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ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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After all, Dublin's score in the fighting game is not far ahead of McKee's Rocks.

All doubts as to the presence of spring vanishes with the coming of the circus season.

Spring plowing proceeds apace on lands of peace and on battle fronts. One plows to live, the other to die.

No doubt Scotland takes notice that the kaiser still considers the scenery of the country well worth an occasional airy visit.

Would a new Union depot be an asset for Omaha? It certainly would-just as the new Union depot at Kansas City is an asset for that thriving "burg."

The "short and ugly word" does not appear in the dispute between Secretary Daniels and Admiral Fiske, but the inference and the punch are there.

The disappearance of Harper's Weekly peculiarly befits these troublous times, journal of civilization" is out of place in an era reddened with the blood of civilization,

So long as the Methodist divisions, seventy years apart, cherish hopes of getting together, the prospect of a reunion of Nebraska's democratic factions is not as hopeless as it looks at the present time,

It is very evident that there are two sides to this Recreation board controversy, turning on which of two poles is long enough to pull the fifteen salaried playground supervisorship jobs with their easy money.

machinery of the proposed rural credits board within civil service rules met with prompt rebuff. Democratic professions of fealty to civil service are for platform purposes only,

Fate's unerring finger points to Chicago's Solomon as the right man to settle the war controversy. Having disposed of the Shakespeare dispute with rare celerity, solving the problems of war should be a trifling pastime.

Omaha's boulevard system looks longingly toward the Missouri heights where visions of beauty abide. Until the crests north and south are annexed for pleasure highways, the system must be considered unequal to its opportunities.

But when the school board abolished the teacher's training course, at the eleventh hour after the applicants had earned their admission by competitive examination, hardly a "peep" was raised except for The Bee's vigorous protest.

Nebraska democratic organs cannot represa their fear that Justice Charles E. Hughes may be the republican standard-bearer. It is this fear that inspires their valiant efforts to head off the one nomination which they know spells certain democratic defeat.

Colonel Roosevelt wants it distinctly understood that he is neither for or against any man for the presidential nomination to be made at Chicago. It is safe to assume, however, that he would be for certain men a great deal stronger than for some others among those mentioned.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Compiled From Res Files

S. R. Sheppard, who has been corresponding clark to the general apperintendent's office of the Union Parific for a number of years, has resigned to accept a position in the First National bank and has been succeeded by A P. O'Corner

rented rooms on Fifteenth street, may Purcam, and will open up a business under the name of the Nobranks, fown and New York Heat Estate exchange. Miss Jean's May will give a plane sected, assisted

by Nat M. Brigham, at Mryers' half.

Workingmon are at work repairing the horm sar track at the corner of Pitteenth and Farnam. Dr. R. M. Huswicz has returned from Betteron boa-

pital, New York, A saseting of the Grand Commandery of Musica tion place at Fremont and was attended by a comparof Conaba men, among whom were A. D. Smith, grand mandar; W. R. Rowen, Charles Neubaus and cina-

A new amateur arbietts and recreation sociaty has firm organized and the following officers steined: 114 Lorder, president; M. A. Parriett, whoe president; or p. Kennedy, second vice president; John C. Marrison. noneque and F. M. Bitterson, accessary-treasurer.

Building of Boulevards.

Another boulevard is being agitated, with much of good reason to support the project. It is suggested that the route follow the line of the bluffs along the river. A road meandering the contour of the hills near the crest would provide a magnificent panorama of continually shifting by always pleasing views, and would give the greatest of delight to all fortunate enough to follow it. Omaha's present boulevard system, far from being complete, is open to one serious criticism. In the very nature of things, because of being restricted by lack of funds, the builders have been compelled to follow the line of the least resistance. As a result, much of the splendid driveway through and around the city and the parks is hidden inthe ravines. Some stretches of exquisite beauty are thus obtained, but they should be varied with the road along the hill tops, winding in and out, skirting the ravines, and giving the drive the spice of pleasure that comes with the broader vista thus provided. Omaha is big enough now to adopt a more ambitious and comprehensive plan for its boulevard system.

Blunders We Keep Repeating.

A Harvard professor, speaking to an Omaha audience, dwelt on the fact that humanity has not yet reached its fullest development, that all our systems of social and industrial arrangement are experimental, subject to modification or abolition - A correspondent, writing to The Bee, pleads for an international police to aid in the establishment of reason as a substitute for war. An eminent eastern citizen in a public address calls attention to the fact that no modern war has been caused by an issue that was justiciable. All of which evidence supports the proposition that blunders as well as history are repeated.

Man is still a selfish animal, and nations as well as individuals become self-centered, and disinclined to look upon the world through any but their own eyes. A time may come when justice will universally prevail, and all will submit to rule that means more for the general good than for private interest. Whether an international court, supported in its authority by an international police, will hasten this end is still open to argument. The proposal in itself premises the continual presence of cause for dispute and disagreement. National ambitions and aspirations are quite as potent and fully as selfish as those of the individual, and necessarily more difficult to deal with. It is not easy to curb the bent of a people, once an idea has taken firm hold on the popular mind, and no form of government yet devised has been able to withstand the full force of an aroused populace. The probabilities are we will go on repeating the blunders that have caused wars in the past.

This should not discourage those brave spirits who are earnestly striving to establish a better way. Their efforts are not wholly in vain, because they are keeping bright the light of reason in a world that is darkened by ignor-

Debate That Should Be Ended.

The wrangle between Secretary of the Navy Dantels and Rear Admiral Fisks has reached a point where dignity is fast disappearing, and official statements from these gentlemen are taking on the nature of personalities. Fiske has directly challenged the veracity of Daniels in a letter addressed to the senate. This brings the controversy to a point where an The effort of Senator Norris to bring the inquiry is in order. One or the other of the gentlemen involved has been guilty of misrepresenting the facts in regard to a vital matter. It ought to be easy to establish which is the guilty one. When responsibility is fixed, he should be summarily dismissed as unfit for the public service. The importance of the issue as well as the credit of the government requires that this debate should be ended in

President and Congress.

An ardent admirer of President Wilson, reviewing in the Atlantic Monthly the record of his administration, lays special stress upon what he has done to entrench the presidential initiative in law-making and the presidential domination of the work of congress. Speaking of Mr. Wilson, he says that "he conceives it to be the president's duty to take an active part in shaping the details of legislation, in promoting action and enforcing party discipline," and ventures this prediction that "it will be practically impossible hereafter for anyone who takes office as president of the United States to pretend that he can acquit himself of his legislative obligations merely by requesting congress to take matters into consideration." This statement that the president is coming to supplant congress, if he has not already done so, in the making of the laws may perhaps be overdrawn, but, if true, it has transpired without the people fully realizing it. Unquestionably we now have a stronger centralized power in the national executive than anyone ever before read into the constitution. The strange part of it, too, is that the height of this centralization should be reached by a democratic president representing a party which has always preached de-centralization and posed as special guardian of the separation of government powers as between the law-makers, the judiciary and the executive.

Renewal of River Traffic

The arrival at the port of Omaha of the Julius F. Silber, nine days out from Kansas City, with a mixed cargo, may reasonably be looked upon as a practical beginning for a new Ex-Mayer W. B. Vaughn of Council Stuffs has era on the "river." Many limes during the recent years of agitation for the restoration of the Missouri to its place of usefulness in cammerce. The lies has called attention to the fact that the river is as susceptible of navigation now as much as ever in its history. The only factor to be determined to the amount of freight that may be transported by steamer. If enough business is offered, the river will soon he alive with stramboats or similar craft. Feastbillty no longer figures in the problem. It will be hearsforth a matter of competition between the reliroads and the -carriers by water, and in the very nature of things the river must become supplemental to the ratiroas in handling the commerce of the great

Finances of Omaha's Public Service Corporations

Pinancial World Annual Review. Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Rallway.

Incorporated in Nebraska. Owns lines formedly operated by Omaha Street Railway company; leases the Omaha and Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge company in Council Bluffs, Is., until 1947.

Officers: G. W. Wattles, president; F. T. Hamilon, vice president; W. A. Smith, second vice president and general manager; R. A. Leussier, assistant general manager; W. G. Nicholson, secretary and auditor: A. S. Widenor, treasurer.

Capital stock: Authorized common, \$10,000,000, \$5,000,-000 outstanding; preferred 5% cumulative from January. 1904, \$5,000,000 authorized, \$4,000,000 outstanding. Shares, \$100. Dividends on preferred paid 5% from 1924 to date. On common paid first dividend of 2%, July, 1907; 1908 and 1900 4%. In 1910, January, 2%. July, 2%: in October changed to quarterly and paid 1%. In 1911, 414%; 1912, 1913 and 1914, 5%; 1915, 414%.

Bonds: Omaha and Council Bluffs Street railway first con. mortgage is, dated 1902, due January 1, 1908; \$10,000,000 authorized, \$9,619,000 outstanding, and \$381,000 owned by company and in treasury. Interest January and July at Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y.,

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

 Year Dec. 31, 1915.
 1914.
 1913.
 1912.

 Gross earnings
 \$5,996,079
 \$2,996,213
 \$2,996,611
 \$2,896,602

 Tot net aft taxes.
 \$1,111,694
 \$1,182,670
 \$1,385,462
 \$1,382,277

 Int. on bonds
 \$89,900
 \$472,648
 \$499,085
 \$42,943

 Oth. int. & rentals
 \$160,400
 \$150,709
 \$152,708
 \$145,995
 Bal. for stock... \$480,344 \$508,321 \$584,658 Divs. paid 412,500 450,000 650,000

Fig. 267,844 \$58,321 \$134,658 \$91,338 Earnings available for interest on bonds for year ending December 21, 1915, were equal to 231%; 1914, 237%; 1913, 264%; 1913, 266%; 1911, 256%.

Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge.

Incorporated in 1962 in Iowa. Is leased to the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street railway. Owns entire capital stock of Omaha, Council Bluffs and Suburban railway and the Lake Manawa and Manhat-

tan Beach railway. Officers: G. F. Wright, president; G. W. Wattles, vice president; C. T. Stewart, secretary; J. J. Spindler,

Capital stock: Authorized and outstanding, comnon, \$1,500,006, preferred authorized and outstanding, \$1;500,000 4% cumulative.

Bonds: First consol mortgage 5s, dated 1902, due January, 1928; \$2,000,000 authorized, \$1,908,000 outstand-Interest January and July at Central Trust Co., N. Y. trustee

Omaha Electric Light and Power Co.

Incorporated 1903 in Maryland, Officers; George H. Harries, president; William D. McHugh and W. M. Burgess, vice presidents; S. E. Schweitzer, secretary-

Capital stock: Common, 14,000,000 authorized; \$1,345,-400 outstanding: proferred 5% cumulative, \$1,000,000 authorized, \$481,990 outstanding. Shares, \$100. Transfer agent, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; register American Trust Co., Boston. Dividends on preferred, 36 % semi-annually, February and August 1; on

Bonds: First s. f. gold 5s, dated 1908, due July 1933; \$3,600,000 authorized, \$2,168,000 outstanding. Interest January and July 1 at Old Colony Trust Co. Boston, trustee. Callable at 150 s. f., 5% per annum of gross sarnings.

Citizens Gas and Electric Co.

(Controlled by Omaha Electric Light and Power company through ownership of entire \$430,000 outstanding capital stock.) Bonds: First 5s, dated 1900, due January 1, 1996; \$144,000 outstanding. Interest January and July f at New York Trust Co., trustee. S. f., \$3,000 per annum from 1915. Second is dated 1906, due March 1, 1925; \$100,000 authorized, \$300,000 outstanding. Interest March and September 1 at American Trust Co., Boston, trustee, Guaranteed by Omaha Elictric Light and Power Co. Callable at 191 and interest, Council Bluffs Gas and Electric 1st 5s, dated 1898, due November 1, 1968; \$300,000 authorized; \$195,000 outstanding. Interest, May and November 1 at New York Trust Co., trustee. S. f., \$5,000 per annum.

Nebraska Telephone Co., Omaha, Neb. (Controlled by American Telegraph and Telephons mpany through ownership of all of the stock.) Incorporated in Nebraska, 1882. Operates under

Bell patents in Nebraska, South Dakota and parts of Officers: C. E. Yost, president; W. B. T. Belt, vice president and general manager; J. W. Christie, sec-

retary and treasurer. Capital stock: \$10,000,000 authorized, \$7,500,000 outstanding, all owned by American Telegraph and Telephone company. Transfer agent, at company's office, Omaha. Dividends payable quarterly, March, June, September and December 39. Paid 6% per annum since 1894. Bonds

Omaha Gas Company,

(Controlled by United Gas Improvement Co., Philadelphia.)

Incorporated: 1897 in Nebraska. Common, \$2,500,000 authorized, pre-Capital stock:

ferred, \$1,250,000 authorized, all outstanding. Transfer agency, Omaha.

Bonds: First consol g. is, dated 1997, due August 13, 1917; \$2,500,000 authorized, \$2,200,000 outstanding. Interat February and August 1 at Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., trustee or May and September I in London. Omaha Gas Manufacturing: Piret 6s, due November Interest May and No-1. 1815; \$300,000 outstanding. vember I at Farmers' Life & Trust Co., New York,

Twice Told Tales

Obliging Pareon.

At a certain church in a Jersey town it is the in variable custom of the clergyman to kiss the bride. after the ceremony. A young woman who was about to be married in this church did not relish the prospect and instructed her prospective husband to tall the clergyman that she did not wish him to kiss her The bridegroom obeyed the instructions given.

"Well, Harty," said the young woman when he appeared, "did you tell the minister that I did not wish him to kize me?"

"And what did he say?" 'He said that, in that case, he would charge only the usual fee "-New York Times.

When Parks R. Francis, recently appointed ambaseador to Russia by President Wilson, was goverour of Missouri, he was inightily interested in the negra population or Jefferson City, the state capital. He knew much of what there was to knew about the mored man, having been born "and raised" in Man turky himself, and had a number of good stories. about an old darky whom he called Hot Post, he auxe he was an deliberate. Sint First had a storentribul tuply to the governor's morning sabstation. 'thed marning. Hot. Post," the governor would

"How are you today?" Nober he chance, loss, soher hy chance " And the governor naver falled to laugh-ob. Louis

What a Transfert Brand.

A tourist in Ireland easts toom a couple of less. In holts' rolling so the road. The man on top was poormeling the other within an inch of his life. 7754 toxivates basked on for a moment in elleges and then Interwend.

"Facth, if you know all the trouble I had getter."

"I say, it's an informal shame to strike a manhas down you wouldn't be talking like that," came

the intermittent years.



OMAHA, May 1-To the Editor of Th Bee; You have printed letters on the subject signed by E. A. Benson and Charles E. Foster and by Dr. J. P. Connelly, but I fear the public is becoming confused over the so-called controversy

between Park Commissioner Hummel on the one side and Superintendent English on the other, and ought to have the points of view of both of them more dienriy. Commissioner Hummel has been in charge of the parks for years and made such a success of his work that he was re-elected with the largest vote given any of the commissioners as a sign of popular approval. He believes he represents the people of Omaha and particularly the taxpayers, and that all the various activities

He has a limited amount of money at his disposal and thinks it ought to be used in a way to benefit all the people, rather than for one section or one class only, Commissioner Hummel believes in standing by Omaha to the extent of giving Omaha people preference in his department, other things being equal, and also giving preference to people who have to earn a living, rather than those who do not need it, or who are already on some payroll, and want merely to earn a little extra money during vacation. Perhaps he also puts more store by actual experience than he does by book-learning that would pass a good examination on paper. Superintendent English, on the other hand, comes here from outside on recommendation of the National Playground organization as a playground expert. He has his reputation at stake as well as that of the national association, and doubtless expects by making good hero to be called eventually to some other city which offers a bigger field and a bigger salary. He wants to keep in touch with the national playground movement and a pulling all the time for more money to be spent on recreation, even though it means less money for park development and other park activities. He does not care whether his assistants have interests here or not, or, at least, subordinator that to the possession of so-called trainng in playground supervision,

The two points of view, so far as they differ, present the difference between the home rule idea and the idea of rule by professional experts. Perhaps the two ideas are not irreconcilable, but up to the present the home-rule idea has prevailed not only in Omaha, but also in most other cities as well, and it is a question whether the time has come to discard it

Thanks from Swedish Hospital, OMAHA, May 3 .- To the Editor of The Hee: A word of thanks to all who so willingly gave their time last Saturday to make the flower day a real success. SWEDISH MISSION HOSPITAL

Water Power Development.

SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., May 2-To Editor of The Bee: About March 20 some of our engineers expressed their doubts about the economy and the practicability of hydro-electric development. I said then that the best answer was that men with money were ready to get at the development. The effort behind the Myers water power bill now in congress proves the contention. The power-grab bill should be defeated. One may not think that this bill will affect Nebraska, but it is no great distance for transmission lines to this state from some of the best power sites on the Platte and Cheyenne rivers. Anyway what is the use of giving away great resources!

The state of Illinois gave to the Illinois Central railroad a certain franchise right for a small per cent of its gross receipts and that per cent has for years paid the running expenses of the state. Any power or law should reserve to the people the right to acquire the works at some future period for public ownership of public utilities is coming. During the life of any franchise for power development there should be a moderate tax on the horsepower developed and the public should never yield the right to regulate the rates charged consumers. G. L. SHUMWAY.

Editorial Snapshots

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Now the rights of the Swiss are reported being violated But haven't we been assured that Switzerland's preparedness was proof against

Louisville Courter-Journal: A waiter says millionaires do not tip more liberally than the average man is expected to tip. and does tip. Well, garcen, how could they, and remain millionaires?

Chicago Herald: A dispatch from Mexteo City tells of a great victory over the rebels in that part of Mexico. The "de facto" government can always pull off a victory in a region where it controls the telearaph lines.

Indianapolis News: Some of the speakers at the convention of the American Academy of Political and Social Science would appear to have such a gift of prophecy that it would be worth while for them to hang out their shingles and go into the propherying business as a regular job. But perhaps, after all, I isn't so much a gift of prophecy as it is an inclination to prophesy,

New-York World: Mortality figures for the entire country for 1914 show a marked increase in deaths from heart disease This is an ailment against which organized proventive measures are less of than against tuberculosis or typhold. No doubt the more strenuous conditions of civilisation have much to do with its increase and the remity reste with the individual less than with the

BRYAN AND BROTHER CHARLEY

Bushon Transcript: We full to see any significance in Bryan's defeat in Nabranka-lo was down and out, archew. Washington Post: When it comes to downsight contractures and all-around measures, we don't suppose there's a state to the todox that can compete with Nobrasha. Sufface Express: Returns a uncolua-

tion by the democrate, Chartes W. Sireau will non for governor of Nebraska on a popular ticket. In William Jacobian throng also to fetter nim out of the DAMET

Pritaburgh Discution: It is gisefully by called by his absorbe that the only way William J. Hywan will be able to attend the democratic actional convention in INA WILL BE AS & NAMED DESCRIPTION

Still, that's the way he broke into the Johnny, "and he says it means do you big tent in 1896. big tent in 1896.

nomination for governor discloses the interesting fact that the populist party still lives somewhere in Nebraska.

"Music" exclaimed the enthusiastic young woman. "I am perfectly devoted to music. I could dance to it all night."—
Washington Star.

Mr. Bryan in Nebraska is rolling up as rapidly as in former days the vote for him used to do. His democratic fellow citizens were to also a large service of the oral I am having made.—Judge. citizens seem to place a higher value on loyalty than he.

New York World: Brother Charles W. Bryan will run for governor in Nebraska, after all, but on the populist ticket. This is getting back to the good old timesunless populism proves as much more decadent than progressivism as it is older.

GRINS AND GROANS.

Mrs. Newmarrie, (sorrowfully, after departure of her husband's rich uncle)—It's too lad the dinner was a failure, dear.
Mr. Newmarrie—But it wasn't a failure, darling. It took at least a year from uncle's life.—Philadelphia Ledger. of park administration should be developed, rather than just a few of them.

"How are you getting along with your auto, girlie?"
"A constable cautioned me last night about dazzling lamps."
"Ah, he must have gotten a glimpse of your eyea."—Chicago Post.

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE,

IF MY FIANCE IS LATE, DON'T YOU THINK HE OUGHT TO PHONE ME RATHER THAN MAKE ME WAIT TILL HE ARRIVES? HARRIET FRIEDMAN

YES - I WOULD RATHER GET THE CALLING DOWN OVER THE PHONE!

"What do you think the government ought to do about this matter? "I can't discuss that," replied Senator Sorghum. "What I want to get at as a preliminary matter is what my constitu-ents think I ought to think "-Washington

Visitor—How are things here in town? Uncle Eben—Fine. We have had an ammunition factory in operation for two months here and we've had three months of leap year and there ain't been any calastrophes from either yet.—Judge.

"Johnny," said the Sunday school teacher one morning, "what is the mean-ing of the word 'Selah'?"
"I asked my hig brother," replied

'Are you fond of music?

"Can you alter that gown to fit me, do

you think?" "Certainly not, mademoiselle. That isn't done any more. You must be altered to fit the gown."-Life. "Here's hard luck."

"What's that?"
"Flubdub's wife wants him to pay the neome tax on the alimony he gives her."
Detroit Free Press.

A. L. Salmon in Judge. Happy the man whose single view No hesitance or doubt complexes. Who rears his fabric of the true

For him no half-lights interfere To color or distort his vision; For him the prospect is as clear As his decision.

COCK-SURE.

He never dreams another side Might have a very different viewpoint.
But is convinced his feet abide
Upon the true point.
To him conviction comes unsought-

No halting-place, no inconclusion, No questionings or subtle thought To bring confusion.

Neutrality he never claims; Itis sympathies are undivided;

Dinions, purposes and aims,
Are all decided.
While we seek carpestly for fact,
Fearing to lose ourselves in fictions.
He scorns a search that might distract
With contradictions.

Such certitude forever his,

He caimly settles all things mortal,
And laughs at our perplexities

With cheery chortle.

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