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Still, the problem play will subsist as well as any other on patronage.

The grim reaper with his sickle seems to be working overtime among us.

The weather man is making good on heavy dew what he has held back on rain.

Sun Yat Sen makes a mighty fine job of keeping out of the way of his friend, Yuan Shi Kai.

Credit our Polish colony with real municipal patriotism; as their vladnet celebration amply proves.

Thanksgiving day has come to be a time of rejoicing over the boys who survived the foot ball season.

The bar inquisitors give it up and pass it over to the grand jury. None so blind as those who will not see.

All the knobcoats on the Missouri will take notice of the presence of the secretary of the navy and salute.

That Breslau man who got two weeks in jail for starting at a policeman must have given him the evil eye.

More eggs than ever produced and consumed, but prices still roosting high. What's the answer, cold storage?

Any man who can tell Huerta to his face he ought to resign and only lose his job for his rashness, has no kick coming.

The influence of Jefferson on the Development of the West is a nice, peaceful subject for a secretary of navy to discuss.

Even the most plausible explanation for falling to pay the bill on time seldom makes a bit with the man to whom the money is coming.

Would it not be preferable for Omaha to save the Auditorium and let the interurban railway build its terminal on some other site?

Folks who want the city to do this, or to do that, but balk on providing the money to foot the bills, cannot occupy a very consistent position.

It happened in Chicago, as it happened in Omaha, that when a fearless newspaper got after the medical quacks they preferred fleeing to fighting.

If there are any democratic newspapers in Nebraska besides his own backing up our democratic senator, they are not making much of a noise about it.

What a catastrophe if, after those three years and more, Japan should fail to receive any official thanks from Mexico for its part in the centennial festival.

You cannot beat those theatrical press agents. They have her accompanied now by a Leghorn hen, so as to be assured of fresh eggs. If Gabby knows how to make a hen lay she knows enough to quit the stage.

The ghosts of Madero and Suarez are said to be causing a certain great man in the Mexican palace to have that squishy feeling, but the failure of the ghost to walk is playing the mischief with the boys in the field.

Senator Norris' declaration that he is not married to any party name does not seem to please his progressive party soul-mates who thought they had a monopoly of his affections. The senator, however, remembers that he threw his hat in the ring as a republican and was nominated and elected as a republican.

Home Rule Over Public Utilities.

The Toronto convention of the National Municipal League endorses the principle of home rule government for cities in opposing state regulation of gas, electric light, telephone and street railway corporations, declaring that as they are urban in character they should come under municipal instead of state control. Undoubtedly, as a general proposition, better results are obtained by such control, for it brings the regulating power and the people, as well as the utility, into closer contact and should promote better co-operation than through state regulation. Where the utility is purely local it presents only local problems and is better handled, therefore, by local authorities whose interests are immediately tied up with those of the utility. Of course, such corporations as interurban street railways and long distance telephone or power plants present other than strictly local aspects as well, but even such cases leave the soundness of the principle of local self-government or home rule potent and unimpaired.

**Diplomatic Amenities.**  
The return of William F. McCombs from Paris with the rejected French ambassadorship on his hands brings once more to the front the practical exclusion of high class Americans from important diplomatic posts unless they are rich men. Mr. McCombs declined the office on the ground that he could not afford to hold it for the salary of \$17,000 a year.

If it is true we have drawn extensively upon our rich men to represent us in ambassadorial positions and with few exceptions the nation has been creditably represented. But we have also, even during the present administration, drawn upon men of limited means for such service. It surely will not be argued that some of the distinguished scholars recently sent abroad were selected because of their financial circumstances.

If our nation's dignity and prestige can survive the notorious lack of embassy houses abroad commensurate with our position among the powers, surely it can endure the effects of an ambassadorship exclusively maintained on the official salary attaching. Perhaps if a few Americans had not set some notable examples of the lavish display of their wealth in foreign capitals this question of income and expense might not be obtruding. We never stop to rate financially a foreign representative coming to Washington if he has substantial attainments back of him. Of course, our officials abroad should be comfortably maintained, but not necessarily to the extent of toadying to the Croesuses of Europe.

**William Sears Poppleton.**  
The sad and untimely ending of William Sears Poppleton is to be regretted for many reasons. While the only official position held by Mr. Poppleton was that of member of the School board some time ago, he achieved much prominence by heading the democratic city ticket as candidate for mayor, and it was the strength of his opponent, rather than his own weakness, that prevented his election. With the education, innate ability, acquaintance sprung from lifelong identity with the community and the resources of a distinguished pioneer family, Mr. Poppleton ought yet to have given us many serviceable years.

**War Averted.**  
It is gratifying to feel that hostilities have been averted between Governor Morehead, backed by his official staff of colonels and the state militia, on which the governor's Norfolk speech seemed to reflect. The governor fired what sounded like a heavy artillery gun in expressing the opinion that the militia was a good thing for a youth to let alone. As it appeared in the papers it had all the earmarks of well-directed volley, but now the governor, repulsed by the enemy, capitulates to the extent of declaring that that was not what he meant, at all; that, on the contrary, what he really intended to say, and thought he was saying, was that the state militia was about the finest thing going for a robust lad looking for a chance to let off some of his surplus energy.

It was all the fault of an extemporaneous speech, the governor explains. In other words, the thing went off half-cooked. He did not even know it was loaded. No doubt the governor will be more cautious how he fingers the hair-trigger of one of those automatic speeches again. But what gets us is why Governor Morehead did not resort to the usual expedient of those caught in similar predicaments and blame the reporter who chronicled his speech, hiding behind the assertion that he garbled or deliberately misstated what he said.

After achieving the distinction of serving continuously as a member of the cabinet longer than anyone else, ex-Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson is going to write out his experiences and observations in the nature of an autobiography. Assuming that he saw things through clear western glasses, his contribution to our political history ought to be noteworthy.

Looking Backward  
This Day in Omaha

NOVEMBER 18.

**Thirty Years Ago.**  
The death of John E. Detwiler at his residence, 218 California Street, elicited expressions of regret from the business community in which he had been a pioneer merchant as a dealer in carpets and upholstery. The funeral arrangements awaited the arrival of Frank Zimmer, brother of Mrs. Detwiler, from Wheeling, W. Va.

Two of Europe's most noted divines, Pierre Hyacinthe and Mons. Capell, will visit Omaha this winter.

Despite Sunday the work of grading Jackson street between Seventeenth and Eighteenth Street, was prosecuted with great effect today.

Work has been commenced upon the tower of the new English Lutheran church, corner Harney and Sixteenth streets.

The Union Pacific base ball park on St. Mary's Avenue has been converted into a skating rink by covering the ground with cement.

Treasurer Wilmot, of Roy's opera house Sunday in Lincoln, his home. Mrs. H. K. Burket has arrived to join her husband who has located here.

Fred Nyak, editor of the Republican, left for Wisconsin to attend the wedding of his brother.

Misses McCague dressmaking parlor, cloaks especially, northeast corner of Douglas and Sixteenth.

Mr. Lawton, for twelve years a postal clerk in the Omaha Pacific, has been appointed chief clerk of the Omaha postoffice, and has commenced his new duties.

**Twenty Years Ago.**  
The Commercial club held a big meeting at which the council's action in passing the ordinance giving the Omaha Gas company a fifty-year franchise was thrashed out, but not to conclusive results. W. F. Waller acted as chairman in the absence of President Gibson. Most of the talking was done by attorneys, W. E. Poppleton, the first speaker, opposed the ordinance. G. W. Furnas favored putting it up to Mayor Bemis to vote. W. V. Morse favored it. W. N. Nasson thought the public spirit of the men investing their money in the plant ought to be considered. F. A. Brogan thought the Commercial club should not express itself one way or the other, lest it provoke a clash of commercial interests. G. R. Montgomery thought the club should either take the ball by the horns or drop it entirely, but he was not sufficiently conversant with the terms to decide which was best. A lot more talking went on, but no definite action.

Mrs. T. K. Sudborough, chairman, presided at the meeting of the educational department of the Omaha Woman's club, where the children's "How is the development of a child's mind affected by the usual conditions and ordinary discipline of the primary school?" was discussed. Besides Mrs. Sudborough, those present were: Mesdames Newton, M. Gerard, Andrews, A. C. Powell, Keen, Charles Koffman, Bryson, Towne, L. R. Notson, Misses McKoon, Cooper, Hickok, Fair, Smith, Ranker, Campbell, Hamilton, Lehner, Davis, Neving, Evans, Burnett.

John M. Thurston, general solicitor for the Union Pacific, went to Denver to argue a case for his company and General Manager Ed Dickinson left for a tour of the Nebraska division of the road.

**Ten Years Ago.**  
The sixth year of the dynasty of Alexander Ben was reminded by Julius Caesar's calendar of the termination of his cycle and he began forthwith to cast up accounts that he might send how the books stood. They showed 10,000 dollars in the strong box and a total of 1,500 good Mr. King's business, the sovereign and his knights trekked over to Mr. Boyd's theater to see Charley Hoyt's Texas Steer do a little royal bucking.

About 100 applications for positions as letter carriers in Omaha and South Omaha were filed with the proper parties at the Omaha federal building, where examinations were being conducted. The beginning salary was \$720 and the age limit down to 20.

The weather man promised relief from the cold wave that had beat back on the shores of Omaha for some days. The mercury prevailed around the 14 above mark.

City Attorney Wright said he looked for an early decision from the state supreme court in the new revenue law, but if it did not come before the Board of Revenue adjourned errors in assessments might be corrected by the Board of Equalization.

An Iowa farmer was causing a good deal of perplexity and amusement in Omaha by investing indiscriminately in whatever he took a liking for. He bought a number of lots, giving checks in each case, and the funny thing about it was that the checks proved good. He began his buying crusade in a barroom, where he saw a gentleman with an overcoat that took his fancy. He approached the stranger with the remark that he liked his overcoat and "how much for it?" The stranger was offended, but calmed down and took \$40 for a coat that probably cost \$20.

William Mueller, who joined the Denver police force recently, stands six feet seven inches and weighs 284 pounds. He has been successful in many different forms of athletics, from foot ball to swimming, and when being examined for the police force received a mark of 100.

William Hayne Leavell, who will be the next minister to Guatemala, is a Presbyterian clergyman. His home is at Carrollton, Miss. where he has been successful in the pulpit. He has taken considerable interest in public affairs and is well known in his state.

Judge Keesaw Mountain Landis of Chicago, having to deal with a vendor of fake medicine, offered an interesting condition on the culprit demonstrating the efficacy of his hair tonic on two bald-headed lawyers. "No use, judge," whispered the faker: "heads added to hair-splitting never respond to modern treatment." Having made his spiel, the faker got all that was coming to him.

The Bee's Letter Box

Because of its interesting recital, an exception is made for the following communication despite the fact that it far exceeds our usual space limit.

**STEALING OF THE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE.**  
STERLING, Neb., Nov. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: I cannot send you the famous message. "We have met the enemy and they are ours," that Oliver Perry sent to General Harrison after his great battle on Lake Erie, because when we met "the enemy" they would not keep their promise long enough to stage a square fight. I refer to the late contest at the State Teachers' association.

The act of shutting the insurgents Thomas "Insurance" resolution was introduced, and, while doing so, throw a little light upon the workings of the "invisible power," or the controlling spirit in our school affairs. There was a misunderstanding, and there is yet in regard to this matter. Those who fought for a principle have been labeled Thomas men. This fact does not worry me, as I would rather be classed with Thomas than with some of those who are fighting him.

The act of shutting the insurgents Thomas men makes good halloos for the "ring men," and with very pleasing to them; but, regardless of their claims, I want to show the public that the movement which had its climax, for the present, at Omaha last Friday, began to formally shape itself just after the announcement of the stuffing of the enrolling list by the Lincoln Commercial club a year ago, when the executive committee returned over \$1,000 to the club, and not the spontaneous combustion of the Thomas affair, as they would have you believe. The Thomas affair has been an unfortunate one for these "pedagogical slugs," as it has uncovered and has lit the pathway the insurgents have been traveling the last year, and we do not deny taking advantage of this incident to bring about that which we have been working for. The fact is we expected, and I am not sorry to say, how did it happen that the resolution was introduced in the form that it was? To be concise and to the point, the resolution was the product of State Superintendent James E. Deisel's pencil to satisfy the insurgent forces, which were bearing down upon him at this time with a force, probably equal to the force which was brought to bear upon him when he betrayed a friend by voting to cast him without a trial.

Now, let me go back to one year ago when the association was in session and see what happened when Mr. Deisel was elected president and recall what may be considered the first step of the reason why the resolution was introduced, that is, one of the many acts of the ruling force.

The convention of the First district had been called to elect delegates for the purpose of making nominations for the offices, and the teachers had begun to assemble at the high school building to attend the convention. Superintendent Clark of Pawnee City, and I were visiting on the first floor, when one of our superintendent friends from the First district came up and said, "Come on, boys, let's go up and beat the 'ring' out of the delegation." We went to the convention hall, where we found our present deputy state superintendent and a handful of written ballots and busily engaged in distributing them to the teachers, and, a matter of course, I received one of the ballots. I was informed that it was a battle royal between the normal schools, with A. O. Thomas on one side, and W. N. Deisel on the other, and never knew any better until the nominations were announced and found that it was brother Deisel instead of brother Will that was nominated.

Our surprise came in the convention when we found our friend a few minutes after entering, with his sleeves rolled up working for the "gang." I have been informed that his reward was a membership in the Schoolmasters' club. I am not able to vouch for the truthfulness of this statement, but merely repeat rumored reports. Nevertheless, we found that competition of methods which had been using political methods which had been used by the "ring" and the "ring" men, and the counting showed pretty much the "ring" sidedness of the vote, and when the count was about half over I moved that the "high five" be the delegates to the convention, and the farce stopped, and for this move I apologized to our worthy superintendent, as I did not know I had made a move against him.

The next morning, every time a superintendent or teacher raises a hand against this ruling power he is taken in hand by some one and honeyed enough to make him feel better or is taken over entirely if his position justifies it, and my case was no exception to the rule. The following general session, in the evening, gave me the opportunity. While sitting in the auditorium with these teachers waiting for the exercises to begin, Superintendent Graham came and asked me, "Are you one of the 'ring' boys?" I replied, as far as I know I was one of the boys. Then he informed me that he would need me later on. The announcement was made that the following were appointed tellers and asked to come to the platform: Rodwell of Beatrice, Mays of Lincoln, two other men of the same professional standing whose names I have forgotten, and Stewart of Sterling. Now, it was quite an honor. I'll admit, for one of the men of the state. I have studied Mr. Graham's question time and again and I see no other interpretation of it than that the "invisible government" were trying to sweeten me for what I said in the afternoon at the First district meeting.

On returning to the hotel after the general session, I was informed by a friend that I had been hobnobbing with the wrong gang during the day. Yes, I had met A. O. Thomas, Frank Fieger and a few others. Was there anything unusual in this particular action of my friend? The insurgent part of the Nebraska teachers term him the paid lackey of the "ring." Do I need to add two and two to get the result?

The next step in the move came on the announcement of the stuffing of the enrolling list. Several members of the superintendent of southeastern Nebraska talked the matter over and held an experience meeting, giving several actions of this most famous invisible government, and agreed to stand and fight for principle. Letters were issued, asking those whom we thought to be all right to attend a meeting at Lincoln.

Superintendent Kuster of Johnson county and I sent out these letters. Kuster writing the county superintendents at the Beatrice conference we thought best not to connect the state superintendent (every man considered himself a personal friend of Deisel and worked for

to live up to the agreement, but put the question of the next mover to lay on the table. The president knew that he did not dare to give the teachers an affirmative vote on the resolution. Every member present felt the pulse of that body beat when it was read. There was not an insurgent present but what felt that a great victory had been won for principles and the moral side of education. In closing, I, as one of the insurgents, wish to thank the press for the assistance given in this victory.

OWEN P. STEWART, Superintendent of Schools.

Chicago Tribune: Nor is any one surprised to learn that it may be several years before a decision is reached in the Thomas case, which, indeed, is one to delight the lawyer's heart.

Washington Post: An Investigative highbrow arises to state that America is none other than King Solomon's lost land of Ophir; we only wish he had kept his women's suffrage and left the gold.

Springfield Republican: In Iowa motion pictures are to be used to show the public what highways should be like. It is a good idea; the impression can be greatly strengthened by showing what progress vehicles make.

Boston Transcript: The Washington correspondents are becoming so flustered over the approaching nuptials that we expect to read any day that the new currency bill is out on the bias with lace insertions and fur trimmings.

Indianapolis News: New York speculators sold 10,000 cases of cold storage eggs to a grocer at a profit of \$3,000. But the grocer didn't mind a little thing like that because he made a profit of \$30,000 on them. All of which tends to show still more definitely why the ultimate consumer has to do so much economizing.

New York World: Postoffice accountants estimated that the first year of the parcel post system would yield a revenue of \$15,000,000, the amount will be upward of \$30,000,000. Some anxiety is felt about the burden that will be put upon it by the holiday season. Notices have been issued from Washington urging the people to mail Christmas parcels early. The people, who own the service, should heed the request.

THESE GIRLS OF OURS.

He—Did your father complain about my staying so late last night?  
She—Oh the contrary, he asked me how I could be so rude as to let you go away without your breakfast—Boston Transcript.

"Don't you think men ought to have a vote in a political campaign?" asked Mr. Nevelton.  
"Certainly," replied his wife. "Every girl club should have a few bass voices in it."—Washington Star.

Friend—So the editor rejected your verses, did he?  
Poetess—Yes, but I got even with him. I rejected his son—Chicago Post.

"So you favor suffrage for women?"  
"Yes," replied Mr. Growcher, "if they wish it. But I honestly don't believe the average woman would get any more real pleasure out of a campaign rally than the average man gets out of a pink tea."—Washington Star.

"That fellow Jones has become rich in a hurry. When I knew him a few years ago he was getting ready to go into the plumbing business."  
"Well, he did."—Philadelphia Ledger.

EXPERIENCE.

Garretson News. Once I loaned a man five dollars in the confidence of youth.

For I felt by that I'd keep a loyal friend; He said he'd pay it Thursday, and I thought he told the truth.

But that day our sweet acquaintance reached an end. "I've a very sound investment, the disposal of that,"

That I let him have so very long ago, For now I am a skeptic—when they come around to me.

Every Tom and Dick and Harry that I know, I can say with feeling, "No; just forget you asked and go."

For I want to keep your friendship, don't you see?

Do not think me close and cold that this small loan I withhold.

For your friendship is a precious thing to me.

Once I introduced a fellow to a maiden I adored.

For she asked me who he was, and if I would; And as soon as she had met him, sir, she threw me overboard.

Presumably to show me where I stood. I have never been quite sorry that she treated me that way.

Because it made my future actions clear.

And now if any maiden should smile winningly and say—"You know him, don't you?"

I can say with feeling, "No, in a hurry—get to go."

I'm sorry to refuse a thing so small. Do not think I'm mean, you know, that I have to treat you so—

The case is not worth knowing after all!"

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