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If old Leonidas could only be here. Every little coal combine has an apology all its own.

Senator La Follette can have the last laugh if he wants it. The cures for tuberculosis are not as numerous as the treatments.

The foot ball season has at least the merit of brevity to commend it. Following Columbus, the next great discoverer is Colonel George Harvey.

General Apathy, it seems, was mortally wounded in the late encounter. Notice, that it took a man with an "O" and apostrophe in front of his name to beat Uncle Joe.

Some folks find it hard to realize that President-elect Woodrow Wilson now occupies the center of the political stage.

Remember those ancient winter evenings munching wineaps and cracking nuts by the crackling of the back log?

It will be interesting to know what President-elect Wilson has to say about that one-term plank in the platform on which he was elected.

"Paving promoters must go" is the edict of the Omaha city council. Paving promoters have been going some as long as we can remember.

The royal commission would make divorce more easily procurable in Great Britain. Come over here, and Nebraska will show you how to do it.

What will the religious fanatic, who predicts Christ's coming immediately upon the fall of Turkey, offer as his excuse? Or will Turkey save him by not falling?

Already it appears San Francisco is to have trouble again with labor in building for the Panama-Pacific exposition. It is to be hoped justice and not avarice will be the guiding star.

And now, the defeated democratic candidate for governor in Iowa is declaring that victory "has been stolen from me." When beaten, charge theft. With such illustrious precedent, that is the proper caper.

With a margin of control of only one in the lower house of the coming Nebraska legislature, it behooves the democratic organization to take out life insurance policies on all the democratic members.

One of the aftermath thoughts is that all but one of those states provided over by those seven blessed little governors went against the colonel, Michigan alone voting for him. A governor is not without honor save in his own state.

According to the McManical story there would have been two explosions in our new Omaha court house, instead of one, were it not for the watchman and his dog. Score one for the watchman, and two for the dog.

Thomas Gray's lines, "Full many a gem of purest ray serene the dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear; full many a flower is born to blush unseen and waste its sweetness on the desert air," might apply to some of those Balkan warriors lately un-

What of the Ballot?

The interminable ballot with which Nebraska voters were compelled to grapple at the recent election has given new impetus to the demand for shortening it. But how is the short ballot to be obtained?

One suggestion is that the national, state, and county tickets be printed separately. That would not give us a short ballot, however, but merely the same old ballot cut into three pieces.

It seems that while we have been talking for a short ballot, as a matter of fact, without realizing it, we have only paved the way for a longer ballot. Assuming that the constitutional amendment for biennial elections has been adopted, after next year the voters now elected in 1912 will be chosen along with all the others now elected in the even year. Were this already in effect in our last election instead of being required to make eighty-eight cross-marks to express his choice on each individual candidate or measure, the voter would have had to make about thirty more, or approximately 120 cross-marks. And this does not allow for any increase in initiative and referendum measures.

From all of which it will be readily seen that the ballot problem in Nebraska is fast becoming acute, and the need of a radical reform imperative.

Hard Facts About Hard Coal.

According to reports of producers, October shipments of anthracite coal exceeded all records in the history of the Pennsylvania mines.

Yet consumers in different localities are told that, owing to short supply and the difficulty in getting coal at all, prices must rise.

People are also told that large eastern centers are suffering from a shortage of coal now.

Yet dispatches from Philadelphia and New York say no coal famine or extreme scarcity exists there or in any large eastern cities; that, on the contrary, no alarm is felt and that so far as domestic coal is concerned, the supply "is about as plentiful as usual."

Reports from Chicago say that the price of coal will again advance with the first touch of real winter.

Yet the committee of operators authorized to speak for the producers gives out the statement that "the larger mining companies are holding absolutely to their circular prices; that they have not advanced these to the dealers to whom they sell and have no intention of doing so."

These interesting disclosures on the coal situation tend to disclose the suspicion that a dealers' combine may have more to do with the arrangement of prices than we are given to believe.

New Arrival at Pie Counter.

They are gathering thick and fast about the democratic festal board, where the pie soon is to be divided and apportioned among the hungry. This task of feeding a political family has always taxed the skill and resources of the most artful diplomats, but a new element promises to complicate the situation more than ever. A new arrival in the person of the feminine voter stands at the counter and demands food, nor like Lazarus of old is she content to take the crumbs that fall from the table. Mrs. Clara Shortridge Poitz, leading suffragist of the tempestuous state of California, sends the president-elect this note:

Accept my congratulations. In making up your cabinet please consider the women of the ten suffrage states. As a member of your cabinet, a wise, scholarly woman would bring to your council great assistance for the universal good of the people.

And will the new executive dare ignore the claim? Prior to November 5, six states gave woman the right to vote. They were Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, California and Washington. Four more—Michigan, Kansas, Oregon and Arizona—joined the list at the late election, making ten in all. President-elect Wilson has a new puzzle to face.

Passing of the Paving Promoter.

The decision of the city commission to levy an embargo upon the paving promoter will meet strong approval from property owners who have had experiences with these men, or more to the point, with the system under which they have operated. It has become a lucrative business to induce taxpayers to sign paving petitions and petitions designating one kind of paving material and also to change from one to another. For instance, here is a street where one material has been ordered by petition of the property owners and along comes a promoter in the employ, probably on commission basis, of a contractor or dealer in another material and by peculiar methods persuades abutting owners to petition for a change to his ware.

Nor is that all; the system has made possible even more obvious irregularities. But the commission should not stop with abolition of the promoter; it should provide an adequate substitute system. Why would it not be well to have an employee of the city with no interest as to paving materials or concerns to secure from each property owner an unbiased and unbiassed expression of choice as to paving material he prefers? Would this not be the cheapest way to avoid dissatisfaction and prevent grafting, however polite?

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

NOV. 13.

Thirty Years Ago—

Hon. J. Sterling Morton, the defeated candidate for governor, is in the city. The Young Men's Christian association is conducting a week of prayer with services afternoon and evening.

The school board accepted the bid of A. H. Donelson to build 123 feet of fencing for the Third ward school house for \$20.

The November term of the United States court began its sitting with both Judge Dundy and Judge McCroary present.

E. E. Lane, superintendent of bridges of the Union Pacific and E. E. Bickensdorfer, chief engineer, left for Laramie.

Dr. S. M. Knowles of Creston, Minn., formerly of Omaha, has recently been appointed surgeon of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad.

The official canvass of the election returns shows that Douglas county did to woman suffrage. The amendment received only 1,225 in its favor as compared with 4,082 against it.

James B. Kernham, a popular Union Pacific conductor, and Mrs. M. A. Wells were married at the bride's residence, southwest corner of Ninth and Pacific, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. R. Graham, of the United Brethren church.

Twenty Years Ago—

E. C. Calkins of Kearney spent the day at the Paxton. Charles Crate, night clerk at the Mercer hotel, crated his goods for a vacation at Beatrice.

The official vote in Douglas county showed for president: Harrison, 10,702; Cleveland, 2,884; Weaver, 8,290; Bidwell, 25. For governor: Grouse, 10,231; J. Sterling Morton, 1,348; Van Wyck, 4,373; Bentley, 309.

Plans were maturing among the churches for big revival meetings under the conduct of Rev. B. Fay Mills, a young evangelist with a method all his own, but said to resemble Moody somewhat in his manner of work.

Ten Years Ago—

Edward O'Connor, 46 years of age, died at the family home, 1108 Jackson street, and the funeral services at St. Philomena's church were announced with interment at St. Mary's cemetery, South Omaha.

"The Tide of Life," which flowed into the Boyd last night, might as well have been called "The Tide of Death," for while one or two members of the cast escaped alive, most of them went up in smoke at the roaring climax.

Several members of the general committee of the Order of Railway Trainmen were here to present demands to the Union Pacific for more wages. Those in the delegation were: J. E. Murphy, Grand Island, chairman; Charles Bogus, North Platte, secretary; E. P. Ferryman, Omaha; Robert W. Cain, Kansas City; J. F. Campbell, T. T. Garrett, Cheyenne.

The district court once more lauded the official heads of the municipality of Omaha with a restraining order, issued upon petition of Dr. S. D. Meyer and other property owners near the site of the old market place, which stopped work for the time on the Capitol avenue market project. The case was before Judge Dickinson, and the order ran against Mayor Moore, City Clerk Ebbours, Treasurer Hennings, Comptroller Westberg and members of the Board of Public Works.

People and Events

Mr. Bryan and the New York World agree on one proposition—"Murphy must." The Washington job is not indicated.

The salary of Butte's socialist mayor has been attached for a laundry bill of \$23. This seems a spectacular way of demonstrating that the mayor is one of the great unwashed.

Alvery Augustus Adee, whose name attests the president's Thanksgiving proclamation, has been in the government service forty-two years and in the State department twenty-eight of the number. His grip is not an Adee fable.

Premier Assault affirms the Jacksonian doctrine: "To the victors belong the spoils," sending joyful thrills not only to the Balkan allies but to every democrat from Cape Cod to Desolation Point. One touch of "pie" makes much of the world kin.

Andrew D. White was the recipient of marked tributes from Cornell and the citizens of his home town, Ithaca, N. Y., on his eightieth birthday anniversary last Thursday. Messages of greeting and good will poured in on the distinguished American.

Mrs. Sulzer, wife of the governor-elect of New York, agrees with Bill that the simple life will have the call at the executive mansion at Albany for two years. If there be doubters Mrs. Sulzer will give them a whiff of the cooking odors of "corn beef and" circulating in the executive kitchen.

Mrs. Madeleine Talmage Force Astor was appointed general guardian of her son, John Jacob Astor, until he is 14 years old, by Surrogate Fowler of New York. The order permits her to spend \$20,000 a year for his support for the next three years and she is required to give a bond of \$20,000.

Wells college girls know all about it and their assurances that Mrs. Cleveland's fiancée, "Arty" Preston, is the "real goods," and "a good scout," will ease the conscience of "Mother Grundy." The professor is described as a man of 50 who looks less than 30; he's forceful and refined, almost too refined; he's retiring and hates publicity; he has black hair streaked with gray and a black mustache; he has twenty-eight suits of clothes and in the parlance of Wells is "a classy dresser."

The man who beat Uncle Joe Cannon in the race for congress is Frank T. O'Hair, a husky young lawyer who schedules himself as a "progressive democrat without strings." He is 42, born on a farm in Edgar county, Illinois, a graduate of Purdue and formerly mayor of Paris, where his "shinige" blazes out. Some idea of his nerve may be had from the fact that after winning the majority of Paris O'Hair paid court to the only daughter of the man he defeated and made her Mrs. O'Hair.

ACTIVITIES IN ARMY CIRCLES

Matters of Moment Noted By Army and Navy Register.

Detached Service. The secretary of war has been giving his attention to a draft of legislation which is likely to be sent to the house and senate military committees as soon as congress reconvenes in December. This draft relates to a proposed amendment of the existing law concerning detached service. The military authorities have encountered considerable trouble in preparing the list of changes of station which must issue by December 15, in accordance with the terms of the new statute. It is not only a difficult matter to provide successors to officers who are relieved from duty, but it is equally difficult to find suitable assignments for some of the latter. It is felt that the situation would be less perplexing if it were possible to make an exception of regimental staff duty prior to December 15. It is realized that congress intended to include this class of duty in detached service, and this can be done without trouble if it is permitted to start afresh from any given date. In the recommendations of the War department to congress on this subject, therefore, it will be pointed out that an advantage will ensue if it is possible to disregard, in connection with existing law on the subject, service rendered prior to December 15, 1912, as a staff officer of a tactical command not higher than the regiment or its equivalent. It is also desired by the War department to disregard service as student officer at the service schools at Fort Sill, Fort Leavenworth and Moore. This class of service, it is intended, shall be without restriction as to time either before or after December 15.

Next Year's Retirements. There remain for 1912 but two retirements in the army by operation of law. Those are Colonel F. W. Mansfield, Second Infantry, on November 11 and Brigadier General Edward J. McClelland on December 29. The retirements during the year 1913 are: Colonel William H. Miller, quartermaster corps, on duty at Seattle, January 21. Colonel George R. Cecil of the Infantry Army, February 12. Brigadier General James Allen, chief signal officer, February 13. Lieutenant Colonel Frank Greene, signal corps, on duty at headquarters western division, March 15. Colonel Louis A. La Garde of the medical corps, on duty at the Army Medical school, April 15. Brigadier General Walter S. Schuyler, commanding Department of California, April 26. Colonel Arthur Williams, Eleventh Infantry, April 28. Brigadier General Frederick A. Smith, commanding Department of Missouri, May 15. Colonel Calvin D. Cowles, Fifth Infantry, on duty at Plattsburg Barracks, June 25. Brigadier General Edgar Z. Steever, commanding Department of Texas, August 20. Colonel Cornelius Gardner, Sixteenth Infantry, on duty at the Presidio of San Francisco, September 15. Colonel A. R. Paxton of the infantry arm, on duty in the Philippines, October 5. Brigadier General Ralph W. Hoyt, commanding department of the Lakes, October 9. Colonel William T. Russell, corps of engineers, on duty at New York City, October 11. Colonel Frank Baker, ordnance department, on duty at Bethlehem, Pa., October 25. Colonel A. O. Brodie, adjutant general's department, on duty at the headquarters of the western division, San Francisco, November 13. Chaplain Samuel H. Bell, First field artillery, on duty at Schofield Barracks, "T," November 15. Brigadier General William H. Kirby, corps of engineers, December 27.

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eral James Allen, chief signal officer of the army, will be retired by operation of law on February 13, and the impression prevails that he will be succeeded by Colonel George P. Scriven, the next ranking officer of the signal corps. Others of that branch of the army who have been mentioned in this connection are Lieutenant Colonel William A. Glassford, who retires a year before Colonel Scriven, who will reach the retiring age in February, 1913, and Major Samuel Reber.

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LINES TO A LAUGH

Edith—Seems to me that you are buying an awful lot of clothes even for your marriage. Marie—Well, you see papa is liberal when he thinks that he is getting me off his hands, and there's no telling what he'll do when he finds that he has freed his hands—Boston Transcript.

"In this great and glorious country of ours," exclaimed the political orator, "there is no north, no south, no east, no west." "No wonder we don't know where we are at," came a querulous voice from the outskirts of the crowd—Town Topics.

"Hey, waiter, I want to order a steak; there's a note on the bill of fare." "We are not serving steak today, sir. You see, we have a new cook, and he has not as yet arranged for his bond."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Ma, does pa help to clean the streets?" "What a question?" Of course, he doesn't. "But I heard him telling Mr. Jags that he fell off the water wagon the other night."—Baltimore American.

Wife dining at restaurant—John, dear, can you see what those people at the next table are eating? Husband—Can't see at all, but it sounds like celery.—Life.

UPON THE HILLS.

New York Times. Down there in the valley, the city lies a-calling. Clear and loud I hear the call the wind bears up to me, and the purple night is falling. And I know full the birds to sleep upon the swaying tree.

Down there in the valley, my unfinished work is a-calling. Book and pen lie idle there throughout the living day. But, ah! with the west the opal light is dying. And from the upland meadow comes the fragrance of the hay.

Down there in the valley, the world's work is a-calling. The air is thrilling with the noise of forged and of mills. But, ah! I hear the sound of the night birds' wings a-whirling. And far away the blue-gray mist lies heavy on the hills.

Down there in the valley, the city lies a-calling. With woody feet and troubled heart the beaten paths are trod. But on the silver lake the veil of night is falling. And over the hill and wood there lies the brooding peace of God.

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