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Well, has he all of his fingers left?

Heat waves are depressing, but not on the thermometer.

Did base ball get the squeeze play from Uncle John D.?

As an adept in sitting on the lid, Mr. Bryan is an unqualified success.

Oh, how hard it is for those water boards to come down off their proud perch.

Perhaps after all Julian Hawthorne's prison life poetry is no worse than the prison life.

A Chicago lake breeze that blows the mercury up to 103 must figure in the nickname "Windy City."

"A successful politician is usually machine made," says the Chicago News. With statements it may be different.

The Golden Rule goes into full eclipse on the eve of Fourth of July and stays there till the pandemonium is over.

Those extortionate water rates are falling and the drop will not stop till all the water is wrung out of the rate schedule.

Some of the stories related in Washington during the week have that "come across - or - I'll - equal" sound to them.

With Editors Bryan and Daniels in his cabinet, President Wilson ought to be able to land a scoop every now and then.

War talk is negligible.—Exchange. It is, eh? This, does that mean that all this hingo talk doesn't amount to anything?

Now that the Harriman merger is really truly unmerged, of course everybody feels the beneficent effect and the country is saved once more.

Whatever else may or may not be "municipal home rule" for Omaha, it is a cliché that government by appointees of a non-resident state officer at Lincoln is not.

The chief weakness in the Boy Scout movement is the apparent lack of the necessity of the home-delegating by means of its trustees and responsibilities to outside shoulders.

Mr. Bacon, a former associate of Mr. Morgan, testified that the latter organized the steel trust to prevent monopoly. But he can never convince the public that a man of Mr. Morgan's organizing genius could come as far as that from the mark at which he aimed.

We listen to hear why and how, if it is a flagrant violation of the principle of "home rule" to let a state utilities commission regulate our local public service corporations, the management of purely city elections by a non-resident governor located at Lincoln comports with "home rule."

Mr. Hearst has finally discovered something to commend in President Wilson, namely, bringing the money question before the country in the form of a currency bill, which, by the way, went in only after receiving Secretary Bryan's O. K. But evidently Mr. Hearst has not as yet found anything in our Mr. Bryan to commend.

Almost totally destroyed by the earthquake of December 31, 1905, the brave city of Mexico is today a prominent example of the indomitable spirit of man.—Tacoma Ledger.

But, according to reports, on a new and entirely different site. The indomitable spirit of man seems to have been too wise to attempt the city's reconstruction on the old location.

King Caucus.

Under "The New Freedom" ushered in by democratic ascendancy at Washington, King Caucus reigns supreme with more autocratic rule and more of an iron hand than ever before. The little walkout of our United States senator from Nebraska from the democratic caucus only emphasizes that. The senator explained it over and over again that he is not bolting his caucus or splitting with his party, but merely making a demonstration for the sake of the publicity. But what was it he craved as a boon from his democratic colleagues? Merely the privilege to offer in open session a foredoomed amendment which the caucus had rejected. To secure the desired permission he was ready to pledge himself to swallow the caucus concession and vote for the caucus bill and all he even claims to have accomplished by his walkout is avoidance of compulsory agreement to vote against every amendment not sanctioned by the caucus. Let the people rule.

Baiting Public Utility Concerns.

No one familiar with the facts will deny that baiting public utility corporations is a common practice among a certain class of politicians seeking or holding office. But why do the corporations continue to act as the fish and swallow the bait? The utility concerns have it in their power successfully to resist these subtleties. That is the power of publicity established through a candid open relationship with the people whom they serve. It is always at their disposal. Why do they not avail themselves of it and put an end to the pernicious baiting business? Until they do, the corporations cannot entirely absolve themselves of blame and responsibility for existing evils. Happily the day has dawned when many far-sighted corporate managers are embracing this better means, conscious from actual demonstration, that it is the only method that will pay in the end. Had it been employed consistently from the first, would there ever have been any considerable demand for public ownership of these utilities? Remove the reason for demanding public ownership and the problem is solved. Good service and open-handed dealing with the people would satisfy the average demand. Anything else is stupid.

Strengthening the Erdman Act.

On the whole the Erdman act has proved very helpful in preventing strikes on railroads. In fact in the last five or six years in every application except one prior to the existence of a strike, this act, it is said, has prevented a strike or lockout and the mediation ensuing under the act has proved effective. "Could there be a stronger endorsement for the principle of government intervention in industrial disputes?" asks Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, former Canadian minister of labor. The principle having been demonstrated, why confine its application to one class of labor, namely, railway service? Why not extend it so as to apply to all trades and occupations? That is one of the points to be considered by congress in strengthening the act. Another is provision for making the finding of the arbitration board or commission binding upon both parties. It is no longer a matter of very general doubt that compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes is the thing, and yet the principle is not much in vogue. It is sometimes believed to be in Canada, whose strike prevention method extends to all lines of industry, but as a matter of fact does not bind the parties to accept the award except as they may stipulate between themselves. The Canadian law says: "The parties may agree in writing at any time before or after the board reports to be bound by the recommendation." etc. We might do well, then, to take this step in advance of Canada.

How We Do Smoke and Drink.

After all the distinguished reputations of the highball, the cocktail and the mint julep, the knockout of the army canteen and the general advance of the cause of temperance, Americans are drinking and smoking more than ever. According to the government's figures our total internal revenue receipts for the last fiscal year, which is an index to our indulgences, amounted to \$309,475,000, or \$16,600,000 more than in 1912. What proportion of this stupendous sum went for smoking and what for drinking, we do not know, but the report says we broke the records in both. Yet are we not a nation of topers. Ordinarily we do not even stagger under our load. If drunkenness is not on the increase, what then can this enlarged consumption of liquor mean but that its use has spread to a larger number, and if this is true, might it not follow that temperance—not total abstinence—is on the increase? Even the most extreme advocates of punitive laws should find some consolation in this supposition, however far from ideal it might come. One thing seems very certain—and that is a very old thing—namely, that the indulgence of weak humanity do not greatly vary, on the whole, from one generation to another. Always and ever, though, the fight should go on for temperance and sobriety.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—C. C. Fields, the well-known and popular Casino street druggist, left for Chicago, where he will stop for about a month. John T. Bell of the real-estate firm of Shriver & Hill, has gone to St. Louis. George A. Joslyn left for Des Moines. M. Hellman is back from a trip to the east. Vic Bierbower goes to Sidney for a week's rest and recreation.

Twenty Years Ago—The American Savings bank, Fifteenth and Dodge streets, went into voluntary liquidation, asking the State Banking Board to wind up its affairs. John E. Bennett, father of Sheriff Bennett, returned to his home at Chatham, Ont., after visiting his son. Edwin Hanson, depot master at Union station, went to Chicago to keep tab on the White City for a few days.

Twelve Years Ago—The search for the body of Joseph Mayfield, alias Ray Ealer, the young arsonist, who fell from his balloon which collapsed into the river at Courtland Beach, was still being carried on without a trace of it.

Ten Years Ago—Omaha, which was last in the Western league pennant race, finally won a game after suffering a long train of defeats at home and abroad. It beat Des Moines, 10 to 4. Frank Genies in five times up made four of the eleven hits for the home team.

Five Years Ago—The rewards of "Christie" are in accordance with the investment," said Rev. Thomas Anderson at Calvary Baptist church, preaching on "Godliness is Profitable."

People Talked About—Some members of congress keep cool with a palm leaf fan, others require a rotary air blower. Miss Leonora Cawker, although at home in her own right, in the official capacity of lady city of Milwaukee.

Twice Told Tales

Seeing Things—Mrs. Arthur Wentworth Halfour, the western Audubonist, praised, in an address in Tacoma, the action of congress in forbidding the importation of all feathers save those of the ostrich and the domestic fowl.

New Becomien Theory—Two farmers down in Georgia were sitting on a rail fence discussing the greatness of United States Senator A. O. Bacon of that state. They were in entire accord on the physical, mental and oratorical supremacy of Bacon over any other man that ever lived.

Fixing His Nativities—While visiting in the south recently a traveler chanced upon a resident of a sleepy hamlet in Tennessee.

Niagara Enthusiasts—Telling of his visit to Niagara Falls, Rev. Bernard Vaughan of London related an anecdote of an Italian, who, on being asked by a Yankee what he thought of the falls, was not very appreciative.

Preserving Youth—Dr. Lyman Abbott, at a luncheon at the Colony club in New York, was good-humoredly arguing the suffrage question with a prominent suffragette.

Editorial Snapshots

Chicago Tribune: Tut, tut, Mr. President! Even when you play golf use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do.

Philadelphia Ledger: Postmaster General Burleson is going about his business in a quiet but effective way.

Washington Post: About the only consolation some benighted get out of the statement that married people live longer than single ones is that it is better to be married than dead.

Indianapolis News: As the development proceeds it appears that the lobby is really more insidious than was at first suspected.

Millions in It—Chicago Tribune: A thoughtful citizen comes forward with the suggestion that some inventor might benefit his fellow beings and make a good thing out of it himself by devising an ice card that will drop automatically from the front window of a dwelling house after the man with the ice wagon has been along.

Unusual Progress—New York Sun: The casualties of the American troops in the operations against the Moro stronghold of Mount Bagumbay, twelve miles and seventeen rounds, seem light in terms of modern warfare.

In Other Lands

Warring Balkan States—When the foxy Abdul Hamid ruled the Ottoman empire he maintained peace in European Turkey by preventing a union of the Balkan states.

British Politics—A suspicious unanimity of opinion regarding the early doom of the Asquith ministry is reflected in latest London correspondence in American newspapers.

The Triple Entente—The visit of President Poincaré of France to London and his cordial reception by the people is regarded by the inspired press of both countries as an exhibition of the solidarity of the triple entente.

Germany's War Levy—A compromise has been reached by the budget committee of the German Reichstag on the income tax measure, designed to produce the extraordinary appropriation of \$20,000,000.

Japanese Citizenship—The Japan Advertiser of June 1 quotes the preparation of a speech recently made by Mr. Hatatori, a member of the Japanese Parliament.

Hammer Taps

It is all right to be a good loser. But some guys make a habit out of it. Reform can make more noise and produce less results than anything ever invented.

When the eugenic marriage is the vogue, will parents have to register their yearlings and apply to a national commission for permits to name their 1-year-olds?

When a man reads of a modern miracle happening in Europe, he marvels at the wonders of science. But if the miracle happens in his home town he knows it is a darn fake.

A haughty princess will pln what looks like an old lace curtain around her form and start downtown. And she has nerve enough to assume a "What-a-nasty-brute!" expression every time a man looks at her.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Oddities of Life

At the funeral services for Mrs. Katherine Stehling in Milwaukee her four sons officiated as clergymen.

Mrs. Jessie Young of Webb City, Mo., has had three husbands, but only one mother-in-law. All her husbands were brothers.

Frankfurters of the good old 'set 'em while they're sizzling' kind have been banished from the fashionable front of Asbury Park, N. Y.

In addition to being the oldest barber in Maine, John M. Todd, 82 years old, of Portland, has the distinction of being the oldest best man at a wedding for a number of years.

The air in the stores is stuffy. But there is a sale on dresses. And oh, how the shoppers swarm! But down in the glades of the marshes a wonderful nest is hung.

BREEZY TRIFLES.

"What's that book you are studying so faithfully?" "Collection of rube stories," replied Farmer Corntassel.

"Money went a whole lot further in the old days than it does now," said the Old Fogey.

"Pa, what does it mean when a man is 'charged for the good of the service'?" "Ordinarily, my boy, that means that the administration has a friend it wants to place in his job, and there's no other real reason for letting him go."

"See that girl asleep over there in that hammock? I'll bet you a silver I can sneak up beside her, kiss her on the cheek and not wake her up."

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