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Merry Christmas!

Do it today, or never!

Here's hoping your turkey is all the bird ought to be!

All ready for the air mail service? Let her go.

Lloyd George believes in meeting trouble head on.

Triangles are still triangles, and do not flatten out on pressure.

Edwin Bok may have shocked his tenants, but he never did his readers.

Be calm. It is Milwaukee, not the United States, that suffers because of Berger.

Laclede had the biggest day since its base ball team won from Centerville back in 1883.

Packers talk of higher prices for meat or lower for animals. One guess as to which wins.

The deported reds may not know by this time whither they are speeding, but they know they are on the way.

Maybe if Lloyd George gets Ireland all straightened out, he can do as much for tthe Omaha city council.

Trotzky is telling of an offensive against Poland in the spring? Why spring? Trotzky is offensive at any season.

Attorney General Palmer ought to scan the household budget before he emits another proclamation on the h. c. of l.

The local gild of burglars does not seem to care a darn who is at the head of the police force, or whether it has any head.

Princess Pat now has a real boy, but it will take him a long time to come up to the gallant lads who bore his mother's name into battle.

Local coal dealers tell us the addition of the miners' wages to the cost of fuel will be so small no one will notice it. Why go to the bother?

It must have interested the Omaha police to hear a boy confess robberies they had not heard of. But lots of things go on without disturbing the police.

Commander d'Olier's advice to the legionaires that they do not take the law into their own hands is well timed. These young men are to aid in upholding the law at all times.

If the Christmas holiday recess enables the senators to reach a conclusion on the treaty, it will be time well spent. But the big thing is that each side will have to give way on some points if there is to be a compromise.

The Perils of Peace

What we face today is the inevitable outcome of a policy of opportunism. We have had a government of opportunists, instead of statesmen; men who were satisfied with the plaudits of the moment; men who believed that life was a matter of promises and fine words; men who cared not where they got their political support, so long as it helped them out of the difficulty of the moment, furthered their personal ambitions, or flattered their personal vanities.

For this we have made our great sacrifice. Our sons lie buried in foreign lands in needless thousands because we were not permitted to prepare for the inevitable; we had to be kept out of war until after an election. Our children will pay and pay to provide for the billions of wasted gold—gold literally thrown away. We who did so much for the world are now without friends in the world save such friends as await future favors. Our soldiers died for one set of world principles, our president made us sponsors for another.

And now we must have law and order, and once again we are deliberately unprepared. The foundations of law and order are undetermined; our laws have been denounced as bad laws, our order as a tyranny; and many men have been brought to believe these things. They were led to believe that whatever was was bad, and that they would be justified in any method of change. The parallel of the Lusitania, the "too proud to fight," the "peace without victory" is too plain to be ignored. Once more we must pay the penalty.—Seattle—Post-Intelligencer.

OPTIMISTIC MR. PALMER.

Nearly everybody would like to share in the attorney general's optimism as to the cost of living, and at the same time the regular family check signers will poise the pen and pause a moment to wonder how he gets that way. Since August, he says prices on food have been "maintained practically stationary." Just as the airplane soaring high in the air seems "practically stationary" to the beholder on the surface. While Mr. Palmer indulges his optimism and points with pride to the record he is making, citing isolated and widely scattered instances of prosecution of profiteering the Department of Labor sends out month after month a report indicating the steady uplift of the price level. Prices on foodstuffs have not been stationary at any time within the last three months, nor has there been anything to justify the conclusion that the activity of the government has been effective in the way of securing concessions to the consumer. With one part of the attorney general's statement we are in full accord. His statement that greater production must precede a general scaling down of the cost of living is correct. Unless we produce the goods we have nothing to divide. Working short hours for high wages will not meet the demand for the product of labor. Whenever the people of the country will turn from spending to producing the relief will be in sight. Sporadic boycotts and an occasional seizure of a profiteer's stock will not make enough difference to materially help.

Home Rule for Ireland.

The statement made to the House of Commons by the premier contains the future of Ireland. Lloyd George merely declares the obvious when he announces that Great Britain can not afford to have Ireland secede. This has been very plain for a long time. Whether the plan for a government, with two parliaments, one for Ulster and one for the rest of the land, will quiet the commotion stirred up by Sinn Fein without further concession or sterner application of government authority can not be said at this moment. Something of the temper of the Irish has been displayed within the last few months, and yet that may be as easily allayed as aroused, if only it be made plain to the people that their real interest is being served.

The premier also lays down a truism that no form of home rule will meet the approval of all. Objectors will arise, and the provisions of the government for the security of the whole will meet the opposition of some at all times. It is probably true, though, that the proposed experiment of establishing home rule on the basis of state's rights will go far in the direction of a peaceful and permanent solution of what has been England's greatest problem for many years.

When Ulster and the others have control of their own affairs, and meet with the Imperial Parliament only to legislate for the United Kingdom or the empire, much of the bitterness that now marks the relations between the politicians, if not the people, will no longer have reason to exist. It may even be discovered that these differences are more apparent than real, and in the end a way to union under a single Irish parliament will appear.

Visioning the Next War.

A French savant gives it as his view that the next great war will be marked by a dreadful slaughter of human beings. Many millions will be annihilated, he says, and civilization will disappear. This he predicates on the adaptation of science to warfare. Hertzian waves are to be controlled and turned into agencies of destruction of such potency as will surpass anything ever dreamed of by man.

Let us consider. Each war has been followed by similar prophesies, supported by the activity of inventive genius stimulated during the conflict to produce means of offense or defense. In peace times the duel is carried on by the professionals, who take one side or the other. When war comes, though, what is the result? In the late European upheaval, the loss of life was very heavy, but in proportion to the number of men engaged it did not exceed the toll taken in a number of lesser wars. Novel weapons were employed for the first time, such as airplanes, submarines, poison gases, and other things of a horrible nature, while the development of the ordinary arms was such that prior to the experience it had been freely predicted that annihilation awaited the clashing armies.

Prophesying is a dangerous pastime, and particularly so in connection with war, its one redeeming feature being that only few care to record and preserve the predictions. Those who live to see the next war will very likely note the employment of a variety of inventions not now familiar, but they also will probably see employed the tactics and strategy that has come down through the ages, and which was old in the days of Hannibal. "The one who gets there first with the most men" is the one who usually comes off victor, other things being equal.

Passing the Buck on Coal.

Consumers of soft coal hereabouts get a Christmas gift in the way of an announcement from the coal dealers that the 14 per cent increase in miners' wages is to be added to the selling price of fuel. Such a move might have been looked for, in spite of the Garfield announcement that the wage advance could be absorbed by the operators. Setting up that the resignation of Dr. Garfield as fuel administrator and the "secret" agreement between the president and the miners does away with this provision, the coal men are preparing to pass the buck to the consumer once again. It is a great game where it is played right. Here is a chance for Attorney General Palmer to make good on his talk about enforcing the law. Fuel still is under federal control, and fairness to the public demands that that control be properly exercised.

Mr. Wilson evidently does not trust the judgment of the senate on matters other than the treaty. He has just sent in John Skelton Williams for another round in connection with the job of being comptroller of the currency.

Canucks are said to be turning a pretty penny in buying up American money that wanders across the border. It is not as pretty as their home-made kind, but it will purchase a lot more on the market.

Omaha's postoffice is to be "motorized" by by the substitution of trucks for street cars in handling the mails. If this improves delivery any it will be a welcome chan[ge]

A Ranger of the Rim

From the Baltimore American.

Living upon the periphery of the sphere of which he is the boasted superior being, how little does man know of the globe he scrapes over with his hoe or his pick. He knows its surface for the crops he reaps. He knows the subsurface for the coal he mines. He knows the mountains for the minerals they bear. He knows the earth for the utilities of living. He knows the earth, also, for the fronded palm and the tesselated fern, and for the lavished fruits and the perfumery of the flowers. He knows the earth for the clouds that are born of its waters, for the flakes that congeal above it are precipitated in a wonderfully woven mantle of white. He knows the earth for the seas, with their opalescent tints. He knows the earth for the lakes that brood amid the hills or stretch across the plains. He knows the earth for the furry denizens and the bevied songsters. He knows the earth for the lights and the shadows that chase across the fields. He knows the earth for the romance that it inspires and for the songs it breathes to his heart, and for the inspiration that it gives to his sense of finer feeling. He knows the earth and its treasures for its dearth and its delights, its symbols and its symphonies, its art galleries, its changeful and ever-compelling beauty. He knows the earth for the crystal of rock and the gleam of the sun. He knows the earth as lighted and as darkened, as gray and gold, as glad and sad, as luring and repelling. He knows the earth in upheaval and in tremors, in the raging of hurricanes and in the whispering of zephyrs. He knows the earth as the home of the extinct saurians and the abode of the infinite flora and fauna of the present. He knows the earth from the Azoic to the present age. He knows the earth in its physical boundaries and in its environing atmosphere. He knows the earth and joys in it or dreads it. He knows the earth; man knows the earth—of man!

The ranger of the rim must be the appellation given him by denizens of some higher sphere, if there be such, looking down upon him through myriad of years. He knows the earth or surmises much about it from center to circumference. Yet he knows so little of the tides that flow and is awed by the thought that "the earth hath bubbles as the water hath." He knows the flower by its form, but nothing of its generation. He knows the crystal by its facets, but nothing as to the cause of the variety of forms and colors it presents. He knows the water by its composition and the force and the steam it engenders. He knows the earth as man knows the earth who has lived upon its rim for millions of years, perhaps. He knows the earth as the source of living and the repository of the dead. He knows the earth because he is a ranger of its rim.

This is enough; this is beyond compass of human thought; this is the very acme of living, to know the earth, and to love the earth, and to enjoy the earth, and to be a child of the earth. This is enough; enough for man.

Man has thought and thought laughs at the limitations of the rim ranger. It fares forth and dwells with fairies and fays in the mystic moonlight or swings forth upon the moonbeams and seeks communion with the planets and stars unseen; finds its abode in the highest heavens, and delves down to the depth of the sea or wanders the pathless spaces of infinity. The rim ranger owns the realm of the universe and claims dominion of all time. So lightly planted are his feet upon the rim of the earth that he might well imagine that he lifts himself by his thought beyond the rim and finds himself in the mystical explorations where the imagination delights to revel. The earth, how little does he know of the earth in its universe relations, in its placement in infinity and in space! How little, yet he knows that all this belongs to the rim ranger, and he dares to frame new worlds with the earth but a place of toe-touch; while he wanders the ages and gleams from immensity the beauty and the truth and the mystical purport of the things of his little cognizance as a ranger of the rim.

France Wants the Auto Tourists.

France is making systematic plans to attract the automobile tourist. Under a new order all the villages in the country are to have their names shown in eight-inch letters on postoffice, police station and the municipal offices. National roads will have red-painted mile-stones, while the old-fashioned sign posts are to be replaced by large blue enamel plates, with the direction of the next town, and its distance, displayed in big white letters, so as to be easily read from passing cars.

The VELVET HAMMER

By Arthur Brooks Baker

LUTHER DRAKE.

Some people like to gaily set their revenues adrift. They view with light and careless scorn the exercise of thrift. They say that future care may simply hustle for itself: that they decline to practice conservation of their pelf. The coins they get they freely spend in hectic haste and zest, and peaceful comfort is a thing with which they're seldom blest.

To neutralize their influence we need some brakes and checks, or we'd surpass our proper speed and dislocate our necks. To store and guard the money which we sedulously make we have the trusty Merchants' bank, whose head is Luther Drake, wherein to keep us in the path of rectitude and right, the root of frequent evil can be all locked up at night.

He cultivates his customers with manner warm and bland, for courtesy is aces in the Banker's careful hand. The money does not differ by a hair or by a mile, but there's a world of meaning in a handshake or a smile. The man who lends you courage to serenely hoe your row is doing twice as much as if he merely lent the dough.

So while the other institutions climb the hill uptown, he jollies his depositors and keeps them coming down; for real estate is higher than the price of steak and eggs, quotations being lower for the old-fashioned human legs. From this example of success in practical finance, let inspiration perk you up to cultivate your chance.

Next Subject: Charles Fanning.

TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.

Queen Alexandrine, consort of King Christian of Denmark, born in Mecklenburg, 40 years ago.

Henry M. Morgan, American consul-general and high trade commissioner for the United States in Belgium, born in New Orleans, 59 years ago.

Bishop Richard G. Waterhouse of the M. E. church, south, born in Rhea county, Tennessee, 64 years ago.

Right Rev. Robert L. Paddock, Episcopal bishop of eastern Oregon, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., 50 years ago.

Emanuel Lasker, one of the foremost of chess experts, born at Berlinchen, Germany, 51 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.

Christmas eve, and the thermometer at noon registered 75 degrees.

The engagement was announced of Miss Grace Chambers to Mr. John Wilbur, the wedding to occur after Lent.

A Christmas dance was given at the home of Mr. Henry Yates.

The Omaha guards appeared as minstrels in a program of fun and frolic at Boyd's Opera house for the entertainment of their friends, as well as for the pecuniary benefit of themselves as an organization.

Our Free Legal Aid

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

Let The Bee Advise You.

Landlord and Tenant.

A. L. H.—I occupy an office in one of the downtown prominent office buildings and, contrary to the orders of the fuel administrator, the heat was turned off in the building an hour before the time it should have been. As a consequence it was impossible for me to use my office during the period of time allowed by the fuel administrator. Am I entitled to a deduction in rent or can I recover damages for the action of the tenants of the building?

Answer—You might be entitled to damages provided you would succeed in proving them. However, I doubt the advisability of asking for a reduction in rent or damages.

Landlord and Tenant.

W. Y.—I rented space in the building and the lease provided that it was to be used for a billiard hall. The fuel administrator closed my place of business. Can the landlord collect rent during the time that I was closed? I understand that a case was decided in this state that where premises were rented for a saloon and the law was passed putting the saloon out of business that that terminated the contract.

Answer—You are not entitled to any deduction. If the order had been permanent there might be some question about your being liable on your contract, but that is not your case.

Answers.

U. E. D.—You cannot remain on the farm. You are entitled to all your wages.

J. C. R.—Write to West Publishing company, St. Paul, Minn., for federal law and to the commissioner of labor, St. Paul, for Minnesota law.

G. H. D.—We do not answer any questions except through the columns of the paper.

E. C. S.—You do not state sufficient facts in order for us to give you an intelligent answer. Our advisce, however, would be for you to see some local lawyer.

S. S.—Five dollars a day.

Guardian.

S. P.—1. What are the legal steps to be taken by anyone wishing to be appointed guardian of a feeble-minded person? 2. Can the business be transacted in a different county from where said interests are? 3. Can any one of the children cause said appointment to be made without the knowledge of the rest?

Answer—1. Apply to the county court. 2. It can. 3. Yes.

Vicious Dog.

N. S. D.—We take your paper and like it the best of the three Omaha papers. Three weeks ago my brother was bitten by a mad dog in our yard. We took him to the hospital. The police came out and shot this dog, who belonged to one of the neighbors. They also shot our dog, who had been fighting with the mad dog. Our dog was a family pet and we had him for five years. The man who owned the mad dog told us he would pay the hospital bill. Can we force him to pay damages for the child and dog and the hospital bill?

Answer—If the owner knew the dog was vicious and dangerous you can recover.

Will.

S. C. F.—Will you answer through your legal advice columns what constitutes a legal will in the state of Ohio?

Answer—Any person of full age, sound mind and memory and under no restraint can make a will in Ohio. It may be handwritten or typewritten, signed at the end thereof by the party making the same, or by some other person in his presence, and by his express direction attested and acknowledged in the presence of two competent witnesses.

Inheritance.

C. E. S.—In case a small inheritance comes from one state into another, up to what amount does an inheritance tax become due and which state collects same?

Answer—It all depends upon the laws of the state where the person dies as well as where the heir lives. Ordinarily the tax is paid in the state where the person died.

Negligence.

S. S.—While employed by a stock rancher I had my foot broken while making repairs on a hay stacker. One of the employes caused the accident by causing part of the stacker to fall. Am I entitled to damage, if so, does my case come under the workmen's compensation law? There were about eight employes on the ranch. When would it be barred by the statute of limitations?

Answer—A stock rancher is classified as a farm laborer, so that the workmen's compensation law does not apply. The statute of limitation is four years. Your right of recovery would depend upon your showing that the proximate cause of your injury was due to you employer's negligence.

Lost Deed.

L. H. H.—Would you please answer in your Free Legal Aid column the following: My father owns a 320-acre farm in Mills county, Iowa, which he bought 25 or 30 years ago, got the deed and contract for the same, sent the deed to the county recorder to be recorded and was returned in due time, and not having a good place to keep such things he took it to the local bank for safe keeping. Now they promised to keep it, but lost it instead. The cashier and other people at the bank were never able to locate this deed, although we have had them look for it a number of times, and this has been lost for 25 years. Now can this deed in some crook's hands ever cause trouble? What should be done to be sure of a perfect title?

Answer—Would advise going to county recorder to see if the deed was recorded. If recorded the fact that the recorded deed was lost or stolen could not inure to the benefit of anybody and you need not worry about it. However, if the deed was not recorded, then it would be necessary to bring suit to quiet title.

Arrest—Liability of Officer.

R. H.—At the command of my superior officer I participated in a wrongful arrest and now I have been threatened with suit. I wish you would let me know through the columns of your paper whether I am absolved from liability for my conduct by reason of the fact that I was acting under orders of my superior officer.

Answer—You are not absolved from liability for the reason that a police officer is conclusively presumed to know his duty and to refrain from acting outside of such duty.

Railroad Company Negligence.

T. H. L.—While riding on a train coming into Omaha I stepped into the gentlemen's washroom and in doing so stumbled over a cuspidor on the floor in the washroom. I could not see, owing to the curtained doorway. I do not know who placed the cuspidor in the doorway. Is the company liable?

Answer—Under the facts related the company would not be liable.

Little Folks' Corner

For Girls to Make Homecraft

For Your Christmas Party.

By Carolyn Sherwin Bailey.

The Christmas party table ought to be the most beautiful decorated one of the whole year. You may have an attractive scheme of decoration, carry it out yourself, and at slight cost. Make some large snowballs of cotton batting, wrapping a small gift in each. Cover these with white crepe paper, dust them with frost powder to make them sparkle, and pile them in the center of the table. Buy some of the little cardboard holders for sweets known as ice cups. Paint these with water colors in holly red and green, and fill them with sugar almonds, which look like tiny snowballs. Place one

of these Christmas baskets at each guest's place at the table. These and the snowballs in the center make welcome favors.

A Christmas Tree for Each Guest.

Individual paper drinking cups hold these little trees, or the small cardboard flower pots that the green houses use now. Either are easily obtained. Color the cup or pot a bright crimson, and fill it with white sand. A wooden meat skewer makes the trunk of the tree. Cut strips of green tissue paper and fringe them. Coat the skewer with thin glue and wind the fringed green around it until it takes the form and shape of a small evergreen tree. Then thrust it into the sand, which holds it upright. These Christmas trees, one at each place, or given as souvenirs at the Christmas party, are very unique and pretty. The clever girl will be able to attach a small gift to each one, or tie candies to them.

Christmas Snappers.

Your Christmas party will not be complete without the jolly snappers with fortunes inside that all boys and girls have enjoyed from the old days of merry England. But why not get the plain ones, a dozen or so, and dress them up just as you like?

Bits of red or green silk may be fringed and tied around them with holly ribbon. They may be covered with scarlet crepe paper and tied with holly ribbon. A bit of real holly may be fastened to each, or a small figure of Santa Claus, cut from a picture postcard may decorate them. Pass a basket of these gay snappers and see the delight of your guests.

(Next week: "A Costume for Your New Year's Party.")

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Departed Spirit.

A certain alderman was lying ill.

One morning a friend sent a jar of brandied cherries and later called to see him.

"I want to thank you for these delicious brandied cherries," said the alderman.

"I thought you would like them as well as anything," said the friend.

"Yes, yes, indeed," he asserted, with his characteristic smile, "and how much more I appreciated the spirit in which they were sent!"—Houston Post.

No Increase in Senators.

The new census next year, it is announced, will mean more representatives in congress. Thanks be to the good old constitution, however, it will not mean any more senators.—Savannah News.

L. V. Nicholas

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For Boys to Make Handicraft

Making a Wardrobe Chest.

By Grant M. Hyde.

For one or two dollars any boy can make a wardrobe chest, so useful and attractive that it will find a place in the finest bedroom. It isn't likely that his mother will let him sell it, but, if she does, he will

make a good profit. This is how to do it:

Go to a drygoods or shoe store and get a good, strong box, 32 to 42 inches long, 18 to 24 inches wide, and 12 to 18 inches deep. Nail tightly all loose boards to make it as strong as possible.

If necessary, get some good three-quarter inch boards from another box for the lid; fasten them together with two or three strong cleats on the upper side, making a solid lid that fits exactly and lies evenly. It must be strong because someone will be sitting on it every day. Nail the lid in place lightly; screw on two hinges; pull out the nails; and the top part of the box is done.

Next turn the box upside down and put a castor on each of the four corners. The ball-bearing castors that are fastened on with small screws are best. Examine the box again and complete the work of carpentry by smoothing off all rough edges and corners.

Cover the box inside and out with cloth stretched tightly and fastened on with small tacks. Any good strong fabric of a serviceable color will be all right; denim is good. It is best to put some cotton padding under the cloth that covers the lid.

If the work is neatly done, and the color of the cloth matches, the color scheme of the room where the box is to be kept, the result will be as fine a chest as any mother will want.

(Next week: "A Creeper for Father's Garage.")

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We're World Beaters.

If it is Carranza's idea to engage in a letter writing contest with Washington somebody ought to tell him we can beat him at that.—Philadelphia Press.

SAID TO BE FUNNY.

"I always envy that stout friend of mine."

"Why?"

"On a car I can give my seat to a girl, but he can give his seat to four girls."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Hawkins is very fond of his horse, isn't he?"

"Why, no; he hates him."

"That's queer. I saw him riding in the park the other day, and he had his arms about the animal's neck.—Dallas News.

Muggins—I never knew anyone to be such a stickler for the little niceties of social form as Dolittle.

Buggins—Yes; Dolittle wouldn't even go to work unless he had received an engraved invitation.—Philadelphia Record.

Judge—You say you are suing this man because he did not blow his horn before he ran into you?

Plaintiff—I didn't say he didn't blow his horn. I said that I couldn't hear it. His old car rattled too much.—Pearson's Weekly.

Tee Hee—What runs across the floor without legs?

Sleepy—I don't know; what?

Tee Hee—Water.—Nebraska Awgwan.

"Now there's some talk of a Father's day."

"Aw, father doesn't want a day. Give him a night off."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Anyhow the kids on our street are right up to the minute."

"So?"

"Yes. They've formed a league of neighborhoods to prevent fights."—Detroit Free Press.

"Our imports and exports are keeping up, I see."

"Yes, and our deports are going to be good, too."—Boston Transcript.

STEPPING STONES.

Rev. William Frederick Feld, instructor of public speaking at Creighton university, who recently published a book of poems entitled "After Hours," has written a new poem and sends it to The Bee for publication. A number of his poems have been published in periodicals, including the Literary Digest.

You say you know me through and through,—
So like an open book I lie,
My failings all so plain to you;
Well, dearest, this is my reply:
As books are writ 'tis so they stay.
Sometimes men change, then may not I?

I, too, have read myself aright.
The pages do not please so well:
I've made the Old Year's scanning light
Upon old sins and errors dwell.
I've paid for some of these in tears—
What others cost me, who can tell?

The Old Year's been my tutor wise,
His counsels will not be in vain.
Think you I mean to close mine eyes
And blunder as before again?
Our faults are stepping stones, whereby
We steeper, nobler heights attain.

WILLIAM FREDERICK FELD.

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