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Right now the mourning seas justify their moods.

If March intends still to be lion-like, it will have to hurry.

As a foot racer, "Our Good Friend Villa" is showing some speed.

Kansas retains the fistic championship, but Texas defies all comers for the scare belt.

It seems Omaha looks so bright on the musical map that all of them feel they cannot afford to miss it.

Perhaps the greatest charm of the "Week of Wonderful Windows" will be the reflections of the outside exhibit.

What about Omaha's city planning commission? Has it adopted a motto of "watchful waiting" or is it just a name?

It is up to those who bewail the debasing influence of fistic sluggery to stage a performance that will command \$10 for standing room only.

"I have myself to blame for my lack of virtue," says President Yuan of China. Still, his virtue of holding on continues in good working condition.

In hotel facilities, Omaha now takes no back seat for any city of its size in the country. Of our passenger depot accommodations—well, we do not care to boast.

As a matter of national pride the output of Rio Grande rumor factories is entitled to preference over like goods from the Tiber, the Thames, the Spree and the Zuder Zee.

A six-months-after-the-fact inventory of the results of the Billy Sunday campaign in Omaha upon church membership and church activities would be an interesting and perhaps instructive exhibit. The six months are just about up.

How many horses can a man ride in one and the same primary? If he can run for two places on the ticket, why not for three or four? Why not for every place on the ticket and then pick out the best one of all for which he may, by chance, capture the nomination.

The Bee has been fighting fee grabs and fee grafts from time immemorial. Our city, county and state treasurers used to steal all the interest paid on public deposits, but they do not do it any more. Pocketing fees that come to the clerk of the district court by virtue of his office is just as odious and just as indefensible.

The exclusion of baldheaded men from the army by Chicago recruiting officers is an unmerited reflection on the competency of men bearing the ineradicable hallmark of valor. If the army tolerates the baldheaded loss, so much the worse for the army. However, no hoary or hairy rules exclude the victims from the country's grand army of vocal patriots.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

The concert given by the Mexican Typical orchestra is said to have "enchanted" the audience in attendance. The performance was a surprise, in spite of the high expectations for a rarer musical treat has seldom been enjoyed by the Omaha public.

George Lake left for Ogden, where he will enter on his work as mail wigher on the Union Pacific between that point and Omaha.

J. W. Dickerson, manager of the Associated Press at St. Paul, and L. E. Tappan are visitors in Omaha, where the latter was formerly employed in the Burlington & Missouri headquarters.

W. J. Breach received information from San Jose, Cal., of the death of Herbert Schneider, son of F. A. Schneider, who used to be in business here.

The Musical Protective union met at the rooms of Julius Meyer and made final arrangements for the grand carnival they had planned for April 7. About 100 merchants and jobbers have signified their intention of being represented in the street parade by appropriately decorated wagons.

Rev. R. M. Miller, the evangelist, opened a series of revival meetings at the First Methodist church on Dawson street. He was introduced by the pastor, Rev. Mr. McCale.

A. H. Fitch, northwest corner Thirtieth and Mason streets, offers a good girl for general housework a good home in a family of two. No children, no board, work light.

Labor and the World's Peace.

Labor has demonstrated its importance to the world in time of war; it now proposes to have some share in the affairs of the world when it comes to making peace. The governments of the world have been active in mobilizing industry, for the purpose of preparation for war; it is the men of labor who look ahead to mobilizing in the preparation for lasting peace.

The solidarity of labor has been shaken, but not destroyed by the conflict. The International Secretariat has been instrumental in securing to a very large extent the coalition of the representative bodies of organized labor throughout the world, and, although its activity has been suspended, it will provide something of the machinery for bringing together the conference called by the American body.

Politically, the effect will be of still greater moment, as it is intended that labor will make demand for a share in the responsibility of direction of government greater than that now accorded. This revolutionary demand will be made in the name of the workers, and may startle the imperialists of Europe, but it is the voice of Freedom and it will be heard.

Can Marshall's Name Come Off?

Dispatches from Washington inform us that Vice President Marshall is averse to entering the lists for the primary preference vote against the governor of Nebraska in his home state and has asked the senator to secure the withdrawal of his name. But can he take his name off at this time? The decision, as we know, rests with Secretary of State Pool, and both the law and practice heretofore have permitted withdrawal even up to the time the ballot has been on the press.

Yellow Journalism and War.

El Paso people smile at the credulity of the Mexican peons, who believe the ridiculous stories spread from mouth to mouth, about the triumphs of Pancho Villa. But how much difference is there between these ignorant peons and the educated Americans, who believe the equally unfounded and almost absurd reports circulated by irresponsibles on our side of the border? Some tales quite as grotesque as that of Villa taking Washington have been published about the progress of the American army in northern Mexico.

Following the Republican Lead.

Again is the democratic party demonstrating its resemblance to that insect which "stumbles through existence with its headlight on behind." The president has just given his approval to a bill, and it has been presented in the house, for the creation of a permanent tariff commission. Such a commission once was provided by the republicans, over the united opposition of democrats in and out of congress, and a tariff was framed on a report made by that commission, after it had made long and patient inquiry into conditions that are supposed to govern an industry and on which the protective tariff should be based.

People and Events

The postmaster of Haworth, N. J., received a card addressed to "The Prettiest Girl in Town." Not being eligible for reappointment the matter of delivery does not worry him.

The most astonishing incident that has come out of New York City for many moons is the completion of the children's court building for \$2,225 less than the appropriation. Possibly it marks the beginning of a grateful era.

Colonel Thomas Respass of Maysville, Ky., recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary and is said to be one of two living witnesses of a duel fought at Dover, sixty years ago, in which one of the principals was killed. The other witness is Colonel W. J. Adams of Dover, then a young boy.

The other day a western medic took a fling at Auburn-tinted topknots, declaring that redheaded girls, in the race for masculine favor, were not in the running with blondes and brunettes. Now comes Dr. Catherine Blackford, a character analyst of Philadelphia, with the assertion that blondes rule the world, brunettes trail along behind and the reds are lost in the dust. The tint of the doctor's hair is not given, but it presumed she boosts for her own color.

Mystery of the Beginning

WE MUST go back in the nebulae to find an answer to your question. Gold came out of the original fire mist like all the other elements, whether they appear to us now in the form of metals, rocks, liquids or gases. Let your imagination transport you some thousand million years into the past when our particular corner of space was apparently an empty gap.

It contained nothing but electricity in its primeval form of electrons—indescrutable, infinitesimal—and all alike in their minuteness and their potentiality. The electrons swirled together and began to gleam and flash, forming an "electrical vapor." It was the birth of light, the first of created things.

What dim, wondrous memory inspired man when in the earliest records of his thoughts, he declared that in the beginning was darkness and that God's first command was: "Let there be light?" Man had no science when he made that declaration, but, today, when he has science, it repeats for him the same formula! All of our discoveries concerning the nature of matter lead back to the one conclusion—everything began in a luminous cloud.

After aeons of time had rolled by with a new star was born out of the condensing nebulae. It was the baby sun, and just as ordinary babies have few ideas in their heads, so the newborn sun had few elements in its composition.

It consisted mostly of hydrogen. We see a proof of that when we find that stars which are yet in an early stage of evolution are composed mainly of hydrogen and some of helium while others contain a still more primitive element, asterium.

But with continued condensation heavier atoms, consisting of larger numbers of electrons, were formed, and these constituted denser elements. When our star, the sun, had condensed as far as Sirius has now done (Sirius is a younger sun), some of the metallic elements, which when cooled form solids, were born.

These increased in number and density as time went on until, as it now is, the sun possesses a large number of the elements known to us upon the earth, such as iron, calcium, silicon, sodium and some thirty others which are recognizable with the spectroscope.

But, owing to the high temperature of the sun, these elements are there all in the gaseous or vapor state. Still, their atoms have been formed and thus they can be recognized.

It is probable from what we see in the stars, where various stages of evolution are exhibited, that the heavier elements have all been formed from the lighter ones by the aggregation of greater and greater numbers of electrons into atoms. This evolution continues after a star has cooled and condensed into a planet, like the earth. Even the vapor of gold has not been found in the sun, and it may be that no element so dense as gold can be formed under solar conditions of temperature.

But gold exists in the earth because here heavier atoms can be formed than is possible in the furnace of the sun. In the earth's interior it may be that gold is still forming from lighter elements. All the gold within our reach has come from the older rocks of the earth, those which cooled first. It is relatively small in quantity, and the same is true of all the elements composed of very heavy atoms, because these elements have been formed last, when the process of atomic condensation had become very slow. The earlier, lighter elements, like hydrogen, evidently were formed with comparatively great rapidity.

Twice Told Tales

It Was the First Time. Jones was a postmaster of the habit of carelessness. He dropped things around in any old place and afterward never remembered where that place was. One night he rose from bed to get some medicine, and swallowed his collar button in mistake for a cough drop.

"Mary," said he to his wife, when the awful truth dawned upon him, "I have swallowed my collar button."

"That's all right," responded his wife, in a tone of evident satisfaction. "There's nothing to worry about."

"Nothing to worry about?" returned father. "Do you—"

"That's what I said," interrupted little wifey. "For once in your life you know where you've put it."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Missionary Zeal. Harry Dickson tells of an old negro mammy who was kept from starvation by the white women who gave her occasional odd jobs to do. Mrs. Dickson, the writer's mother, had found some housework for the old negro, but after working a day or two Mandy said she was not out.

"I done haf to go out collectin' foh de missionary society," she explained.

"But I have work for you to do," said Mrs. Dickson, "and you need all the money you can get."

"I know," said the old mammy, "but I done haf to collect foh de missionary society."

"What do you get paid for collecting?" asked Mrs. Dickson.

"I don't get paid," said Mandy. "I only gets what I collects."—Green Book Magazine.



The High Cost of Gasoline.

WAYNE, Neb., March 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: I receive your paper and feel it is all I paid for and that I want to thank you for your hard work and effort to produce the goods.

There is one thing I would like to ask you in regard to your fighting against the gasoline business, this being to my notion the biggest wholesale robbery that to this day has ever existed. The gas now is 12 cents here, and the quality so poor, it is hardly fit to be considered gasoline.

Now you folks are in position to dig in and find out as to this. And what is more you can do something for us and everyone else. It is wrong to let it pass this way. Every man on farm or in city is burdened with the high cost of gas.

HERBERT F. LESMANN.

Intent Should Count.

OMAHA, March 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: I see a great deal about Hughes' name being written in the ballot by the voters. Now must the voters write his full name, or would it be enough to just write "Hughes." My opinion is if we have to write the full name there will be a great many that will not vote for him.

Answer—The intent of the voter should count, but to be safe the full name should be written in. The Bee will soon show by fac-simile of the ballot just how it should be written in.

Nothing in It for the Farmer.

MASSENA, Ia., March 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: The democratic banking law and Wilson's new freedom law has fixed finances so Canada can borrow money in the United States for war purposes at 5 per cent, while Iowa farmers pay 6 per cent on the very best farm mortgages, and 7 to 8 per cent on promissory notes, that are as good as gold. It would be well to stand up in meeting and ask why the new banking law is worthless to farmers, and feeders who want money to build up the farming states?

I think the new banking law a farce except for the use of big business, and those who finance foreign nations. The farmers in this great corn belt are damn fools if they stick to this outfit, that is interested more in the allied war power than they are to any other industry, the war makers are financed, while farmers are robbed in interest rates. They claim there is more money in the country than ever before, but it is for war, not for the building up of homes. Mr. Wilson's new freedom—what is it?

Democrat farmers expected, of course, when a democratic banking law was made, it would lower interest and work benefit to the people. I live in the best county in Iowa—land sells from \$10 to \$20 per acre—but to borrow money on this land the very cheapest is 6 per cent. Wilson's new freedom don't reach this far west. There is not a single benefit a farmer can point to. T. S. FENLON.

Tips on Home Topics

Washington Star: When it comes right down to the point of willing candidates the supply always exceeds the demand.

Indianapolis News: Those fellows on the republican side of the senate had better look out when Senator Taggart takes his seat among them. That smile is likely to reform any of them any minute.

Houston Post: It is said Bryan is to be one of Nebraska's "big four" at the St. Louis convention, which recalls the circumstances that Nebraska has perpetrated the same trick upon the democratic party three times before and there was a devil of a row each time.

Brooklyn Eagle: A poor Mexican woman walked fifty miles to restore to its mother the baby Mrs. Maude Hawkes Wright lost when she was captured by Villa. Uneducated and ragged, she knew how the mother-heart was bleeding. Let's not jump too quickly to the conclusion of "Bird-o-Freedom Sawin" that the Mexicans are not human beings, "an orang-outang nation." There is as much good human nature in some folks as there is in others, if not more, mildly to paraphrase the philosophy of David Harum.

Bryan and Bryanism

St. Louis Globe-Democrat (rep.): Mr. Bryan is determined to get into the St. Louis convention, no matter what his instructions. He has some platform suggestions he has made to offer.

Louisville Courier-Journal (dem.): Mr. Bryan says that 1,000 years from now his name will be in history. Very likely. The historians at that time will be decorating him with the order of merit because he resigned as sec. state of state and went back to his knifing.

Chicago Tribune (rep.): Mr. Bryan, who has been extraordinarily successful in calling his opponents children of iniquity, liars, sons of Anak, corruptionists, men of darkness, thieves, limbs of Satan, and a 1,000 other things, has been subjected in his own home town to the indignity of being called a stranger to the truth. And Mr. Bryan was offended. A man accustomed the lips but not the ears to hard words is a natural pacifist. If the pacifists be permitted to give all the affronts there will be no wars. But that is the essential condition of pacifism.

Philadelphia Record (dem.): Just what does Mr. Williams Jennings Bryan mean by saying, in connection with his own candidacy for delegate-at-large to the national convention: "If any of my friends who have suddenly become friends of Woodrow Wilson can serve him better than myself, let them send someone else to the convention?" It is inferred that Mr. Bryan would go to the convention in the interest of the president; but what is that about his friends who have suddenly become friends of Woodrow Wilson? Haven't all of Mr. Bryan's friends been friends of the president? If some of them have very suddenly become friends of the president, what was the occasion of their change? We suggest that only perfectly well known supporters of Mr. Wilson be sent to the convention, but for that very reason none should be sent to the convention except men who can join in the action heartily and without reservations.

CHEERY CHAFF.

"Oh, I don't know. The times ain't so bad." "How now?" "About once a week some college girl gets up with measurements that send the Vegas de Milo to the discard."—Louisville Courier Journal.

"Them same people wants to enrage board for next summer," said Mrs. Corns. "Well, we won't take 'em," replied her husband. "I want somebody that kin tell some new jokes an' play some new tunes on the piano."—Washington Star.

"Well, Donald," said the long-winded Scotch minister, "how do you like my sermon?" "In vary small doses," returned the truthful Donald.—Boston Transcript.

"Pa," said little Willie, "what is the unit ruler?" "Why—er—why, my boy, it's about the thing as prevails in this family," said Mr. Silters. "You may have noticed that whatever your mother says goes."—Judge.

"She gets plenty of invitations to house parties and the like." "Yes, and she is so homely that every girl who sees her wants her to come and spend a week or two."—Baltimore American.

GET OUT IN THE GARDEN, MAUD.

Judge. Go out in the garden, Maud. Go out and get the air. Perchance the sun is shining. Perchance the sky is fair. Or aise the rain is pouring. Or snowflakes dropping there!

Go out in the garden, Maud. And look for tender shoots! Perchance the birds are trilling. Like animated flutes— But you'd better take your akates. Also your rubber boots!

Go out in the garden, Maud. And wear your thinnest tulle. But take along your ear-laps! And keep your mittens full! You'd need your fan and sunshade. And coat of thickest wool!

Go out in the garden, Maud. And try your brand new akits! You'd better take your rubbers. And creepers, lest it freeze. Also take the garden hoe To plant the early peas.

Go out in the garden, Maud. And feel the cold blasts blow. And breathe the balmy breeze. And watch the tulips grow. And see the hail and sunshine. And rain and mud and snow!

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