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How about cutting ice?

Tapped your maples, yet?

G. Castro will be cast down if he is cast out.

Still some men manage to get on skates without touching the ice.

Wonder if Judge Archbald and John D. Archbold are acquainted.

The women who take up medicine ought to make good nerve specialists.

President-elect Wilson doubtless realizes that in making his cabinet he is also making his bed.

County board to Retiring Commissioner Elsbasser: "We like your company, but please don't try to stay."

The Ute Indians are again on the war path. The wonder is how they have been able to keep off of it so long.

Attorney General Wickersham is going back at the Coal trust, against which he won the first round on a solar plexus.

Hunting bandits with rifles in the jungles of Chicago seems to have become the favorite pastime of that city's detectives.

Paradoxical as it may seem, several 10-year-old girls of Denver, where Judge Ben Lindsay holds forth, turned robbers.

It is courteous for men to give women their seats in street cars and for women to "move up front, please," when they must stand.

Our new county board lost no time in organizing. Wonder if it will be equally expeditious in transacting other public business.

Mr. Wilson's appeal uttered at Chicago to men of affairs evidently had no reference to those obstreperous democratic legislators in Illinois.

It may be noted in passing that the exchange in directors between the Union and Southern Pacific was shadowed in The Bee more than ten days ago.

A bill has been introduced in congress to grant medals to all surviving heroes of Gettysburg. Those who died on that battlefield needed no medals to attest to their heroism.

Oh, a boy is a boy and a boy let him be, for the season of boyhood's a span and the heart that now leaps in its joy and its glee soon will ache with the cares of a man—and that's no fabrication.

Of course, every one who criticizes or opposes the new Howell water bill will be inspired by "special interests" or "selfish motives," while those who favor it are patriots, pure and undefiled.

A strictly nonpartisan and business-like administration, such as the Water board can be depended on to give—World-Herald.

That reminds us that city ownership was to take the water plant "out of politics," when, as a matter of fact, its management was never more in politics at this very moment.

The death of W. N. Huse, editor of the Norfolk News, takes from the ranks of Nebraska journalism one of its best known and successful members. By intelligent and energetic effort, Mr. Huse brought his paper to the head of the class outside of the metropolitan cities, and in his section of the state he wielded a potent influence for public good. Personally likeable and dependable, he enjoyed a large circle of friends who will mourn his loss.

The Archbald Impeachment.

The verdict of guilty in the case of Judge Archbald seemed inevitable from the evidence, which was an overwhelming against him as the vote of the senators by which he was impeached. He may honestly believe, as he says, that he was innocent of wrong-doing, for he seems to be a perfect type of flexible ethics that sees no dividing line between judicial proprieties and improprieties. The same power that doomed this judge is the one that has driven faithless men out of other high offices, the power of an aroused and quickened public conscience. No matter what Judge Archbald may think, what he did as revealed in the evidence, could never be made compatible with the real function of a judge.

Here we have an impressive demonstration of the efficacy of established legal processes which ought to strengthen faith in the wisdom of the constitution, as contrasted with new and untried devices. The impeachment of a judge not only condemns and removes him from office, but prevents him from ever again holding a federal position. Under a popular recall, he would doubtless set about at once to seek a vindication and he might persuade many people to believe him the victim merely of prejudice or conspiracy. Happily the verdict permits of no appeal and we may all hope will draw the curtain on the case.

Quite Naturally.

It is quite natural that even before the drafted bill is accessible for inspection, our amiable democratic contemporaries, the World-Herald, should jump to the forefront to champion the proposed water district law.

The plain purpose of the sponsors of the bill is to perpetuate in power the present management of the water plant, and make it the center of an huge political machine with which to overawe and dominate all other branches of municipal government.

In view of the political partnership that has been maintained between our democratic United States senator and the republican, Water board boss for mutual perquisites and advancement, it is not surprising that the senator's newspaper should go back on all its high-sounding professions of deep devotion to home rule in order to push the pet scheme of its bi-partisan ally.

The proposed water district law which the World-Herald champions should have its title redrawn to read: "A bill for an act to nullify the amendment to the constitution of Nebraska granting home rule to cities, and incidentally, to guarantee R. B. Howell a life job at a salary of not less than \$5,000."

Progress of the Dissolution.

The exchange of resignations of Union and Southern Pacific directors as the initial step in complying with the court's merger order is precisely in line with the forecast of action secured from official sources and published by The Bee some time ago. It will take time to complete preliminary plans and stockholders interested in the old Central Pacific link will, of course, seek to drive the best bargain they can for their holdings. In the end, however, the Union Pacific should and doubtless will acquire that line from Ogden to San Francisco and thus complete the highway under its control from Omaha continuously to the Golden Gate. While the possibility of mis-carrying remains, the success of the plan is merely a matter of arranging a mutually satisfactory basis of exchange. The situation is encouraging to the hope of early settlement upon a line of action acceptable to both government and the parties in ownership of all the roads involved.

In Pious, Progressive Chicago.

Chicago footpads, being an irrepressible lot of scamps, have been molesting young women returning from church on Sabbath evenings. Several churches in defense have selected squads of their most brawny young men as escorts for the fair worshippers.

In ye olden times the Pilgrims carried their guns to and from church to ward off hostile Indians. Chicago is a progressive city, and devout. It will, like the fathers of old, have its worship if it must fight for it. What an improvement this, over the primitive method. But who would have thought of it requiring a crisis to press the boys into such a service?

Yet it is doubtful if ever a Godly Pilgrim plodded his perilous path with more pious zeal than fires the souls of these sturdy heroes, armed. It doubtless will develop in many cases, with Dan Cupid's bow and quiver.

President Taft has named Colonel George P. Scriven to be brigadier general to succeed General James Allen, the present chief of the signal corps, about to retire. As the seat of one of the signal corps stations and training schools, Omaha is particularly interested in this branch of the military service, and in having it continue under energetic go-ahead direction. Tested by his record as ranking colonel in the corps, and previous wide experience, Colonel Scriven's fitness for the position has brought the president to decide in his favor among numerous worthy competitors.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

Much interest was excited by a fight arranged at the Academy of Music between Paddy Ryan, the famous pugilist, and Jack Hanley, the Colorado champion. It was declared a draw by Referee William McCune. A silver cup was presented to the two little Nugent boys as the best amateur boxers.

Leavitt's minstrel made another big hit at Boyd's, to say nothing of a grand free street parade.

At the conclusion of the Swedish Library association fair six prizes were voted to the most popular women and gentlemen as follows: John Nordwall, a valuable reading chair; Mrs. Gustafson, a set of brackets and chair; Mrs. Nordwall, a music box; Mrs. Nordwall, toilet set; August Peterson, Turkish pipe; Miss Sanberg, a lovely hat with bird trimming; Manager Gibbs and Mr. Jackson, representing the United Gas Improvement company of Philadelphia, are here to look after their interests in the gas plant.

The committee of the Board of Trade to confer with the state Board of Agriculture about state fair location consists of H. C. Clark, John A. McCarlane and Thomas Gibbon.

Roy's packing house made a day's slaughter record of 1,529 logs.

William M. Gruenbaum is in Omaha to make or see about the opening of a large dry goods house in the fall.

Miss Ella Murray, sister of Mrs. N. Dorn and Mrs. Edmund Pevcke, is here from Vienna to make a visit of two or three months before returning to her native country.

Twenty Years Ago—

The body of Major John N. Corey, for many years telegraph editor of the Omaha Herald, was taken to Sedalia, Mo., for burial. The major, a civil war veteran of 22 years, was a unique character. Little known outside the office in which he toiled, he was most com- pliant among the men who knew him and his fund of general information was all but inexhaustible.

Ed Sticker, chief clerk of the Mercantile hotel, was in Omaha on business.

Miss Alice Isaacs went to New York, where she intended remaining for about eight weeks.

The Jacksonian club, by a vote of 15 to 5, refused to endorse the action of Senator Babcock, one of its members, in voting and working with republican colleagues in the legislature. The senator's resignation from the club was read, as was also a statement that he was delinquent in his dues and had never subscribed to the forms of induction into membership.

Sir George M. Pullman evidently took cognizance of the law in Nebraska, for his company sent a check of \$12 to City Treasurer Bolin for the amount due from it in city taxes for three years, for the payment of which Mr. Bolin had attached and held what Pullman cars he could find within the city limits.

The money was turned into Omaha's ex-chief of ex-State Auditor Tom Benton, who was the Pullman company's local agent.

Ten Years Ago—

H. S. Jones, for three years by ticket agent of the Burlington was promoted to division passenger agent for the Burlington lines in Iowa. Mr. Jones' successor in Omaha had not been selected.

The directors of the Commercial club elected Arthur Crittenden Smith, head of the M. E. Smith company, as president of the club.

The board of equalization for the city looped off \$120,000 from the assessment of the New York Life building, cutting it from \$600,000 to \$480,000. Henry E. Wyman appeared in support of the affidavit backing up the building company's protest on the higher assessment.

It was announced that J. K. Marial & Son expected to terminate their leasehold on the Millard hotel on January 13, as they could not agree with the heirs of Paul J. Sorg, late of Middletown, O., owners of the building. It therefore became necessary for the building owners to look about for another management for the old hotel.

A body of business men met at the Commercial club, and took the initial step toward creating a greater Omaha. They adopted a resolution to be submitted to the legislature calling for a constitutional amendment permitting the merging of the city of Omaha and the county of Douglas into a single government.

People Talked About

By the will of Henry Hother of Fough- keepse, N. Y., a fortune of \$125,000 is left his only daughter, now 16, provided she does not marry outside of her church before she is 21. After five years she may pick any man in the crowd to help her burn the money.

Ellis Wentworth Merrill of Gray, Me., aged 102 years, still enjoys corresponding with her friends. She writes a beautiful hand. Mrs. Merrill retains an indistinct memory of seeing her father return from Portland, where he had gone to enlist during the war of 1812.

Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the boss banker and promoter, carries a cane. It is the latest thing from Paris, a good stout stick with a crook, silver trimmed, and pronounced "perfectly dandy." New York admirers explain that "poor Anne has use for it. She's got a game leg."

Twice Told Tales

Encouraging a Dry Spell.

President Taft, who neither drinks spirituous liquors nor believes in other people indulging in them, tells this:

A young man had fallen into the habit of struggling through his work every day and then making a much more desperate struggle to get home after he had patronized several saloons. Finally his long-suffering wife could stand it no longer, and she delivered a hot lecture to him on his bad behavior.

"My dear," he said seriously, "I'm a great man. All great men drink. Drinking and greatness go together. History shows it. Look at Poe, Bobby Burns and—"

"That's all right," cut in the wife, "and I agree to it. You just promise to quit drinking until you're great, and I'll be satisfied."—Popular Magazine.

Block Payment.

At a political meeting a very enthusiastic German made a speech beginning like this:

"My dear fellow-citizens and fellow-Shermans, I don't want to say good-byes to anybody, but look at dem Irish in de Tenth ward. Vot haf dey got? Paved streets! Und vot haf dey got? Mut! Now, my fellow-citizens and fellow-Shermans, vot I wish to say is dis: 'Coon! let us put our heads together and make a block payment.'—Mack's National Magazine.

Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst said at a Presbyterian banquet in New York:

"At all seasons, and at the holiday season, especially, we should avoid quarreling and try to bring about a spirit of good will.

"In short, we should imitate Father Healy, the Irish wit, to whom an official once said:

"Healy, I've got a crew to pick with you."

"Make it a turkey," said Father Healy, "and I'll join you at 4 sharp."—New York Sun.

Signs of the Uplift

The Indian on the new nickel is regarded as a good Indian, though not a "dead one."

"Scotch, bourbon and rye were fashionable colors of the demure highball lodged in a side room at the inauguration of Minnesota's governor at St. Paul.

Owing to the high cost of living in Missouri three saloons at Jefferson City hired a dress suit and gave the sartorial wander a whirl of an hour each at the inaugural ball.

A Connecticut man is so well pleased with six months of married life that he is taking a winter vacation in bed while his wife runs the house.

Denver is seriously considering the suggestion of opening sessions of the city council with choral song as a means of developing the lungs of the members. Besides, it might put some music in the "holer."

Official dancing regulations at the Annapolis naval academy prohibits a closer clutch than three inches. Signs of powder on the uniform are strictly tabooed.

A Chicago judge decides that a wife should not ask for money, but that a husband should give it to her without being bonded for it.

Financially the Empire state is going some. In 1906 state appropriations amounted to \$28,268,000; in 1912, \$52,367,000, an increase of 122 per cent in ten years.

Editorial Siftings

Washington Post: A few more crop disasters like that which has hit the California orange belt and will begin to be superstitious about that "13."

Washington Post: It will be noticed that since the democrats have succeeded in getting into power the price of Jackson day parades has advanced from \$1 per parade to \$5.

Chicago Record-Herald: Modesty cannot prevent us from claiming a modicum of credit for having failed to perpetrate a single pun on the name of our distinguished townsman, Mr. Chance.

Springfield Republican: The weather bureau cannot begin too early to train for its inauguration day prediction. A repetition of its "throw-back" performance of four years ago might be absolutely fatal to its prestige.

New York World: A youth of good family, inheriting a considerable fortune and dying, after a spectacular social career, "leaving debts only," may be said to have realized the highest possibilities of one kind of New York life.

Chicago Inter Ocean: The club women of Utah will ask the state legislature for legislation looking to pensions for mothers, women inspectors in various lines, a minimum wage for women and medical certificates for applicants for marriage licenses. They will at least get a hearing, since for women have been elected to the lower house and all favor the reforms in question.

The Bee's Letter Box

Reinforcements for Wooster.

BLAIR, Neb., Jan. 14.—Editor of The Bee: The vast majority of the taxpayers of the state will endorse what Mr. Wooster says in regard to using state money to advertise the state. There is no call for it. If real estate men, railroads and the newspapers do not advertise it enough, it is because there are "grafters" who are ones not satisfied. There is always the usual number of parasites who are ever ready to soak the commonwealth through "appropriations," urging on new members to squander the money.

I propose, in case the legislature sees fit to make an appropriation, that the bureau of statistics print in book form a complete detailed description of every tract of land in the state from ten acres up, and give as near as can be the true value kind of soil, lay of the tract and best use the ground has been adapted for, together with what improvements have been made and other detailed information useful to buyer and seller. This work could be done by the assessors, real estate men, farmers and others without large cost. Then let those who want the books pay the actual cost of them. I also protest against any expropriation appropriation. As we are located the west can't get to the east, nor the east to the west, without crossing the state, or other states. Economic and conservative to the people.

A Street Car Incident.

OMAHA, Jan. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: I want to try my hand at writing what you call a "human interest story." I got on the street car every morning at Fortieth and Cumings on the Farnam line. Monday I boarded car No. 816 at a little after 8:15. It and another car had arrived a few seconds apart. A crowd of people stood on the corner to greet them. The first car whisked back to town without taking a single passenger and, though people could be seen waiting at nearly every intersection along the way, it hardly paused until it got way east on Farnam. Our car had every seat and the aisle filled with it ever bulged from Fortieth and Cumings and, upon my honor, I think it took on a passenger or more at every corner, but four or five, all the way to Nineteenth, with the result that people were simply packed like sardines in that car, or it might be proper to say, on it.

Now, The Bee has done a great service both to the street car company and its patrons in agitating improvements, but can The Bee tell me why such aggravating service as this is continued? It was not a matter of more cars in this case, so much as common sense in the operation of the cars available. I sometimes think the company must needs a competent schedule man.

WEST CUMING RESIDENT.

Who Fools the Bill?

OMAHA, Jan. 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: How many members of the Douglas county delegation in the legislature or their relatives are on the Water board pay roll or have been benefitted, financially, by or through the instrumentality of the water commission? Perhaps a little light on this question might be of interest to taxpayers concerned in watching what the \$5,000 commissioner has done at Lincoln this winter, to hold himself in office. Are we a lot of blind minutes that we continue to push down whatever one man chooses to ram into our mouths? This is not very elegant talk, but it rather well reflects the temper of my feelings, and I imagine, of other Omaha taxpayers. J. E. McH.

Kindly Warning from California.

BUTTE CITY, Cal., Jan. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: There has been sent broadcast in late years a lot of printed matter from California in regard to its great resources, its climate, its fine crops of grain, fruits and nuts. In fact, there has been thousands of dollars spent by unscrupulous advertisers who deal in real estate to induce unsuspecting eastern people to come here and buy lands. Some of the land is tolerably good, while some of it is worthless.

An eastern man can come to California and buy good 160 land for \$150 per acre, and he can also buy good 80 land for \$50 per acre if he is smart, but if green at \$50 more. I have no spite at the country, nor at the people, both are good—in fact, too good for any use, except to catch eastern suckers, and they are extraordinarily good at that trade judging by the number of bites they get, and the amount of game they bag.

I have been raised in California, and I do not think there is a more difficult state in the United States to make a start in at the present time. Time was when this state could not be beaten, but that was when it was a stock country and its great mines sent gold to all parts of the world. Now the mines are nearly worked out, stock raising has diminished to a great extent, the land does not yield the crops it did once, and the climate, while not cold like the eastern states, has changed so we have frost to kill fruit crops. A good yield comes once every four or five years. The wind is blowing today and the thermometer registers 14 degrees above zero, but the land sharks do not tell you about these things.

Kindly tell the people from Nebraska, or any other place, to look before they leap. JOHN TRUTEN.

UNSCHAMBLING THE EGGS

Plan of Separating the Union and Southern Pacific Railroads.

A transfer of control of the Central Pacific to the Union Pacific and the surrender by the latter of its control of the Southern Pacific—these are the main features of a plan said to be under consideration by Attorney General Wickersham and counsel for the interested railroad systems. The plan would probably satisfy the requirements of the judgment of dissolution recently pronounced by the supreme court. The connection of the Union and Central Pacific with each other in a continuous line from Omaha to San Francisco was contemplated by congress when it created these transcontinental railway corporations; the supreme court in its opinion intimated that such a combination would not be in disharmony with the anti-trust laws; finally, the plan would be a fulfillment of the purposes of Harriman himself. He acquired control of the Southern Pacific mainly because it had control of the Central Pacific and in order to join the latter to his truncated Union Pacific lines. The proposed settlement would have the merits of reasonableness and convenience as well as the merit of legality.

THESE GIRLS OF OUR.

Her Husband—I suppose you looked up the new cook's reference? "Oh," replied the worldly-wise young thing, "my mamma is really going to get all that alimony I guess I'll go with her."—Life.

"That management thought the new play was a success." "Well, was it?" "They tried it on the dog and it turned out to be a howl."—Baltimore American.

"We should all marry our opposites," remarked the Wise Guy. "Did you ever hear of a headless youth marrying a girl with a harelip?" asked the Simple Mug.—Philadelphia Record.

"Do you remember," said Mr. Ohlroy, "how they used to make jokes about the man who went to the opera entirely for the sake of the ballet?" "Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox, "How times have changed. Now you have to sit through a whole lot of dancing in the hope of hearing a little real music."—Washington Star.

RENUNCIATION.

Judge HIS LETTER. "Dear Madge: Of course you've noticed that I've acknowledged the joys of single life. Renouncing all my former merry careers I shortly take unto myself a wife. My stage-door days, I feel, have found an ending—Most circumpect, from now, must be my lot. But, as you see, for old sake's sake I'm sending you an avowal—and this forget-me-not!"

HER LETTER. "Dear Jim: Accept a friend's congratulations. I hope your luck will be the bestest yet. Although I fear you'll miss your old flirtations. Unless you've changed a lot since last we parted, you'll be good to her—and, ere this letter closes, my friendly word—it's quite the best I've got—Your marriage, Jim, will not be strewn with roses. Unless the tie's a real forget-me-not."

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