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CONGRESS AND THE CENSUS.

Measures for the readjustment of the membership of the house of representatives on the basis of the 1920 census are coming forward in congress, and those so far chiefly discussed do not contemplate the reduction of the number of representatives allotted to any state. This will e generally applauded, for the people of any state would resent being deprived of a single member of the great group of representatives. That the number of members has grown to a point considered unwieldy by some is only a hopeful sign, for it indicates a corresponding inrease in the population represented, and thereore in the interests concerned. As most of the usiness of the body is transacted in committees, and few if any material modifications of imporfant laws are made after the measures come into he house, the addition of forty-eight members

Discussion as to the conditions in the south, here the vote of a considerable element of the opulation is suppressed, will be revived, and robably will take the same turn as it has for nany years. The obvious unfairness of allowng representation in congress to rest on popuation and not on voting strength has been arged many times, but always the condition set p in the south has been permitted to continue. The plea that the race question is a local one will again be raised, but the objection to it is that the repression of the negro in local affairs hould not operate to limit his representation in ongress. He is justly entitled to be represented here, but in all conscience he should be pernitted a voice in selecting those who go to

the body will not seriously affect the proc-

sses of legislation.

Vashington in his name. Quite as important as the matter of the use itself is the question of political party nanagement, which is involved in the settlenent. Both the great parties accept the member-hip of congress as a basis for representation the national conventions, and in those states here the primary election determines the choice delegates, the congressional district is the nit. Something of injustice would be worked gainst the voters where a change in this would educe the number of delegates to which a state

entitled. Nebraska should not and probably will not e required to suffer any diminution in its deleation at Washington. The population of this tate has not increased as rapidly as that of ome others, but its general importance does not est on population alone. In everything that takes for growth Nebraska shows advance. Its nnual addition to the wealth of the country is notable as to attract general attention; the uality of its citizenship is shown in its expendiares for the maintenance of those great schools nd churches that have given the state such high place in the world as a commonwealth of intellect, spirituality and deep culture, and these lements demand recognition that is not deerved by mere numbers alone. On merit we eserve the six members of the house now al-

otted the state. Definitely, the house of representatives is he expression of our idea of national governnent. It is the popular branch of congress, holding its commission direct from the people, changing its membership biennially, and affording the only means of voicing the prevailing hought of the citizenry on the issues as they rise or develop from day to day. It is, therepre, of prime importance that this body be kept not only responsive but tauly representative, and this can not be accomplished by setting an arbitrary basis for membership at a figure so high as will defeat the letter as well as the spirit of the Constitution.

Investment That Has Paid Well. About twenty-five years ago The Bee urged hat the matter of reclaiming arid regions of he west be turned over to the federal government, it being the only agency through which he vast projects could be successfully financed nd managed. Twenty years ago this idea had aken root, and the work commenced. Now the nnual report of the reclamation service sets out hat for the season just over the reclaimed acres roduced more than \$150,000,000 in crops. A otal of 2,648,000 is under irrigation, a little more han half being under federal supervision and the rest under private projects. The evenue is more than sufficient to pay the charges against he land and returns a handsome income to the wners. No investment has paid better than that made when the government took up the work of impounding wasted waters and spreading them over idle land. The desert has literilly been made to blossom like the rose, and housands of happy homes exist where before was only wilderness. And there is yet plenty, to e done along this line.

Use and Abuse of Credit.

Credit, according to an Omaha business man, the greatest asset in the world, and his decgration that 90 per cent of the world's business carried on through its use is probably true. Even in the business of running a household, redit often plays an important part. While here are many men and women that take justihable pride in paying cash for their purchases, there may be times when this is not convenient, and prevents buying at an advantageous time, Others there are who abuse the privilege of cred-

it, buy more than they can afford, or neglect the obligation for prompt meeting of their obligations to pay.

Merely because one makes use of the facility for credit is not any reason to fall a week or a month behind in domestic finance, although it may often offer the temptation. Emergencies sometimes arrive when those who have always paid cash would be benefited if they had established a line of credit, either at a bank or at a store, but being unknown and untried, experience difficulty in the sudden necessity for accommodation.

The wise use of credit adds greatly to the efficiency of modern life, but it should be remembered that prompt collections are the life of business, and willfully to make a man who has sold you something wait beyond the appointed time is not only unwise but is putting an unnecessary burden on business.

Justice Between Company and Public.

Almost exactly five years ago something in the nature of an armistice was declared between the people of Omaha and the public utility corporation which furnished them electric light and power. The United States supreme court decided that the company had a perpetual franchise. The Chamber of Commerce investigated its affairs and made a declaration of the approximate value of its property. The company reduced its rates. The city voted to give it a new contract for street lighting. After years of litigation, legislation and stump-speaking, there ensued a period of relative peace.

The company now comes before the city commission with a request for permission to increase its rates. It points out that gas, telephone and street railway rates have increased in the last four years and it argues that the causes which forced these advances affect it equally. On the other hand, those opposing the increase argue that the company has benefited by vastly increased business and by economies of operation to an extent not true with other public utilities.

These are ascertainable matters. They are susceptible of proof. They are in the realm of fact not fancy. The company should support its claim by a frank disclosure of its needs; anything less will not suffice and will react against the company's interest. Those who oppose a rate increase should confine their efforts to an analysis designed to prove the company's showing either inconclusive or false; anything more will be out of place.

The city commission, in exercising its rateregulation function, is a quasi-judicial body. It should recognize the fact, and undoubtedly will. It must, if the public interest is to be served. A decision unfair to the company will mean a renewal of litigation, for the courts will protect the company's property against rates that are confiscatory; a decision biased in the company's favor means the certain resumption of a campaign for a competing plant, with prospects of litigation and turmoil. Neither alternative is to be wished, yet ill-considered action might make one or the other a necessity.

The commission's task is to make a decision, supported by the facts, which cannot be assailed successfully by the company and which is so eminently fair that it will have the approval of the public. It is a real chore, but by no means impossible of accomplishment.

At the Basis of Prosperity.

Other people than the farmers have their trials and tribulations in this period of readjustment. Yet the agricultural situation is rightly receiving the greatest part of public attention. This is because only out of successful agriculture can grow successful manufacturing and healthy business life. What is true in the case of the entire nation is particularly true of Nebraska and the other states of the Middle West. The only foundation on which may be built the happiness and welfare of a people is successful agriculture.

A year ago the farmers were advised from many quarters to increase their production to meet an alleged shortage of foodstuffs. There was talk at that time on the farms of reducing the acreage, but the harvest witnessed an increase of 13 per cent in the production of the ten principal crops over the average for five years. It is said that this output is actually worth \$3,000,000,000 less at current prices than the smaller crop of the previous year. There is now a plan afoot to organize a vast credit for financing the export of farm produce, although figures indicate that Europe has already bought more than our entire surplus. If these figures are correct, the European nations must have obtained credit long ago, aided by American money, to raid the market when the farmer could not get sufficient credit to protect himself.

The farmer has had too much advice, and unless American business becomes more practical in its attitude, the farmer will simply outline a program of his own and rely on his own efforts to save himself; even at the expense of other business. The two weak spots in agriculture are marketing and credit, and unless these needs are met in a practical way, no advice, sympathy or pats on the back will turn the farmer from the determination to meet them in his own way.

Health commissioners complain that the reprehensible custom of kissing persists in splte of warnings. Sue. What does either kisser or kissee care for a few million germ, more or less?

North Dakota bankers are optimistic, and insist that all will come out right. It will, if the people only quit jazzing around and go about paying their bills."

American ships are to be moveable sections of the desert, but this is to affect only the passengers. Sailors long ago gave over their grog.

Canada seems to feel the same way about Article X. Gradually the position of the senate is being justified.

If the price of candy does not slump, saying it with flowers would enjoy considerable popu-Soft coal prices are also coming down in

Omaha, a slight recognition of a general tend-

Here's a hope that the police succeed in checking the crime wave. Santa Claus and the weatherman seem to be

in cahoots. By the way, what ever became of the smoke inspector?

The Omaha city charter needs fixing.

A Line O'Type or Two

FREEDOM shrieked when Venizelos fell. But Freedom has grown old and hysterical, and shrieks on very little occasion. THE Greek drachma is reported to be in a

bad way. Perhaps a Drachma League could uplift it and tide it over the crisis.

Economic Distress in Ireland Sir: A correspondent commenting on the

nomic conditions in Ireland I am sending you a list of prices of what the bare necessities of life cost in Dublin at present: Present Price.

Whisky—1 sh. 8d per glass, 4d per glass.
Stout—8d per bottle.

Pre-War Price.

Pre-War Price.

2d per bottle.

BALLYBUNNION. ONE learns from so disinterested a source as the Herald-Examiner that Bernard Shaw

know that his mind was quite gone. "WHY DRAG IN VELASQUEZ?"

(From the South Haven Tribune.) "Cartoons and Caricatures" was the subject of Mrs. E. E. Main's paper. She told us particularly of Bud Fisher, the originator of "Mutt and Jeff," and how seriously he takes his "art," and also of the immense fortune he has accumulated through these characters who are so real to him and so funny and crude to others. She also mentioned John T. McCutcheon and Briggs.

THE attitude of the Greeks toward "that fine democrat Venizelos" reminds our learned contemporary, the Journal, of the explanation given by the ancient Athenian who voted against Aristides; he was tired of hearing him called "the Just." It is an entirely human sentiment, one of the few that justify the term "human race." It swept away Woodrow the Idealist, and all the other issues that parties set up. If it were not for the saturation point, the race would be in danger of becoming inhuman.

A Classical Who's Who.

Sir: It is most humiliating that the whole Line following should have needed instruction concerning Socrates, Epictetus and Cato. I think you should begin a series of educational articles under the title, "Who's Who in Classic Lore." Since poetry is more easily remembered than prose, they might take the form of versus me-

moriales, something like this: What human tumblebug of old A stone uphill unceasing rolled?
Ah, yes, 'twas old man Sisyphus!
I'll say he was a busy cuss.
CALCITROUSUS.

IT appears to be the general opinion that Mr.

room very attractive and together with the directors' room on the east front may be considered as very desirable for private par-ties. Three of the bedrooms will be vacant in December and may be rented by the embers at a moderate price.

SENATOR JOHNSON is reported to be still offitter against the League. Perhaps his bitter- bought because of the mistaken noness is accentuated by the suspicion that nobody cares a damn what he thinks about it. The Suspense Was Terrible.

'Sir: It was in 1911 that I made my second and last attempt to make the Line. I have been as constant a reader, probably, as any of them. Can anyone in the audience match that record?

Have I been idle these years? Listen!

Messrs. Chick and Lay patented their homestead at Cornville, Ariz., in 1917. Sample & Moore run a butcher shop at Glendale. Geo. F. Merryman & Co. are undertakers at Phoenix. And here, also, Rev. Yoakum does it for bash-sheep wool ful couples. A local produce house advertises: any vegetable "Shippers and Packers of Fruit, Produce and from petrolate Bananas." We approach the climax. Are you which keeps. listening Jogging homeward the other evening the

old mare took it into her head to make a short cut through the so-called Mexican quarter. As

was unable to stay under the water because of his corpulence.

SMALL TOWN STUFF. (From the Lancaster, Wis., Teller.)

The low down scurvy half-breed that swiped our log chain from the bridge where we were working does not need to bring it back as we have another one, but if there is a hell for dogs I hope he gets a seat in the front row with my compliments.

WE quite understand that if Mr. Moisei witsch is to establish himself with the public t play old stuff, even such dreadful things as the Mozart-Liszt "Don Giovanni." It is with Chopin valses and Liszt rhapsodies that a pianist plays an audience into a hall, but he should put on some stuff to play the audience out with. Under this arrangement those of us who have heard Chopin's Fantasie as often as we can endure may come late, while those who do not "understand" Debussy, Albeniz, and other moderns may leave early. The old stuff is just as good today as it was 20 years ago, but some of us ancients have got past that stage of musical development.

Explaining a Landslip. Sir: Scene, a schoolroom; grade, sixth; sen tence, "The top of the mountain was covered

Teacher: "The preposition connects 'top'
with 'mountain.' (John shakes his hand vociferously.) What is it John?"
John: "Maybe Mt. Blanc had no preposition.

and that is why the top tumbled off last week." THOSE persons who feel sorry for Chick Evans because he can't putt may like to know

that Vardon and Ray, interviewed when they returned to England, agreed that "Evans with his new club is the best putter in the United

"SUGAR AND SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE."

(From the Daily News.) Ends of bands on baby garments may be given a flat finish much easier to launder by leaving the ends raw and finishing them with

A delicious filling is made with chopped figs and walnuts, boiling water and sugar, thickened with flour and flavored with lemon "WITH lips wide and firm under his close-clipped gray moustache."—Sat. Eve. Post.

NOT satisfied with his appearance, the illusrator gave him a close shave. Oh, They've Had Iit.

Sir: When is the Bookfellow's luncheon? Phousands of Line fans are anxiously awaiting the results of Pete Rark's courtship of Laura B. Can't you induce the Trib to print a "close-up" of them holding hands or something?" W. C. D. "WOMAN'S Club Will Hear Dr. Ng Poon Chew."-Minneapolis News. We believe this is a libel on D. Poon.

WHAT D'YE MAKE O FTHIS, WATSON? (From the Oelwein Register.) Wanted: 1 large unfurnished room in

modern home by young business couple for sleeping only. Phone 188. KNUT HAMSUN, winner of the Nobel prize for literature, used to be a streetcar conductor in Chicago. This is a hint to column conductors. Get a transfer.

B. L. T.

Again, What Is Fame?

How many after reading about it can remember 24 hours later the new names added to the "Hall of Fame" list, with the possible exception of that of Mark Twain? And what matters? Fame is not made nor preserved by such contraptions as the self-created and self-tyled "Hall of Fame."—Louisville Courier-

How to Keep Well

Proper limitation,
Evans will not make diagnosis or present the second control of the Bee.
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THE FLY IN THE OINTMENT. your mind a good deal if you are de-The public is in the habit of using zinc oxide ointments for blisters. burns, sunburns and many other mild skin ailments. This salve has taken the place of the old-time salves which mother used to make.

In the olden times nearly every family had its healing salve made from a receipt handed down from mother to daughter through many generations. In the main they consisted of aromatic herbs and roots cooked up with some grease, predicts "inevitable war between England and suet, hog fat, goose fat, etc. They the United States." We understood the old boy cured in all cases where there was had not been well since the war, but we did not a strong tendency to spontaneous know that his mind was quite sone. and also eat a large amount of bread pride in its family salve.

Then we grew somewhat ashamed of old-fashioned things, or maybe we lost the art of finding the necessary herbs in the woods, or maybe it was too much trouble to find the herbs, to gather them, and then to cook them into a salve. At any rate, we got in the habit of passing it all up and instead buying a jar of zinc ointment from the drug store.
I doubt if we gained anything by
taking on this new stuff instead of the family salve, but the change has been made and zinc ointment has found its way into the family medi-cine chest beside the jar of cold cream. Since we have it the doctors

are trying to make it as good as possible.

Most of the zinc ointment is made from benzolnated lard. In fact, at the present time that is the way it must be made if the druggist follows the official directions. When Dr. Torald Sollman submitted the matter to some 30 leading skin specialists two-thirds of them favored having it made with petrolatum, ordinarily called vaseline, instead. They said the odor of lard was objectionable to many people. Lard quickly be-comes rancid and rancid lard is not only objectionable in odor, but it may be somewhat irritating. It might be worth while to smell the zinc ointment before using it to see

if the lard in it is rancid.

Lard is a food and one for the want of which many people suffered during the world war. The people of more than one nation suffered war. Harding will be a pleasant surprise as President. This should be a pleasant surprise to Mr. Harding.

NO END COZY.

(Notice to members of a Colorado county club.)

The restoration of the club succeeding the fire has made the south upstairs dining room very attractive and together with the county club, and the county club, and the county club, are fire has made the south upstairs dining the world war. The people of more than one nation suffered from fat deprivation. We might as well save lard for food wherever possible. Petrolatum does not become rancid, it is not offensive, it spreads well, it is smooth, and it makes a good protecting surface. The object of most of the domestic ointments is to cover the surface, or the county of the c exclude air, and protect while na-

ture proceeds with the cure. Whatever be the base of the ointment, very little of the grease absorbs. There are a raft of flesh foods and skin foods which are bought because of the mistaken notion that they pass through the skin and squat right down below when they enter as fat which fills out the spaces and smooths out the wrinkles.

I am an exceedingly careful driver, as I think every one should be; yet I have been compelled to stop my car on the busiest street in Omalia.

spaces and smooths out the wrinkles.

For this there is no basis.

Dr. Sollman started a line of experiments with animal, vegetable, and mineral fats to discover which were best absorbed by the skin. He speedily came to the conclusion that they were all on a par. None absorbed to any extent. Then why make zinc ointment with expensive sheep wool fat, or edible lard, or any vegetable fat? Have it made from petrolatum and get a product which keeps.

Car on the busiest street in Omalia to wait for some adult to saunter slowly by, but without a glance for her own safety.

I am not excusing the reckless drivers, many things are unpardonable, but I do feel the public should be educated through your newspaper to help protect themselves and thus prevent these terrible accidents.

MRS. CHARLES A. SUNDERLIN, Elwood Apts., No. 7.

When Vanity Drives.

Margaret M. S. writes: "Ever since can remember I have had a horror I was meditating the profiteer who sold me that basket of groceries at my feet, my eye fell on the sign on a 'dobe hut: "Ynocente Morales, Groceries."

Nine years is a long wait. CHICK.

THE anti-fat brigade may be intrigued to learn that Mr. George Squibb of Warcham, Eng., sought death in the sea at Swanage, but the sea at Swanage, but the sea at Swanage, but the sea at I can remember I have had a horror of what is called a 'pug nose,' and as a result I imagine I have one. My nose does turn up, although I never have been told that it is out of shape. It is constantly on my mind. I never feel like dressing up to go out. No matter how nice I look I think I look awful just on account of my nose. For days I shut count of my nose. For days I shut myself up in my room. But here is what I want to know: Always brooding on my nose has started me to 'monkeying with it.' For almost a year I have been picking at it and blowing it, etc. I think by so doing I am putting it more out of shape. Isn't that foolish? But I shape. Isn't that foolish? But I cannot help it. I never yet looked at a mirror without loking a my profile. Perhaps you could tell me something of the structure of the nose and whether putting the fingers in it will hurt it any. Mine seems to be flabby as though the bone

only comes half way." REPLY. I disregard your request and publish your letter. It may keep some other girl from repeating your foolighness. The bone of the nose should only come part way down. Fortunately we do not belong to a horny-nosed tribe. You cannot think your nose out of shape. Some people hald that thinking can tie a knot in the liver, but no one claims that power over his nose. I dare say if you pulled and pushed day by day you might eventually change the shape of your nose somewhat, but not much. Of course you can push

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cannot make a lunatic out of your-

self. The good Lord has protected you against yourself fairly well. What you need is disciplining. Try Fooling The Doctor.

Inquirer writes: "1. I am a young girl of 18, 5 feet 4 inches tall, and weigh 140 pounds. I have noticed that the majority of girls of my height and age usually weigh 120 pounds or less. How much over-"2. What is the best way to reduce to an average weight? I am fond of sweet things of alk kinds

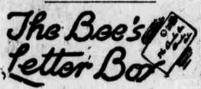
with my meals. Do you think the bread and sweets tend to make me increase in weight? REPLY. 1. The weight proper for your age, height and sex, is 120 pounds. Big boned people weigh more than

those with small bones, muscular people, and fat ones.
2. In the language of the street,
"you said a mouthful"—"I am fond,
of sweet things of all kinds and also eat quite a large amount of bread."
To lose weight eat no sweet things and little bread. Fill up on salads, green, watery vegetables, and grass generally. Will you do it? I have an opinion. Never mind what it is, but

Let Him Gnaw on Bones.

Mrs. H. M. writes: "My baby boy is 10 1-2 months old and weighs 20 pounds and 5 ounces. He weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces at birth. He gets four feedings, 8 ounces each, of certified milk; also cereal and soup. He gets orange juice daily. Is he getting enough and is he weighing enough for his age?" REPLY.

Perhaps your boy is a pound over-weight. He is getting plenty of food. Let him gnaw on hard bread and meat bones, but otherwise feed him



Omaha, Dec. 6 .- To the Editor of The Bee: A great deal is written running into pedestrians and it is deplorable the number of accidents

there are.
But their is another side that is But their is another side that is never mentioned, and that is that pedestrians should watch out a little

Omaha, Dec. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: We all remember how shocked we all were when the Mary Pickford-Douglas Fairbanks stunt was pulled off some months ago. Many hoped that no motion picture

theater would ever show these stars ! Now, lo, and behold, a church sent out children today (Sunday) selling tickets to a moving picture show to be held in their church. And the picture features Mary Pickford. Is not that rather a poor example to set us nonchristians? I would like to know what Dr. Jennie Califas would say if this was proposed in a church she attended. A PAGAN.



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