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You should know that The Omaha Stock Yards occupy an area of over 200 acres, all paved with concrete or brick and mostly under roof.

The Monroe Doctrine remains American. A strikeless building season will be a real boon to Omaha.

A little drizzle of warm rain will not dampen the Auto Show crowds.

A visiting expert thinks our townsite is too big, but we need lots of room for expansion.

"Mitch" Palmer's platform reads as if it might have been written at the White House.

It took a woman to rout the highjackers, if you want further proof of the advance made by the sex.

Senator Harding has invaded Texas in search of republican votes. They are few and far between down there.

Increase of \$30,000,000 in loans is reported for the year by local banks, and with the money to work prosperity is certain.

Mr. Wilson being resigned to return to private life, the scramble for the San Francisco prize will now start in earnest.

Maneaters have only murdered fourteen Americans since the president warned Carranza to let up last July. How long can Wilson stand this?

Ex-service men are not all agreed on what form the bonus should take, but are unanimous on the principle, and the country is lining up with them.

Former Governor Hunt of Arizona is to be investigated as to his fitness to be minister to Siam, but as he is only accused of being an I. W. W., he will probably get by.

The Texas man who wants to abolish all the packing houses and stock yards would very likely be among the first to object if the country tried to put his plan into execution.

Being premier of Hungary is almost as exciting as being president of Mexico used to be. The incumbent knows he is to be used as a target, and not always by poor marksmen.

A New York judge handed sentences of 52 years at hard labor to a pair of robbers, and expressed regret he could not sentence them to death. Holdup victims will hear this with satisfaction.

The husband who wants a divorce because his wife insists on doing the family as well as other washing might reconsider his step after he has had a look at a laundry bill under the new scale of prices.

Decision of the railroad brotherhoods to give the new law a fair trial brings relief, although it might have been anticipated. With no threat of strike holding over the country, business ought to be considerably uplifted.

It is explained that Nebraska has only "morally" entered the suit to defend the prohibition amendment. State history, however, justifies the statement that its people have mightily entered into support of the suppression of the liquor traffic.

The fuel administration may be ended before the war is over, if a bill just sent into the house goes through. Graft is charged and other unfair and burdensome conditions. This will not help on what has gone, but may preserve the consumer for the future.

Are We Inhospitable?

An American of Polish birth, writing in the Atlantic Monthly, complains of American lack of hospitality to foreigners who come here for the purpose of making some contribution to our common life. He adduces his own experience. Educated in Europe, he came to America in search of a wider field for intellectual pursuits. But he found Americans self-satisfied and indisposed to open up avenues of advancement to foreigners.

In an article published in the Journal Monday, William Hard tells how former immigrants resent their being treated as less worthy of consideration and less American than the native born. Many of them saved money and bought Liberty bonds, many were service men, but they found that these things did not count as against the fact of their foreign origin. Their grievance is that though they want to be Americans, they are not treated as Americans.

These two instances and many others show how prejudice in this country against anything foreign is running beyond all bounds of reason. It is a bit ridiculous, too, if we will stop to consider how many of us there are whose ancestors two, three or four generations back, came from the old countries. America has profited tremendously in the past from European brains and muscle. We should not let the fact that some have been radical and some disloyal blind us to the more important fact that European immigration has made us to a large extent what we are. We are neither so wise nor so self-sufficient that we can afford to be inhospitable to good men and good ideas from whatever country they may come.

PRESIDENT OUT OF IT.

The definite removal of the president from all consideration as a candidate for a third term will be generally regretted by republicans and democrats who have hoped the country might have opportunity to register at the polls in a directly personal way its judgment on Mr. Wilson.

The solemn renunciation of further presidential ambition, following a heart-to-heart talk between Mr. Wilson and his son-in-law, Mr. McAdoo, was quickly communicated to Attorney General Palmer, and a little later the attorney general received direct presidential permission to become a candidate.

The further announcement from the White House that the president will not interfere with or seek to control the selection of the democratic candidate will be received with many doubts. It may be classed with political news usually regarded as "too good to be true," because its implications are contrary to all precedent. It seems impossible that the course of democratic pre-convention politics can run so entirely in accord with Mr. Wilson's wishes that he will not feel justified in attempting to control its critical phases.

Pershing and the American People.

The general commanding the army of the United States has returned to Washington, after a tour of 15,000 miles, taken to inspect the army posts and plants of the nation. He will formally report on these, with recommendations as to the future. This is the gist of an official expedition, taken in performance of duty. Something more is involved. It gave the American people their first "close-up" of the man who commanded the A. E. F., whose name has been on every lip for three years, and who was known only as an efficient soldier before the call to duty came to show him a really great man. Therefore, while General Pershing was on his trip of inspection, he really was being inspected himself. What is the result? The answer may be found in the ovation he had wherever he was long enough to meet the people. His fellow citizens have found him a he-man, animated by high ideals, lofty purposes and a patriotic devotion such as befits a great American. Moreover, they have also found him a man of warm sympathies, generous impulses, and human in every attribute. They know now why he is beloved with the men who served with him in Cuba, in the Philippines, in Mexico and in France. They can understand how the lieutenant of 1898 became the general of 1919. And they also realize the safety of the country and its institutions, should he be called on to take the office of president. General Pershing set out on a round of duty, which he punctiliously fulfilled, but he returned to Washington with the confidence of millions of people, who like him even better for having had a chance to see and hear him.

Nature's Miracle Working Again.

These early March days are invigorating, because they hold the promise of an end to winter's long reign. The sunshine, the clear air, even the clouds and the winds, the rain and the snow flurries, all tell us spring is on the way. Its approach is not easy, nor stealthy, for in this region the transition from the death of winter to the resurrection and the new life of the vernal season usually comes with a clash of the elements. But the unsettled weather is a symptom of the birth pangs, and as the sun sets farther to the south each day, hangs higher in the horizon and goes down later, so we know that nature's miracle is working, and only a little way off come marching the green things that make the world of springtime an ever increasing wonder. These are stealing up from the south now, and each day the oncoming army of grass and leaves and flowers, of birds and buds and beauty, steals a little more territory from the ice king, and in a short while he will be driven back to make way for life and growth and blossom and fruit and harvest time. Nature's ways are those of order, and from them man has learned his most useful lessons. None of them are more impressive than the merging of winter into spring, because here we find the support as well as the suggestion of faith in the resurrection and the life everlasting.

What Is Needed at Washington.

In his swan-song letter to the president, Franklin K. Lane, outlines a keen diagnosis of our government's ailment. It is not a matter of honesty or desire to serve, for the retiring cabinet member is of the opinion that both these qualities are present in high degree at the nation's capital. It is lack of organization, of initiative, the elements of ordinary business management. Men are unwilling to accept responsibility, and the self-protective impulse has been developed while the creative has atrophied. This is not a new discovery. The condition has been adverted to by a number of high officials in other times, notably by Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, all of whom sought a remedy. Mr. Taft once presented to congress the result of a careful survey, the disclosures of which would have alarmed any body less complacent than the democratic brethren who took much pleasure in thwarting all the president sought to accomplish during the closing months of his term. Mr. Lane's letter to President Wilson merely serves to revive the efforts made in the past to put the business of the government on something like a sound and efficient basis. It will scarcely produce immediate results, but the future may see the needed reform in effect.

No Friendship for Speculators.

A New York lady has remarked that her husband "never played the market and had no friends in Wall Street." Many others who have speculated in stocks are convinced they have no friends in that center of financial adventure. The gambling game played there is little concerned with philanthropy. It is a shearing place from which those who enter for golden fleece usually emerge shorn. But the Wall Street stock market, in its legitimate functions, is as necessary to the country as banks are to a community; while the great financial institutions there are pillars of strength and security to the entire business structure of the nation, conducted by men of the highest integrity and stainless honor. The "street" should not be condemned, because gamblers seek unearned gains in it.

Defendants are being dismissed and charges ruled out in the Newberry trial at a rate that makes the proceedings seem like "much cry and little wool." The democrats will not get much campaign material out of the affair.

Why Not Tax the Scale of Living

(From The Kansas City Star.)

It is possible for an unwise system of taxation to ruin industry. To take an extreme example, in Turkey several years ago the government levied so large a tax on English walnut trees that it was more economical for the owner to cut down his trees than to pay the tax. The experience of the last two years with the existing federal taxation has demonstrated that the plan has been having an effect somewhat like that of the Turkish tax on the walnut trees. The excess profits tax and the heavy surtaxes on incomes have resulted in discouraging the expansion of industry and in increasing prices.

Take the case of the business earning \$300,000 a year. The owner will pay a tax of \$161,000. Suppose, then, he contemplates expanding his business to a point where it will make net earnings of \$500,000. His tax will then be \$303,000. In the first case his income with the tax deducted would be \$139,000, while after his expansion his income would be only \$58,000 more. That is, he must increase his profits \$200,000 in order to make \$58,000. Naturally he is apt to regard the risk run as excessive in view of the small profits allowed.

The effect is to hold back business. The way in which the heavy tax falls is a direct incentive for a man to invest where he thinks his money will be safe and will appreciate in value, rather than to open up industries that will produce income a large share of which will go to the government.

As to the effect of the surtaxes on prices, it is evident that each dealer who handles goods will be anxious to pass on as much of the tax as he can. He doesn't know what his income and his tax will be for any given year. So he figures approximately and adds what he thinks he can to his prices to make up the amount of the tax. If it were an era of slack business he might not be able to do this. There would be numerous failures because the tax would have taken away the margin of safety that every business must have. But under existing conditions prices are loaded with more than the amount of the tax, thus increasing the cost of living.

But how could the government raise the vast sums of money it needs without availing itself of the income tax?

Doubtless it would continue the normal income tax and perhaps a moderate surtax. But the suggestion to which people are turning more and more is a sales tax. There might be, for instance, an 11-cent tax on every dollar's worth of goods. It might start at 1 per cent on smaller amounts and rise to a heavy percentage on large sales. Of course there are other ways of applying the principle. The one outlined is merely one suggestion.

The result of such a tax would be to make a sharp distinction between that portion of the income used for productive purposes, such as investments or savings deposits, and that devoted to living expenses. The more moderately a person lived, the less would be his taxes. The more extravagant his scale of living, the higher would be his tax. A sales tax would discourage extravagance and encourage industry.

Such a tax would not fall with severity on the family of small means. A family with an income of \$1,500 probably would not pay \$10 in taxes a year, while the tax would increase rapidly as expenses went up.

Moreover, as the tax would be definite and fixed, as by the purchaser, it would not be added to the cost of goods at every step in their transfer. The load imposed by the existing system on the cost of living would be removed.

The heavy tax on business imposed by the surtax and the excess profits tax has produced unsatisfactory results that there is increasing sentiment for a change. The sales tax deserves the most serious consideration as a substitute for the present system.

Defeating Universal Military Training

The refusal by the house military affairs committee to include the provision for universal and compulsory training in the army bill can have only one meaning. That meaning is that, if the committee has its way, there will be no legislation at this season to put into effect the will of the people for the creation of an army of defense to include all the able-bodied manhood of America, of the most democratic, economical and efficient type. The military readiness of every American of age to respond immediately to his country's call in time of need.

No one will be deceived by the committee's transparent expedient in voting to make training the subject for separate legislation, to be framed by a committee of seven after an investigation into the financial and economic aspects of the plan.

This counter-proposal, even assuming it to be sincere, can have only the effect of postponing an imperative issue to the next session at the earliest—unless, indeed, the opponents of universal training do not, by the next session, devise new means of obstruction.

It is now the patriotic duty of the friends of the great reform in our defensive system to rally their forces and fight the issue out on the floor of the house. In no period of peace has the necessity for defensive preparedness been so emphatic and so urgent as it is at this time of universal international unrest. The military necessity for the training of our entire manhood for the defense of the country is supplemented by the great opportunity for training for the purposes of peace which is an important feature of the proposed legislation.

TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.

An annoying error crept into this column, adding ten years to the age of Mr. Charles R. Sherman. He was born in 1862, not 1852.

H. C. Nicholson, Packers National bank, born 1879.

Alfred J. Creigh, realtor, born 1884.

Edmund F. Kountze, of Kountze Brothers, bankers, born 1870.

Maj. Gen. Charles P. Sumner, U. S. A., who commanded the Fifth Army corps in France, born at Lake City, Fla., 53 years ago.

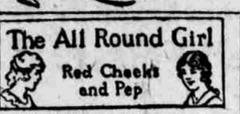
Brand Whitlock, United States senator from Belgium, born at Urbana, Ohio, 51 years ago.

Edmund F. Noel, former governor of Mississippi, born at Lexington, Miss., 64 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.

Chief Bauer of the Nebraska City fire department was the guest of Chief Galligan. Attorney M. L. Learned returned from a trip to Mexico. The New England Grocers' Excursion arrived in Omaha. There were 66 members in the party. Mayor Cushing welcomed them informally at the New York Life building and later a reception was given at the Bee building, when Mr. E. Roosevelt gave a talk and music was furnished by the Apollo club. Councilman Furry, father of John E. Furry of the Board of Public Works, celebrated his 86th birthday. Railroad delegates from Fairbury and De Witt attended the meeting of the Real Estate exchange in the interest of making Fairbury the terminal point for the extension of the Rock Island road.

Little Folks' Corner



The All Round Girl

Red Cheeks and Pop

Katy Did and Katy Didn't. BY MOLLY PRICE COOK.

"Oh, I beg your pardon!" said Katy as she accidentally pushed against a woman in the crowded car.

"That's a polite girl," remarked the woman to her companion.

Katy overheard her and a feeling of pride surged in her. "Mother is right," she mused. "It does pay to watch your manners. I wish I could always do the right thing at the



right time. The Palmer girls certainly know how to make people like them. They do nice things for everybody and seem so good natured and happy."

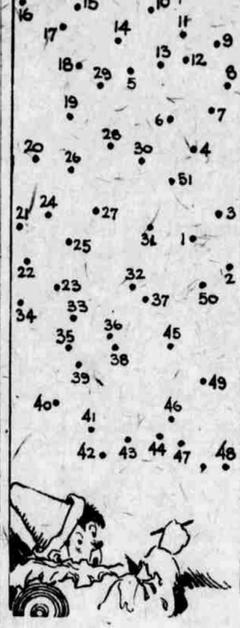
As Katy stepped off the car, she met one of the girls. "Hello, Kate," she called. "Come along while I buy the groceries." The girls went into the store and stood before the counter. A large fat woman thrust her way right in front of them.

"Give me a dozen eggs," she said to the clerk in a bossy tone of voice.

The girls felt resentful, but could not keep from giggling. The woman glared at them, as she turned to go, dropped her purse. Katy stooped and picked it up, but her friend pulled her back, saying: "Let the fat old thing look after herself."

When Katy reached home, she kept thinking about the woman and the purse, and felt a little bit

DOT PUZZLE.



What is Noodle trying to draw? Draw from one to two, and so on to the end.

ashamed. Courtesy would have cost her nothing and would have hoped that impolite woman a great deal.

"People respond to kindness," she said to herself. "Good manners and a cheerful voice make everybody like you. When people are rude to me, I feel like a worm. When they are gracious and unselfish, I feel like a queen."

"I'd rather feel like a queen than like a worm—THEREFORE I'm going to be like the well-mannered people I've watched." She sat down and wrote in her diary: "I want CHARM. Charm is a quality that some girls have. It's politeness,

Sports that Make Men



The Round-Off.

By E. D. ANGELL.

"I want to give you a nifty trick today," said Beppo when the boys entered the barn.

He took a quick step on the mat—placed both hands on the canvas and it looked as though he had started a cartwheel, but it didn't finish like a cartwheel, for his body gave a sharp twist and he landed on both feet and the instant his



feet touched the mat his body straightened and he leaped high in the air.

"That is a Round-Off, and it is one of the most important things a tumbler learns; for it is the start for a row of flips or for a high back somersault in the air. It's the little trick that gives one the speed for a lot of other more difficult stunts.

"You take a quick step—when the left foot is forward put both hands on the mat, right hand ahead of the left—now your body goes up as in a cartwheel—but—when in the air, give a quick twist to the left and a hard push from both hands and bring your legs down fast—at the

sweetness, unselfishness and a good disposition all mixed up together. That's the way I'm going to be—and I shall not forget to use thank you and excuse me; to help others whenever I can; to forget myself; to cultivate real manners."

(Tomorrow, Making money by taking care of curtains.)

same time lift the body and straighten up. You see my feet landed about where I started. And I am facing in the opposite direction from where I started."

He watched them practice for a few minutes and found that the finish of the trick was lacking in "pep," so he made them work on the last part of the trick alone. He had the boys start as though they were going to walk on their hands. But, instead of walking he made them push snappily from their hands and land on their feet, coming to a straight standing position and to make it still more classy he had them leap high in the air, tossing their heads back and their chests out as they did it. "Fine," exclaimed Beppo, "the last half of the Round-Off is called the Snap-Down, and if you work hard this week you will have both in good style."

(Do you kuck about pumping the player-piano? Find out why you have to tomorrow.)

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The Bee's Letter Box

Farm Wages. Osmond, Neb., Feb. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your paper of the 27th the Omaha free employment bureau has advised me that the statement of President Gustafson on the prices paid hired men. I want to say that in our county and also in the county north of us, the statement is correct, the wages running all the way from \$80 to \$100. I don't know of a man working as low as \$50. If there is he is not an experienced man, for when two men farm a half section they must both be good men. An experienced man does not have to go to an employment bureau to find farm work there, for I don't think that the men you get through an employment bureau would be worth near the price an experienced man is worth. Most every time you get a man that way he is not worth half you pay him.

WILLIAM BECKER.

Suggestions for County Paying. Omaha, March 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: In regard to the county road fund, why not put in the concrete base surface all that brick can be had for. Go ahead and put in the base and permit use on the cement road and later next year surface with brick. It will not hurt this concrete base to use for a year or so. If necessary this could be done in the winter. Most every time you get a man that way he is not worth half you pay him.

CHARLES F. WETH.

For President. South Auburn, Neb., Feb. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: I want to name the right man for candidate for this party or the other party, but for president. The great question for the wide world in this, the 20th year of the 20th century, is peace, which

means human progress, as war that means all that stands for what Mr. Sherman said was hell. I want to name the man who 10 years ago was an earnest worker for arbitration before going to war! A man was coadjutor of Secretary Hay and his co-workers in bringing about that real victory for the several nations allied to annihilate China and divide the spoils, and the man who was real and wavered not relative to the peace treaty and the league of nations. I control but one vote but want to cast that vote for William H. Taft.

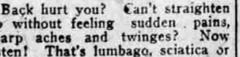
DIXIE.

Sounds Like Pershing Editorial. This country is in about as bad shape as cupidity, dishonesty, inefficiency and disloyalty could possibly get it into. Our punishment seems more than equal to the crime. But we can get out all right and we will. The remedy is to get wise. The man of brains, who is also honest and loyal, who is for the United States against the world, and who has the wisdom and modesty to surround himself with the best statesmen the country can supply, is the man for president.—York News-Times.

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