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"Billy" Burke is the "Tom" in the play, "JERRY."

Matrimonially speaking, this is the most notable administration we have yet had.

Now we shall soon see whether those Mexican peace delegates are what their names imply.

Why do crooked lawyers always insist on their crooked work being investigated by lawyers?

Huerta may be going on the supposition that while the light holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return.

A bill is pending in the senate appropriating \$50,000 for an International Congress of Thrift. New Haven directors, please take notice.

If those great bribery sleuths are on the square, their only desire should be to come right back to Omaha and tell all about it.

Candidates for nominations are blossoming almost as fast as dandelions, and, like the dandelion, they come out fastest when the sun shines.

The railroads may need more money for running expenses, as they say, but in that they are no different from most people who ride and ship over their lines.

What, young Mr. Rockefeller refuse to see Judge Lindsey after he has traveled clear across the continent to tell the mine-owning king all about it? Preposterous!

Mr. Mallen says he believes in an absolute monopoly of transportation, but we are willing to lay a few on this, that he does not want to be the goat for such a concern.

Somebody says that when John Lind's report of his Mexican mission is finally put in words it will amaze as well as entertain the public. Undoubtedly, if only ten words.

One neighbor tells you that the way to get rid of dandelions is to let your grass grow, another to keep your grass closely mowed. Either way you will eventually have no grass.

Friend Hammond is ready to quit his federal job at any moment. It is not his fault that he is forced to stick to the payroll while the democrats quarrel over the identity of his successor.

The presumption is that one of the conditions of the employment of those Burns sleuths must have been that, in case of failure to turn the trick, they were to make themselves scarce, and keep mum to protect their employers.

Free admission for school children at the ball park filled the seats to overflowing. Special rates to school children for a symphony concert pulled less than three score of the youngsters, though thousands upon thousands of dollars are being spent to give them a musical education. Just ponder on this.

As showing that it has a weather eye out for the main gale, Williams college has sent out the assistant to the president, Mr. Sayre, who, you may recall, married the daughter of the president of the United States, to collect an endowment of \$2,000,000. Mr. Sayre doubtless is given until March 1, 1917, to raise the money.



Today Sunday was no ordinary Omaha Sunday, for the thoroughness were thronged from morning to night. The saloons did an excellent business, and when their patrons became too troublesome they were turned out on the city streets, where they were run in. The day's incidents concluded with the accidental death of one of Omaha's citizens, the wounding of another by a pistol ball, the injury of a third by falling into an excavation, and the severe beating of one of the city's Celestials by Puffist Smith.

The Significance of the Filings.

Although six weeks still remain for entries in the race for primary nominations, the filings are fast accumulating, particularly on the republican side, with the assurance that for all the most important offices the rank and file will have a choice between several aspirants of ability and standing.

While kaleidoscopic changes are always possible in the political firmament, the stars right now point to the redemption of Nebraska to republicanism at the coming fall election.

Friend of the Fee Grabber. Under the disguise of "amicus curiae," which translated is supposed to be "friend of the court," one of our well known lawyers has injected himself with a brief into a case pending before the supreme court, which is to determine whether our district court clerk can get away with the insanity fees he has been holding out on the taxpayers.

Would an attorney like John P. Breen be essaying the role of "friend of the court" just now if he were not really there as a friend of the fee grabber? Would he not, on the contrary, if he were a thoroughly disinterested "friend of the court," be filing a brief in behalf of the taxpayers, insisting that when the legislature gave the court clerk a liberal salary in lieu of the fees formerly absorbed, it meant to stop this fee graft, and not to let it continue through legal loopholes?

Because the undisclosed fee grabber in this particular case is our present district court clerk, Robert Smith, who has constantly posed as a great reformer, does not change the nature of the graft—whether it is insanity fees or naturalization fees that he is trying to freeze to.

On the Right Track. One of the subjects on which the new league of Omaha taxpayers makes a request on its members for suggestions is the merger, in the interest of economy, of city and county governments.

Reference is made to consolidation already effected by which the county treasurer serves also as the treasurer for the city of Omaha, the school district and the water district.

There are several other places where the city and county can well work together with substantial saving to both. For example, in the maintenance of a common city and county workhouse, in the administration of city and county hospitals and in the general enforcement of health and sanitary measures.

It goes without saying that what applies to city and county applies still more strongly to Omaha and South Omaha and their suburban towns, whose consolidation into a greater Omaha under a single municipal government could not but make for economy and efficiency and do away with unnecessary duplication of administrative machinery.

Lack of Bibles. The remarkable statement is made by Rev. John Fox, secretary of the American Bible society, that foreign missionaries are hampered in their work by a lack of Bibles.

The aggregate of all societies up to date is, of course, do not know; it runs, as we say, about 30,000,000 a year. Yet Dr. Fox says the demand exceeds the supply.

Twice Told Tales. A Matter of a Comm. "Bill," the poet gaped, staggering into his friend's room.

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Some Mexican Pictures

Exaggerated News and the Penalty of Rebellion.

Seeing Things on the Spot. A private letter from an unnamed American at Vera Cruz, probably a member of the fleet, is given prominence in the New York Times.

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LINES TO A SMILE.

"What do you charge for your room?" "Five dollars up." "But I'm a student." "Then it's \$5 down." "What have you got in the package?" "Drawing materials." "I didn't know you were an artist." "Artist nothing. It contains a couple of pairs of forceps the dentist asked me to get for him." "So you are expected to do a kind act every day?" "Yes," replied the Boy Scout.

"Pride goes before a fall," said the ready-made philosopher. "I didn't know you were a member of congress." "A man is liable to feel confident until he comes to figure on the November elections."—Washington Star.

"Do you try to make home life pleasant for your son?" "Yes," replied Farmer Corntassel. "But it's mighty hard to live up to the refined ways he insists on. I'm annoyin' him terrib' because when I'm workin' around the barn I keep forgettin' to refer to the hay-loft as the mezzanine floor."—Washington Star.

Editorial Siftings. Pittsburgh Dispatch: That rumor that General Huerta proposes to retire from Mexico with \$7,000,000 in silver bullion conveys the interesting additional detail that when Huerta goes he intends to go by slow freight.

Boston Transcript: Villa's denunciation of Huerta as a robber and murderer is the funniest exchange of pleasantries that has occurred since the passage of repartee between the pot and the kettle.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: For an administration of pronounced dry proclivities it must have been pleasurable to observe the heartiness with which American troops at Vera Cruz rushed to the defense of the water works.

New York World: Two weeks ago we were told that the rich Mexicans were crazy to fly at the throats of the North American invaders at Vera Cruz. Now they are tumbling over each other in an effort to get into General Funston's lines before Villa finds them.

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