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You should know that
Omaha's annual rainfall, as measured at the weather bureau's station here, is 29.35 inches.

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.

Medicine Hat took an unfair advantage.
The Oldest Inhabitant reminds us it is always darkest before dawn.

Old Doc Garfield has revived the 1917 fuel schedule. This ought to save coal.

The president proposes to "handle" Mexico himself, with the tongs, of course.

Lots of folks are finding out just how attractive home can be made when they try.

Santa Claus would find the roads in fine shape if he were to visit this part of the world now.

St. Louis frowns on a "national" convention of radicals. They should worry as long as the booze is on tap.

Joseph Daniels points with pride to his navy, but what would it have been if his policy of 1915 had continued?

Lincoln women are going to boycott eggs to bring down the price. In Omaha the problem is how to get hold of the price.

Carranza evidently has no sense of humor, or he would have seen the joke in the plot to start a revolution in the United States.

Shouldering the Hayden burglary onto Beryl Kirk will not get the thieves. He was in the penitentiary when the job was executed.

Many booms are being paraded in Washington, for the edification of the republicans gathered there, but the convention will not meet till June.

French women insist that Champion Carpenter is shirking the real match, that of matrimony. If he is looking for a finish fight, here is his opportunity.

Habeas corpus has been denied Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman. The paring is s.d., on their side, but they must leave for happy soviet Russia.

An army of 300,000 has been agreed upon by the house committee on military affairs. This ought to be big enough, with universal training to support it in event of another war.

An Illinois judge has refused citizenship to a group of striking miners, telling them that good citizens will not engage in a conspiracy against the government. He is right.

The prince of Wales having reached home again, his subjects are busy arranging a match for him with a native princess. This leaves a lot of American queens out in the cold.

The Omaha man who left home because the stork brought a girl when he ordered a boy is trifling with his luck. He ought to be glad it was not twins.

A British savant has solved the mystery of transmutation of matter. Now if he will just tell us how to get coal out of the ground without digging it, he will get a large audience.

Growing Merchant Marine
With spacious coast lines on two sides of a continent Americans are naturally a maritime people.

The United States is the most powerful nation with a front on both the Pacific and Atlantic. To allow our freight to come and go mainly in foreign ships is proof of unwise economic management both in the government and among the people.

The head of the weather bureau ought to come out here and run for office, if he wants to find out what the people think of his prediction of a prolonged cold spell.

LOCAL FUEL SITUATION.

Time spent in trying to fix responsibility for the short supply of fuel in Omaha will be wasted. The community is facing a fact, and must be governed accordingly.

So far the citizens have shown admirable fortitude. Whatever of complaint has been heard arises from a misunderstanding of the conditions. Very few had any definite idea of the daily consumption of fuel by the city, and when told of hundreds of cars of coal standing on side tracks, jumped to the conclusion that plenty was in sight.

If the miners determine to call off the strike, as they are expected to, and resume work at once, several days must elapse before Omaha will be back on a normal basis.

"War" to Continue.
Awaiting word from the White House, the senate has tacitly agreed to allow the peace resolutions to go over the Christmas recess.

Europe is going ahead to the settlement of matters involved in the general adjustment without our participation, and apparently with as much of success as if we were in the midst of the debate.

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Maynard Should Prove This.
If a statement given to the public by the Anti-Saloon league is founded on fact, then Lieutenant Maynard, the "flying parson," should be called upon to at once substantiate his assertion.

The winner of the air derby says that if it had not been for over-indulgence in liquor by his competitors, he would not have won. This is either a slander on a lot of gallant gentlemen, or it is a reproach to the army.

Old John Barleycorn. Who would be brutal enough to suggest that the accident in the blizzard out in Wyoming, wherein one bright and brave boy lost his life, resulted from an excessive indulgence in liquor? Zeal for prohibition is excusable in any of its advocates, but the cause should rest on a better basis than slander.

Kirk Case and Politics.
The huge barrage of words being laid down before and behind the Kirk case indicates a determination on part of the democratic machine in Nebraska to prejudice the public mind as far as possible in advance of anything like a judicial inquiry into the circumstances.

The proposed repair bill of \$2,418 for the smashed-up police car suggests that several machines of a popular make can be bought for that sum, and might give just as good service. At any rate, the loss would not be so heavy when one of them dives through a store front.

"Vic" Berger had little trouble in getting the socialist nomination for congress again, but the big jump will come on Monday. Milwaukee has a chance to redeem its right to be called an American city.

Folks who are spending their time in telling how to help matters by making the gold standard variable might do better if they were to aid in limiting the output of paper dollars. Money is not wealth.

Romance of Military Insignia

Bulletin of the National Geographic Society.

"What does that insignia mean?"
"For what was his medal given?"
In years past the average American citizen considered it part of his blazoned democracy to be ignorant of matters military; since the armistice of a year ago it has become a hallmark of the well informed, as well as a patriotic duty, for him to know the decorations won by our valiant soldiers in their glorious smash at Germany's mailed fist.

Moreover, there is a keen interest, akin to that the collegian shows in the pennants of rival football teams, in the insignia which distinguished various military units of the American expeditionary force. And, finally, comes the victory medal, soon to be the proud possession of some 4,500,000 men; and, in after years, to be cherished heirlooms of American families.

Up to this time information on insignia has been available only in piecemeal, and there has been much misinformation, leading to confusion. Therefore, the National Geographic Society enlisted the co-operation of Col. Robert E. Wylie, general staff, U. S. A., who had charge of all War department records concerning the award of medals in the present war, and the archives of those bestowed in other wars, in compiling a complete list of medals, decorations, and insignia of all kinds recognized by the American government in the past, and multiplied so profusely during the great war.

The results of Colonel Wylie's compilation of an article, "The Romance of Military Insignia," in the December number of the National Geographic magazine, the official organ of the National Geographic Society. Supplementing the historical and descriptive sketch are 124 illustrations, in color of each medal, ribbon and organization shoulder insignia authorized by the United States government to be worn by its uniformed forces and by civilians who have been honored for signal services to their country.

The 124 illustrations in color are triumphs of color printing, reproducing, by a special process, the exact shade and hue in each design. In addition there are 27 other illustrations, in half tone, mainly depicting incidents of note in connection with the bestowal of awards of the present war.

Colonel Wylie's exhaustive article not only deals with the history, the exact significance, and the etiquette governing the wearing of insignia, but it goes into the highly fascinating history of the origin of medals and similar decorations, and the development of the practice in this country, where distinctive customs have been established.

In making available this data, of interest to the 4,500,000 men who were in uniform before the world war concluded, and to the many more millions of their families and friends, the National Geographic Society sought to perform not only an immediate service but to make a permanent volume of reference, akin to such other compilations as its now famous Flag number, and the issues devoted to birds and dogs.

The Test of Practicality

Favorite among the theories of the communistic and socialistic members of the labor group is the public ownership of utilities, more especially street cars. Extremists among them even advocate the making of transportation a municipal function to be supported out of the taxes. Now, it seems that there is a flaw in this incomparable pearl of theoretical government.

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The gentlemen who hold the land by titles strong and tough can often dress in purple, trimmed with brocade and fluff; can sit in sacred vantage points where trade must trundle by; can make the restless renter raise the corn and oats and rye; can gather bags of revenue impressive and profound because they "own" that work of God, the firm and fruitful ground.

But here's a thoughtful citizen who swears it isn't right. He's sure the system indicates a lack of social light. He hollers for the single tax to squelch the profiteer who feeds upon the ownership of this restricted sphere. If all the public revenue were gathered from the land, there'd be, says he, prosperity, evinced on every hand.

He holds that Woodrow Wilson is a prophet, true and square, and not a manufacturer of entertaining airy; that all the hasty senators who will not see the light or rush to sign the document they could not help to write will find, if they should get the news in regions far and hot, that his is still immortal when their names are all forgot.

He heads a house which hankers to provide the lovely dames with fashionable garnishments to hang upon their frames, to emphasize their pulchritude with flattery and stress (for what on earth can do it like a well developed dress); and all the ladies faithfully and frantically prize the well-selected bargains he continually buys.

Next Subject—Robert Beecher Howell.

TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.
Edward P. Boyer, manager of the Boyer-Van Kuran Lumber and Coal company, born 1872.
Charles A. Goss of the law firm of Switzler, Goss & Switzler, born 1863.

Sir James Aikins, lieutenant governor of Manitoba, born at Grahamsville, Ont., 68 years ago.
Countess of Warwick, prominent for her activity in the cause of social reform, born 58 years ago.

Asle J. Gronna, senior United States senator from North Dakota, born at Elkador, Iowa, 61 years ago.
Jouett Shouse, former Kansas congressman, now assistant secretary of the U. S. treasury, born in Woodford county, Kentucky, 40 years ago.

James H. Johnston, outfielder of the Brooklyn National League baseball team, born at Cleveland, Tenn., 30 years ago.
Rosina Vokes, playing in the double bill, "The Circus Rider" and "A Double Lesson," was the occasion for a number of theater parties.

Our Free Legal Aid

State your case clearly but briefly and a reliable lawyer will furnish the answer or advice in this column. Your name will not be printed.

Let The Bee Advise You.

Change of Name.
R. W.—I long have been a reader of The Bee and I would appreciate if you would give me the information desired. I have a name that has caused me much embarrassment and humiliation from time to time. Is there some way that I could legally have it changed, if so, what is necessary for me to do?

Answer—Employ a lawyer and he can file a petition in the district court of this county asking for your name changed giving the reasons therefor, and no doubt the court will grant the request.

Criminal Law.
E. C. O.—When a man is misled without his own fault or carelessness concerning what he is doing, is he liable if he would be justified in doing were the facts as he believed them to be, is he legally innocent the same as he is innocent morally?

Answer—He is.
Foreclosure.
V. S.—Can a creditor who has not been made a party to a foreclosure by a superior lien redeem the property from a decree made in the case?

Answer—He can.
Receiver—Foreclosure.
F. T.—Some months ago we mortgaged our home for a short time, thinking that we would be able to pay the amount borrowed, but owing to unfortunate conditions occurring in our family we were unable to raise the money. Proceedings in foreclosure were had and we have taken what is called a stay. The man who foreclosed threatens to have a receiver appointed, so as to compel us to pay rent during this time. We are taking good care of the property and the amount is worth much more than the amount of the loan. Can we be compelled to pay rent to a receiver during the time we are in possession?

Answer—You cannot.
Limitation.
G. D.—Where growing crops and personal property are injured by the negligent construction and maintenance of a building, and water to overflow on adjoining land, when does the cause of action accrue?

Answer—When the injury occurred and the damage is sustained.
Installment Contract.
Subscriber—I bought a piano on the installment plan, and in looking over the contract I find it calls for 6 per cent interest. Have they a right to charge interest on things that are sold on the installment plan?

Answer—Yes, if contract calls for it.
Contract.
G. B. G.—Sometime this summer a book agent came to my house to sell books. Of course after her fluent talking I became interested and signed the slip for the books. A small amount down was required and then monthly payments. After she had gone I had a change of mind and called her back and told her I couldn't take them. She said she would hold my order until I came in that very night and I then wrote to the publishers and told them to cancel the order. They still kept on working them to that effect, which I refused to take. Sometime ago they agreed to lower my payments so I could take the books. This I also agreed to do. I told them that I would be in the hospital in a few days, and they said that they would notify the postoffice to return my books. I failed to get the books and wrote them to that effect. Now they say if the postoffice has confiscated the books or not, I must pay for them. Why should I hold up my end of the contract when the agent did not here? Can they do anything to me if I do not take or pay for the books?

Answer—You are not liable.
Mutilating Will.
H. A. W.—My sister and brother were recently put to a large expense in proving the will of our father owing to the fact that the will was mutilated by having the names of the witnesses cut out and other material parts changed by my brother. Can we sue him and compel him to pay the expense including attorneys fees.

Answer—You can.
Municipal Corporations.
B. L. C.—Can a city in Nebraska pass an ordinance providing for imprisonment if one refuses to pay for the use of an automobile which he has hired?

Answer—It would be unconstitutional.
Fire Protection.
M. I. L.—Please let me know if I can sue a city for the negligent performance of its duty in not giving me proper fire protection? I am a taxpayer.

Answer—A city exercising governmental function is not liable for the negligent performance of its duty in that regard.

Little Folks' Corner

Young Citizens' Advertisers

Hunting Eye Attends Council.
Hunting Eye wondered what the big stone building with the tower was for. He entered a door which stood open. Ahead of it was another door with light showing through the crack at the bottom of

it. When he opened it, he saw a number of men seated listening to one of their number who was speaking. The little Indian Boy slipped into a seat and sat silently until the meeting was over. One of the men approached him and said kindly: "Well, you butted into politics this time, sonny."

"What is this meeting?" asked Hunting Eye.
"It is a meeting of the council."
"But the council is always held out under the open sky," said the boy from the North Woods.

"True, among your people, the chiefs and medicine men, seated about the council fire, make laws for the village. We also have a council which makes laws for the city. In some cities, it is called the city council, in others, the board of aldermen, and in still others, the city commission. Its members are councilmen, aldermen, or commissioners. The laws which the council makes are called ordinances.

"Usually the city is divided into sections called wards. Generally, one or two aldermen are elected from each ward by the people of that ward. Sometimes, however, the aldermen are elected by the people of the whole city instead of just one ward. The aldermen are elected for a definite term of office (usually two or four years) which varies from city to city.

"The council or board of aldermen is different from the commission. The main difference is that the council can only make laws and can not enforce them. The city which has a council has also a mayor to enforce the ordinances. A commissioner, however, does the work of both the mayor and council. It makes the laws and enforces them. In some cities, the commission is elected merely to choose a city manager. He makes the ordinances and enforces them. He is the whole government in himself."

1. What is the term of office of your alderman?
2. What ward do you live in?
3. How many aldermen in your city council? How many elected from your ward?

(Next week: "Hunting Eye Goes to School.")

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CLEMATIS.
Where the clematis is vining,
And the southern sun is shining,
For the cabin I am pining,
Near the falls.
Where the mistle-bells are ringing,
And the mocking-birds are singing,
There the clematis is clinging,
To the wall.
Something makes my heart beat faster,
As I retrospect and ponder—
On the happy days down yonder—
It is this:
In her hair, the hairless wore it,
With a bonnet partly 'er it;
That must be why I adore it—
Clematis. —WILLIS HUDSPETH.

Woodcraft

For Boy and Girl Scouts

Nature's Christmas Tree.
By ADELIA BELLE BEARD.
Suppose you put aside all theinsel, glass balls, glass fruit, and other artificial trimmings for your Christmas tree and this year use only honest-to-goodness decoration-things made by Nature, not manufactured in a factory. There are many to be found in the woods, the fields, the garden, and—yes the barn. Some grow wild, others are cultivated, but they all grow.

If you can go to the woods and bring home the tree yourselves, that will be a trip which will send the Christmas feeling down to the tips of your toes. Choose a balsam-fir if you have a choice, its spicy, aromatic breath makes the air redolent of the Christmas season and its slender, symmetrical, cone shape makes the young tree especially well adapted to the purpose.

Here are materials for your decorations. Clusters of red berries of any kind tied to the branches with narrow red or bright green ribbon. Berries of the mountain ash, holly ber-

cranberries; then let the tree bear real fruit; apples, oranges, clusters of grapes, nuts and raisins, and it will be a real, not a make-believe Christmas tree.

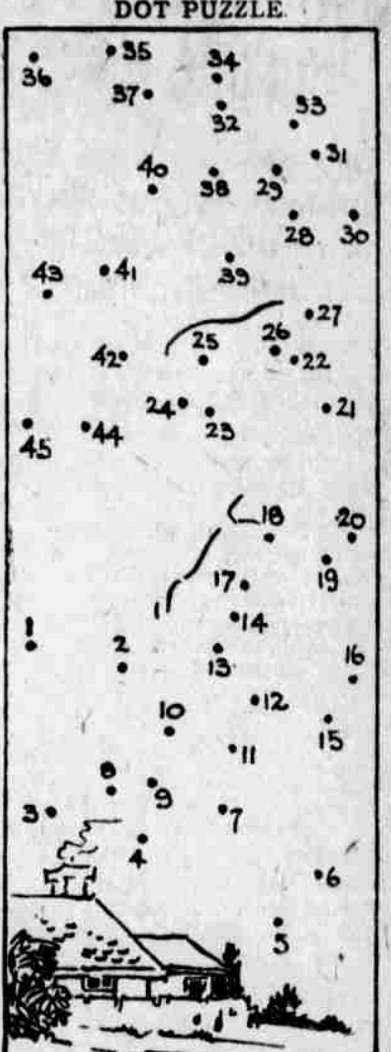
(Next week: "Trailing.")

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No Levity Left.
Professor Maltrana questions the law of gravity, basing his findings, no doubt, on observation of the high cost of living.—Arkansas Democrat.

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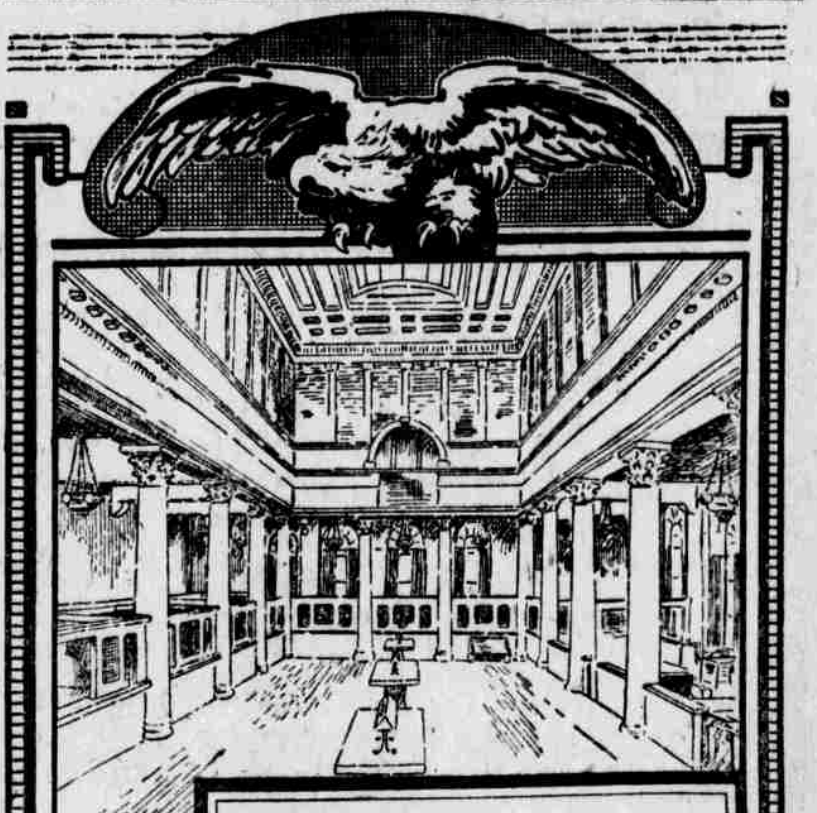
DOT PUZZLE



Just look who's here! Draw from one to two and so on to the end.

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