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Save your money for the Easter bonnet.

Some of the rivers in Iowa are imitating some of its statesmen and are slopping over.

There is nothing like a good sized rock pile to inspire a hobo with energy to move on.

Leather collars are the latest fashion freak, and they would be strikingly appropriate to leatherheads.

The foreign commerce of the United States in 1910 seems likely to far exceed that of any earlier year.

President Taft doesn't smoke, but he gives his friends and guests the finest cigars that can be purchased.

If Dorothy Arnold does not get home pretty soon, she can't expect her dinner to be kept warm in the oven much longer.

Now they are accusing Mr. Bryan of deserting county option in Nebraska just when there was some hope of its triumph.

The best way to free any given district from the Mexican rebels would be to offer them a woodpile to saw in return for dinner.

Mexican shells are said to be dropping in Texas. There is more room for them there than in any other state in the union.

Greece wants a senate cut after the American pattern. Has Greece the requisite billions of dollars required to run such a senate?

Cable reports announce the discovery of an uncontrollable geyser in Germany. Probably they meant an uncontrollable kaiser.

Champ Clark, who will be the next speaker of the house of representatives, is often mistaken for a minister—by his looks only.

Pittsburg is having a hard time cleaning out the grafters. They now find that the school system is as rotten as was the old council.

The average date for the arrival of the first robin is February 25. The first birds usually arrive about four weeks before the first flowers.

The women will argue that the man who was killed by a hatpin scratch at Boston would have died some other way, so what's the difference?

Henry James has evidently reached the height of his ambition—his new comedy has been pronounced non-understandable by English critics.

The Canadian parliament votes against annexation, thus throwing away endless river and harbor and public buildings pork by one rash act.

In France large fortunes are not the rule and it seems more prosperous than countries where immense wealth is accumulated in the hands of the few.

Dr. Cook has gone into vaudeville. The sooner he goes into innocuous desuetude, the sooner will he receive the grateful appreciation of his countrymen.

This Mexican revolution may result in teaching Americans to spell a lot of Mexican names but they will not know how to pronounce them, even then.

A \$100,000,000 automobile combination should be able to travel toward success at a fast rate, but they must look out not to exceed the government speed limit.

It is to be hoped that the house of lords will not be abolished. Such an action would leave the English noblemen with no employment except that of hunting American heiresses.

Another man seems anxious to depart this life by means of the aeroplane route? Harry Graham Carter announces his intention of flying across the Atlantic in forty-nine hours.

The entire public debt of this country, federal, state, county and city and minor civil divisions is \$3,000,000,000. This is a small sum compared to the resources and wealth of the great republic.

An attempt is being made to sell Dickens stamps for the benefit of the descendants of the great English author who are in poverty. It should meet with cordial approval by the English people.

In New York state 256 farms were sold last year by means of the state

agricultural department advertising the value and possibilities of the soil. This shows what the state department can do if it tries.

What an awful blow it would be, if some of the household magazines were killed off by a higher postage rate, and we could no longer learn how to convert the ash barrel into the best company chair.

Canadians are by no means all in favor of the reciprocity measure. Probably if their arguments against it could be given to its opposers this side of the line they would prove thoroughly convincing.

Marshalltown, Iowa, boasts a citizen 101 years old, who is still in active life. He insists on sawing the wood to keep his office warm, and joined the Elks on his 100th birthday. He has a son 73 years of age.

People are paying \$50 or \$100 each for a seat along the route of King George's coronation procession. They will pay more as the time draws near. Human curiosity to see all there is to see, costs lots of money.

Senator Jeff Davis of Kansas was called to account by his constituents for using a taxicab in Washington. How his explanations of such alarming extravagance were received, has not been given to the public.

Jack London got captured while trying to join the Mexican insurgents. Hard times for literary lights now. In the good old days a few postage stamps and the eccentricities of your neighbors were capital and experience enough.

Canada hardly knows whether to consider the coming of the duke of Connaught as a high compliment or whether it means the establishment of a semi-royal court for the purpose of encouraging the Tories and weakening the liberal cause.

A Colorado couple have just been separated by death after living happily together ninety-one years. They were married when the groom was 19 and his bride 17. At the time of her death she was 108 and her husband still living is 111.

The war cloud is hovering over Russia and China. Relations between the two countries are perilously strained and military preparations are being pushed. Russia has been peaceable just as long as possible. There must be something doing somewhere.

The United States is the greatest candy-consuming nation in the world. Last year the average consumption of candy was over eighty-one pounds to the individual. Doctors and dentists have profited by the growing amount of sweets eaten, as well as confectioners.

There is an opportunity to dispose of some of our battleships to Greece. Germany has supplied Turkey with back number battleships. Why should we not do the same with those no longer of value to a first class power. It would be much better than to let them rot in the docks.

The new passenger ships under construction are not intended for speed but for cargo and comfort, although they will make the crossing in six days. The Olympic is 882 feet in length, the Cunarder 885 and the Europa 930. The Cunarder will cost \$10,000,000, the other two \$7,500,000 each.

A California rancher has a most peculiar and successful incubator. A flowing well on his desert farm has an unvarying temperature of 103 degrees fahrenheit it furnishes the heat which keeps the eggs at the proper temperature and hatches a very large percentage with a minimum of trouble or expense.

New Orleans doesn't propose to be forgotten, if she didn't get the Panama exposition. It is now planning to spend the money that would have gone into the big show in other forms of advertisements, for the Crescent city. The chances are that more permanent results will be obtained this way than from the exposition.

A New York jury which brought in a verdict against a bank wrecker whose plea was insanity, decided that horse sense dictated that he should be punished for bank wrecking first and attended to for insanity afterward. There will be fewer crimes committed and the excuse of insanity made, if juries would render such decisions as this.

Famine stares several million Chinese people in the face. If their lives are saved they must be helped at once. In China one cent a day will sustain life. The American Red Cross has forwarded \$10,000 and the Seattle Commercial club is sending a thousand barrels of flour. America always has been China's best friend and will not fall her now.

England understands quite as well as America that an agreement between this country and Canada based entirely upon trade considerations may be carried along all the more satisfactorily if in all other respects the parties to the agreement shall travel their own paths independently. There are serious obstacles to any political

union between the two countries, but none to fairer trade relations.

The proposition to accumulate a bank account for the convict during the period of his enforced labor as prisoner of the state, is an excellent one and will inevitably tend to keep alive his latent sense of manhood. In case the convict is a married man a part of his earnings are to be paid to his family and the rest credited to him at interest. In case he is a bachelor the whole amount accumulates till the day of his discharge.

There is no reason on earth why congress should not do the business necessary to be done, before the session closes and the expense of an extra session avoided. The tariff commission, the reciprocity agreement with Canada, the direct election of senators and the Lorimer case, are the important matters remaining. All these have been thrashed out over and over again and might just as well be voted on and settled one time as another.

Governor Osborne of Michigan doesn't believe moral suasion is sufficient for prison discipline, but boldly recommends flogging and other violent forms of corporal punishment. The governor must be somewhat of a back number as a disciplinarian. It was long ago decided by actual trial that work was the best substitute possible for physical punishment. Work makes prison life endurable for both prisoners and guards. The old system makes it a positive hell for both.

Russia is very aggressive in Mongolia in far western China and along the southern shore of the Black sea, in seizing or attempting to hold all available territory—not that they have any need of more territory since they already possess Siberia, a vast expanse larger than the United States, practically unoccupied. The impelling motive in this land aggression is the bureaucratic, military aristocracy whose sons desire offices, civil and military. For those sons offices must be found, must be created out of conquests and the demand grows with the supply.

The Colorado state penitentiary has tried very thoroughly the plan of employing convicts on work outside the prison. For the past four years about 1,500 men have been employed on ranches and garden tracts leased by the prison, in constructing a water system for Canon City and on public highways. They have built 100 miles of splendid mountain road, half of it blasted through solid rock and the value of the farm products raised, more than paid back to the state the expense of their maintenance. It is most beneficial to the men both physically and morally.

The putting into effect of the reciprocity plan depends on the action of the Canadian parliament as much as it does on congress. For that reason there is less opportunity for changing its terms than there would be if its acceptance depended on congress alone. The Canadians give the United States certain advantages, and in return demand certain other concessions from this country. Any serious revision of the terms of the agreement may mean its complete failure before the Canadian parliament. The thing for congress to do is to go ahead and ratify it and so earn the applause of the bigger part of the American people.

All who know of the unjust imprisonment in Siberia of two Russians who had been in America several years and had returned to Russia for their wives and children, will rejoice to learn that after suffering the horrors of a Russian prison two years, they have at last been released, although they had been in this country two years before the Russian and Japanese war and did not return until after it was ended, they were seized as deserters from military duty just as they were ready to return to America with their families and sent to Siberia. Such experiences are all too common in the czar's domain where justice and mercy are unknown virtues.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS. The celebration of Washington's birthday as usual provoked a good deal of comment on the decline of our holidays. In so far as it was observed by stopping business, there were a hundred people who played games or went to the theater or other entertainments, to every one who attended patriotic services.

But under the tense strain of modern life, our holidays are not likely to be very serious affairs for years to come. About all that you can ask is that people shall not try to cram a week of pleasure seeking into a single day.

Patriotism and the true meaning of our holidays will have to be taught mostly in the schools. It is a pretty slow and sluggish teacher who does not stop the routine drone of arithmetic and spelling in advance of a holiday, to tell the children the wonderful human interest story that lies at the background of each of them.

"The curious fact was called to my attention the other day," writes William E. Curtiss from Berlin, "that Wil-

helm II has never been crowned either as king of Prussia or as emperor of Germany, although he has reigned since the death of his father, June 15, 1888. He has fifty-four titles of nobility and almost as many military commissions in his own and in the other armies of Europe; he is always talking about the divine right of kings, but he has never been formally inaugurated; no crowd has ever been placed upon his head, no scepter has ever been placed in his hand, and he has no title to sovereignty except that which comes from the peaceful possession and the exercise of authority. No one is able to explain this singular omission, but it is not without precedent; for twelve other German sovereigns have ruled without being formally crowned, and several of the reigning kings of Europe have not submitted to the ceremony, including Victor Emanuel of Italy, Gustav of Sweden, Frederick of Denmark and Albert of Belgium."

HATS OFF TO NORTH NINTH. All Norfolk will take its hat off to the property owners of North Ninth street, whose progressiveness and enterprise are to make their paving petition the first one to be presented to the city council from a residence district of the city.

In return for their good citizenship, the people of that street are going to have one of the most attractive thoroughfares in town—and they can never be robbed of the distinction of being the first residence street in town to take on this big improvement.

Like the sewer system, the paving promises to spread with great rapidity, now that it has once been started. It is no longer a matter of urging people to pave—it is now just a question as to which paving districts will get their petitions before the city council first and thus be assured of the improvement that they desire.

There has been expressed the hope that the paving up Norfolk avenue might continue on west, this being a continuation of the main business artery of the town, and it is possible, now that the people of North Ninth street have assured the paving of the avenue west from Seventh to Ninth, that property owners on up the street may take the matter in their hands and get the job done this summer.

Apparently the main thing needed for such a petition is a leader to start the ball rolling.

IRELAND'S APPEAL. The coming two or three weeks promises a historic debate in the English parliament over Irish home rule, Premier Asquith having promised that the liberal government will favor complete self government.

The method under which Ireland has been governed during the past century, is somewhat as if congress attempted to handle local government for such outlying communities as Florida, Texas or California. The spirit of American fair play in the rest of the country would not tolerate such absentee control. Ireland had a parliament, usually co-equal with that at London, for the 500 years ending about a century ago. The expedient of governing the country from London is thus a comparatively recent innovation. Ireland merely asks the local home rule given twenty-eight other dependencies, and does not question the authority of the English parliament.

Its plea is simply the old "taxation without representation" principle, for which our fathers quit their homes for patriotic martyrdom. It costs but \$13,000,000 for the civil government of Scotland, while in Ireland, a country that is poorer and about the same in population, the cost is \$22,000,000.

Industries have steadily declined under alien rule. There were 193,864 textile workers in 1871, and but 109,588 under recent figures. John Bull has his choice. Shall his Irish subjects be happy, contented, and industriously prosperous, loyally supporting him, or shall they be kept in a state of perpetual shillalah swing by having Irish affairs settled by Englishmen?

Better make a friend of your neighbor, Mr. Bull. We have got pretty well acquainted with him over here, and he is very useful in our business, with his warm heart, his kindly humor, his buoyant energy and merry spirits. He will be a mighty good follower if you will but make him feel that he is one of the family instead of an unwilling captive.

AROUND TOWN. How are your railroad securities?

The story from Basset about that wolf hunt doesn't say anything about that robin being scared up.

There's a woman in Norfolk who is so contrary that, now that the trouser skirt has been given a black eye in Paris, she'll probably wear one.

What's your honest opinion about the trouser skirt, anyway?

There are a lot of ways we think a woman looks more attractive than she would in them.

But what right has any man to talk of the science of women's clothes?

In fact, what does man know of woman, anyhow?

For instance, here's a question being debated in Norfolk—a question

that man can't figure out: Should a woman pick her teeth with a hairpin?

Personally, we hesitate to answer, for fear of getting involved in a dispute with the whole of femininity, though we have our views on the matter.

One Norfolk woman always carries a baseball bat with her when she goes out after dark. She thinks it's more effective than a hatpin in protecting herself.

But speaking of women—and we shudder to think of the way we'll probably get our feet in it when the time comes—the north Nebraska school teachers will soon be coming back to Norfolk.

(They'll all be a year older than they were last spring.)

But we can stand for a little added age, since their coming will mean that the golf season is that much nearer.

(We're anxious to do our spring plowing.)—Note: That one is for golfers only, and it's not original, at that.

But back to the woman question—have you seen those "Girls" posters advertising next Tuesday night's show?

Some "Girls" there, all right, all right, all right.

Notice the lamb?

It is only fair to George W. Losey, former sheriff of Madison county, but now a resident of Fremont, to say that the "George W. Losey" indicted at Lincoln for embezzlement from a lodge, is an entirely different person and no relation to the former Madison county official. The Lincoln Losey has been a resident of the state capital for many years.

If the legislature doesn't hurry it will be corn planting time.

Here it is moving day again, but we'll be darned if we'll budge.

Here come the bill collectors again—and it was only twenty-eight days ago that we paid 'em all off. (At least, that'll do to tell.)

There's this satisfaction in it, though—it's pretty nearly the last appearance of the coal man's collector.

But that isn't as joyous as it may seem. On his heels will come the ice man, so what's the use?

Should one say "them" or "it" in speaking of the trousers skirt?

Now they're going to send to the penitentiary a man at Butte because he admits he has two wives. Hasn't the poor cuss gone through enough, without sending him to prison? Whose's the justice in our courts, anyway?

About time to begin thinking of a new straw hat and a pair of oxfords. And grass seed.

And garden.

By the way, which would you rather do—take care of a furnace or mow a lawn? Or, to put it more properly, which do you dread the more? (Get that—dread the mower?)

Personally, the furnace game is more repulsive, because you can't get out of it.

A Norfolk man complains of his neighbor's chickens. If he'd get a slingshot or an air rifle and learn to use it, he might find the trespassing fowl not so bad, after all. In fact, we're quite convinced that chickens are all right, IN THEIR PLACE. (Put on the loud pedal when you come to the last three words.)

And speaking of the damage chickens do, did you ever notice that if there's a flower bush in the yard, no matter where, the man who drives the coal wagon up to your cellar window, will be sure to strike it?

Why not pass an ordinance against coal wagons, too?

It would be enforced about as much as the chicken ordinance is.

Lion or lamb—what's your guess?

Even the groundhog only said it would last two weeks after this. And groundhogs ought to make it had enough.

Mr. R. Redbreast is coming into his own.

Got your windmill ciled up?

It was the greatest day of the year in New Orleans—the Mardi Gras.

Only forty days till you wear your Easter bonnet.

The death of "Mad" Huffman of Ne-
bigh will cast a cloud of gloom all over this part of the state of Nebraska. He was a great big man, both physically and as a man—a man loved among men as few men are.

The paving epidemic has struck Norfolk. It's spreading. If you want to get your street into the game, you'd better hurry.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.

If a man is capable in his business everybody knows it.

Women think it fun for men to go down town to make a living.

The stage and popular fiction are the only places where you can feel reasonably certain that the mortgage

on the old homestead is going to be lifted at an opportune time.

Agents are always telling of the big sales they make in other towns.

A loafer doesn't get very good results out of the economy he practices.

We have never yet known a father so foolish as to name one of his boys Goliath.

No one but a bald-headed man can wear a cap without keeping his hair mussed up.

We never knew a man who did not occasionally play sick, and bid for sympathy.

No man can argue with a mule, and do so impressively, with any hope of results.

Some women are such clever bargain hunters that they keep their husbands poor.

No one feels quite as important as a little man who has just called a big man a liar.

Don't neglect all your energies in trying for class "A" when your living is in class "B."

A genius is the one who does today what the other fellow thinks he will do tomorrow.

The real estate dealers seem to have remembered a good deal of the land God forgot.

About the only system of beating a poker game is to leave it alone or get in on the rake-off.

Waiting for rich kin to die can hardly be included in the list of get-rich-quick games.

There are still a few people, we notice, who consider the tambourine a musical instrument.

The fact that matrimonial advertising gets results, is not positive proof that it pays.

A late definition of an optimist is one who makes lemonade out of every lemon handed him.

The club is the only convincing argument, and no gentleman will use that on a woman.

Unlike the owl, you can't gain a reputation for wisdom by following the all night circuit.

What has become of the old fashioned circus that advertised a Behemoth of Holy Writ?

About the only thing we can think of in favor of whiskers today is that they are home grown.

The man who has an ambition to save enough to bury himself usually saves more than that.

Most any woman can accumulate money by going bareheaded, but what would the milliners do?

Unless you are an alienist almost anything else pays better than being a witness for the defense.

No matter how fierce a dog may look, its owner will always declare that it wouldn't bite anybody.

No man ever ought to want a drink bad enough to take it in an alley or the back stall of a livery barn.

When did anyone ever grow as fine vegetables or as beautiful flowers as those shown in the seed catalogues?

When a girl admits that she's stupid you're neglecting a cue unless you hasten to assure her that she is not.

Did you ever notice that there are not many men who quit because they are not given an increase in salary?

This is the season of the year when the farmer takes a day of rest and greases two or three sets of harness.

Beauty hint: The horse will soon begin to shed, and while horse hair is hard to handle, it looks better than jute.

If the writer is ever investigated he will appreciate the privilege of naming the committee that is to do the investigating.

Some progress has been made in this direction: Fewer men than formerly count the Prince Albert coat essential to dignity.

There is such a selfish disposition to assume credit and dodge the blame that the law of heredity gets more bricks than bouquets.

A lot of sympathy miscarries, and it has always been thus; a good deal that is now devoted to the dogs used to be wasted on the poor Indian.

You may have observed what usually happens to the man who believes he can present his own case better than the smartest lawyer in town.

No man likes to have his wife push a carpet sweeper toward his feet about the time he gets comfortably seated in a rocking chair to read the evening paper.

Another rural holiday which isn't on our calendar is the public sale which the farmer attends and gets home so late he has to do the chores by lantern light.

What has become of the old fashioned woman who thought that when she dropped a dirty dishrag it was a sign that some slouchy person would call on her that day?

AN OLD-FASHIONED REVIVAL WANTED IN WALL STREET.

The Wall Street Journal's Appeal Considered by Pastor Russell. Bishop Candier Freely Quoted.



Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 19.—Quoting an extract from the Wall Street Journal Pastor Russell used it as his text in conjunction with Proverbs xiv, 30. The Journal not long since appealed "for a revival of old-time religion, which took time to pray every morning and to attend the mid-week prayer-meeting." It claimed that such a revival would cleanse the country of fifth, of graft and of greed, petty and big, of worship, of fine houses and big lands, and high offices and grand social functions.

Bishop Candier also noticed the Journal's appeal and Pastor Russell quoted him freely as follows:—"We cannot get a revival of religion by seeking a revival of religion. Nowhere in God's Word are men admonished to seek a religion or seek a revival of religion.

"Herein is our trouble: we have lost God! Men called preachers have explained away the Word of God, making it no longer a sure Word of prophecy, but an antique for the critics to analyze and discuss. The moral law has been lowered. The Ten Commandments have been reckoned as a piece of mosaic plagiarism applicable to the needs of ancient nomads in the wilderness, but having no more than a qualified bearing on the life of today. The Sermon on the Mount has been treated as 'An iridescent dream.' The lordship of Jesus Christ has been denied, while treacherous compliments have been poured out upon His name, as that of merely a great Teacher and noble martyr."

Difficulties in the Way, Says Pastor Russell. The words of the Wall Street Journal respecting the need of the old-time religion are along proper lines. Bishop Candier sees already what I also have so frequently pointed out, namely, that the so-called New Theology, Higher Criticism and Evolution theories have so undermined faith that it would be folly to look for a return of the piety earnestness of the past, which was built upon a living faith, even though it was not the pure faith, "once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

Most Important Points. It is useless for any to attempt to believe or to attempt to teach others that God is great, and just, and loving, while at the same time teaching that he prepared before the foundation of the world an immense torture chamber in which thousands of millions would be forced to spend eternity. How our forefathers could believe this and yet believe somehow or other that God is Love we do not understand. It was their faith in God's love, and not their faith in eternal torment, which constituted the power of God working in them for good, and which offset the errors of their creeds to a considerable degree.

What the world needs, and what first of all the Church needs, is to get doctrinally straight in respect to the Almighty's character, and in respect to His purposes with His human creatures. As soon as that condition of mind shall have been reached there will be no need to pray or to ask for revivals of religion—they will follow irresistibly.

But what do we see opposing any such desirable movement? We see two hundred thousand Protestant ministers and Sunday School superintendents working against such desirable results. We see about two-thirds of them advocating Higher Criticism-infidelity and the other one-third striving to hold the people in ignorance respecting the teachings of the Bible concerning man's future.

Church and World Standards. During the "Dark Ages," the fact that the Church is a specially called, chosen, faithful class and only "a little flock" was seen and preached to some extent. But this lofty Church Standard was difficult of application to the world, and the world's hope under a different standard was not seen. It clarifies our minds greatly when we recognize that the "elect" few are intended by God to be the world's instructors and helpers by and by, when the world will be granted an opportunity of rescue from sin and death, not to heavenly conditions, but an earthly Restoration of all work was lost by Adam's transgression and redeemed by the great Sacrifice of Calvary.

After learning that the bell to which the world goes in death is the grave, and that it is an unconscious condition, a "sleep," the next lesson is the resurrection of the dead: "Many that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, * * * some to shame and lasting contempt" (Daniel xii, 2). Man-kind fall asleep with experience only with unrighteousness and very indistinct glimpses of holiness and saintship. When awakened they will recognize the glory, honor and immortality of the saintly Bride of Christ and be recipients of her loving care and blessing in proportion as they respond to the blessed privileges of that time. As the Restoration work will progress, and they obediently rise from their degradation, their shame and contempt will gradually disappear and eventual perfection of human nature may be attained in an earth also attaining perfection, as the Garden of the Lord.

Call and see the cook or servant whose ad today makes her seem "eligible."

Try a News want ad.