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You should know that
The altitude of Omaha is 1,120 feet; the annual mean temperature, recorded for over 50 years, is 50 degrees, and the annual mean humidity is 69.

What The Bee Stands For:
1. Respect for the law and maintenance of order.
2. Speedy and certain punishment of crime through the regular operation of the courts.
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4. Frank recognition and commendation of honest and efficient public service.
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Home rule is one of Omaha's needs.
The "gentleman burglar" still takes things easily and quietly.
Nebraska delegates to the American Legion convention at least know what they want.

Mr. Wilson strenuously objects to staying in bed. Don't blame him at all in this weather.
The special grand jury is on a big job, and it will be no cause for wonder if it takes a long time.
Would we be out of order if we suggested that the city prosecutor is popular with the judges?

THE MOTE AND THE BEAM.

Omaha has been the subject of an immense amount of editorial discussion throughout the land during the last two weeks. One unvarying note ran through the whole lot of lectures... Omaha has been reminded of the sanctity of human life, the majesty of the law, the inhuman element of the mob, and generally drenched with the contents of moral fire extinguishers, and left standing to dry as best it might...

Careful perusal of the multiplied platitudes leaves the thoughtful hungry for some really solid meat. In all the wilderness of words shed around and over Omaha in this time of need, aside from the general and easily administered advice to behave in the future and not allow such a thing to happen again, no helpful hint is noted—no suggestion that may lead to a solution of the great problem.

It is well to keep in mind that Omaha is not the first American city to be so disgraced, nor is it at all likely that it will be the last. From pulpit and rostrum, from legislative halls and council chambers, from all avenues of organized expression, come forth admonition against the mob, yet every now and then the world is shocked by a terrible demonstration of the uncontrolled force of a populace maddened beyond endurance by some outrage.

Can this be stopped by reiteration of any one of the moral or legal formulas now presented? It might, if a better way of getting at the root of the trouble were found. A healthier and livelier concern of the average man in public affairs, even to the neglect of some of his personal concerns, is one means through which a remedy may be applied. So long as men are willing to let civic duty wait on private occupation, winking at shortcomings of government that do not touch them directly, just that long will there be danger of the mob. Omaha is not alone in this, and no assumption of the Pharissee's position on part of any will aid in eradicating an evil so general.

Where Governor McKelvie is Right.
In voicing reluctance to burden the special session of the legislature with the job of patching Omaha's charter, which we could and should do ourselves by adopting a home-rule charter of our own, Governor McKelvie is exactly right. That is to say, Omaha's predicament in being confronted with emergency needs not contemplated or provided for in the authority vested in the city administration, and with our inability to afford the remedy without invoking legislative aid, is due wholly to our own negligence.

On the other hand, Governor McKelvie is likewise eminently right in reconsidering his first impulse and deciding to permit the legislature to help out just this once by again amending the self-same sections of the charter that were amended at the regular session last winter, rather than make our people suffer, inasmuch as the extra session is to be held anyhow, to meet the requirements growing out of the recent mob disturbance, and this offers the speediest way under the circumstances to reach the necessary goal.

Senator Walsh and the Treaty.
Administration organs pulled open the diapason stop, and cut loose with all their might when the republican convention of Massachusetts went on record as favoring ratification of the treaty. This was such a spanking for Senator Lodge by the home folks. Then the mighty volume dwindled to a little squeaking tremolo as the organists went on to recite that the Bay State republicans demanded strong and definite reservations, which is directly in line with the Lodge position.

Alcohol as a Source of Power.
Expert chemists are again directing attention to the possibilities of alcohol as a power-producing fuel in connection with the internal combustion engine. The fact was proved conclusively some years ago, and "Tama Jim" Wilson sponsored the passage of a law by congress to permit the manufacture and use of denatured alcohol on farms.

Muscles or Brains?
A cartoon in a New York paper represents a slender, intellectual looking young man as applying for employment at a factory office and asking about the pay. The boss replies: "Twenty dollars a week for brains, \$42 for muscle."

Views and Reviews

Fiftieth Anniversary of South America's Most Noted Newspaper

I have sent a message of greeting and appreciation for the 50th anniversary number to be issued this week by "La Prensa," which we would otherwise refer to as the Buenos Aires Press, and which is easily the foremost daily newspaper of South America, and in some respects of the world. I have seen copies of La Prensa from time to time and have heard of it and its wonderful establishment from folks who have visited Argentina and been struck with the unique position that paper holds. At with the notice of the Associated Press last year the announcement was made that the leased wire service of this great news gathering organization had been extended to South America and a number of South American publications, chief among them La Prensa, were elected to membership, carrying full benefits and obligations.

Something about La Prensa, as gathered from its 1914 anniversary booklet, I am sure, will be of general interest. The paper was founded October 18, 1869, by Dr. Jose C. Paz, to be an independent newspaper, "the free voice of the people in public affairs." In presenting its first number, Dr. Paz outlined his purpose in these words: "Independence, the respect to the private citizen, the judicious attack on public officials and not against the individual, form our doctrine."

"Truth, honest, this is the starting point. Liberty, progress, civilization, these are the only ends which we pursue." The founder of La Prensa died some years ago and its direction is now in the hands of Ezequiel P. Paz.

La Prensa holds forth in a magnificent home in Buenos Aires that resembles a beautiful public building. And, in fact, is more than anything else a great public institution, combining under its auspices many activities that elsewhere are conducted as official enterprises or as the work of public associations.

This was done by inaugurating a group of free bureaus as a complement to the newspaper organization: A medical-surgical bureau, that carries on clinics under noted specialists, performs free vaccinations, gives special dentist, oculist, aurist service, maintains a medical library; a chemical industrial and agricultural bureau, with experts developing new methods; a legal bureau; popular music classes; a public reference library; a free information bureau; a postoffice; three halls for public meetings; a meteorological observatory; apartments for the reception and accommodation of distinguished visitors, literary celebrities, scientific men, eminent travelers who are entertained as guests of La Prensa.

The incident I related about carrying a message from Andrew Carnegie to my father in the form of an inscription in my autograph album appears with a fac-simile of the page in the current St. Nicholas Magazine, the best periodical for children, for which I wrote the story, and I have already had mention of it from several little friends, who are enthusiastic about St. Nicholas just as I was when I was a boy.

The Roosevelt Memorial
The movement for the construction of a great monument to Theodore Roosevelt, encompassing a thought which has been in the mind of America since his death, is now reaching the point of organization for the collection of the subscriptions which we have no doubt will be gladly made. The sum of \$5,000,000 is tentatively fixed as the amount to be called for, and a systematic campaign along the lines that proved so successful during the war will be made to raise the sum.

Every day thousands of people visit his grave at Oyster Bay, which has become in a way a shrine. The people who go there are not all from among those who were his political followers. On the contrary, we are inclined to think that a very large proportion are democrats, or republicans who opposed him, not to speak of the great number of women and children to most of whom he was simply a great American. Here perhaps will be erected the great monument. The location is yet to be decided upon, and for national reasons it may be that Washington will be preferred, but there is much to be said in favor of Oyster Bay.

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Home Health Hints

Reliable advice given in this column on prevention and cure of disease. Put your question in plain language. Your name will not be printed. Ask The Bee to Help You.

Need for Social Reorganization.
A recent examination of the subject of fatigue locates this sensation in the cells of the nervous system and not in the muscles. An explanation that at once explains the phenomenon often observed casually that, while great exhaustion is being experienced in the performance of one task, a new task, no less laborious, can be taken up with enthusiasm. The tired feeling disappears. The muscles are braced anew.

FROM HERE AND THERE.
The Roman Catholic diocese of Charleston, S. C., will celebrate its centennial next year. The most valuable pearls are round. Next come the pear-shaped, and lastly the egg-shaped.

Story of Bessemer Steel

Council Bluffs, Oct. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: I saw in a recent number of The Bee something about the iron and steel industry, in which credit is given to Henry Bessemer for invention of the process by which iron is converted into steel by forcing a blast of cold air through the molten metal.

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Look at tongue! Remove poisons from stomach, liver and bowels.
Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless laxative or physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its delicious fruity taste. Full directions for child's dose on each bottle. Give it without fear! Mother! You must say "California."

TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.
George W. Cable, noted author of Southern stories, born in New Orleans, 75 years ago.
Blair Gen. William L. Sibert, who commanded the First division of American troops sent to France, born at Gadsden, Ala., 59 years ago.

ODD AND INTERESTING.
The hand of a normal-sized human being contains 25,000 pores. Bagdad is famous for its breed of white asses. Their ears and tails are sometimes colored a bright red.

READ WHAT THE GRAND OPERA STARS THINK OF THE WONDERFUL Mason & Hamlin

The official piano of the Chicago Grand Opera Company which will delight Omaha audiences on October 20 and 21.

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