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#### You should know that

The Omaha smelting plant turns out more pig lead than any other in the United States.

Some "kick" in old Winter yet. \

"Jimmy" Reed may now visualize what might happen to him.

Ohio co-eds are meeting old h. c. of I. by making their gwn dresses. Yet the dressmak-

"Cash and carry" is coming into vogue in Chicago, where the villagers will find that it permits of many little savings.

Omaha real estate is moving at a rate that indicates the judgment of investors, regardless of how the census count turns out.

Nebraska women are having a grand old time at Chicago, and they deserve it, for their triumph did not come to them easily.

Highjackers cleaned out Lionel Barrymore's cellar on the eve of a party. Lionel now knows how Uncle Sidney felt once in Omaha.

With the Nebraska prairies afire between Hitchcock and Edwards, it is high time for Mr. Bryan to get his water cart into action.

What would have happened, had the people responded to the president's demand in 1918, and have given him a puppet congress, too?

Mr. High says the state will remain dry, despite the doctor's prescription. He ought to welcome the condition, for it gives him an excuse for activity.

A Philadelphia soldier is having a hard time to convince the government he was not killed in France. It would not be so hard with an insurance company.

William Howard Taft also thinks Lansing was warranted in calling conferences of the cabinet, which thought is in line with opinion so far as made public.

Increasing the state senate to fifty members is the constitutional convention's answer to the demand for a short ballot. This is reverse English with a vengeance.

-Nebraska clay products are to "boom" this year, according to manufacturers. Omaha is doing its share to make this possible by using millions of brick for buildings.

A good way to spend a cold evening in February is to plan your garden for April. It will not be a great while witil the impulse to dig in the ground will be irresistible.

North Dakota democrats are willing to take either Wilson or Bryan. As they will probably not carry the state anyhow, their preference makes little if any difference ..

The Department of Agriculture urges truck gardens as of paramount importance, but bless Mr. Meredith's enthusiasm, the country knew this long before he went to Washington.

"Tom" Flynn now reads his title clear to another four years in the marshal's job. This reappointment will probably compensate him for the long wait he had in the first place.

A Brooklyn psychiatrist advises against relying on the ouija board for medical advice. He might extend this warning, but the devotees will still be guided by the mysitic bit of plank.

The ex-crown prince insists he is sincere in his offer to give himself up as scapegoat for sthe indicted German leaders. He need not console himself with the thought that they will get off that easily.

A short horn bull has been sold in Scotland for \$25,000, to be taken to Argentina, thus verifying the judgment of United States breeders, who began years ago to improve the quality of the herds of this country.

## Senate Has Come Half Way

The White House statement that the president is willing to come half way on a treaty compromise and expects the senate to meet him, is not a candid exposition of the situation. The reservations which were voted down at the president's order were themselves a compromise, and represented a more than half way, point to which the treaty opposition already had come.

The distance yet to be bridged between the president and the senate is for the president to travel. He has budged very little heretofore. What has been yielded has been yielded mainly by those senators who originally demanded very strong reservations. To get democratic support and enable ratification to be accom-plished they accepted much milder reservations than they believed should be adopted. That was their bid for agreement, and in making it they went as far as they could go without sacri-ficing America's sovereignty. They are willing and have been willing to ratify on that basis

ef compromise.

Efforts to show that the president has been met willing to compromise, but has not been met in the same spirit of concession, will not avail. The record is too plain to be misread. The treaty opposition has offered its compromise, it is the White House that has been pulling hands. City Star NEBRASKA'S FULL SHARE.

The list of Nebraska boys who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation is long, and longer yet is that of those who suffered wounds or disease in course of their service. Memorials are raised to these, and pensions provided by the general government. Grateful hearts yield to the memory of the dead and the honor of the living that tribute they deserve, and the good people of the state look with solemn pride on their contribution to the cause of human freedom and progress.

But, is this Nebraska's full share? Is there not something more that may be done for these men? Forty-seven thousand strong and lusty young men went out from this state at the call of their country. Many of these did it at considerable cost to their material prospects. They put aside all their interests in civil life, business prospects, professional ambitions, domestic comforts, and everything that holds a man to his career, in order that they might serve as soldiers. Those who returned went quietly to work in honest determination to regain lost ground and re-establish themselves in the peace time program.

Does not the state of Nebraska owe these men something more than may be expressed in "three cheers"? Other states have so resolved, and are making to their returned service men a tangible proof of the sentiment of the citizens on the subject. Why would it not be fit and proper for the great and wealthy state of Nebraska to do likewise? It would cost less than cent on the dollar of the value of a single year's crops to give each man a bonus of \$100; it would cost little more to follow Minnesota's example, and allow each soldier half the government's pay to enlisted men for the time they were in the service.

Ex-service men are not asking of expecting this. This is one of the very strongest arguments in favor of it. They served as patriots, and not for pay. A gracious act on part of the aitizens would be to compensate them in a small way for the earnings they sacrificed while they were doing their duty.

Law on Lansing's Side.

In his letter dismissing the secretary of state from the cabinet, the president put much stress on the presumption of Mr. Lausing in calling the cabinet together for conferences. As frequently has happened, Mr. Wilson is wrong on this point. The constitution of the United States provides that in event of the "inability" of the president to perform the functions of his office, the duty shall devolve on the vice-president. Congress has passed a law to extend the succession, making the secretary of state next in line after the vice-president,

Mr. Wilson was suffering from cerebral thrombosis, which in plain English means a blood clot on his brain. It was sufficiently serious to deprive him of the use of his left limbs. Only the doctors knew the truth. It was necessary that the business of the country be kept moving. Important matters of home policy, such as the coal strike, demanded action. What would the heads of departments of a big business concern do when the executive was incapacitated by illness? Naturally, they would confer together, and the senior among them would take the lead in the effort to keep the business going smoothly. This is just what Mr. Lansing did.

Franklin K. Lane, who is just leaving the Interior department, frankly defends the action of his associates in the cabinet, and assumes a ence. Thoughtful persons will agree that the law and any other consideration that could properly govern in the circumstances is on Mr. Lansing's side, and this makes the president's petulance all the more astounding.

Women and Political Parties.

Advice given by Carrie Chapman Catt to the women voters to get into one of the political parties is good. Many women have not given thought to the science of politics, looking on parties only as convenient agencies for the distribution of offices, and hearing too frequently tales of discredit and loose criticism concerning those who hold office. Politics means government in this country. Fundamental principles underly the parties, clearly marked and easily recognized, with sharp divergence. Specifically, these aim at securing the good of all, and to dispute the patriotic impulse of either is neither wise nor fair. Political parties must assume responsibility for men, and are not infallible, but on one or another set of definite and enduring principles finally must rest the control and management of public affairs. Party membership, therefore, is an outward sign of good citizenship. It indicates acceptance of the basic ideas, just as church membership is a sign of belief in well established articles of faith, but does not intend to exclude from salvation those who hold to different tenets, so long as all aim at the same ultimate goal. It is meet that the women should select the party, whose foundation best meets their views and identify themselves with it. To the studious and thoughtful the republican party extends an invitation, asking careful scrutiny of its record as well as its principles, confident that examination of these will be followed by endorsement.

Controversy Over the Gas Plant.

According to announcement from the city hall, the present week is to be marked by considerable debate as to the advisability of accepting the award of the board that fixed the price on the gas plant. The Bee already has given expression to the opinion that the figure seems fair. It is more than was offered, and less than was asked; it is less than the city could set up an adequate plant for at present prices, and more than the company would realize on the salvage of the existing plant. Moreover, it is part of the process of carrying out a bargain entered into at behest of the people. Incidentally, it is unfair that advocates of acceptance should insinuate that those who differ with them are opposed to municipal ownership. No men in Omaha are more thoroughly committed to the principle than Messrs. Ure and Zimman, whose records on this line are well known. Falconer, Towle and Ringer have not so long been identified with the policy, but they were pledged to the purpose when elected. This ought to be assurance that the case will be considered on its merits, and decided on a conception of what is better for Omaha, and not with a view to expediency or factional advantage. That is all the reasonable citizen can expect.

San Francisco has had its taste of the wave of daring hold-ups, the trail thus reaching from coast to coast. If the authorities will just get as busy as the bandits, a new tune may yet be

Joe Sokonic, Cripple

Hamilton Raymond in the New York World. A brown, furry mass of arms and legs paws across the snow. There are grunts, squeals, groans-some brutally masculine, some harshly feminine. A rough ball shoots from the midst of this chaos. There is a scramble for it. Women seem to be pitted against men. Their shouts are as enthusiastic, their blows very nearly as powerful. This seems to be a curious

kind of football, without pity and without rules! A shriek of pain—and the crowd shudders away from a still little figure alone on the ice. Superstition holds them. The boy has been touched by the evil spirits. He is taboo! They dare not approach. Some dark power of evil France and Italy were that has blasted him may touch them, too. Reality says that this 12-year-old boy has broken his back, but what do these cringing. superstitious Eskimos know of broken backs?

Above the Arctic circle there is only whiteness, silence and the impenetrable surfaces of sky, sea, ice and snow, that stifle what little soul man may have, and leave him to occupy his days with the struggle against the weather, and his nights with madness, bestiality or

This was the first curtain in the life drama of Joe Sokonic, a little cripple who is a striking example of the power of education to stimulate character, leadership, and even the more subtle

qualities of statesmanship. It was after that pitiful accident in the ice game some 20 years ago that J. H. Maguire, a government teacher in Alaska, found young Sokonic smothered under hot skins in a dirty igloo. He was paralyzed from the waist down. No attempt at medical assistance had been made but only the old chants and rites to drive away

the all surrounding evil spirits.

Maguire nursed the boy and taught him.
Gradually his physical condition improved. He showed greater interest to learn, and proved a rapidly progressing pupil. He would never e able to walk, though, nor could he lie down flat on his back.

They devised a sled for him. Tied to this, he could propel himself, and when he needed sleep, drop his head forward in his lap, like a tired animal. But handicapped by such tremendous physical disability, and with the ighorance of his race to combat, he showed will

and determination worthy of a Napoleon.

Joe and Maguite were in Kivolina, Alaska. As the boy came to know more and more about the English language and white men's methods, he could reason more surely, and he soon realzed that the traders were cheating his people. He, therefore, started to act as a medium between them. He astounded the white men with his shrewdness. He speedily made better bargains for the natives of Kivolina.

Sanitation in the igloos was unspeakably bad. Joe learned that safety and health lay only in better living arrangements. He went among the huts on his sled, urging the people to build homes that would give them air as well Gradually the entire aspect of the little town changed. They became proud of their new houses, proud of the cleanliness of their all the years to come. Joe had a sort of commission appointed from among the natives, whose duty was to see that the streets were kept free from refuse, and that the houses were properly he says he has "never

He became the acknowledged head of the faith of our associates or village. The helpless cripple had become the would seek to commit us to lines of powerful-leader.

But he was not content to lead the inactive life of an invalid. He taught himself to hunt. Last year when the seals came racing down the coast he made his natives fasten him to a great oomiak or skin coat. Surrounded by some of ereignty and still retain it. "The 2 seals, brought them in himself. Mighty hunter, also, this once helpless Eskimo cripple.

#### Red Gold

Mr. Martens, self-styled Russian soviet "am-hassador to the United States, told the senate though we were willing to trust the foreign relations committee that the reds had the best intentions toward this country, and his main mission was to spend about \$500,000,000 of the soviet's money with American business man. The argument sounded convincing. A though we were wining to trust the matter of our sovereignty to the agree of the diplomats of the east-of darkness are hornswoggling human reason from wisdom's paths of pleasantness. Happy the judges to follow the following the stumped from the room and ploughed down across the sand."

(Tomorrow: "Making a Fireless Cooker.") considerable number of manufacturers and exporters suct in Washington and urged that our the covenant with the American and the milk of human kindness government lift the embargo against the sowets. reservations, we would then be play-They believed Martens' story. reservations, we would then be play-ing a part more unselfish, generous JOSEPH GREIG. They believed Martens' story.

Now comes another story of the attitude of and magnanimous than any other saviets. Edwin D Schoonmaker, an investithe soviets. Edwin D. Schoonmaker, an investigator for the United States government, after visiting Siberia, issues a warning to our business people not to aid the bolshevists. His statement is clear and strong. It ought to be the Americanized covenant is satgiven serious consideration.

He declares that the reds are "attempting to plicable that any American would open trade relations with America simply as a insist upon an un-Americanized loak to carry on their plans for a world revo-Furthermore, he says that "American usiness men who listen for one moment to Martens' siren song are courting the dangers of financing their own overthrow."—Cleveland



Our daily flock of visitors is busy and immense, for folks must come to Omaha regardless of expense. They long to see a city so progressively inclined, so keenly stimulating to the human so-called mind. They seek to show their samples here in goods of class and strength, to gather gilt-edged orders both of magnitude and length.

They obviously also cannot roost upon the street. Their cultured tastes require a polished place to sleep and eat, which Harley Conant furnishes with atmosphere and class, impressively distinguished from the plain and common mass, a place where healthy drummers with a healthy appetite can take it with the confidence

that everything is right.

He's learned by long experience (and native He's learned by long experience (and native intellect) to know and to anticipate what customers expect. He's run a series of hotels in such as trucks and machines cartespace of things are the series of things are the series of things are the series of things. ply tacked the hind part of his name, while still pursuing faithfully that euphonymic stunt, he named his latest hotel by the part that comes

in front.
He's head of the society of those who run hotels for all the guests of Omaha, both commoners and swells; those just and genial gentlemen on whom so much depends, who see that those who take the trains have left the town as friends, nor carry forth a burden of rebellion, grouch and hate because their cream was curled or their laundry work was late. Next subject: Robert S. Trimble.

The Day We Celebrate. William R. Butts, head of William R. Butts company, born 1871. Henry Watterson, famous Louisville editor

and journalist, born in Washington, D. C., 80 Thomas M. Schumacher, president of the El Paso & Southern Railway system, born at Williamsport, Pa., 58 years ago. George Harvey, noted editor and publicist, born at Peacham, Vt., 56 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha. Bishop Newman lectured at Boyd's opera house on "The Seven Bibles of the World."

The house was filled and more than 2,000 turned away.

The house was filled and more than 2,000 will be shown up on the American stage not to the liking of tyrannical

Col. John F. White of the firm of White & advocates. Feathers left for an extended business trip in when backed by infinite love and

Sarasate and D'Albert, the renowned musicians who were to appear at the Boyd, arrived in the city and were registered at the Millard co-operate in the common welfare E. C. Rickner of Lincoln was an Omaha Instead as per the Christian oracle they are turning judgment into



Omaha, Feb. 14 .- To the Editor of the Bee: The publication of Lord Grey's letter justifying, from the European standpoint, the Lodge reservations to the covenant of the league of nations, is the most signifcant occurrence since the discussion of the covenant began. It is

not only known that this letter was the authorized pronouncement of the British government, but that and lent their approval. It thus amounts to a frank statement that even from a European standpoint there is no reason—and never has any-why a covenant written in Europe, by Europe, and for Europe, should be accepted without reservations by the United States. The British and French press seem. almost a unit on this point—as sam-ples, the London Review says:

'We have stated clearly and often that in our opinion the United States would be perfectly justified in refusing to accept the vast and indefinite liability of the league of nations. Even in these days of steam and electricity, the 3,000 miles which separate America from Europe count for something. There is no reason because the Americans intervened at the 11th hour to comlete the defeat of Germany why they should be mixed up in all the squabbles and intrigues of European

politics. The Paris Francaise Says: "The thing is simple. America simply refuses to be drawn into European, Asiatic and African feuds that are not her affairs.

The inexplicable thing about it all is that anyone in America could have ever entertained any different When analyzed, the plainest thing about this covenant is that England, France, Italy and Japan were all there and got theirs when was written, and that the United States was not there in the same sense that these nations were. True, we had five commissioners but four in leaps, how he searches for acorns, of them could be likened to a parenthesis, which grammarians say should be spoken in a low tone of voice and could be left out alto-

gether without spolling the sense. The president iterated and reit-erated that he "represented men everywhere." That was too much territory for one man to cover, and you can see one running over the drafted that should we enter the league under it, it would not commit us to "vast and indefinite liabilities" the extent of which no man can foresee, but it could, under the compelling force of the combined armies and navies of the world, control our destinies through

The president argues that these things are not likely to happen and In his letter to Senator Hitchcock slightest reason to doubt the goo action which under the constitution the congress of the United

This is a strange new doctrine, that a nation can tradsfer its sovthe power that rules." Suppose they should "seek to commit us." league government at Geneva and not the United States government at Washington will decide In a perfectly convincing, businesslike way it and what obligations the cove-

Should we enter the league under

tory of the world. Since England, France and Italy have taken the pains to tell us in the plainest kind of language that isfactory to them, it seems inexone. It has become so apparent that with these reservations, America would be in so much better position to serve civilization in case of a cataclysm, there can be little doubt that on second sober thought these nations are sorry they put it over on us when the covenant was drafted and now really desire the covenant with the American reservations, for what else could Lord Grey mean when arguing for the

eservations, he says:
"There will again be some great catastrophe of war in which it (America) will find itself compelled to interevene for the same reason and no less, or even great-

er cost than in 1917." In the meantime the treaty rests, with the president's personally con-ducted part of United States senators at sea, meekly waiting for him to deign to tell at what port he is o deign to len acgoing to land them.

E. A. BENSON.

Proposes Neighborhood Patrol. Omaha, Feb. 12 .- To the Editor of The Bee: In view of all these bold obberies going on in Omaha present a scheme has come into my mind which to me seems plausible.

How does it strike you?

interest in each other—if police protection is not, afforded by the city (that is sufficient and trained). door, or two or three doors removed, or across the street, make it their business to look into it. If you see lights and commotion at unusual lours, phone or keep an eye place. Mistakes naturally will be nade, but what of it; better 10 mistakes than one big haul by a set of vandals and thieves who are in-festing the place. Make it a sort of a block vigilance committee for your own protection. Let everybody be armed. If I phoned next door and asked if they needed help and no one responded I'd surmise their wires were cut and phone police for them. This is just a bare outline, but it seems to me it can be developed and made into quite a fine little protective organization. Think it over, public, and give us some of your views on the subject.

Manhandling the Defense.
Mapleton, Ia., Feb. 12.—To the
Editor of The Bee: Senatorial vision overrun the president's military program and kept another yoke\_of bondage off the people's necks. Governor Allen of Kansas, Judge Landis, and some other autocratic gentlemen are likewise getting in justice. Otherwise it acts as boomerang, injures both ways. wiser for officialdor

to hearken to the voice of labor and

## Little Folks' Corner 3 Study Problems Wild Life

of Forest and Field

Neighbor Gray Squirrel. BY ADELIA BELLE BEARD. You must not think that Neighbor Gray Squirrel is less interesting than his cousins of the woods, the Red and Fox Squirrels, just because he lives next door and you may

see him any day and every day. . To be sure, like the birds, he will make his home in almost any village, town, or park where there are large trees and where he is protected, and sometimes he becomes tame enough to eat from your hand; but that does not mean that his nature has changed. At heart he is still as wild as any wilderness animal and he lives according to the laws of the wild.

By making his home most conveniently in our midst, Neighbor Gray Squirrel is giving us a great chance to study the life and habits chance we should not miss.

on your own doorstep, or looking from your own window, and watch your little gray neighbor as you would a creature in the woods. See how he flattens himself out and limbs up and down the trunk of the tree where he has built his nest. Notice how alert he is, how quick to take fright at any moving object, and how he disappears on the opposite side of the tree where. though you run to look for him im-

mediately, he is not. On the ground see how he moves curled up comfortably on his back, he sets on his haunches and eats such as tripped, hastened, moped, what he has found, using his fore feet like hands.

In the spring the gray squirrels are very active and, now and then,

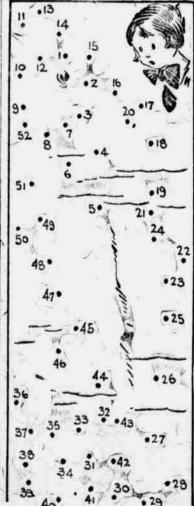


high braches of big trees, jumping from one tree to the next and catching a swaying branch with the sureness of an acrobat leaping from one swinging trapeze to another. Later you may see whole families of young in doing just what you are attemptsquirrels at play scampering over the lawn like kittens. Usually the might say, "Rip Van Winkle walked nest is in a hole in the tree, but is up the mountain side," but Washingsometimes built in a crotch of the ton Irving said, "Rip labored up the mountain side," which gives readers

(Tomorroy Miss Bailey will tell a much clearer picture of Rip on his firls how to make favors for a pa- journey. Robert Louis Stevenson tom Against Colds, triotic party.)

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How to Use Verbs. BY GRACE VOLLINTINE. Francis W. Parker School.

We all know people who tell stories, relate incidents, or discuss current news in an interesting way. We have other acquaintances who tell the most thrilling adventures in a very commonplace manner. One of the reasons for this variation lies in the choice of words which the speakers use. Perhaps the most important of all words are verbs; because they give to our language much of its force and beauty. A simple way to begin training

yourself to speak and write effectively is to improve your choice o verbs by occasional experiments like the following: Take a simple, plainly stated fact, such as, "A tramp walked along the railroad track." "Walked" is a very general term that we apply of one of nature's wild children, a to the movement made by people and animals and it gives no hint of Forget, then, that you are sitting the characteristic, slouching gait of the tramp. Try to use a verb that will fit this particular case. Slouched, loitered, skulked, plodded, come into your mind as you think of the tramp and the use of one of these differ preads wide his short legs as he entiates the movement of a tramp from that of any other person and makes the statement much more

A verb may thus give an idea, not only of the manner in which an act is performed, but of the state of mind of the person who performed the act. For example the statement "The boy went home from school" can be made much more descriptive of his manner of going by changing the colorless verb went to a word

After you have experimented a ittle you will find it helpful to see



costs only a few cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance. Tastes nice. Contains no quinine. Insist on Pape's! how the best authors have succeeded ing. For example the ordinary writer To Fortify The Sysgives us a very good idea of Long

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