Even as the sap gently starts to ooze from the roots of the trees to the upper branches and uppermost twigs, so begins to flow the blood of the human trunk to the innermost recesses of the brain.

And lo, forth come the dreams of spring.

But the human blossoms are not so loathe to exposure as are the leaflets and buds of the mighty oaks. No sooner do they start to tingle the brain, than out of the mouths of babes and sucklings pour the ideas

OMFORT

reams

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first short stretch of mild weather | Venus, garbed in clinging nothings, ary alarm clock awakens the old

Ain't It the Truth?

trouble:

vomen's ages.

said:

SPRING STYLES

SFED

Spring, will crawl forth from his hibernian home, blink angrily at his shadow in the sun, and wheezily crawl back again into his hole, for crawl back again into his hole, for of the season right out here in my another long six weeks of cold and front yard." It's that way every year.

He Nearly Always Does.

Come

The annual ringing of the Februwith the crown of beauty on her hog from his gluttonous slumber, head and the magic wand of pleuty and he always comes out of his hole, head and the magic wand of plenty

And right away starts the yearly tirade against that dignified harbinger of spring, Mr. R. Red Breast. But he should be bothered. When

he does appear, he'll be seen, and these voluntary press agents need have no fear of his name being left

Woman must wear for Easter.

left ear about her new spring hat, all of them promptly leaving the right ear-as perchance they should.

his mammoth crop of corn.

The Census in Horse Creek.

(Ewing Advocate) Joie Littlebink wants a couple

Creek. He is willing to wager that this district can beat any

other on earth for untagged, un-

owned, short and long haired

For the Defense.

NEBRASKA.

(Gothenburg Independent.) I long for no place else to go, I love dear old Nebraska; it's

healthier than Mexico, with more

girls than Alaska. It's people

are the friendly kind, and Bill's as good as Mary. Come west; leave all your grief behind, and help fill up this prairie.

Fair Warning. (Hemingford Ledger.) If the party who took my buggy from my yard several

weeks ago does not return same

at once, I will send officers for

it. He was seen to take same with a tractor. E. Reynolds.

congressman's vote getter, the little bound seed catalogue, sits back in his big Morris chair, lights a true

Havana, and dreams dreams. Yea, he dreams the dreamiest of dreams. For this year, he is go-ing to beat the H_C. L. sure enough. He's going to set out every avail-able_inch of ground in something he sen's just dealed which Con--he can't just decide which, Congressman Pezzaza's" seed catalogue holds such a variety.

said. And then he can let the grocer charge what he wants to for his green stuff. Mr. T. B. M. is going to "raise his own." But the very next evening, when

To prove these statements they pro-duced letters apparently signed by both Bryan and Sunday, as well as a n the exuberance of his high spirits, (not sparkling spirits,) he takes Friend Wife down town for the eveletter from a local minister stating that it was a sound proposition and that he had bought several shares of ning, he gets his annual shock, which is just as true a harbinger of spring as Mr. Robin Red Breast. the stock.

Hardest Blow of AlL

Every other window, it seems to him, is filled with the milliners' creations of what the Great American

Wife pours sweet nothings into his

Armed with bogus letters of in-troduction from William J. Bryan and Billy Sunday, two smooth-troket ween the two the first thing I knew I had purchased some shares of stock, which looked like genuine tongued young women swooped stock certificates.

down on several prominent Oma-hans last week and relieved them of take until I wrote to the address several hundred dollars in cash and Liberty boads. "These two young women came "These two young women came to my office Tuesday morning," said one of the victims. "They were clever talkers and understood their game thoroughly. They introduced

Sold Omahans Stock In

At High Rates to "Dry" Speakers.

Prohibition Platform Co.

The Agents Were Young Women, of Course, and Pretty Also, of Course-The Platforms Were to

Be of "Three-Quarter Sawed" Oak and Rein-

forced Concrete, One In Each City, to Be Rented

Was "Smooth" Game.

"I feel that I have been a victim of a smooth confidence game and there's the certificate," pointing to a themselves as representatives of the neatly framed certificate hanging National Prohibition Platform above his desk. "If anyone ever National Prohibition Platform above his desk. "If anyone ever Building society, Inc., with head-quarters at New York and San Fran-I shall point to that.

"The idea of the society, they said, was to build prohibition platforms in every city of any importance, these platforms to be leased to speakers at a reasonable price the holder to see just how many stock." money to be sent to the National Prohibition Platform Building so-ciety, Inc., New York. A high rate of dividends would be paid, they Levy Harks Back to

Advertising Policy in "They alleged the society was backed by William J. Bryan as presi-dent, and Billy Sunday, as manager. Omaha 30 Years Ago

Morris Levy of the Nebraska Clothing Co. was in a reminiscent mood the other afternoon when he harked back to business conditions in Omaha 30 years ago, referring particularly to advertising in news-

"Three-Quarter-Sawed Oak." papers by merchants.

"The platform, they said, would be built of the very best material, be built of the very best material, advertisment three columns, 6 inches advertisment three columns, 6 inches tions of what the Great American Noman must wear for Easter. And from then on home, Friend Vife pours sweet nothings into his eft ear about her new spring hat, Il of them promptly leaving the ight ear—as perchance they should. Oh dreams of spring have in-to the 'Platform Building society' ithree-quarter-sawed' oak and rein-forced concrete. The location of the platform in Omaha was to be decided by the local stockholders at their first meeting. "They seemed anxious to get Lib-stock certificate. This probably was to the 'Platform Building society'





This is to certify

that Miss Anna Niass

saw the FIRST ROBIN for the

year 1920

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 1, 1920

Once Is Enough, Says One Man Who Went Through eyes)?" the Mill-Indoor Sports Have Nothing On Fun blank: With Prober Into Family Affairs-Age Question "Yes, both eyes." I asked to see this person when I called and found

Is Hardest "Sticker."

Verily the way of the census submitted are names of people or taker is hard, and when he is old he departeth from it. departeth from it. Once is enough! The man who bobs up smiling after one round at For the census enumerator is not gained her sight.

counting the noses of Uncle Sam's as welcome as the flowers in May-family deserves the D. S. M., the Croix de Guerre with palm, and the remind the "lady of the house"thanks of congress. I know, for I and the man too-that there is a



penalty for refusing information. Yet it's an amusing job. Plenty of And while he is establishing his sport-indoor and outdoor. All a man needs to be a good census enumerator is the gift of second man needs to be a good census cumerator is the gift of second sight, the diplomacy of a foreign minister, the manners of a Chester-field, the courage of a Y. D. veteran, credentials cute little Fido or asfield, the courage of a Y. D. veteran, harmless but Fido looks at you with the skill of a handwriting expert, the same expression that she does much over 30, but I wrote down "45." When I was going she asked



the patience of Job and the optimism | herself-ready to bite.

the patience of Job and the optimism of Pollyanna. For equipment, he needs a magnifying glass, a good club or gun, an electric flashlight and a map of the world. He must be a mind reader to de-cide which of conflicting answers is the right one; must be suave in manner, to mollify injured feelings



nd coax information that is given willingly; must possess the ability born?" they will answer, not "Ire-land," but "County Cork," "County Donegal," "County Kilkenny," and The flashlight is to find the way so on. Take this

The flashlight is to find the way by night through dark alleys and yways; the magnifying glass to dis-kinds of people I met within my manage whether certain scrawls rounds; they were among the most "Best Surman"

"Is this person blind (both

WHY DO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FLOCK TO **GEN. STINGER'S CITY?** her wearing "specs." I asked her

to remove them, and then said: "Can you see me?" "Sure I can see you," she an-swered, "but I can't sew on black cloth at night." Politicians See Great Significance In Visits to Omaha by Wood. Pershing, Bryan and She was not blind, and I congratulated her on having officially re-

Lowden.

Only five months till the big polit-One question gave a lot of rouble: "Relationship to head of ical conventions meet to nominate family with whom you live?" candidates for president of the About all the adults claimed to be

United States. These are busy days for General

About all the adults claimed to be the head of the family. Especially in lodging houses. Sometimes as many as 30 or 40 people living in one building would all claim to be the "head of the family." Question No. 9, asking what sex A. Stinger, foremost candidate for you?" he was asked. this, the highest office within the gift of the people. Other candidates for this high of-

the person is, would be answered: "I am a lady," "A lone woman" or "Just married." fice have been coming to General Stinger's home city in increasing numbers since the country was When I asked people their color they would get indignant. startled, a few weeks ago, by the an-nouncement that General Stiftger had

But the big question was that of consented to make the race. General Leonard Wood and Gen-Some got mad, eral John J. Pershing have visited Omaha since then. Each has been some refused to answer, some an-

swered under protest, some just naturally told fibs. One woman mentioned as a candidate. William Jennings Bryan and Governor Lowden, of Illinois, have seen

Reckoning With Stinger.

Stinger lives.

I placed her in my mind us not

When I was going she asked me what I had written, and I showed me what I had written, and I showed her. Then she laughed and said I was a poor judge. She was "only 38" on her coming birthday. So I put her down as 37, but if I had guessed 35, say, in the first place, I wouldn't have found out her right age. There's one of the places where you need a little diplomacy you need a little diplomacy. "Marital condition?" is one of the

General Stinger to reckon with. General Stinger's platform will inquestions. People get that word mixed up with "martial." Some of

the answers I got were, "In the army," "good" and "American." I was taken for everything, from Missouri Mule Will

Coblenz, Germany,-(Special.)-

Now you take Maude for instancesimon pure, 100 per cent American ing my district I would ring the same bell twice, and then what a hubbub. that she is-she just won't stand the Omaha office says. "What! Are you 'round again? I save you all the names and slips the first time! I guess you've lost your senses. Mister." I did my allotted work in 12 days, the employ of the American Army working morning, noon and night, week days and Sundays. Often I'd work till midnight and be up and at of Gott strafing Missouri" lately. These laborers were engaged in it again at 7 in the morning. A great life if you don't weaken—but, as I said before, once is enough. improving the roads hereabouts with the aid of a hundred or more

sure his victory at the polls. Here it is: 1. Immediate increase in from the Little Pappio just last

1. Immediate increase in wages of 50 to 100 per cent (as soon as General Stinger takes week and he said he has heard Stinger favorably mentioned by several there." office). HUSK HUSKS (Bench News in Biair Pilot) Chas. Husk is busy gathering 2. Reduction in the cost of liv-

ing of 50 to 75 per cent (within one month after General Stinger enters the White House). 3. Modification of the prohibition amendment so as to allow

sale of all liquors containing not more than 40 per cent alcohol. expert accountants to help him General Stinger, when seen today take the canine census on Horse

at his office, declared he had nothing to say. "Did these other candidates for president come to Omaha to see

hounds, shepherds, and garbage "I saw them all while they were hunting mongrels. He is going to try to employ Ichabod Mug and Willie Cum to list the forhere," he replied. "Is there any talk of running one eign element.

of them as vice president on the ticket with you?" "I might be willing to consider such arrangement," he said, briefly.

Dempsey was probably more pa-.This shows that General Stinger ? riotic than some chaps who rushed not bigoted. If one of the other nto the army to escape home duties. candidates requests to be put on the This hue and cry against a man who ticket with General Stinger he will

probably consent. Nickel Campaign Manager.

treason, make the most of it." The appointment of Clarence Small Nickel as campaign manager for General Stinger was a developfit to visit the city where General ment of the campaign during the last

Mr. Nickel, until recently, was em-These occurrences have terrific significance to people who have their ears to the ground, as the fellow tween him and the foreman regardears to the ground, as the fellow tween him and the foreman regard-said. Why have these more or less ing the amount of money he turned prominent men felt it necessary to in from his laundry route caused severance of his connection with this industry. To avoid notoriety, Mr.

Nickel permitted the amount of the alleged shortage to be deducted from his last week's pay.

Mr. Nickel says the outlook for making the race know they will have General Stinger is the brightest pos-

sible. "Victory is practically assured," he

Not Obey Orders of German Army Bosses

There is no special law or regula- attracted by the wild words of a dozens of German laborers in employ of the American Army Occupation here, have been anty that their income tax blanks

rushed up with a policeman, intend-"One man in Lincoln found there ing to have the vociferous person

Pa Puts His Foot Down With Staccato Notes, and Ma Makes Biting Remark About the \$2 Steamboat Ride at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893-Mary Meanders Through a Peace Tune on Piano.

Henry Channing," Leffingwell be-By EDWARD BLACK.

Mrs. What's-Her-Name tripped gan, "and I want to read it to the Leffingwells," and he read as folover to the Leffingwell barracks to hold an afternoon confab on matters

of more or less importance insevery- means; to seek elegance rather than day affairs. Mrs. Leffingwell was luxury, and refinement rather than engaged in the exhilarating task of fashion; to be worthy, not respecironing togas tor Henry. She re- table, and wealthy, not rich; to lisceived the neighbor with usual good ten to stars and birds, babes and hature and was, ready to hear an-sages with open heart. To study other outburst of inside information hard, to think quietly, act frankoutwardly expressed.

ly, talk gently, await occasions and "Mrs. Leffingwell, I have some-thing to tell you," the caller began, spiritual, unbidden and unconscious as if her hostess were not aware of the oncoming revelations. "I have some awful news for you and I "What we need is more work and

know that you won't tell Mrs. So-and-So, because she tells everything to the members of his family for apto Mrs. Twostep, who does not like proval. me because she thought I was look- Mrs. Leffingwell looked up from

ing at her the other afternoon when her seed catalogue and nodded afis undoubtedly courageous and de-cent is small business. "If this be Well, I might as well tell you what "Pa. let's

Well, I might as well tell you what it is: My man told me that I must air, chirped Willie, who was popnot wear silk stockings because he read that the devil is in them and "Women are worrying too much

he did not think it was becoming for a married woman to wear them, or have in their homes," Henry conanyway. I think that he just wanted tinued. "That's what causes so an excuse, so that he wouldn't have much unrest. When one gets a new to buy them for me, and you know bonnet the other wants a more exthat I just adore them. I think I pensive one. They shut their eyes would die if I could not have silk to the law of supply and demand. They just want what they want when

Church and Silk Stockings.

stockings.

they want it. I suppose, Mrs. Lei-fingwell, that the next thing I will "Do you think that a woman should belong to a church and wear silk stockings? My man said he wondered that the church did not hear will be that you have bought a silk stockings? My man said he wondered that the church did not fall on me. I had a good cry and then he said he would let his beard Silk stockings will come into this house only over your deceased husgrow unless I stopped crying." Mrs. Leffingwell was more conband's body. Famous Steamboat Ride.

cerned over Henry's corns than she was about silk stockings. Her view-point of life led her to be tolerant. Her own lack of these articles of it around. wear did not cause her to be censori-"If we would develop purpose,

"I was in Chicago last fall during the world's series games and was attracted by the wild words of a man who was yelling 'Hurrah for the Reds! Hurrah for the Reds!' I was not giving much thought at the time o the world's series

in his easy chair, according to his is to start a family budget and then daily habit after having partaken of evening rations. He overheard some of the feminine discussion and

"One man in Lincoln found there with the aid of a hundred or more American mules and were having a berrible time of it until an officer of our new democratic army himmanely taught them three magic English words, "Whoa," "Gee" and "Giddap."
The expert' took a train to Omaha, and came to our office where the same tax blank was properly filled out by a clerk in about 10 minutes. The stranger had by his side a suit case inscribed. 'John Smith, Cincindati, argree to an armistice."
The attendance at the recent automobile show held in London numbered 285,837 peopla.
"One man in Lincoln found there was a slight error on his income tax blank was properly filled out by a clerk in about 10 minutes. The stranger had by his side a suit case inscribed. 'John Smith, Cincindati, and was yelling for the stranger, white with rage, explained to yell as long as the right of free speet,' went back to Lincoln and turned over the paper to his client, collecting a \$50 minus the railroad fare to Omaha and return, and he had done practically nothing."
The attendance at the recent automobile and neturn, and he had done practically nothing."

perhaps I might get enough money

"Pass the loving cup," said Willie,

for a new apron.

"Expert" Advice On **Omahan Adds Story** Income Tax Largely From Chicago to

turns has become a common commodity on the open market, United States Revenue Collector Loomis of

are made out correctly after they wild words in favor of the Reds, bave paid their fees.

"Fake," Says Officer "Expert advice" on income tax re-

tion about these, says Mr. Loomis, man who was yelling 'Hurrah for the and all sorts of fellows are making Reds! Hurrah for the Reds!' I was

"Suddenly, a man who heard the