises have grown and prospered says America ought to be willing to until today his domains are vast and eat a little dirt in order to avoid anpeopled by a prosperous and happy other war. Waiving all other points people, and Uncle has managed his of this curious doctrine, just how own affairs, internal and external. much is a little dirt?

FILLING STATIONS;

29th and Leavenworth.

24th and H, South Side.

38th and Farnam.

12th and Harney.

17th and Davenport.

white and the yellow man and the Fullerton, March 17.-To the Edi- black man are to have places on the or of The Bee: To me it appears as directorate. Your Uncle Sam's directorate.

legislative program and even then wrong. A league of nations may be left it to the president to whip the the thing of all things, a panacea for obstreperous members into line, that all the ills flesh is heir to, but after the death of the widow her estate when the chief executive left con-will be divided between her children. gress to itself it was like a ship with- "too many cooks spoil the broth," out a rudder. No congress was ever and the whole meal, too, in many so completely dominated by the cases. Mr. Wilson may possess al J. T. W.—I am guardian for a boy White House as the last one. It ill the wisdom his most ardent admir and girl 14 and 16 years of age.

Their parents bought a lot on payments which is not all paid for. I want to pay out on the lot to save the children's interest therein. How should the deed be made out?

White House as the last one. It ill the wisdom his most ardent admirately and becomes administration organs to expect the failure of important and pressing legislation to be enacted upon the republican is a herculean task and it would be should the deed be made out? president's uncalled-for and unpa-triotic request of the people to re-This never was intended to be a one repugnant to American ideas and

In Mr. Wilson's case one is tempted to say with Cassius: "Upon what meat does this our Caesar feed, that he is 'married in haste and repented a

#### CENTER SHOTS

Philadelphia Ledger: Among cer tain of the confreres at the peace table an armistice may be necessary Minneapolis Tribune: One of the is not inconsistent; it merited the big problems of the day is that which defeat it received at the hands of to do with keeping the railroads the country in November, 1918, and, out of the bread line.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Sinc fighting stopped November 11, it is almost inconceivable that reports of men "killed in action" should be coming March 10.

Washington Post: It's inconceivsphere against outside aggression but nowadays it's the inconceivable

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