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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 23rd day of February, 1914. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

Figures won't lie, but the trouble is that liars will figure. Anyway, Dewey did it. So why haggle over inconsequential?

What is the difference between a man's duty and his plain duty? Now, you see, how useless it was to worry too soon about the ice harvest.

Is Villa just trying to see how weak and small he can make Uncle Sam appear? Of course, aviation is perilous; otherwise it would not be attractive to most aviators.

Let us have no dispute over the honors at Manila. As at Santiago, there were honors enough for all.

Up to the hour of going to press our Congressman Charles Otto Loebbeck has not yet hoisted the white flag.

That deep, sonorous silence you hear in Mexico is Personal Representative Lind keeping out of the mix-up.

Whether our government recognizes the belligerency of the Mexican rebels or not, no one can truthfully deny that they are belligerent.

Bath House John polled some women's votes in his race for renomination, yet the women were the ones who were going to put him out of his bath house.

Our Mexican friends must be "watchfully waiting" for us to follow up the lifting of the embargo with an offer to furnish them with arms and ammunition free.

But if it is equal suffrage, how can they tell over in Chicago which of the votes received by any particular candidate were cast by men and which by women?

If those Holy Rollers trying to beat the evil spirits out of each other managed to drill a little reason into themselves there might be some method in their madness.

Another Omaha man is entitled to a Carnegie hero medal. It is veraciously reported that Police Judge Foster publicly admonished a woman that she talked too much.

Let it be remembered that the self-respecting reputable lawyers, who constitute the great majority, have no sympathy for the crooks who live off of blackmail and perjured frame-ups.

Senator Norris is charged by New England colleagues with loose talk in his accusations against the New Haven. It surely cannot be any looser than some of the financing of that road.

Omaha's big retail stores have moved up the time for morning opening a half hour. There will be no excuse now for not having the breakfast dishes finished before joining in the bargain counter rush.

Nebraska millers win out in the bleached flour case. This leads color to the impression that that great "reform" was more in the interest of the Minnesota flour-makers than to save the consumer from inferiority or adulteration.

It is now proposed to draft as a candidate for railway commissioner on the democratic ticket a man who says that if elected his first move would be to abolish the job. It would be a pity, however, to put anyone between the temptation of the salary on one side and the redemption of that promise on the other.

The Bleached Flour Case.

The supreme court's dictum in the bleached flour case, holding that the government may not condemn food unless it can show that it contains enough poisonous ingredients to injure health, seems to be an extension of the rule of reason originally laid down with reference to trust litigation.

In announcing the decision remaining the case to the lower court Justice Day notes that the government alleged only that 1.8 parts to 1,000,000 of a poisonous character was added to the flour by the bleaching process. It surely would be difficult to show that such an infinitesimal adulteration were deleterious.

Moreover, if upon the result of this analysis the court had held differently it would have tended to raise an interminable question as to what constituted pure food, paving the way to endless turmoil and litigation. Obviously, it might have been next to impossible, upon such a relative basis, to show that there was such a thing as pure, unadulterated food.

Very naturally the effect of the decision will be far-reaching, encompassing in its scope, for one thing, the dried deciduous fruit of California, which undergoes a bleaching process for cleansing purposes as well as appearances. We of Nebraska and other states interested in seeing what we conceive to be the reasonable side of this question sustained find occasion for congratulation in the outcome and all who welcome a rational application of such laws will be gratified at the reaffirmation of the rule of reason.

Senator Lewis Serious.

Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, chafing under the goad of puns and jokes cracked at his expense, largely because of his luxuriant and brilliant beard and eccentric manners, recently demanded to know why he could not be taken seriously. It occurred to us at the time that the answer lay entirely with the senator, himself. The public could and would take him seriously just as it would any other man who appealed to its serious side.

Senator Lewis has made an address before the Kansas City Bar association well calculated to arouse serious and approving comment. In the address he said: The simplification of court procedure and the creation of a general public confidence in the judiciary must come largely through the American lawyer.

If the senator keeps up that strain of public utterance he will have no difficulty, we imagine, in getting himself taken seriously. He is only another of the many lawyers in public life who, led by former President Taft, have come out boldly on this proposition. Their candor must make it very uncomfortable for the little shysters, who yelp every time a lay critic raises his protest against crooked lawyers.

Just by Way of Information.

Just by way of information for folks who like to look ahead, we take it that the following from the official Anti-Saloon league year book for the year 1914, just at hand, is of too much interest to remain buried in that little compendium. Answering the roll call of the different states, Nebraska makes this report: The initiative is now being used to secure a vote on some restrictive measures that will be of great value if secured. Nebraska voted by 55,000 majority for county option, but failed to secure its enactment in the legislature. This leads the temperance forces to believe that they will be able to get the laws now needed through the initiative. The women of the state are now asking for equal suffrage, and this will be submitted at the same election as the proposed restrictive measure in 1914. The indications are that they will secure the franchise and that this will enable the temperance forces to secure state-wide prohibition, which will probably be voted on in 1916.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

FEBRUARY 26. Thirty Years Ago—No less than 400 maskers are said to have thronged Turner hall for the big masquerade. The hit of the evening was the comical sweet theatrical, sort of a Punch and Judy show, with headless figures against a painted background, with openings for inserting live human faces. Mrs. Jarley's wax figures also did customary service.

John S. Collins and Daniel Keniston have been appointed appraisers by County Judge McCullough to assess belt line right-of-way damages. Invitations are out for the wedding of E. Mott and Miss Dora Hall, to take place Feb. 28 at Clark's hall. Messrs. Henley, Haines and Van Arden, three young business men from Indianapolis, have embarked in the wholesale notion house in Omaha, with a location at 106 Farnam street.

Articles of incorporation of the Omaha club were filed, providing for capital stock of \$1,000, in shares of \$5 each. The names signed to the papers are Robert W. Patrick, John W. Clark, W. G. Morse, E. F. Feick, A. C. Walker, George Patterson and W. F. McMillan. N. E. Falconer has gone on a five week's trip through the east, and will visit the Bermudas in search of recreation and health before his return. Adolph Meyer and wife have returned from a visit in New York.

Mrs. Corbett, 1311 Howard street, has an opening for a dressmaker's apprentice. "One who will assist in house work for her board preferred." Twenty Years Ago—F. H. Marshall, as secretary of an executive committee of cricket players, issued a public invitation through The Bee for all persons interested in the English game to assemble at the Barker hotel, Thirteenth and Jones streets, on March 3 and discuss plans for playing the coming summer.

Superintendent Fitzpatrick of the Omaha public schools returned from a national convention of school superintendents at Richmond, Va. Committees Babcock and Knox of the Commercial club returned from the south, where they had been beseeching railroads for rates more favorable to Omaha through southern outlets. The Omaha Commercial club received a letter from Count Lubinski, the Polish count, saying that unless the sugar bounty was repealed in Nebraska he would return in the spring and proceed with plans for the construction of the big beet sugar factory in Omaha.

One of the big events announced at the Boyd for early consumption was a coming engagement by Miss Julia Marlowe, one of the most popular beauties before the footlights. City Attorney Connell gave a formal opinion to the effect that the city had the legal right of voting bonds for participation in the building of a new union depot.

Ten Years Ago—Perry E. Heath, editor of the Salt Lake City Tribune and former Washington correspondent for The Bee, passed through the city going west, having been in the east on business. Learning from the controller that there would be a deficit for the year of about \$5,000 in the lighting fund, Mayor Moore called for a halt on installing street lights, declaring that no more must be put in during the current year. The park board ordered two new pavilions built at Riverview park costing about \$3,000.

The contractors announced the west wing of the big federal building finished, which completed the last touch of that structure. Supervising Architect Murdoch made his last inspection and was ready to file his report with the Treasury department. He pronounced the building one of the best of its kind in the country. The city council passed the largest appropriation bill ever authorized by that body. The bill totaled \$25,000, including \$8,000 for water hydrants and \$25,000 for unpaid bills incurred in 1903.

George F. West, new member of the library board, succeeding the late Judge Ives, was initiated into the mysteries of his office and, having had some experience in initiations and mysteries with Ak-Bar-Ren, departed himself very well. People and Events. William and Samuel Muscy of Babylon, L. I., who recently celebrated their ninety-first birthday anniversary, have the distinction of being the oldest living twins. They attribute their good health to the fact that they have lived an outdoor life as far as they possibly could. An unusual natural phenomenon was witnessed recently in Berwick, Me., by H. R. Schumaler. In the form of a huge halo about the moon, extending from the horizon to the zenith. It appeared about 4:30 a. m., when the temperature was about 30 below zero, and resembled a huge hoop rolling along the horizon.

A Bandit's Crime

Cincinnati Enquirer: The killing of William Benton, the high-spirited and brave Scotchman, who dared to face and upbraid the chief of the bandits, Francisco Villa, for the robberies and depredations on his ranch, but confirms the public opinion of Villa as a merciless and arrogant desperado, an outlaw for years and still an outlaw in all the world implies.

Chicago Record-Herald: Meanwhile it has become clear that the Wilson administration had excellent reasons for not recognizing Huerta. He has made no military demonstration of any importance, has not given the slightest sign that he was able to restore the country to normal conditions. It is because of his wretched failure that Villa, the bandit, continues to profit by anarchy.

Washington Post: Villa evidently is drunk with power. His threats against the Spaniards not long ago caused great concern in the United States, but he withdrew them later on. Now, however, he indicates by the execution of Benton that he has no regard for the good will of foreign nations, and that even his supposed friendly attitude toward the United States is without foundation.

New York Post: Such things have been of frequent occurrence in South American insurrections, and by itself there is nothing in the event to get excited about. Of course, the Americans on the border at El Paso had to burst out with indignant resolutions, which they seem to have had on tap. But they have all the time been for armed intervention. "One who will assist in house work for her board preferred."

Twice Told Tales

Unrenewable Patent. A lawyer who makes a specialty of patent cases was once engaged in a case before a country justice. "Who are you, anyway?" demanded the justice. "Well," replied the lawyer, "I'm an attorney." "Praps you are, but I never heard one talk like you do. What kind of a one are you?" "I'm a patent attorney."

In a Bad Way. They were talking automobile reminiscences and Congressman Jacob Johnson of Utah recalled the experience of Smith's along a country road. The insupportable thing had happened some ten miles from a garage, and Smith was mauling over the machine with a monkey wrench when a farmer came along. For a while Hiram stood in silence watching the efforts of the autoist, and then human nature asserted itself and he broke into conversation.

"Some car ye've got there, pard," he remarked, admiringly. "What power is it?" "Forty horse power," answered Smith, continuing to plug away with the monkey wrench. "Forty horse, eh?" returned Hiram, still working his eyes. "What seems ter be the trouble with it?" "Well, as near as I can figure it out," answered Smith, with a sort of cross between a sigh and a curse, "about 29 of the horses are dead."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

State Press Comment

Kearney Democrat: Very true, Cordelia, matrimony at one time was recognized at a great game of chance, but not now. On account of women's dress a man can see very plainly just what he is getting. Columbus Telegram: Stronger men than Secretary Mellor have been thrown on the scrap-heap by an aroused public sentiment against free railroad passes. That's where the secretary of the Nebraska state fair will go, if the country editors of the state have any red blood in their veins. Beaver City Times-Tribune: Back in Ohio the assessors must pass an examination before they may assess the property of their various districts. Some such test should be for eye-sight. At present there is so much property that the assessors cannot see.

The Bee's Letter Box

Wake Up, Mr. Street Car Man. OMAHA, Feb. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: Hats off to the merchants. But the later opening of the stores is going to relieve the pressure on the street cars in the morning and it is also going to keep the shoppers down town later in the evening and thus increase the pressure on the cars at the home coming hours. Won't you please call on the street railway company to meet the situation with more cars to carry us at the closing time. L. M.—A Shop Girl.

Illiterates. OMAHA, Feb. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: The English speaking people, considering their knowledge and abilities, are probably no farther advanced morally than the rest of the world, and our country, especially, has long been a paradise for political plunderers. A foreigner coming to this country may be very illiterate, or even ignorant, yet he soon learns how much he must pay for his job, and what price his vote will bring in the political auction room. If he be unable to read and write, he is not too dumb to learn that if he be charged with a crime he may fall into the hands of an educated mob and be executed informally. The Greeks of Omaha are probably not as well posted on political economy as Adam Smith was, yet they can see plainly that the shoe-shining business is about to pass into the hands of our young American girls, who are too proud to wash dishes.

Educated people are paying Mr. and Mrs. Castle \$5 an hour for teaching the tango, and they are paying Rev. Jones \$5 a month for preaching the gospel; yet they hawl at the ignorance of the foreigner. The test of illiteracy is no fair test, for a person may be illiterate without being ignorant, and thousands of good people here and everywhere among the poorer classes cannot read or write. A man, whether rude or refined, may be honest, sober and industrious, and whether he is so or not, depends more upon what is in his heart than upon the amount of education contained in his head.

The wisdom of Lord Bacon did not prevent his corruption, and with all his learning, Sir Walter Raleigh was executed as a traitor. Grotius, though a lawyer and a politician, became an assassin, and as a rule, tyrants, slave-dealers, unjust judges, corrupt politicians, prostitutes, libertines and sodomites, are persons who can read and write, and who dress well, dine regularly, move in fairly decent society and go to the devil at last.

Knowledge is power, and power may be a bad thing as well as a good thing; educated men have fought duels and civilized nations have butchered each other's inhabitants. Illiteracy is no more a crime than poverty, and neither should be made a test of citizenship. E. O. MCINTOSH.

Savidge and "Fainting Bertha." MACEDONIA, Ia., Feb. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: A great deal has been said both pro and con in regard to the subjects of this letter. Such a variety of praise as well as censure has been placed before the public that one's curiosity is naturally aroused to know the facts, and see a man who claims to be the twentieth century to be "able to cast out devils," as some were wont to do in the long ago, as recorded in sacred story. It was Sunday, February 22, when the writer found himself in Omaha with more time than money and the "go to church" spirit predominating, that he wended his way to the People's church on Eighteenth street, in the big city. The reverend gentleman was in place, "Bertha" was there and about four or twenty others, mostly devout followers of Mr. Savidge, all earnest workers in the moral heritage as practiced by this denomination.

The text was taken from Luke xx-18 and reads: "Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." In his opening statements he admitted being converted at the age of 7, commencing to preach in early life for the Methodist, continuing in this till early in the '90s, when he got a revelation and established the present church. Referring to his text, it had just recently dawned on his mind to use it—a new light, as it were, after long years of preaching. In the sermon he referred to the public talking about him, calling him a "proud peacock of a pastor," and referred to the position of "fall feathers." In his case it almost became hysterical. The woman from whom the devils had been driven gave way to a nervous condition in shouts, intermingled with groaning. The gospel chariot was rolling at its highest speed, with pastor and his congregation in its enjoyment to the fullest extent. The psychological moment was on. A religious fervor was reverberating from heart to heart, and their spiritual joys seemed complete, and who of us would want to tear down the fences being built. There is said to be method in madness, and the reverend gentleman exhibits some in the building of a home for aged and infirm. In this he should be commended. He could not undertake a work of any kind and meet general approval. To the mind of the writer the pathway of human life is broad enough for the other fellow's cart and there are enough flowers by its wayside for all.

Editorial Snapshots

Boston Transcript: Some democrats are so true to the cherished traditions of their order that they can forgive Woodrow Wilson everything except his failure to disrupt the party. Boston Transcript: The discovery that the physical valuation of the railroads will cost \$7,000,000 at last throws some light on the real reason why the democratic politicians want it made. Philadelphia Ledger: The employment of an American to manage a great English railway shows that the directors of the road must have studied results in this country rather than the speeches of politicians. New York World: And so good old Bill Honker never said "I have the honor to report" that the battleship Maine was blown up and sinking? Of course Admiral Sigsbee is right in saying that a sailorman would not waste a salute on absolute darkness, but why destroy an amiable tradition? St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The fat man had hardly become reconciled to the fact that nobody loves him when a life insurance expert announced that abnormal slim men outlive fat men. The same week another cherished theory is exploded by a 300-pound editor in Long Island freezing to death.

JOLLIES FROM JUDGE.

Cobb—What did the dancers have on? Webb—Nothing; they were having a dress rehearsal. "Hymen is a great magician!" "Prove it!" "See how often the turtle dove into a snapping turtle." "Upon what does Tompville base his expectation that its name will be thundered down the ages?" "It has not asked for a federal reserve bank."

"I hear that you have a college graduate for a cook. Isn't that rather expensive?" "Not very. She works for her board and clothes." "Why, how does she come to do that?" "She's my wife."—Boston Transcript. He—People are saying that you only married me because I had money. She—Nonsense! The reason was that I had no money myself.—London Opinion. "The office ought to seek the man," said the patriot. "Perhaps," replied Senator Sorgium; "but when an office has to seek the man the salary is generally so small that it makes the office look like a downright mendicant."—Washington Star.

"Does your wife believe the stories you tell her to account for your being out so late?" "She does." "How in thunder do you work it?" "I tell her I was busy getting drunk."—Boston Transcript. "Hallo, old man, how are things in the osteopathy line?" "I've given up osteopathy; I'm now in the brokerage business." "Ah! still manipulating the 'bones,' however."—Boston Transcript. "Professor," inquired Farmer Himp, "what are you digging for in my back yard?" "I'll pay you well!" shouted the archaeologist. "Great discovery! I've found the bones of a prehistoric mammal hitherto unknown!" "Sorry, professor; but that's an old wire bustle that I buried over twenty years ago, along with some other junk."

Perseverent Contributor—You are quite sure you do not want this story, then? "Fandid Editor—Quite sure." Perseverent Contributor—And yet you say it is not bad. "Candid Editor—Excuse me, you misunderstood. The story is bad, but not bad enough." MEMORY, OUR GUEST. Los Angeles Tribune. Relentless Time moves to the goal of Never. Upon a shoreless ocean, where we ride, Lured by the murmurs of a vast Forever: 'Twas seen to reach us from a father's side. The riddle of the Future's always hidden: But stretched behind us lies the growing Past; And Memory to our feat tonight is laden: With all her wealth of pictures white they last! There are some moments fuller for their coming: 'Tis all the common passing days and And none so full as those when we are summing Our dearest recollections' rare delights. So let us pause a little ere we wander: Along the trackless waste of things to come; And turning from the great unknown out yonder, Attune our souls to Memory's harmony. For sitting ever at our feasts of reason, And lingering ever with our flow of soul: Our evening's guest will grace each passing season; And each, with reverent pause, will read her scroll.

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