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- honest and efficient public service. L Inculcation of Americanism as the true
- basis of good citizenship.

Somebody ought to "smoke" for that bonfire at Nitro.

The Nebraska political pot is beginning to bubble a little.

One sure way to end bootlegging is to allow druggists to sell.

Regular airmail service is promised Omaha for March 1. We can wait.

At any rate, Pershing made a record a lot of his critics would be proud to own.

The troubles of the census man are like those of the assessor-never at an end.

The dove of peace still hovers around the capitol at Washington, and may alight there yet.

The state of Nebraska is willing to take a chance on Douglas county, so we are saved once Green stuff from the sunny south implies

that Nebraska will be raising its own before very long. in public, but how the lips will laugh at the

censor in private! "W. J. B." may not be an undertaker, but

Br'er Edwards ought to know how often he has "laid out" Tammany.

The Bryan-Edwards joint debate shows conclusively how thick the harmony is in the democratic household.

Woollen manufacturers hope to reduce clothing costs. They will have the moral support of everybody who wears garments.

It might not be a bad idea if the warring longmen were to go home and take part in some one of the numerous rebellions going on

It may be all right to permit the sale of whisky as a medicine, but how does Commissioner Roper get authority to prescribe the amount a patient should have? That ought to be up to the doctor.

Heflin of Alabama says the Federal Reserve bank is the greatest check ever placed on Wall Street. He might get some information by reading a few of Director Harding's admonitions to speculators.

A correspondent of a local paper suggested Henry Ford as a candidate for president, but does not say on which ticket. The last time Henry ran for anything it was as a democrat, but prior to that he had obtained the endorsement of Nebraska republicans for the office of chief executive. He is a versatile chap when it comes to politics.

## Nobel Prizes Go Begging

Two of the Nobel prizes for 1919, it appears, ill not be awarded. The prizes in economic and medicine were to be assigned to Frenchmen, but in advance of the formal announcement both refused to accept the honors because the Swedish body which gives the prizes for chemistry had seen fit to honor Dr. Haber, inventor of the poison gases used by the German army. No doubt there will be protests against this "narrowness" from those who profess to believe in the international character of science a doctrine worthy enough, but somewhat be-side the point. One recalls the recent appeal for the erasing of the hard feelings aroused by the war which was published in France, in Austria and in America by some of those who call themselves intellectuals. The French intellectuals who were eager to forget about the war all at once seem to have been almost wholly of the group centering about the sufficiently thown M. Barbusse—gentlemen, that is, who have no interest in any war except the bolshewist crusade against the world, in the interest of which they toil so earnestly. As for the American signatories, nearly all of them bore man names or were known for friendship

sith Germany.

So, though Dr. Haber undoubtedly has many cientific achievements to his credit besides his cientific achievements and though the Swedes work in poison gas, and though the Swedes who made the award had probably no invidious atention, general sympathy will be felt with the Frenchmen who did not care to be honored a such company. One may wonder, indeed, the literature was not given to the man who wrote General Ludendorff's daily communiques the German people on the absorbing subject atrategic retirements.—New York Times.

#### AN ORGY OF WASTE.

As investigation goes deeper into the record of extravagance made by the War department the more appalling are the facts disclosed. Representative Jefferis contributed another chapter to the accumulating heap of damning evidence of the incompetency of the administration when he told the story of the orgy of waste at Nitro. the "wonder city," which outstrips any of the

When the retreating German armies fell back onto the Hindenburg line, they deliberately devastated the region they abandoned, destroying what they could not take with them. For this crime against civilization they were called all manner of names. The only other place in the world where the destruction of Bapaume could be matched seems to have been at Nitro, Va., within sight of the capital of the nation, and where no hostile gun was fired.

Nor was it to prevent the supplies from falling into enemy hands, but merely to get them out of the way. Lumber, hardware, nails, spikes, foodstuffs, all manner of needed articles were wilfully, wantonly fed to the flames, which were kept roaring continually. More lumber was burned than was used, says Representative Jefferis, who tells of how a lumber pile ten feet high and covering an acre was burned to clear a space in which the secretary of war would

find room to speak in a Liberty Bond Drive. Responsibility should be fixed for this amazing outrage, and punishment visited on them. It is not merely a political issue, for the democrats are as deeply concerned in this as are the republicans. The fact the democratic administration is responsible for our unreadiness to enter the war, and the consequent additional expenditure that was needed has long been fixed. But that such criminal recklessness as has been discovered at Mussel Shoals, at Charleston, at Nitro, and elsewhere throughout the country, could have gone on unchecked and unrebuked by the War department surpasses understanding.

#### A Dangerous Doctrine.

Some of the proposals made for the control of the railroads of the United States embody the most amazing doctrines of communistic socialism. One of these is that which contemplates dividing excess earnings of prosperous roads among the less successful. This has already been discussed several times, and the principle involved should be well understood. It involves taking from a thrifty, well managed road a portion of its earnings to be allotted to a competitor that is neither thrifty nor well directed, in order that it may share in what it does not earn. If such a principle were extended to all other lines of business, as it well may be, the communistic state has been attained. It is applied bolshevism.

Walker D. Hines, federal director, advocates the plan "in order to protect the public against excess earnings of very prosperous roads, and in order to insure a fair return to all roads." Plainly, Mr. Walker has not learned the outstanding lesson of the unhappy experiment of government control, which is that efforts at unification of operation have produced neither efficiency nor satisfaction. Government management may have secured for certain railroads dividends they would not have earned, but it has been at the expense of the taxpayers.

If competition is to be restored, and the earnest hope of those who have most deeply and sincerely studied the problem is that it will be The Japanese are trying to abolish kissing restored, it must be under such conditions as will secure to competent and energetic management its proper return. The "mildewed ear" should not be permitted to fatten on its fairer brother in this any more than in any other avenue of individual or group employment.

Government regulation to insure a fair field for all, to prevent extortion and injustice, is desirable, but this does not contemplate robbing Peter to pay Paul, nor to take money from a successful business and give it to one that is not successful. Some better method for equalizing conditions may be discovered, but it should not rest on any penalty put upon enterprise and ability.

## In the Matter of Agreements.

Very recently Omaha has been treated to several illustrations of how jurors are unable to reach a verdict because of difference of opinion as to the guilt of the accused. People wonder why this is so; those who have determined on guilty and those who have decided not guilty each failing to understand how there can be any reasonable dispute as to the facts in the case. Now we have a more notable and impressive instance of this. An incident in connection with the affairs of state involved a firm of attorneys to the extent that the Bar association felt impelled to make an inquiry. This was duly held, the facts developed through the examination of witnesses, and the whole submitted to a committee of five able lawyers to draw conclusions and present a written finding. This committee reached its agreement as to the conclusions and instructed one to write out the report. When this was done, the others declined to accept as their own the language of the report, and the dispute is open again.

The obvious moral of this is that when learned men of the law can not agree on a verdict, it is no cause for wonder that jurors at times find themselves similarly situated. As a matter of human experience, mental reaction varies continually with the individual, and minds are seldom in accord as to anything. Unanimity is much rarer than the records show, for generally the assent is given with some degree of mental reservation, or because of indifference as to the point. Willingness to try anything once helps a lot, because it enables folks to get along together, but do not deal too harshly with the jury when it can not reach agreement other than to disagree.

Wastefulness in connection with the doings of the War department, is coming up to verify the illuminating statement made by Creel when he told of the nonchalance with which Newton D. Baker disposed of matters involving hundreds of millions of dollars. Some folks under him seemed to have imitated his example, even down to the disposal of mere millions.

A course of irrigation is to be given by the University of Nebraska, with the school established at Gering. This is where the science is best understood and best practiced in Nebraska, and where experts may be developed if such a thing is possible anywhere.

A London banker says any sudden decrease in the cost of living would bring disaster. Well, sterling exchange took quite a drop without doing a great deal of harm in this country.

#### Poland's Thin Red Line

From the Minneapolis Tribune. Is Poland to be substituted for Belgium and France, and Trotzky for Wilhelm, in the next great war for the preservation of civilization? The most powerful army in Europe today is that of the bolsheviki. It is on the aggressive in all directions. It is expected that it will be launched, in large part at least, against Poland

Poland, as constituted by the Peace conference and recognized by the League of Nations, is made up largely of territory formerly belonging to Russia. It constitutes today, as the dis patches describe it, the "thin red line" between polshevism on the East and democracy on the West. Poland, it is expected, will have to fight for her life. Will she be obliged to defend it alone? Her life is the barrier against the Western spread of bolshevist forces and ideas, and polshevist occupation. The soviet government of Russia has no notion now, apparently, of being content with domination over its own territory, as now constituted, but aims to extend its power and spread its propaganda throughout he world. It is just as ambitious a program, is just as much of a menace to the peace of the

world as was Prussianism five years ago. The theory that the people of Russia should be permitted to develop their own form of government and select their own leaders and have the kind of government they desire has been adhered to by the Allies on the theory of selfdetermination, but circumstances have been such that this has resulted in the assertion of arbitrary power more absolute, more tyrannical, more cruel than ever existed under the czaristic regime. Bolshevism is today a greater menace to the liberties of the people as a whole than was the empire at any time during the last 10 years of its existence. This is the power that has gained the ascendancy in Russia and which aims at the overthrow and the absorption of other states and other systems as eagerly as did the Hun. Will Poland, weak and probably incapable of dealing alone successfully with this threatened invasion, be allowed to fight her battles as best she can, or will the Entente, the United States included, decide, perhaps after costly delay, that Poland must not be crushed, but must have such help as will be necessary to make a successful resistance against the advances of the bolshevist power?

Perhaps this sounds like getting ready for a new war, or like advocating a new war: it certainly is not intended to be understood as favoring a new war, but it would be folly to repeat the mistake of 1914 to 1917 and fail to be repared for whatever emergency may arise. Naturally and properly, the first move would be France and Great Britain; they will feel the first effects if the Poles should be unable to maintain themselves. But the triumph of Trotzky over Poland would have no less sig-nificance for us than the overrunning of Belgium by Germany and the assault upon France, iming at world dominion.

The government is now contemplating the furnishing of life's necessities to the Russian people, provided the transmission of supplies can surely be made so as to reach the hands of the needy in the population centers. It is assumed that people who have food cannot be induced to follow bolshevik leadership very long and that if food supplies are provided the oolshevik ranks will soon begin to show desertions in large numbers.

How practicable this scheme may be only experience can demonstrate, but if it be pracicable now, the question is, Why was not this policy adopted before the bolshevik movement was able to gain its present strength by threats and favoritism? If such a plan can detach its followers from bolshevism now, could it not have been much more successful before bolshevism became so widely extended and so well intrenched? The Russian policy of the Allies, our own government included, has been folowed by results that leave little to be said in its defense. Perhaps Mr. Hoover's plan to remove the blockade and feed the starving may succeed; let's try it; it is at least the humane thing to do.

## Princes and Pugilists

The world is so full of trouble that it is slopping over onto most of us; but, say what we will, the war at least is ended. When staid and sober New York journals give space on the first page to a seventy-second prize fight in London, it is unmistakably evident that the day of German drives and Hindenburg lines has passed into history.

The public is seeking diversion in little And, though the Prince of Wales was at the ringside and stood up and made a speech of twenty words, and though dukes and earls and even ladies "in low gowns and diamonds" were conspicuous among those present, the combat between a British pugilist and a French one must be reckoned as one of the world's

It is well, perhaps, that we have these tremendous trifles to divert us. As the doughboys say, we are "fed up" on war. Since time alone apparently can deliver us from our tribulations, we can take our mind off our troubles for a time by getting excited over something that is, Think of them, pray for them, aid them in reality, for most people just about as important as the money they bet on it.—Binghamton

## Surplus Just on Paper

Now it appears that the Postoffice department not only has failed to supply service, but that its surplus of \$35,000,000 for the last seven years very likely will be erased when claims against it are settled. The railroads, according o Representative Steenerson of Minnesota. chairman of the house postoffice and postroads committee, have claims aggregating \$100,-

The railroads used to get about \$52,000,000 you breathe. Your health depends annually for carrying the mails. Now they get \$47,000,000 for double the work that they formerly did. The United States government has been in control of the railroads for more than two years. In those two years all classes of erful germicidal qualities, though rates have been increased except those for car- they are absolutely harmless. The rying the mails, which have been reduced about flavor is extremely palatable, re-10 per cent. If it is worth more to carry a freshing, soothing.

passenger or a pound of freight or express. None of the inconveniences and passenger or a pound of freight or express. None of the inconveniences and why isn't it worth more for carrying a pound half-way effects of obnoxious garof mail matter?

It is fair to assume that at least some of the relief from sore, inflamed throat claims against the Postoffice department will and destruction of all germs. Helpbe allowed. As Representative Steenerson ful for singers, speakers, actors, points out, if only one-third of them are paid, Mr. Burleson's fine seven-year surplus of \$35,000,000 will be gone.—Buffalo Express.

The Day We Celebrate.

M. T. Barlow, chairman board of directors of the United States National bank, born 1844. William H. Wheeler, insurance, born 1870. Alfred Sorenson, newspaper man, born 1850. Nathan Straus, eminent merchant and philanthropist, born in Rhenish Bavaria, 72

Rupert Hughes, novelist, playwright and short story writer, born at Lancaster, Mo., 48 years ago.

Irvine I. Lenroot, United States senator from Wisconsin, born at Superior, Wis., 51 years ago. George W. Perkins, noted New York financier and one of the organizers of the progressive party, born in Chicago 48 years ago. Zane Grey, author of numerous popular novels, born at Zanesville. O., 45 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.

The Bar Association held its annual ball at the Millard. The Potter & George Real Estate company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,-

Colonel E. H. Osborn, Hon. A. W. Wells and Colonel W. L. Distin, of Quincy, Ill., were here with a view to making some investments

Major J. W. Paddock was visiting his brother, Senator Paddock in Washington, D. C.

Omaha, Jan. 24,-To the Editor of The Bee: Many of us are wondering if in case of a severe epi emic of flu the movie theaters again be made "the goat" as they have been during the former flu epi-demic and "coal famine." You talk directly to people in department tores, you are in close contact with people in doctors' and dentists' ces, you are packed in our Omaha street cars like sardines in a box owing to the excellent (?) service), and in a movie it is not necessary to either talk or open your mouth unless you are one of the popular (?) people who tell the story and read the titles for the surrounding We hope if the shows are closed that the theater men will see that everything in the city is closed enough to drive any normal person insane, besides the many people who are thrown out of employment by these "closing spells." That in case of sickness also means severe suffering. Sincerely,

About Ship Building. Omaha, Jan. 28 .- To the the Editor of The Bee: I am an American and would like when we are talking of the high cost of living and jobs for the returned soldiers, how is it we get England to build ships for us when we have such big ship yards and so many idle men? But suppose it is like a few other big questions that any American can ask, but would embarrass some big officials if they should be brought before a board of investigation. France we had to build ships Now we turn our own boys on the street and pass our work to our pet nation. FRANK WALLACE.

Not Isolated. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 28 .- To the Editor of The Bee: It might be well for those who still talk "isolation" to remember that we never have been, are not now, and never will be isolated from nations that stand on common ground with us in respect to true ideals of democracy, league or no league.

JOSEPH MEINRATH.

Camphor for the Flu. Omaha, Jan. 27.-To the Editor f The Bee: As awful as this epidemic which is scourging Omaha, necessary suffering from not know-

ing how to seek relief.

As for myself, I was nearly desperate, feared I would have to see the doctor, or buy medicine, an income of nothing a year doesn't warrant such recklessness, but I found an old prescription, nearly a year old, used it and avoided the worst spell of cold I ever had.

What the people want is to snuff up some good camphor and other ingredients to keep the passages open to the lungs and not have to strain their sides in order to force the air through the nostrils Nature gives us a very good inning, but "as-sist nature," is the most potential

rule of medical practice.

There will be lots of people die just from influenza because they failed to give themselves a little care when it was so necessary. I know lots of doctors in Omahe who would be willing to stick a little prescription in the papers so those who could not do better might have the benefit. B. FOLLOWAY.

One good thing that can be said about a snowfall is that it brings Joy to the small boy with a sled and the wife who sees in it a good argument to make her husband wear rubbers -Toledo Blade.

## IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

Think of them, mother, passing by The firelit door of your child's white Hearing his laughter passing by.
What if he hungered in Erzerum!
Is it nothing to you—to YOU?

nian,
Starved and tormented without a cause,
Broken and gaunt as Marsovan,
Is it nothing to you—to YOU?

Think of them, children; it might you.
Tossing in paint at Erivan!
Is it nothing to you that it may be you
Who shall send succor to Teheran?
Is it nothing to you—to YOU?

now.
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They will not pass this way again,
Is it nothing to you—to YOU?

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work not as wearing as teaching. Subordinate Positions. There are six possibilities at least in public library work. The lowest paid position is that of assistant; many assistants are needed and the positions are laregly filled by young and they are going to have the peo. girls. The librarian in a small and they are going to have the peo. gains a valuable experience. Next ple back of them. The horror gains a valuable experience, Next ple back of them. The horror gains a valuable experience, Next of no place to go and the city like a comes branch librarian in a large norgue, as it was last winter, is city, which is a position of considerable responsibility.

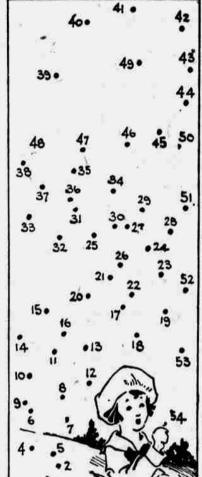
The children's librarian is a special field and in cities requires a real



social worker. The story hour demands yet another kind of talent in

Higher Positions. There are two higher positions in public library work to which a girl may aspire. One is the head of a department, such as the reference, catalogue or periodical, and requires experience and technical ability. The other and highest position of all is

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an you tell what Willie is do ing? . Draw from one to two, and so on to the

## What Shall I Be? Answered Re Boys

By R. S. Alexand

Do you think that since horses have been replaced by automobiles there is no longer any need for veterinaries? If you do think that way about it, forget that idea now. The cows which give the milk you put on your breakfast food have to

be inspected frequently by a veterinary in order to protect you from



disease. The cattle which are killed to furnish the meat you eat are, or should be, inspected by a veterinary, so that you can be sure that meat is fit to eat. The foot and mouth disease is just about as dangerous to your health and comfort as the "flu" itself. A veterinary ought to have just about as much training as the physician that takes care of you-

all the branch libraries, makes out the budget and organizes new departments. These positions are naturally rare and filled by the most capable women.

The Reference Librarian. preparation.

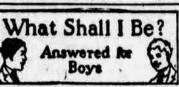
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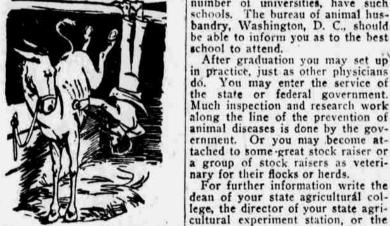
There is a growing demand for trained librarians, although the salary paid does not as yet justify such demand. The majority of li brarians holding positions today have had, in addition to practica training, only a summer school course, or at best a year in some li brary school Many schools throughout the

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is important; it is needed.

school to attend. After graduation you may set up n practice, just as other physicians do. You may enter the service of the state or federal government. Much inspection and research work along the line of the prevention of animal diseases is done by the government. Or you may become attached to some great stock raiser or a group of stock raisers as veterinary for their flocks or herds.

For further information write the dean of your state agricultural college, the director of your state agricultural experiment station, or the bureau of animal husbandry at

Washington. (Next Monday find out about Groundhog day.)

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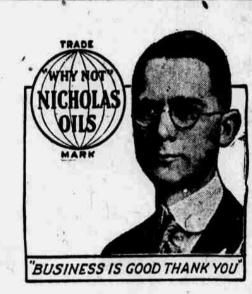
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