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Dwight Williams, Circulation Manager.
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Come on, Mr. Weather Man, and be a good fellow.

It is pretty hard to work up much live public interest in a coffinmakers' strike.

With the jail-feeding graft restored, watch the competition for the sheriff's job grow.

The south is in the saddle, and the old capital is again on the map. On to Richmond!

How Champ will make the welkin ring when he hits the chautauquas with that save-the-republic speech.

Now the Huertistas and the Villas are about to have another battle to settle the dispute as to who got the best of it at Torreon.

Still, not a word in the editorial columns of our local democratic reform organ about that "pure election" over in Council Bluffs.

"The middle class baby is not getting a square deal," shouts some reformer. Is that what the little fellow is howling about?

When our democratic "reform" contemporary shouts for "pure elections" it has reference only to Omaha, and not to Council Bluffs.

Despite the fact that Chicago's famous Bathhouse is located in the First ward, that seems to be politically the dirtiest section of the city.

Reading between the billboards, the suffrage sisters are booked for a six months' engagement in Nebraska, with privilege of additional time if desired.

The disappointed lover who shot a hole through his sweetheart's photograph, and then through himself, should have taken the other shot first.

Yes, as an exchange says, there are more than three R's in education, but if three are thoroughly instilled it makes the rest of the way easier.

The Mexican insurgents alone know how much they owe to the lifting of the embargo on shipment of arms and ammunition from the United States.

Mr. Lind's mission must have been a rip-roaring important one, for the president said it was not necessary for him to return by way of Washington at all.

Douglas county is to be compelled to pay \$100 a day, or \$36,000 a year, for feeding prisoners that under the old contract would cost only \$34 a day. See that graft!

Certain United States senators publicly announce that they will no longer observe the rule for secrecy of executive sessions. Ha, ha! When was this secrecy rule ever observed?

Why, of course, if only four regional banks had been created, the trouble of locating them would have been eliminated, and so also would have been the opportunity to pay off political debts.



The second contest for the gold watch offered by J. O. Elliott to the most graceful lady skater in the city was pulled off at the rink, Messrs. Rubidoux, Daniels and Stephens were appointed judges, and the contestants took the floor keeping time to a brilliant march by the Union Pacific band, Miss Shipman accompanied by Mr. Van Cott, Miss Brown by Mrs. McKoon and Miss Canfield by Mr. Hitchcock. The award was made to Miss Canfield.

O. H. Smith and James Donnelly, whose right name is James Paul, put up a boxing match at the Academy of Music, with a few side features to the entertainment. It took only three rounds to put Smith off watch.

Prof. Cronwell closed his lecture engagement at Boyd's with his talk on "Sunny Italy." He promises to come again despite the slim audiences he has had.

The business of the Board of Public Works meeting consisted of granting permission to the street railway company to use Sioux Falls granite to pave between its rails, irrespective of the materials used outside the rails.

Homer P. Lewis, principal of the high school and Assistant Principal Alonso N. Henshaw returned from Grand Island, where they spent their spring vacation.

E. H. H. Clark, general manager of the Union Pacific and his family left on business for New York.

P. C. Himebaugh and wife returned from a several months' visit in California, which has greatly benefited Mr. Himebaugh's health.

The Natural Flow of Trade.

Were it not fraught with possibility of serious consequences, the plight of the democrats playing politics in the location of the regional banks, after pretending there was to be no politics in it, would be highly amusing.

When the two august members of the cabinet crisscrossed the country and boxed the compass to investigate in person the claims of the different financial centers, they insisted that their purpose was solely to ascertain "the natural flow of trade," and to make the new banking system conform with it. As they expressed it, they were not to listen to arguments, but merely to gather facts which were to determine the decision regardless of personal favoritism or political bias.

The selection of the reserve bank cities as announced, however, proves conclusively that if the members of the board were hunting for the natural flow of trade they must have shut their eyes to it. Only when water runs uphill will "the natural flow of trade" go from New Orleans to Atlanta. "The natural flow of trade" will have to make a grand detour to put Omaha on the same trunk line with Kansas City, and it will have to be reversed altogether to force the direction of business from Baltimore to Richmond, from Pittsburgh to Cleveland, from Jersey City to Philadelphia, or from Milwaukee to Minneapolis. "The natural flow of trade" is particularly correlated to avenues of transportation, and lines of communication, and is as well defined and charted as the various currents of the ocean.

It remains to be seen whether any set of democratic medicine mixers can arbitrarily re-draw the industrial and financial map of the country to suit their political convenience without impairing, if not jeopardizing, the success of the new banking plan.

The Office of the Teacher.

The office of the teacher is the first in the world, for the teacher has the opportunity to mould the eternal mind and soul of the child. Teaching is comparatively simple in its requirements, the only two essentials of a teacher being preparation and concentration. No calling is more sacred or more holy. There must be in the successful teacher love and sympathy and understanding. The teacher must reverse her children.

Considering all that the school means to the destiny of childhood, few will say that in giving this advice Rabbi Stephen Wise has pitched his ideal too high.

Too much stress cannot be laid on these prime requisites, "preparation" and "consecration." But another suggests itself just here as indispensable to the success of the teacher and the school. That is, thorough appreciation of the ideal and therefore complete co-operation on the part of those with managerial oversight of the schools, to whom the teachers, principals and superintendents are officially responsible.

Let petty selfishness of any sort, personal, political or otherwise, creep into the councils of those directing the policies of the schools and we betide the rest. Theoretically, most cities are quite alert to all this; the difficulty comes in practical operation. While crying our shibboleth of letting the people rule, we should lay the emphasis on ruling the public schools. Let the people see to it that this sordid, withering blight of petty factionalism has no part in it.

Church Publicity.

Churches have been advertising ever since Martin Luther nailed his theses to the door of the Wittenberg chapel. The question, "Shall churches advertise?" is not new nor difficult of answer. The One whom millions claim as the Founder of the church gave full warrant for advertising as a means of persuading men to attend to the preaching of the word when He bade His early disciples at the feast to go out and compel men to come in. Churches have always had modest little signs tacked up beside their entrances giving the name of the church, the pastor, his place of residence and the hours of service. The only new feature in the present propaganda of extensive and intensive publicity of churchly affairs is its efficiency.

So far along with the general scheme of advertising have the churches gotten that already we have experts in this field and a good deal of literature on the subject. The Methodist Book Concern has put out a large volume, well-written, printed and bound, on the science and experiments of "Church Publicity." It is interesting to note from this book that Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, "the pastor who preaches to more people every Sunday than possibly any other man in America as the pastor of the Temple Baptist Auditorium in Los Angeles and speaking to 3,000 people twice a day, does not cease tremendous and effective publicity." And what kind of advertising does Dr. Brougher make use of? He himself answers, "Newspaper advertising for me is better and cheaper than any other."

He says he has one of the best advertising experts in Los Angeles to prepare his "copy." Inasmuch as he gets the best results his judgment is worth while.

Yuan Shi Kai's Constitution.

Sixty men, including four members of President Yuan Shi Kai's cabinet, are now engaged at Peking in drafting a new constitution for China, superseding the one under which the "father of the new republic," Dr. Sun Yat Sen, rode into power and out again so speedily. Sun's instrument proved unworkable. It may have been too modern or too radical, or simply impracticable; at any rate, it and Sun both failed, and Yuan, as a scion of the old house, succeeded to the dictatorship, which goes by the name of president. Backed as he is by the conservative element, Yuan may be able to give China exactly the kind of a constitution it needs. Perhaps a nation that has just emerged from centuries of pagan dominion does not need a very modern form of representative government for the present.

Yuan's tact and diplomacy are not entirely wanting in proof. He showed that by the adroitness with which he recognized Confucianism, while at the same time promising religious liberty to the people. More than being merely a strategic move, it has brought peace, apparently, to the country except in part of the

Honan province, where the bandits of the White Wolf continue their depredations.

Perhaps the proper estimate has not yet been placed upon Sun Yat Sen. One thing seems certain, he was far too advanced in most of his ideas for China in this day, and yet but for his daring leadership the overturn in the government probably would not have come for many years. Put him down as a self-seeking impostor or the most unselfish patriots, he opened a door to a new and better day for China.

The Roller Towel.

The Illinois appellate court has upheld the validity of a Chicago city ordinance prohibiting the roller towel in public places, which, following a ban by the federal government in its own establishments, a general precedent may be hoped for.

The roller towel as a possible purveyor of disease germs must be put out of business in the interest of sanitation and health. It should be permitted in no public or semi-public place. No argument is required to prove its perilous possibilities. The wonder is that it has escaped the ban of prohibition this long. It should have been discarded along with its twin scavenger of germs, the public drinking cup.

The Race for Race Suicide.

Can the race for race suicide be stopped by preaching against it? Can people be persuaded to raise larger families by appealing to sentiment and patriotic pride?

A pointed negative is entered by a contributor to the current Outlook, who takes vigorous exception to the position of the contributing editor on this subject and insists that there is little use in wasting ink and energy over the decrease in the birth rate. "Don't blame the mercury when it goes down; bring the thermometer inside or change the weather," we are admonished. "There are circumstances and conditions that make 'race suicide' in reality, and in the highest sense race preservation, if quality and not quantity be that which counts." Why this is so, in the writer's opinion, is still further explained:

You can't scare men who are barely able to care properly for two children into having a family as big as Solomon's by any such dim and distant catastrophe as having no great-great-grand-children to see that their graves are kept green, any more than one would be frightened into letting the furnace go out in a winter because Mr. Pinchot tells us that in about a thousand years or so there will be no coal. I believe that what is termed "race suicide" is in large measure an illustration of the indubitable proof that the "law of compensation always obtains." It is a symptom, not a cause; a symptom of the increasing difficulty of making the average income meet the "outgo," a symptom of an economic condition that is making people use their good common sense and decency and judgment—that is, indeed, often causing them to use great self-denial and self-restraint—in declining to "fulfill" what Colonel Roosevelt terms the "primary law of their being."

The only answer advanced by the Outlook is to assert that "it is not the poor, but the rich and well-to-do, who are committing race suicide," but, of course, as everyone knows, wealth is merely comparative. Out of nearly 100,000,000 people in the United States the estimate is that less than 400,000 will be subject to the new income tax, so that the small percentage of well-to-do and rich could hardly have any noticeable effect on the prevailing birth rate for the whole population. Another point not to be overlooked is that the well-to-do and rich of today were the poor, if not the poverty-stricken, of yesterday, there being no fixed barrier of wealth corresponding to the division based on size of the families. In a nutshell, it is an economic condition, and not a moral theory, that confronts us.

The Next Chief of Staff.

The tense condition of the nation's military affairs, in addition to our special interest in the head of the army, invites attention to the personality of the next chief of staff, General William Wallace Wotherspoon, who, according to official announcement, will soon succeed General Leonard Wood in that assignment. General Wotherspoon brings to this position not only a fine military record, but the particular kind of experience of value there. He began as an infantry line officer forty years ago, and has had the most varied army life. He was, himself, attached to the general staff for two different periods, and has also been head of the army war college. It is to be taken for granted, therefore, that he is in thorough accord with the general scheme of army organization for which General Wood has been working, inasmuch as these plans are known to have been developed and perfected in the war college. The only unfortunate feature of the appointment comes from the fact that General Wotherspoon himself reaches the age of compulsory retirement in November next, which means that his tenure as the chief of staff will be too brief to permit him to inaugurate any important new departure.

It is a peculiar historic coincidence that within the same week announcement is made of the death of the state treasurer who was in office at the time Nebraska lost so much money by the collapse of the Capitol National bank, and also of the final ruling of the supreme court in the last lingering litigation growing out of that famous bank collapse. It may be assumed now that the incident is closed.

As the really great seer of these piping times of democratic prosperity commend us to the Hon. Jimmahawley, who in one of the particularly brilliant bursts of his aurora borealis oratory puts us here to this, that Russia is going to retake Alaska and Japan capture the Philippines. It is a shame for the Rev. I. R. Hicks to monopolize all the bouquets showered on great prophets.

And now it is proposed that money for Nebraska's participation in the exposition at San Francisco be raised through the school children. We decidedly dissent. If the needed money cannot be raised without making the school children beg for it, it will be better not to participate.

The dual republican state organizations know they cannot make a catch in Nebraska next November with the fishing tackle divided between them. But the party can do a business which will disappoint the democratic enemy by getting together and joining forces.

People and Events

Cheer up! The joyful voice of the lawnmower will soon be heard in the land.

The official report that one-half the diagnoses at Bellevue hospital, New York, have not been confirmed by the autopsies, raises the question whether a doctor is entitled to more than one guess.

Too often is inventive genius cruelly mocked by a paternal government. A device for increasing people's height by relieving them of the weight of 100 lbs has just been suppressed by the Postoffice department.

Insurance statisticians are content to put out without trimming the plain statement that spinsters outlive wives. There's a reason—several of them. One is that a spinster can drop off into a sound sleep without worrying about the time lodges adjourn.

University of Chicago professors, after careful experiments in and about the famous Midway, reached the conclusion that land is subject to tides as well as water. People who carried a thirst to the World's fair noted that peculiarity twenty-one years ago.

The estate of the late Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, as valued by a New Hampshire court, roots up \$2,596,022. On the heels of the announcement comes the passage of a bill by the New York legislature granting Christian Scientists the right to treat the sick in that state.

Two professors of Harvard announce, as the result of an electro-Boston-dip clinic, that telephone girls carry more electricity in the springtime than at any other season of the year. Which explains their unequalled facilities for beating a shocking tattoo on impatient ears.

It is worth while noting as time scoots along that a bald head, usually esteemed a sign of continuous piety, has other good uses. A Denver man, rendered unconscious by a fall, was saved from being crushed by an automobile by his shining dome reflecting the light of the approaching machine. Let the hairy host look if they will, the September morn crown sheet is a live wire in the "safety first" movement.

In oratorical breadth and power the championship in congress lies between Representative Willis of Ohio, Representative Decker of Missouri and Senator Sherman of Illinois. No mechanism yet devised has been able to measure the reach of their voices or reproduce in cold print the rainbow hues of their agitated souls. Beside the clarion notes of these rival champions the deep-throated harmonies of Postmaster Wharton sink to subdued whispers.

Despite the absorbing pull of politics in Kansas, William Allen White or Walt Mason occasionally switch from local scenery to international events. Wherefore this bit of cheer out of the British army news: "The fact that the men who disagreed with the policy of the English in Ulster have quit the army is a good sign, whether one agrees with the men who quit or not. Wars for principle should be fought by men who stand for principle. If that line is followed out, war will cease to be the greatest outdoor sport of kings."

QUAINT BITS OF LIFE.

Missouri girls are said to have formed a pick-and-shovel brigade and are busy solving the good roads problem. The more one hears about Missouri girls the less one thinks of Missouri men.

The fourth set of twins in four years arrived at the home of Louis Quinio, a barber of Tulsa, Okla., on the morning of events of this kind, was neither perved nor perturbed when he heard the news.

Very simple was the solution of the "servant problem" offered at a meeting of troubled housewives in New York the other day. Do away with servants, one speaker suggested and called them "domestic engineers."

J. O. Ludwig of Houlton, Me., owns a curious pistol which was taken from the famous pirate, Thomas M. Hassan by an officer of the United States frigate which captured the pirate in Malacca Straits about 1830. In the same collection is a blunderbuss believed to be more than 200 years old.

A case of wine was the wedding fee offered to Magistrate Pennock of Philadelphia when he married John Canada and Miss Sarah Armstrong. The magistrate did not care to accept the wine and it was given to Constable John W. Brady and Edward S. Carver, who witnessed the marriage.

The Osseter, one of the numerous Caucasian tribes who inhabit the Terek territory in South Russia, are noted for their longevity. The other day there died in the village of Aul Diday a woman 139 years of age. Her name was Nakuta. Karginova and she was famous for her keen eyesight, her jet black hair and her fine set of teeth, which she preserved to the end. She died at her spinning wheel.

ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN.

"It is a most unspeakable and utterly useless crime," Dr. Anna Shaw said the other day when informed of the hawking of the beautiful Rokeby "Venus" by an English suffragette. She was sentenced to six months for the crime.

The Civic club of Philadelphia has started a campaign to have the bread wrapped, as it is maintained that bread is often left very carelessly by the distributors in the mornings and is handled by very dirty persons. They wish the bread delivered in the sealed sanitary packages.

Mrs. Lucy R. Johnson, president of the Kansas Good Government league, says that a request for an expression of opinion as to whether there should be a woman's party in Kansas shows that popular feeling is against it. There will be no woman's party and no woman's candidate, she says.

Mr. Von Baunditz is the name of a woman of Denmark who commands, with the rank of captain, a vessel running between Russia and England. She took up the trade of the sea in the beginning simply as sport, but succeeded so well that she decided to make a business of it. She is expected to be promoted to an American line. She says she is the only woman master mariner of the world.

Miss Blanche Ingalls has been put in charge of the police department of Chebaning, Mich. She hardly had been in office a week before she had made many reforms, among them prohibiting card games, barring playing dominoes for money, forbidding dice throwing, requiring saloons to close at 10 o'clock and making it necessary to blanket horses standing on the street. She is the editor of one of the papers, and before her election had made a lively campaign against the inefficient police department.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Washington Post: Clergymen in high society are now wrestling with the knotty ecclesiastical problem of whether it is right to continue divorce plans during the Lenten season.

St. Louis Republic: Syracuse objects because a new religious sect there has taken to baptizing converts in the water-works reservoir. Syracuse is the place where Chancellor Day washes the sins of Standard Oil away and Syracuse has all of that sort of thing it wants.

New York Post: Sunday has simply developed sensationalism to the nth power, and applied it to the work of saving souls. He is adrip with the splash of the slugs. He claps Jehovah familiarly on the back. He puts a smear as of the barroom over the holy things. But the countless thousands fight to hear him. He gets the crowd. And that is enough, even in religion! As he himself says, he "hands out the goods," he "dopes it out for the Lord," he pitches "hot ones" to that "smooth guy," the devil. At last, religion has got its "punch!"

Philadelphia Record: The ingenious Rev. Mr. Wickman of Sweden is recruiting the "white army" to put an end to war. His method is simplicity itself. When one nation undertakes to fight another the "white army" will place itself between the armies of the two nations and so prevent their getting at each other. In the event of threatened hostilities between England and Germany we presume the "white navy" will become the "white navy" and strictly itself across the North Sea. We suggest that Mr. Wickman take his pacific force to Mexico and line up between Villa and Huerta.

MUFFLED KNOCKS.

It takes a mighty strong man to keep his face closed.

Two can live as cheaply as one if they are twins and have an old-fashioned mother.

There never was a delegate to a convention who looked half as important as his badge.

You think a wagon makes a lot of noise when it is empty. But you ought to hear a man when he is full.

Be kind to your enemies. One enemy in good working order will give you more free advertising than a thousand friends.

A good dancer is supposed to be light on his feet. And a lot of them look as though they were pretty light at both ends.

You can't blame an undertaker for looking solemn when you stop to figure how many dead ones there are drilling around town holding out on him.

When a married couple separate because of misunderstanding you can bet that they are separating because they understand one another too well.

A smart Aleck tried to get funny in a restaurant and said: "Bring me a September Morn." And the waitress brought him a plate of cold chicken.

A corn-fed girl doesn't lose a wink of sleep over the fact that she has to take an out size in stockings. But a double chin will keep her awake all night.

There is always something to be thankful for. You can't run an automobile and watch the girls getting on the street cars at the same time. It ain't so tough to be a lowly pedestrian, after all.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

WHITTLED TO A POINT.

Wit is the cream of intellect that ill nature sours.

Misery hardly cares for company on the cook's day off.

Which is the greater nuisance—the neighbors' piano or our dog?

Usually the possession of money repels frugality and old age.

Having to buy anything interferes with the spiritual pleasure of shopping.

One kind of a hustler is a man who never has occasion to buy an umbrella.

We can't all be happy or even allowed to choose our own way of being unhappy.

It is entirely easy for a fortune teller to read a woman's mind after a little diplomatic questioning.

HERE AND THERE.

Nearly a million women in the United States are either farmers or farm laborers.

The famous Death valley in California is the lowest point on the continent of North America, being 275 feet below the level of the sea.

The latest fashion in Vienna is to wear flowers tinged on the edges with blue or green. When flowers are presented a poem or letter is written on the petals with a fine pen.

The growing of white pine, says the Department of Agriculture in a bulletin recently issued on the subject, is a profitable undertaking at 6 per cent compound interest. To bring in these returns, the trees may be cut when not more than from 35 to 70 years old.

A proposition has been made by an attaché of the Canadian agricultural department to require the sterilization of all threshing machines which are moved from farm to farm, a custom generally followed in that and other countries. This recommendation is made as a means of preventing the spread of "smut."

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"Pa, the doctor at the hospital said that he would have to have a lot of cuticle to cure Mamma's burns."

"Well, tell him to telephone to the nearest druggist for all he wants and charge it in the bill."—Baltimore American.

Man—Is this a good seat? Ticket Seller—Well, sir, it's behind a post.

Man—What's the matter? Isn't the show worth seeing?—Boston Transcript.

"That pianist has remarkable hair." "Yes," replied the theatrical manager; "he is one of the most compact propositions I know of. Not only does he provide his own music, but he carries his own scenery."—Indianapolis News.

"Jinks has one strike after another in his factory and, strange to say, the more strikes the better the business seems to be."

"What kind of a business is it?" "He manufactures alarm clocks."—Baltimore American.

"How did Calkins get the right to stick that 'Hon.' in front of his name? He never was in congress, was he?" "No, but he once impersonated a member of congress over the telephone."—Buffalo Express.

"The deaf and dumb couple in the next flat are having an awful row." "Are they?" "Yes, indeed! You ought to see the way they are handing it out to each other."—Chicago Post.

"GREEN THINGS GROWING."

Oh, the green things growing, the green things growing; The faint sweet smells of the green things growing; I should like to live, whether I smile or grieve, Just to watch the happy life of my green things growing.

Oh, the fluttering and the patter of the green things growing; How they talk each to each, when none of us are knowing; In the wonderful white of the weird moonlight, Or the dim, dreamy dawn, when the cocks are crowing.

I love, I love them so—my green things growing; And I think that they love me, without false showing; For by many a tender touch they comfort me so much With the soft, mute comfort of the green things growing.

And in the rich store of their blossoms glowing, Ten for one I take them on me bestowing; Oh, I should like to see, if God's will it may be, Many, many a summer of my green things growing!

But if I must be gathered for the angels' sowing, Sleep out of sight awhile, like the green things growing; Though I must to dust return, I think I'll scarcely mourn, If I may change into green things growing.

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