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"Two fingers" is the sign of the times for the kids in summer.

More sharp dealing has been discovered among the importers of cutlery.

No wonder the Sugar trust got in so heavily, with \$66,000,000 of watered stock.

River navigation may be slow, but it is not half as slow as congressional action on river navigation.

Queen Mary may have adopted the sixty-foot train as a means of keeping the crowd at a safe distance.

The man who is always trying to get something for nothing is the one to avoid in a legitimate transaction.

The resurrection of the Maine, from descriptions at least, leaves no room to doubt that there was an explosion.

When a couple divorced for forty years retracts, it surely cannot be laid to the attraction of superficial beauties.

Some Missourians wish to make their folk-own, "Champ, Champ, Champ, we are marching," etc., but there is at least one discordant note.

Doubtless Mr. Bryan would like to apply the recall to several eminent democrats who are getting too near the center of the stage he has so long occupied alone.

The dispatches say the present Lorimer inquiry is going after the truth. For mercy sake, what was that avalanche of evidence disclosed by the former investigation?

A San Franciscan in Europe refuses to attend the coronation because he does not care to "witness a spectacle of 2,000,000 empty stomachs clearing a \$2,000,000 empty show."

Senator Bailey's friends say that Woodrow Wilson is not a democrat. He is not, at least, the kind of democrat that Bailey of Texas and Haskell of Oklahoma and some others are.

"Where is the old-time red-headed woodpecker?" asks the Oldest Inhabitant. Heard him pecking away on a telegraph pole the other morning before the ordinary man's getting-up time.

President Taft has promised his home folks that on retirement he will open a law office in Cincinnati and make that place his home again. That is enough to encourage Cincinnati to install a winning ball team.

Twenty-five per cent more is expected for ice delivered to the household in Omaha than in Denver, where the general level of prices is supposed to be higher than here. The ice men will have to get another excuse.

And some day perhaps the country will put in the White House a man old enough to have a golden wedding there.—World-Herald.

Is this a hint as to how long Mr. Bryan will have to keep on trying for the White House, seeing he has already celebrated his silver wedding anniversary?

Former President Diaz will not attend the crowning of Britain's king, doubtless feeling as did the little girl in the old McGuffey reader whose father was lost at sea:

I'd go to the yard and get ships. But then it would make me so sad To see the men building the ships of state And think they had built one so bad.

It is costing the county more to wrap up, hand out and record the charity doled out at the county store than the wares that are distributed cost. And yet the democratic combine that runs things in the court house refuses to dispense with the unnecessary bundle wrappers. That's democratic economy for you.

Combining Business as a Business.

This Sugar trust investigation is furnishing interesting information, whether it ever amounts to anything more or not. Each witness adds a little to the entertainment of the public, if he does not contribute vitally to its enlightenment as to how such concerns are formed and manipulated.

No doubt the public at large is seriously surprised to find from the testimony of his former associates that the late Henry O. Havemeyer actually owned such a comparatively small part of the investment which he controlled. His genius as a financier really must be vastly enhanced in public estimation by the details of this investigation.

That White House Party.

The celebration of the silver wedding of President and Mrs. Taft must have been a success in every respect, and the feature of it, which came as a pleasant surprise to all, was Mrs. Taft's ability to take her place in the receiving line at the side of her husband.

J. Proctor Knott, Humorist.

The death of J. Proctor Knott at the age of 82 in the little city of Lebanon, Ky., removes a once conspicuous figure from life. Admitted to the bar in Memphis, he was elected attorney general in Missouri and to congress from Kentucky, which state he later served as governor.

The Paving Rumpus.

If the paving rumpus before the city council will serve to direct public attention upon the way the paving contractors have been having things all their own way in Omaha it may do some good. The real trouble is that our city charter is so drawn, so far as it relates to specifications for brick paving, as to make an absolute monopoly and put the property owners, who must pay for the paving, completely at the mercy of the contractors.

People Talked About

The president of Panama, anxious to concentrate all spare energies to swatting the flies, has issued a decree prohibiting the playing of poker in the toy republic.

Democracy Oppose Parcels Post.

The democrats may scarcely hope to deceive many people by their evasive attitude toward parcels post, which simply amounts to out-and-out opposition. They propose, through their leaders, Speaker Clark and Mr. Underwood, that the express companies be abolished, but that instead of throwing the parcels traffic into the postal department of the government, to give it to the railroads and make new regulations for its control.

Waiting on Democratic Slate Makers.

Enumerating the list of "mentioned" for nomination for supreme judge on the democratic ticket this fall, our amiable democratic contemporary, the World-Herald, says: Still, other names will doubtless be presented with the assurance that the democrats, from among them all, will have an opportunity to select three candidates whose legal ability, judicial experience and exceptional standing as men and citizens will commend them strongly to the voters of this state.

Nebraska Railroads Want the State Railway Commission to Authorize a Raise of Lumber Rates.

A special election just held at Des Moines has voted the council authority and instructions to buy the water works or build one. If Des Moines will come to Omaha it can get some valuable pointers, that cost us several million dollars, on how not to do it.

Knocking the Under Dog.

We'll have to begin feeling a sympathy for the Standard Oil company as the under dog pretty soon. Kansas, though a little late about getting into the game, has just outlawed three of those subsidiary branches of the trust.

Veteran Editor Honored.

An Educational Tribute to the Founder of The Bee, Nashville, Tennessee. Omaha recently dedicated a handsome new school building which bears the name of Edward Rosewater, the late owner and founder of the Omaha Bee.

Army Gossip

Matters of Interest on and Back of the Firing Line Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register

The military authorities are still considering the question of mobilization of the army and the concentration of troops as applied to the construction of army posts. It is intended to apply this principle in the new infantry garrison to be established, according to present plans, in the outskirts of Honolulu, it having been decided to abandon the scheme of establishing a large cavalry garrison on the reservation about fifteen miles from Honolulu.

Exaggerated Notions of Persons Chosen to Rule.

Every man has a more or less exaggerated notion of his importance in his job. The man who is longer he holds the job the surer he is that the machine would go to pieces if he dropped out.

Round Robin Launching.

Senator La Follette's presidential boom has been launched in the form of a round robin, as Bob's well-known modesty prevented him from putting his own name at the head of the list.

Election Day Carriages Discarded.

In the old days in Nebraska, as in Minnesota and other states, the campaign coaches were always met in front of the available funds for the hiring of carriages on election day to carry to the polls voters who were considered in line for the party, but who had to be coaxed to vote and insisted upon being taken to the polls and back to their homes or places of business.

Fresh Blood for the Army.

The army is richer by eighty-two new officers, fresh from West Point, and full of youthful patriotism and enthusiasm. The country unites with Uncle Sam in patting them on the back and telling them to go and do their prettiest. It is significant of the changes of times that one of the officers who will command in the United States army is the grandson of "Stonewall" Jackson.

Consideration is Being Given by the Military Authorities to the Proposition that Army Signal Corps Organizations Should be Armed with Pistols.

Each signal corps company should carry with its equipment one case of twenty rifles and 3,000 cartridges to be placed in the hands of the men engaged on duty without proper escort and when in the judgment of the commanding officer such issue is considered desirable. Rifles are a hindrance to the proper performance of signal corps duties. Line-men, operators, in fact, all signal corps men who have any work to do, are seriously hampered by the presence of the rifle. The tendency to make line troops out of the signal corps should be effectively and permanently checked whenever the opportunity occurs. Signal corps men always have all the work they can do. If there is ever a situation in which the line troops must call upon a handful of signal corps men to use rifles, it is a situation in which there is no need of any signal men at all, and in which their very presence would constitute a tactical blunder.

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EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS.

Chicago Post: Mr. Taft's silver overflow promises to equal to the equipment of a few battleships.

Chicago Record-Herald: John Hays Hammond, special American ambassador to the coronation, is threatened with nervous prostration. Perhaps he has seen the suit he will have to wear.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: Mr. Bryan is in vigorous health, and between his paper and the rostrum has extensive facilities to make it unpleasant for democrats who stily tickled his vertebrae with eulogy during any of the three battles.

Brooklyn Eagle: La Follette's scheme to make himself a republican candidate for president by helping out the notions of the democrats in the senate, has the merit of entire originality. As a popular leader in Populism he would be a startling and immediate success.

Philadelphia Record: Don't make patronizing remarks to the young people with brand new diplomas and intimate in your superior way that they are not needed in the battle of life. The truth is they are needed. Never before have intelligence and integrity been more needed than now.

Chicago Post: "Did you women want to go into politics anyway?" "We simply want to show that we can't make any worse mess of it than you men do."—Boston Transcript.

"I'll give you \$2 a day if you'll work for me." "Boss," answered Fiddling Pete, "I know perfectly well that all you work 'd do wouldn't be worth a plugged quarter. I'm tempted, boss, but I resist. Although poor, I still have a conscience."—Washington Star.

"Have you tried what they call the 'coronation cocktail'?" "No, but I've tried it." "You have to take it cautiously; it goes right to the head."—Chicago Tribune.

"Did you know that Noah was one of the first base ball enthusiasts?" "I'd do anything to get out of here." "Because he made such a point of the pitting of the ark?"—Baltimore American.

STORY OF A STREET.

W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Post.

A street is but a thoroughfare. With houses rising here and there, and creaking by, work with rusty doors. A street is but a way that goes. And tumbled rows of shops and stores. Where no one cares and no one knows. And where folk hurry, straight or bowed. Old, young, commingled in the crowd.

A street is but a narrow place. Where we meet strangers face to face. Where people baffle with their heads. What time each one his hope pursues; One street—another—all the same. Save for the width or kind or name. A million streets there are and more. That lie between the house and store.

Yet did we know the folk we see? How different each street would be. One hurries by and hurs a song. One shuffles past with curses strong. One strolls all leisurely of gait. Save for the width or kind or name. A million streets there are and more. That lie between the house and store.

And women, too—one old and weak. One bold, and one all shy and meek. And ones whose face with rapture beams. Because she walks amid her dreams; And little children laugh and call. Their play-words echo over all. There goes a bridal coach, and there A hearse creeps with some one's despair.

Why, bless us, it is but a street. That matters of the tramping feet. A place, a way, a common path. And yet it tells of joy and and wrath. And failure, and of happiness. Of weal, and of some one's success. Ah, did we know of all we see, How different each street might be.

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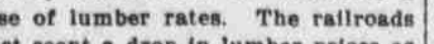
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