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Omaha's live stock receipts have grown from 4,365,550 head in 1900 to 8,742,058 in 1918.
You save a quarter each time you shave yourself now.

What is the law to a policeman, when he feels like making a search?
All crop reports promise Nebraska a bountiful yield, so why be discontent?
Lincoln wants quicker train service, but is it nice to encourage a desire to get away from there?

Crowds at Fort Omaha Sunday learned that army ballooning is not such a tame sport as some might think.
Colorado letter carriers are frank at least, but it will be a long time before Burlington grants their desires.

A WISE DECISION.
Announcement by Governor McKelvie that he will not ask the legislature to avert the threatened referendum on the administrative code law by repealing that measure at the coming session, will put where it belongs the responsibility for keeping the people from having the legislation they voted for at the last election.

What throws a sharper light on the unscrupulous character of the democratic partisan clique fomenting the referendum is the estimate that under the law requiring the full text of the act to be mailed to every voter in the state, this procedure will cost the taxpayers approximately upwards of \$150,000 for printing and postage alone.

Senator Swanson's "keynote" speech in behalf of the peace treaty with its league of Nations feature does not clarify the situation in the least. In the main, the new spokesman for the administration has merely repeated what already has been said, dealing in generalities and avoiding particularization.

It is up to somebody to take hold of the ice situation with a real firm grasp. Citizens are entitled to service, and proper authority should see that they get it.
Restoration of mail service to central Europe will do much to bring about better relations, for what the people need now is the close touch of personal correspondence.

Some of the romance of spruce timber production for war uses may be kicked galleywest by the iconoclastic process of a congressional inquiry. The great forests of the Pacific northwest contained the finest timber in the world so far as airplane requirements are concerned.

Mr. Lansing says: "I leave for home tonight, pleased but not overcomplacent with the outcome." What do you, Mr. Secretary? Have you not had the assurance of your chief that the way has been cleared?
Of course, when the senior democratic member of the foreign relations committee is spending a few days at his summer house at a fashionable seacoast resort, the duty of leadership falls on the next man. It is not that the administration has asked a change in the senate; it just happened that way.

Radical movements have their "natural history," as men of science would say. The results of the special referendum in North Dakota on the set of statutes—seven in number—enacted by the legislature of that state to give effect to the principles of the Nonpartisan league, a political organization decidedly socialistic in its aims and methods, are interesting and illuminating from the point of view of a "naturalistic" study of politics.

"Commonness" As An Asset

Richard Spillane in the Philadelphia Ledger.
An old farmer, collarless, shabbily clad, his cotton socks hanging over the top of his shoes, sat himself down on the steps of a southern bank at 7 o'clock one morning. Some one, knowing that the bank would not open for an hour or two, explained the situation to him and asked if he was waiting to see some one. He replied that he was, that he wanted to see Percy Johnston. The townsman asked him why it was that so many farmers liked to come and chat with Johnston. "Oh," replied the farmer, "it's 'jes' because he's so darned common." This same Percy Johnston is today senior vice president of the aristocratic Chemical National bank of New York, where he is introducing some of the "commonness," otherwise humanness, which appealed to the farmer.

The foregoing is from the Central Banker. It is not likely that any collarless hayseed will plant himself on the doorstep of the Chemical National bank and wait for the doors of that venerable and remarkably rich bank to open. If he did a crowd would collect, a "cop" would appear and the agriculturist would be hurried out to the city hall police station and get a scare that would rob him of a year's growth. And yet the Chemical needs fresh blood and smiling, obliging officers about as much as any big business American has, but so stilted. It has had such a reputation for wealth that people lower their voices when they speak of it. It was not always so. A quarter of a century ago the person who carried the largest account in the Chemical was "Shanghai" Pierce of Pierce Station, Tex. "Shang" was the richest man in Texas. He was about six foot six, had been raised on the prairie and when he spoke you could hear him in the next county. "Shang" had his own private bank in Texas under the name of Weekes, McCarthy & Co., at Galveston, but carried large deposits with the Kountze Brothers at Omaha and the Chemical at New York. When he came north and called at the Chemical it was to pay a visit to some of the folk, but a joy to those who heard of Shang's "how-dy" could be heard across the park. If he started to tell how hot it was in Texas the people began to gather in Broadway and spread the story that something terrible was happening in the bank.

But "Shang" didn't call often. One day or two was his average. He was the largest individual depositor was "Hetty" Green. "Shang" had ranches in various parts of Texas. His brother, Jonathan, had one of singular charm in Matagorda county. Its western boundary was the Tres Pelacios river; its eastern was another stream, its southern, Matagorda bay, and its northern a 13-mile "fence" of Cherokee rose bushes about 40 feet wide at the base and rising to a height of 30 feet. From Texas "Shang" used to drive his cattle north to Kansas City or Omaha. In the Indian nation he had a big ranch, where he rested and fattened his cattle. That ranch district now is a city and has skyscrapers aplenty. You may know it as Tulsa, Okl.

It is a pretty good asset for a bank to have a president who, for want of a better description, is called "human." The success of the mammoth Continental and Commercial National of Chicago is ascribed in part to this quality in George M. Reynolds. He comes from Panama, Ia. His first banking experience was in sweeping out the junkwater country bank at that place, polishing up the handle of the big front door and hitching the teams of farmers to the posts in the road in front of the bank building. Mr. Reynolds is bucolic. He reads more country newspapers than any other banker in America. He loves to read them. He is profoundly interested in agriculture. He knows more farmers than any other big banker. He is "George" to all of them and they are "Jim" or "Pete" or "Henry" to him. They feel he is one of them, as he is. As a result of that closeness of his president to the farmers of the Mississippi valley the Continental and Commercial has an agricultural following of tremendous size. Without it the bank would not be the giant it is today.

The Probable Result
The next thing of supreme interest with regard to the league of nations is the probable procedure of the senate. It has been generally asserted by those who favor incorporating reservations in the resolution of ratification that a majority of the members are in favor of reservations in a greater or less number. Mr. Root has outlined certain qualifications. Whether all of them or only a part of them will be incorporated in the ratification resolution remains to be seen. But the rule of the senate provides that while the resolution of ratification must have the support of two-thirds of the members voting, such a resolution being before the house may be amended by a majority vote. That being true and the majority being in favor of certain amendments, those amendments or reservations could be adopted. The question would come before the house on the adoption of the ratification resolution as amended. Presumably all, or practically all, who supported the reservations will support the general proposition as amended and it would carry, unless a sufficient number of ratifiers on the senate ratification without qualification should vote against it. In that event, the administration group clearly would be responsible for the defeat of ratification. In other words, the president and his supporters standing for ratification without qualification and refusing the right to the senate to give advice in accordance with its constitutional power would be responsible for the rejection of the peace treaty and its incorporated league of nations.

At the present writing, ratification with reservations appears to be the most probable conclusion of the whole matter.—Minneapolis Tribune.
DAILY CARTOONETTE.
GOSH, THE WIND HAS BLOWN ME OLD LIZ AWAY—NOW I'LL HAVE TO PICK UP A NEW ONE SOMEWHERE!
AND HE DID.

Today The Day We Celebrate.
C. W. DeLamatre, attorney, born 1860.
Gwyer H. Yates, assistant cashier, United States National bank, born 1885.
Lucien Stephens, men's furnishings, born 1880.
Vicent Northcliffe, eminent publisher and one of the most influential figures in British affairs, born near Dublin 54 years ago.
Franklin L. Lane, President Wilson's secretary of the interior, born in Prince Edward Island 55 years ago.
Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, the retiring president of the University of California, born at Randolph, Mass., 65 years ago.
Ferdinand W. Peck, noted capitalist and the oldest native-born citizen of Chicago, born 71 years ago.
Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.
The Omaha Guards have gone into summer camp at Spirit Lake.
Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Kurtz have moved from the Paxton to their elegant new home in Dundee Place.
Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Dietz have gone to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, where they will pass the summer.
Successful applicants for grammar positions were: Agnes George, Jennie L. Marble, Ida E. Hinkley, Nellie Root, Bessie Snyder, Mary E. Broliar.

Friend of the Soldier

Replies will be given in this column to questions relating to the soldier and his problems, in and out of the army. Names will not be printed. Ask The Bee to Answer.
Service Chevrons.
Doughboy—you are entitled to wear two gold chevrons, denoting a year's overseas service, but you should not mix these with a silver chevron to denote an additional six months' service in this country. The chevrons should be worn with uniform only. You are privileged to wear the uniform for four months after leaving the service, and then only on proper occasions.

Advanced Headquarters.
Regular—Advanced headquarters of the American forces in Germany still is at Treves. General Pershing has removed general headquarters from Chaumont to Paris, but this does not affect the status of the troops in Germany. It was stated several weeks ago that the forces in Germany were to be supplied after July 1 via Antwerp and the Rhine to save cost of transportation across France.

Many Questions Answered.
Sister of Two Soldiers.—Our last word of the 101st balloon company is that it is at Bordeaux, assigned to early convoy. Its no date fixed for its departure. Its new address is A. P. O. 705.
I. M. I.—Company E, 811th pioneer infantry, still is in France, and is assigned to early convoy. Most of this regiment has reached the home station and part of it has been demobilized.
A Soldier's Sweetheart.—Graves registration unit No. 308 is not attached to any division, nor is it unattached to any division. Its last address is A. P. O. 731, at Neuchateau.

Odd and Interesting.
The word Czechs should be pronounced as though it were spelled "cheks."
Lows is the corn state. She grew 40,147,000 bushels in 1918. Illinois was next.
The Chilean government has taken steps to railway system, and an English inventor's interlocking concrete piling is said to be stronger than sheet piling made of wood.

Much in Little.
German experiments have made a textile from the fiber of a plant similar to the North American cotton.
An electric soldering device has been invented that can be operated with an automobile storage battery.
Demands for telephone service in Japan are about 15,000 ahead of the country's ability to supply equipment.

Oh, Boston! Why Have You Not Confessed It?
Boston—There are dozens of fashionable women residents of the Back Bay who have not touched water to their bodies for the past 10 years, and as a result are pictures of perfect health. So asserts Dr. Charles E. Page, physician, author of health books and advocate of the non-bath doctrine. In addition to this bathless theory, he sounds a serious warning against the wearing of underwear.

And He Did.
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Little Folks' Corner

DREAMLAND ADVENTURE
By DADDY.
"BUMBLE BEE BUZZ."
(Peggy and Billy saw Bumble Bee Buzz from King Hill and became honey bees when a gust of wind blew.)
CHAPTER III.
In the Spider's Web.
PEGGY BEE was startled when she saw the two fierce eyes of the creature hiding in the corner of the lace curtain. At first it looked like a tiger ready to spring at any one who might come that way. But a second glance showed Peggy what it was—a spider, cruel and hungry, with his web spread to entangle unwary insects. To her bewilderment it seemed just as big as a tiger and just as dangerous.

The Bee's Letter Box
Clever Police Work.
Omaha, July 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: Last evening about 7 o'clock when Mr. Rinzler, pet and ex-chief of the moral squad, was enjoying a social visit with several persons in front of the Forrest & Meany drug store at Twenty-fourth and N streets a rapidly driven automobile struck and knocked down a boy in plain sight of Mr. Briggs, and not more than 30 or 40 feet from the store.

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Longest-lived piano in the world—bar none.
Ask for a guarantee from the maker or seller of any other piano equal to the Mason & Hamlin guarantee.

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Bayer Tablets of Aspirin to be genuine must be marked with the arch. Here is the reason: poor digestion means poor nourishment of the different organs and tissues of the body. The blood is impoverished—becomes weak, thin, sluggish, food repeating, flat, a bad taste in the mouth, biliousness, rheumatism, lumbago, sciatica, general weakness, loss of power and energy, headache, nervousness, mental depression—even more serious ailments, as an enteric and cancer of the stomach, intestinal ulcers, cirrhosis of the liver, heart trouble—all of these can often be traced directly to acid stomach.

Stop Itching Eczema
Never mind how often you have tried and failed, you can stop burning, itching eczema quickly by applying a little zemo furnished by any drug store for 35c. Extra large bottle, \$1.00. Healing begins the moment zemo is applied. In a short time usually every trace of eczema, tetter, pimples, rash, blackheads and similar skin diseases will be removed.

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