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Going to church, though, if good is too good merely for a fad.

Strange how so amiable a man as Champ Clark nurses a grudge.

Villa proposes to make every foreigner in Torreon walk Spanish.

Disasters breed heroes—Philadelphia Record. And martyrs, too.

Do not be a pessimist. They will know then you cannot pay your debts.

Perhaps, however, The Hague might be converted into a summer resort.

"What is the Pan-American union?" asks a correspondent, John Barrett.

Mr. Taft says he has turned reformer. Well, there is need for sanity in reform.

If a new reformatory is to be built, no better location could be had than at Kearney.

That \$9,000,000 levy Cleveland imposed on Uncle John D. must be the single tax of the town.

If diplomacy consists in keeping the mouth shut, John Lind is the uncrowned king of the realm.

Maybe the church, itself, is to blame somewhat for the indifference complained of on part of the public.

As showing their eagerness for the ballot, Chicago women even tell their right arms when they register.

Many people will have to see the funeral of Tammany before they take much stock in the death notice.

Brother Berge must have realized before he set himself up as a target that he was going to draw plenty of fire.

California, it is to be hoped, will not overlook the conservation adjunct of its Panama-Pacific exhibitions.

Tammany knows Murphy is to continue as boss, for Murphy says so. But, then, Manuel insists that he is still king of Portugal.

Colonel Roosevelt has shipped a few South American rabbits to the National museum, preserving a few left hind feet, we venture.

Whether she displays more intelligence, the feminine voter certainly will mark her ballot with more beauty and grace than the mere male person.

Listen, for the sound of Joshua's voice ringing out from the din and turbulence of the world, "God forbid that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods."

While not wishing to deny February any of its rights, we may be pardoned for indulging the hope that it will not endeavor to bring up the average of the winter slumped by the fall-down of preceding months.

Governor Morehead is being commended for his administration of economy, but nothing is said about his neglect to perform certain specific duties laid upon him by law, such as the appointment of the wage commission.

Senator Vardaman may be the man to speak for the democratic party on the negro question, but history will attest the attitude the republicans have uniformly pursued in the effort to secure freedom and justice for the negro.

Parks and Playgrounds.

The glory of a city, its greatness and its permanence, may be summed up in its service to its citizens. A city that merely provides a place to work can never be a truly great city, no matter how numerous its inhabitants, nor how extensive its commerce. Utility has its place in city building, and can never be ignored, nor should it be subjected to the ornamental; neither can the aesthetic be entirely submerged, for if it is, the community misses the greatest element of its opportunity.

Omaha, in common with other western cities, has grown in its utilitarian aspects until it might appear that the other side of the picture had been forgotten. And just as other cities have found it imperative to do, so Omaha now finds that it must make comprehensive provision for the betterment of its living conditions. This does not mean in the means of housing or transporting its inhabitants, nor their care when sick or disabled, although conditions in this latter regard have not as yet reached the ideal; nor does it mean that the spiritual and mental welfare of Omaha's people are not provided for.

It means that Omaha must prepare for a complete revision of its provisions for pleasure grounds for its people. Long ago, plans were laid for the ultimate erection of a system of parks and boulevards of which any city might be proud. The framework is here, but the definite and complete outline of the system remains to be established.

If Omaha is to become a truly great city, better accommodation for its inhabitants must be provided. This betterment will be attractive to the sojourner, perhaps, but its real benefits will be for those who make their homes here. With this end in view, and that the most lasting results may be achieved, the improvement of the city park system should become a topic of immediate and continuing interest.

Cost of Living.

Many estimates of the cost of living according to accepted standards of decency have been set forth from time to time of late years, supported by facts obtained in various ways, but all open to more or less of question. Something in this line that is fairly accurate has been obtained from a source that is reasonably dependable. The bureau having in charge the Vanderbilt Model Tenements in New York, which are devoted to purposes of home treatment for tuberculosis, and really amount to home hospitals, has practical control of the living expenses of the tenants. The food and other supplies for the use of the families in the model tenements are furnished from a store in connection with the plant, and at wholesale cost. This gives fairly accurate knowledge of the exact facts, with this result:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Cost. Items include Rent, Food, Clothing, Fuel, Lunch, Dues, Medical and surgical supplies, Car fare, Household supplies, Miscellaneous, Total daily budget.

This is for a family of five, and does not include any allowance for amusements, for newspapers, church contributions, or anything but the mere necessities for living. The committee in charge gives as its opinion that on an income of \$1,100 to \$1,200, a family of five can "live in such a way as to preserve health, mind, character, self-respect and proper conditions of family life."

Recall these facts when next you read of the workers on the East Side—where these estimates are made—rebelling against conditions that force them to an income of about \$600 a year, less than half enough on which to live decently in New York City.

Poor Jones.

"Evil communications corrupt good manners," and do serious mischief to good names.

Your friend tells you something very unfavorable he has heard about a mutual friend. What is your first impulse, what is the tendency of the average person, to throw cold water on the gossip or fan it into a bigger flame?

"Yes, they tell me Jones turned a very crooked deal on Smith and that, moreover, he is given to such tricks and is almost broke, anyway."

Now, you know Jones just as well and think as much of him as of this "good friend" who is kind enough to bring you this evil communication, but somehow—well, Jones is absent and his accuser present, and it is ever so much easier to side in and say, "Well, that was about what I thought of him, after all," than to say, "I don't like to believe that of Jones; in fact, I won't believe it until I know it, and your informant may not have had all the facts in the case. I think there is another side to it." And as a rule, don't you take the easy way, now really, don't you?

Poor Jones. He is entitled to the doubt, and if you and your gossip friend really were your good friends you would nip this accursed rumor in the bud, at least until you took time to

satisfy yourselves as to its veracity.

If poor Jones is down and out, and nearly broke, it is all the more reason why he needs the sympathy of his friends. Shakespeare was right, but before him Moses and Paul were right, and Moses got his law against bearing false witness from God, where Paul got his ideas on the effect of evil communications.

Schools and Politics.

No other topics come so close to the citizen of the United States as schools and politics. Politics means government, and government directly affects every individual living under our laws, whether such individual be citizen or alien. Schools, scarcely less than politics, also touch on the life of all. Therefore, it is inconceivable that a good citizen should take more of an interest in any other topic than in these two.

It is the highest duty of the citizen to take an active personal interest in politics, because this means the formation of the government and the laws by which it operates. Every law, whether passed by a representative body or by the citizens directly, must be the result of politics in the best sense of the word. If a citizen neglects to inform himself as to the issues before the community, the questions involved in any political contest, or the character of the men who are presented for office, such a citizen is evading a responsibility that should be sacred. If he declares himself as without interest or concern in politics, he in effect declares himself a bad citizen, not matter how lofty his station.

Our school system is most elaborately designed for the purpose of opening up the minds of our youth, of instructing them in the fundamentals of citizenship, and for developing their intellectual powers to a point where they can be relied upon for independent thought and self-guidance in any emergency. The greatest service that can be accomplished by the public schools is to train boys and girls so that they will become efficient citizens, and efficiency in citizenship means capacity for understanding and participating in politics.

If a community is badly governed it is because its citizenship has failed at some point. These truisms are repeated here to remind some who are pursuing fallacies that responsibility for government under our institutions rests with the people.

Air Flights Around the World.

Much of speculation has followed the announcement of a proposed race for airmen around the world, but not more than followed the short announcement a few years ago that the secret of flight in a heavier-than-air machine had been discovered. The aeroplane has established itself as a factor in life, and its usefulness is being daily extended. One day during the week a German aviator stayed aloft for longer than fourteen consecutive hours, keeping his machine in continuous motion. Flights with passengers are too common to note longer, upside down flights scarcely excite a thrill, and other fanciful achievements of the birdmen are accepted as a matter of course. So, why not fly around the world? It seems to be only a matter of a machine that will hold together, and supply stations for the renewal of motor fuel.

A Problem for All.

If there is one need and problem so big, so urgent as to challenge at once the altruism of all our philanthropies combined, it is the case of the fallen woman.

In the national capital hundreds of them, by a single act of congress, are turned loose upon the streets amid the applause of multitudes over the land. And why do they applaud? Because, unthinking, they imagine any headway has been made toward eradicating this age-old scar from the body politic, toward solving this ancient, yet ever-new, problem of the so-called "social evil."

Nothing is effected, nothing solved. The great mistake we make is this, believing that closing certain houses by civil statute cures certain fundamental social diseases. The women are wails now, but still human, still redeemable, if there be force in that doctrine that "I came to call, not the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." Strange the followers of Jesus have not in all these 2,000 years either caught His vision or overtaken His method of dealing with the scarlet woman.

"De any of these men have the temerity to condemn thee, daughter?" He gently asked. "No, Master, they do not; they probably know better, at least have not, as you say, the temerity to do that."

"And neither do I condemn thee, Go and sin no more." And the Magdalene, like Rahab of old, became an instrument for great service. She was redeemable, according to that doctrine, but no more so than the millions of her erring sisters since. No more so than the hundreds shunted out of their homes in Washington, Omaha or elsewhere, into a freezing, forbidding world, making the fatal mistake by implication that though the individual is not subject to redemption, the sys-

tem of which she is a part and prey

is curable by such a specious remedy. This, we say, is a problem challenging the altruism of every American philanthropist. The finger of the Compassionate writes the sentence of guilt in the sand while under the smug contumely of the sterner of the gully, the weaker wends her way, whither she knows not, and he, evidently, cares not. Some day we shall be honest with ourselves on this crucial question and admit by our actions, if there is faith enough left in the practical operation of the divine law, that we have been hoodwinking ourselves in dealing thus with this human problem and that the only thing to do is to address our efforts of reform and redemption, not to the system by civil law, but to the individual by another law.

Protecting the Alien.

Mr. Taft makes an unanswerable plea in the Independent for a federal law protecting the lives and property of aliens in the United States, who go often fall into the hands of senseless and lawless mobs. When president, Mr. Taft urged in vain the enactment of such a law. It is to be hoped his renewed appeal will arouse public sentiment and evoke co-operation by President Wilson, resulting in action.

Against the enactment of such a law there is no argument, for it there is every demand of justice and decency. In many cities mobs have perpetrated cruelties upon aliens, innocent and otherwise, to their hurt and our government's injury, for with no federal statute to punish such depredations, we are unable with sweet words, and even money indemnity, to reconcile the countries from which these sufferers come. We need the law, therefore, first as a just protection to foreign-born residents not yet citizens, and second, to recover and hold some of the friendship and prestige lost abroad by the mischief of these mobs. Congress has no right to defer action.

America's Influence in China.

When President Wilson sought to enlist John R. Mott in the diplomatic service of his country, he hit upon a man who is said to know more of China and wider influence among the Chinese than any other American. Mr. Mott has spent years in China as a missionary leader. The president also offered another ministerial post to another prominent missionary, only to learn, as in the case of Mott, that he could not afford to turn aside even for the high office of diplomacy.

Men, regardless of their religious views, no longer question the wisdom and virtue of missionary influence abroad, provided they have an intelligent conception of the subject. Looking at it merely from the standpoint of American governmental ideals, or the less exalted viewpoint of commercial aggression, the facts are that both have followed the missionary across the trackless seas and into the remote fastnesses of many distant lands. It no longer excites comment when millionaire business men, who, like R. A. Long, the Kansas City lumberman—a churchman also—give outright \$1,000,000 for the cause of foreign missions. They are investing money in the extension of the gospel, yes, and the propagating of representative government, practical democracy.

Let us see. Says the Shanghai correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle, "American influence in China is growing by leaps and bounds; American shrewdness has outmaneuvered the statesmen of Japan, Great Britain and Russia," and first and foremost among the Americans wielding this influence he places "the American missionary." It is a familiar fact to those following the trend of events. It was upon the urgent appeal of missionary forces that our nation refused to hold up China for the blood-money as indemnity for the Boxer depredations. Wise men have pronounced that one of the greatest strokes of diplomacy, as well as righteous practice, ever dealt. See the trains of young Chinese educated as a result in American schools and American ideals going back to implant these in China.

Truly, America found its way into the confidence and esteem of China through China's heart. The rest is comparatively easy. Of course our influence surpasses that of any other nation there. And who can fathom the ultimate meaning of it?

CYNICAL REMARKS.

It's all right to look ahead, but don't be too previous.

Many a man's popularity begins and ends with himself.

Between happiness and misery the average man makes his own percentage.

The good deeds of many a man could be carved on the tombstone of a canary bird.

The office that seeks the man generally stacks up against a pretty good dodger.

We all have some good in us, but sometimes it takes a lot of coaxing to bring it out.

Tact is sometimes merely the art of seeming to be interested in other people's troubles.

Make the most of yourself if you don't want some other fellow to make the most of you.

When a girl once gets the reputation of being vivacious, she seems to think she has to stifle her way through life. The only people who can afford to be perfectly frank are those who don't care whether they have any friends or not.

Don't try to draw your sword unless you have taken the precaution of tying a stone around the neck of each one.—New York Times.

Vacations Might Searce.

Washington Star. Government employment used to be regarded as easier than private employment; but a time may not be far distant when even a member of congress will regard himself as lucky if he gets two weeks' vacation during the year.

Regular Dividends, Eh?

Baltimore American. A Boston statistician has figured that woman's value is twice that of a man, and it might be added that she usually draws interest on the full assessment.



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Thirty Years Ago—

Two additional letter carriers to the Omaha postoffice make the total now fourteen, and the list as follows: G. I. Green, J. H. Tabbins, E. R. Overall, A. Peterson, J. Michal, J. C. Parkins, J. Jabienek, Benjamin Fulton, C. H. King, L. S. Mole, J. H. Platz, George Hoffman, R. B. Trapp, C. E. Brunner and O. N. Burkett, extra.

The medal given at the roller rink went to Sherman Casfield, having been won twice by C. H. Gratton, and must be carried off in three successive contests to be of permanent possession.

Mr. Frank S. Dickey of McConnelville, O., is in Omaha, the guest of Dr. C. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dickey and Miss Mamie Shears left for the Sandwich Islands.

Dufrene & Mendelsohn have prepared drawing for a new building for the Union Pacific to house its officers and leave the



old building exclusively for the use of the clerks. The estimated cost is about \$150,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nye left for Washington, D. C.

A letter from John and Richard Wittnell and their daughters, tells of the good time they are having, and that they will go to Cuba, returning by way of Galveston.

Twenty Years Ago—

Some 300 men gathered in Patterson hall to hear what Eugene V. Debs had to say in advice to Union Pacific employees. The burden of his counsel was "stand together, now and ever." Mr. Debs said many strikes were ill-advised, because a strike often placed a workman in a position where he had to choose between loyalty to his family and his organization.

Harry P. Whitmore received a telegram announcing the death of his brother, E. E. Whitmore, for some years a resident of Omaha and treasurer of Boyd's opera house. He was the founder of the Omaha lodge of Elks and a charter member.

J. Vazling and W. M. Dodge left for Boston as delegates from the Omaha Builders and Traders exchange, to the national convention of builders.

Collector of Customs J. E. North went to his home in Columbus for the weekend.

W. E. Reed of Madison, law partner of Senator W. V. Allen, was in the city from Madison.

Mrs. Barbara Herold, 66, died at her home, 242 Caldwell street, being survived by five children, all residing in Omaha.

Ten Years Ago—

War rumors from the far east had the effect of inflating grain prices, according to S. A. McWorter and other members of the Omaha Grain exchange.

Andrew J. McCune, 216 Cumming street, died at the age of 76, having spent forty-one years of his life in Omaha. For part of that time he was engaged in the dairy business and was later identified with the Douglas house.

John S. Wetzel, general freight agent here for the Illinois Central, and Miss May Her, daughter of P. E. Her, were united in marriage.

John Becan Ryan, longtime Omaha newspaper man, was heard from through Engineer Benzburg, one of the water works apprentices, who had come from Cincinnati, where Colonel Ryan was working on the Commercial Tribune, balancing in his mind the advisability of staying by the weekly payroll there or going out to Wyoming, where he had "oil interests."

Rumor swelled up with the information that the "young members" of the Omaha club were talking of a recession with a view of building an exclusive club house for themselves and showing the older organization a few fancy tricks about running such an institution. The older heads were pursuing the gentle and dignified policy of "watchful waiting."

People and Events

As a sign of approaching spring the seed catalogue shows the robin off the wire.

Business has reached such a stage of depression in New York that crooks are driven to steal bronze bald eagles from statues and sell them as junk.

Eastern suffragists have put the stamp of approval on the furana, a new dance, in which the woman is neither "led nor carried by the man." Equal rights could hardly go further without ripping a suspender.

The black men were just as brave as the whites when the steamer Monroe went to the bottom off the Virginia capes. The color line cuts no ice when heres are in the making and death rides the fog.

Mayor Sylvester, Washington's chief of police, urges the appointment of women to the police force. There has been a surprising lack of novelty at the national capital for months past, and the town is ripe for more attractive scenery.

Of course, the holdovers of federal jobs hereabouts will welcome the news of an early distribution of pie to the famishing faithful. Only a lofty sense of duty to their country prompts their reluctant hands to reach for attendants beyond the term period.

When a woman wins she wins, or words to that effect. As a result of a woman's crusade pushed right up to the powers that be, three women, including the agitator, have been appointed inspectors in the bureau of fire prevention in New York City.

Peace is so securely hooked to the furled banners of Mars that Major William Hoffman, U. S. A., retired, advertises in the Army and Navy Register the completion of a handy volume on the science and strategy of draw poker. The work is presumed to be the major's best effort, the result, doubtless, of wide experience and keen observation.

Messenger boys frequently get a peep into the gardens of romance, but rarely linger inside the gate. Sylvanus Gray of Dunham, N. C., is an exception. He carried a message to Miss Lida Johnson and was smitten on the spot. So was Lida. A few days later they were married. They separated, agreeing to keep the affair a secret for awhile. Five months later the bride died suddenly at her home, leaving her messenger boy husband sole heir to a fortune of \$300,000.

King Manuel's renunciation of the throne of Portugal, from which he was deposed, has been made public as a part of the contract of marriage into a branch of the Hohenzollern family, together with the withdrawal of the \$50,000 annual allowance from the private purse of King George of England. For the present at least the exiled king will not be obliged to hustle for work, the princess's papa having an abundance for the legitimate need of a son-in-law. The pathos of the deal, however, touches the ambitious soul of Anita Stewart, the American heiress whose millions recouped the waning fortunes of the Braganza family, but bars her from the title of "queen" because she is not of royal descent.

MUFFLED KNOCKS.

One-half the world wonders how the other half can afford automobiles.

Love may be blind, but it should remember that opera glasses are cheap.

If all the young doctors were as wise as they look, poor old Castor Oil would have to curl up and croak.

You can't tell how much a man is worth by the way he inhales his soup and shovels his food around with his knife.

You may imagine a princess in front of a mirror is the biggest fool on earth, but you should see a pretty man doling up.

A woman doesn't mind letting her husband act bossy when they are on the street because she knows he'll get his when they get home.

Every now and then a man is jarred by the discovery that some guy whose credit isn't worth a nickel with him can go to a bank and get \$20,000 on a note.

When a boy asks his father a question about his studies, father begins to indignant about the fool stuff they teach in the schools these days. But the truth is that father can't answer the question.

When there are four small children in a family and another one comes along the neighbor women glare at father and act as though he had been caught stealing milk from a blind baby.

When a man meets a plump girl who is wearing her waist open half way down in front the man tries to be honest, but it is mighty hard to keep looking her in the eye all the time he is talking to her.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

JUST AS YOU ARE.

Nathaniel Ferguson, Just as you are, no change for me. Truehearted friend, I like the facts that others see.

We don't pretend That life is much beside a dream And things are not the way they seem.

Just as you are, I do not ask I only want to see the task "That tries you so; And aid you in it to the last. And ward from you life's tempest blast.

Just as you are; change not your voice, Nor yet your smile; Both make me constantly rejoice, Linger a while, And let us see again those eyes That make me strong to silence sighs.

To your virtue I would not add; Yours doth suffice, Example fair to make all glad. I'll try to emulate your grace, In your heart find my resting place.

I'd change you not; to Time leave all, Too soon, alas, The stage be dark, the curtain fall, The actors pass, And I will know, as my mistress, Not 'tween your faults can I possess.

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