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Safe and sane is sensible and satisfactory.

Gettysburg lives again! Who would reverse its outcome?

That is the kind of a June that tries the grit of even unafraid men.

Alienists claim that dress is a cause of insanity. Cause or effect?

Mabry probably never thought it possible to pan off gold bricks on Wall street.

In other words, Judge Lovett hung the Indian sign on poor, credulous Wall street.

For the quiet summer season, Omaha seems well supplied with burning issues.

With Uncle Sam's permission, now he Harriman merger may dissolve and run along.

Would Colonel Mulhall have done it if his salary had not been slipped from under him?

Owners of vacant property should see that the weeds do not become a nuisance and offense to other people.

Still, the success of the Gettysburg celebration would not have been marred if the rebel yell had been omitted.

If members of the Board of Control are never accused of anything worse than perpetrating poetry, they will be doing well.

And now Walter H. Page is going to turn over a new leaf and hold down expenses as our British ambassador. Case of necessity?

Note how those veterinarians are continuing their organization, just as if the automobile had not put the horse and the mule out of business.

It is fair to assume that "Colonel" Mulhall got not only the free advertising, but a nice bunch of money as well, for doing nothing but a patriotic duty.

As usual with the fake reformer, the World-Herald cried piteously for home rule when it knew it couldn't get it, and now that it can have it, it doesn't want it.

"Be amiable and alert" and build three battalions a year is the advice of our patriot, John Temple Graves, which sounds not very unlike former President Roosevelt's, "Speak softly, but carry the big stick."

Where, we ask, was Detective Burns and his detographs when all this funny work was going on over the telephone at the expense of honorable statesmen for the purported advantage of a few legal sharks?

It's simply a case of whose shoe pinches. If the alienist commissioner had been a dyed-in-the-wool republican, appointed by a republican governor, try to imagine how our democratic contemporary would be screaming for home rule from a 'o's.

It is heralded forth from Washington that in the Union Pacific underwriter the new attorney general has pursued an entirely different policy from that of his predecessors in the Standard Oil and Tobacco unmergers. Count the money in your pocket, and note the difference.

The Danish-Americans of Omaha, as well as the city itself, are to be congratulated on the founding of a Danish Odd Fellows' building. Such structures stand as substantial monuments to the stability of our foreign-born citizens, from whom nearly all Americans have learned invaluable lessons of thrift and industry, of respect for law and love of country.

Home Rule.

There will always be a decided difference of opinion as to what constitutes home rule.

Whenever it is proposed in the legislature, for example, to establish a state public utilities commission, with power to regulate and control public franchise corporations operating in the various cities, or to vest the State Railway commission with such power, the objection is raised, and we think rightly, that this is an unwarranted invasion of home rule, and that the community served by the franchised corporations should itself exercise the control.

When we used to have police boards appointed by the governor, or by an appointing board composed of state officers, the protest was strong that this, too, was an unwarranted invasion of home rule.

At one time we had a park board whose members secured their commissions from the judges of the district court, the judges being answerable to the people, not of the city, but of a district composed of three counties, and that system, too, was discarded as an invasion of home rule.

The new home rule amendment to the state constitution vests all Nebraska cities with the power to make their own charters for the government of their local affairs, and it is to be assumed that the intention was to stop further invasions of home rule. If there were any exceptions in the minds of those who framed the constitutional amendment, they neglected to set them out in detail. Under this amendment Omaha can have home rule if it wants to. If it prefers to be governed by nonresidents at Lincoln, and to continue subject to the woes of biennial charter tinkering every time the legislature meets, it has that privilege, also.

Alas, No Danger.

On the basis of a report that our one-time stormy petrel superintendent of schools, now superintendent at Milwaukee, is being considered for a similar position in Pittsburgh, our people are warned against failing to appreciate and support our distinguished hydraulic politician who manages the water works for us, lest he may be tempted away by enticing allurement from other cities.

Alas and alack! But there is no such danger.

The predecessor in Omaha of the school superintendent referred to, who was crowded out to make way for him on the charge of being inefficient and a back number, was soon after made assistant superintendent of schools for Greater New York, which goes to show that real ability and merit will be recognized somewhere.

But we have yet to hear of any city trying to rob us of our Water board boss. Had some other city only come to Omaha's relief in time, our people would have been richer by several million dollars.

Never in Fear.

"Once again does this field tremble under the tread of a mighty host—not now in fear, however, but in joy," exclaimed Secretary of War Garrison in his Gettysburg address to the veterans of the north and south gathered in reunion there.

Secretary Garrison is unfortunate in his choice of antonyms. The mighty host that now treads the field in joy, never trod it in fear. The soldiers of Meade or Lee or the intrepid Pickett may have felt the pangs of regret or sorrow or even distress as they followed the stern line of duty into that awful death valley, but surely men who fought as they did could not have known fear.

Every time a Gettysburg speech is delivered, the country is again peculiarly reminded of that matchless and immortal epic that fell extemporaneously from the lips of Lincoln, of which it has been said just one such is made in a hundred years, and we are only fifty years from it. If, therefore, the next president to commemorate this hallowed ground in oratory does not attain unto the heights reached by the melancholy man from Illinois, he need not feel that his effort is a failure.

Bar Tubercular Cattle.

The Missouri Valley Veterinarian association's appeal to the secretary of agriculture to confine Illinois cattle to that state while the tuberculous scourge exists is in line with the general movement for pure food and improved sanitation, to say nothing of the financial losses involved in a possible spread of the disease. It is not to be supposed that, if sufficient grounds exist for the scare, the secretary of agriculture will hesitate to act favorably upon the general appeal, of which, doubtless, this is but a part. It is needless to enter into any lengthy discussion as to the imminence of the danger of permitting free shipment of cattle subjected to tuberculosis. The malady that worked such havoc among horses in adjoining states only last year is too fresh in mind to warrant taking any chances with the cattle disease, which is obviously more far-reaching in its effects, because of its menace to human health.

The saloon keeper who persists in selling liquor to minors and the druggist who supplies dope to minors or others deserve the severest justice and then some.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—General Crook and party were last night the guests at the postponed reception and banquet. General Manderson played to-morrow, and speeches were made by Judge Wakley, Dr. Miller, General Howard, Frank E. Moore, Colonel Carlin, Dr. Summers, J. E. Boyd, Judge Saunders, General Dandy, Ex-Senator G. Rosewater, Captain Bourke and the special guest.

Miss Maggie Crague has applied for position as teacher or assistant in the schools.

Miss Annie Trueland will teach a summer school in the South building.

Andy Monihan has been called to Chicago to attend his father's funeral.

J. G. Crowland, the carpenter, announces the advent of twin boys.

The city physician's report for June shows 32 deaths and 51 births.

Herman J. Norman will erect a public drinking fountain for man and beast at the corner of Sixteenth and Jackson, this city to pay for connections and water used.

Dr. Van Camp's office has been removed to the Premier block.

Miss Brash, a young woman living with a family on Howard street, died suddenly, the death being ascribed to stroke.

For the glorious Fourth The Bee announces that it will issue no paper in the evening or on the following morning.

Twenty Years Ago—Ray Elser, the daring young aeronaut, sank to his death in the river at Courtland beach, where his last ascent went wrong. His balloon reached an altitude of some 20 feet, drifting over toward the river. As was his custom, young Elser prepared for a descent in his parachute. The balloon began to collapse and before the youth could loosen and get into his parachute, the vessel was rapidly falling into the river. Suddenly it struck the water. The aeronaut fought desperately for his life, but could not extricate himself from the tangled mass and went down in the presence of a great horrid-stricken throng.

The 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Yoder, 1708 North Eighteenth street, should he live, will go through life with but one eye, as the other was put out by the explosion of a bunch of firecrackers. General Manager E. Dickinson of the Union Pacific was taking in the sights of the Chicago World's fair. General Passenger Agent Lomas was also in the Windy City.

Albert Watkins of Lincoln came up to get an order from Federal Judge Dundy permitting him to sell some horses belonging to the Ponca bank, for which he was receiver.

Chief of Police Seavey, who had been under the weather for a few days, was still too weak to attend fully to his official duties.

Ten Years Ago—Presiding Elder J. W. Jennings was preparing to leave for Ocean Grove, N. J., to attend the joint conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal church, South, as one of the western delegates of the north church.

Miss Hope Hanchett was in Chicago, visiting her friend, Miss Blanche Crosby.

W. H. Alexander of Chicago, formerly of Omaha, was visiting friends in this city.

State Superintendent Steaton of Maine, in a "question box" at the Trans-Mississippi summer school of superintendents at the city hall stated: "Parents have vacated the seat of authority in the homes and it has been taken by the children; the church has ceased to do its work in instilling reverence and veneration in the minds of the children; parents do not want us to spank their children, though they are willing for us to spank the children of others." These were some of the causes, he said, of the growing insubordination of children.

All sorts of preparations for the Fourth of July celebration were on tap, and so was dubious weather, according to Forecaster Walsh.

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Twice Told Tales

Married and the Music Box.

Harry Maynard used to be a member of the house of representatives until the voters of his district laid him prostrate on the ground, and put upon his recumbent form the marks of many iron boots, thus effectively retiring him to private life. The last time he was in the national capital he was explaining in a familiar manner that an extra session of congress would not now be necessary. Congress reminded him, he said, of a piano of which he had heard. A man was preparing to go on his vacation, and was unfolding his plans to his neighbor, the next apartment. "We will be gone a long time," he said, "and we are thinking about taking our piano with us." "I would," replied the neighbor. "The Lord knows it needs a vacation."—Popular Magazine.

The College Graduate.

It was the season of the college graduate, and at dinner in Lakewood George J. Gould said:

"The college graduate has many charms, but the chiefest of them is, perhaps, his cocksureness. Ah, if we were all but as cocksure as the young college graduate on commencement day."

"I know a manufacturer who took his son, fresh from Yale, into the mill last fall to learn the business. I met this man the other day and said:

"You took George into the mill recently to teach him the business. How is it turning out?"

"The manufacturer passed his hand over his brow and sighed.

"Oh, splendidly," he said. "George is learning me now."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Young, but Discreet.

A certain man, who lives in a suburban town in North Jersey, is no beauty. He is not only long and angular, but has a face and complexion that neither paid dress effect nor any other color in the world will still attune to.

One day the aforementioned party called to see an acquaintance, and while waiting for him to appear in the parlor was entertained by the little 5-year-old son.

"Well, what do you think of me?" asked the caller, after conversing several minutes.

Instead of replying the boy turned aside and thoughtfully hung his head.

"You haven't answered me," smilingly persisted the caller. "Aren't you going to tell me what you think of me?"

"No, sir," returned the youngster. "Do you suppose that I want to get a licking?"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Editorial Siftings

Philadelphia Ledger: I approve your course very heartily and without hesitation," says the president to Mr. McReynolds, "wherefore," he says, in effect, "I have decided to reverse it."

Philadelphia Ledger: Mr. Bryan calls Mr. Metcalfe, who goes to Panama, "a demagogue of the straightest sect." In Panama there are gold employes and silver employes. Will Brother Metcalfe be a silver man?

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The Bees Letter Box

Letters from a Political Heathen.

HARTINGTON, Neb., July 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: There is room for a great work which shall treat upon the abuse of the English language. One misused word is the word progressive. A fellow who believes in direct legislation, that is, in the people themselves enacting laws, is a progressive. He who believes in representative government is a reactionary. In the definitions the terms are reversed. Representative government is of modern origin. The old way was for the people to vote direct. Those feds of their origin in Switzerland. There they have proved a failure. In that country, since the establishment, there have been thirty-one referendums and but one enactment. This was a law against killing animals by bleeding. This was ostensibly in the interest of humanity, but really was leveled at the Jews and was Jew-baiting. Yet the Prince of Peace and the Apostle of Grape Juice has roared himself hoarse upon this proposition.

There never has been a perfect democracy in Athens—the darling of the historian Grote—where Demos ruled, there were 30,000 Athenians, 4,000 Metages—resident aliens—and 60,000 slaves. The 30,000 met in the eclesia and enacted laws. Was this democracy? In Rome the comitia played the part of the eclesia in Athens. The world has passed these things by and the man who turns back to them is a reactionary. We hear much of the New England town meeting. But this is simply local government for local affairs in a tract six miles square. So too Greece and Switzerland are countries divided by high mountains into narrow valleys. Everything is necessarily local. When we talk of applying this to a state like Nebraska, a broad plain larger than all New England we will find that it will be like the staff-of-Army primary has proved—a total failure. We inherited this nonsense from populism. From populism is drawn the so-called progressive party begotten by the domesticated baboon of Oyster Bay upon his return from