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Colonel Watterson is finding the Samuel J. Tildens more and more scarce.

Those aviators seem to be up in the air over the route of their coming western flight.

A man named Tumbo of Oklahoma is mentioned for vice president. It is not Bwano, though.

Texas expects a \$2,000,000 onion crop. Think of the odor arising from \$2,000,000 worth of onions.

The battleship St. Louis cut a submarine boat in two, thus giving keen edge to an otherwise dull name.

And yet, do you know, we cannot help feeling that this same old constitution will wear quite a while yet.

Boston is offering Dr. Wiley extra inducements to settle there and get busy. Who is doping the sacred cod?

It is only fair to students of immature judgments not to allow them censorious control of college publications.

Colonel Roosevelt's admission that he only expected two delegates from Alabama ought to have a very quieting effect.

President Taft's enemies have deliberately chosen to misrepresent his kindness as weakness and now are being exposed.

As "the tumult and shouting" of the primaries dies away, the thunder in the headlines, echoing from Chicago, fills the vacuum.

Governor Hadley of Missouri has freed his 521st convict. This is one of the progressive ways of working the recall on reactionary courts.

The chivalric generosity of the Chicago weather man is reflected in a cold wave to make tolerable the heat on a section of the lake front.

Mr. Bryan's Commoner mentions with apparent satisfaction the recent defeat of Tom Watson in Georgia. Tom was such an obstreperous boy.

John Sharp Williams' estimate of \$6 as the cost of baths for United States is based on plain water applications. Whitewash comes much higher.

Hungarian lawmakers show strong signs of progressive insurgency. Instead of throwing ink bottles, members of Parliament shoot up the chairman.

An investigation of the weather bureau strikes a popular chord. No other department of the government is so profoundly indifferent to the rule of the plain people.

A representative of Nebraska's progressive state administration, in urging building and loan men to go back to the methods of former times, raises a painful doubt as to the purity of the progressive label.

Function of the Commerce Court. The supreme court's determination of the functions and status of the new court of commerce should clear the way to useful service by that tribunal. It was perhaps necessary for the highest court to pass upon this question, and yet more amiable relations between the Interstate Commerce commission and the newer body might have avoided such a necessity.

It should hardly have called for judicial dictum to determine that the new court's function was confined to passing upon matters of law and not of fact where appeals were made to it from the commission, and to restraining and enforcing, as the case might be, affirmative orders of the commission, not to exercise its own judgment by original interpretations of administrative features of the law.

The country has a right, now that these questions are cleared up, to expect results from the commerce court, unless congress proceeds with the resolution to wipe it out of existence.

Backbone of Revolution Broken?

Ambassador Wilson leaves Mexico City for Washington on an errand with the statement that "the backbone of the Mexican revolution is broken." Americans have reason to hope that their representative is correct in his interpretation of conditions, for, if he is, it may mean the averting of the gravest complications for their own government, to say nothing of the relieving of many of their fellow countrymen in Mexico from distress and danger.

One thing is apparent, that the revolutionary leaders, when pitted in crucial array against the government forces, failed to make the showing they predicted and came off second best. The situation is not entirely without its hopeful signs. Madero may have builded better than we knew, after all. He certainly has if he built well enough to enable Mexico to settle its own problem without American intervention.

Official Divorce Proctor.

Some months ago a divorce proctor was appointed by private citizens in Kansas City, who made up his salary by personal contributions. The experiment has proved satisfactory and now, after a contest, the county court has made him an official of the county, to be paid from its funds. He is to have his place beside the judge hearing the divorce case and be given the right of interpolation. This brings the experiment down to a legal basis, where it may be viewed with keenest interest. One man sitting as a proctor offers no thought of a panacea for the divorce evil, but it is possible for him, by diligent inquiry into the circumstances of cases which a court might not make and interested lawyers would not disclose, to be of vital service to society. One thing is quite certain, in a city whose divorces run one to every three marriages, the proctor should have no difficulty in finding plenty to do.

The Colored Man's Advance.

The white people of the United States have nothing to fear from the negro. The problem of the latter will solve itself under proper influences—influences which the outnumbering white men control. The negro rises when given a chance. He submits to every good influence, he takes an education, he acquires property, he is loyal and law-abiding, on the average. The responsibility for his advancement, then, logically lies with those who control the conditions making it possible.

In 1870 practically 80 per cent of all American negroes were illiterate. Ten years later the percentage was 70, in 1890 it was 57.1 per cent; in 1900, 44.4, and in 1910 it was only 30.5 per cent. Where do we find greater continuous progress and development? In Louisiana, however, they do not favor negro education with much zeal and promote with less. There nearly 50 per cent of the negroes are still illiterate, and in some other southern states of similar prejudices the percentages of illiteracy are nearly as great.

Whose fault is it if the negro is not educated? But if education be not a fair test of his worthiness, judge the negro along any other average line of human endeavor, the acquisition of property, the orderly pursuit of industry in various callings, the planting of homes and the observance of law, and you will find he responds just about in proportion to the opportunity he gets. A race that does so much for itself is entitled to all that a stronger race can do for it.

Rumors of expected trouble in Chicago are not as dangerous as they seem. Five leading hotels have advanced the price of stewed prunes to 5 cents each, with an order minimum of 30 cents. The danger of filling up on prunes at that price is remote.

SCHOOL DAYS IN EARLY OMAHA

V. The High School in the Year 1883.

BY VICTOR ROSEWATER,

Member of the Class of 1887 and Now Editor of The Bee.

In view of the fact that I had gone through all the grades right in the same school building, admission to the high school meant for me merely going up, or rather coming down to the second floor, only part of which at that time was required for high school purposes. My class was the largest in number that had ever been promoted out of the eighth grade in Omaha. At that time the enrollment of the entire high school, with its course covering four years, was less than 100, or to be precise, exactly 130.



ON ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL.

The main assembly room, which was on the southeast side of the building, sufficed to hold all of our daily study hours, the preference in seat selection being given to those of the higher classes. There was quite a high raised platform recessed into the wall on the west side facing the seats between the aisles ran east and west. A commodious coat room on the north opened also into the main hall, while on the west were a small recitation room, a long narrow space containing a few tables and chairs and some zoological specimens preserved in alcohol, and another small room which served as an office for the principal, frequently ornamented with boys and girls waiting to be called on to answer or to offer excuses. The seniors to whom we freshmen looked up with intense awe, were permitted by special dispensation to study in the narrow space referred to, or rather to pretend to study while in reality holding a social session. There were two or three other recitation rooms, large and small, on the same floor available for the high school.

Year by year the number of high school pupils steadily and rapidly increased, crowding out the grade rooms one after another, until the high school had the whole second floor, and then annexed the third, and finally took the whole building. The total enrollment, as I said when I went into the high school was 130. In 1887, when I graduated, four years later, it had mounted to 372. The graduates of the same year that I had entered the high school consisted of seven girls, the class of 1884 counted up ten members, the class of 1885 twenty members, the class of 1886 eighteen members, and my class of 1887 numbered thirty.

When I went into the high school the instruction corps consisted of just five teachers. First and foremost was Homer P. Lewis, the principal, who in addition to his administrative duties, taught classes in Latin and Greek and political economy. Prof. Lewis had at that time a most impressive appearance, a large, well-built man, with hair almost black, but beginning to turn gray; a mustache, settling off an oval face, kindly blue-gray eyes, a deliberate, but firm speech, and countenance, usually serious. The first impression was, perhaps of sternness, which softened, however, after a person came to know him. He was a thorough scholar and student, and taught with a

DEMAND OF A WOULD-BE BOSS

Two Views on R. B. Howell's Claims.

The determination of the national committee-elect from Nebraska, Mr. Howell, to present his certificate of election and demand his seat will force a decision by the present committee on Mr. Howell's status. There is little doubt what that decision will be. The only point at issue is the time at which a new national committee comes into existence and the terms of its members, whether elected at a state primary, named in a state convention or chosen by a state delegation, really begins.

Mr. Howell insists that he is already a committee-man, not merely a committee-man-elect. He says that, inasmuch as he was chosen at a primary held on April 19, he was elected with all the powers of his office from that date. He also says that the call of the national committee recognized the validity of the state primary laws and therefore conceded the right of the republicans of Nebraska to select a national committee whose title should become perfect at once.

The call of the committee did nothing of the sort. It said that "delegates and alternates, both from the state at large and from each congressional district, may be elected in conformity with the laws of the state in which the election occurs, if the state committee or any such congressional committee so direct." No provision was made for the election of national committeemen except in accordance with the long established precedent that such committeemen shall be named by the state delegations and shall organize after the national convention adjourns.

The committee is now asked to upset the rules of the national organization and shorten arbitrarily the terms of national committeemen elected in 1908 in order to please a few individuals who want to take office ahead of time. Mr. Howell will admit that if he is seated now he will become a member of the outgoing committee as well as of the incoming committee. He will have a tenure different from that of the great majority of his associates. It is not practicable to seat the new committee before the convention meets, since not more than six or eight of them have been designated so far. Why disturb the orderly procedure of the past for the benefit of these few and give a handful of states an advantage which the others will not possess?

The present national committee has no power to alter the terms of members or the conditions under which they shall be elected. The proper way to make a change is to seek recommendation from the committee on rules to be submitted to the next convention. Then all members will be affected equally. It is absurd for Mr. Howell to maintain that he should be singled out for special honors and special favor.

Boston Transcript (rep.). Bossism is denounced by the third-term candidate in every speech he delivers, but his active leaders have been designated so far. Why disturb the orderly procedure of the past for the benefit of these few and give a handful of states an advantage which the others will not possess?



Thirty Years Ago

Omaha and Lincoln were again connected by telephone with great success. A circuit taking in all the leading Nebraska cities will soon be established. A cricket club was organized with Dr. Laneyon president, J. Bothwell secretary and W. J. Whitehouse treasurer. A committee was appointed to purchase bats, wickets, balls, etc., and secure grounds. Notwithstanding the rain, the base ball match between The Bee nine and a picked Western Newspaper union team was played, but called at the fifth inning, when the score stood 11 to 9 in favor of The Bee.

The new awning just put on the Strang building gives it a dressy appearance. H. E. White of the Union Pacific shops is rejoicing at the arrival at his home of his new baby girl. The old cathedral building, which stood at the corner of Eighteenth and Capitol avenue, has been relocated near the southeast corner of Nineteenth and Cumming, where it will be repaired for the use of the colored congregation of the old Trinity mission and hereafter be known as St. Philip's chapel.

J. M. McVittie writes The Bee to give assurance that the purpose of the newly formed Retail Grocers' association is not to raise prices, but simply for mutual protection from deadbeats and the selling to consumers by wholesale dealers and commission men what legitimately belongs to the retail trade. The first annual banquet of the Belles Lettres club was celebrated at the handsome new residence of Hon. John L. Webster. A literary breakfast with handsome hand-painted programs was furnished the club, which is composed of the following members: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Burns, Richard Carrier, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Powell, Miss Nellie Simpson, George P. Stebbins, General and Mrs. E. F. Test, Hon. and Mrs. John L. Webster, Miss Mary Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dickey, Lyle Dickey, Miss Belle Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. M. Shelton, Major E. Stevenson, Frank Shelton, Warren Switzer, General L. J. Thomas Wilson and Miss Etta Wilson.

Twenty Years Ago

There was great rejoicing among local republicans over the nomination on the first ballot at Minneapolis of President Benjamin Harrison. Nebraska's delegation, headed by Edward Rosewater, being pledged to him. Among the republicans quoted as rejoicing over the nomination were: Major R. S. Wilcox, George W. Linsinger, Henry Estabrook, Charles E. Elgutter, E. A. Benson, A. P. Tukey, J. S. Clarkson, Frank E. Moores, C. J. Greene, Ben S. Baker, J. C. Cowan and others.

The hospital formerly known as the Presbyterian Hospital of Omaha and conducted under the Presbyterian alliance, which was recently incorporated under the state laws and passed into new control, elected the following board of trustees: Robert McClelland, C. A. Starr, W. R. Drummond, Colonel Charles Bird, Lew Andersen, L. B. Williams, J. L. Weisbach, G. W. Hervas, M. M. Van Horn, W. C. McLean, Alex. G. Charlton, E. T. Lindsay, J. C. Denton, Harry Lawrie and Frank Kose.

Mrs. Mary Osborne, 2015 South Fourth street, was nearly frightened to death when a man she believed to be insane entered her house and created a disturbance. A lively contest was being waged for the official shoes of George E. Timme, the deceased commissioner of the Third district. Among the candidates were: John Williams of Elkhorn, David Reed of West Omaha, Peter Mangold of Jefferson, W. C. Whitmore of Valley, Omar Whiffney of Elkhorn, Herman Timm of Jefferson and R. C. Patterson of West Omaha.

Ten Years Ago

Seth Cole returned from Minneapolis, where he attended the convention of the Eagles as a delegate from Omaha. Miss Catherine Stillwell was appointed police matron to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Whitman, nee Little.

Thomas McCarthy got too familiar with Rajah, the big elephant of the Gentry Bros. circus, and Rajah, who had the fame of killing three men, struck Colonel McCarthy a severe blow on the head with his trunk. Principal Waterhouse and the following school teachers were re-elected by the Board of Education: Ada L. Atkinson, H. M. Benedict, A. R. Congdon, Amelia Farnsworth, E. E. Frisk, Mary Kellogg, J. L. Kind, Florence McHugh, Anna Peterson, Ella Phelps, Nellie Randall, Pearl Rockfellow, Ellen Roonie, Eunice Stebbins, Mary Sullivan, Belle Wilson, Mrs. Ida Fleming, Mrs. Alphonse Chataleine and Mrs. Grace R. Sudborough.

E. G. McGilton, candidate for the republican nomination for lieutenant governor, was given the privilege of naming the Ninth ward delegates at a largely attended caucus in Washington hall. He named these delegates which were approved by the caucus: Charles A. Goss, M. A. Hall, C. A. Grimmel, J. L. Baker, W. A. Gardner, G. N. Hyppes and C. S. Huntington.

People Talked About

Rev. Dr. Antoinette Louisa Brown Blackwell, one of the oldest living suffragettes, who has just celebrated her eighty-seventh birthday anniversary at her home in Elizabeth, N. J., omits the word "obey" in performing the marriage ceremony unless its use is expressly requested by the bride. Prof. O'Flanagan, representing the Gaelic League of Dublin, in a recent lecture in New York, rapped the heads of rich Irish Americans with a vocal shillelagh because they have not encouraged the literature of the "gold sod" with large contributions of coin. The professor gave them no credit for countless contributions to the political end of the game, evidently regarding his line the only one worth while.

One of the marked effects of the water's strike in the lobster palaces of New York is the spirit of good fellowship between the strikebreakers and the guests. During rush hours an amateur waiter may be seen dashing off a cocktail with a luscious guest or breaking into a conversation of dinner parties. Tips aggregating \$14, \$12 and \$15 in three days, as one of the strikebreakers, stimulates the joyous temperament of good fellowship.

POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

Brooklyn Eagle. Laugh Young—no, it is Laft Young—has lost out in Iowa's senatorial primaries to W. S. Kenyon. Humor has its disadvantages, when the electorate is serious minded, and earnestness, which is Kenyon, is pretty hard to beat.

Philadelphia Record: While it is just criticism of the presidential primaries that less than half of the voters have expressed their preference, nevertheless, it is impossible to overlook the significance of Governor Wilson's ten to one endorsement by his own state.

New York World: Chosen by the national committee to be temporary chairman of the Chicago convention, denounced by Roosevelt as a tool of Boss Barnes and recommended by Carnegie as a compromise candidate for the presidency, Senator Root is beginning to look like a corymbus under the limelight.

Springfield Republican: In one of the New Jersey districts a vote of 4,000 was polled for Mr. Taft four years ago, and yet in spite of the whirlwind campaign with all its circus attractions only 11,000 votes were cast in the primary on Tuesday for both Mr. Taft and the colonel. What are the 33,000 who stayed away going to do next fall?

New York Tribune: The Hon. Urey Woodson has been turned down as Kentucky's member of the democratic national committee, after a service of many years. Mr. Woodson, once a sixteen-tonner, was accused of flirting with Harmon; hence his downfall. Out in Kentucky they still believe that backsliders from Bryanism should be buried alive.

THESE GIRLS OF OURS.

"My wife saw a predatory fly on a small marble Psyche." "Yes?" "She swatted it." "Did she hit the fly?" "No, she hit the Psyche."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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pathetic with the predicament their husbands have gotten into while trying to run the country, and want to come to the rescue."—Washington Star.

Regular Customer—I shall want a large quantity of flowers from you next week, for my daughter's coming out. Flower Woman—Yes, mum. You shall have the very best for 'er, pore dear. Wot were she put in for?—London Punch.

"Before I married my wife I thought when I had to wait for her it was an eternity." "Well?" "Now I know it."—Baltimore American.

He—if you'd only consent to marry me you would help to make me a better man. She—I can't do that; but I'd be willing to help make you a better man.—Boston Transcript.

NATIONAL POLITICAL ANTHEM

W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Post. My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of— (If Harry New doesn't give me six hundred seats for the convention I'll make him think he has been sleeping over a Black Hand convention!)

Of thee I sing, Land where my— (Where's that last telegram from Woodruff? I knew he couldn't deliver those delegates! Warbirds on the long distance right away.)

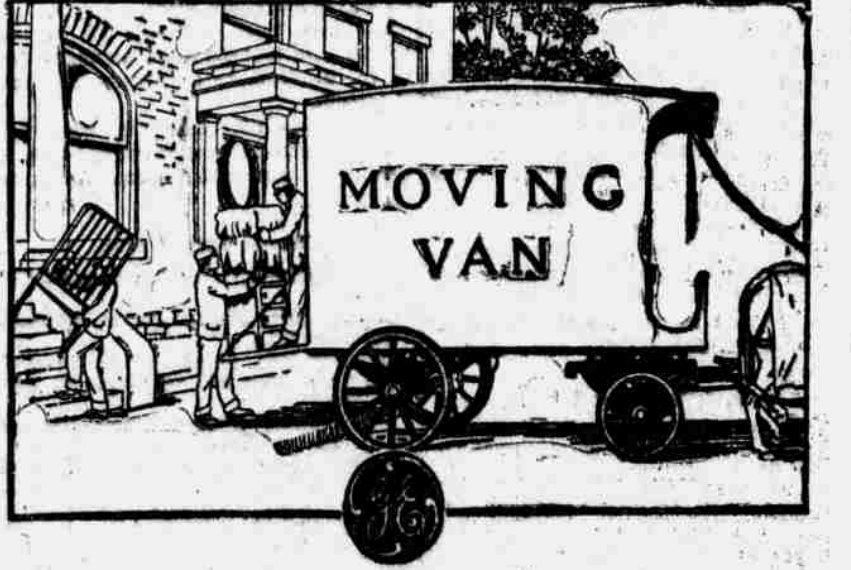
From every mountain, (You see Skiddem this evening and tell him to organize those western delegates.)

Let freedom ring, (That's the stuff. Wave the flag, Bill, and get 'em to yelling.)

Tum-tum-te— (All right! As soon as his interview comes out you see that my dental gear on the wire. It's all typewritten, in the lower drawer.)

Tum-tum-te-dum-te— (I love thy rocks and rills. Thy groves and— (Who is that big fellow that just came in? Looks as if he meant to start something. Have one of the boys stand beside him.)

My heart with rapture thrills— (Now while they're observing pass the word to a dozen of the boys to applaud for at least ten minutes when I set up to speak. I hope this chairman doesn't get the notion that he is the speaker of the evening.)



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