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What's that? An ice tree in Omaha? Perish the thought!

Our esteemed local weather forecaster wig-wagged the cold wave with perfect accuracy that time.

Ha, ha, the election was held as per plans in Mexico, after all, and the place went "dry"—Mexico, Mo.

The Duke of Abruzzi to Receive an American Squadron—Headline. He had one time planned to take an American bride.

If, as the experience of the Chicago woman indicates, hatpins will stop footpads, why go to the expense of buying a pistol?

"I'm no man's man," hotly retorts Edward E. McCall, the Tammany candidate for mayor of New York. A slam on Murphy, sure.

It is, or ought to be, possible to discuss the condition and needs of the Omaha public schools without scurrilous personalities.

The fact that a "horse rustler" in South Dakota has got off with two years in prison shows conclusively that the "old west" is no more.

Sulzer may have been a naughty boy, but he is all right since he has joined the hosts that stand at Armageddon and battle for the Lord.

By watching the political fireworks in New York we here should be better able to appreciate what we are missing by not having any election this fall.

What is said to cost the dealer 55 cents a ton in the ice house costs the consumer \$10 a ton in the ice box. What's the matter with the ice business in Omaha?

Ground has been broken for Omaha's new million-dollar hotel. Panama exposition tourists please take notice and insist on stop-over tickets for Omaha.

Congress has ordered 100,000 copies of the income tax law printed for distribution. It will take more than that without including any of the exempted classes.

Now that Mr. Hobson has been made a life member of the Women's Christian Temperance union, he may be expected to deport himself in a perfectly ladylike manner.

The answer of the lawyers to the charge that they do nothing to purge the profession of crooks is that there are crooks in other callings. That's an answer worthy of a lawyer.

The summary dismissal of an educator without charges or hearing comes perilously near a revival of the old days when public school teachers were decapitated because they attended the wrong church.

In European cities the police keep a register of all movements of the population from one location to another, but in this country we let Uncle Sam's letter carriers do it for us, and they seem to do tolerably well.

As showing Mr. Bryan's growing popularity in the south, note this from the New Orleans Picayune: A New Jersey farmer has honored President Wilson by naming an apple after him. It's now the duty of some farmer to name a lemon after W. J. Bryan. Sour grapes!

Wilson's Wit. Evidently the president had a very happy trip on the occasion of his Mobile trip. He gives a somewhat new and quite favorable view of himself while greeting the hospitable southerners from the rear of his train along the route. Disclaiming aptitude at rear-end oratory, he facetiously remarks, "I'll admit I'm not much to look at, either," and when some good woman in the crowd exclaims that she wishes Mrs. Wilson had come along again displays a ready wit in the reply, "I wish so, too: she's much better looking."

Such meetings of the chief executive and the people of the nation never lose their charm, especially in the south, where folks are just as cordial and courteous to a republican president as a democrat. On such occasions, north or south, party lines cut no figure, because it is more the office than the individual, anyway, that is honored, although the vital touch of the personnel is what thrills.

President Wilson seems to have enjoyed it quite as much as the others and evidently felt himself perfectly at home among his own people of the south, although his southern nativity was more or less accidental. As to his accomplishments in rear-end oratory, he need give himself no anxiety, for if such service needs to be rendered by his administration he has but to turn to his immediate right at the cabinet table for the pastmaster at the art. Therefore, with a good wife to make up for his self-confessed lack of pulchritude and Mr. Bryan for the hind-end speaking, he might go a-touring of the country to his heart's delight without feeling a lack on either of these scores.

Protecting Women Immigrants. The newly projected policy of refusing to admit a woman immigrant, unattended, with the residence of a man, even though a relative, as her destination until satisfactory inquiry is made is a commendable effort on the part of the government to protect these foreign-born women from pitfalls and thwart the designs of so-called white slavers. It is primarily an attempt to strengthen the Mann act, but should have even a further-reaching moral effect.

At best, many of these strangers, both men and women, who come to our shores with the best of intentions, find it difficult to avoid dangers lying very near the ports of entry. It has always been a harsh commentary upon our attitude toward the immigrant that upon landing he or she should be beset and surrounded with strange but alluring temptations not known at home. It must make a peculiar impression on the stranger's mind to discover such things at the very threshold of a country making so much of its high ideals and its mission of molding the concrete world of civilization.

But to all these things we are at last awakening. Steps are steadily being taken, both by the government and private agencies of benefaction, to ameliorate the conditions and surroundings of the immigrant. Just what proportion of our immigrant women come thus unattended and destined to homes of men is not definitely given, but it is evidently large enough to call for this vigilance on the part of the immigration authorities, which, backed by the proper zeal, should prove highly successful.

That Second Term Talk. "If you think too much about being re-elected, it is very difficult to be worth re-electing," is the declaration incorporated by President Wilson in his Philadelphia speech, which reminds us of the story of the two travelers whose discussion of mind-reading culminated as follows: "I'll bet I can tell you what you're thinking about," said the one. "I'll bet you can do nothing of the kind," said the other. "Wall," rejoined the first, after the stakes were put up, "you're thinking I can't tell you what you're thinking about."

When President Wilson suggests that a president who thinks "too much about being re-elected may not be worth re-electing," he in effect proclaims his belief that the best way to secure re-election is to convince the people that he does not care much about being re-elected. By natural inference, it is not so much a question of desire as a question of method of attaining the desire.

Congressman "Moss" Kinkaid is given credit for getting these 538 homesteads thrown open to occupation. He is one of those old-fashioned congressmen who believe that looking out for the everyday interests of the district and state and people is one of the duties of a representative, although he is not so long on speech-making as some who do less of this sort of work.

A prison expert declares that the Nebraska state penitentiary is not so bad except that it should never have been located where it is. If there is a state institution in Lincoln other than the state house that is properly located we would like to know which one.

Mexico expects its full election returns in within a few weeks. Another illustration of its excellent talent and preparedness for democratic government.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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OCTOBER 29. Thirty Years Ago—Major General J. M. Schofield passed through Omaha on his way from San Francisco to Chicago, where he assumes command of the division. He was met here by General O. O. Howard of this department, and Lieutenant Guy Howard.

Mr. John Mulvihill of the local freight department of the Union Pacific received a valuable commission by special fast train in the shape of a bouncing girl at his house.

H. C. Moody, for a long time in the employment of N. B. Falconer, has assumed the position as manager of the Boston store.

There is a bulky article which looks like a well-super standing in Elmer Frank's office in the United States court marked "Exhibit A," sent in with a deposition in a cattle case. The United States clerk thinks of it for a corker.

A free medical dispensary has been established in connection with the Omaha Medical college. Dr. Ewing Brown will have charge of surgical cases, while Dr. G. B. Ayres and Dr. W. S. Gibbs will look after the medical side.

Mrs. M. B. Gabler, formerly on Thirteenth street, has opened a boarding house at 1811 Duane.

E. Wakeley, northeast corner of Nineteenth and California, wants a thoroughly good milk cow.

The sun again shines, and all Omaha smiles.

F. A. Bethge & Co. have rented the north store in Tott's block on Saunders street, and are putting in a large stock of staple and fancy groceries.

Twenty Years Ago—A child of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Woodard, 630 South Twenty-ninth avenue, struck a match in a dark clothes closet and \$100 damage resulted. The child got out safely.

Rev. Leo Franklin gave his second lecture on "Atheism" at Temple Israel. He extolled the "god of humanity, who cares not for sect or creed," and sent several broadsides into Colonel Ingersoll's philosophy. He said, as a matter of fact, he thought there was no atheist, no heart, he heard a ste shut out a God.

Rev. J. M. Patterson spoke on "Business and Religion" at First Presbyterian church.

The parks were deserted in the afternoon, where usually they are visited on Sundays, and the wind whistled a dirge through the fallen autumn leaves, reminding men that the somber winter time was nigh.

It was reported that Fred Krug had secured a twenty-year lease on the property formerly occupied by Ed Wittig's saloon before the Farnam street theater fire and contemplated erecting a two-story brick building there at once.

There was a larger demand than could be supplied for copies of The Sunday Bee containing the story of the assassination of Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago.

Ten Years Ago—James Daniels, an old soldier, 70 years of age, died of heart disease on a Walnut Hill street car. He got on at Thirteenth and Douglas streets and when the car reached the corner of Sixteenth and Webster suddenly fell forward. He was picked up and carried into a nearby drug store, but life was extinct.

The fourth annual opening of the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian association showed about 125 boys in drill exercises, much to the satisfaction of their tutors and delight of admiring parents.

Congressman G. M. Hitchcock was the first of several prominent men to address the department of political and social science of the Omaha Woman's club. He spoke on "The City and Its Problems." He said the first among city problems was the misappropriation and waste of city funds. On the matter of the police system, locally, he said, it was deplorably bad; that instead of controlling the lawless element, it was controlled by it.

Chairman Robert Cowell of the republican city committee said information had been received of a plan among certain democrats to have voters repeat under different names in various wards and that the republicans stood ready with \$50 in cash for the discovery of every such case.

People Talked About

The fact that it costs \$3,000,000 a week to run the municipal machine of New York City explains why a host of politicians annually scream for a chance at the pile.

Mrs. George Porter Hopkins, field secretary of the Women's National Democratic league, is soon to publish a cook book to which the prominent democratic women of the country have contributed favorite recipes.

George Fred Williams of Massachusetts is said to be slated for minister to Greece. You remember George Fred? There was only one silver voice louder than George's when the "crimes of '72" perished in the cataclysm of '76.

Your Uncle Samuel is a jolly old soul. Without a shadow of a grin on his mug he announces that the crop is a good friend of the farmer and should not be assessed annually to decorate the funeral festivities of the almsman.

Roger Perry of Worcester has finished inspecting the school gardens cared for this year by the children of that city and estimates that they have raised food products valued at more than \$2,000. This is an increase of \$500 over last year.

Winston Churchill, the British lord of the admiralty, estimates a probable annual output of 60,000 to 80,000 tons of oil fuel from Scottish shale fields for 100 years to come, if necessary. It is announced that the present output is about 25,000 tons.

Echo of the Explosion

Wahoo Wasp: The recent action of the state board in dismissing Dr. Thomas from the State Normal at Kearney is on a par with the action toward Crabtree. No cause is given in either case and it seems that at the present time it would be the proper thing for the friends of Dr. A. O. Thomas to insist that he be a candidate for the office of state superintendent next year.

North Platte Tribune: No charges were preferred against Dr. Thomas, the only excuse offered by the board being that it was "for the best results of the normal schools of Nebraska." This is a lame excuse, inasmuch as Dr. Thomas has proven a most successful head of the institution.

Kearney Hub: In its "More or Less Personal Column," which is neither personal nor impersonal, and without personal or gender, the Lincoln Journal suggests that President Thomas "activity outside of the real sphere of an educator" convinced the board that a change would be desirable. Theoretically, therefore, an educator is neither a man nor a monkey, but just a deaf and dumb pedagogue. We rather like that.

Friend Telegraph: If the schoolmasters of Nebraska desire to make a scape-goat of Prof. Thomas we do not suppose that any one need be object, but the time is coming in the politics of Nebraska when even the schoolmasters who are adding in the increase of the burdens placed upon the tax payers of the state will be compelled to stand from in under.

West Point Republican: It remained for a state normal board, dominated by Tom Majors, to turn the trick. Friends of Dr. Thomas over the state, and they are numbered by the thousands, will resent this action and some day will call that board to a strict accounting.

Central City Nonpareil: The fine hand of the latest member of the board appears in this last move. Hon. T. J. Majors, of our home town, Peru, has been mixed up in so many deals in connection with the state schools that his work is easily spotted. "Tom" doesn't have much regard for the qualifications of a teacher when his peanut politics enter into consideration of the case. And Governor Morehead knew what Tom Majors would do when he made the appointment, too, because they are from neighboring counties and the Majors' record is an open book in that part of the state. We imagine T. J. is not alone in this last bit of rough work.

Fremont Tribune: The incident is bound to be disturbing to the equanimity of the school, but it cannot be assumed there is no reason for the board's action. Neither is it to be taken for granted a satisfactory successor to Mr. Thomas is not to be had. Usually we are able to go on from good to better and eventually to the superlative degree.

Hastings Republican: By the removal of Dr. Thomas from the head of the Kearney Normal school, is that institution removed farther from the turmoil of politics, or is it plunged deeper into the mire of political hubbub than ever?

Harvard Courier: The Courier knows nothing of the causes leading up to this action; but for one man who has been successful as a school builder to be thus summarily deposed, looks like a bit of political engineering which may react upon those responsible.

McCook Tribune: As the Tribune has had occasion to observe before there is too much infernal politics in all this school teaching business, with the state university at Lincoln one of the worst offenders as a regular political incubator. Teach school. Leave politics to the people and the politicians, less power to them.

Central City Republican: The citizens of Kearney do not take kindly to the removal of Dr. Thomas from the head of the normal by the State Board of Education. While that body, by a vote of four to three, deemed it wise to take such action, it seemed acknowledged that "for the good of the school" is a trifle indefinite for one seeking actual cause.

Omaha Visitor: The removal of Dr. Thomas at Kearney looks like old Tom Majors was again on the state normal board. Democrats can form a correct status of their chief executive when they reflect that the old cooperation tool was appointed by Moorehead. You don't have to go to New York for rotten politics. What should be done without delay is to remove Peru Normal to Tecumseh or Beatrice. Peru is entirely out of God's creation and the atmosphere there lurks in immorality and vice.

From State Press

Omaha Visitor: These annual road spasms by a few governors are but cheap mockery of real road making. They are for the purpose of building political fences rather than roads. These holiday patriots were never on the firing line in any kind of a battle and like a cow's tail should be kept in the rear all the time.

Hastings Tribune: The good citizens of Kearney have risen in their wrath and other things to enter a storm of protest against the program for state irrigation. They hold that state irrigation would rob the Platte river of all its water and allow the farmers in Buffalo, Kearney and other adjacent counties no opportunity of enjoying the advantages of irrigation when it is needed. To a man up a tree it certainly looks as though the citizens of Kearney have a good kick coming.

Kearney Hub: The advanced class in domestic science of the Hastings High school recently prepared a banquet for nearly 100 patrons of the schools, the purpose being to demonstrate the value of scientific preparation and expert selection of foods. The bill of fare was declared by the banqueters to be more elaborate, better cooked and better served than many banquets where the charge is \$1 a plate. And now what do you suppose the cost was? Twenty-five cents per plate! That is a practical way of going up against the high cost of living and the moral is obvious: Study domestic science.

Fate's Warning Finger. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Rulers who resorted to the wholesale arrest of legislators have never been lucky. Napoleon III tried it and ended with a debacle.

The Bee's Letter Box

Inner Circle Politics.

OMAHA, Oct. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is not quite fair to the members of the Schoolmasters' club to charge them with being responsible for the dismissal of President Thomas. While it is true that his chief enemies are in that organization, the majority of the club are his friends and admirers. The present and past representatives of the Glen Hook company, the present owners of the Nebraska Teacher and the University Publishing company, the city superintendents from Fremont, Beatrice, Lincoln and Fairbury; the state superintendent, all of whom are members of the Schoolmasters' club, together with a few others, form a sort of mutual admiration society. For the last five years they have named all members and officers of the club, they have elected in advance all officers of the association, they have gone before the governor each year to urge the appointment of some favorite on the normal board. They are all bosom friends of J. W. Crabtree and unfriendly to President Thomas. They have caused the name of Thomas to be presented a number of times and black-balled for membership in the club. Mr. Crabtree was a candidate for the superintendency of the Kearney schools some time since, and failed to secure the place. He charges Thomas with his defeat. Thomas is about the only prominent school man in the state who has cared to oppose this ring and as a result he has incurred their bitter enmity. It is generally talked in educational circles that the members of this group profit by the teachers' bureau, conducted by the proprietors of the University Publishing company. Thomas has boldly opposed them and finally has been defeated. It is not fair, however, to the Schoolmasters' club to be charged with his dismissal. The majority of the club regard his dismissal as a blunder on the part of the board and a misfortune to the Kearney Normal.

A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL MASTERS' CLUB. Wire Pulling for Conventions. OMAHA, Oct. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: I read with complete satisfaction the letter written to The Bee by A. E. Sheldon of Lincoln, proposing that the State Teachers' association hold its conventions in various cities of the state, such as Grand Island, Fremont, Kearney, Hastings, Beatrice, and others. He proposed that the conventions be not confined to Omaha or to Lincoln, or both alternating; that nasty politics and business chicanery be cut out as methods for tending these conventions. He's right. It is disgraceful to any city to employ some of the methods that have been employed—though not downright dishonest—in securing these conventions. Aside from the fairness of the thing in letting them be held in different places over the state that might invite them, it would be far more in keeping with what ought to be the dominant spirit of the association and all other educational organizations of the state. Yet, in view of the long game of rotten politics played in certain circles, culminating in the outrageous dismissal of Dr. Thomas from the Kearney Normal, I think it rather a travesty to speak of ethics instead of politics actuating some of our educational affairs. But as an Omaha man, I think it should be sufficient that we invite the teachers as a means of getting them to meet here—in view and, of course, welcome and entertain them hospitably if they come. E. PLURIBUS UNUM.

Aimed at Omaha. Madison Star-Mail: If the newspaper reports concerning the AK-Bar-Ben deficit are true it was worth the \$2,000 deficit this year.

Grand Island Independent: The Omaha Bar association is said to be getting after those of its members who have not been playing the game on the square. Los Angeles and New York might follow suit, apparently.

Pierce Leader: A Pierce citizen who was in Omaha not long since told us the other day that the "lid is off" at that place and the 5 o'clock closing law is nothing. This is not to be surprising when one considers the class of police and other officials who are in charge of Omaha.

Kearney Hub: Members of the public affairs committee of the Omaha Commercial club suggest that more flags should be displayed throughout the city on special occasions and anniversaries. If that matter the flag should be displayed a great deal often than it is. The fact that it is not simply a matter of not thinking, and not lack of appreciation. A flag-flying reform is desirable in nearly every community.

Sioux City Tribune: Corporations seeking to evade the anti-trust laws should employ students of the Omaha High school. Students are being required to sign a statement that they do not belong to a high school and to pledge themselves not to become members. Believing the state law to be an interference with a natural right of theirs the students seem to have no scruples about evading it by subterfuge. They used some training on the moralities, as well as in "civil government." They need to be taught that every citizen surrenders some "natural rights" to government for the advantages that government confers and that lying is a gross offense.

Fairbury News: Some of the state press are almost brutal in their criticism of the Omaha AK-Bar-Ben dances. Without having any personal knowledge of what is known as the tango dance we are constrained to the belief that there is nothing immoral about it, otherwise so many good people would not have indulged in it; for Omaha society is like the society of most other cities, the good predominates. If it was the manner of dancing it that made it objectionable, then it is probable that the entire company on the occasion of the AK-Bar-Ben ball is suffering humiliation and mortification for the acts of an indirect few. There is more opportunity for practicing the virtue of charity in running a newspaper than in any other occupation or profession.

Home Safeguards. Chicago. Wooden shoes, which are attaining some popularity in this country, would be great for bedroom wear in old fashioned homes where the carpet tack occasionally directs its point upward through the night.

GRINS AND GROANS.

"I shall leave the service of my country poorer than when I entered it," said the statesman.

"Never mind," said the boss. "Perhaps we will build a monument to you." "Yes. But you'll never let me have a hand in awarding the contracts for it,"—Washington Star.

Doctor to patient's wife—in addition to your giving the medicine I have prescribed, I wish you would see that every morning your husband gets a shower bath.

Rheumatism, doctor, what am I going to do the mornings we don't have no showers?—Boston Transcript.

Manufacturer—What we must do now, my boy, is find some way of reducing the tax on silk stockings. "His son and heir—I have it, father! Give a bottle of anti-fat with each pair." "The barber never annoys you about toilet rub or seafoam?" "Never." "Never tries to sell you a shampoo or a massage that you don't want? What's your secret?" "I've got him on the defensive. I'm trying to sell him some life insurance."—Pittsburgh Post.

"Yes, indeed, times have greatly changed in the last few years." "I suppose so, Mr. instance?" "Well, for instance, A once autocratic plumber up in my neighborhood now goes to the haughty butcher around the corner to borrow money to keep his business alive."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Do you truly and honestly believe that all men are born free and equal?" asked Jimson of the genial philosopher. "I sure do," replied the G. Y. "Free of all responsibility and equal to not less than three square meals a day."—LIFE.

"These rooms," said the visitor, looking around at the badly streaked walls, "would never suit my wife, who is very proper." "What's the matter they wouldn't suit a proper person?" indignantly demanded the janitor. "Because I notice they are rather off color."—Boston Transcript.

OH, DAMES AND DAMSELS. J. A. Waldron in Judge. What next, oh, dames and damsels can you do to startle modest man? Just now the atmosphere reekes. Your skirts so thin and crees for cloaks! But memories of summer's shows remain, and so the wonder grows. An to another season's code And what will then be a la mode. From ancient costume will you steal? Still more, and yet still more reveal? Or will you fancy exercise And leave less action for the eyes? Imagination plays a part. And thoughts more perfect will impart Of maid and matron who'll disclose Much less, while wearing far more clothes.

An ear of pink, a laughing eye, A rosybud mouth—all will imply Synthetic beauties in the fair. Who hides them from the eye and air. Say, will you once more challenge gaze? Though 'tis not easy to amaze? Rejecting skirts diaphanous, Will you still have the laugh on us? When beauty liberty has won, Her away has only just begun!

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