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London is said to have 350 tipless restaurants. Tipless, not tipsy.

Uncle Sam has decided not to let the little Mexican boy have any more shooting irons.

Better go slow with your auto speeding, friends; the recklessness of one brings odium on all.

A bull moose was caught running wild in the streets of Duluth. And have they become that scarce already?

Why must the fire to make money out of dangerous fireworks be preserved, regardless of the boys' fingers and eyes?

It is said that Rockefeller's July 1 dividends amounted to \$15,000,000. He ought to endow a crusade against the slit skirt.

If they had a base ball league in the Balkans or in Mexico, they would not be frittering away their time at wasteful war.

Perhaps our juvenile officers might do a good turn in putting a check to the nuisance of boys blowing auto horns "just for fun."

That would be strange, if true, for those bankers to depreciate their own bond holdings \$30,000,000 just for the fun of the thing.

Well, that's as good a way as any to clear the way to let a good democrat connect up with the salary of ambassador to Mexico.

The weather man predicted cooler weather and thunder showers for this week and if the week does not slip by too soon he may make good.

General Crowder ventures the assertion that a fair election would be easy to pull off in Mexico. Sure, that is why the present status exists.

A reader wishes to know if Mrs. Ella Piagg Young is a democrat. No, no democrat would ever resign an official salary of \$10,000 a year.

Nelson O'Shaunessy is the name of our ambassador pro tem in Mexico. And begorra, it has fine combination for Mexican man to try to bluff.

Inasmuch as the origination of the Monroe doctrine is claimed for Thomas Jefferson, the present administration will hardly dispute its democracy.

Who is a qualified voter in Omaha? Apparently the answer can be given only by an election commissioner appointed at Lincoln by a governor who votes in Falls City.

The bomb sent to Mr. Carnegie proves to have been a fake. Mon dieu, and who would have the stony heart to send the peace-loving Laird of Skibo a real one?

Mr. Mellan was never much on giving his reasons to the public, so the stockholders of the New Haven, through the directors, have kindly saved him the trouble this time.

While here for personal observation, we trust that Assistant Postmaster General Roper will note that Omaha ought to have the headquarters of the postoffice inspection division of this district.

More than \$4,000,000 of securities belonging to Nebraska companies are deposited with the state insurance department. There was a time not so long ago when some foolish people asserted that a successful home insurance company was impossible in a trans-Missouri state like ours.

What Made the Bonds Drop?

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo makes much ado over the sheer drop in 2 per cent government bonds on the market, bombastically charging the blame to the bankers, who are almost alone hit by the shrinkage.

The clearest explanation of the bond trouble that we have seen is the bond trouble that we have seen in the brief drawn up last week by a committee of the St. Louis clearing house banks:

The government for more than twenty years has enjoyed an extraordinary low rate of interest on its indebtedness secured by the 2 per cent bonds, maintained fictitiously through the operation of the national bank act, by compelling the use of such bonds for national bank circulation; and also requiring such bonds to be exclusively used as security for government deposits without interest for more than fifty years, a precedent so long established that were it a contract between private individuals, or private corporations, would be almost accepted as a legal obligation, certainly a most sacred moral obligation.

Within the last sixty days a tentative form of banking and currency bill was announced through the public press. In the first draft of the bill some provision was made to take care of the 2 per cent government bonds. Later (June 2) a second draft was prepared and published, leaving out all provisions for protecting the 2 per cent bonds, which bill was published broadcast over the country.

This last publication, coupled with the demand upon the part of the government for 2 per cent interest government deposits, contrary to all previous rulings for a period of fifty years, thereby taking away all profit on owning government bonds to secure government deposits and placing such bonds on a 2 per cent investment basis; and the further announcement that "other bonds" to the extent of 30 per cent would be acceptable as security for government deposits, have been largely responsible for the drop in market price of the 2 per cent bonds, until the depreciation of such bonds has aggregated more than \$25,000,000 within thirty days.

Here is a statement much more comprehensible than that of Mr. McAdoo and, we believe, well worth pondering on before jumping at conclusions.

Publicity for Utility Corporations. One of the most interesting of the serial talks by the gas company to the people through its newspaper advertising is the one which explains and justifies its publicity methods.

By this means of publicity the public utility corporation has everything to gain and nothing to lose. By making its appeals and arguments openly and publicly, instead of covertly and insidiously, the gas company frankly admits its interest in the proposed gas franchise compromise. It believes the compromise a good thing for the company or it would not be willing to accept it, much less favor it.

But because the compromise is regarded as a good thing by the gas company, it does not want us to believe that it is a bad thing for the people. For the gas company is spending money for advertising space to persuade the people that it is likewise advantageous to them, just as a merchant pays for advertising space to attract customers to bargains that are also profitable to the merchant. The publicity proves successful in either case only to the extent that it carries conviction of mutual advantage and elicits public confidence.

Another point about the gas company's publicity campaign is deserving of notice, namely, that it is conducted through the advertising columns of the newspapers, supplemented in only a small way by the distribution of pamphlets and circulars. This is testimony to the efficiency and economy of newspaper advertising as compared with other ways of communicating with the public. It is a legitimate method of campaigning which evidences the new and modern idea of public utility corporation management.

Good as Far as it Goes. Our reform democratic sheriff, experiencing another spasm of virtue after a long quiescence, has raided a so-called "Farmers' club" resort, confiscating a stock of liquors and two slot machines, and is likewise quoted as saying: "There won't be a slot machine in Douglas county a week from tonight unless it is locked up in my office."

The Bee has been calling the attention of the sheriff ever since he was invested with official authority to the undisguised slot machine gambling in South Omaha and round-about villages, but he closed his eyes and stuffed cotton in his ears. In the light of previous broken promises the sheriff's pronouncement will be accepted only so far as he makes good by deeds, and not by words. A real clean-up of all the doubtful resorts in the sheriff's jurisdiction will have The Bee's unqualified approval and do the sheriff much more credit than his jail-feeding graft.

To invent even a shadow of an excuse for maintaining its "robber rates," the Water board has had to dispart between a sinking fund, a depreciation fund and a surplus fund, 30 per cent of the gross receipts. We make bold to assert that this outrageous performance is not duplicated by another municipal-owned plant in the country.

How long do you think a private water company subject to public regulation would hold out against a demand for lower rates if by its own financial exhibit the revenues extracted from water users after paying all running expenses, full interest and dividends on total capitalization, still left a surplus of 30 per cent of all the gross receipts?

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

COMPILED FROM BEE FILES JULY 30.

Thirty Years Ago—Terra Haute, Ind., Eugene V. Debs of Terre Haute, Ind., secretary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and editor of the Locomotive magazine, has been in Omaha several days, and left today for Denver to arrange the preliminaries for the meeting of firemen at that place. While here he conferred with delegates from the different lodges and arranged with the railroad for liberal rates.

The Union Pacific base ball team expect to leave Friday for their eastern trip with a strong team of eleven of their best players.

The Burnett brothers, head salesmen with A. Polack, left for the east on a pleasure trip.

J. M. Shriver, M. D., of Joliet, Pa., is the guest of his brother, G. W. Shriver, and may locate in Omaha to practice his profession.

The cornerstone of the school and gymnasium building to be erected by the German association on Harney street, near Nineteenth street, is to be laid Thursday, with exercises in German, including speeches in German by Rev. G. H. Harman, and in English by Edward Rosewater, and music by the Maennerchor and Concordia societies.

The Board of Public Works let some big grading contracts, the bidders being McHugh & McGivney, T. L. Murphy & Co., Morris Morrison, Patrick Walsh, and Benson Co., with prices ranging from 15 1/2 cents to 20 cents per yard.

M. Toft has purchased several lots on Saunders street, near Caldwell street, on which he will erect a business block of stores and rooms above.

Twenty Years Ago—Colorado on wheels, or rather a large contingent of prominent Coloradans headed by Henry M. Teller, Edward Wolcott, Governor Waite and others, stopped in Omaha en route to the white metal-silver-convention at Chicago. Free coinage was their rallying cry, silver their medal and "liberty and union" their shibboleth.

Rev. Frank Crane preached at the "New Testament Ideal of Church," the First Methodist Episcopal church, on the text: "Let us not be carried away by the carrying out of the laws of this life into the next. The new testament, he said, taught man's individual responsibility and accountability, but did not go into details in a circumstantial description of hell.

Typographical union No. 150 held a four-hour session. Among other important matters discussed was the desirability of a federal law fixing nine hours as a day's work for a printer.

A. Kennedy resigned as secretary and Alvin P. Wilson was elected.

One hundred more miners from Denver passed through the city for the east, having had their way paid by the citizens of Denver, who, they said, were doing their utmost to help the army of unemployed, which was steadily growing.

Ten Years Ago—The newboys' annual picnic was held at Krug park with "Moggy" Bernstein as the major domo, assisted by such celebrities as "Tony Jodo," "King Chicago," "Little Jumbo," "Dutch" and a few others.

Ed Morgan won two straight falls in a wrestling match from Roy Terry of Auburn at Creighton hall. Terry proved to have a good deal of physical strength and engaged Morgan for twelve minutes and thirty-six seconds for the first fall, but went down in one minute in the latter.

Little Maude Altman, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Altman, 1213 South Thirteenth street, died of burns received from a lighted candle, which first caught her clothing.

The H. R. Penny Hosiery company, which had been doing a wholesale jobbing and importing business in hosiery, went out of business and sold its stock to Hayden Bros.

The annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union of Douglas county was called to order at Jameson park by the president, Mrs. E. M. Covell. All local presidents were present and reports showed conditions to be very prosperous. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Covell; vice president, Mrs. W. G. Whitmore of Valley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Anna Scott of Omaha; recording secretary, Mrs. E. F. Whitney of Elk City; treasurer, Mrs. W. L. Shannon of Waterloo. These superintendents were elected: Health, Mrs. Whitmore; flower mission, Mrs. W. C. Hughes of Omaha; jail and prisons, Mrs. Shirock of Omaha; mothers' meetings, Mrs. Clara Crink of Waterloo; Sunday school work, Mrs. Kate Green of Elk City; franchises, Mrs. M. E. Patterson of Omaha.

Twice Told Tales

Oppressive Loneliness. Colonel W. P. Cady, otherwise known as "Buffalo Bill," is responsible for the following:

"At one time, for a few months, I was at the head of a theatrical combination that did business in the middle west. During a tour of one-night stands in Ohio and Kentucky business was very bad. We finally disbanded in one of the Ohio towns, where only one performance was given. This was a failure, and the audience was conspicuous by its absence. As I was hurrying out of the office, when the performance was about half over, I nearly stumbled over a small girl who was crying bitterly. I stopped and, bending down, asked:

"Why, what's the matter, little girl?" "I want my money back!" screamed the child between her sobs.

"Why, don't you like the show?" I asked. "You've seen only the first act, you know."

"I don't care nothing 'bout the show," howled the child. "I'm 'traid to set it that gallery all alone!"—Everybody's Magazine.

Such a Voice. Maxwell was nearly an hour late. I wandered impatiently around the lobby, and when another page failed to find him I entered the telephone booth to make an attempt at reaching him.

"On the pad in front of the instrument was written 'Call Plaza.' Suddenly a wild, delicious impulse seized me. I would call up the number and see what happened.

"Give me Plaza." The line buzzed a moment, was silent, and then I heard a soft "Hello."

Such a voice! Clear as the song of the nightingale, as soft as a babbling brook, limpid and tender. It was vibrantly, breathlessly eager, and yet there seemed to be a note of suppressed anxiety and emotion.

"Hello," I answered, and then tentatively, "It's good to hear your voice again."

But the same glorious, musical note came floating back: "Soft pedal and 40 cents, please, before I give you your number."—New York Sun.

Knowing Why. The sweet young thing was being shown through the Baldwin locomotive works.

"What is that thing?" she asked, pointing with her dainty parasol.

"That," answered the guide, "is an engine boiler."

She was an up-to-date young lady and at once became interested. "And why do they boil engines?" she inquired again.

"To make the engine tender," politely replied the resourceful guide.—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

Editorial Siftings

Philadelphia Ledger: Senator Hitchcock is going to uphold the president unless he can hold the president up.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The melting pot in the Balkans is sizzling furiously, but the main question is how long the money lenders will be willing to supply the fuel.

Indianapolis News: Whether or not mediation is "all rot," as Ambassador Wilson says, it is a sure thing that it is a pretty hard job to mediate between people who don't want to be mediated.

Chicago Tribune: The Standard Oil company in Texas is not guilty, you understand, but to show that it is a good sport and entertains no hard feelings it will make a little contribution of \$50,000 to the state treasury.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: What's the use of trying to beat the high cost of living? A laborer in Philadelphia lived on 3 cents a meal for several months and was then killed for the money he had saved.

Boston Transcript: Secretary Daniels will introduce vocational training in the navy for enlisted men, and expects to turn out at the end of every cruise a class of experts in horse-shoeing, gardening, knitting, bead work and clay modeling.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: The United States senator who describes himself in the congressional directory as interested in minor in Mexico naturally has strong convictions about the duty of the United States to protect the persons and property of American citizens in that country, but he is not exactly qualified as an impartial judge.

Nebraska Editors

Robert M. Lamborn has purchased the Wilcox Herald from Shellen & Ashby and will take possession of the plant August 1. Mr. Lamborn has been employed on the Franklin Progress as printer.

J. F. Spence, editor of the Liberty Journal, has purchased a garage and will sell and repair automobiles as a side line. He is now sure of at least one regular advertiser.

R. W. Martin, publisher of the Tobias Express, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the founding of his paper last week.

The Misses Barber are now the publishers and editors of the Indiana Reporter.

Adam Bredes, the bachelor editor of the Hastings Tribune, says: "Mrs. Victor Berger, wife of the only socialist ever given a seat in congress, says that a wife is entitled to half of her husband's salary. We opine that a wife is entitled to all of her husband's salary that she can get."

Around the Cities

Chicago is to have a new detention hospital, to cost \$400,000.

Washington provides huge stationary umbrellas for traffic policemen.

Watts, Cal., has sued vaudeville comedians of Los Angeles for making jokes hurtful to the prosperity of Watts.

Many more New York schools will provide cheap lunches for pupils this fall.

Channah is asked to raise \$475,000 for expenses of city government in 1914.

Chattanooga, Tenn., celebrating Grand Army national encampment September 15-20.

Megaphones are to be used by teachers on noisy playgrounds in Brooklyn, N. Y., to make themselves heard.

Halley, Idaho, has just refused to buy out for \$50,000 the private corporation controlling its water supply.

The Bees Letter Box

Yassar Changes. To the Editor of the Bee: In view of the numerous incorrect impressions as to the reasons for the resignation of President Taylor of Yassar college, the Yassar Alumnae of Omaha, deeply regretting Dr. Taylor's decision and the misunderstanding which seems to have arisen with regard to it, would be glad if you would print, in whole or in part, his letter of resignation to the trustees of the college, which I enclose.

VASSAR ALUMNAE. My desire is to give up my duties permanently with the year ending on or before I shall suggest you find it desirable that I remain on long. I shall ask you to consider my resignation with the first semester, February 2, 1914. My reasons for this step and the grounds of my judgment that I should take it now, are as follows:

By the first week in March I shall have a forty years of public service. All of it has been arduous—thirteen years in two post-graduate—twenty-seven years in my present position. I have had no time to devote to the education of my religious interests, and have had no time to devote to the education of my children. The demands upon me from without, I need not tell you, have grown steadily with the years. May I not be excused for shrinking from the extension or continuance of the responsibility?

To my mind it seems better for the college and for me that I resign before the years become oppressive, or before it is thought that my age is rendering me less responsive to my duties and opportunities.

The advantages to the college in a change at this new regime, if a wise one, will bring fresh impulse to our work—that the president will travel more, will visit often, the associations of the alumnae and the schools, will awaken fresh interests, and bring increased and much needed endowments to the college.

Street Cleaning. OMAHA, July 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is a misdemeanor to refer to the street sprinklers used in residential districts of Omaha as street cleaners, for they only clean as the small boy washes his neck, by smearing the dirt off to the side. Sometimes it is impossible in an hour after the vehicle has passed to tell that it has been alone, for the most that is accomplished is the transfer of dirt from the middle of the thoroughfare to the curbs. It seems as if the city were not making a very wise investment of its money and time if it is buying and using these sprinklers for cleaning purposes.

On this same subject, it might not be out of place to suggest that teamsters would be well advised to have their teams should be compelled to keep their material, dirt, hay, gravel, or whatever it may be, on the wagons and not scatter it along the street. Sometimes it is a week before the city's sprinkler comes that way and it is very untidy and very annoying to have the street littered with this trash. Of course, we have ordinances against this thing, but they are effective only as they are enforced.

Women's Activities

Buffragatti in Greater New York are making arrangements for a parade in Brooklyn, November 1.

The American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality will hold its fourth annual meeting in Washington November 14 to 17. Among the women in Washington who will take active interest in the meetings will be Miss Julia C. Lathrop, head of the children's bureau.

Miss Pearl Holderman of northern Craig county in Oklahoma would succeed Miss Kate Barnard as state commissioner of charities and corrections. Her father has long been a ranchman and she was born in the wilderness portion of the state, but has a university education. Her mother is a Cherokee by blood and is descended from illustrious ancestors.

According to a bulletin issued by Marie L. Obenbauer of the Department of Labor, a large number of women in the District of Columbia are working more than eight hours a day. Sunday work and frequent night work, were found to be the conditions in hotels and restaurants and many of the laundry women work as much as sixty hours a week.

Bear Mountain park is a tract of 10,000 acres near West Point which Mrs. E. H. Harriman gave for the purpose of a public park commissioner opened part of it a few days ago. Shelter houses in thickly wooded regions afford beautiful views of the river. It is part of the Ardmore estate and besides the tract of land Mrs. Harriman gave a million dollars to improve it.

Here and There

Clevelanders are urging a special vehicle tax to raise street repair funds. The engineers of the Pennsylvania railroad report that it would cost \$25,000,000 to abolish all grade crossings on the system. There are 1,800 grade crossings on 11,000 miles of track.

Motor car owners in Missouri this year will contribute \$150,000 in taxes to put the state on the good roads map. The state contributes \$25,000 for the same purpose.

New York has more telephones than London, Paris and Berlin together.

A glass bottle blowing machine invented in Germany has a speed of 1,000 bottles an hour, equal to the work of 20 expert glassblowers.

Oil engine propulsion for ocean roving vessels has reached so successful a stage that a \$5,000,000 company has been organized in London to operate lines of freight ships of that type.

A London department store has a motor delivery wagon that has averaged 12,000 miles a year for more than eight years and which apparently is in as good condition as when purchased.

The state supreme court has ruled that San Francisco cannot permit the Musical association, a private corporation, to built on land owned by the city, the proposed \$70,000 municipal opera house.

Among the girls to the Kaiser's daughter at her wedding was a stock sent by the city of Hamelin. It is made from a wire cask sawed in two. The hours are cork-champagne corks. The hands are cork-screws and the weights are bottles filled with champagne.

Deferred Hogs. Brooklyn Eagle. The Gettysburg reunion prompts the hope that the progressives and republicans will walk arm in arm across the wheat fields of Armageddon in 1914.

FOLLIES FROM JUDGE

Madge—Is she a good conversationalist? Marjorie—No, I couldn't get her to talk about anybody I knew.

"Was it a case of love at first sight?" "I would hardly call it that. He did not get his auto until a month after they met."

Teacher of Hygiene—Why must we always be careful to keep our homes clean and neat? Little Girl—Because company may walk in at any moment.

Going—Kidd & Morgan are running a summer hotel at the seashore, and they call it "The Breakers."

Hashin—They picked a good name for it. I was there, and they broke me.

Mrs. Newed (to dear friend)—What's the secret of getting a new frock out of hubby after he refuses once? Mrs. Wiley—if at first you don't succeed, cry again.

Howard—Here's a man who says that happiness depends on the cook. Coward—in more cases it depends on the delicatessen shop.

Maud—So he's been calling on you regularly for ten years. Why do you suppose he hasn't proposed? Bessie—Oh, you see, he's the sort of man who always does things on the spur of the moment.

"Dancing men are so scarce at the seashore this summer that we thought our bell would be a failure."

"And wasn't it?" "No," papa notified the Navy department.

THE JINK

That Mrs. Naylor dropped in this afternoon and got off a lot of cheap talk. "Cheap talk,"—Boston Transcript.

Carolyne Walls, in Lippincott's. You may have the finest pitcher that has ever saved a pinch; You may have a clever batter, and an umpire that's a dunch; You may have the best base-runners to help—but what's the use? Every one will go to pieces when the Jinx breaks loose!

It can turn the finest pitcher to a veritable dud; Quess the best three-hundred hitter till he's useless to his club; It can turn your brain to cotton, and your spine to Charlotte Rusee, And you find your grip is going when the Jinx breaks loose!

It may be a cross-eyed fellow that you meet that afternoon; Or a bat laid on the bias, or a boy who hums a tune; It may be the smell of camphor, or the sight of a cabbage; But you're surely up against it when the Jinx breaks loose!

Yes, of course there are Jinx-killers, warranted to kill the Jinx, Neckties—loads of empty barrels—gubbing darters' woolly kinks— Caring round a Kansas farmer, spoiling hats, and chewing spruce; But the killers seem to wither when the Jinx breaks loose!

Advertisement for a new spinal corset for curvature. Includes an illustration of a woman in a corset and text describing its benefits for various conditions like scoliosis and back pain.

Advertisement for Luxus, a delightful tonic. Features the Luxus logo and text describing it as a beer-like tonic brewed and bottled by Fred Krug Brewing Co.

Advertisement for Washington Crisps. Includes an illustration of a woman and a child, and text describing the product as a delicious crisp made from toasted corn flakes.

Advertisement for Stack and Machine Covers. Includes an illustration of a stack of covers and text describing the product as water-proof and mildew-proof, suitable for covering hay, binders, etc.