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#### A Voice in the Wilderness.

We welcome the Rev. C. E. Cobbey to the side of The Bee, and also congratulate him on emphasizing what this paper has preached for so many years. Police can not check crime; we restrain any unholy impulse to enumerate other things they can not do. Nor will the enactment of more laws have the effect sought. Crime is a result of weak morals. Morals must be taught in the home. Press and pulpit alike are devoted to the development of a high standard of living, but unless the precepts they endeavor to inculcate are put into active service, no good arises from the effort.

Disregard for one law leads to contempt or indifference for all law. The man who sets himself superior to any of the many statutes that have been placed on our records merely assumes the attitude of selecting for himself what laws he will obey and what he will ignore. Assuming this right for himself, he must concede it to others, and the net result is just what we are experiencing, such general violation of law as in effect amounts to anarchy. What may be expected when a federal judge in effect justifies the theft of \$96,000 by a bank teller because his pay was low? Or when another judge refuses to tell the court the facts in a murder case because to do so would be to "snitch on a kid?" Is low pay an excuse for theft, or has the 12year-old boy developed such moral perception as to render him exact in distinction between right and wrong?

Railing at wealth is not to answer the question which confronts every man, nor is any headway made by scolding the church. Ministers of God are human, expounding His gospels as they understand them. Subject to the influences and effects of their surroundings, reacting to whatever excites the popular mind, they make mistakes, just as do editors. Yet they finally know right from wrong, as does every self-disciplined individual, and just as they devote themselves to driving home the eternal truths of revealed morality, so will they serve God and man. We sympathize with what Brother Cobbey says in regard to teaching morals in the home. When parents realize their responsibility to their children, to themselves and to society, the need for juvenile courts, movie censorship and all that sort of regulation and restriction will have disappeared.

This, however, includes something else. Liberty of action naturally contemplates action within the law. Resentment of the unwarranted intrusion of self-appointed monitors, who, insist on measuring the behavior of all others by their own standards, does not repeal any of the code established, however it may relieve the exasperation. Patience and the careful development of a sentiment that is healthy is the one secure safeguard against the over-zealous regulators of the general conscience.

## Amnesty for Bootleggers.

Taking a leaf out of the book of those advocates of personal freedom of another kind, opponents of prohibition may be expected to plead for general amnesty for bootleggers and moonshiners. Federal courts are clogged with liquor cases and cell room for ordinary murderers and robbers must be getting scarce. The very prevalence of violations of the dry laws may be taken as indicating a belief in certain quarters that a day of forgiveness is certain and that defiance of the law is not a serious matter.

So far as this impression exists it is to be attributed to newspapers and other influences that constantly declare that prohibition can not be enforced, giving as their reason the claim that it does not have behind it public opinion. How can this be established? State after state voted dry before congress ever considered acting. And it was not only the good folk whose lips had never touched the cheering fluid who voted in favor of prohibition. Men who used liquor to a varying extent themselves voted to abolish the traffic, feeling that such sacrifice on their part was for the general good, even though they

themselves never went to excess. In spite of all the jests about home brewing, it seems probable that this is a small factor, and that in general the people who are producing illicit alcoholic drinks are not doing it for their own consumption, but to sell for profit to people who through weakness or other reason are willing to see others violate a law which they othcrwise would obey fully.

## Make It a "Good Citizenship Year."

When an Englishman decides to visit a museum or an art gallery, he joins a club and goes in company, and this same system prevails to a certain extent among Americans who go on group tours of Europe. Quite similar is the growing custom of assigning certain days or weeks in which everyone shall talk or think of one certain subject. The latest declaration of this sort has set the period from February 28 to March 4 for "Good Citizenship week."

No cause could be better than this, but it is to be presumed that the occasion is rather one for talking about good citizenship rather than practicing it. School teachers especially are solicited to give programs, although it must be admitted that unless by precept and example lessons in citizenship are inculcated every day,

the object of education has been thwarted. Nothing can be done in a week, and only by Bonstant attention to the subject can right living | for a week may be practising up for the senate, | lis News,

among one's fellow citizens be impressed. No doubt some such object is that sought by the originators of this movement, so to emphasize the importance of the subject in one week that it will continue in the thoughts of the people the year round. For the most part the public limits its political interest to the single day of election, and if out of a citizenship week some wider attention to this and to the other duties of man to the state and to himself can be obtained, it will not be in vain.

#### The Free Bridge.

It may be accepted as settled that Omaha believes in a free bridge across the Missouri river. The people of this community have overcome or are overcoming the barriers which nature has placed about the city in other directions, in the form of hills, ravines and soil which becomes a quagmire after every rain; the barrier of the river is a bit more absolute, but there is no reason why it, too, should not be overcome.

The only question is that of the time and manner of the remedy. Is it wise to embark on a bridge-building project when costs of construction give every indication of being less within the near future?

The Bee suggests that if it be deemed advisable to indorse Mayor Smith's bridge project at this time, it may still be well to postpone the actual letting of contracts at least until more settled conditions obtain. Omaha has talked free bridge for many years. It may be desired to capitalize the enthusiasm just now evident, but there is no need of rushing headlong into unnecessary expenditures.

#### Gambling for Empire.

Europe, whatever else it may lack, now has a bumper crop of soldiers of fortune, men too proud to work and filled with the restless desire to live by their wits and their swords. In a sane world there would be no place for these adventurers, but their existence draws its very reason from the misguided tactics of the statesmen and the perverted ideals of the society about

Greece sends forth the plea that unless the United States advances \$33,000,000, which was promised in more hopeful days, it financial situation will become exceedingly desperate. The army of conquest in Asia Minor is costing an immense sum each day, with little headway being made against the Turk nationalists. Food prices are so high as to disrupt the industrial situation and business is at a standstill.

The condition that prevails not only in Greece, but with some of its neighbors also, is aptly represented by the life and death of a Russian colonel whose suicide in a gambling resort on the Riviera recently was reported. This man fought with distinction under Denikin, and a year ago was sent to Paris on a special mission. Before the Russian revolution he was wealthy, and it was impossible for him to adjust his life to his fallen condition. In other words, he was not willing or able to work, to produce useful articles for himself or for anyone else. He drifted to a French gambling resort, and after a preliminary run of luck found his entire means wiped out at baccarat. Unable to pay even his hotel bill, he consented to act as porter, a position with no real labor attached and ornamented by a gorgeous red uniform. Still unable to adjust himself, he tried to pass a forged check, and after being detected, committed suicide.

Life is a wonderful gift, and the world is filled with opportunity for useful and honest men. The same thing is true for those aggregations of people called nations. They may buckle down to develop their own resources by the process of industry, or they may go on imperialistic and vainglorious campaigns of conquest. This illusion of empire has led nations to neglect their opportunities at home and led them away from realities. Like the Russian colonel, they are living in a gambling hell.

It is probable that the promise of the United States to advance a certain sum to the Greek government ought to be fulfilled. But with it should be conveyed some homely injunction to make the most of it for further help will not be forthcoming and only Greece itself can meet its own needs. America is the friend of the world, and as a true friend should not encourage new wars or wasteful political programs.

## Forgiveness of Debts.

If it really be true that Woodrow Wilson agreed at Paris to bring about, if possible, the cancellation of the debts owed the United States by European governments for money borrowed during the war, it was but one of several pledges he made but could not fulfill. It is easy to understand why Mr. Wilson, as also many others, have been imbued with the notion that great relief would come with the wiping out of war debts. They have neglected, however, to give

proper weight to another factor in the case. If Americans were to forgive their debtors, and they in turn were to forgive theirs, and thus by the exercise of a stupendous magnanimity all accounts were squared, what would happen? Whatever is material in the world would remain the same, food, clothing, shelter, and the like. No difference would be noted in that regard. But thousands on thousands of the world's inhabitants would note this difference: They would see the idle and improvident placed on an equality with the industrious and thrifty; orderly effort and patient saving made of no more worth than wanton waste and thoughtless extrava-

War expenditure anticipated the productive effort of many years; it placed a mortgage on the surplus for generations, yet to forgive those debts now would be of no benefit to anybody, least of all to the debtors. Instead of aiding in the restoration of the world, it would have the opposite effect, for it would confirm the indolent and discourage the energetic. Altruistic as the idea may appear, it fails to meet the test, because it does not provide the true solution. Only the bankrupt is entitled to a composition on part of his creditors. The energetic do not

Mrs. Harding is said to have chosen 'gendarme blue" as her favorite color, which introduces another word that like "lingerie" and "brassiere" is not altogether what it appears.

That Illinois girl who has talked unceasingly

# A Line O' Type or Two

That day by Severn and the Rock Spring Farm Sundered by depths uncabled-ancient trees Were blindly tossing many a wintry arm, And made by chance a million traceries. That day chance children sorrowed being born, The black to slavery of body and mind. The white to tyranny of croed outworn, And all to nature's thralldom, pitiless, blind. But now the punctual sun has trod the sky Untouched by all Aquarius, and he stands Radiant above two cradles where they lie. Emancipators both, in swathing bands, The chance by which to earth these freeme

Darwin and Lincoln-needs a better name

WE trust the author of the foregoing does not mind our reprinting it every few years. MR. EDISON, 74, says he is going to keep up his present gait until the doctors bring in the cylinder of oxygen; "then au revoir." Au revoir implies belief in a hereafter. The agnostic

says "Good night!" JUDGES in beauty contests should remem-ber, with Vernon Lee, that "shape-preference does not invariably necessitate the detailed process of ocular perception," but is usually due "to every kind of associative abbreviation and equivalence of processes." Uh-huh!

Sir: I consider it necessary to warn you against this bird, M. J. B., who has put it over on you twice and is planning to do it again. He writes a bunch of prose, hands it to his secretary to copy, she types it, starting a new line whenever she champs on her gum, and you think it is poetry and run it at the top of the column, next pure reading matter. After this explanation from me it'll be your own fault if you continue to fall for Milt's stuff.

OLD Tom Bendelow allows that a fortune waits the man who finds a chemical that will kill weeds without ruining the grass. Another fortune waits the man who invents a bath-tub that does not put on a mourning band when used.

> SMALL TOWN SATURNALIA. (From the Kewaunee, Wis., Press.) A stripping bee took place at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Bohumil Albrecht Thursday evening. Those present were the Mesdames Katherine Mach, John Marek, John Jelinek, Wenzel Pokorney, Mr. and Mrs. John Navotny, Mr. and Mrs. John Hanna. and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wessely, Sr.

A CHEERY forecaster is the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke, who, writing in the "Nineteenth Century," can see at a glance that mankind is on the eve of four great wars; between cast and west, between Jew and Gentile, between Protestanism and Romanism, and between capital and labor.

#### THE THOUSAND AND ONE AFTERNOONS. III.

When the fair Saidee arrived to take up her duties in the house of Houssain & Company, Ltd., the worthy Wezeer set forth for her the system by which the concern conducted its enterprises, and led her to her table, which was in ussain's private office. This table she set instantly in order, and uncovered her typewriter. Then she inspected Houssain's desk, which pleased her little. She replaced soiled blotters with clean ones, and old pen-points with new, and gathered scattered papers into one pile. When Stuffy Durkin, the office boy, entered with the mail, Miss Perkins sorted it with a swift and practiced hand, placing beneath all printed circulars and form letters, save those that related to price changes, the which she placed on top. the stroke of nine Houssain came in, and ithout a glance at his new secretary attacked his correspondence, dictating instruction to branch managers, suggestions to department heads, and decisions on questions of policy. He then visited the outer offices, and when he returned the letters awaited his signature. He noted their number and looked at his watch, and for the first time he looked at Saidee, and saw that she was beautiful as a slice of the moon.

The day passed, and the last letter was dic-ted. The fair Saidee gave a little sigh of satisfaction. "I am going to like my work here, she said; to which Houssain made no response. Wezeer, who had entered, also fetched a sigh, I want to change from condensed but it was one of dejection, for his mind was on Miss Perkins' successor. 'There was no sys- ready to wean him at about 9 or tem in the last shop I worked in, continued the young woman. 'And when the machinery What is the best method of changing stalled, the Boss swore roundly; his oaths were the roundest I ever heard. The help feared him, but they liked him, because he paid. But there was one who was not well paid; he was the oldest of the slaves, and had been with the company from its beginning. The Boss was fond of the old man, and this excited the jealousy of the head clerk. One day this unpleasant person discovered that Benjamin Bolt, the venerable the old man, and this excited the jealousy of the head clerk. One day this unpleasant person discovered that Benjamin Boit, the venerable slave, had made a cash sale and had not turned slave, had made a cash sale and had not turned at 6:45 and does not wake up until about midnight for a feeding. Of

back on his person.'
The clock struck five. Miss Perkins closed her typewriter, and reached for her bonnet. 'What happened to Ben Bolt?' inquired

WE thought the doubtful honor was possessed by the United States, but M. Cambon declares that there is no other country where people take so little interest in foreign politics as they do in France.

## OVERDOING IT.

Sir: All week my mother scolded me for having untidy shoes. Saturday I got a wicked shine, and then she bawled me out for wearing my rubbers in the house. C. y. b. i.!

"SURNAMES taken from names of commodities are not necessarily of occupative origin,' we read. And we read, too, in the Rutgers Alumni Quarterly, that Lewis P. Booze, Jr., recently figured in an automobile accident in New Brunswick, N. J.

"LANDIS Can Hold Two Jobs, Palmer

'May" hold were better. We all knew he

ANOTHER example of the lively wit of W. M. Evarts: "Do not so many different wines," a lady asked him, "make you feel seedy the next day?" "No, madam," said he; "it is the indifferent wines that do that."

QUICK, WATSON! THE WHISKERS AND DARK LANTERN.

(From the Denver Post.)

A woman, beautiful, refined, 30 years, wishes to meet man, clean habits and education. Must be wealthy and a cripple; matrimony: no general delivery or triflers answer. C7, Post.

THE Russian proverbs, ironically extolled J. C. Squire are matched, we think, by this trio of Swahili saws: "If the cat's away the mouse will reign." "A little and a little fill the measure." "Spilt water cannot be gathered up." WE ARE WIRING THEM.

Sir: Please rush nomination papers for At-torney-General Coco of Louisiana as Head of the Academy. E. B. B. FOR Mr. Briggs' collection: Wonder what

wrestler thinks about? THE Coal Man and the Ice Man were walking hand in hand. "Did you ever," said the Ice Man, "see such a remarkable February?"

B. L. T.

## The Record Catch.

Colonel Scott, who recently landed a 56pound salmon, a record for the season, has aispatched his trophy to Perth to be set up. By way of commentary on the feat the "Angler's News" publishes a page of photographs of big catches. The world's record is held by a 710pound tuna, taken on a rod at Port Medway, Nova Scotia. A 135-pound halibut has been captured in Ireland—at Ballycotton. The English record for carp is a 20-pound fish caught in Chestnut Reservoir—London Daily Chronicle.

## Painted Coffee.

In Rio Janeiro there are certain mills in which raw coffee beans are painted and polished. South Africa buys about 300,000 bags of coffee a year tinted in a bluish green; northern Brazil wishes its coffee black. It is said that all the graphite, achre, talcum powder and other materials are destroyed in the roasting, so that no one would know from drinking the coffee whether it had been painted or not.-Indianapo-

# How to Keep Well

Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

TYPHOID A WANING DISEASE, hair of the patch to come away, aft-Please publish an article on ty- er which treatment with a simple phoid, causes and prevention," S. R. sulphur bintment or with iodine and simple ointment is effective.

other day for a week or two."

When typhoid fever was far more phevalent than it now is the disease You Resemble Napoleon P. K. writes: "What causes a low heart?" Is it serious? Does varied with the seasons and there was very little of it, relatively speaking, during the winter. At the present time there is less winter typhoid eigaret smoking have anything to do with it? If not, what causes it?" than in the old times, but the heavy REPLY. rates of summer and autumn have slumped so the disease no longer is There are several causes of slow looked on as seasonal, pulse. Cigaret smoking is not on the In other list. It may be due to intermittence in the heart beat. Ie may be natwords, winter typhoid is almost as

a very slow pulse. to the list of typhoid cases those of winter diarrhoea, a disease which nerely is a masked form of typhold. Typhoid is due to the typhold One Remedy For Nausea. Dr. R. A. L. writes: "Mrs. W. A bacillus. This bacillus is spread by G. asked you for a remedy for typhoid carriers (people), by pol-luted water, infected milk, occasion-ally by oysters and vegetables, and nausea during pregnancy. I was disappointed that you did not recommend the hypodermic use of exby flies and fingers. Typhoid bacilli in food have found their way there tract of corpus luteum. Sometimes one does give permanent relief, but otherwise requires an injection every

om some human source. There are two great avenues of prevention. One of these is by vac-cination. Vaccination is done by injecting a considerable dose of dead typhoid bacilli hypodermically. The injections are three in number, and are given at intervals of one week

important as summer typhoid. Es-

to 10 days. Somewhere about one week after the first injection a small degree of immunity is in evidence. This increases daily. By four weeks after the first injection the immunity considerable enough to withstand nfection by typhoid bacilli present in moderate amount in food or water. The immunity lasts for three to five years, though it decreases materially during the third year. The immunity rarely is consider-able enough to withstand massive

losage with typhoid bacilli. The other great avenue of procetion is sanitation. Above all, keep the water supply free from sewage pollution. If pure water is unob-tainable, that which is available can be made safe by use of chlorite, sypochlorite, or halazone, or by

Keep the milk clean. If not assured of its safety, make it safe by pasteurization or by boiling. Cooking makes vegetables safe. Flies can be suppressed, and should be. Scrupdlous cleanliness of the houseiold and of the hands should be ob-

Feed Baby a Little Less. A subscriber writes: My 51-2 months old baby is breast fed with omplemental feedings of sweetened condensed milk three times a day. Up to his third month, while breast fed only, he was gaining three to four ounces a week and constantly was constipated. Since then with bottle feedings a little richer than the formula given he gained 10 to 13 ounces a week and between his 4th and 5th month gained an even three pounds. At birth he weighed eight pounds and now at 51-2 months weighs 173-4 and is not constipated. He is very strong, sits alone in his basket, and when held up in one's arms will push himself up until his whole weight rests on his feet. But it seems to me that he is gaining too much for his age. So many people condemn sweetened condensed milk for babies and say it is a fat builder only and not a muscle and bone builder and that bables fed on it are slow in cutting slave, had made a cash sale and had not talk in the money, so he put up a job on Ben, and til about midnight for a feeding. Of the aged party was caught with a marked green-late he has been waking up once or late he has been waking up once or late he has been waking up once or twice between that and his regular feeding at 6 a.m., but that habit can be broken as he has only started it within the last week or so while

he had a cold in his head." REPLY. Do not change your baby's food. He is thriving too well for that. Give him less food and feed him less fre-quently. He should have fruit quently. He should have fruit juice daily and potato soup occa-sionally. Train him to sleep through the night with no feeding between 10 p. m. and 6 a. m. He is gaining weight too rapidly, but you can reg-ulate that by feeding him less.

X-Ray Is Best Treatment. W. B. writes: "My little girl has ringworm on her head. Will you please prescribe some cure for it. I have used iodine without success.

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## Population Center of U. S. Moves West, Census Report Shows

Washington, Feb. 14.—The center of population as disclosed by the 1920 census is located in the extreme southeast corner of Owen county, Indiana, 8.3 miles southeast of the town of Spencer, the census bureau an-

During the last decade the center of population continued to move westward, advancing 9.8 miles in that direction and about one-fifth of a mile north from Bloomington, Ind., where it was located by the census of 1910.

The bureau attributed the westward movement in the last decade principally to the increase of more than 1,000,000 in the population of the state of California." cially is this the case when we add ural. Napoleon is said to have had

#### Fritz Kreisler to Play At Auditorium March 11

Fritz Kreisler, violinist, will apear in recital in the Municpal Auditorium under the auspices of the

o'clock.

Boy Who Killed Wife Of Institution Warden To Be Held for Murder

Aurora, iii., rev. 14.-Prank outsett, a 16-year-old trusty at the IIInois training school for boys at St. Charles, said he did not know why he struck Mrs. Jesse Lovelett, wife of the assistant warden, as she slept on a couch. She died yesterday and the boy, who had escaped, was captured and ordered by a coroner's jury held for murder.

"I didn't know what I was doing," the youth said. "I walked by the couch where she was sleeping, and the thought suddenly came to me how nice it would be to be free. then got the furnace shaker and struck here on the head. I did not intend to kill her. She seemed to waken and groaned and I hit her again and then she was still. She was good to all of us and I don't know why I did it"

#### The Weight of a Kiss.

A scientist has found that a kiss on the lips weighs five milligrams, and it is too bad he cannot state it in watts, volts and chms or some-Omaha Tuesday Musical club Friday evening, March 11, at 8:15 thing understandable.—Portland Or-

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February 12, 1921.

Gus Hyers, State Sheriff, Terminal Building, Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Sir:—

In checking over the receipts on automobile taxes, I find that out of 220,000 cars, there are 100,000 cars that have not paid their registration tax.

We have an organization to send these numbers out, and it will be necessary to discharge these men within a few days if these taxes are not paid so that the registration plates can be sent out. Also, the County Treasurers will be very busy after the first of March, and it will be a great inconvenience both to the Treasurers and to this Department if these taxes are not paid before the first day of March. For that reason, I would like to have your co-operation in employing such help as is necessary to enforce the Motor Vehicle Law.

Last year, it was the policy when starting out on the enforcing of this law to ask each person who had not paid these taxes, to do so. As the plates were in stock and the Treasurers in position to collect the taxes on December 1st, and it has been one and one-half months since these taxes were due, I do not believe it advisable to give the motor vehicle owners any special consideration at this time; and I would advise that on and after Monday. February 14th, that you cause the arrest of every motor vehicle owner driving a car, who has not complied with the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Law and paid his tax for 1921.

Yours truly,

Geo. E. Johnson, Secretary.

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