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ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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To the weather man: Many thanks.

If worse comes to worst, Secretary Bryan might find a tenant for Fairview.

It must afford Turkey some consolation to know that Bulgaria came to its trot.

Three things come natural to a normal American boy—eating, sleeping and playing base ball.

What will happen when, in the course of human events, one of those women police encounter a mouse?

Mr. Bryan might further supplement his income by selling his autographed photographs after each lecture.

Oh, yes, a four-year term for the council is altogether too long, but a six-year term for the Water board is just right.

The referendum autograph collectors need not despair. Initiative petitions may be signed up for a year yet.

President Mellen's resignation as head of the New Haven railroads seems to be the biggest popular hit he ever made.

Weather men ignore the degrees of comparison when, with the thermometer ranging around 100, they predict "cooler" weather.

A member of the Omaha ball team is named Fox, and he seems to be good at stealing bases, which is exactly what one would expect of a Fox.

London courts may do funny things without seeing the joke. One rules that women may not practice law in England. How about lawlessness?

Speaking of public office and small salaries, Associate Justice Harlan died practically penniless after more than a third of a century on the supreme bench.

It's a cinch "the new job is no sinecure"; and we don't see our democratic senator from Nebraska holding out hay to the donkey or helping to push the cart, either.

How would you like to carry \$88,000,000 around with you in your vest pocket, as did the treasurer of the Union Pacific? Would it not be calculated to make you feel "cocky" for a few minutes?

When Ambassador Wilson reports at the cabinet meeting, with President Wilson at the head of the table and Secretary Wilson at the foot, there will be only one prominent Wilson absent—that's all.

Senator Lewis, in Tandy Splendor, Dims Wilson's Barterial Laurels—Headline in Washington Post.

Wow!—But whatever possessed the president to think of matching wits with this famous facetious dresser?

A professional ball player has stated in a Chicago court that ball players are slaves. It might be explained that he has just been released and finds himself out of desirable employment.

One of the suggestions embodied in the banker's criticism of the currency bill is for a smaller number of federal reserve associations. The bill as drawn provides for not less than twelve such districts. This is a pretty big country.

Home Rule.
Whatever else home rule may mean, or may not mean, as applied to charter-making, it certainly means rule by the people of the city who are to be governed by the charter as distinguished from rule by the people of some other city.

Down at Lincoln, for example, a home rule charter convention is at work framing a charter for that city, and surely any attempt by Omaha to dictate what should be put in, or be kept out of, Lincoln's charter would, to say it mildly, be characterized by an unpleasant name.

Omaha is, and will always be, glad to have helpful suggestions and advice from any source for making ours a better city, or giving us more efficient government, but the only reason for utilizing the new home rule constitutional amendment is to get a home-made charter, and to be free in the future from being governed from Lincoln in matters that affect us alone.

The Ineffaceable Facts.
After one year's actual possession and operation of the water works, no amount of juggling with figures, nor of whitewash applications, will cover up these ineffaceable facts:

Purchase by the city, stopping payment of taxes on the water works amounting to \$100,000 a year, has transferred this burden to the other property owners.

Doubling the water rate to South Omaha packers and raising to a 50-cent minimum the small consumers using less than 2,000 gallons monthly, has increased the revenues by more than any reductions to other consumers.

In a nutshell, the people have been compelled to pay \$100,000 more in taxes without any compensating offset in reduced rates for water.

Whether this is due to mismanagement, miscalculations or simply perverseness is not clear.

The Silver Lining.
In reference to Mr. Bryan's struggle to keep the wolf from the door at \$12,000 a year, an inventory of his resources purports to show that while his Fairview home and acres are listed at \$60,000 for assessment purposes, the actual value is nearer \$100,000; that his 240-acre farm near Mission, Tex., is quite valuable; that his Florida winter home also represents a considerable investment; that the Commoner has been producing a good net revenue; that he often receives \$500 for a single lecture and makes little pickups on the side, such as for writing a newspaper story or magazine article.

But in spite of his financial difficulties, there is a good day coming for Mr. Bryan. As the old song used to have it: "Oh, there's a good day coming, it is coming; it has been a long time on the way, but it's coming." That will be the day when the democratic free trade tariff gets to cutting the coat of living down to the level where a hard working man drawing a salary of only \$12,000 will not have to spend his summer vacation in a desperate effort to make both ends meet around the family table. Mr. Bryan should cheer up when he reflects that every cloud has its silver lining and he should be the first to detect these silvery fringes of hope.

Women as Police.
The experiment of employing women in police capacities, now in vogue in Chicago, Minneapolis, Denver, Omaha, Los Angeles and other cities, is meeting with fair success that promises general acceptance in time. Of course, the feminine police officer will always have her special work and beat, such as bathing resorts, public dance halls and places where the sexes intermingle and where juvenile oversight is required. Woman's sense of the proprieties tends to give an advantage and then, too, her intuition and power to command respect increases her effectiveness for such work. But, of course, the women for police service must be selected with utmost discrimination, for upon their demeanor and discretion, after all, rests their measure of success.

Prize Hot Weather Joke.
LINCOLN, Neb., July 18.—This is the hottest place on the map. The official temperature today was 106.—Dispatch in the New York Journal.

It must have been pretty warm in the Journal office, for the man at the copy desk, failing to recognize the slip of the typewriter, displayed the story under this sizzling head: LINCOLN WITH 106.

DEGREES, SETA RECORD.
Now, of course, Lincoln is a pretty warm town in more ways than one, but when it comes to charging up against it a thermometer temperature of 106, it is time to protest. Official weather reports place the maximum heat that day in Lincoln at 105.6 and are not to blame for dropping out the "0" and decimal point.

Good democratic public servants come high, but we must have them. There is Walter H. Pace, our ambassador to the court of St. James and a member of a big publishing house, who says he never could have afforded to accept the post but for the fact that his firm voted him a leave of absence at full pay, \$35,000 a year, which, in addition to his \$17,000 as ambassador, makes him available to us and thus saves the day.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
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Thirty Years Ago—
Telegraph operators in Omaha, as elsewhere throughout the country, have gone on a strike. The signal flashed across the wires at midnight in the words, "General Grant dropped dead," and in Omaha thirty-five operators dropped their instruments.

As if adding insult to injury the Port Huron finished their series with the Union Pacific knockouts, the last one by a score of 6 to 1. The two clubs will meet again next month in Chicago.

Through G. W. Doane and E. W. Simmeral as their attorneys, protesting property owners have gone into court to stop the contractors from paving Eleventh and Twelfth streets with Colorado sandstone.

Prof. A. Rauchenbush of the Baptist Theological seminary of Rochester, N. Y., is visiting Rev. A. Genus of this city.

Schaffer, Sexton and Wallace, the famous billiardists, passed through the city going to Denver to participate in the great billiard tournament there.

Charlie Elutter, son of our popular and well-known merchant, M. Elutter, has returned from the east, where he graduated from Phillips academy, and will enter the freshman class at Harvard next fall. Charlie was one of the editors of the "Ekolon," the class paper, and the class historian says he is an original port.

Among the improvements in progress at the Union Pacific depot is the construction of an iron spiked railing about the platform occupied by backs and omnibuses.

Mrs. Troxell, on Farnam street, second house west of Twenty-fourth, wants a girl for general housework.

Twenty Years Ago—
General Passenger Agent John Francis went to Chicago to attend a meeting of the Western Passenger association.

W. B. Kelley of the Union Pacific law department was rusticated in the Colorado mountains.

Miss Kate Fowler returned to Omaha after a visit with friends at Leadville, Colo.

Judge Neville, Mrs. Neville and their son left for Chicago to remain until the closing of the World's fair, which they wished to see thoroughly.

Councilmen Jacobson, Steel and Wheeler of the committee on public property and buildings; Building Inspector Tilly, Contractor Coats and Architect Bendorf made an inspection of the new city hall preparatory to its final acceptance by the city council.

John Stirling, a youth of twenty summers, made his maiden trip to a balloon at Courtland Beach. He had intended coming down in a parachute, but instead came in the lake. He had the good sense to do a life preserver before soaring and that probably saved him from drowning.

An important visit to the city by Eugene Debs, the national labor leader, was heralded forth by some of his brethren here.

Several years ago—
Several people applied at the city jail to see a couple of magnetic healer fakers arrested and held there. One man had his little girl with him, saying he had paid the fakers \$10 to treat her and wanted to get the worth of his money.

Fa Rouke married a young man named Premier in from the tall, neat brushes of St. Louis Falls to play shortstop for his basement dwellers, Frank Getzins, who had been doing good work at short since the desertion of Joe Dolan, was to be sent back to center, where he was much needed.

"Less utility and more kindness in the home," Rev. J. W. Conley of the First Baptist church, said, was one of the needs of the day.

Members of the Douglas County Fish and Game Protection association said they were receiving complaints of illegal fishing and selling at Cut-Off lake and demanded a deputy game warden.

Omaha and St. Joseph split a double-header at Vinton street park. War Sanders held the Joes to seven and Glade Omaha to five hits in the second game, won by the Bourkes. In the first game Milton for Omaha allowed St. Joseph twelve hits and the game. While Pails for St. Joseph held on the home team so heavily as to hold them to three hits and as many runs.

German Birth Rate Falling.
Statements made in the Reichstag by the German minister of war and corroborated in part by the minister of the interior, show that the birth rate of the empire is steadily declining. In 1876 the birth rate in Germany was 394 per 1,000 inhabitants. In 1912 it had fallen to 29, a decrease in births amounting to 50 years, is offset by an equally marked decrease in the death rate, and to this alone is due the fact that in the twelve years since 1900 the population of the empire has increased by 5,000,000. The death rate in 1876 was 26 per 1,000 inhabitants. In 1900 this was reduced to 20, while last year the rate had fallen to 16.4. The death rate had not fallen the minister of the interior estimates that there would be a reduction of the population from 1900 to 1912—the marriage rate remained about the same—about eight per 1,000 of the population—so that, as the minister of the interior says, "the cause which might explain the surprising lowering of the natality of Germany is not to be sought in that direction."

Editorial Snapshots
Boston Transcript: A Frenchman has invented a machine which, it is claimed, will put the shorthand writers' out of business, but if it hasn't got dimpled shoes and blue eyes the stenographers needn't worry.

Wall Street Journal: Secretary of the Navy Daniels says he intends to educate naval officers to be better fitted for civil life—so they may resign even sooner after getting an education at the public expense.

Baltimore American: The fool who rocks the boat has not been in evidence so far, but it is expected too much from fate to hope that the public has heard the last of him. Unless, indeed, he has left boat-rocking for the more congenial and more fatal sport of speeding motorcycles and automobiles.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: The rumor that a movement has started in congress to pension the surviving confederate veterans must have been born at the Gettysburg celebration. It is not likely for the present to get any farther than Lee's army did. The war's over, but the annual pension appropriation for old soldiers is bigger than ever before in American history.

In Other Lands

British Reform Triumphs.
Three of the great measures of reform formulated by the Aquith ministry are followed on their way to the statute books of Great Britain—home rule for Ireland, Welch church disestablishment and abolition of plural voting. Home rule and the Welsh church measures are scheduled to become laws together next May, while the manhood suffrage bill may be delayed by opposition in the House of Lords. On the two former measures the ministerial strength and final vote stood well over 100 majority, a demonstration of party solidarity affording precious little comfort for the opposition. The action of the House of Lords in declining "to proceed with the consideration of the home rule bill until it has been submitted to the judgment of the country," will have no effect on the fate of the measure. The purpose of the Landowne motion is to emphasize the unionist claim that home rule for Ireland was never submitted separately to a vote of the country, notwithstanding the fact that self-government for Ireland has been the dominant plank in the liberal party platform in the three last general elections. It was the main issue in the election which annulled the veto power of the peers. In that measure provision was made against such action as the lords have taken. "A bill," the law declares, "shall be deemed rejected by the House of Lords if it is not passed." Refusal to act is equivalent to rejection.

Preparing for Home Rule.
All Ireland, except Ulster, is "putting the house in order" for the reception of home rule next year. No doubt is entertained of a successful issue of a third of a century's ceaseless campaign for the right of self-government. Plans for inaugurating the machinery of government are being discussed in the press and considered by leaders of the movement in London and Dublin agree that the first queen will be asked to open the first Irish parliament. Unanimity is evident on the proposition that John Redmond, leader of the Irish nationalists, will be the first premier and John Dillon his chief associate. "On the final passage of home rule," says the London News, "Irish party councilships are to be conferred on Messrs. Redmond and Dillon. In due course Mr. Redmond will retire from active leadership of the nationalists in the House of Commons and will doubtless be succeeded by T. P. O'Connor." Already efforts are being made with the Bank of Ireland whereby the old parliamentary fund may be restored to its constitutional function of which it was stripped in 1801. "It is anticipated," says the London News, "that the royal assent to the home rule bill will be signed about the month of June next year. The act comes into operation on the first Tuesday in the eighth month" after this month, which would be the first Tuesday in February, 1915, but by an order in council the imperial government can antedate the operation seven months or post-date it seven months."

Naval Rivalries.
France and Italy appear to be engaged in active rivalry for naval supremacy on the Mediterranean. Both have recently enlarged their spheres of influence and territory in north Africa, and more warships "follow the flag." Austria is expected to enter the race later on. For the present France and Italy hold the spotlight in the naval race and their activities are chiefly interesting for the financial problems involved. Italy has already paid out \$20,000,000 for its excursion into Tripoli and Cyrenaica, and expenses are growing as the Italian army of invasion proceeds with the chase of warring Arabs in the interior. New sources of revenue at home are not abundant. Expenditure for taxation are squeezed close to the limit. Similar conditions obtain in France. This year's budget far exceeds available resources. To meet the deficit a loan of \$20,000,000 is under consideration, and a special war loan of \$40,000,000 is deemed necessary to offset Germany's extraordinary war tax levy of \$20,000,000. Both loans will drive spirals in France's future budget in the form of an annual interest charge of \$14,000,000. "National greatness" is thus built up on a foundation of debt and moves forward to national poverty, if not bankruptcy.

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The Bees Letter Box

Back to the Press.
OMAHA, July 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: If I withdrew from the scene of action after drawing Mr. Wooster's fire, it was only because certain others had attacked him, and as I believe in fair play, I had no desire to join with three or four others to crush an honorable opponent, who is fighting alone.

However, if Mr. Wooster prefers addressing his argument to me, I shall not only do so, but I will do so with an extravagant piece of flattery, but I will with all possible speed return to the charge.

Now, classification in science is of primary importance, and so it is in religion. In order, therefore, that each may know the other's creed, I ask Mr. Wooster to state whether he is a deist, an atheist or an agnostic; he must believe in the divinity of Christ and the authenticity of the Bible. Does Mr. Wooster adhere to the philosophy of Herbert Spencer, or Immanuel Kant, or the monistic philosophy of Prof. Haeckel; does he believe in worshipping humanity as Mr. Fredrick Harrison does? Does he believe that the existence of God can be proven by arguments drawn from nature, as Thomas Paine believed? But come to think of it, it will be unnecessary to answer all these questions provided the editor will stand either as a deist, an atheist or an agnostic; we shall know by one word what he believes or refuses to believe. For my part, I believe in God, the Father, the total depravity of the race, the atonement, the immortality of the soul and in future rewards and punishments. If Mr. Wooster will not believe a doctrine until it is proven to be true by logical methods, then I say that he must refuse a belief in the deity; for that the universe was created by external agency, can never be proven by any system of logic whatever. In this world a man must act, not by what he knows and can prove by deduction, but by what he believes to be true; we live by faith, not by positive knowledge. I am 40 years of age, because my mother told me the date of my birth, and I have no other proof. Now if Mr. Wooster believes that those who defend the teachings of Christ are ignorant, let him lay down his reasons for believing that the universe was created by God (if he does believe it); or let him prove that the universe is self-existent (if he believes that); or let him show that the universe is self-created (if he had rather believe that). These three statements are the only ones that can be made concerning the origin of the world, and Mr. Wooster may take his choice, and I defy him or anyone to prove any one of the three, without having recourse to the doctrine of natural medical hierarchy, in a proposed law for eugenic marriage. This law, promulgated under the guise of "protection" and "future generation," is a serious menace to the peace and prosperity of every citizen. Of such legislation Dr. Ralph Reed says, "That such a procedure would go far toward abolishing disease is questionable. There is no question, however, but that it would abolish marriage."

We cannot interfere with the inalienable right of natural selection and marriage resulting from mutual affection, without incurring the risk that with the marriage license so difficult to obtain the bond of matrimony would be less respected and immorality take its place. No law is constitutional which would tend to make law-breakers of good intentioned citizens.

Moreover, a thoroughly democratic law effects the greatest good to the greatest number, but eugenic legislation would affect least that larger class of people where reform is most needed. As far as practical, the state cares for its criminals, insane and degenerates. To do more would be to encroach on individual liberty.

The law of heredity, like other man-made, is fast losing prestige, even in the medical world. Victor Hugo recognized that mental and moral might do not spring from physical organism when he made the statement that many of the world's greatest men of genius have sprung from obscure homes and parentage which physicians would term physically unfit and vice versa. "It has been aptly said that Americans lock their criminals in prisons, while England sends theirs to Australia to become the fathers of prime ministers." It is given to no human being to say what the offspring of two people will be. Reproduction defies supposition and conjecture alike and recognizes no medical law. To eliminate the law of natural selection and base marriage on a purely physical basis, is to place the home on a level with the brothel and casino. Generation to spring from the lowest rather than from the highest sentiments. The physical status of a civilized country depends on its moral, social and economic conditions, and these are its avenues of regeneration.

Again, Dr. Cabot, world famed in diagnosis, admits that at least half of his diagnoses have proved incorrect. In the face of this, the allopathic medical profession demands that we place our most sacred institution on the admittedly unreliable and dangerous basis of medical diagnosis. PEARLE CHAMBERLIN.

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