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You should know that Omaha is one of the best equipped "club" cities of its size in the United States.

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1. Respect for the law and maintenance of order.
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Nebraska's official language is "United States."

That little bank at Halsey surely was "easy," without regard to its connections.

Democrats breaking away from Hitchcock on the treaty? Can such things be!

Administrations may change, but Omaha's election commissioner goes right on.

Argentina is coming here for coal, if you want to know where some of it goes.

Peace by resolution may be as satisfactory as peace by treaty. It is for the president to determine finally.

A Missouri politician is charged with murder because he killed an editor. The light of civilization is spreading.

France is using oiled paper in lieu of glass, until it can make its own. This is the spirit that will rebuild the land.

Japan is buying land in the Philippines at a rate that alarms the legislature. It is quite hard to keep the Nipponese at home.

Mansions are reported to be buying ammunition and arms in Europe. We didn't think anybody over there had a surplus.

Nebraska's potato crop was below normal for the year, but more than all the people in the state will eat still is held as surplus.

One of the "job sisters" inquires to know if young New is a moron. He may be, but from this distance he looks like a plain murderer.

The Wood boosters beat the rest to it, when it came to filing petitions, but the field is not closed yet and a lot of other entries may come in.

What to do for Pershing when he comes may puzzle the committee, but leave it to the common people to show him where he stands with them.

Another shortage of fuel is threatened because the railroads are going to use the cars and the tracks to haul grain. Just one thing after another.

All the debate on the terms of the treaty was not had in the United States senate, as the discussion between Berlin and the Entente is still in progress.

If the wireless report from the "ark" that the reds on board are contented be true, it should never land, for they probably will not reach that state again.

Passing of Christmas did not end the mission of The Bee's Free Shoe Fund. It goes right on through the winter. Your subscription will help clothe a pair of little feet that may otherwise go bare.

A State Sues

The use of alcoholic beverages has been practically prohibited in all ages. It has been sanctioned by all Christian churches until within a very short time. Moral and intellectual progress may possibly be retarded by the habit, but the historic fact is that the nations which have done the most for human advancement are among the most liberal users of alcohol.

Under these circumstances it might be assumed that a large part of the community would regard prohibition as a perfectly unwarranted invasion of their personal liberty and would offer some open and unmistakable protest against its enforcement. They have not done so, however. They have left all resistance to the persons who make money in manufacturing and vending alcoholic beverages.

TO CUT THE COST OF LIVING.

A campaign is about to get under way in Omaha, directed against the high cost of living. First announcement of detail in connection with the proceedings is that of a publicity agent. Just what duties will be assigned to him have not been specified as yet.

All around the world the condition is the same. Unusual, and in many instances exorbitant, prices are asked and received. Profiteering has thriven shamelessly on public calamity, but more on popular recklessness.

Worse than this, the spendthrift sets the pace. Much of the advance in price on staples is due to natural causes. Production has not kept up with consumption, and so as the demand has outstripped supply, the selling price has risen.

The standard of living is not elevated merely by putting a workman in a position where he can buy a costly pair of shoes, an expensive suit of clothes, or a hat he does not need.

And above all things, the people should be taught that on production depends the future. If a lower price level is to be reached, it will be because there is a greater supply of things mankind needs.

The Right to Strike.

Action of the machinists in connection with the anti-strike provision of the Cummins railroad bill brings up sharply the question in its abstract sense at least.

When the right to strike is indulged in as it was by the miners, or might be by the railroad employes, to the detriment of the public, it takes on a danger that is quite as tangible as any contained in the possibility of enforced labor.

The right of the republic to requisition the services of any or all of its citizens for good public purpose is undoubted. The application of the selective draft law established this beyond question.

It is neither wise nor safe, however, for society to invade too far the rights of the individual, even in the interests of the whole. The railroad labor question does not present any insuperable obstacle.

Let the railroad companies and the railroad employes understand they are to be fairly dealt by, and must deal fairly between themselves, and interruption of the business of the country by a general railroad strike will become a remote contingency.

Recognition for the S. A. T. C.

The attorney general of Illinois has just rendered a decision that must govern in a wider sense than was intended because of its justice. It is in effect that members of the Student Army Training Corps are entitled to the same recognition under the state soldiers' preference law as are those who were actually in service.

Sale of 103 former German ships by the United States government will not evoke as much interest now as might have attended the transaction a couple of years ago, when the demand for tonnage was greater.

Views and Reviews

Echoes of Political Field Day at Washington

The meeting of the republican national committee and the conference of republican state chairmen at Washington was really a field day in advance of the nominating convention set for Chicago next June.

What is the condition of President Wilson? This question is repeatedly propounded and unfortunately a variety of opinions, all of them with the same lack of authority, are entertained.

The Gridiron dinner this time was for once a booze-less banquet with the "kick" confined wholly to the stunts. Naturally the disappearance of the joy-water furnished a theme for more than one hit and the presence of numerous would-be presidents and president-makers was not overlooked.

Word brought from Mississippi is to the effect that George E. Sheldon, former republican governor of Nebraska, has been elected to the legislature as a democrat.

In Lapland the babies are wrapped in furs, and buried in the snow outside the church while their parents attend the services.

The Arabs of the desert have such extreme powers of vision that on the vast and featureless wastes of the desert they are able to see objects visible to the ordinary eye at distances from one to 10 miles distant.

Among the most unique stamps in the history of the world are the emergency postage stamps printed by the new republic of Esthonia.

Many deep-sea fish inhabiting the impenetrable depths of the ocean are phosphorescent and are provided with the most wonderful luminous contrivances, by which they are able to project rays of feeble light.

Not New--Woman In Politics

Is woman only just now getting into politics in these United States? According to Uncle Joe Cannon, who has been a close observer of political stress and storm and an acute interpreter of political cause and effect for more than 70 years, the women were in politics 60 years ago, and just as "het up" as the men, though back in the days of "bleeding Kansas," squatter sovereignty and the now historic Lincoln-Douglas debates, the women were not bothering to any large extent with the subject.

In an article contributed to a number of the Pictorial Review, Uncle Joe tells about the hot campaign in Illinois back in 1858—that was two years previous to the 1860 presidential election year, when there were four presidential candidates in the running—Lincoln, Douglas, Breckinridge and Bell.

The hill people of Assam reckon time and distance by the number of miles of blood in the human body as it circulates in normally serene flowing in many of the desolated areas of France enjoy lower prices than prevail in Paris.

A house built of beer bottles was once an interesting feature of Tonopah, Nevada. It was on account of the local scarcity of timber that a miner conceived the idea of building a house of beer bottles.

Home Health Hints

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

"Mothers of Diseases"

While no epidemic exists in Omaha the danger of scarlet fever and diphtheria is always present in winter months. Parents have been advised to guard as far as possible against these terrors of childhood.

The increase of scarlet fever and diphtheria in London is a serious matter. Dr. Addison calls it a "substantial outbreak." But the epidemic is not so serious as it is becoming certain, it is that the effects are by no means limited to the initial attack, but may haunt the victim throughout his life.

Indians at one time used butter solely as an ointment for wounds. Silver from sea water is often found deposited on the copper sheath of a ship's propeller.

ODD AND INTERESTING.

Residents of islands and small ports are said to live longer than persons who dwell on the mainland.

Can't Entertain Company.

D'Annunzio says he yearns to reach America on wings. He has plenty of trouble makers of our own.—Detroit Free Press.

More Prohibition Laws.

Still more drastic prohibition laws. Even the show windows can no longer become "hit up."—Boston Transcript.

Groans From School Kids.

We have had to see the age when maps are moving pictures.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Senator Sorenson Sets The Bee Right

Omaha, Dec. 26.—To the Editor of the Bee: Your interesting and instructive Quill department in a recent issue stated:

"Omaha first established telegraphic communication with Chicago and St. Louis in 1843. This is an error. The late Edward Creighton, upon the completion of a telegraph line from Jefferson, Mo., to Fort Smith, Ark., in 1849, for Stebbins, a telegraph contractor, came to Omaha and in 1849 built the Missouri and Western line from St. Louis to Omaha, the first line to reach this city. The line was completed October 5, 1849, and on the evening of that day two other important messages were transmitted between Brownville and Omaha and on the following day connections were made with all eastern telegraph points. Mr. J. L. Webster acted as telegraph operator at Omaha and Missouri Valley, which reached here in 1851.

"Fort Bridger, October 17.—To Mrs. Edward Creighton, Omaha, Neb.: This being the first message over the new line, I have the honor to salute Lake, allow me to greet you. In a few days the two oceans will be united."

The connection was made one week later. The Bee's printer makes another error in stating that the old capitol building in Omaha was gradually remodeled into what is now the Central High school building.

Meaning What He Said. "Isn't that an odd sign, 'Cigars for Smoking'?" asked the man in the tobacconist's shop.

Not Welcome. A youngster of 3 was enjoying a story his mother was reading aloud to him when a cat came in a few minutes his mother was called to the telephone. The boy turned to the caller and said: "Now you hear it home."—Houston Post.

FOR THE NEW YEAR WHY NOT

The Columbia Way

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TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.
Barton Millard, Grain Exchange, born 1858.
Frank E. Mayer, former executive secretary Omaha Church Federation, born 1870.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.
There was a thunderstorm in the afternoon with the rain falling in torrents.

BITS OF INFORMATION.
The different diseases that affect mankind number about 1,200.

Of the world's population there are between three and four millions who are always on the sea.

In the 17 provinces of Siam there are nearly 175,000 monks and nuns connected with the temples of the native religion.

Of Spain's population about one-fifth are nobles, of whom four-fifths are either paupers or on the verge of poverty.

More than 40 per cent of the people of Great Britain could not write their name when Queen Victoria ascended the throne.

The oldest and most frequently tapped rubber-trees produce the richest sap, and the other side of the island every other day will yield sap for more than a score of years.

According to estimate, fully 7,000,000 horsepower to the acre, or about 4,000,000 horsepower to the square mile, reaches the earth on a clear day in the form of radiant heat.

A change of National Librarians takes two years to accomplish, since each of the 40,000 valuable manuscripts must be handled over separately after an identification which is by no means perfunctory.

The wealthy Turk is seldom at his wife's dinner table. He usually dines in one part of the house remote from that occupied by his wife or wives, and his companions are generally his elder sons and perhaps some male friends.

The chemistry of the present day had its origin in the old time alchemy, which had for its main inspiration and object the discovery of some means by which the alchemists might effect the transmutation of the base metals into gold.

IN THE BEST OF HUMOR.

"Pa, what is a 'mors' anyhow?"
"A mors which has lost the 'er' of the country and lacks the fervid delight of the city."—Life.

"Was the man written by one of the best of the architects?"
"Was the man that understands music?"—Pennsylvania State.

"Three-fingered Sam always wins when he plays cards?"
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"Land me Article X, old man?"
"Sorry Joe, but the best I can let you have is Article V."—Landing.

"Ratified without reservations 51p me the V.—Buffalo Express.

The Proud Mother—"Can't you see the resemblance between baby and his father?"
The Old Bachelor—"Well, they're both bald-headed."—Houston Post.

"They say that music pleases the cows—does that mean more milk?"
"Indeed, it does. I'll read you the market list."—Boston Transcript.

"Rather an angular model you sent me?"
"Wasn't do, eh?"
"Of course not. I'm not illustrating a work of geometry."—Kansas City Journal.

"You don't mean to tell me that Poppa Van Sappy made all that money by his advertising?"
"Dear, no."
"By the way, did you see the negro? You see he's good for all those colds."—Children's Edition.

"That Mrs. Wain is a remarkable woman," said Mr. Bendisid.
"Was it so remarkable about her?"
"Why, she is a silent partner in a bank."—Kansas City Journal.

Interested Maiden—"And when were you demobilized, Arthur?"
"Demobilized? I was never out of the trenches, but they did kill all of them; I feel one crawling on me every now and then."—Children's Edition.

Ratusus had captured the recruiting office to join the army.
"Which will you prefer, a medal or an all-black coat?"
"Neither, I'll take the coat and the medal."—American Legion Weekly.

"Some people have the faculty for seeing the wrong side of a coin."
"Was that way in school?"—Kansas City Journal.

SOME JOBS.

It's easy enough to look pretty.
When the weather looks balmy and fair;
When the breeze fan lightly your tresses,
Or when soft sunbeams kiss your face;
But when the weather gets frigid
And Jack Frost makes you see ice-
And one in a hundred of mortals
Can suffer other look so pretty.

It's easy enough to look stunning.
When the air is all calm and serene;
When your hat stays at just the right angle;
Then you're happy and proud to be seen;
But when the wind whistles and howls,
And Jack Frost makes you see ice-
It's no easy job to look stunning.

It's easy enough to look dainty.
When the moisture is beading your skin,
And the powder stays just where you put it;
In the summer. But when you step
Out on the cold streets Christmas eve—
'Till your features are twisted and blue,
And your little nose brightens its corner,
Lookin' dainty's a stiff job for you.

—BAYOLLE NE TREBLE.

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