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Let's see, are there any more conventions looming up?
The Steel trust never stops at watering, it floods its stock.

Packers say low-grade beef is plentiful. Why not make it low-priced, then?
Gee, it will be a whole year before our American athletes can win another Olympic.

The call of the wild bull moose falls upon deaf ears in that group of La Folletteites.
He probably will learn on election day that the American people are just out of crows.

The colonel will leave Armageddon temporarily while he tours the country for two months.
Former Governor Odell speaks of "white lies." Wonder if they are the same as "naked lies."

Clarence Darrow said that if he were destroyed others would rise up to defend labor. No doubt of it.
Lloyd George of England should approve the colonel's platform, for it borrows enough of the Britisher's hobbies.

From the mountains of evidence in the case, one wonders what they are waiting on in that New York police scandal.
A Missourian found a pot of gold in an old, dilapidated tavern. The James boys might have forgot and left it there.

Note that another Nebraska man, residing in the suburbs of Omaha, has lived to be 100 years old. The Lord loves his own.
What is the matter with the third term letting his whiskers grow so he may make a strong appeal to the handful of "pops left?"

Uncle Joe Cannon sang "Old Black Joe" with deep feeling at a party the other day. That is not a bull moose campaign song.
"Mr. Dunne is reckless," observes the variegated Chicago Tribune. He is or he would never have taken the field against Governor Deneen.

Coal Shortage Scare.
From the Missouri river east coal dealers are raising the cry of an anthracite shortage, as a result of diminished outputs at the mines, together with the heavy draft made upon American supplies as a result of the British strikes.

Something is radically wrong with the management of the great, prolific mines of this country when autumn is allowed to catch our docks and bins empty and at the mercy of circumstances. We have had no serious tie-up of operations as a result of labor disputes, and even though British ships had to load from American docks during the period of the English strikes, that should not have been sufficient to cause such an alarming scarcity of coal for American use when the machinery of our own mines was running full blast, or might have been so run, without much interruption.

The Reverse Side of the Recall.
One of the possibilities of the recall is that it may be invoked by one element in the community as well as by the other. This has been shown by the effort made in Oakland, Cal., by what was referred to as "the lawless element," to oust city officials who persisted in enforcing a "lid" law. The result was defeat for the lid lifters, but the experience illustrates the expense and possibilities involved in this new political device.

High Prices and Corn.
The Nebraska farmer who predicts \$1 corn before the year is out certainly takes no chances at least in saying that the high price of corn is here to stay. He might go further and say that high prices of everything are here to stay. They are because they have been a factor in raising the general standard of living and we are not likely ever to fall back much from the plane on which we are now enjoying ourselves, though much remains to be done in the matter of economic readjustment.

People Talked About
Texas is definitely placed in the mollycoddle class. The medal was conferred by a Dallas court on a native who wife cheerily pleaded guilty to the charge of whipping him all around the domestic ring.

Of course, it is a mere coincidence that Mr. Funk, the bull moose candidate for governor of Illinois, is a multi-millionaire. The same might be said of George Whatagob Perkins, Boss Plinn, the McCormicks, Dan Hanna, Dick Quay and a few others. But what's the use? Let the people rule, that is, all except the colored people.

How is it possible to believe that the New York district attorney's office has accumulated more evidence in the graft-murder cases than it really needs, since Detective Burns had nothing to do with the accumulation? Or perhaps he will later show that he directed the investigators by some occult means.

Yet the country does not forget those signed letters by Theodore Roosevelt and E. H. Harriman, when "we (were) are both practical men."
If the arrest of aldermen in Detroit continues much longer, it may become necessary for the people of that city to prove that they are not aldermen.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha
AUGUST 16.

Thirty Years Ago—
About 300 merry excursionists from the pretty city of Clarinda, Ia., disembarked from a Burlington train for six hours of pleasure and sight-seeing in Omaha.

The Tribune has more than once referred to the Raiffeisen banks and the improvement they have wrought in Ireland, and we have urged the introduction of some similar system into the United States by which farmers lacking the capital to cultivate their fields to the greatest profit and contribute to the food supply of the nation the largest possible crops might be enabled to carry on their business efficiently.

THE SHAME OF DETROIT
Responsibility for the Disgrace Put on the Voters.
Detroit Free Press.
Yet we, the citizens and voters of Detroit, knowing all these things and being average men of intelligence, have been electing to the council men whom we knew to have no other means of support than the money that they would get from their office, and we knew that they were not getting enough honestly to sustain bare livelihood.

Twenty Years Ago—
Tangier Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, feted its guests, the Moslems from all the cases in Allah's domain, and the great national convales was over. Sheriff Henry B. Aldin's liquid phrases mingled with the wands made the last supper a sumptuous one and sent the nobles away with full stomachs to accompany their elated spirits.

Justice Harlan's Modest Estate
Legal Profession Raising Fund to Protect the Family.
Philadelphia Public Ledger.
The appeal of a committee of eminent lawyers to members of the bar of the supreme court to raise a fund of \$100,000 for the widow and two daughters of the late Associate Justice John M. Harlan, calls attention to the extremely modest estate of the jurist, who, for nearly thirty-four years was a member of our highest tribunal. He left an estate appraised at less than \$2,500.

Neglected Needs of Agriculture
Present Situation Calls for Safeguards for the Future.
Minneapolis Journal.
In fifty years we shall be unable to feed our population, unless radical reforms are adopted in our agricultural methods.
So the National Soil Fertility league was told by its president, who further said: "This country will inevitably face a famine in food unless the soil is greatly improved, and the agricultural situation in the United States has been so neglected that within twenty years we will be forced to import our principal food products from other lands."

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Commends The Bee's Enterprise.
OMAHA, Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: I wish to commend the enterprise of The Bee in its proposed plan to get out a Nebraska development number. This is certainly needed and I hope it will be given such patronage that it may produce the greatest amount of good. I am well satisfied that the eastern half of Nebraska does not, at the present time, produce more than one-fourth of the amount of meat, milk, and butter that could be produced under present well known farming methods, and that the western half of the state does not produce to exceed one-eighth of the amount of meat, milk and butter that could be produced under present well known methods of farming. If this increase, that is within our reach, could be brought about, it would make Nebraska greater than any mining district in the world.

Tip on the Poultry Show.
SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: I saw by the press reports of Sunday that a great poultry

FINANCIAL AID FOR THE FARMERS
System in Operation Abroad Feasible in This Country.
New York Tribune.
Ambassador Leishman's report on the operation of the Raiffeisen system of rural banks in Germany, recently published by the State department, will be an important aid in working out President Taft's plan to give to the farmers of the country the command of capital and credit for their enterprises on fair terms: such as the manufacturer and the business man enjoy. This is a practical, progressive measure which does not lend itself particularly well to the sensationalism of demagogues, but it promises more for the prosperity and happiness of the industrious millions of small means dwelling in the country than do all the loudly advertised political nostrums.

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SAID IN FUN.
"Your candidate's record does not indicate that he entirely agrees with his party platform."
"No. That's part of our strategy. Voters who don't like the candidate may like the platform, and those who don't like the platform may like the candidate."—Washington Star.

THE PUZZLED STRANGER.
W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Post.
He met me on the corner. He took me by the hand. He said he was delighted. That I was looking grand. He asked how were my neighbors. He said 'twas good to see An honest honored fellow. He always swore by me. He held my hand and shook it. He slapped me on the back. He said: "I'm truly happy To see you!" Then a smack He asked how was my prospects? "An' 'twas 'I don't well?" An' how was what an' apples? And had I corn to sell? I couldn't get a word in. He talked right straight ahead. I'm blessed if I remember. The half of what he said. He told me I'd been mentioned. For some big consularship. And I should keep my silence 'Till he gave the tip. I broke in with "That's funny. I never voted here." He dropped my hand and left me. And struck off like a deer. He asked about that talking gait. I asked a man about him. He was a candidate.

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