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Even a worm will turn; also Villa,

The Courier-Journal speaks of Tillmanic statesmanship. Buncombe.

Many a man rashly shows his courage by risking himself on his record.

Yes, but which is to be our good friend from now on-Villa or Carransa?

The strange thing about Villa's break with the boss is that it did not come sooner. Almost anyone with a vivid imagination can

hear Huerta chuckling to himself, "I told you There's many a slip 'twist mediation and

peace, as the Niagara Falls pacifiers can amply testify. Won't those Kansas City prisoners punish

that Kansas wheat when they get into the fields, According to the Hearst newspapers, "Germany is stirred by Mr. Hearst's views." What,

only stirred? Well, now, are we to regard the revival of husiness prosperity when it comes also as merely psychological?

Deprive the bull moose of the fodder supplied by George W. Perkins and he will shrink

Song of the harvest: "Down in the meadow the wheat grows deep and the reapers are mak-

ing the cradies sweep." Mt. Lassen Shoots Ashes Two Hundred Feet

High,-Headline. Must be getting ready to run for governor of California Well, if the Hon. Joe Burns can "come back"

as a law-maker commissioned by the holy city of Lincoln, in this era of reform, there is hope for all of 'em. "Nothing to compromise," sneer the Mon-

tana miners. Same old fool remark that has held back progress and caused so much suffering in most labor disputes. If, as some say, glass is soon to become pop-

ular as a building material, we venture to prediet England will not take it up until the militants have quit the warpath. Those greedy Britishers, after declaring

themselves in equally with us in the Panama canal, take the polo cup away from us. That's like adding insult to injury. Each captain blames the other for the re-

ent fog tragedy on the St. Lawrence. All of which shows that there must have been some blame in the operation of the ships.

Our Water board boss will not run for governor, but will continue on the job in an effort to make good his still unfulfilled promises with the water plant. Time for another rate reduc-



The closing exercises of the Brownell hall schools were held in Boyd's theater. On the stage were seated, Hon. J. M. Woolworth, Rev. John Williams. Rev. Robert Doherty, director, and Mrs. H. S. Windsor, and the graduating class of the year. Among those receiving prizes or medals were Miss Beaste Tates, M'ss Fiorence Yates, M'ss Mabel Orchard and Miss Lulu Cremer

Miss Daisy Jewett, daughter of City Clerk Jewett, was united in marriage to Mr. Locke of Chicago. C. S. Raymond and family arrived from Clinton,

in, to make Omaha their future home. Mr. Raynd will shortly open up a jewelry business at the corner of Fifteenth and Douglas.

W. H. Fay, who with his wife has been visiting J. S. Rishardson, departed for Philadelphia.

Testerday avening a gentleman rode into the city and stopped at the Planter's hotel, where he regis-"Thomas Stevens, bicycle tourist from San sco to Constantinopie. Turkey." He rides a fifty-inch wheel. "He left San Francisco March 1. and expects to arrive in Constantinopie about Novamber 1. He is keeping a daily journal, and will write booklet at the close of his journey.

Bellevue college trusteec have elected officers for the year as follows: President, Henry T. Clarke; vice nte, Rev. J. T. Buird and Rev. George T. Crismun; secretary, T. A. Creigh; treasurer, L. T.

Not an Unexpected Outcome.

The denial of the reported split between Villa and Carranza may reflect the facts in the case, but it seems far less plausible than the original report. The remarkable thing about the relations of these two men is that they could have insted in anything approaching harmony this long. Villa, an ambitious soldier of fortune, on the one hand, and Carranza, a subtle, scheming politician, equally ambitious, on the other, dividing power and prominence between them, could not be expected to move along indefinitely without a ruction, especially in a country of no coherency among any elements of party. The whole thing in Mexico appears to be a scramble for spoils. If more independent action promised larger returns, why should Villa remain subordinate to Carranza? Carranza, moreover, seems to have given Villa a semblance of excuse for breaking with him in the assignment of Natera to lead the hosts on Zacatecas. But even accepting the denial of alleged estrangement, things could hardly go on long without the appearance of new eccentric circles in this mase of Mexican discords.

Justice as a Game.

There is, unfortunately, more truth than poetry in the assertion of a California judge that "justice in this country has degenerated into a game." He describes the game as one in which the attorneys on the opposite sides are the players, the defendant the pawn and the judge the umpire, with the result depending not upon the merits of the issue but whether some rule of the game has been violated during the play. The judge quoted is referring more particularly to justice for persons accused of crime, but what he says applies with equal, if not more, force to justice as between individual litigants.

If, however, justice, although degenerated into a game, were always played on the square by the attorneys who make the moves it might not so often defeat the main purpose, but the trouble is that there are crooked lawyers as well as honest lawyers, and the crooked lawyer plays a crooked game with perjured witnesses coached to give framed-up evidence, just as the crooked gambler plays with marked cards and loaded dice. It will not insure justice merely to simplify the rules unless something is done at the same time in the way of a legal housecleaning to elevate the standards of the profession.

An Overlooked Point.

There is, or ought to be, something more in the permanent list of school teachers than the mere pleasure of the School board. The teacher serving a prescribed length of time is entitled to retirement upon a pension, a right which may be forfeited, it is true, by dismissal for cause, but not by mere unpopularity with the School board. If eligibility to a pension could be destroyed by simply dropping from the list, every old-time teacher could be arbitrarily sidetracked just before reaching the retirement point and the whole pension plan nullified. Either the teachers' permanent list affords protection against dismissal except for cause and after hearing, or it is a pretense and a fraud, and the sooner we find out the better for the welfare of the public schools.

Retrenchment and Efficiency.

The somewhat persistent police managements to dismiss faithful employes in the name of retrenchment and efficiency is beginning to challenge serious attention. When, as the Railway Age-Gazette points out, the aggregate salaries of the officers of the railways of this country amount to less than 1 1/2 per cent of the total earnings and to only about 3 per cent of the total operating expenses, people may get some idea of the validity of this claim. Railroads are not as a rule wasting money on wages and salaries. Taking these percentages. how many men are to be let out to bring expenses of operation down to the minimum? And how far is retrenchment possible by this means, without impairing efficiency?

"The worst of it is that in most cases an arbitrary reduction of the number of officers on a railway," says the Age-Gazette, "causes in the long run indirect increases in expenses which exceed by far the direct savings made." The same principle doubtless holds good with reference to the combining of divisious and departments, of the work of trains and engines, as has been done on some lines. In this day of the auditor-run railroad the speculating directors may send out their experts to cut off old employes who suffer seriously by the loss of their jobs, but it is hard to convince the pub-He that that is the best way of stopping leak-

Conserving the Flood Waters.

Though its feasibility may have to be proved, the desirability of the proposal to conserve the flood waters for irrigation purposes in parts of Nebraska is not open to doubt. A practical plan would be welcomed in all western states whose subsoil needs storage waters. But enlisting the aid of the federal government to execute the enterprise is another thing, for, so far as we know, congress has made no such appropriations, and might be slow to throw down the bars to a new train of demands multiplying the requisitions that already come in under rivers and harbors and reclamation claims. And yet, where the need is so urgent as that involved in this proposition, a way may possibly be found to accommodate it. It certainly is a waste of resources not to conserve flood waters and a sheer loss retarding agricultural development not to be able to use this water for the saturation of subsoil that otherwise goes

From the vicinity of the mud baths of Indiana Edgar Howard writes that "the democratic nominee, Senator Shively, is regarded by many Indiana democrats as the peculiar politiical property of the brewing and distilling assoclations, and it is apparent that he will not be cordially supported by those who deny the right of the distillers to miz political medicine for the democrats," and then adds as his opinion, "My own judgment is that Shively will win the prize." Put two and two together and see if you can tell where democratic politics in Indiana

The colonel discovers the bed of a river once in a lifetime, but President Wilson discovers the trail of the lobbyist every little while



Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

Those School House Meetings. OMAHA, June 17 .- To the Editor of The Bee: The public ought to know the facts about some of these widely advertised school house meetings. I was at the suffrage meeting at the Bancroft school. The total attendance was not over forty, of which half were children. There were ten women, seven of them the speakers and their committee of escort; about ten men, including the male speaker of the evening, a member of the school board, the school fanitor, the husbands of two of the visiting society women and the reporters of the several papers; in other words, there were only three women and three or four men who might possibly have belonged to the neighborhood, which is the measure of the interest of the people in the vicinity.

Oligarchies All but Nine. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., June 17.-To the Editor of The Bee: In Sunday's Bee, in the column of People and Events, you mention that the authorities of Pittsburgh have warned women that those who play cards for money are liable to be arrested; you add: . "Equal rights are also hedged with equal penalties."

Mr. Editor, you are laboring under an hallucination. The women of Pennsylvania are not punished for breaking the laws of their political equals for the political peers of women are idiots and criminals. Pennsylvania has not now and never has had a democratic form of government. Pennsylvania is an oligarchy-a part of the people make the laws by which all of the people are ruled. The men of nine states have made the women of their households equal with themselves-but Pennsylvania is not of

The ballot is the emblem and insignia. of freedom-the countersign by which one enters into the councils of her peers, VIOLA KAUFMAN.

617 North Sixth Street.

Stop and Whistle. BLAIR, Neb., June 17 .- To the Editor of The Bee: One scarcely picks up a these days without reading some heartrending accident that "snuffed" out a number of lives and made others living examples of-what shall we say, a railroad's negligence or somebody's carelessness, or both, and crippled for

I have no defense to offer in behalf of a corporation that is often called "soulless," but there are human rights that must be conceded. May we ask how long trainmen would hold their jobs who disregarded the law crossing the tracks of another company at sixty miles an hour? They stop and whistle, and, of course, "safety first" is established. As to grade crossings and their dangers.

let us remember rallway trains have schedule time across country and how many passengers would stand for an engineer to stop and see if an auto load of joyriders or farmers was crossing the right-of-way who didn't even stop and whistle a favorite "honk, honk?" When we go to the legislature we shall ask for a few simple laws for the guidance of people on life's great highway. First among such will be where there is Hkelihood of autolsts endangering the

lives of others, stop and whistle. A little more stopping, a little more whistling, a little more "in honor preferring one another" and you have it in a nutshell. The railroads have rights and the people have rights, but there is something wrong that the power of prayer and preaching seems unable to improve. For safety first try the whistle.

TOM J. HILDEBRAND.

Tabloids of Science

Harnessing a fly to a tiny wagon an English scientist found it could draw 170 times its own weight.

The approved form of lifeboats is now thirty-two ton, motor-propelled and capable of accommodating 250 persons. The normal human eye is blue, say

scientists, other colors being caused by the presence of different pigments in

So thin is a new oiled silk material for men's raincoats that a garment may be folded into a wallet and carried in a Experiments are under way in India

with cooling buildings by forcing currents of air through hollow walls with Of the 34,000,000 people engaged in gain-

die annually, either from accident or industrial illness Although the invention of the rain guage is attributed to an Italian contemporary

ful occupations in the United States, 38,600

with Galileo, such fostruments were in use in Korea at least two centuries be-Wireless messages are sent much more easily at night than in the daytime and n winter than in summer, and the range

under favorable conditions at midnight during midwinter is said to be several sundred per cent better than at noon in

Around the Cities

Cleveland now has over fifty gas wells in city limits.

St. Louis is to have a new market building, to cost \$100,000. Springfield, Ill., is trying nitrogen

tungeten filament street lights Milwaukee Young Men's Christian association bars confirmed bachelors from its membership. Atlanta has opened his old home as a

memorial to Joel Chandler Harris. Philadelphia police recently captured an entire gang of professional auto thieves.

Chicago has a new golf club limited to 150 members who must each pay \$1,100 entrance fee. Pittaburgh jobbing market serves over 10,000,000 people and does an annual busi-

ness of over \$1,000,000,000. Automobilists are used to the warning, "Danger-Public School." In one Chicago street they will encounter between 4 and 7 p. m. a more peremptory notice, for between those hours the street is to be closed to traffic and used as a playground for children. This concession was wen by settlement workers, who pointed out the lack of any playground in the neighberhood and the risk which children are running while dodging vehicles.

Aimed at Omaha

Health Pirst at All Times.

Wayne Herald: Of the army of school children on exhibition at Fort Omaha one day last week, many were overcome by the heat, and several were reduced to a serious condition. It is doubtful if one who has been overcome by the heat can ever be fully recovered to former health. The permanent disability of a lot of school children is not warranted by mere

Boosters from Boostersville.

Beatrice Express: The Omaha bunch are boosters or Omaha, and they are not afraid to tell you that Omaha is the queen of the west, and that they are repared to prove it. Their enthus asm is contagious anad it is this kind of boosting that goes a long ways n moulding the opinion of others.

No Call for Walderf-Astoria Prices.

Nebraska City Press: The Omaha Bee asks its con emporaries to aid in wiping out the \$50.000 jail-feeding graft in the metropolis, a stain that the taxpayers should wipe out, according to The Bee's belief There are worse stains on the Omaha escotcheon however, than the desire of the sheriff to get Waldorf-Astoria prices for the grub served the county's

Trapping Methods of Detectives.

Kearney Hub: The "plant" method of detectives trapping people into violation of the law to show that the law is being violated, is an old one. It has been worked repeatedly in the whiskey trade, but rarely among the "higher upa." The Omaha News was evidently pretty hard pressed for something sensational to keep the pot boiling, when it employed detectives to try out the bribery racket on certain Omaha officials, if the stories we get from the Nebraska metropolis are straight.

Timely Knock on Knockers.

Fullerton Post: It always grieves us more or less to pick up an exchange and find some two-by-four editor picking at Omaha. It reminds us of the attitude so frequently shown by failures who take up their time "knocking" those who have made a success. And many times that attitude is directly responsible for their own failures. Omaha, or any other large city, even though it may take some retail business out of our own local territory, is in the main an asset. A city like Omaha attracts to the state many enterprises and opportunities that we would not have otherwise. It affords us a closer market. It helps in many ways. We can be just loyal to our own city and yet cherish a kindly feeling for the metropolis. The constant hammering that is going on in the country press in regard to Omaha gets mighty weary. The same effort spent in boosting a local town would help that town, and the effort would not be wasted, for the knocks only advertise.

That July Feeding Graft.

Norfolk News: Omaha is in the throes of a fight over the jail feeding "graft." Just why the state legislature should fix a flat price for furnishing meals to prinoners is hard to understand unless it is because It is easier to "work" the solons to fix a high rate that someone else has to pay.

Place to Speak Right Out.

Blair Enterprise: Down at Omaha the authorities of the public schools permitted a display of barbarism, which they denominated a "School Play Fes tival." that from the accounts published in the papers of that city, exceeded the cruelties practiced by uncivilized peoples in the dark ages, as we read from the pages of ancient history; and only one paper, The Omaha Bee, has the courage and independence to say, "to furnish food for the movies and help an agitation for a play supervision department as an adjunct to the schools."

Convincing Test of Prowess.

Lincoln Star: Lincoln will extend congratulations to Omaha upon the capture of the 1915 convention of petition with the rapacious Panama-Pacific exposition city. Anyone that gets a convention away from San Francisco next year needs no better evidence of an ability to scorch some.

Twice Told Tales

Rather Jolting.

They were speaking about rude jolts in a theatrical club the other night, and George Alias, the acto, was reminded of an incident that happened in a New England city.

Some time ago an esteemed citizen retained lawyer to defend him in a civil suit. Things went wrong, however, and the esteemed citizen was obliged to put up the coin. Naturally be blamd it on the

"I thought," heatedly remarked the citizen to his legal representative on leaving the court room, "that when I employed a lawyer I was comparatively safe! "You shouldn't blame me," returned the legal

one. "I did the very best I could with the material in hand." "Is that so?" sarcastically exclaimed the citizen Well, let me tell you something! If I had a son who

was an idiot I would make a lawyer of him!" "Perhaps," was the cool rejoinder of the other. "But your father seemed to have entertained a different opinion."-Philadelphia Telegraph.

His Part in the Musicale.

A young society woman met a young man who was noted for trying to push his way into social

"I am to give a little musicale next week," she said. "and I would like to have you take part. Mr. Williams. You know something about music, do you

"Oh, yes, indeed," replied the young man, delighted, "and I shall be delighted Mrs. Colt. I assure you What part will you want me to take?"

"I should like very much," said the young woman "to have you turn the leaves of the music at the plane."-National Monthly.

Patient Chewers.

A little Boston girl, who had frequently been admonished by her parents as to the evila resulting from hurried mastication of food, was, on a recent visit to New York, taken by an uncle to the soo in

the Bronx. Among the beasts that part cularly claimed her attention was the camels. She watched them long and carnestly as they munched huge bunches or grass and then turned to her uncle.

"Untile." said she, "what a treat it would be for father and mother and Prof. Fletcher to see those camels chewing all day."-Harper's Magazine.

People and Events

The hyperborean twins, Minneapolis and St. Paul, assumed summer attire, according to proclamation, on June 5, without serious results.

General Felix Dias is carrying the largest lightning rod in North America just now, but the Mexican lightning dodges him every time. With Harry Thaw, William Sulzer and Doc Cook

heading for the federal supreme court the galety of the judicial vacation will move up several notches. Mrs. G. D. Purrar, dead in Pittsfield, Mass., leaves \$20,000 to Tim Connelly, a New York bell hop, who pleased her by his promptness when she visited the hotel where he is employed.

Dr. Peter Latz of Chicago, who has started across the Atlantic with 11,000 moquitoes, is probably a former New Jersey man, who wants homelike surroundings in his stateroom.

GRINS AND GROAMS

"Aren't you afraid of getting freckled if you walk in the sun?" asked Maude.

"Yes," replied Maymie. "But what's the use of a shadow skirt if you walk on the shady side of the street?"—Chicago News.

Miss Rand—Wby, Kate, how do haven't seen you.

I haven't seen you for several years.
Caught a husband yet?
Mrs. Reno-Goodness, yes. I've caught
three and let two go.—Boston Transcript. With a bit of shade above the eaves,

Doris-He groveled in the dust at my Dorith-How exciting!
Doris-For we were going to the movies
and he had dropped his dime. Stanford

Chaparral. "Mother," said the son, "I made a mistake when I elected chemistry. But it is not too late to change even yet. I want to take astronomy instead."

The mother searched the eyes of her son sharply. Then she said:
"Nope. You'll have to think up some better excuse for staying out at night!"—Pirtsburgh Dispatch.

"The only time I ever heard her she seemed to be sirging for spite." - Cincinnati Enquirer.

Oh, I'd like to have (now, wouldn't you?) A little bungalow for two.

Where I could hear the laugh of the leaves; And feel as free as a vagrant grig, And dig if I happened to want to dig: And watch the flowers smile up at me, And just with passing bird or bee; And have her come (for she'd be theret) With sunlight glinting upon her hair. (And dimples playing at hide-and-seek-Rose and snow upon her cheek!)

And have her whisper, low and sweet, "Dear, den't you think that it's time to est!" "Does Miss Yeller sing for money?" Oh, I'm go'ng to have (should she not saked the Old Fogy.
"I don't know," replied the Grouch.

Just such a little bungalow!

Biggest Shoe Sale On Record Starts Saturday



for your choice of several hundred pairs of women's, misses' & children's low cut shoes

Wait Until Saturday GET HERE EARLY

Hundreds of other wonderful bargains in the second week of our June Clearance Sale will be advertised Friday evening.

OMAHA'S FASTEST GROWING STORE.

1516-18-20 FARNAM STREET

Good bargains in musical instruments, household furniture, typewriters, and a host of other useful articles may be found every day in the "For Sale" column of The Bee.

Every summer a large number of people break up housekeeping and offer practically new furnishings for sale at a very small fraction of their original cost.

Retail stores often have unusual bargains to offer and you will frequently find such advertisements in the "For Sale" column of The Bee. As you go through the display ads, also see what bargains are offered in the "For Sale" column.

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Something About **Government Ownership**

No. 8

Advocates of government ownership of telephones have claimed that the American people are paying dividends on "watered" stock.

Here is what Representative Lewis, Chief Congressional Advocate of Government ownership, says about "water" in Bell Tele-

phone stock: "Be it said for the Bell System that it is the one great corporation in our country that has not issued tons of counterfeit

"Its bonds today represent the actual contributions of its stockholders in money to a great common enterprise."

The telephone business has produced no millionaires.

Last year the net earnings of the Bell System were less than 6 per cent. on the actual invest-

ment. Five per cent. of the gross revenue, or \$11,-300,000, were paid in taxes in 1913.

Bell Telephone Service Has Set the Standard for the Rest of the World.

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