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It is an ill wind that blows no snow away. Why increase the mileage graft for sheriffs only?

J. Pierpont Morgan lands in Egypt—News item. Now, listen to the Sphinx.

Apparently the long ballot also makes judges and clerks of election careless in the count.

The social reunion of Nebraska "progressives" is to take on the form of a Valentine party.

The recent picture show panic in New York cautions other cities to check up on the movies for safety equipment.

Mrs. Pankhurst is a resourceful woman; she still finds a way to defend the militancy of the British stone throwers.

A headline writer, or perhaps it was a blundering transcription of the types, made it read, "The United Shoe Company Wins."

A Maryland matron of 22 says she does not believe wives should kiss their husbands. Maryland, my Maryland, whose husbands should they kiss?

Dr. Anna Shaw will find Omaha men too gallant to dispute her word in a joint debate, and too polite to interrupt her with proposals of marriage.

More bills than ever despite cutting the time for introduction in half. Still, it is not incumbent upon the legislature to pass any more than the average.

Those British women who sent dangerous explosives through the mails addressed to Premier Asquith, labeled "Justice for women," must have been anti-suffragettes.

One of the Water board members accuses his critics of "reading The Bee." Yes, and there are more than 50,000 others, including every member of the Water board.

Among the bills the legislature should promptly kill is the one permitting prize fights in cities making their own charters. Neither Omaha nor Nebraska cares to be classed as legalizing prize fights.

If that Kansas City Judge had spent \$10,000 organizing a friendly publicity bureau to boost Editor Nelson he could not have gotten him as much good advertising as he did by trying to put him in jail.

"Howell Water Bill No. 1" was found to be defective, and quickly supplanted by "Howell Water Bill No. 2," whose holes are now to be plugged up by "Howell Water Bill No. 3." Three times and out.

Elegant Evanston proposes to abolish "Hello" as the telephone salutation and use "Good morning" or "Good evening," to avoid rudeness. Why not just say "Howdy?" in London, they say. "Are you there?"

Among flagrant offenders in producing the smoke nuisance in Omaha are some of the public school buildings, when the school janitor is the very one who ought to be the most careful of all in handling his heating furnace.

This much may be said for the voting machine: that it makes no errors in tabulation and is automatic in registering the number of votes for each candidate or measure. The voting machine has its advantages, which are offset by only one objection that it makes for straight tickets so long as the party lever is attached.

The Aim and Object.

Respective of its vicious or needless features, it should be gotten clearly in mind that the aim and object of the so-called "Metropolitan Water District bill" is to nullify the home-rule charter-making power which the constitution accords. It is designed to deprive the people of Omaha of the same right to manage and regulate the \$7,000,000 water plant, which they have just bought, that they enjoy as to other branches of their city government, and to make the water works the nucleus of a big political machine.

The home-rule amendment to the constitution provides that all cities in Nebraska with over 5,000 population may make their own charters, subject only to general state laws, and that these charters when once adopted by popular vote shall be modified and amended in the same way and not by the legislature.

The so-called water district is invented on the theory that by changing the name, and making the territory under Water board jurisdiction slightly different from that under the jurisdiction of other municipal authorities, the control and management of the water plant may be removed outside of the home-rule power, and the people compelled to go to Lincoln in the future, as heretofore, for legislation, whenever they have water works problems confronting them.

Of course, if this could be done with the water works, it could be done with the other departments of the municipal government, and by the creation of a separate park district, a sanitary district, a sewer district, a fire district, etc., the home-rule guaranty of the constitution could be completely evaded and nullified.

It is this feature of the scheme which condemns it, and which no patching of minor details can cure.

Crisis at Constantinople.

Kaleidoscopic changes in the Balkan situation have all but defied comment on the outcome, but if reliance may be placed in the representation of a London correspondent that the people are impoverished, the army mutinous and the national treasury depleted, the prospect of early peace would seem certain. Turkey, as is pointed out, cannot replenish its treasury until the war ends and cannot fight long without money. Aside from other vital considerations, therefore, the financial condition would seem in the end controlling.

The report that Turkey expects to surrender Adrianople, and is holding out simply for the best possible bargain, also seems plausible. From the beginning of the Defunct London peace conference, it has been apparent that Turkey's game was one of delay. Now, it seems to have played its last hand. A factor to be reckoned with, too, is the apparently acute dissension between the old and young Turks, which figured in the precipitous withdrawal of itself entirely undermine the government in time. The sultan's plight is a sorry one, but how it can be improved by continued warfare against such odds is not apparent at this distance.

Waste in Strikes.

The report that one month of the New York garment workers' strike has entailed a loss of \$30,000,000 jointly to employer and employe is a shocking commentary upon the archaic stupidity actuating modern industrialism in labor disputes as contrasted with the progress made in other relations.

It is to be noted that while one branch of the garment making industry is persisting in destructive combat, another branch, the cloak and coat making department, has gone out of the strike business entirely, showing that issues between the employers and employe can be adjusted without paralyzing business. This department in 1910 agreed to a "protocol" for better working conditions and pay and a system of arbitration for the future settlement of all misunderstandings. The fact that since then it has been prospering without strikes, paying and housing its employes better than other branches of the trade, is proof sufficient of the utility of the old conditions and methods.

It is high time that the men and boys' garment makers, employers and employe, as well as other industries, were coming to see this. The only thing that can be said in favor of the strike is that it has led to less barbarous ways of settling labor controversies.

Setting time by the forelock, Governor Morehead is seeing to it that the Board of Control will find the state institutions well manned by democrats ready to take the benefit of whatever civil service protection may be afforded.

Simplicity Without Frills.

With neither an inaugural ball nor an inaugural reception on the day of his inauguration, Governor Wilson should come as near realizing the democratic tradition of Jeffersonian simplicity as any president in many years. The public attendance ought to be satisfied with the inaugural parade down the avenue and the exercises at the capitol. The bulk of our 90,000,000 people are not in the least concerned over the fuss and feathers, provided the presidential succession is constitutionally provided for.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—United States Marshal Bierhower has gone to Lincoln.

Leit had begun, and balls and parties will be fewer for a time.

Secretary Al D. Morris of the Omaha Glee club has himself sold nearly 100 tickets for the coming concert.

Mr. C. E. Western, recently from the east, has opened a barometer in the freight block on Fifteenth street.

A team of horses attached to a sleigh belonging to M. Helleman ran away on St. Mary's avenue and smashed things generally.

Charles Lundstrom, Twenty-sixth and Howard, has a watch charm found near the post office which the owner is invited to call for.

J. G. Morse, of the electric lighting company, was badly bruised by a fall through a hatchway in the Millard hotel, and is laid up for a few days.

M. Whalen, formerly employed of the government corral, has disposed of his farm just east of Irvington for \$4,000 cash, William C. Almworth being the purchaser.

An order signed by Lieutenant General Sheridan makes Major William Chambers inspector for the purchase of cavalry horses, and Major Thomas Moore to be chief inspector of pack mules, for the Division of the Missouri.

Twenty Years Ago—

Fire at night in D. Dobson's residence, 2515 Burdette street, did \$50 damage.

County Treasurer Frey went to Lincoln to attend a meeting of the county treasurers.

The city council disposed of the proposition to provide for annexing the suburbs to the city of Omaha.

The news of the day was the election by the legislature at Lincoln of Judge W. V. Allen of Madison to the United States senate, democrats and pope voting solidly for the judge, who was a pop.

Senator Paddeck received fifty-nine votes for re-election, two republicans straying off the reservation, Kyner voting for Vandervoort and Ricketts for Crouse.

The Congregational club, composed of members of all local Congregational churches, was organized at First church following a sumptuous banquet prepared and served by the women of the churches.

There were 300 present and made the occasion particularly felicitous. The Revs. Messrs. Duryea, Thain, Butler, Powell and Parke—all the Congregational pastors of the city were present and Dr. Duryea gave the main address.

Those who were special officers of the club: president, W. H. Alexander; vice president, W. J. Connell and Frank Lehmer; secretary, Caleb Morris; auditor, C. S. Raymond.

Ten Years Ago—

Mrs. Thomas Godfrey entertained the Harmony club at her home in the evening.

Among the prettiest children's parties of the season was one given by Mrs. H. Vance Lane at her home for her little daughter, Lillian, and Miss Ruth Cronk, it being the tenth anniversary of the little hostess.

Plans were made for the funeral of Gottlieb Selmer, who died the day before at his residence, 2714 Yates street, at the age of 32. He was one of the most prominent German citizens of Omaha, having come here seventeen years before direct from Germany.

Nearly the entire membership of the Douglas county bar was present in a district court to attend the memorial service to the late William D. Beckett, who was frozen to death near his Benson home on the night of January 11.

T. J. Mahoney, chairman of the citizens mass meeting on terminal taxation, named these citizens as a committee to go to Lincoln and urge the legislature to pass the bill enabling cities to tax railroads for local purposes. Lorenzo Cronson, Robert Denton, Wm. Rosewater, Charles H. Brown, Alfred Millard, Thomas Kilpatrick, David Cole, W. H. Bell, Mel Uhl, Herman Kountze.

People Talked About

"Big Tim" Sullivan, the Bowery King, now in an asylum, managed to accumulate a fortune roughly valued at \$20,000.

President Fallieres of France, returns to his vineyard this month. President Taft returns to the law next month.

A St. Louis man who holds two aces of clubs in a poker game got a knife in the ribs. A New York banker, for hypotheating \$6,000, got seven years.

George W. Perkins of Harvesters fame, has consented to lead a campaign to raise \$500,000 for "advancing the cause of the associations of Christian young men and women of New York," by providing buildings and equipment.

George Maynard, a Worcester (Mass.) printer, 48 years of age, can read twenty-four languages, many of which he speaks fluently. Mr. Maynard says that he especially enjoys reading "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam in the original Persian."

Dora Gray of Salem, Oregon, 11 years of age, has been appointed a page, or pages, in the state senate. This is the first time in the history of the Oregon legislature that a girl has held such a position. No girl probably holds a similar position in any other legislative body in this country.

By juggling the plans so that only favorite bidders could see the Joker, Henry Clay, director of public safety, turned contracts for new buildings over to John R. Higgins, thereby picking Philadelphia for \$200,000, clean velvet. Last Saturday a jury convicted Henry Clay and twenty others of defrauding the city.

Army Gossip

Bonds for Quartermaster.

Captain J. F. Connolly of the quartermaster corps in charge of a school for bakers and cooks, and as such not responsible for government funds, recently raised the question whether it would be necessary for him to execute a bond.

Section 1391, revised statutes, requires that all officers of the quartermaster, subsistence and pay departments, now merged into one corps, shall before entering upon the duties of their respective offices give bonds to the United States.

This statute, as secretary of war may direct. This requirement has been construed by the War department to be mandatory. In cases similar to that of Captain Connolly, where an officer is not actually disbursing funds, it has been held that such officer should notify the surety company that he is in no status in which he disburses funds and that he should be relieved from the payment of any premium during the period of this statute.

Typoid Fever Checked. The army medical officers are elated, as they have every reason to be, over the results of the anti-typoid vaccination. The records for the calendar year just ended show that there were only eighteen cases of typoid in the United States, as against forty-four in the previous year.

Of these eighteen, six occurred among the immunized class, five were cases where infection was contracted prior to vaccination and the remaining seven had not been immunized. There were three deaths among the cases in the United States, all of them not immunized. It is difficult as yet to tell about the results in the Philippines, because it will be some time before the reports are received; but so far the records show that there were only five cases among American troops, and those occurred at Camp Keithley. None of the patients had been immunized. This record in the United States reduces the rate for typoid to three in every 10,000 men for 1912, or one case where there were a few years ago twenty cases.

Shooting and Overshooting.

OMAHA, Feb. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your editorial entitled "Over-shooting the mark" you call attention to the danger attending legislation prohibiting the publication of names of juvenile offenders in the newspapers, but in which your argument is presented leaves the impression that not only the names, but also the facts in the cases, are sought to be prohibited to the press; and most of your conclusions are drawn from this premise, which, of course, you can easily see by reading the bill introduced to meet the present situation, is absolutely false. As you say, the methods of your paper were not subjected to criticism, and a law of the sort would be unnecessary could we always be assured of the discretion of editors; but, unfortunately, editors make mistakes even as the rest of us.

Your editorial "overshoots the mark" in several ways. In the first place it does not affect the right of free speech in the least, save only in the one respect of prohibiting the publication of names of juvenile offenders. If, as I conceive, the object of the establishment of the juvenile court was corrective and reformative, juvenile offenders are entitled to this protection for their future; if they are not so entitled, the juvenile court is without excuse for its existence, for the reason that we already have a criminal court where these cases could be tried with all the publicity desired.

In the second place, publicity and the history of the cases has carefully been permitted for the benefit of the community, the parents and other children. In the third place, Mr. Editor, although you and I have never, nor not now, and probably never will agree on things political, don't please call me, and my supporters in this matter, "well-intentioned, but unthinking." We do think in our way, and think it is a good way, and you don't. Let us disagree as to methods, if we must, but not as to mental processes, and in the meantime let me remind you that we hold no contracts for paying in the region where good intentions are such popular material.

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Aviation Legislation.

The senate military committee has amended the house bill (House roll 71,250) relating to increased pay for army officers who serve on aviation duty. That measure provided for an increase of 50 per cent in pay and was added as a clause to the army appropriation bill as it passed the house. The senate committee amendment contemplates an increase of but 20 per cent, without any change in the allowances at present authorized by law; nor is it provided there shall be any increase affecting officers above the rank of captain. The committee has also struck out section 2 of the house bill, providing for the filling of vacancies.

The War department desired further additions relating to mechanics, helpers, etc., but the committee refused to make these amendments. If these provisions, as agreed upon by the senate military committee, are added to the army appropriation bill in the senate it will be necessary to adjust the differences between the house and senate provisions when the army bill goes into conference.

Hit and Miss

Love grows cold when it's all on one side. A man and his wife are "one"; sometimes too many. It takes two to make a bargain, but only one to break it. Even good luck is apt to be contaminated by bad habits.

The man who measures success by inches doesn't get very far. It always seems much easier to forget our friends than our enemies. No man has more money than brains who has brains enough to hang on to it.

Lots of people who marry for love find themselves unable to carry out the contract. There is nothing that will make a girl forget a headache like having a toothache.

The man who starts to side a hobby should at once equip himself with an emergency brake. Occasionally you meet a woman who is almost as much afraid of a dentist as she is of a mouse.

A girl doesn't necessarily throw herself at a young man just because she crosses her head at him.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Twice Told Tales

A New Fairy Story. As the cobbler stepped into his shop his soul of a wife started out and stopped him unmercifully for coming in late.

"Be quiet, Zenobia," said he affably. "Today I have had a great stroke of luck. Coming home I met a fairy who had lost her way. I put her on the right track, and out of gratitude she presented me with this pair of slippers."

Whoever puts off the left one becomes blind. Then if you put on the right one you are deaf. You will see that this present is very valuable because we will be able to make lots of money with it."

Zenobia became still and stood ever come with curiosity in front of her husband.

"Come," said he, "let us try it once!" She slipped on the left slipper—and positively in the same instant vanished away.

"It is really true," said the cobbler, astonished. "She's gone!" Then he took the right slipper, went out of the house and threw it in the deepest well.—Pfelegende Blätter.

Thoughtful, Anyway.

Want advertisements frequently bring unique results, as John R. Farr, representative from Scranton, Pa., will testify. Mr. Farr was once in a small country town, in need of a stenographer. He advertised for one in the local paper and sat up most of the night in hotel waiting for an answer.

Finally, he started for bed, and had just dropped off to sleep when a knock at the door aroused him. The visitor was a small and nervous person, who twiddled his thumbs.

"I am a stenographer," he said. "Oh, you came in answer to my advertisement," suggested Mr. Farr, with a lighted candle in his hand.

"Yes, I am the only stenographer in town." "And you can go to work for me tomorrow?" "Well," replied the visitor, "I wanted to tell you that I read your advertisement and thought I had better come and see you. I can't work for you as I am going to spend the week in the mountains. Good night, sir!"—Washington Star.

The Bee's Letter Box

OMAHA, Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have just returned from California, where I expected to find work at San Diego, but all the building there is about finished. Mr. Penfold is very busy at the head of the publicity bureau sending out invitations to every state asking a large appropriation for exhibits to boom California, and not Nebraska and other states.

I was disappointed in the climate, and with the same clothing I wear here, was cold and chilly. California lives on tourists. Douglas county raises more good things to eat than the whole state of California. The orange trees are frozen and may not revive for two years. I was told that it was not uncommon to have frosts. A fire feels good every night and morning, but coal and wood are very high.

I met "Bob" Houghton and he told me he could make more money contracting in Omaha in six months than he could make in three years in San Diego. He has some rental property which brings a good income at present.

California is a good place for an old man with lots of money waiting for the underliaker, or a rich man with energy only to spend money. Los Angeles is the Paris of America and it takes plenty of money to live there.

It will do any one good to make a trip to California, for you will come back satisfied that we are the producers. Every state has its drawbacks and every business has its grasshoppers.

JOHN F. BEHM.

Place for a New Union Station.

OMAHA, Feb. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: Sixteenth and Leavenworth streets would be a good location for our new Union station. The old station could serve both Omaha and South Omaha and would be a move toward uniting the two cities into one Greater Omaha.

C. E. MOSER.

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The Six-Year Term

Boston Herald: Why are the friends of President-elect Wilson so touchy on the matter of a single term amendment to the constitution? He was elected on a single-term platform. Mr. Bryan saw to that.

Indianapolis News: A six-year term is, of course, too long for a bad president to serve, but perhaps it is too short for a good president. This it may turn out to be a pretty fair average for the chances we are up against.

St. Louis Republic: With a single six-year term before him, the president will decide many things in the light of the public good which are now decided by the hunger for continued power of his official family. He will have attained the summit of American political honor and will not be stung and goaded by the ambition to be counted among the little company of presidents who have compassed a second term.

New York Sun: Is a change desirable? If so, what should be the length of the president's term? Not rashly, not with any undue regard for a platform declaration, but with the slightest consideration of personal ambition or party exigencies or hopes, should this plunge into the unknown be taken, if taken it is to be, presumably the votes of senators like Mr. Gallinger, Mr. Lodge and Mr. Root were founded upon this conception of the gravity and the impersonality which should accompany a momentous revision of earlier wisdom.

What the proposed amendment works for the good of the United States? Would it not be well to postpone the change, should it be determined on, to a period beyond the prejudices, accidents and politics of the moment and the immediate future?

LINES TO A LAUGH.

"After all, from the standpoint of the poor, this matter is going to save much more suffering."

"It is!" What about the poor women who have bought expensive fur coats this season that may be out of style next year?"—Boston Transcript.

"Aren't you proud at all this adulation of you as a national institution?" asked the Duck of the Hen.

"Well," replied the latter, bitterly. "I know it is only done to egg me on."—Baltimore American.

"My husband has a most wonderful imagination."

"Does it get him anything?"

"Well, in a way it does. When he goes to grand opera he can sometimes imagine when he hears the prima donna singing that she is a slender, beautiful creature, who is still as young as the tenor is trying to let on that he thinks her to be."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Have you succeeded in educating 'public opinion'?"

"No," replied Senator Sturgis. "I started out to do so. But I got too busy getting tips from public opinion for my own guidance."—Washington Star.

Divorce Lawyer—Wedding was only ten days ago, and you've wanted a divorce? Fair Client (with a sigh)—Yes, I suppose you could call it that. We were married by a justice of the peace in an automobile, and it was going at the rate of fifty miles an hour.—Chicago Tribune.

"You may talk as you please about the intelligence of animals, but dogs cannot reason."

"Of course they can't. If they could reason like human beings dogs wouldn't stick so to a man when he's down."—Baltimore American.

"Harkness, I see, is now rated at a million. By the newspaper reports this morning I notice he claims that virtually all of his success is due to his wife."

"The report is true. Mr. Harkness didn't start to run up any sanatorium bills on Harkness until after he had passed the \$500,000 mark."—St. Louis Republic.

Wife (as hubby is leaving house)—Henry, I wish you'd send this package by parcel post for me.

Hub—Certainly! Is there anything you want me to bring home from the meats store for the fishes market?—Boston Transcript.

MARVELING AT YOUTH.

Detroit Free Press. The opera house is now and then. And dream often is the play; I tire of what the writers pen. But never of what children say. A constant marvel is the speech Of tots that range from 8 to 6; Variety's the spice of each; Last night she staggered me with "Nix."

Each day it seems, brings something new; Some quaint, refreshing thought of hers; Some phrase I'd never guessed she knew. Last night I said, 'It's time for bed; Your little playthings you must leave.' She answered me, 'I've gotcha, Steve.'

Feigning a touch of sternness then I frowned and said, 'At once, upstairs. I will not hear from you again! Put down your dolls and teddy bears! She caught the twinkle in my eyes; "There's a little that she does not see; And then to my profound surprise, 'Out to the comedy," said she.

I wonder where she gets it all— Who touts her off to slangy phrase? For one so young and ad one so small She's much too wise in many ways. She's never dull or never trifles. Oh, wondrous little fairy queen! I sit and wonder every night Who puts such notions in your brain.

Catarrh is quickly ended by breathing Booth's Hyomei. The quickest and surest way to end Catarrh, Coughs and Colds is to breathe deep into the lungs the soothing, healing, germ destroying air of Hyomei. It destroys germs, soothes the inflamed membrane; heals the sore spots and causes mucus to disappear. Hyomei is made of Australian Eucalyptus and Listerian antiseptic, and is free from Cocaine or any injurious drug. A complete Hyomei outfit with simple instructions for use at any pharmacist for \$1.00. Single bottle of Hyomei, if required later, are but 50 cents. No stomach dosing; just breathe it. Trial treatment free from Booth's Hyomei Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

What you don't use—don't need—sell quickly and profitably. In Omaha, as in any city, are persons with many belongings that they never use—things too good to throw away. Of course you could give them away, but you don't. They s'uply stay around the place. Sell them. You CAN sell them through The Bee. There is a ready market in Omaha for such things. You'll find somebody asking for them every day. The Bee Want Ads are searched daily for such bargains. Anything you don't use, and that you ought to sell, can be sold—profitably—through The Bee classified columns. Our copy department will arrange the ad. Phone Tyler 1000

Stories in Figures

St. Paul business houses employ 2,500 traveling salesmen. We call this country "ubited" with 100,000 divorces last year! Last year the balance of trade in favor of the United was \$82,000,000. American railroads in 1912 received gross revenues aggregating \$2,041,307,000. Birmingham, Ala., "The Pittsburgh of the south" reports 800 unlawful homicides in 1912, one for every working day in the year. One section of the state-owned railroad system of France reported a deficit for 1912 of \$13,914,736 in 1911 and of \$23,746,855 in three years. One liner for South America sailing from New York carried more than 5,000,000 in gold consigned to Rio Janeiro and Buenos Ayres. Baldwin's Locomotive works, Philadelphia, will within a few months employ a force of 10,000 men to take care of the orders coming in.