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Civil Service and Party Politics.

A congressman who, on Monday, offered a proposal that all federal employes who do not loyally support the administration be summarily dismissed from the service has probably performed a good action. Not that his suggestion is likely to be followed out, for its end is absurd, but because by making it he has called attention to something that might be overlooked. A federal employe should not be required to resign any of his civil rights because of his employment, He should retain his party affiliation, and should be free to take part in politics to the utmost of his inclination. Asserting this right, however, he must have in mind always that when his course becomes what was once so aptly characterized by a great democratic president as "pernicious," he has laid himself open to reprisal.

Kissing still goes by favor, no matter how much we may try to close our eyes to the truth. Nobody knows this better than the men and women who are listed in the classified service. The civil service law was established to protect them against the ordinary mutations of politics, and consequently carried with it another obligation, namely, that of service. A purely political employe, whose tenure of office is fixed by the fortunes of his party, may not be expected to do as much for the government as he does for the party. One who has been given a guaranty by the public, however, is in return bound to give at all times full and efficient service. He can not lay down on the job, merely because he is under civil service.

President Harding must be credited with knowing what he is about. If, on the recommendation of the secretary of the treasury, he orders the reorganization of an important bureau, startling as his action may seem, it is supposed to rest on reason. Inquiry is demanded, and very likely will follow, and the full explanation to which the public looks forward, and to which it has a right, will come. Until then rumor and final announcement, it is not amiss to keep in mind that the indignation of Senator Carraway of Arkansas in part may be stirred by the fact that James L. Wilmoth, the deposed chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, is from Arkansas.

A fact in favor of the president's statement that the change was made for the good of the service is that several of the positions from which the heads were removed were abolished, and many of the others were changed in both titles and duties.

Prospectus of the Silver League.

That a "Silver League" or some similar organization to advocate bimetallism would be organized might have been anticipated. As an incident of the war the price of silver was a little more than doubled, and consequent profits to the miners renewed activity in the production of the white metal. Now that it is falling back, by a very natural process, to the price determined by its service, the effort to retain for it some part of the departing profits is reasonable from the standpoint of its producers.

Establishing by statute law an artificial ratio between the metals will have no more effect than any similar endeavor to fix prices for other commodities. The Gresham law is inexorable, as has been proven by all the ages. If the price of silver should be enhanced by natural economic causes, the advantage would have a natural reflection, but if it be brought to pass through the interposition of statutory law or other similar means, the effect is fictitious, and its reflection on other commodities is equally so, and the final result will be a disturbance without benefit. Gold as a standard of value was fixed by the commerce of the world, is not of modern development, but traces back to the farthest antiquity. and rests on a substantial basis.

A silver league may revive interest in the long time debate between the advocates of sound money and those who hold to the fallacy that any sort of money will do. This, however, will not disturb the relations between gold and other substances, mineral or not, nor would the demonetization of gold be of especial advantage to the champions of silver, for gold had a value and was used as a medium of exchange before ever there was money, or banking or anything of the

Signs of Normalcy at Home.

Omaha is doing some things better. Chief Salter of the fire department reported on Monday a stretch of 181/2 hours without an alarm of fire. This period of time has not elapsed without movement of some part of the fire department's equipment in answer to an alarm for many months. No, it can not be taken as an indication that the city has suddenly resolved to have no more blazes, but it is a sign that a little care will help to materially reduce the number of calls on the firemen.

The city health commissioner reports a remarkable decrease in the number of cases of contagious disease as compared with the month of March, 1921. This, too, is a sign of betterment. Communicable disease is being watched closer than ever; physicians are checking up, and fathers and mothers are watching their children a little closer. Efforts put forth by the authorities to check disease also have something to do with the improvement. Money spent for prevention is worth a lot more than that which goes to provide a cure, and the discomfort and inconvenience of quarantine, not to mention the suffering of the sick, is avoided.

While these pointers are not conclusive, they are good to note, for if some effort had not been made to improve conditions such reports would be lacking. Citizens may, therefore, take courage in the belief that their efforts have not been entirely wanting, and proceed with a little more faith to be just that much more careful in the tuture. When we can cut down the waste attendant on fire and disease we are making head-

For Future Needs of Farmer.

A bill to establish a farm credits department in each Federal Land bank has been before congress for more than two months, and is now said to be assured of passage. Its object, as made clear by its author, Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, is to continue the work of the War Finance corporation, an emergency body which expires July 1. It comes in response to the demands of farmers for a system of credit adequate for handling loans running from six months to three years, a period not dealt with by the Federal Reserve system.

As now constituted the Federal Land banks have no facilities for discounting chattel paper. The Lenroot bill would establish a new farm credits department for which the federal treasury would subscribe \$1,000,000 capital. Debentures payable within three years would be issued on the basis of the mortgaged securities, these to be sold or rediscounted to provide further operating

Each Federal Land bank would be authorized to discount for any national bank, state bank, trust company, incorporated live stock loan company or savings institution, with its endorsement, any note or other such obligation the proceeds of which have been advanced or used in the first instance for an agricultural purpose or for the raising, breeding, fattening or marketing of live stock." Direct loans to any co-operative association composed of agricultural producers would be made if secured by warehouse receipts.

Numerous suggestions for amendment of this measure are being made. It probably is not perfect, but no doubt could best be improved in practical operation. The cheering thing about this bill is the evidence that the lessons of the late agricultural panic have not been cast aside. The farmers are coming out of the slough of despond, but their recovery gives no warrant for ignoring the needs and perils of the future.

Chita May Ignite Siberia.

Matters in Siberia are moving, probably toward a definite adjustment of something that will lead to a real government for that great country. When the bolshevists took over Russia, they naturally included Siberia in the territory they were to control. Between asserting and enforcing their claim Lenin and Trotzky found such a wide spread they were forced to be content with ruling only the western portion of the great empire, leaving the eastern two-thirds in the suspended state of "unfinished business."

Varying fortunes have attended an effort to set up government at Vladivostok, where the United States co-operated with Japan for a time in maintaining order. In the interim a nondezone, with headquarters at Chita, which has the tacit support of the Moscow government, because Chita provides a buffer between western and eastern Siberia, has afforded a fair base from which to penetrate China, Thibet, Mongolia and even India with red propaganda, and therefore served a useful purpose for the schemers of Moscow without assuming the proportion of a menace to their plans. Chita was present at Washington, with some fantastic claims and even more fantastic assertions. It now is spreading eastward into the region occupied by the Japanese, accompanying its advance with such conduct as already has produced a clash between the red forces and the Japanese troops.

A very interesting situation is thus developed. one that was anticipated in some of the discussions during the debate on the four-power treaty. Japan's withdrawal from Siberia will probably be forced, abandoning the country to bolshevik control. Tokio authorities have expressed a readiness to retire from Siberia, contending they have held troops there only to protect life and property from the reds. A definite move must be made soon.

New England and the West.

Congressman Reavis may have shocked complacent Boston by telling its Chamber of Commerce that New England is more provincial, has less breadth of vision, than Nebraska. If he did accomplish that unusual feat, he did well. A shock may do Boston a lot of good.

At different times for many years New England has stood aghast at the procession of political and economic heresies (as Boston considers them) which have been born in the west. It first ridiculed and later grieved over prohibition; it shuddered when it heard of the Non-Partisan league; it grew indignant at the agricultural bloc and had chills and fever when men talked seriously of the possibility of a new third party movement. Each and all of these, with others unlisted, were denounced as evidences of danger-

cus and selfish class or sectional interests. Quite properly Mr. Reavis remarks that the original and most persistent provincialism has been that of New England, which has shut its eyes to the country west of the Hudson river more than once, unmindful of the fact that this western country is what makes New England's factories possible.

Amateur baseball players are imitating the big leaguers in talk as well as in other ways. This is all right until the season opens.

A victim objects that modern holdup methods lack romance. He is not complaining of the efficiency, however.

Democratic worry over whom the republicans will nominate is not a discouraging fact.

Now, watch "Uncle Mose" go over the top for the eleventh consecutive time. Commissioner Hummel is warned that the

park season is getting close. Support for the lakes-to-ocean canal is grow-

ing every day.

Banqueting in Budapest has its drawbacks. | Paul Pioneer Press.

THE HUSKING BEE -It's Your Day -Start It With a Laugh

THE HOME TOWN.

Dear Philo: See if you can get this on a

matter where I chance to stray While traveling up and down, There's no place just like Omaha-

I've stood 'mid stately mountains, An atom, lost in space: I've roamed through fields and forests. Seen nature face to face; I've been in crowded cities Of peoples black and brown. And always longed for Omaha-

I've seen the sights of Europe, Reviewed them one by one; Gazed on the Bay of Naples A-smiling in the sun: I've seen the old world's wonder And places of renown. And always longed for Omaha-For it is my home town.

For it is my home town.

I know some towns are larger, And some are smaller, too, Some have antiques much older, And some have things more new: In some more famous men dwell With titles or a crown, But let me live in Omaha-

For it is my home town.

No matter where I chance to stray While wandering up and down, There's no place just like Omaha-For it is my home town.

P. S. This may be sung to the tune of "Home, Sweet Home," or whistled as a trombone duet with drums.

PHILO-SOPHY.

No use to itch for fame unless you can come up to the scratch.

Well did that recent cold snap catch you

Girls are taking up baseball. Seems to be something about a diamond that attracts 'em.

If smoking isn't prevalent among the fragile sex in Omaha, it isn't that they lack encourage-

UNCERTAINTIES OF LIFE. We can't tell how long we'll stay

On this mortal shore. People dying every day

IT MAKES A DIFF.

Sign on a building on North Twenty-fourth street, "Barn For Rent, \$5," is crossed out and below it is a new sign, "Garage For Rent, \$10."

A MODERN JOSHUA.

A man picked up by Frank Carey to do some odd jobs gave his name as Joshua. Frank asked him if he could make the sun stand still, and he answered, "No, but I can make the moonshine.

SIGNS IN LOCAL LAUNDRY.

Starch Mrs. Jones. Deliver Mrs. Smith rough dry. Do Mrs. Brown up wet. Don't mark Mrs. Johnson. Hang Mrs. Anderson outside Kill Mrs. Toole. Pull Hotels quick. Slow and careful on Miss Neff.

LOVE SONG.

I dearly love a "mamma's boy." Or a blushing "cookie chaser,"
I love a boy with slick, black hair
And a speedy little racer.

I love the boys with the wide "bell-bottoms" And hats that look so dapper. I'm making this confession because I'm a modest little flapper.

Heard a fellow on the car the other morning say that when a drummer was working he was

only playing. Can you beat it?-B.

IF AT FIRST, ETC. Here lies the body of Peter Hare, His contribs would fill a volume, Still he died in black despair

For he never made the column And here beside him lies John Hay,

His shroud a rosy tint, The morning that he passed away He saw his verse in print.

We all know about how the camel got his hump, but we don't know anything about how the veterans will get their bonus. Suppose that they would have had it by now had they also been on the old Ark.

-Three-in-One.

TODAY'S IDLE THOUGHT. It is well to have advanced ideas if they are advanced in the right direction.

When a person has been done in oil it doesn't necessarily mean that he has had his portrait painted. He may merely have purchased a few units" of Montana land.

> WE SARTED SOMETHING. (You finish it.)

Our epigram contest is due to bust any day now. Slogans have been flocking in like skeeters around a rolled hose and we are just waiting word from headquarters to shoot. Omahans are due to learn a lot about the old home town. Send 'em in. There is going to be a lotta room on 'ose bill boards.

DIDN'T SLIP. Old lady named Graball recently called on the Craig dentist and told the Doc to put his drawers on her tooth and not let 'em slip off. Forceps or drawers same price.

—R. L. N., Craig, Neb.

* * * ISN'T IT THE STUFF? Woman's idea of a perfect husband In this vale of strife, Is the man who sees in her His idea of a perfect wife.

AFER-THOUGHT: The finger of destiny must be on the hand of fate.

Necessity Knows No Bonus. When it became necessary for America to go into the war nobody was in the calm, technical frame of mind to permit cautious bargaining as to an eventual settlement of the costs.— Washington Star.

Even The Tables Are Doing It. Liquor was discovered by revenue officers in the fifth leg of a table. This innovation will doubtless be called by courtesy the bootieg .- St. How to Keep Well

tion and prevention of disease, sub-mitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally subject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is en-closed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

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HORACE FLETCHER'S CASE.

insurance examiner.

In order to improve his health to the point where he could get insurance he took up a food fad. His fad was thorough mastication, and so vigorously did he push the cause that he coined a new word. The ages old fad of thorough mastication came to as "Fletcherizing." was a forceful personality and a fine propagandist.
Our people like to gossip. They

will go s long way to hear a pub-lic speaker who has a reputation for calling people by name and gossiping about their conduct and behavior. That was one of the attractive features of an address by Col. Theo-Above all do they like to hear a

When Horace Fletcher got to talk-ing about himself you could almost his intestines squirming. He made people eat more slowly and chew their food better. In that way he cured many a case of indigestion beside his own.

According to Kellogg, to him is again.

due the credit for some other things, He promoted experiments by Chittenden and Fisher which proved that men can get along on consid-erably less protein food than they

Also, that if food is thoroughly follows

great advantage. But Horace Fletcher was not a scientific man or even a well ground-ed man, and he let his fad run away with him, as all faddists do, for that

He decided that all food must be chewed until it not only became wholly liquid, but also until it was reflexly swallowed, just as we unconsciously swallow saliva between

To carry this out he rejected foods which could not be put in solu-tion in saliva. Therefore, he ate no bran or other foods containing no rough part of vegetables or fruits; no skins or seeds I have seen him chewing milk, but I never saw him eat bran bread. He missed minerals which his system needed. Perhaps also some needed vitamines. His food needed

In his later years he was in demand as a speaker at dental meet-ings. I have listened to his powerfully spoken, dogmatic, impressive, moving words at public meetings to discuss dental hygiene, as I sat with my mouth watering and swallowing saliva by the ounce, and yet Dr. Kellogg quotes his dentists as saving that his teeth were very poor, they decayed rapidly, and he had to have much repair work to save them. He needed minerals as well as roughage in his diet. Since he did

not eat enough roughage he was very constipated. His small, hard bowel movements only took place once or He thought this was an advantage, but Kellogg says that putrefaction products, such as skatol and indol. which should have been passed with ed, doing him harm. When he took

a laxative and brought liquid mat-ter into his large intestines there was ample proof that putrefaction was going on.

He died from chronic bronchitis. the foundation for which was laid by constipation, according to Kellogg's

The constipation was due to eating Bright's disease, and that is the foods which did not contain enough

Cause of Empty Pews. Omaha, March 29.-To the Editor

of The Bee: In a news item of the HORACE FLETCHER'S CASE.

Something more than 20 years ago a business man named Horace Fletcher was turned down by a life forbidden by the school faculty, was given in private to a chosen few in order to determine as to its fitness ing to the press report, were several ministers of the gospel, who gave their unqualified endorsement of the performance, one going so far as to declare "That they could put this show right in my church if they wasted to"

wanted to. Can you beat that? Jesus Christ, whom this minister professes to fol-low and exemplify, declared in the temple at Jerusalem, "My house is the house of prayer," reiterating the declaration of the prophet Isaiah, 700 years previous. Should places of worship of today be for less sacred purposes than in that day? A fine edifice may be erected and labeled a "church," in which a o worship, but this by no means is constitutes God's house.

The great majority of honest, clean-minded, upright, spiritually-

Carrying it too far pushed him off

A Pimples Treatment. R. D. K. writes: "As I once had some trouble with pimples and other facial eruptions, I think that some

of the remedy I used, which is as chewed we lose our taste for highly "Before going to bed take a half seasoned foods and high tasting glass of water, add the juice of half foods generally, and that is to our a lemon and about a teaspoonful of sugar, then three-quarters of a tea

spoonful of cream of tartar, drink, and follow with a full glass of fresh Cream of tartar lemonade is fairly good saline purge. The use of an occasional case of pimples. How-

ever, reasoning that because a single case is cured by a certain remedy, all cases will respond to that remedy, generally leads to disap-pointment, if nothing worse. Dropsy a Disease Symptom.

A reader writes: "1. What is the cause and cure of dropsy?
"2. Would eating too much sugar cause it?
"3. Or starchy foods?" REPLY.

1. Dropsy is a symptom. Among

the important diseases of which it is a symptom are heart disease and Bright's disease. There are others. way to get rid of it depends on The way to get what causes it.

Quinine Scars It Away. A. B. writes: "Kindly advise me if there is a cure for malaria, and what it is. Was pretty sick for the month of November. Would like to get a booklet to learn something about that dreadful disease."

REPLY. There is. Quinine will cure it. Write to the United States public

health department. Mrs. G. R. writes: "I have trouble with my feet swelling, or, rather get-ting puffy through the ankles. "Will you please tell me the cause of it? Have doctored with physicians

for kidney trouble. Am tired all the Your letter indicates that you have

cause.

Follow the directions for Bright's roughage. Follow the directions for Bright' Fletcherizing put him on his feet. disease given you by your physician

The Bee's Letter Box

is one place in the community into which they can go and shut out the din, the noise and tumult of the rabble of the every-day world and seek quiet communion with like-minded fellow-beings and revel in an atmosphere of spiritual environ-

an atmosphere of spiritual environ-ment surcharged with the presence and 1922, 6,536, of Almighty God. They desire to get a view of something else than low-cut corsages, abbreviated skirts and claborate silk hosiery, which things road six days out of every seven in the week.
It is the business of the ministry

to provide this environement rather than to encourage deting mammas and foolishly-vain young misses in for presentation to a mixed audithe display of those natural charms ence. Among those present, accord-which every self-respecting man believes should be kept sacred from the gaze of the vulgar herd. Ministers should address themselves to the task of teaching and training these young people to meet with and solve the ever-increasing problems which are confronting perplexed humanity today. Social, industrial racial, political questions are pressing for solution. Is the church do-ing her part? In all of these above-named problems she should take the lead; and, because, she is, to a arge extent, a laggard in these matters, men have lost confidence in her ance but are seeking other sources for leadership. Hence, empty pews. The great need of the church today is a virile, aggressive, spiritual ministry, composed of men who have convictions as to God's truth; men who will form and mould the opinion

of the masses rather than have their ears to the ground in order to hear what the masses think. of the present-day ministers have a higher regard for the opinion of the crowd than they do for the approbation of Almighty God.

JNO. C. PARKER.

When Wind Has Its Use. In one respect the navy was beter off in the days of sail than it is in these of steam. Congress could not shut off its motive power .-San Francisco Chronicle

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