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Pursuit of the War Grafters.

Attorney General Daugherty has gone before congress with a request that he be given further means to pursue inquiries into war contracts, with an intention of locating and prosecuting any who looted the Treasury under guise of aiding the war. He has appointed a special assistant to take charge of the work, and tells congress that at no time has the Department of Juslice relaxed its diligence in the inquiry,

The matter was brought sharply to the fore ome days ago by Representative Woodruff of Michigan, who made specific charges against certain concerns, notably the Lincoln Motor company, and demanded that immediate action be taken, threatening to institute impeachment proceedings against the attorney general unless something is done. Representative Johnson of South Dakota has joined with Mr. Woodruff, and they have a resolution before the house, dealing with the matter. Its consideration will develop the probable attitude of congress.

Inquiries made in 1919 and 1920 established the fact that buge sums of money were wasted while the war was on, and give color to the allegations that much of it was fraudulently extracted from the Treasury. The attorney general says he has been energetic in his examination into the cases; the congressmen named insist he has not. What the public would like to see is such action as will settle the question. If fraud was committed, the fact should be developed, and prosecution ought to be commenced before the statute of limitations sets a bar to protect the culprits.

People have not forgotten the report made by the Hughes commission that inquired, in 1917-18, into the air craft scandal, where a billion dollars disappeared, and from which no result was ever obtained, save the dismissal from the service of an officer the commissioner recommended for criminal prosecution. That was but one of the sinkholes into which huge streams of money were poured. Mr. Daugherty says the case is out of the hands of demagogues; this will be accepted as far as it goes, but every man who wants to see the matter cleared up is not a demagogue, and the attorney general will do his chief and his country a real service if he shows they are consistently inconsistent. The repubthe result of his labor in court proceedings where | lican party, through its representatives in conwarranted, or in complete exculpation of those now subject to suspicion if he has nothing to make a case on.

In Behalf of the Farmer.

Forced liquidation of farm crops must be avoided this fall. No better way of safeguarding against repetition of previous mistakes exists than by extending the life of the War Finance corporation until next January, as is recommended by Eugene Meyer, jr., the managing director of this great emergency institution. The mere assurance that banks can rediscount their agricultural paper instead of having to press farmers for payment will give stability to the financial and marketing structure.

The necessity for more orderly and gradual marketing of farm products has been impressed upon Mr. Meyer by conditions as he found them in his investigations. As a banker he knows that most business is done on borrowed capital, and as the head of the War Finance corporation he takes the position that similar facilities must be afforded the farmers. It is the rule in maufacturing and trade to do business largely on credit. A manufacturer gives a promissory note for his raw materials and pays it off at maturity out of the proceeds from the sale of his finished products.

From every angle public opinion is converging on the necessity for just such a farm credit system. The joint commission of agricultural inquiry has made this recommendation:

That the farmer's requirements for credit corresponding to his turnover and having ma-turity of from six months to three years, which will enable payment to be made from the pro-ceeds of the farm, be met by an adaptation of the present banking system of the country, which will enable it to furnish credit of this

There are now several bills before congress designed to meet this need. One of them should be passed, but until this is done, the need now met by the War Finance corporation must not be allowed to go unfilled.

Hunting With a Brass Band.

One wonders just how much of sincerity there may be in the ostentatious parade through Omaha of a former police detective, now connected with the prohibition enforcement service? Friends of law and order, and they are preponderant in Omaha, want to see decency maintained, bootlegging and the like suppressed, and good order rule in every direction. These have not been greatly encouraged by a continual line of published announcements that this, that or the other enforcement officer was planning to execute a raid, or engineer a general dry cleaning of the shady places of the city, because such garrulity bespeaks little discretion on the part of those guilty, or else it indicates something that is even more reprehensible, a contempt for the intelligence of the forces of evil. The Bee has no suggestion to make as to methods to be employed by the prohibition enforcement officers; it is their province to go out and get the offenders, to suppress the traffic and to uphold the law, and in all reasonable efforts to this end they will have the support of the right-minded people of Omaha, We do, however, question the wisdom | hands each knew what the other thought,

of going hunting with a brass band leading the parade. "In vain in sight of the bird is the net of the fowler displayed."

Speaking of Taxes.

An automobile can not very well be concealed. Which may explain the statement of the county assessor that the majority of Douglas county taxpayers will pay 90 per cent of their taxes this year on motor cars. The effort to reach clocks and watches, spoons and rings and stocks and bonds may fall short, but few cars can run fast enough to escape the assessor,

It is stated that many have listed valuable automobiles but no homes. This is not surprising when one considers the large number of people living in expensive apartments and hotels. It will not do to consider these as paupers on

The heaviness of the tax drives much property into concealment. In spite of democratic criticism of the reduction of the rate on intangible property such as stocks and bonds to onefourth the regular rate, the intent behind this law was good. A low tax on this form of wealth would make it possible for men to be more honest, and actually would bring in more revenue than a high tax which would be more generally dodged. The fault of the intangible tax in Douglas county is that it is still pitched too high, higher than in any other state where this method of classification has been a success.

One of the requirements of a scientific system of taxation is that it should be so laid as not to invite or heavily reward deception and concealment. People prefer to observe the dictates of conscience, but an unscientific system of taxation simply multiplies the liars.

Primary in Indiana. The result of the primary election in Indiana will be of interest to Nebraska folks, because there the campaign in a considerable degree resembles the one in progress in this state. That is to say, no issue was clearly or sharply defined, and the nomination for United States senator on the democratic ticket practically was conceded to Governor Ralston. On the republican ticket the choice was between Albert J. Beveridge, former senator, and "bull mooser," and Harry New, sitting senator. While each of these carried on a vigorous campaign for votes, it was noticeable that neither emphasized any particular issue, for or against the present administration. The voters made their selection according to personal preference, apparently, and the returns indicate that Mr. Beveridge is the more popular of the two, as he has won over New by something like 20,000 votes. As a gauge for testing the strength of the Harding administration with the voters the Indiana primary is not of great service, although it may be discounted by the democrats who will assume that the defeat of Senator New for renomination is a rebuke for President Harding, who has resolutely declined to take any part in any of the local contests, warned as he is by the experience of Woodrow Wilson, who sought in 1918 to dictate to voters whom they should choose for congress.

Keeping Their Record Clear.

On one count the democrats must be given full credit-they are persistent opponents of anything the administration undertakes to do. Clamoring for lower taxes, the democrats opposed every effort to amend the revenue law: demanding economy in administration, they now pretend to favor a soldier bonus bill on a basis that will cost some billions of dollars. In this gress, is pledged to the passage of a soldiers' bonus law, and such a measure is now well advanced to its final form. It does not meet democratic approval, however, because it does undertake to make some provision of justice to the men who were in uniform during the war. When you see a democrat quoting the plank from the republican platform, dealing with the soldiers, ask him to tell you what the democratic platform had to say on the same subject. It will not take him long to answer. The platform adopted at San-Francisco, and on which Mr. Cox was a candidate, is silent as the tomb concerning the soldiers.

Let It Go at That. The Bee does not wish to intrude its advice on the "bejeweled" Peggy Joyce Hopkins, or to add any mite to the bitterness or poignancy of her present grief. She expresses a wish that she may go with Jack Dempsey to "some secluded spot, far away from inquiring reporters and newspaper photographers, gossiping friends and lovelorn admirers." Speed the day, and the farther away the spot the better. She may take Jack along, and with him make film plays, or whatever she may fancy, so long as it is done in absolute privacy and that a world that has other matters to look after be not distracted by any more of her foolishness. Of course, it would be tough to part with Dempsey, but even the deprivation consequent upon to disappearance of the "undefeated champion" shipbuilder and prize fighter might be sustained if it were accompanied by silence from Peggy.

In Wisconsin it is estimated that working girls can clothe themselves for \$182 a year. This is lower than New York's estimate, \$250, but higher than Chicago, which is \$117, and in Kansas, where merchants claim \$82 is sufficient. This latter figure might buy a coat for some women, while for others it would buy only a hat. The question comes quickly to mind: How profitable would the average store be if no woman spent more than this figure for her wardrobe?

America is developing the tallest race, according to Dr. A. Hrdlicka of the Smithsonian institution. That what may be called a real American race is forming is indicated by his statement that adult descendants of families that have been in this country from three to eight generations are taller than most other peoples. The figure for men is 5 feet 81/2 inches, for women, 5 feet

Mr. Meyer's notions for improving the marketing of crops are sound enough, but the big business on hand just now is raising the next

That civil war in China requires translation before it can be fully understood in the Occident, although some of the Orientals engaged in it may know what it is all about.

There's this to be said for the radio telephone -it draws the people closer together and encourages innocent amusement.

When "W. J." and "Prince Arthur" shook

A 20th Century Don Quixote Mr. Bryan's Tilt With Science as Viewed by a Book Reviewer.

William Jennings Bryan has recently pub-lished a new book, "In His Image," (Fleming H. Revell Co.) It consists of eleven lectures delivered before the Union Theological seminary of Virginia. People who are interested in the spiritual experiences of the distinguished author

will like to read this work. Mr. Bryan devotes an entire lecture to an attack upon the evolutionary theory. The theory does not please him; he therefore feels at liberty to reject it in its entirety. Mr. Bryan's statements (they can not be called arguments) will have weight with those persons who naturally assume that his eminence in politics gives him the right to pronounce as well upon questions of biology. This is unfortunate, because he is scarcely a safe guide in matters of science. What that are being asked. shall be said of one who believes that it is only necessary to refute Darwinism in order to upset whole conception of the evolution of plants and animals from lower to higher forms? Mr. Bryan has yet to learn that evolution and Darwinism (i. e. natural selection) are not one and the same. There is not a biologist of any eminence in any nation who denies the fact of evolution; the questions in dispute today among them relate entirely to the method of evolution, and particularly as to whether natural selection. which Darwin so carefully studied, provides an all-sufficient explanation for the evolutionary

There is something really pathetic in the spectacle of Mr. Bryan donning his theological tinware and setting forth upon his Rosinante (or does he drive a Ford?) to do battle for the naive and childlike conception of separate creation. If he persists in this course he will ere long find himself an ally of Mr. Voliva, that other reactionary who is so sure that the earth is flat and

This suggestion is offered Mr. Bryan: Let him enter some great institution of learning, latina, jaundice, diabetes, pregnancy, such as that of the University of Nebraska; let him become a student once more and pursue a "The blood of a healthy baby less last, he will deal with things, not with words; here he will be in no danger (as Disreali said of Gladstone) of being "intoxicated with the said of the other hand. Krause of the said of the other hand. him become a student once more and pursue a freshman laboratory course in biology. Here, at

ance of his own verbosity. A mediaeval scientist, William of Couches, who lived as far back as the twelfth century, a period which some would call the "Dark Ages," somewhere in one of his works comments on those unreasonable persons who will not listen to any explanation of natural phenomena mentioned in the Scriptures. Themselves ignorant of the processes and forces of nature, they would of the processes and forces of nature, they would there may be absence of a Wasser-like everybody else to remain equally ignorant. man habit. Having once started to It is enough for them to say, how this is so, but we know that God can do it."
"You poor fools," retorts William of Couches, "God can make a cow out of a tree, but has he

Women and Words

According to one of the chief living authorities on linguistics, Prof. Jespersen of Copenbagen, the speech of women can be differentiated be as advertised.

But there is this to be said: The notes, are quicker to understand, quicker to utter what is in their minds, and quicker to answer than men; they confine themselves, as a rule, to the more ordinary words in the language, and avoid the recondite and the new; but at the same time they are given to leaving their sentences unfinished. tences unfinished and they are habitually voluble, The causes of this difference between the speech or the talk of the two sexes lie far back in the having them made? I find pracchanges are now in progress, which Prof. Jes-persen thinks may modify present contrasts. One test is a standard procedure and such change, among educated circles at least, is perhaps already observable. In the political field Helen is no longer, as she used to be, on the walls watching the combat. She has taken up arms herself, and a consequence of her action garded as a symptom of syphilis." is that conversation, as it was formerly underis that conversation, as it was formerly under-stood, seems to be in danger of becoming a lost art. Over the dinner table the discussion tends to be more and more of things, policies.

Salians says: "The wasserman reaction is a symptom of symptom of symptom of must always be so regarded."

Dock says: "The reaction is not only of great scientific interest, but vizardries, and less of human character

numan motives. debate politics or the law with their women folk; nevertheless they listened attentively when their women folk chose to talk of the men and manners of the day. They understood that her de-tachment from the actual struggle gave woman a position to which man could not aspire. She spoke, in a sense, for the future; in another sense her praise or blame amounted to a reestimation of character in terms of values more enduring than political exigency. It was this de-tachment of women which made small talk both interesting and considerable. No man of any importance could escape its acid purge; blatancy or bombast withered quickly under it. The place hunter, the crafty fellow, the mere babbler soon found their level among the dames whose quick eyes discerned the man under the actor's cloak. Now if woman still, in her heart, discerns the man she does not give him away, for she is com-mitted to a party, a policy, which is his party, his policy. Argument has taken the place of epigram; the brilliance, the sparkle are gone. The hange may make it safer for pretenders than in the old days—a rather ungallant conclusion, per-haps, but one, it is to be hoped, of only temporary validity.-London Times.

Tribute to Harding

Because President Harding is not "a fussy man" he made the Washington conference a success. So says the Spectator of London, Britain's famed weekly, in the latest April issue to reach Washington. In an editorial entitled "Honor to Whom Honor Is Due," the spectator pays the following handsome tribute to Mr. Harding:

"We feel that we must say something about those concerned in negotiating that most potent piece of successful diplomacy, the four-power pact. In the first place, honor is due to the president of the United States. It is due to him not merely because of his august rank or because he is chief of the state which summoned the conference and carried it through. It is due to him because he had the good faith and the singleness of aim and heart to risk the possibility of his special merely because of his august rank or because he aim and heart to risk the possibility of his special policy proving a fiasco; and at one time this risk ing out of this Genoa mess.

J. ENGLEMAN.

s very great.
"If President Harding had been a fussy man or a timid man or a selfish man, or, what is perhaps worse, a man of a jealous complexion, the conference never could have been the success it was. He set the tone of the conference, admittedly the best tone that ever prevailed at any of these international gatherings. No one could possibly play a selfish, personal or national game when he saw the way in which President Harding was behaving. He was content to let others carry off the laurels so long as things went well; consequently, other men felt ashamed to allow

personal considerations to prevail. "A tone of honor and good faith flowed like a clear and unpolluted stream through the confer- in man when he asks citizens to trust

Civilization's Onward March,

Henna baths, which give the skin a rich olive tint, are resorted to by followers of fashion in Paris who wish to match perfectly the Oriental colors now popular in women's wearing apparel. Perhaps the body painting practices of primitive savages have been too readily accepted as evidence of their inferiority to modern civilization... -New York Herald.

Ask This of Edison. Maybe a psychologist can explain why a pater familias who owns five shares of oil stock and the victims of the democratic legis-two automobiles is delighted when the oil stock lation, that he admits ruined them. advances two points, despite the fact that gasoline reacts by an advance of 2 cents.-Louisville

WASSERMAN TEST'S VALUE. That is about the view of G. Frank Lydston. As Kraus says, the report

From several sources there come on the Wasserman should be interrequests for an article on the Wasserman test. The writers want to
know how much dependence can be
Wasserman report alone there may
put in the Wasserman test. in case a Wasserman test is made and the report comes back plus or

I assume that every one knows that this is a test for syphilis. It is made on blood as a rule, though spinal fluid is frequently tested, and in some cases it is ap-

A positive Wasserman is not given until after about the fifth week of

test of infectivity. It is not given during the first six weeks of the disease when infectivity is absent or at most only low. It is liable to be present in certain

to syphilic and where syphilis is not present. Among these are malaria, ether and chloroform narcosis, scar-

On the other hand, Krawss of Memphis, Dock of St. Louis and Lydston and Stillians of Chicago are among the men who have repeated ly called attention to the shortcomngs of the Wasserman test. Kahn of Memphis says: "It is

are found which will not respond to the Wasserman test." On the other hand, in alcoholism give a Wasserman plus, they keep it up for life, even though the syphilis

serman fixed. In the competition between laboratories there is some tendency to advertise such claims as "We get a larger proportion of positive Was-sermans than other laboratories do." sarily. By varying the methods one

test is a standard procedure and should be continued.

Stillans says: also is of distinct clinical value. As L. C. Taylor says, the trouble arises from putting the Wasserman

Keep Out of Trouble.

itor of The Bee: Senator Hitchcock in his recent speech at Brokn Bow charged up all the ills of the human charged up all the life of the human race and the present depression to the republican party, all being the cause for not joining the league of nations. Our senator has overlooked the fact that Europe always had a league of nations. There was a triple alliance: there was an entent alliance: alliance; there was an entent alliance: there was an entent allance. What did Germany do with
the treaty of Belgium? What did
Italy do with her alliance with Germany? Had it not been for the unnatural alliance of France and
Russia the pages of history would
not have been stained with a world not have been stained with a world

European ways, especially Euro-

Bryan and Federal Reserve. Omaha, May 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: The great commoner is refuting the theory that man is the descendant of the ape. Mr. Bryan pleads the cause of a reunited demopleads the cause of a reunited demo-cratic party. May I quote from his Lincoln speech Saturday evening? "The federal reserve board deflated the farmer and cut in two the value of land and farm products." "The board caused radical changes in busi-ness, and in condition of the board ness, and in condition of the labor-ing man, yet only bankers are re-quired by law to be represented." Mr. Bryan certainly relies on the ape

powering it to cut in two the value of land and farm products, causing mental depression, self-destruction, unemployment, bankruptcy, poverty and hunger in midst of greatest plen and hunger in midst of greatest plentifulness. After thus indicting the democratic federal reserve system, whose guilty board, hand-pleked by Mr. Wilson and his democratic secretary of the treasury, caused the ruination of the United States, just as Mr. Bryan admits, because there is no denial, when Mr. Bryan asks the victims of the democratic legis.

How to Keep Well

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Probably Skin Cancer.

REPLY.

Your description indicates skin cancer. This condition is frequent

among old people. It is one of the mildest forms of cancer. If you will

put yourself in the hands of a good physician and follow his directions

Fresh Air Saves the "Pep."

M. A. C. writes: "Is it injurious to one's health to be in a very small

room with an oil stove burning most of the time? It seems that the fumes

from this stove have taken all the 'pep' out of me."

REPLY.

Yes-unless the room is well ven-

Not the Mother's Fault.

Mrs. R. A. V. writes: "1. Can you tell me the reason for the heart not

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he should be able to cure you.

From several sources there come put in the Wasserman test. How reliable is it? What should be done

H. H. H. writes: "About 25 years ago a wart came out on my arm. It was of slow growth and did not bother me for a long time. After it got about as large as the end of my finger I had it taken off. This was "Since then it has been growing and spreading out, and is now fully as large as a haif dollar.

"It does not look much like a wart. It is raw and discharges. I have tried several things to kill it.

"It does not have tried as a bart of the several things to kill it. plied to other body tissues.

When the test is properly made,

and the report is interpreted in con-nection with other features of the case, it is an excellent indication as "Kindly advise me what to do. I to whether syphilis is present or am a man of 79 years." absent.

the disease. Diagnosis prior to that cancer, stage must be made by the clinical among appearance, clinical history, and by microscopic examination. The Wasserman reaction is not a

evident from the foregoing that in every syphilitic stage Isolated cases

has been brought under control. The scientists call these cases Was-

way or other the test can be made more sensitive and the result may

Shall we pay no attention to Was-serman reactions? Shall we quit



York, Neb., April 27 .- To the Ed-

pean diplomacy, are too dangerous and too strange for us to get into. Just now it seems Russia is again playing the leading role at Genoa. Here is a nation without a government, a people of primitive nature, of beastly instincts, where murder is only a pastime and robbery no crime. Would our senator really advise to

the democratic party which enacted the federal reserve act creating this federal reserve board, em-

to again trust the pirates he surely relies on the ape instinct in humans he appeals to. T. S. FENLON. \$09 North Firty-first Avenue

closing on a baby? Is it the fault of Hays Becomes Rail Director.

"2. Is there any danger of my next children being born that way? "3. Should I become pregnant right away, would my child be healthy? I am very strong since my child's birth."

Radio is keeping many kids at ome each night, but if you tell 'em that they are sure to loss interest. New Orleans Times-Picayune.

New York, May J.-Will H. Hays, former postmaster general today was elected a director of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway company at a meeting of the direc-

1. Nobody knows. 1, fault of the mother.
1. No.
1. Yes. so far as I can judge by Hotel Castle **OMAHA**

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