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No Jail Feeding Graft.

The decision of the supreme court declaring adverse to the constitutionality of the law enacted six years ago requiring contract feeding of county jail prisoners. Presents another case which threatens to ship back a great reform on the rocks of legal technicalities.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from BEE FILES FEBRUARY 4. Twenty Years Ago... Ten Years Ago... People Talked About... Political New Brooms...

Aimed at Omaha

Plattsmouth Journal: Omaha not only wants to annex South Omaha, but it wants Florence and other nearby towns annexed. If it keeps on with the annexation scheme the first thing we know it will be after Plattsmouth.

The Bees Letter Box

Another Reason for Annexation. SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is admitted by those who know that the attendance of pupils at the high school is decreasing as the years go by, and just now an heroic effort is being made to get graduates from the grade schools to take up High school work.

LAUGHING GAS.

As to reference to increase of mileage, I do not believe you fully understand the industry now heaped upon every sheriff by that section of the statute which now prohibits us from charging to exceed 5 cents per mile for each mile actually and necessarily traveled.

FEMINE INCONSISTENCY.

Boston Transcript. The hen in fact's an admirable bird. Content, she scratches gravel all her days.

Current Flashes

Six hundred electric automobiles were sold in one week at the New York show this month. Girls in a suburban college in Boston have been armed with long batons for use on pickpockets and moshers.

The tipping graft should be tipped overboard.

The Missouri river in spring is like Hans Wagner, it covers lots of ground.

Some men go around not only with a chip on their shoulder, but a whole cord of wood.

A typewriter manufacturer died in Florida leaving \$2,000,000, which he pounded out on the keys.

By sending J. Ham Lewis to the senate, Illinois might rescue senatorial courtesy from threatened extinction.

That Board of Control temper seems to have subsided, but there's no telling when it will break forth again.

Which will be the next little state to step up and complete the job of ratifying the income tax amendment?

From the way he has guarded his cabinet selections, President Wilson cannot be accused of being unable to keep a secret.

Possibly, as a local parson says, Judas was no worse than the average man of today, but why make invidious comparisons?

If those water bills jump up that way in the winter time, what will they do in the summer, when the consumption is greater?

Ratification of the income tax amendment to the federal constitution will have to be followed up by legislation before any income tax is levied.

The new speaker of the Illinois house of representatives is very young, but after three months in that job he ought to be at least twenty years older.

President Taft holds the records among presidents for naming the most federal judges, and his appointees will also compare as favorable in quality as quantity.

A male person had the temerity to propose matrimony to Dr. Anna Shaw at Hartford, but we think we can guarantee the sweet doctor protection from such insolence while in Omaha.

A Kansas high school boy may lose his sight entirely as the result of hazing. But the grand old institution of hazing must live, if even on human life. How long, oh Lord, how long?

It is not surprising that Uncle Sam's War department has decided to amplify the military importance advantages this city offers as an army headquarters.

The separation of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific roads to comply with the mandate of the supreme court is proving a most difficult task. What J. Pierpont Morgan says about unscratching eggs comprises more truth than poetry.

Senator Borah thinks the campaign waged by Jefferson for the election of his successor more "aggressive" than Roosevelt's fight for a third term. Even if so, the country is expected to make some progress in the course of a century.

Economy and Efficiency.

Every good citizen should find intense satisfaction in the annual report of Postmaster General Hitchcock. From beginning to end it is an exhibition of the most positive results of progress, not in the clever exploiting of pet theories, but in the presentation of things actually done. It is about the sternest expression of the "economy and efficiency" idea of carrying on the government's business that has yet been made. Under Mr. Hitchcock this great business department of the government has been developed to the highest degree of efficiency thus far. It is needless to enumerate the large advances and reforms put into operation by him, and yet perhaps their rapid succession has prevented them from being fully appreciated.

On Filial Respect.

In the good book long life is promised as the richest of rewards for honoring father and mother, and the father and mother are to "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." This injunction makes a mutual responsibility.

Twice Told Tales

You Saw Me. A tramp stopped at a prosperous looking country house and asked for food. "Certainly you may have it," replied the owner, whom he happened to address, and if you will saw some wood I will give you besides 50 cents; you might be at it, while the breakfast is being prepared." He led the tramp to the wood pile.

People Talked About

The staid senate of West Virginia, hitherto shy of mention of the income tax amendment, last week pulled it out of the pigeonhole and passed it unambiguously. The holdbacks got a hunch that the amendment was going through anyhow and scrambled into the bandwagon.

BOOSTS FOR THE BEE

York Times: The Omaha Bee has discovered that there is a town in Missouri named "Paradise," and it considers the fact worth mentioning, which it certainly is. Few people would ever think of looking for paradise in Missouri.

Graded Eggs.

"How much are these eggs?" asked Mrs. Younglove. "They are 25 cents a dozen, madam," the grocer replied. "They're fresh."

Not True to Life.

The son of a man who had been a great philanthropist, welcomed a visitor to his office. The talk turned on the career of the father of the young man.

Trained and Untrained Defenders.

OMAHA, Feb. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: Senator Robertson has introduced a bill to abolish the National Guard, with the supposition that the citizens will flock to the colors in case we have war or a riot. Do you think they will? I doubt it takes more than patriotism at that moment.

Pity the Poor Sheriffs.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: I notice an article headed "Profits of Sheriff Expected to Mount to Thirty Thousand."

How Do You Spend Your Evenings?

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