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This is the day you have a special invitation to go to church.

If there is anything else Great Britain wants of us, now is the time to ask for it.

The promise is for a wet spring, even though a majority of Nebraska towns go dry.

The democratic platform is still binding for what it omits, although not for what it contains.

Suppose we meet England's demand on the canal toll question, what next would J. Bull have us to do?

Not much vindication in an indictment annulled because the pivotal witness is not on hand to testify.

One fly lays 150 eggs a day, the scientists tell us. Do not wait for the eggs to hatch before you swat the fly.

Earthquakes may have little political influence, but they play a big part in shaping the geography of the world.

The British government promises that it will not coerce Ulster. Evidently not, at least not without a lot of trouble.

Well, Champ got a lot of satisfaction out of it, and that is something to a man who got what he got at Baltimore.

Presumably, the next big battle between Mexican federals and rebels is to determine who won the battle of Torreón.

Part of the General Kelley army is headed this way. Omaha was on the route of another Kelley army twenty years ago.

"The cook stove has been called before," observes an exchange. By the small boy who has to lug in the wood, no doubt.

Perhaps the best way to find out which church you like best is to try them all; and in trying them you may get the habit.

The city officials have wisely approved the clean-up day proposal, and now it is up to the people to fall in line and make it a success.

A convict cartoonist has cartooned his way out of the California penitentiary, showing that art has its practical victories no less than war.

Judging from what Speaker Clark and a few other democratic leaders say, this party in power, despite all its boasting, is a rather weak affair.

The Kaiser's love for his British cousin may find expression in the dictum of the German court that it is slander to call a woman a suffragette.

Sioux City surely is having more than its share of disastrous fire. With our sympathy goes the earnest hope that the city will find an effective means of prevention.

It is estimated that the amount expended by Americans last year for sugar was about \$10,000,000 less than the previous year. Who saved the money? Who has it now?

The real Mexican miracle is how the Huerta government, with all the obstacles besetting it, and with the open hostility of the United States, should be maintaining itself as well as it does.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha. Omaha's latest culture club is the Ladies' Amateur Musical society just organized with the following officers: President, Miss Elizabeth E. Pooleton; vice president, Miss Claire Rustin; secretary, Miss Mamie Lake; treasurer, Miss Lillian Calderwood of Omaha and Miss Julia Offner of Council Bluffs.

Effect of the Housecleaning.

Our lawyer friends must not permit themselves to be forced into the position that the exposure of flagrant abuses by a few questionable practitioners puts the entire profession under fire. We know it is natural for the crooks caught in the net with the goods to insist that they have been doing only what others have been doing, and to seek by that pretense to rally their colleagues at the bar to their defense.

No lawyer in Omaha who has any regard for his professional standing will deny that a serious condition of legal malpractice, pursuing its victims by blackmail, framed-up testimony and perjured witnesses, had come to exist here, upon which it was high time to call a halt before the scandal became worse. So far as the reputable and decent members of the bar are concerned, the only humiliating thing about it is that instead of grappling with the situation themselves, and undertaking to do their own housecleaning through their bar association or other judicial machinery, they left it for a newspaper to turn on the searchlight and break up the shake-down game by the irresistible force of publicity.

Nor do we believe any honest lawyer will deny the genuine good already done by The Bee's lifting of the lid. Whether the indicted lawyers wriggle out by interposing technicalities or through failure of absent witnesses to appear, whether on trial they are convicted or acquitted, the strong-arm work of the blackmail brigade will not be at once resumed nor so boldly pursued for a long time to come, and the frame-up business will suffer at least a temporary blight of financial depression. The legal scoundrels and shysters will take back seats, and the more honorable lawyers will have the call.

Checking Up the Professors.

The establishment of schools of journalism in several large universities has brought about a curious development that reverses the ordinary procedure in these institutions. Instead of the professor reporting on the work and behavior of the student, the would-be journalists are going around checking up the professors.

In Columbia the professors were unable to make out what was meant by the intrusion of students from the school of journalism into their lecture rooms. The discovery was later made that they were taking notes for assignments they had been sent to cover, and that the notes were not such as the dutiful student puts down, but also contained observations and comment on both what was said, and how it was said. If the lecturer was incoherent or indistinct in utterance, if he addressed his boots rather than his class, if he was unduly dependent upon his textbook, if he handled his apparatus clumsily so that the experiment showed the opposite of what it was intended to prove—all these defects were carefully scheduled and included in the returns.

To relieve the anxiety of the professors it is officially explained that they have no reason to feel nervous because the reports made by the journalism students are not to see the light of day, but are to be buried in the archives, and that they therefore need not be concerned by their praise, or their blame, whether just or unjust. We are inclined to believe that this last proviso is unnecessary. The university professor would in most cases be the gainer if what was disclosed by the students' searchlight were made use of for the correction of his faults. If the schools of journalism provide the leaven to stir up the faculties of other departments hitherto self-sufficient, and keep them in tune with the times, they will accomplish something not originally included within their scope and purpose.

The Alaska Coal Bill.

The senate's public lands committee very naturally approved the administration's bill for leasing coal land in Alaska. The bill is a complement of the Alaskan railroad measure, and it is to be hoped, will encounter no serious obstacle in passing on into the full stage of law. It is another key for unlocking and releasing opportunities and possibilities for development, too long delayed, in this great peninsula, prolific of all kinds of industrial wealth.

The plan of the bill rests in a general way upon the Taft idea so often urged upon congress, that conservation and development go hand-in-hand in any rational dealing with natural resources. But for petty prejudice and political pique congress might have done under President Taft precisely what it now undertakes to do under President Wilson, for it had virtually the same proposition pressed upon it. But, that aside, the nation, and especially Alaska, has reason for much gratification at the progress toward practical development. Safeguards are being thrown about this measure so as to thwart possible attempts at private monopoly or interlocking interests and yet at the same time to avoid unfairly obstructing legitimate consolidations and facilitate the general object of development. The stage of coming political capital out of Alaska having passed, we may now count ourselves well on the way of straightforward and resolute purpose.

Are We Still Provincials?

What proportion of Americans know or care about the merits of the Ulster situation? How many are accurately informed of the impending crisis in France? How great a number of us understand the real merits of any of the big problems agitating European minds at present? Our knowledge of these things is extremely superficial and limited, and apparently because as a people we do not concern ourselves with them. Our sources of information, in the first place, are not the best; the obstacles in the way of getting and transmitting the facts often seem to baffle us into giving up the effort.

But is there not still another reason for our seeming indifference? Is it not that we are consummately provincial; that we are so deeply engrossed in our own domestic affairs as not very generally to have encompassed in our range of public interest a lively and intelligent concern for much else besides those things that affect our immediate interests.

This might all appear quite anomalous, too, in view of our ever-increasing assimilation of foreign-born peoples. It would be but natural to suppose that immigration would foster a keener sense of inquiry into the affairs of Europe, not to speak of other parts of the world.

Yet, while it undoubtedly has exerted a vital and beneficent influence upon our mutual relations with these countries, it has not had the large effect of lifting us out of our provincialism and expanding our international vision as seems it might. Perhaps this is partly because our foreign-born friends are so quick to fall in with us and become American citizens. Yet we recall the statements made in support of the literacy test clause of the immigration bill, that as a matter of fact, not more than one-third of our newcomers have in the last decade or so become citizens of our government. No, the reason appears to be more with our own selfish absorption. Perhaps we may expect some change along this line as a result of the operation of the Panama canal.

The Railroads and the People.

The railroads of the country are evidently preparing for concerted action in pushing their demands for higher freight rates. This is apparent, not only from the general tone of railroad men who, more than ever, are breaking their rule of silence to talk to the public, but also from the numerous retrenchments by which many employes are being reduced in wages or dismissed outright from the service. To all who protest, the railroads insist they are forced to retrench because of increasing operating costs and low freight rates. President Daniel Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio goes so far as to say in a public speech that he thinks the necessity for increased revenues on the part of the carriers will be generally admitted.

Admittedly, continued growth of commerce requires adequate transportation facilities, to provide which large sums must be invested in new lines and equipment and the improvement of old lines. The railroads must not be crippled nor unfairly hampered in their efforts to capitalize their extensions, yet it is not the duty of the shippers to furnish all the capital. While the country was never more disposed to treat equitably with the common carriers, the burden of proving the justice of their claims rests on the railroads, and the benefit of every doubt belongs to the public.

Let-No Guilty Fly Escape.

The national movement for the extermination of the fly is no idle enterprise. It may take years to reach anything like complete success, but it is progressing with great hopefulness. It is one of the most practical propaganda promoted in this country in late years, and we have promoted a good many. Its extreme sanity rests on the fact that it seeks to deal with causes more than effects, to prevent rather than remedy. And that is the only effectual method of procedure against the fly.

It will be but a few days now till this noxious foe to health and comfort swoops down upon us. On the theory that the early bird catches the worm let everybody have his swatter ready for the early fly and see that none escapes. One method of defense is to have screens in good repair and up before the fly arrives. But that is not fundamental; that is dealing with effects. The better way is to rid the premises of all substance—trash or what not—that tends to draw flies. That is dealing with causes.

There are countries where flies are unknown. Ours can be made such. It is the duty of every person to co-operate toward making it such—a duty the benefits of which all share in.

The Introspective View.

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The Scot but craved what all wise men have desired, a power which few, if any, have possessed. It may well be asked whether anyone is capable of drawing a true portrait of himself. President Wilson expressed amazement, surprise and amusement in turn at various pictures painted of himself in the current chronicles of the day. None, he says, has ever seemed to him to present the real Woodrow Wilson. Whereupon he takes up the brush to throw his own likeness upon the canvas. Is it strange that it strikes many as very unlike the man it purports to portray?

To see ourselves as others see us—after all others may see more of what we really are, and we of what we would like to be and believe we are.

MUSINGS OF A CYNIC.

We are never too old to learn the latest wrinkle. Many a man can't tell black from white when it comes to a lie. Might isn't always right, but on the other hand it is seldom left. Bacteriologists say kissing must go. It already goes with some girls. A little learning is a dangerous thing, especially if it is about an automobile. Reputation and character are about as synonymous as the north and south poles. It is quite natural that the doctor should want his patients to be well heeded. When a married man is henpecked it is generally because he is chicken-hearted. It may be all right to take the thought for the dead, but no man ever got rich that way.

Many a man never does anything worth while because he thinks it isn't worth while. The average girl has a good many false alarms before she finally meets her fate. An honest man never blows his own horn. An honest man is generally too poor to own one.

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People and Events

I Augustus Starwood, who died in New York City, was the first man in this country to see the possibility of making paper from wood fiber. He derived the idea first from watching horses building their nests.

St. Louis is not half as slow as envious rivals paint it. G. H. Barnes, one of its five wives, recently remarried the woman he divorced in 1912 to marry his stenographer, who divorced him within six months after marriage.

One of the first to cast his vote in the annual meeting held at Orange, Mass., was M. C. Dawson, who is 82 years old. He has voted at every town meeting and state election since he became old enough, a period of sixty two years.

Admiral George Dewey, active head of the American navy of today, will unveil in Washington the statue of the first commissioned head of the present navy, Commodore John Barry. There ceremony will take place on the afternoon of May 18.

Chris Peterson, who has had two eagles in a cage at Hatley, Ind., released them recently, leaving the cage door open. When he returned later he found the eagles inside and had to drive them away several times before they would accept their liberty.

Discussing and expounding "The Larger Fellowship," Charlotte Perkins Gilman of New York says the home of the future "is one in which not one stroke of work shall be done except by professional people who are paid by the hour." Won't that be perfectly lovely?

Edgar Emery of Kittery, Me., found his children playing with a bottle containing powder, and in order to show them a lesson, put it on the snow and touched a match to it. He did not get away quick enough and had all the hair on his face burned off. The lesson was mutual.

Estimates of the actual value of the estate of the late Adolphus Busch of St. Louis range from \$25,000,000 to \$75,000,000, according to a report filed in the probate court of St. Louis county. The variation is due to lack of knowledge of the value of foreign holdings which are yet to be tapped.

Chicago is the most impatient city in the world, according to a report of the British postmaster general. The calls which are abandoned by the caller before the proper connection is made are three in New York to four in London, and nine in Chicago. It will be news to the world that Chicago can't get what it wants when it wants it.

John L. De Saules, Yale man, nominated to be American minister to Uruguay, is 35 years of age, and has lived in Chile for six years as representative of an English company. There he wooed and won and wed Senorita Blanquita Errazuriz, one of the richest heiresses in South America. In his romantic venture the ex-foot ball player brought into action his athletic skill with fist and pistol, having fought more than one deal with native competitors for the "beautiful senorita's hand."

HERE AND THERE.

Miss Ann Forsyth, a wealthy young woman of Aurora, Ill., has gone to work as a policeman at a salary of \$75 a month. She believes she can take care of special cases reported to her by the juvenile court judge.

Miss Lucy Wheelock, the well-known kindergarten, is to have an ideal kindergarten training school in Boston. She is to build a four-story house that will accommodate sixty pupils, with dormitories, halls and so forth, and she will occupy part of the house herself.

There is one mother in Brooklyn who is emphatically not a new woman. To a transient officer she explained that she would not allow her daughter to go to school, as she was afraid the girl would get a lot of education, then refuse to get married and become a suffragette, and she would rather have her not be so smart and be married. This view of marriage as a safer in ignorance must be appalling even to the anti.

Hereafter the women in the penitentiary at Blackwell's Island will wear pretty gray and white seersucker instead of the heavy bed ticking that has been in vogue because required by the law. Mrs. Katherine Benet Davis, commissioner of corrections, made up her mind that the heavy ticking must go. She found men washing the women's dresses in the women themselves with so little to do that they were miserable. Now they will wash their own dresses and they will also make them.

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MUFFLED KNOCKS.

Most people judge a man by the clothes his wife wears. Jealousy can find as many excuses for getting into action as a lazy man can find for dodging work.

Some men are born under a handicap and others deliberately part their whiskers in the middle. The only time some fellows will look for an opening is when they have a cork-screw or a pair of jacks.

When you get into a fight it is hard to believe that the other fellow is scared as badly as you are, but it is a fact. Every now and then you run across a man who thinks he is entitled to a Carnegie medal because he admits that his wife is his better half.

The reason why a 1913 June bridegroom is a hero to his bride in March, 1914, is because the catfish crawl out of the river every night and catch sparrows on the telephone wires.

There are not many sure things in this world. But after an ice man has been invading kitchens for a year you can bet that it would take more than a silt skirt to shock him.

A big home-grown, corn-fed girl may not be able to tango as gracefully as her slender hot-house sister. But she is there will bella on when it comes to doing the kitchen scrub and the dust rag dip and the broomstick balance and the cook-stove canter.

A brand new bride fusses over her hubby when he starts downtown and picks tiny ravellings off his coat and re-moves every speck of dust before she will let him out of the door. But a few years later he could leave the house wearing his coat inside out and she wouldn't even notice it.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

QUEER BITS OF LIFE.

Despite the fact that she is 90 years of age, Mrs. Helen A. Hager of Hackensack, N. J., recently went coasting with the children.

A Kansas City plumber who pleaded poverty was laughed out of court by the judge. Thus doth fiction multiply the woes of the oppressed.

The coroner of Cook county, Illinois, proves by his records that more people in Chicago are killed or injured in homes than by traffic on the streets.

Sarah Brooks of Downham, Essex, is 102 years old. She remembers seeing Napoleon aboard the Bellerophon in Plymouth Sound after the battle of Waterloo, when she was 3 years old.

Clinton Riggs of Raymond, Me., recently took part in a unique struggle with an otter, which he killed after an hour's fight. He intercepted it near a pond, and being hampered by snowshoes and having for weapons only his hands, found the otter an active fighter.

A woman who owns twenty-seven cats and keeps some of them in every corner of her house, to the neglect of thirteen cows and three horses, is not necessarily insane, according to the report of a commission in the case of Miss Jennie Huts of McLean, Tompkins county, New York.

Nine babies in six years is the record of Mr. and Mrs. John Howard of Waupun, Wis. Six years ago they were blessed with twins, a boy and girl; then came a boy, then another pair, then a little girl, followed by twin boys, and finally another girl a few days ago. The parents are under thirty.

HAMMER TAPS.

Talk isn't so blamed cheap when you have to take it back. After some men take a day off they look as though they had taken a year on. Any girl can sing if you leave it to her mother. But you can't prove it by the neighbors.

Get the idea out of your head that success comes from good luck. It comes from good work. You would never imagine what smart fellows some lads are if they didn't tell you so every time they meet you.

It has just about gotten so that if a fellow doesn't keep a hammer out all the time some other guy is going to use him for an anvil.

The old-fashioned man who used to hide his money in the big family Bible because nobody ever opened it now has a son who hasn't any coin to hide. Don't kick. When you figure out the cost of the goods necessary for a hoop skirt you ought to be tickled that they are satisfied to wear umbrella covers.

Once upon a time a man invented a skirt that would enable a woman to get on a street car without hoisting half way to the knee. The poor soul starved to death.

If a man would get out and hustle he could get rid of his troubles in ten minutes. But he would rather hold you up and waste two hours of your time seeking sympathy.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

GO TO CHURCH TODAY.

Bert Moorehouse. Go to church today. And take your place in the old-time pew. Just the same as you used to do. When you were a little, care-free lad, sitting there between mother and dad. In the good old-fashioned way.

Perhaps it has been many a day since the old folks you loved so dear have come with you to worship here. Perhaps you are oppressed with care and trouble, and you need a share. Perhaps you are a stranger away from loved ones on this Sabbath day. Perhaps you have been alienated in sin. Desiring the new life to begin. Perhaps your heart is full of tears and all the sorrows of past years. Perhaps you're alone and need a friend. Then let me gladly recommend that you go to church today.

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