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You are graduated, young man, now what?
It may become the custom of the prudent to keep them on until July 1.

Eight nations have approved Mr. Bryan's peace plans. One more, then "play ball."

Which June bride is going to brave Friday, the 13th? Don't all speak at once.

How dull base ball would be if the teams and players were to be called by their real names.

Good for Ak-Bar-Ben. The gambling game gets the street fair gate closed in their faces.

The war cloud in the Balkans grows darker each day. Hope it is not a funnel-shaped cloud.

A few more decisions like this last batch and the bottom will fall out of the agitation for the recall of judges.

President Wilson threatens to take the stand, himself, in this lobby investigation. Why not? He started it.

Some young women marry old men just because they look well in black—Ex.
An then, too, because every cloud has its silver lining.

The states may fix the rate, but the federal courts will continue to say whether the rate is confiscatory or not.

All this bad spelling was discovered, it will be noted, only after reformers got to tinkering with our orthography.

Carrying street car passengers between Omaha and Council Bluffs is not interstate commerce. It's a good long ride for 10 cents, just the same.

Those who opposed Henry Gassaway Davis as vice president nine years ago on the score of his advanced age must be feeling rather foolish by now.

Those South Carolina officers who sought to locate Governor Bleess at a poker game evidently thought that where there was so much smoke there must be some fire.

If any one wants to know how a law requiring registration of lobbyists works, or rather how it does not work, Nebraska can furnish some full grown and ripe experience.

The Rate Decision.
The decision of the United States supreme court in the Minnesota rate cases is, without doubt, one of the most important rendered in recent years, having a direct bearing upon rate regulation laws, not only in Minnesota, but in all other states. The ruling of the court, however, is wholly in line with a long series of rate decisions, among them our old Nebraska maximum rate case, which laid down the basic principle now adhered to. It was the attorneys for the railroads who raised the point that the fixing of an intrastate rate might, and did, operate to fix the interstate rate, and urged that for this reason the right to legislate on the subject belonged to the federal government, and not to the state. The conclusion of the court is that the line between interstate and intrastate commerce can be drawn, and that within the intrastate province the state is supreme, and its requirements valid even when they affect the charges for interstate shipments, so long as they do not conflict with the congressional legislation.

In the particular case before the court the Minnesota rate laws are upheld for two roads, but declared to be confiscatory as applied to a third road. We cannot see how the exception can be of any practical advantage, for, in the actual operation of any railroad, a rate made by other roads in the same territory is just as conclusive as a rate made by law. For example, although legally permissible, it would be practically impossible, except on strictly noncompetitive branches, for the Rock Island in Nebraska to charge 2 cents a mile, while the Union Pacific and Burlington charge but 1 cent a mile. If that should be confiscatory in its effect, the confiscation would be chargeable, not to state legislation, but to actual, or potential, competition.

The net result of the decision is that the state law-making bodies, and state railway commissions, remain in position to do business, and the complete centralization of rate regulation, which the railroads would now welcome, must be obtained, if ever, by the long and dubious process of constitutional amendment.

Ad Valorem or Specific?
While there are advantages and disadvantages in both ad valorem and specific tariffs, our experience, all things considered, has given preference to the specific. We have operated under both, separately as well as conjointly, and will, we believe, have cause to regret action turning exclusively to the ad valorem.

The chief difficulty with ad valorem duties is that they tax on the basis of values, which are very easily changed to suit certain purposes. There is no way to enforce an extensive system of ad valorem tariffs except by maintaining spy agencies at the various foreign ports and this is neither practicable to us nor agreeable to our friends abroad.

Status of Street Railways.
It is now clearly the duty of congress to enact legislation specifically defining the status of street railways traversing more than one state, with a view of establishing the province of their regulation. And following the supreme court's decision in the case of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge company, exemplifying that corporation and the like from interstate commerce authority, plans are said to have been projected for the introduction in congress of just such a measure. The urgency of such action is made manifest from the far-reaching effect of the court's decision.

If, although it carries passengers from one state to another, a street railway may not be considered as an interstate carrier, then it is ripe for preclusion as to its status as a prerequisite for its regulation.

The court's reasoning as to the difference between a street railway and a railroad from the standpoint of commerce is clear and to the point. While this view may be regarded as obstructive to the movement for lower fares between Omaha and Council Bluffs, it will, as a matter of fact, act as an expedient, since the point at issue had to be determined before final action was possible.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

THIRTY YEARS AGO—
Great preparations are being made for a musical festival with the Theodore Thomas orchestra and a chorus of 150 of the best local singers. The following organization has been perfected to carry it out: Advisory committee, T. L. Kimball, Ezra Millard, J. C. Cowin, J. W. Savage, O. F. Davis, G. P. Bemis, C. W. Mead, Guy C. Barton, A. L. Strang, George F. Mayer, General Howell, A. Cahn, G. W. Holdrege, F. C. Himesbaugh, W. A. Paxton, Bishop Clarkson, Max Meyer and C. H. Dewey; arrangements, C. D. Dorman, W. D. Wilkins, J. H. Meyer, W. L. Welch, G. W. Shields; chorus committee, W. F. Smith, C. J. Allen, W. J. Burmeister, T. J. Connell; finance, T. F. Boyd, J. H. Manchester, A. D. Morris, C. D. Dorman, Julius Meyer, T. F. Connell; literature, H. W. Snow and W. D. Maynard; doorkeepers, Messrs. Robinson and Bell; director, Mr. Hialekey.

THE FUNERAL OF MARGARET ELIZABETH, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koutzke, will take place tomorrow from the family residence.
Lot 1, block 51, has been sold by Fred B. Lowe to Annie McDevick for \$7,500.

MISS ALLAN, the efficient librarian of the Omaha public library, leaves for Europe to spend her vacation there in sightseeing and travel.
Will Beatty of Chicago is visiting his brother, John Beatty, Jr., one of Omaha's popular traveling men.

C. E. Mayne, for many years night chief operator of the Western Union here, has been appointed chief operator at Ogden and left to assume his duties there.
Mrs. Della S. Beull, a resident at the Paxton last winter, accompanied by her two little daughters, has gone to Michigan to spend the summer months with relatives. Mrs. George P. Bemis and Miss Lou James were passengers on the same train.

THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE WRONG PARASOL from Hascall's park Sunday is invited to return it to George Heimrod's store on Sixteenth street and save trouble.

Twenty Years Ago—
The driver of a New England bakery wagon had just got into his rig at Twentieth and Leavenworth streets when the horse became frightened and dashed down Twentieth. After running about a block it tore into a buggy containing Harry Hurst and J. A. Wardlaw. The bakery wagon driver had been dumped out on the street in the meantime. Hardlaw and Hurst were thrown out and escaped with bruises, but none of a dangerous character.

George Schrand and family of Milwaukee were the guests of Jack Cates, night pressman of The Bee, and family, 3135 North Twenty-seventh street.
Thomas M. Patterson, proprietor of the Rocky Mountain News, was in the city en route to St. Paul, accompanied by Harvey Riddell, former assistant attorney general of Colorado.

Omaha is at present infested by an army of vagrants.
George Lyon, a Missouri Pacific switchman, was run over while at work in the yards in the forenoon and died in the afternoon. He was married and resided with his wife and two children, 1328 North Seventeenth street.

People residing on Clifton Hill were wearing smiles on their faces for the first time in many weeks. The cause was the resumption of street car traffic, which had been interfered with while the tracks on Military avenue were being repaired.

Ten Years Ago—
John W. Steinhart and John Nordhouse, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the executive committee of the Arbor Day Memorial association, arrived from Nebraska City to solicit subscriptions to the fund for the erection of a monument at Arbor Lodge in memory of J. Sterling Morton, who, with Dr. George L. Miller, fathered the Arbor day idea.

Kansas City, said the story of the floods would never be told in full, for the reason that the people could never relate all the hardships through which they had passed. He said the flood did not leave a live dog in Kansas City, but countless dead ones lying around in the debris.

In the distribution of city jobs the following sidewalk inspectors were named, to be used as needed: Austin W. Tidd, Sam Stratton, John J. Dennison, C. J. Canna, U. B. Balcomb, J. Tom, C. Custer, George Jewett.

Mrs. Charles Keller gave a luncheon at the Country club in honor of Mrs. McIntosh. The guests were Mesdames E. A. Cudahy, Frederick Rastin, Russell Harrison, R. S. Hall, A. C. Smith, J. E. Summers, Anglin and Miss Jessie Millard.

Twice Told Tales

A Lightning Sketch.
"President Wilson ought to have been a novelist," said a Princeton professor. "He has the most marvelous faculty for tabloid characterization."
"Tabloid characterization?"
"Yes. By that I mean the faculty of portraying a man's character in a few words. Let me give you an example.

"President Wilson once mentioned a certain individual in my hearing, and I said:
'What sort of a chap is he?'
'Well,' President Wilson answered, 'you can't get an idea into his head, and you can't get one out of it.'—New York Tribune.

Why Not.
"Excuse me, ma'am," said Mrs. Green's new cook, "but would you mind, now, if I had this address printed on my card?"
"Why, not at all, Bridget," replied Mrs. Green. "Of course, it is unusual, but this is your home now, and if you have a card it is perfectly proper for you to put your address on it."

Impossible.
The latest joke on a western railroad, according to a traveling man, is that a passenger in the dining car had ordered hard-boiled eggs for breakfast.
"Can't give you a fessor," the negro waiter informed him.

Why She Does It.
The information editor received this letter from a fresh youth:
"Kindly tell me why a girl always crosses her eyes when a fellow kisses her."

Editorial Siftings
Pittsburgh Dispatch: The senators having testified that they have never seen a lobbyist, the president proposed to have a half-hundred specimens exhibited for their benefit.

Boston Transcript: If all congressmen were as conscientious as Stevens of New Hampshire about accepting salary they didn't earn, some of 'em wouldn't have enough money left at the end of a year to pay their laundry bill.

Indianapolis News: One will have to admit, however, that as long as there is less profit in being good than in the policy insisted on by the law, it is going to be pretty hard for the government to persuade the trusts to do as the courts say.

Chicago Record: Five hundred girls in the eighth grade of the Cleveland schools have begun a practical study of infant hygiene, using real babies for their experiment. It is this doesn't come under the constitutional prohibition of "cruel and unusual," we'll be hanged if we can see why not.

Philadelphia Ledger: An editor secretary of state, an editor secretary of the navy, an editor ambassador to the Court of St. James, and now an editor governor of the canal zone, at a salary of \$14,000—but this list can be lengthened. There are 3,000 publications in America and at least 100,000 editors, most of whom are willing.

Houston Post: We are looking hopefully to Iowa for thousands of good immigrants, and we call the attention to the Hawkeye folk to the fact that Cato Sella, who drifted to Texas from Iowa not so long ago, got into a good office as a Texan before he had been in the state long enough to call a half a dollar four bits.

Signs of Progress
The merchants of Chattanooga have raised \$20,000 for the building of a "Great White Way" half a mile in length.

Some railways use electric power for heating trains. Part of them use the current directly in the heaters, as they do in trolley cars in some cities. Others use an electric boiler.

After seventeen years of continuous service electric meter No. 1 is still in use by the New York Edison company. This meter was installed in 1896. Previous to its installation the old chemical meters were used.

There are in Canada four telephone lines owned by provincial governments, twenty-seven owned by municipalities, 38 owned by corporations, 133 owned by co-operative companies, thirty-one owned by partnership and 113 private lines.

Twenty years ago there were 3,000 telephone stations served by seven central offices in Manhattan and one in the Bronx, and the rate charged subscribers was \$20 per annum. The lines were largely grounded circuit. The equipment was entirely magnetic and the distributing plant mostly overhead wires strung over house tops. At the present time there are in Manhattan and the Bronx alone more than 200,000 stations and nearly 500,000 stations in the states of New York and part of New Jersey.

Chicago is to have a new bathing beach at Jackson park.
Long Branch, N. J., is to have a school to teach cookery to brides.
Cleveland's dog catcher now pursues his victims in an automobile.
Baltimore, Md., will increase its supply of public drinking tubs for horses and dogs.

The Bees Letter Box

Tell It to the Marines.
OMAHA, June 10.—The Editor of The Bee: I read Mayor Dahlman's interview published in The Bee, in which he showed up "Senator" Dodge and Saunders in that Auditorium deal with special delight. Dahlman may not be perfect, but he doesn't often hesitate to say what he thinks and to stand out in the open and take the consequence for his deeds and that is what elects him every time. I know The Bee isn't for Dahlman, but I'm going to send this letter to The Bee just the same, for I also know it doesn't stand for the kind of deal put over on the people of Omaha in this Auditorium trick. What surprises me is, not that Dodge and Saunders sponsored this bill in the legislature, but that they now say they didn't know what they were doing, or what the bill was. Suppose they hadn't known any more than that about Howell's schemes, would he have wanted them in the legislature? My employer was just saying today that Saunders was given a vacation from the water board payroll in order to go to Lincoln as a senator and pull for the Howell bill. Gee, what if he and Dodge had got hold of the wrong string and pulled it as they did in the Auditorium deal? As Mayor Jim says, "tell it to the marines!" WILLIAM L. A.

Would not ask you to withhold my last name, only I'm afraid my water might not run right.

Vacant Lots and High Prices.
OMAHA, June 10.—The Editor of The Bee: Many vacant lots in outlying sections of the city are being cultivated as gardens. West of Forty-first avenue and South of Cumming street some two blocks of vacant space is the scene of a very vigorous potato patch, and just east of this in lots of very deep depression, are large gardens of wide variety. These will certainly produce revenue enough to affect the cost of living in some few families, and at the same time it is a very pleasant as well as profitable way to make of otherwise uncultivated real estate. For one thing, it keeps down unsightly and unsanitary weed patches. The benefits, therefore, to be derived from this very excellent departure are numerous. Some of our people may recall that a few years ago when potatoes reached an unusually high price, a frugal city clerk procured some vacant property in the north part of Omaha as a potato patch and cleared it. It was currently reported, about \$2,000. That was an exceptional case, but no doubt those who cultivate the smaller lots notice the difference in their provision bill when their own truck begins to come in. A. F. D.—A TAXPAYER.

Miracles and Evangelism.
MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., June 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have just read Rev. Hull's article, and I am satisfied that every pastor in Omaha is conscientious, and endeavors to teach the gospel of Christ, but the fault is with the people. Most people believe that Christianity and morality are synonymous terms, and that men may, by subduing their passions and practicing virtue, become Christians. The question in my mind is this: Does it require a miracle to convert a man instantaneously and deliver him into the kingdom of God—a new creature? A man may deny the divinity of Christ and yet be a moral man, a good citizen and a wise philosopher, but he cannot be a Christian. If morality could become Christianity, the Jews and Chinese might easily become Christians without altering their belief in the least. On the other hand, a man may believe in the atonement and yet be a very great sinner, for belief in itself cannot make men Christians.

There seems to be something in the process of becoming a Christian that a man cannot understand and cannot do for himself; in short, the second birth must be a miracle. This is the old argument of Prof. Drummond and has never, I believe been refuted.

Christianity stands or falls by miracles—no miracles, no Christianity. The natural life is a miracle; science has no definition for life; religion has no definition for the spiritual life. A man may know that he loves a woman, but he never knows how or why. He knows he loves his country, even when he does not own a foot of soil, but he is unable to give reasons. All the exalted emotions of the mind are beyond explanation. If happiness could be explained, it would cease to be happiness and become monotony. And now about revivals. It may be that an evangelist can create certain conditions, under which this miracle of Christianity takes place. Perhaps it is his spread-angle style and whirlwind methods, but I can see no reason to condemn the method if it brings results. Now any kind of Christianity that a man thinks he understands, is not Christianity at all, but something else, for the kingdom of God is a mysterious and unexplained realm. "The wind blows where it listeth, and no man can tell from whence it comes nor whither it goes." E. O. M.

Children's Prattle
"Thomas," queried the neighbor, "is the new baby a boy or girl?"
"Taunt neither one," replied the little fellow, knowingly. "It's twins."

Little Lulu was watching her mother making a buttonhole.
"Ma'mma," she asked, "why do you put eye-winkers all around that hole?"

Small Sadie was walking along the street with her mother. "The wind blows freely but friendly building approached. With a little scream she clung to her mother, crying: "Oh, mamma, look at the dog with the tangled face!"

Little Elmer—Auntie, did you used to be an Indian?
Aunt—No, dear. Why did you ask that?
Little Elmer—Well, when papa sent me to your room this morning I saw some scalps on your dressing table.

Small Freddie had the toothache one day and his mother told him the tooth was hollow and needed to be pulled. A few days later the mother complained of a severe headache. "Mamma," said Freddie, wisely, "I'll bet your head is hollow. You ought to go and get it pulled."

The horse and the cow in the field," read the teacher. "Mary, what is wrong with that sentence?"
Mary was evidently more versed in the rules of politeness than in the rules of grammar, for she answered promptly: "The lady should be mentioned first."

GRINS AND GROANS.

Noah prided himself on his humanity. "I'm the only person who ever shut up the boxes for the summer and didn't leave the cat behind," he boasted.—New York Sun.

"It is said that the devil never takes a vacation."
"Will, if he doesn't, it isn't because he can't find anybody to run the place in his absence."
"Have?"
"Of course. Our new financial editor is a fool, and how do you think he heads his market reports?"
"Have?"
"With quotations from Lamb, Hoggs and Bacon."—Baltimore American.

"I hear Grace read an essay on war."
"Yes, and she was very dramatic."
"Have?"
"Of course. When she unfolded her manuscript, the sachet powder flew out of it in clouds."—Kansas City Journal.

"That tenor has musical bones."
"Yea," replied the man with a square jaw, "and if he doesn't stop his efforts to flirt, some man is going to get a club and see how near he does for a bass drum."—Baltimore American.

Hicks—Did you see the Nude Descending the Stairs?
Wicks—No, but I saw the Nude attracting the stares.—Boston Transcript.

"Daughter and her beau must have had a terrible quarrel!"
"Why so, ma?"
"Five pounds of candy, a bunch of roses and two matinee tickets have just arrived."—Judge.

"James," said the efficiency expert, annoyed by the cheerful habit which his chauffeur had of whistling while at work, "you should remember that the greatest fortunes nowadays are made from the by-

MATCHES.

Within a house there lives a man. There also lives a wife. Both are by all respected. Yet in their home is strife. You ask what caused the trouble: In fact I do not know.— But he is quick and devilish And she is staid and slow.

In another house there lives a man. There also lives his mate. And it is rumored that the two at home have many a row; I don't know what these people Can find to row about.— But she is energetic And he is slow and stout.

And in another house a man Abides with his mate; And also the passing years Transform their love to hate: They try to pull together But find it of no use For he is keen and witty And she is most obtuse.

And still within another house There lives a mated pair. And tho' each one is fair and stout Folks find much discord there. And on investigation We find the cause of riot— That he is ill for noise and fun And she loves peace and quiet. And so we find in certain homes Such discord that we wonder Why some folks mate and justly lay At Cupid's door the blunder. For so 'twere with many a wife And so with many a girl. Until Dan Cupid goes to school And studies temperment. Omaha. PHIL OSHFER.

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