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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 25 day of March, 1914. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Whatever you do, do not fail to see that the early fly gets the swatter.

Don't be in too much of a hurry to put your winter overcoat in storage.

Cheer up, the ice man will soon be around to take the place of the familiar old coat man.

A lot of folks would be willing to be classed as "unemployed" if thereby they got into the John D. Rockefeller class.

Spring is here, according to the calendar, but it will not be the real thing till the dandelion blossom.

Texas is about the best state in the union to have stationed on the border of the Rio Grande, for you remember the Alamo.

With the militants, Lloyd George and Ulster on its hands, dear old Jolly England may well be considered as having its hands full.

It turns out that Adolphus Busch, the St. Louis brewer, left only a paltry \$40,000,000. Still, that is equal to the price of 800,000,000 beers.

Oregon is to vote on a constitutional amendment abolishing the state senate. It is not made clear whether the move is in the interest of economy or only of honesty.

Detective Burns' story of how he bought a clear track for the passage of a bill through the Quebec legislature might easily fit several other law-making bodies not so far distant.

Everybody is boosting for a big church at attendance Sunday and hoping the churches will be able to hold a snug margin of their influx as permanent gain. It is up to the preacher.

Kansas City is completing a \$20,000,000 union depot; Chicago is planning a \$65,000,000 union depot. When it comes, Omaha's need not cost as much as either, if only it is not delayed many years longer.

The British liberals may criticize and censure their king all they please in the Ulster or any other controversy, but he can continue to do what in his judgment seems best without fear of a recall petition.

Perhaps you have noticed that Omaha has moved up two notches in the bank clearings scale, ranking fifteenth now instead of seventeenth among American cities, while standing about thirty-sixth in population.

It is grievous to the heart to note this sharp divergence of views between such comrades as the Chicago Tribune and Victor Murdock, who stood shoulder to shoulder at Armageddon. But, alas, 'twas ever thus. The best laid plans of men and mice gang aft a-gie.

A good many men will remember when Hanna came down through the Dakotas and into Nebraska distributing funds right and left, even sending some committeemen from \$100 to \$200 without any request being made for it.—World-Herald.

Possibly, but even more men will remember how in the famous battle of 1904 Mr. Bryan's brother-in-law, Tommy Allen, came back from Wall street with \$15,000 or \$20,000 of T. Fortune Ryan's good old coin to boost for democracy in Nebraska.

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An Opportunity for Omaha to Grasp.

The announcement by the railroads of special rates to the Panama exposition is a reminder that Omaha is the half-way station on the main artery of transcontinental travel over which a larger number of tourists will pass next year than ever before. This is the natural point for travelers to break the trip, and Omaha should make itself an inviting stopover place. But what special facilities or accommodations have we provided for the comfort and convenience of strangers? True, when we have conventions in our midst we look after the delegates and accompanying guests, but what do we do for the tourist who just stops off with no particular meeting to attend, and no acquaintances here to give him personal attention? The truth is Omaha has sadly neglected this kind of visitor. He is left to his own resources, not only without help to gratify his desire to see the city, but kept in ignorance of what attractions Omaha has to offer.

Most other cities of our pretensions provide much better for the stranger. Street signs tell him how to find his way about; public buildings and places of interest are labeled; street car conductors call the streets and assist passengers to find their destination; the clubs and churches take pains to offer hospitality; a permanent reception committee is on deck all the time; nothing is omitted to make every visitor see the best side of the city and its people. It should be remembered that the tourist is on the move, and that he is going to make comparisons; that his report of observations to friends on his return home is sure to influence them in turn.

Omaha should wake up to the opportunity which is in front of us.

On Going to Church.

And they said, we saw certainly that the Lord was with thee; and we said, let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee.—Genesis xxv. 22. Abimelech, with his Philistine chieftains, followed Isaac from the valley of Gerar up to Beer-sheba to make this peace offering. They had struggled with him in the valley, their herds had contended with Isaac's for the water from the wells, which Isaac redug after his father Abraham, but struggled in vain. The Israelitish leader was faithful to the promise, heeded the voice and received the benediction of the Lord, vanquishing the Philistines. In other words, Isaac had made good and that was why Abimelech besought him with this proposition.

It was true then, and it is true now, that you cannot gain and hold the interest of men in an individual or enterprise that is not making good. That is the sum and substance of the saying that "Nothing succeeds like success." It is infectious. Men readily fall in with whatever is taking, going ahead, but not easily with what is going back or standing still.

Our idea is that the only thing the church has to do to secure the advantages derived from such sporadic efforts as this "go-to-church" project is to make a conspicuous success of its job; to do it so well as to make men see that the "Lord is with thee." In that event it will not have to run after the Abimelechs and the Abuzaths and the Pichols as much with so many new plans of attraction, but, rather, we fancy, will find, as Isaac did, a turning of the pursuit in its favor.

True, it was not until Isaac had built his altar at Beer-sheba that he heard the Lord say, "I am with thee," repeating the covenant that he had made before with Abraham. But the building of the altar, indeed, the repairing to Beer-sheba in the first place, was only in complement of the victories of faith so sublimely achieved in the valley of Gerar. This evident awakening in the forces of religion is inspiring. See how men of all classes fall in with the promotion schemes. But the real victory and permanent success that must do the attracting and holding is up to the church, which by this token is confronted by a superlative opportunity.

Omaha Real Estate Values. The sale at public auction of a lot with negligible improvements at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Farnam for the record price of \$100,100 testifies to the strength of Omaha real estate values, and the firm confidence that exists in the city's stability and future growth. In this case the price is considerably in excess of what it was generally expected the property would bring, and the sale is sure to stiffen values all along the line. It should, and certainly will, stimulate local real estate activity and strongly reinforce the advice that well placed Omaha real estate is about the best investment in sight.

Mountain and Molehill.

Those august senators, who marched up the hill with so much gusto on the occasion of Ambassador Page's London speech, now have the exquisite alternative of walking down again. The demand for a verbatim reading of the speech in the senate has been met, the Monroe doctrine is still extant, the Lord is in his holy temple and the government at Washington lives. The speech, after the reading, was reverently consigned to that tomb of eternal rest, whence goes all such innocent instruments once they have served their little purpose—"referred to the committee."

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Cartoon Hits the Mark.

OMAHA, March 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: We wish to express our appreciation of the cartoon in The Bee, which referred in such a striking manner to one of the big events of the week—the gathering of out-of-town merchants in the Omaha market for the purpose of buying spring stocks.

It was such a particularly happy and apt recognition of the Spring Market Week that we desire to congratulate both The Bee and its cartoonist, Mr. Doane Powell, on its conception and publication. ARTHUR C. SMITH, President M. E. Smith & Co.

What's the Matter with Preachers?

SILVER CREEK, Neb., March 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: What is the matter with the preachers? They are getting hysterical. Are they afraid of losing their jobs? When they look on their empty pews and consider the annual decrease of the percentage of gain in church membership, well, they may be afraid. But why should they be afraid if they are honest men of being degraded from their high calling of parasites and drones and forced to eat their bread in the sweat of their faces?

If men do not go to church it is because they find little there to attract them and much to repel. Without an invitation first will swarm into an empty sugar barrel, but not even a governor's proclamation could induce them to go into an empty vinegar barrel. If in the blinding light of modern civilization and the wonderful advance of knowledge in every field of human endeavor the churches are fast losing their hold on the minds and hearts of men, why should not that fact be taken as an important factor in the lifting up and betterment of the human race? I so regard it.

In appealing to the governor to issue his proclamation asking the people to go to church the preachers admit the weakness of their cause and their fear of its downfall. In appealing to the strong arm of the law the preachers admit that they have lost all faith in the strong arm of the Lord—that Lord who once solemnly promised to give them whatsoever things they might ask in His name. In their desperation and terror the preachers have now exalted the governor above their Lord. The harpoon of truth has entered their vitals and not even a policy of "wait and see" is necessary while it does its proper work.

Jacksonville and Omaha.

OMAHA, March 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: In view of the statements made recently in an Omaha newspaper comparing the electric lighting situations in Jacksonville and Omaha, I feel that an injustice is being done the city and the interests involved. It has been said that nothing is so false as a part of the truth; and this form of deception has certainly characterized all of the statements made.

Effort has been made to compare the alleged rate of 7 cents in Jacksonville to the 13-cent portion of the Omaha rate, no mention being made of such current as sold lighting customers at 1 cent less than is even claimed for Jacksonville. The injustice of this distortion of facts is only partially demonstrated by the fact that for every unit of current sold for 13 cents by the Omaha company, three and one-third units were sold at 6 cents, to lighting customers, to say nothing of the discount of 5 per cent allowed for prompt payment. But the comparisons are of interest only when the whole truth is told. In stating the charge made for current in Jacksonville the fact that every small consumer pays to the city, in addition to the rate of 7 cents per kilowatt hour, a charge of 50 cents per month, irrespective of whether any current is furnished or not, has either purposely or inadvertently been neglected.

The effect of the Jacksonville rate can be most forcibly demonstrated by actual application. Consider the lighting charges for the residence of a well known Omaha citizen, R. O. Babcock, 508 South Thirty-fourth street. In January nine kilowatt hours were used, for which the charge was \$1.12. In February and March five units were used each month, for which the charge was 57 cents. In Jacksonville the charge would be 35 cents. In this instance the average rate for three months in Omaha was 114 cents, as against 145 cents in Jacksonville. Here there is a very apparent difference between the claimed 7 cents and the actual rate of 145 cents.

It is of no little interest to note that all interest, depreciation, and as a matter of fact, all overhead expense in Jacksonville is paid out of the general tax fund, while the charge for current pays only the major portion of plant operating expense. At the same time the city of Jacksonville is losing annually almost \$200,000 property tax alone on the electric lighting plant. Contrast this to the condition in Omaha. For every kilowatt hour sold by the Omaha company at 12 cents, 25 cents are paid back to the city in the form of taxes, which with the free renewals of carbon lamps, more than offsets the apparent difference of 44 cents in the rate and no consideration of the Jacksonville 50 yearly service fee has been made.

Considering the matter from another viewpoint, it is evident that while the majority of the Jacksonville lighting customers pay a service charge of \$6 a year for which no current is delivered, the Omaha company pays in taxes almost \$50 for every customer supplied, and does not require either a minimum or service charge from any lighting customer.

In the statement of charges for industrial power, the sin of omission has again robbed the article of its truth. In the first place limitations as to the time of day this power is available precludes its use for most industrial purposes, whereas, in Omaha unlimited use of industrial power is offered at rates averaging lower when all charges are considered.

In supplying power to customers in Jacksonville, each customer must either pay to the city the cost of erecting the transmission line running to his service, the cost of transformers and meters, or pay one cent more for all current used.

I claim that Omaha has never lost a new industry as a result of high power costs, a statement endorsed by the Commercial club, and as a matter of fact many plants have been attracted by our rates, and secured through our efforts. F. A. NASH, President Omaha Electric Light and Power company.

That Legal Cleanup

Not Fair to Other Candidates. Kearney Hub: This thing of John Q. Yeiser getting himself indicted by the Douglas county grand jury as an advertising turn in his governorship campaign is not fair to other candidates. He should have it called off at once.

Reverts to an Old Chestnut. Beatrice Sun: You've heard that old story about the lawyer named Stranger who wanted his tombstone to bear this inscription, "Here lies a lawyer and an honest man." Well, that would be a good one to spring in Omaha where lawyers are being indicted for fraud, hold-up and every form of shysterism.

Lawyers Should Keep Out of Trouble. Wayne Herald: It would seem that lawyers ought to be able to keep themselves out of trouble, but late indictments in Omaha prompt the suggestion that they are not always able to do so.

Example Invites Imitators. Auburn Citizen: An Omaha attorney got slapped in the face by a woman in the court house. If the women are working for reform this lady began at the right place, as our attorneys need an occasional calling down.

Right Place for Reform. Beatrice Sun: Hastings has aspirations to put on metropolitan airs, since it has the new hotel with the manly parlors. The Tribune calls upon the Adams County Bar association to have the grand jury sit in Hastings, and clean up the crooked lawyers, all same Omaha.

Let Cleaning Process Go On. Cushing Lantern: There must be a mighty rotten bunch in Omaha if one can believe half the reports published in the daily papers of that city, and probably the actual truth is worse than reported. The grand jury has finally got after them and quite a number of indictments are reported. The dirty outfit includes lawyers, capitalists, shady women and young rakes. Some of the persons who at one time were powerful and popular are found to have private habits and dealings that would disgrace the very dogs of the ditch. And to think that the great legal profession of Omaha should furnish the majority of the indictments. There is no excuse for a lawyer being crooked. He who is supposed to know the law, and has sworn to uphold it, deserves a greater penalty than the ordinary ignorant crook. It is to be hoped that the cleaning process will be continued.

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Twice Told Tales

From Monte Carlo. Glenn H. Curtis, the aviator, was walking on the sun-drenched terrace before the casino of Monte Carlo. On the right the blue sea shimmered. On the left the huge casino gardens filled the air with glitter and perfume. Great, ocean-going yachts rode in the harbor, and in the luminous air monoplane and hydroplanes swooped and darted.

"And to think," said Curtis, "that all this shining, beauty derives from roulette! To think the bank's gains give us all this!"

"The epitome of Monte Carlo lies in the glowing cabigram a New Yorker sent to his wife. After praising the delights of Monte Carlo, the New Yorker ended his cabigram with these words: "Won much, lost more."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Perfectly Safe. Mrs. Carson saw old Uncle Timothy starting away on a fishing expedition and, knowing how hard his wife worked, thought it a good time to reprove him for his laziness.

"Timothy," she said, "do you think it's right to leave your wife at the wash-tub while you pass your time fishing?"

"Yassum, miss," replied the old colored man; "it's all right. Mah wife don' need any watching. She'll wuk jes' as hard as I was dah."—New York Globe.

The Usual Way. The limited express tore madly along through the midnight darkness. Suddenly the alert engineer sprang to the lever and set the brakes. The sparks flew from the rails as the locked wheels slid along as with a cry of pain. The lights were extinguished as car after car toppled from the rails. Then came a shuddering silence more terrible than the harsh grating of iron and steel.

Some passengers made torches from fragments of wreckage and searched for dead and injured. A sound singularly like a snore issued from a pile of debris. Hastily removing several pieces of twisted iron, they dragged forth a slumbering port.

"Great heavens!" they exclaimed. "Didn't you know there had been a wreck?"

"Well, gemman, I shet' felt somethin' but I done thought we was couplin' on de diuin' car at Jackson.—Youth's Companion.

What He Did. When a well known official was appointed to his first post in India, one of his subordinates who did not know him tried to find out from a brother officer what sort of man they would have to deal with. The dialogue went something like this:

"Does he play bridge much?"

"Not much?"

"Billiards, maybe?"

"Nothing to speak of."

"Any good at chess?"

"He plays badly."

"Does he go in for outdoor sports?"

"At long intervals."

"Then what on earth does he do?" asked the bewildered man, finally.

"The rarest thing possible," snapped the other. "He works."—London Mail.

People and Events

Over 100 Frenchwomen now wear the "cross of the Legion of Honor," but few of them have achieved such international fame as Sarah Bernhardt, the latest recipient of the decoration.

When Dr. Sophonisba Breckenridge, professor of social economy at the University of Chicago, was admitted to the Kentucky bar, having studied law in her father's office in Lexington, she had to swear that she "had never borne a challenge nor fought a duel."

Miss Hazel Hulce, a young Trenton (N. J.) girl, will in a few days start on a journey half way around the world to marry Arthur C. Bowman, a man whom she has never seen. Despite the fact that the two have never seen each other, both say there is nothing unusual in the case.

Dr. Emery Marvel of Atlantic City, N. J., absently left a tube in a patient's throat after an operation and the patient narrowly escaped death in coughing it up. Now the patient is in court suing the doctor to cough up \$10,000 damages. Reciprocity in coughing looks good.

A very interesting poker game operated in one of the rooms of the national capitol in Washington has been broken up by the police and the tools and contents of the "kitty" confiscated. The daring culprits were employees who needed some diversion to chase away the dreary idle hours between pay days.

Rev. Edward H. Smith, a "marring parson" of Oshkosh, Wis., famous for the number of ceremonies he has performed, has opened an office in the business section of the city for the greater convenience of those getting married. The office is close to the city hall and court house, where licenses are procured, and is comfortably fitted up so as to be suitable for a ceremony.

When the city of New York condemned a certain piece of land in Mount Kisco, N. Y., for watershed purposes, the owner, J. W. Gorham, refused to give it up. Accordingly eight employees of the water department split the house which stood on the property and tore down that part which stood on the condemned strip of land. The house is cut cleanly and is uninjured, except that one side is open to the elements.

SUNNY GEMS.

"Wife—John, how is it that line in the old song goes? Is it: 'Those blissful days of long ago,' or— 'Hub—'That blissful daze of long ago,' my dear.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"How's business?" inquired the life insurance agent.

"Haven't turned a trick this week," said the book agent.

"Same here. I'll tell you what I'll do." "What?" "I'll buy a set of books if you'll take out some insurance."—Pittsburgh Post.

"What is that army officer who had charge of the enlistments doing on this leave?" "Still working on his job."

"How's that?" "He's recruiting his health."—Baltimore American.

"That man is an idealist." "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne; "but so many idealists are people who do not fully understand what they are talking about and take refuge in poetry."—Washington Star.

"Why are you going around in that horrible coat?" "My wife needs a new gown."

"You shouldn't spend all your money on her." "Well, if she doesn't get that new gown I'm afraid she'll get a new husband."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Father," said a small boy, "what is a demagogue?" "A demagogue, my son, is a man who can rock the boat himself and persuade everybody that there's a terrible storm at sea."—Woman's Journal.

"Why do they have 'tormentors' on the stage?" "I suppose one reason is because they

can't keep off of it the people who only think they can act."—Baltimore American.

meant that. He said it was unearthy."—Lippincott's Magazine.

"So he praised her stringing, did he?" "Yes," said it was heavenly."

"Did he really say that?" "Well, not exactly, but he probably

"Is this a high-bred dog?" "Yes, madam; he's a shye terrier."

"Isn't he just heavenly?" "He's the star of our collection, madam—the dog star. I might say."—Boston Transcript.

THE AMOROUS GOLFER.

A. L. Salmon in Judge. Since on the greens we chanced to meet. No more their solitude is grewsome. Sweet is a foursome, but more sweet A twosome!

Across the turf we ramble far And with the hazards try our chances: To me the chief hazards are Your glances.

One eye upon the ball, and one Upon your face of radiant beauty; Of course, my pull has seldom done Its duty.

I feel a craving for a kiss— If we could only lose the caddie! With sudden courage I dismiss The ladie.

The tees are sweetened by your smile, The putting greens become Elysian; And when I drive, your looks beguile My vision.

To make a score is little catch; I do not play for fame as do some, If I can only win a match At twosome.

MARMON advertisement with logo and text: 'The Earliest Riding Car in the World'. Proof Awaits You. That the Marmon '48' will carry you and your passengers over rough roads with greater comfort and safety than any other car in the world.

Baltimore & Ohio advertisement with text: 'I feel as though I'd been their guest'. Specify the Baltimore & Ohio to Washington and New York. Choose one of these splendid trains.

DR. BRADBURY DENTIST advertisement with text: '1506 Farnam Street. 30 Years Same Office. Phone Doug. 1756'. Includes 'NO PAIN' logo.

Everybody knows where The Bee Building is. Can you have a better address for your office? For offices apply to the Superintendent, Room 103, The Bee Building Co.



Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

The Philharmonic society concert drew but a small audience, owing to the storm and mud, although many tickets had been sold. The soloists from abroad were Miss Emma Howe and Miss Teresa Carreno, while Miss Maud, Mr. Estabrook and Mr. Northrup also had numbers on the program. D. Blakeley conducted and Martin Cahn accompanied.

Farnam street between Twentieth and Twenty-first is almost impassable. Five empty hacks were mixed there and teams were doubled up to get them out.

G. A. France, 1411 Pierce street, is relocating over the arrival of a ten-pound boy at his house.

The roller skating rink entertainment will be in the nature of a benefit for J. C. Elliott.

Miss Sophia Wohlford was the victim of a pleasant surprise last evening at her home on North Eighteenth street. Those present included Misses Walker, Logan, Emma and Mary Becklund, Cosgrove and Tille Wohlford, and Messrs. Walker, Tousser, Will and Henry Kelley, Sorenson, McKenney, Rhodes and Redney.

C. M. Eaton and J. M. Emery have dissolved their business partnership, which will be carried on by Mr. Emery as the Omaha Shoe Repair works.

The finder of a gold bracelet bearing the name "Addie Peck" will be rewarded for returning it.