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A big man is too big to stick to little prejudices.

It makes little difference to Villa how he kills 'em, just so he does it.

And whatever else you do, do not forget to have your swatter ready for that pioneer fly.

By the way, what has become of that "insidious lobby" brigade the president had on his hands?

Safety first for the schools, for the hotels and lodging houses, but, above all, for the

Young Jay Gould has done his part for the family name by winning the international tennis championship

Woman may be a slave to man-made fashion, but she seems to be indulging no violent efforts to shake off the shackles.

How long are we to wait after that birthday dinner party until Brother Charles Bryan comes out in the open with his favorite candidate for governor?

"Is it correct to say" writes a correspondent, "when a person dies that 'he has passed on to a higher place?'" It is if you know what you are talking about.

The Baltimore Sun, we feel sure, speaks for all the newspapers when it says that Madame Caillaux's method is "an unsatisfactory way of answering a libel."

And when your foolish words get into cold type, Mr. Public Official, and you see just bow they make you appear, blame it all on the reporter; he is an impersonal cuss and can stand it.

The fact that the Mississippi legislature adjourned its session to look at a base ball game is telegraphed all over the country. Why, in Washington, congress quits business every time two league clubs cross bats.

Another reason for a most thorough kind of a spring housecleaning this season is the wide prevalence of contagious disease the past winter. It takes soap, water and sunlight to rout noxious germs and bacteria.

The drop in Burlington railroad earnings in Nebraska is ascribed to crop shrinkage in the South Platte. The farmer may make up for a short yield in higher prices, but there is no such comeback for the railroad.

The persistence of the literacy test in the proposed legislation before congress is proof that the immigration restrictionists are keeping busy all the time. The truth about the lobby behind the literacy test would doubtless make interesting reading.

A South Dakota town is to vote on a proposition for the establishment of a municipal saicon. The presumption is that, if carried, it will devolve on the town officials to make sure the saloon is a success, even if they have to do the drinking themselves.



The democrats in their city convention after an acrimonious debate put up a school board ticket, renominating the outgoing members, Charles Conoyer, E. E. Long and J. J. Points, denominated as "one republican, one democrat and one workingman."

At the Fourth ward republican caucus there were three candidates for nomination for councilman, W. F. Bechel, G. M. Hitchcock and Edward Test, and it took three ballots to nominate Hechel. W. J. Broatch presided and P. M. Mullen acted as secretary of the

A special car of the New York Central brought into Omaha Mr. George Vanderbilt, son of W. Vanderbilt; Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Twombly and wife, the latter being a con-in-law of Mr. Vanderbilt. The party came in from Chicago, and went out with the train for Denver. Princeton college graduates are invited to meet at the office of the Christian Hour in the Williams

block to organize a Princeton alumni, and to make arrangements for the reception of Dr. McCosh, the president of Princeton, in the near future. John L. Webster and wife and Mrs. N. Shelton returned from St. Louis.

Mergell & Rosenswelz, the enterprising painters, paper hangers and art decorators, are now located at Mis Douglas street, to which they have moved from the old stand, one block east.

Miss Fannie V. Dilrance, teacher of piano and harmony, private and class lessons, at 1610 Davenport. A Busy King.

The succession of dramatic events growing out of the Ulster situation has reached several climaxes, most notable of which is, not the resignation of army officers, or even the war secretary, but the personal activity of King George. Even the highly partisan role Lord Roberts has played on the side of Ulster does not compare with this, especially with those who have been accustomed to look upon the crown as but a token of authority.

The king, of course, though attempting conciliation, has failed to gratify all; indeed, he has admirably succeeded in incensing the liberals, who regard this whole affair as simply a Tory attempt to browbeat the government and down the principle of popular freedom, to use the expression of John Redmond, leader of the nationalists. Whether that be entirely true or not, the king rather challenges admiration for the bold and fearless part he is playing, and it would not be surprising if in the end his influence proved helpful.

Events have gone far enough to make it plain that nothing short of rare wisdom is going to bring this issue to a satisfactory determination. Evidently the unionists are playing for time in all the vortex of this present storm. If they should succeed in effecting another prolonged stay this measure for home rule might be defeated in the next election by changing the party in power. Nevertheless, there is no present warrant for discounting too far the possibility of continued dissension and trouble. Great Britain has simply come a little late in the day to the crux of a question it must settle.

A Model Water Works Report.

The Bee is in receipt of the annual report of the Milwaukee water works covering its operations for the year 1913, which strikes us as being a close approximation to a model report.

The water works in Milwaukee is municipally-owned and operated through a superintendent under the direction of the commissioner of public works. Irrespective of comparisons, the value of the property is given in round figures as \$7,485,000, which is about \$500,000 more than the present valuation at which our Omaha water works are carried, while the number of metered consumers in Milwaukee is 59,-233, or somewhat more than twice the number served here.

The costs and revenues, and other items, are given in detail, but most graphic of all is the computation on the basis of each 1,000 gallons of the total pumpage with, and without, interest on invested capital. For example, the cost per 1,000 gallons, including all ordinary expenses, sinking fund charges, depreciation, estimated taxes and 4 per cent interest on net invested capital, is 4.459 cents, and the similarly computed cost on 80 per cent of the total pumpage for which the department receives revenue is 5.534 cents. As against this cost, the price charged to consumers in Milwaukee is 6 cents per 1,000 gallons, and to consumers outside the city limits 8 cents, making an average revenue per 1,000 gallons on the per cent of total pumpage sold of 6.185 cents per thousand gallons Even on that close margin the Milwaukee water works, after paying running expenses and crediting interest on investment at 4 per cent, left a net income of nearly \$250,000.

Incidentally, it is interesting to note that in Milwaukee there is no minimum charge or service charge, the consumer paying 6 cents per 1,000 gallons for only what he actually consumes as indicated by the meter. All water, however, must be metered, and the water wasted has been tremendously reduced by compulsory metering.

The Nine-Lifed Beast.

The way in which the assembly fell on Mayor Mitchel's police commissioner bill seems to suggest that Tammany and Murphy still have a little pull at Albany, dead as they may be temporarily in Gotham. This was the measure investing the police commissioner with plenary powers designed to attract Colonel Goethals to take the place which the mayor urged upon him Even though it had succeeded, it would still seem like a wild goose chase so far as Colonel Goethals is concerned, for the very biggest that the New York commissionership could be made would not bring the position up to the proportions of the governorship of the Panama. From a strategic standpoint alone the exchange of offices would seem very unwise for Governor Goethals. He had given a final decision without waiting for the Tammany cohorts to lay their faithful axes to the measure.

Politically, the rebuff appears to be a distinct Murphy victory, though whether it carries much weight outside of the Tammany-bossed assembly is another question. Nevertheless, the action is a stern reminder of the nine-lifed nature of this feline beast with which the idealistic young mayor is dealing.

Rural Arithmetic.

A Kansas educator has produced what he calls "a rural arithmetic," designed especially for use in country schools attended by boys and girls from the farm. It teaches arithmetic in terms of good farming and good citizenship. Its examples and problems have to do particularly with the things of the farm. For instance, it deals with land, horses, cows, swine, poultry, eggs, crops of all sorts; with rural credits, good roads and, in fact, everything that directly or indirectly goes to make up the atmosphere and life of the farmer.

The intended and probable effect is to magnify the importance of these aspects of life in the minds of the farmer's children, to fascinate them with the farm, to deepen and broaden their interests in the farm and finally to make them want to be farmers. It is, in other words, a very adroit method of fostering the "back-tothe-farm" idea, having the excellent quality of being remedial instead of curative.

Whether it will not work as planned no one yet knows. We do know, however, that the rural education that centers the child's thoughts and fancies so largely in city life to the disparagement of the farm does not cultivate a leve for the farm in the children or make them more eager to stay with it. The new idea is based on the very logical theory that it is easier to hold , boys and girls on the farm who were born and reared there than to draw city-bred people from the city. This is so simple that it certainly appeals to the common sense of the common person.

The spirited fight for republican nominations in South Dakota does not look as if the republican party had gone out of business.



"A Word to the Wise," BRADSHAW, Neb., March M .- To the Editor of The Bee: In your letter box "H" says, "If the minister of Omaha would preach short sermons, then every Sabbath would be a 'Go-to-Church day.' Very well said, but "H" should remember that ministers are educated in our colleges and seminaries, and their English vocabulary has no limit, and what Jesus Christ would tell the world in three minutes, it takes the average welleducated minister from forty to sixty minutes to get intelligently before their hearers, and we agree with "H" that a less flow of language and a cutting of vaudeville and theatrical performances in the pulpit would greatly shorten the program and might result in great good as an inducement for people to go to church.

But will "H" tell us what would be the result if the theaters would shorten their programs to about twenty or thirty minutes. The writer has known lots of people who would complain about long church services that the entire program would conclude in one hour's time, who would go and alt in a cramped up and crowded theater for nearly three hours and never register a word of complaint. There is some difference in who and what me are serving. "Get me?" JOHN B. DEY.

An Explanation from Broken Bow. BROKEN BOW, Neb., March 25.-To the Editor of The Bee: I note a special telegram from our city which is not in harmony with the facts in the case. It states that an independent caucus was held and a set of city officers nominated in opposition to the municipal ticket. As secretary of the Municipal Ownership league I wish to state that there is no municipal ticket here, nor has there ever been, as the organization is yet in its infancy and took no steps toward putting up a ticket. The citizens nominated a citizens' ticket at a citizens' caucus, and in opposition to this an independent caucus was held, which your correspondent sees fit to designate as the people's caucus. Please give space to this statement, as we desire that no wrong impressions W. W. WATERS.

Danish Consul in Omaha. SIDNEY, Neb., March 24 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Is there a Danish consul in Omaha? If not, where is the nearest one located, and what is his name? R.I.D. Editor's Note Otto Wolff, 2904 Sherman avenue is the Danish consul in Omaha.

What's the Matter with Mexico? OMAHA, March 24 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Mexico is today furnishing to the world an example of the accomplishments of anarchy. The anathema of disrupted, disorganized government has cast itself upon the land of our neighboring country to the south. In the midst of bloody turmoil, where revolution has followed revolution, Mexico is undergoing an internal struggle that is horrifying the entire world.

The methods of the opposing "armies" in Mexico surpass the comprehension of a civilized world. In the annals of warfare, ancient or modern, it is difficult to find a counterpart to the present conditions in that land. There are those who say that the mixed Spanish and Indian blood of the representative Mexican renders him a warlike, indolent person and an exceedingly difficult one to govern. Yet it is not disposition of the Mexican that it causing the continuous disof fact, the great bulk of the citizenship of Mexico, the mass of illiterate and easily swayed Mexicans, are fighting the battles of a few scheming, desperate lenders.

More than To per cent of the population of Mexico may be termed illiterate. Educational methods in Mexico follow more closely cock-fighting, sotol drinking and the bull ring than the "three R's." pastimes of a nation to a large extent illustrate its relative degree of advancement up the ladder of civilization and Mexican sports attain a barbaric limit unapproached by practically any other country in the world. Hence it is, that with a semi-barbario horde, paturally heated with the passion for the guerrilla. mode of fighting, the dominant Mexican leaders have little difficulty in inaugurating a revolution at most any time The success of the movement resolves itself into the craftiness of its leader. his ability to sway and hold the crude soldiers. For years Diaz, reigning with an iron hand, succeeded in holding the Mexican situation in his grasp, while he prostituted the country's resources for his own personal gain. His greediness was his own undoing. Madero succeeded to the presidency-his assassination at the hands of the Huerta tools followed. Huerta today appears to dominate in Mexico, but the country has yet to produce a character strong enough to master the political situation of entire Mexico.

Treachery, murder, theft and prevarication-these have been the implements employed by each of the last several aspirants for the doubtful privilege of being Mexico's president. And Mexico faces an impossible task if she hopes to build of such materials an enduring government which shall rightfully demand the recognition of other nations. country has ever found other than disaster, shame and disruption in the doctrines of that type of anarchy which has so omnivorously gripped Mexico. On the other hand, the policy which Mexico is now pursuing will surely precipitate the country into the abyza of deterioration which years and years of capable government will not be effective in over-

This is the price which Mexico is payher ignorance—the price of honor, life and progress. WOOD B. WRIGHT.

Activities of Women

It is said that a hair from the tail of the horse is the strongest single animal

thread known. A man between 20 and 30 loses on an average only five and a half days a year from illness, but between 50 and 60 he loses about twenty days annually.

A French engineer has developed an original type of water-cooled four-cycle or which is capable of starting cold. with kerosene as fuel, and of running on crude oil, thus dispensing with the car-

Mrs. Rebecca L. Finch of Guthrie, Okl. will be a candidate for commissioner of charities in the state. She is a teacher who has had much experience as a charworker. She was the first president of the Guthrie Woman's Chamber of Commerce of 500 women, the first civic

Civic Spirit in Omaha

Signed Editorial by William F. Baxter, Chairman Commercial Club Public Affairs Committee, with Special Reference to Local Conditions.

I am asked by ye editor to say something about ivic spirit. Numerous comments have been read and heard recently about the lack of it and the need of it. Civic spirit. What is it? How defined? How expressed? Patriotism, more or less dormant, may be found in the breast of every citizen, but in action we follow the mind's dictation of what is more im portant. The trite saying that "this is a material age:" that "money and power obsess the ambitions of men," expresses in the main what is important to most. Civic spirit is a social attribute. Society in order to progress must have rules, laws. These are not sufficient as such, but only effective permanently when founded upon natural law-moral law Particularly is it important that that fundamental statement of human liberty, "Man may do all that he will so long as he infringes not the equal rights of all others," be regarded. When the rules are ignored and the laws violated; when power is excroised to promote class party; clique, political ambition or private greed by the influential citizens of any community, civic spirit, social sense, goes out

and discord, discontent and indifference enter. The cry has gone out for leadership, meaning. doubtless, a man or men. My thought is that a cause that would sink for the time thought of selfinterest, that would enthuse and unite, an ideal that would be worthy of struggle, a real welfare movement would develop all needed leadership. One year ago the forces of this city were united for restoration work. Leaders were not lacking. Why cannot the same forces in a similar way, with the same thought of social welfare, unite for progress

as well as for replacement. We have long been taught to look to the daily press for leadership and much has been furnished in the past. I believe we are seeing its decadence. and why? Because that idea of leadership which, to be effective, must seek the welfare, progress and betterment for all, is at variance with the more mod ern theory, that the newspaper is the private business concern of the owner and must be used to produce profit or power. I concede the same right to this latter view as exists in any other business, but I contend that if followed, the idea of public leadership must be abandoned.

If it is organization that is needed, we no not lack, certainly not if the plural be permitted, for we have an organisation for nearly every phase of activity. Perhaps because of this multiplicity, support of them is perfunctory. But, for whatever reason, there is certainly a lack of purposeful interest. Activity in some of the more important is clearly recognizable as a furtherance of personal ambition or the desire of support to some private undertaking.

Particular interest in the question of civic spirit seems to have been stimulated by the recent election, when projects believed by many to be essential to the city's progress, failed of approval by the electorate; partly through direct disapproval and largely through indifference.

If I am to express an opinion, Mr. Editor, I would give as one reason to my mind the most important reason for the condition of disapproval, discontent and indifference that certainly exists.

Two years ago there came voluntarily together a group of men whose purpose it was to unite the good citizens of this community in a movement that should take hold of the affairs of this city and conduct them in the interest of its development and the welfare of all its citizens. No creed was established, no system endorsed, no theory advocated, no interest represented to which any good citizen could not have subscribed. I need neither defend nor excuse the mistakes in policy, the errors in judgment, the ignorance of metropolitan politics, nor any other fault in action. It needs but to assert, and I know of its truth, that the motive was pure, that co-operation was everywhere sought, and that counsel was widely asked. I am sure that, crude though it may have been, it was a great opportunity for a gettogether movement. Newspaper support was lacking; the reasons seemed then and now quite clear in the minds of many. There was, however, very general support throughout the city, a support that I believe grew enormously with the success of the opbetween the office seekers, public service corporations, the vice elements, and business men looking for favors, aided by the fact that the election machinery was entirely in their hands. That support has grown since. It is bigger now than it was then. It is more powerful now than it was then. It is sulking a bit. It lacks the opportunity of proper expression, but that will come; meantime it is say-

Mm Barles

Twice Told Tales

One of Bernard Shaw's dramatic criticisms is the shortest on record. It was about a play called "Poor Jonathan." and Shaw's notice was simply, "Poor

Not long after "Arms and the Man" appeared, and at the end of the first performance there were loud calls for the author. Mr. Shaw came before the curtain, and as he did so a catcall from a displeased spectator smote his ears. With swift repartee he flashed in the direction from which it came, "Yes, I quite agree with you; but what can we two do against houseful?

Those Fool Questions.

The stage drivers in Yellowstone park are bothered considerably by the foolish questions asked by their passengers, and often resort to satirical answers. Once a woman tourist who seemed deeply interested in the hot spring, inquired:

'Driver, do these springs freeze over in winter?" "Oh, yes, yes; a lady was skating here last winter and broke through and got her foot scalded."-Everybody's Magazine. Must Not Blame Her.

Mr. Cooke was a traveling man and was slightly injured in a railroad accident. One of the officials of the road went to his home to break the news gently to Mrs. Cooke.

"Madame," he began. "be calm. Your husband has met with a slight-that is to say, one of the drivewheels of a passenger locomotive struck him on the cheek, and

"Well, sir," interrupted the woman, "you needn't come around here trying to collect any damages of me. You won't get a cent! If your company can't keep its property out of danger it'll have to take the onsequences. You should have your engines insured -Harper's Magazine.

People and Events

Irreverent Words are annoying in any company. A preacher at Greenport, L. I., was thrown out of a job for using a dern dash word in rude form.

Dr. Charles William Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard college, entered his eighty-first year on March 19 remarkably robust physically and mentally. Down Boston way a woman testified in court that she had paid \$87,000 for 1.000 books, de luxe editions, not to read, but to hold for a profit. She continues holding them as a souvenir of a de luxe holdup. Mrs. William Nyroth of St. Louis, Mo., after a

service of fifty-five years as Sunday school teacher. was compelled to give up her work because of a defect in her hearing that developed two months ago. Emperer William's newest grandson be came a colo nel at the age of 29 hours. A grandpa who can attach a youngster of that age to public henors and emoluments is a most desirable attachment to a

growing family. Miss Helen Corcoran, a 19-year-old St. Louis girl, pulled off a full-grown anore just as burgiars were entering her room, and frightened the intruders out organization of the kind in the United | of the house. The story of the incident explains that Miss Corcoran snored on purpose.

GRINS AND GROANS.

Lawyer Boose (at 1 a. m.)-Sorry I'm ho late, in dear. Was workin' on (hic) Case, Wife (jelly)—Yes, and you emptied it. I should say.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Sir, I want to make a complaint against one of your students. He threw a bottle at me."
"Can't entertain your complaint, sir, There's nothing in it."—Baltimors Amer-

lirs. Gabbeigh—John, you smoke a great deal more than is good for you. Husband—Well, if you occasionally save me a chance to get a word in, I night let my clgar go out.—Boston Transcript.

"I have it." exclaimed the young system, "I will no longer sit in suppointed expectancy. My fortune is cure."

"Have you discovered a new romedy?"
"No. I shall invent a nervous trouble that can be cured only by looking at a base ball game."—Washington Star. "I understand you had to undergo a

surgical operation."
"Yep, some operation."
"Doctors out anything out."
"Yep, not out the auto I had planned to get."—Houston Post.

"I understand that demure little Mrs. nks always crooks her elbows on a certain occasion."
"You don't say so! When was it?"
"When she carries the baby on her arm."—Chicago Post.

ARCADY.

E. A. Guest, in Detroit Free Press. Where is the road to Arcady.

Where is the path that leads to pears,
Where shall I find the bliss to be,
Where shall the weary wanderings
onase? These are the questions that come to me, Where is the road to Arcady?

there a mystic time and place. To which some day shall the traveler fare, Where there is never a frowning face,

And never a burden to bear, Where we as children shall romp and race? Is there a mystic time and place? For Arcady is an earthly sphere Where only the gentleat breezes blow, A port of rest for the weary here. Where the velvet grass and the clover

grow. question offi is it far or near? For Arcady is an earthly sphere.

And the answer comes; it is very near.
It's there at the end of a little street,
Where your children's voices are ringing
clear And you eatch the patter of little feet.
Where is the spot that is never drear?
And the answer comes—it is very near.

For each man buildeth his Arcady,
And each man fashions his Port of
Rest;
And never shall earth spot brighter be
Than the little home that with peace
is blessed.
So seek it not over the land and sea,
For each man buildeth his Arcady.

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