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By George, the king of England now knows what a ball game is.

Like all bandits trapped, Villa realizes that dead men tell no tales.

Maybe March will come in like a bull mose—Detroit Free Press.

Another prediction gone astray.

Some ground for suspecting that brains under that "green hair" may be of like color.

England favors establishing a peace commission at The Hague. Will it include Mexico's representation?

Despite your lot and location in life, if you try hard enough you can serve your fellow men in some way and to some extent.

Congressman Lobeck wants it distinctly understood that he appreciates the honor of being mentioned for governor, but declines to swing.

President Wilson's "Watchful waiting" having failed, what do you propose to do now?—New York Evening Mail.

As the Irishman said, it is a question of your own asking, answer it, yourself.

The Omaha-Woman's club is to issue a printed history covering its twenty-one years' career. Who's afraid to be advertised as a charter member?

The World-Herald gives unqualified endorsement to Senator Hitchcock's endorsement of Chris Green for internal revenue collector. Will wonders never cease?

The high-salaried attorney jointly employed by the Water board and the street railway company seems to have no better luck fighting against the city than he has fighting for the city.

According to Pittsburgh advices, the steel output has increased up to 70 per cent of its normal capacity, which shows that we are gradually gaining some of that lost republican prosperity.

State Railway Commissioner Hall threatens to resign if the commission's chief engineer does not. Well now, that looks serious. The next move will be for some one to back down or call a bluff.

"Writing authoritatively," according to one of his "strides" of papers, James Creelman says American intervention in Mexico is "essential." With this from the highest authority, why put off the evil hour?

Even though the lawyers may not want to do their own house cleaning, that cannot afford to obstruct the fumigation by trying to protect the crooked lawyers who have brought such odium on their profession.

The fact that Boss Murphy has accepted Governor Glyn's plan, so thoroughly satisfactory to anti-Tammany factions, seems to indicate that the man who is drawing Sulzer's salary as governor of New York is also filling the job.

Still, if you have been unable to figure yourself into the privileged class of income taxpayers, do not despair. You may still enjoy that opportunity either when you succeed in boosting your earnings or when congress ignores the exemption limit.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer left it to its editorial staff to determine "Who are the six greatest living men?" One of the associate editors heads his list with the cut-throat Villa, so no one of self-conceived greatness, not in the lists need feel badly about it.

Seven for a Quarter.

By the court's refusal of the injunction asked for by the street railway company to prevent submission of the seven-for-a-quarter initiative ordinance at the impending election, the question is put up squarely to a vote of the people.

It is a reasonable inference that the people who ride on street cars favor lower fares, and the lower the better. But the merits of the claim of the street railway that to sell seven tickets for a quarter would be confiscation and give returns less than cost of operation, can hardly be intelligently passed on at the ballot box; certainly not without thorough discussion in a campaign of education.

The people of Omaha can, however, relegate the question of fact to the courts, and this they will doubtless do by voting for seven-for-a-quarter. Adoption of the ordinance will mean a law suit, more or less long drawn out, and if uncertain outcome, but in the end will let us know what, if any, reduction in street car fares we can expect.

If we are entitled to more rides for a quarter than we are getting, by all means let us have them.

The Freedom of the Press.

A federal judge has fined two New York reporters for refusing to divulge their source of information. Their newspaper will carry the case to the court of last resort and it could afford nothing less for the freedom of the press is at stake. If courts can thus coerce newspapers, the searchlight of publicity can no longer render the service it owes to the people.

The Bee has often said that no legitimate interest has anything to fear from the limelight of honest publicity, but rascals have everything to fear. In the case at hand the publication revealed certain criminal practices and therefore contributed to the ends of justice. To compel disclosure of the source of information in such a case would tend, not only to obstruct or defeat justice and protect the guilty, but what is worse, to destroy the essential power of a free, untrammelled press, which the organic law meant to vouchsafe.

It was old Lord Berkeley, one of the minions George III sent as governor of Virginia, who thanked the Lord that "we have no free press in this country," and prayed that "we shall not have for these hundred years." Who wants to take a step that would lead us back toward George III? Let us note also in passing that the two most conspicuous countries today without a free press are Russia and Mexico.

Grade Crossings.

The state of New York has 11,763 grade crossings, 1,619 of which are unprotected. In six years 531 deaths and 1,718 other accidents have been reported from these places. The figures may not strike one as appalling, but they are far too large and they interest us here in Omaha and Nebraska because of the large number of unprotected grade crossings where casualties are constantly occurring. We are just now having one of the most dangerous gradings in the city fortified, but others equally as dangerous remain unprotected and the beneficent corporations responsible for them have very emphatically told the city that they have no notion of protecting them any time soon.

Why? Have not the people whose lives are imperiled at these crossings, a voice in the matter? Tolerance of these danger spots is entirely inexcusable.

Offended Dignity.

"Administration officials realize," says a Washington dispatch, "that in not communicating first with General Carranza they have offended his personal dignity and they hope to overcome this by consulting him now." By all means, let us hasten to appease the wounded sensibilities of the Mexican brigand before he issues orders for additional American and British slaughter. And let us be very careful that in repairing the feelings of Carranza we do not rouse the ire and envy of Villa. Who could have been so careless, anyway, of the dignity of these gentlemen as to put us in so delicate and embarrassing a situation?

Has it come to this, that the great nation of the United States must consult the proprietors of powerless pretensions, while its own citizens and those of other countries are shot down merely to gratify the murderous passions of a band of irresponsible outlaws? As a whole our people have been patient and patriotic in relation to the administration's do-nothing policy, but it is hard to restrain impulses under circumstances such as these. Huerta, Carranza and Villa in turn have shown us all the contempt they can and we are even now seeking to correct one of our official blunders in order, forsooth, that we may if possible avoid offending the dignity of Carranza. Shades of Washington, Jackson and Lincoln, what next?

"Do right and then do as you please," is Dr. Lyman Abbott's formula for a Christian. Not a bad one for the heathen as well.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

MARCH 4.

Thirty Years Ago—

The celebration of the Robert Emmet anniversary was notable for the presentation of the trial scene from the drama "Robert Emmet" with the characters portrayed as follows: Robert Emmet by E. A. O'Brien; attorney general, by H. D. Eastabrook; counsel for prosecution, by J. J. Lander; counsel for defense, by J. J. Neigh; Lord Norbury, by General George M. O'Brien; clerk of the crown, by W. O. Sanders. Many others contributed to a lengthy program, all under the auspices of the Emmet Monument association.

Ex-County Judge W. O. Bartholomew

is slowly recovering from a long illness of nervous prostration and is occasionally seen down town.

Forty acres of the old Reiman farm, north of this city, was sold at sheriff's sale, bringing \$5,000, or \$125 per acre. J. J. Brown was the purchaser.

Collector John Campbell received notice from Washington that the government would pay its share of the expense in the paving of Fifteenth street, opposite the postoffice building.

J. W. Lancaster is the name of the new clerk at the Metropolitan.

The new city directory is completed and contains 13,400 names, which furnishes the basis of an estimate of Omaha's population at 55,230.

Dr. S. D. Mercer has gone to Denver on business connected with the Union Pacific hospital there.

Twenty Years Ago—

Perry S. Heath, The Bee's Washington correspondent, stated in a dispatch that Tobias Castor, democratic national committeeman from Nebraska, was at the capital working for Dr. George L. Miller as successor to Judge McDill on the Interstate Commerce commission. Castor, the dispatch said, was closeted with J. Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture, and Dr. Miller's very intimate friend.

George T. Beck of Sheridan, Wyo., son of a former senator from Kentucky, was in the city and related a good story of how Colonel Cody (Buffalo Bill) whipped a pair of assassins in a Washington hotel. Beck said he held the colonel's coat. He said eastern papers had garbled the account of the fight; that one of the men stood more than six feet and weighed 225, and that "Buffalo Bill" licked them both to a finish.

An interested reader of The Bee wrote to the paper suggesting that half a dozen of Omaha's wealthy citizens build homes costing from \$50,000 to \$100,000 as a means of helping business and the unemployed.

The Burlington was advertising one-way fares to California at \$9 and round trip at \$15. The rate was on.

Colonel E. J. Johnson of Philadelphia, a comrade of Major Erb of the Mercer, was visiting the latter at his hotel.

Ten Years Ago—

"I congratulate you on having plenty of room. I hate to see any one stand up during a lecture. I never saw any one stand up during one of my lectures. Personally, I like these little fancy parties—they give a more friendly feeling than big audiences." Thus spoke—ironically—Elbert Hubbard, the reformer of New Aurora, N. Y., to a small assemblage at the Keating Memorial Lutheran church. His lecture showed one plainly that the speaker was a preacher of the gospel of love.

Albert M. Ring, 504 South Twenty-seventh street, died at the age of 44.

All Union Pacific trains going west were using the Northwestern tracks as far as Fremont, owing to the fact that the Union Pacific bridge at Mercer was down and out.

Harry Davis and Elsie Heckmuth proposed to marry.

It was admitted here, the advisory board that competition for the disposal of the city garbage did not exist.

R. W. Breckenridge appeared and asked for time to enable a local company with a new scheme to enter the field.

Miss Mary Mantering in "Harriet's Honors" appeared at the Boyd and inflated himself more securely than even in the affections of Omaha theatergoers.

W. C. Goldsby of West Plains, Mo., prefers to wear a kimono when lounging around home and to amuse himself often does the family cooking.

In considering measures for the comfort of the human race, some results might be gained by placing a duty on weather exports from Medicine Hat.

Probably Uncle Sam's new treaty with Great Britain had nothing to do with it, but the fact that King George takes barley water as an offset to grape juice foreshadows the dawn of an era of peace.

Miss Esther M. Jones of Lethbridge (Alberta) is believed to be the only woman in Canada who is clerk of her city. Lethbridge is under commission government and the women vote at municipal elections.

Rainbow wigs now affected by extremely fashionable women were originally intended for men, to lend a bit of color to their bald spots. But the women, bless 'em, snatched them baldheaded and decorated themselves.

Matt Booth, a railway yard engineer at Connecticut, O., insists that he has often seen English sparrows place grains of corn on the steel rail so that the locomotive might crush the corn and make it more easily swallowed.

Twice Told Tales

Censor on the Alert.

While Abdul Hamid was still upon the throne of Turkey the president of the American Missionary college at Tarsous sent to New York for a large consignment of textbooks. In due time all except the textbooks came safely. At first the president could not find out what was the matter, but finally the commissioner of the port sent him a note.

"Christian," he said, sternly, "it is not for you to complain. It is for you to give thanks to Allah that you did not follow your diabolical books into the flames. Here is one copy that we saved for a witness. Not all of its deadly ciphers could we read, but this is plain, even to the eye of a babe." Pointing to the symbol H2O, he roared, with triumphant air and voice, "Hamid if, is nothing!"—Youth's Companion.

A Sad Tale.

On one occasion as services were held in a country church, the good minister was teaching and preaching about the glorious heaven, there would be no sickness, so no physicians would be there. A few days later one of the country doctors was found very sad and wailing aloud. On being asked what ailed him, he answered:

"Oh, I have found out now that I can't go to heaven."

His friends seemed somewhat surprised, and one said:

"Well, Doc, you must be a pretty bad man if you think that."

"No, it isn't that," he replied, still sobbing. "I am as good as any man in this community, but after all my being good, the preacher said, 'There will be no doctors there.'"—National Monthly.

Providence on His Side.

As a rule the habitual wrongdoer bears little resentment toward the detective who may have brought him to justice. Neither is he always devoid of a blind belief in the workings of Providence. One knows to the police as a "chronic crook."

"How are you doing now, Tom?" asked the detective.

"Doing!" bitterly exclaimed the crook. "You and your pals have fairly bottled our business!"

"Well, how's the wife?" asked the man from the yard, whereupon the crook nearly broke down.

"The missus," he said, "died a month ago. I was a real heart that the parish didn't have to bury her, but" (with a ring of heartfelt gratitude in his voice) "Providence was very good, for it sent along a mug in the nick of time—and I done him for twenty quid. We was able to buy poor Lis quite decent-like!"—Manchester Guardian.

Editorial Siftings

Boston Transcript: And moreover Van Dierichs shows that as an admiral he isn't in Dreyfus' class by making his statement in an official report instead of a 15-cent magazine.

Philadelphia Ledger: Secretary Redfield has begun a lecture tour to prove that the nation is filled with prosperity. When prosperity has to be proved by argument there is more argument than prosperity.

Indianapolis News: These are sure-enough revolutionary times. For instance, the Society of Sponsors of the United States navy has decided that hereafter, in naming a ship, the bottle-breaker shall say, "I name thee," instead of "I christen thee." What's the world coming to, anyhow?

New York Times: Nelson O'Shaughnessy, our efficient representative in the City of Mexico, has not exactly declared war, but he carries two revolvers, he may be said to be upon a war footing. In a country where most people are shot in the back, all that he needs now is caution. He has courage, evidently.

Springfield Republican: President Yuan Shi Kai in offering to William W. Rockhill the position of general adviser, made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Goodnow, gave more recognition to Mr. Rockhill's distinguished diplomatic ability than did the democratic administration of Mr. Rockhill's own country. The State department may take note.

Philadelphia Ledger: The ratification of the arbitration pact by the senate is likely to be the crowning historic glory of the administration. The president has proved himself more than an advocate of peace by words only. He has engaged, moreover, the very earnest support of all good Americans. The immediate effect should be to clarify our diplomatic relations with the rest of the world and vindicate the integrity of our motives.

Bleached Views

Springfield Republican: Quite as serious as the famous question, "What is whiteness?" is the question, "What is poison?" The supreme court of the United States seems to take the ground that a poison is a poison when it poisons.

St. Louis Journal: Forgetting all about legal points the supreme court ruling appeals to common sense. The purpose of the pure food law will be conserved when the public health is protected. If in improving the appearance of flour a process adds an ingredient that is not there originally, the public is injured in health. Why then should the government step in to interfere with a process that helps the western winter wheat grower and the miller to market their wares without hurting anybody?

Indianapolis News: The supreme court, in going over this last case, decided that the law did not contain necessary condemnation of foods not containing sufficient foreign substance to injure health. It naturally follows that it is not within the power of government food inspectors under present laws to condemn foods unless they can prove that these foods contain enough poisonous matter—added in process of preparation—to harm the human system. This construction of the law, extended as it can be, to other articles of food, will have a tremendous effect. It may cause not only an ultimate reversal in the bleached flour case, but it also may set free other food products now in disfavor officially, but which do not contain doubtful substances in quantities sufficient to injure the human system.

The Bee's Letter Box

Justice and Fumigation.

HASTINGS, Ia., March 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is more than a year since the Douglas county court house was completed. Perhaps there was some feeling of satisfaction on the part of the owners of the structure, the taxpayers, when completed. They could point the finger of pride here, for the building is beautiful, pretentious, modern and up-to-date as compared with the one it superseded. It was here that the common people hoped to look for justice according to "the law and the evidence," and to see human wrongs righted in the eyes of justice. But in this short space of time it seems to already have given shelter to "fake detectives," "spurious witnesses," "blackmail lawyers" and even the "scum of the earth," as portrayed by your artist.

Without fulsome praise may we say The Bee does good work in showing them up. With our boasted civilization what a shame such conditions should exist, but the stand of The Bee and its artist in taking up this work of showing them up is a grand sight indeed. You have them on the run, and if we could voice the sentiment of the public it would probably be a wish that like Lot's wife of old, they would turn to something more useful, if not so ornamental, if they ever look back. In the interest of good government keep 'em goin'.

TEE J. AITCH.

If Uncle Sam Owned the Railroads.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., March 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: As a reader of your paper, I would like to rise up to the point of information and ask a few questions.

Why would not it be better to have the railroads owned by the United States government than by the heartless corporations? In The Bee I read Mr. A. L. Mohler's address before the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, in which he said they would not be run right by Uncle Sam, and wondered what the people of Nebraska who pay taxes would say if they had to pay the extra \$2,500,000 which the railroads now pay. Well, if Uncle Sam owned them the taxpayers would not have to pay an exorbitant rate for having the mail carried over the state by these railroads, and I think this item by itself amounts to more than the taxes these corporations pay.

If the Union Pacific were run by the American people, would they lay off Americans, many of them heads of large families and taxpayers, and keep the Greeks on the payroll, who never pay one cent in taxes to Uncle Sam?

Mr. Editor, you know Omaha has kicked for years over freight rates, so has Hastings, and so has North Platte, and so has every other town. If Uncle Sam owned these roads, don't you think he would place all towns on an equality in regard to freight rates, as he does when we send a letter or a bundle by parcel post?

If Uncle Sam owned the railroads and gave good service, which we know he would, there would need be no competition and we would not need a dozen roads in North Platte no more than we need a dozen postoffice buildings in this town.

W. A. HANCHETT.

Around the Cities

Chicago has started a municipal grocery where needy people can buy goods at cost.

Holyoke (Mass.) Alpaca company has put its 2,000 operatives on a profit-sharing pay system.

Tepichorean enthusiasts in Spokane are kicking for instruction in dancing in the public schools.

Buffalo is trying to check the activities of persons spitting in public places by handing out warnings printed on slips of pink paper.

Chicago's stately suburb, Evanston, blows itself to the extent of giving \$1 to every baby born in town, which to start a bank account.

The poor Indian has always been asked to move on and not block the traffic and in Baltimore war has been declared by city officials upon the clear signs, of which seventy-six still remain in the city.

Of \$125,635.70 expended during the year 1913 for the operation and administration of the New York City government, according to Comptroller Prendergast, the modest sum of \$101,598.113 was paid in salaries alone.

Of seventy-eight deaths in New York from bichloride of mercury in the last eight months, thirty-five were suicides and twenty-two victims who took the poison supposing it was headache tablets. This leaves twenty-one cases unaccounted for.

Political Tips

The late Senator Bacon of Georgia, like the late Senator Cullom of Illinois, died poor.

Uncle Joe Cannon proposes to run for congress in the Danville district. Habit is a hard master.

J. Benjamin Dimnick, former mayor of Scranton, candidate for United States senator, is esteemed the progressive republican hope of Pennsylvania at the coming primaries.

The gaiety of the Hungarian Parliament has been largely increased by the appointment of an official houncer. The new official demonstrated his fitness for the job by bouncing ten members of the minority at one sitting.

Iowa papers report that the former progressive candidate for congress in the Fifth district will not run again because he believes the party is shy on young blood. What do you know about that?

Ollie James, the senator from Kentucky, has the unique record of having defended more than eighty men accused of murder without losing one of the cases. He was admitted to the bar when eighteen years old.

One of the new political scraps scheduled for the spring campaign in Chicago is the so-called woman and cigars as vote getters. Woman suffrage is revolutionizing political tactics in the Windy City.

Mrs. Eva Morley Murphy of Goodland, Kan., bull mose candidate for congress in the Sixth district, is the wife of a lawyer. She is a grandmother, a member of the Women's Christian Temperance union and a Woman's club leader, an ex-

SMILING REMARKS.

"They say there are only eight genuine jokes." "Yes," replied Senator Sorghum; "and I think I could tell you who they are if courtesy did not forbid personalities in official life."—Washington Star.

"Now, I know you have been gambling again and breaking my heart. But you don't care for that!" "But, darling, I won, and I've brought every cent of my winnings home to you!" "Oh, you dear, considerate man. Always thinking of your little wife, aren't you, pet?"—Baltimore American.

"Wife, why does that young cub say so late?" "I believe he's blushing with Mabel for a good night kiss." "Well, if that is the only way to get rid of him, authorize her to bestow it!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Gibbs (with newspaper)—Here's an article entitled, "Hints About Taxes." Care to read it? "No," replied Senator Sorghum. "If I studied all those things I'd have so little time to make speeches that my constituents would think I was neglecting my business."—Washington Star.

Landlord—Good morning, sir. I just dropped in to see if it's convenient for you to pay your rent. Tenant—Glad you called. I want to complain about the doors; none of them will shut. L.—New house, you know, takes time to settle.

T.—Ah! Then I guess I'll follow the house's example, sir. Call again.—Boston Transcript.

THE OLDER SISTER.

Anne W. Young, in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

All the days of my life I've sat by while the others of my life have been by while I was havin' their fun; I was oldest, you see, of the sisters and brothers—

"Was me that looked on While I helped with the washin' and ironin' and bakin'." The mendin', maybe, Or I'd have to run up 'cause the baby was wakin'.

And cryin' for me; When the girls and the lads would be strolin' come May-time In the moonlight, With a joke how they'd be a sad sight for the daytime.

Their love-locks turned white With the fall of the blossoms the orchard was sheddin'.

I warned inside; O, the nearest I've ever come near to a weddin' Was dressin' the bride; And the nearest to home was the hob and the oven—

The day's bite and sup; And the nearest I've come to the children was lovin'.

And takin' 'em up!

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