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Dwight Williams, Circulation Manager.

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Better take another peep at your coal pile.

And yet the Water board still refuses to act.

Are the hatpins too long or the street car aisles too narrow?

Lower water rates, not next month, not next year, not now.

St. Louis boasts a woman with perfect feet. Ah, there, Chicago.

Anyway, lobsters ought not to be sent by parcel post. Let them walk.

Des Moines cannot spare any of its policemen.—Des Moines Capital. Are they that good?

The governor has the right even yet to introduce a belated bill by special message.

From the rivalries of Denver newspapers one may learn just what kind of a town that is.

The income tax is one tax the ordinary man may contemplate with perfect equanimity.

A New York man reports having found the trunk waist line. Keep your hands to yourself!

It's up to the law-makers to administer some legislative knock-out drops to the dope trade.

The man with a chronic excuse to offer for his shortcomings is usually admitting that he has no excuse.

Madero will miss a good chance if he fails to engage Castro to scout for some new material for his 1913 team.

"Go, bury thy sorrows; the world hath its share," is one of the old favorites that should be sung more often.

David must have been in the midst of a presidential campaign when in his haste he exclaimed, "All men are liars."

Chairman Pujol characterizes William Rockefeller's condition as "simply pitiable." Colossal wealth is not everything.

In cutting the new tariff suit the democratic tailors must remember that the pattern is for a very, very large patron.

President Wilson says he never feels comfortable in a silk hat—no more, doubtless, than does Mr. Bryan in a cocked hat.

Yes, but what about redeeming those oft-made promises of lower water rates? Is not that also a practical question?

Now we have a new slant on municipal home rule. Home rule means to trust everything to the people except the water works.

A lot of men who are too old and wise to believe in the beautiful Christmas illusion, have implicit faith in the groundhog myth.

Exhibiting his fearlessness of the contributing editor, Dr. Lyman Abbott in his Outlook declares: "Strength comes from silence, not from noise."

It would not be at all surprising if that Minnesota legislator who wishes by law to suppress dresses that button up the back were some crabbed old bachelor.

The minister who puts the plea for a restful Sabbath on the broad basis of every man's right to one day of recreation in seven, instead of on the narrow basis of sectarianism, deserves a serious hearing.

Municipal Self-Government.

In view of Omaha's forthcoming home-rule charter convention, some remarks about municipal self-government in the current Outlook are suggestive and in point.

The Outlook unqualifiedly favors the home-made charter, and the inclusion in it of all departments of the city subject to its government. This is what it says:

1. The first and fundamental principle should be government of the people. The citizens of New York City—and this is equally true of every great city in the country—should frame their own charter, as the people of a state frame their own constitution and the charter should be accepted by the state government unless it is inconsistent with the constitution of the state or the best interest of the state at large, as the constitution of a state is accepted by congress unless it is inconsistent with the constitution of the United States or the public policy of the nation.

2. This charter should give to the citizens of the city power to frame their own municipal legislation and to administer their own municipal affairs. If this principle—the right of the city to govern itself—were once honestly accepted, experience would enable us to work out the details and correct the errors into which we should doubtless at first fall.

3. This government should be for the benefit of all the citizens of the city, not for the benefit of special interests. Its police department, its fire department, its department of streets and parks, its department of docks, its transportation system and every other part of the city life should be devised and operated for the common benefit of all alike.

The newly adopted amendment to the Nebraska constitution is intended to give us municipal self-government without legislative intrusion in our purely local affairs. By clinging fast to fundamental principles we have an opportunity not only to work out our own problem successfully, but to set an example for other progressive cities.

Railroads at "Attention."

In concluding his somewhat famous speech on "The country's need of greater railway facilities and terminals," James J. Hill said:

The railways, anxious to be active in the upbuilding of the country and the introduction of a coming era of transportation, stand at attention. Will the country give the word of permission and remove the heavy cloud of doubt and depression which has steadily arrested the growth of the nation's commercial facilities?

The railways will continue active in the upbuilding of the country because it pays them to do so, and they will aid in introducing a coming era of transportation because that is their business. If they are standing at attention it is only after a very persistent appeal on the part of the country. Mr. Hill was not "standing at attention" when trying to defeat Uncle Sam in the dissolution of his Northern Securities company. What "clouds of doubt and depression" may have hovered over our commercial facilities were due very largely to certain abuses of privilege, to correct which it became necessary to provide more stringent state and federal regulations, but happily this has been accomplished without tending to arrest legitimate progress of any kind. Our government has never desired to cripple industry or hamper capital properly enclosed and never will, and it never did a better thing than when it set about to usher in this new era of corporate regulation which, judging from the last available financial reports, seems to have had no adverse influence upon the revenues of Mr. Hill's Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads.

Anti-Spitting Ordinance.

Apparently our municipal anti-spitting ordinance is in need of more rigid enforcement. The odious spitting habit affects not only the cleanly appearance of sidewalks, street cars and other public places, but what is of greater moment, the health of the community, and the authorities could with good results make an occasional object lesson, if necessary, of an habitual offender. Anti-spitting ordinances, common in all well regulated cities, excited derision at first, but not after their importance as factors in the modern movement for better sanitation came to be appreciated. They must be observed or the scientific effort of arresting communication of certain diseases will be more difficult of success.

The Crop Croakers.

A San Francisco paper says southern California citrus fruit men have declined a proposal for financial aid made upon assumptions growing out of the recent blight of crops. The orange and lemon growers wish it understood that, while an unprecedented cold snap did immense damage to fruit and trees, it did not ruin all or make objects of charity out of the orchardists. No doubt the southern California situation has been grossly exaggerated. However heavy the loss to citrus fruit, it must be remembered that this is but one of several profitable resources in that country, and some of these are in little or no danger of destruction from climatic vagaries.

It does no good, but much harm, to overdraw reported crop failures, whether in California or elsewhere. The middle and far western sections of this country are so closely knit together by bonds of business intercourse as to make their prosperity a matter of common interest. Omaha and other large distributing centers have the deepest concern in

the welfare of California, Oregon, Washington and other states to the west. And, for that matter, experience proves the total unreliability of premature reports of crop losses. Nebraska farmers have gone a good many years without a serious loss or failure, yet perennially the pessimist puts out dolorous predictions, only to be discredited at harvest time.

The Prodigy of Perseverance.

It must be that Helen Keller, of indomitable will power, has come to us blind, deaf and dumb as an example to all human kind on the prodigy of perseverance and a rebuke to the weak-willed and complaining who are blessed with sight and hearing and speech.

What childish fancy has not pictured the hideous hypothesis of being without these faculties? How could even the simplest wants be expressed? That question never lingered long in the mind of this girl. "I must learn to talk," she determined. And now she delivers a public lecture, expatiating upon current problems of life, with more clearness of perception, at least, than many not so handicapped as she. Yet, while the philosophy may be open to attack, the conquest of what most people would regard an insuperable affliction distinguishes her far above the average mortal.

Those of us with senses intact ought to find in this invincible power of achievement a lesson applicable to some part of our own lives.

No Premium for Murder.

The presentation of a remedial measure to the legislature is a grim reminder that in Nebraska a premium is still offered for the commission of murder by permitting the murderer to inherit the property of the victim, and to collect insurance on the victim's life.

It is notorious that mercenary motives are at the bottom of much serious crime and that there is a strong incentive to murder when the perpetrator of a foul deed may enrich himself as the heir or insurance beneficiary. It is proposed to make the property or life insurance money which might otherwise go to the person convicted of murder or conspiracy to murder pass to the estate or to other heirs or beneficiaries the same as if the murderer had been dead at the date of the death of the murdered person.

It should require no argument to urge that this law ought to pass, not so much perhaps to save the property or insurance for other persons as to prevent the commission of murder. The value of such a law could not be estimated if it saved even one life threatened by cupidity.

Politics and Beauty.

On the theory that politics tends to preserve youth, a Boston suffragist advances the naive assertion that beauty follows the ballot and, therefore, votes for women will promote her pulchritude. Surely a strong argument, but by what rule may we be sure of producing dissimilar effects from similar causes as between the influence of politics on men and women.

Ample evidence is, we are sure, available to prove that politics does not tend to preserve youthfulness in the average male participant, and it is not apparent how it would affect woman differently. Novel and attractive as the argument is, it appears to be fatally defective with a conclusion drawn from a false premise. Everything tending to preserve woman's youthfulness would of course enhance her beautiful appearance, but so long as politics is politics we fear it will not do that. Assuming the fair Bostonian meant to imply that the beautifying effect of politics would be manifest only in the case of the active politicians, and negligible in the others, we would like to see the test applied as between the women in the thick of the suffrage fight and the women remaining out of it from indifference or indolence.

The Diminished Bank Deposits.

The falling off in bank deposits, as shown by reports to the comptroller of the currency is due, according to official explanation, not so much to shrinkage of private accounts or impaired business, as to the Treasury department's recent order calling in large sums of government money. The contraction is quite general over the country and the impression has obtained that it was caused by unfavorable business conditions, whereas the reason advanced as the true one should have a quieting and satisfying effect.

The government has made recent changes, such as centralization of pension bureaus at Washington, from which all disbursements are made, and adoption of the check system of paying creditors, that necessitate keeping larger cash amounts on hand, and this, it is said, is the occasion for recalling funds formerly deposited in national banks. It is quite suggestive of the country's business stability that so little disturbance has been felt in financial circles in the period preliminary to a change of administration, transferring control from one political party to another. Perhaps never before did a similar period, including the campaign year, itself, produce as

slight disturbance, which is all the more remarkable in view of the unusually intense character of the contest.

Commercialized Soul Saving.

Collier's draws a striking and suggestive parallel to attract attention to a mundane tendency in modern religious work. From the classified advertising columns of a prominent religious weekly, it quotes:

Factors, Attention—Dr. —, physician-evangelist, a converted atheist, has portable tabernacle and corps of singers and workers for conducting a soul-awakening evangelistic campaign to save men, women and children in all walks of life.

And then out of a trade weekly devoted to the amusement and carnival business it picks the following:

At Liberty—Magician and singing soprano. Well equipped and wardrobe. We feature mail bag, straw jacket, yoke, box, mind reading, spirit cabinet and magic. Sober and reliable. Address —, "The Man of Mystery."

Collier's seems to take a cynical slant at the commercializing of soul-saving, and willfully forgets that vaudeville artists fill the house, while the preachers talk to empty pews. The world moves and this is a progressive age in religion as well as in business and politics.

A Wholesale Buying Combine.

The reported project of a combination of large department stores in several cities for the purpose of effecting advantageous purchases directly from the manufacturer, eliminating the wholesale commission man, might have some aspects of encouragement to the ultimate consumer if he were to be given the benefit of the cheaper prices thus obtained. It would seem to be highly possible for immense department stores, whose purchases mount up into the millions annually, to effect some such arrangement, although other plans and projects for the elimination of the so-called "middle man" have usually come to naught for one reason and another. Not all of them deserved success, for there is a legitimate field even for a middle man. That is not to say, however, that an unnecessary multiplication of middle men is either desirable or in line with modern business methods. But will the department store combination plan work out to the consumer's advantage? Will the merchants in the combine voluntarily share their bargains with their customers? Will their customers buy cheaper than the customers of stores not in the combine? That will be the real test.

Better for the Old Soldier.

The government finds complete satisfaction in its new method of paying soldiers' pensions directly by check instead of by voucher from the various pension offices. Of course, it was money saved in the first place to consolidate these offices into a single bureau at the capital and in line with modern methods of business economy. But the advantage is also apparent to the pensioner who heretofore had to make out a formal voucher blank attested by at least two witnesses in the presence of a notary each quarter and then wait the ordinary time for receipt of the government's draft after the voucher was sent in. That involved trouble and some expense, which many an old veteran or his widow could ill-afford. All this is eliminated under the new system, the check being sent every three months direct to the pensioner. While the government will be able to compute its saving in money, there is no way of estimating in dollars and cents the accommodation to the veterans.

People and Events

What a fall there will be, my countrymen, when the income tax touches puffed-up salaries.

"John F. Tumulty, secretary of the president." Coming events cast their names before.

Comes now an expert with the report that there is not a perfect foot among the 1,900 girls in the University of Illinois. Another way of saying that Chicago's welfare crowd the institution.

Dead or living, King Menelik is entitled to a niche in the hall of fame. The achievement of leading one's obituary on five successive occasions is a performance that rises to statutory proportions.

In Chicago graft has reached the proportions of an epidemic. Keepers of furnished rooms boost their business by promises of the county's charity supplies. In most instances the promises were made good.

A measure pending in the Colorado legislature proposes a moderate lift of the lid on prize fighting. The continuous performances of Denver's scrapping editors falls on the red-blooded sports of the state.

Congress dealt a stunning blow to the loan sharks in the District of Columbia by passing a bill limiting interest to 1 per cent a month, loans to \$50 and imposing a license fee of \$20 a year. President Taft approved the measure, which goes into effect March 1.

Bradley Martin of New York is dead in London, aged 72. Descendant of some of New York's first families, the deceased acquired a fortune in this country, led "409" cotillions, bought a title for his daughter and moved out of the "blawsted country, don't you know."

A woman vocalist of local distinction who intoned "The Holy City" in a church at Huntington, L. I., was rebuked by the rector for pronouncing the city's name "Jer-u-see-um." "It should be Jer-u-salem," says the rector. "The syllable 'sa' should be pronounced as if it were 'ser' or 'sar.'" "Jer-u-sar-lem," do you get it?

Colonel James Hamilton Lewis, candidate for United States senator in Illinois, puts out the most complete report of campaign expenses that ever showed its fragrance in the senate. Every item is explained in detail, even the bills that remain unpaid owing to the scarcity of personal funds. Colonel Lewis is the "Gentleman James" of our day, and the manner of the man shines in his political dope.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha COMPILED FROM BEE FILES FEBRUARY 9, 1913

Thirty Years Ago—The Oregon Short Line is today completed to Shoshone Falls, Ida., 300 miles west of Grand...

Twenty Years Ago—Expressing a feeling of those interested in the sugar beet factories of the state, J. G. Hamilton, secretary and treasurer of the Norfolk Beet Sugar Company, at the Millard hotel, gave out an interview...

Ten Years Ago—Thin, blue wreaths of curling smoke arose like incense to the ceiling in the auditorium of Hanscom Park Methodist church at an evening meeting, when two mortgages that had been paid off were consigned to flames...

Another Vulgar Error. Chicago Record-Herald. England notes the gradual disappearance of red-headed women. Another "vulgar error" exploded; you see that red hair has nothing whatever to do with temper.

THE GENTLE CYNIC.

Faith trains never won fair lady. Irrigation makes a thing grow, especially a thirst.

Many a man's will is contested long before he is dead.

A girl is never happy till she falls in love, and then she is miserable.

When a girl becomes convinced that crying makes her nose red she stops.

The man who borrows trouble generally gives his peace of mind as security.

Some people are always too busy to do anything but talk about how busy they are.

Lots of people spend half their lives overdoing things, and the other half doing them over.

Some of us never talk about other people, because we are too busy talking about ourselves.

No girl is quite sure there are microbes in kisses until she has practically worked out the theory.

It's a mistake to suppose that all women are the same. Even one woman isn't the same for any length of time.

It may be true that fools rush in where angels fear to tread, but angels don't have to tread; they can use their wings.—New York Times.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Philadelphia Ledger: In addition to serving the Lord faithfully and well, a Methodist preacher is also compelled to box and ship the family piano nearly every year.

Washington Post: The Long Island pastor who has prohibited the throwing of rice and shoes at weddings is entirely right—there should be no vulgar display of wealth at our churches.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: A preacher says he advocates applause in church. But there is sure to be trouble in the choir when the favorite soprano's claque outshouts the favorite contralto's.

Houston Post: A Chicago minister says the world is becoming so wicked that he doubts if there will be hell enough to go round. Oh, he needn't bother. Whenever the supply runs short there are men and women who will proceed to raise some more.

Brooklyn Eagle: The expulsion of a Wesleyan student for betting on the length of college chapel prayers is not making the punishment fit the crime. Like Gilbert's "society sinner," he should be "sent to hear sermons by mystical Germans who preach from Ten to Four."

Baltimore American: In London a bishop has appealed to his flock not to be kept too strictly. It should be as surprising as gratifying to London optimists that such an admonition is necessary. These are not times when self-sacrifice has to be guarded against for its enthusiastic excess.

Regulating "Horse Trading."

Houston Post. A Nebraska legislator is advocating a pure horse law, designed to make it a crime to misrepresent or fail to represent the true condition of horses that are traded for. Are we to see the day when a free American citizen will not be permitted to swindle his neighbor in a horse trade?

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BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

There are some good fish in every sea. It never makes a sin any whiter to call it a mistake.

The real big man writes his name on everything he does.

The sin that is spared because it pays is the one that kills.

The man who stands on the promise of God lives in the land of promise.

A policeman stops being an optimist the moment he puts on his blue coat.

The devil considers it safe to sleep in the church, where the preaching keeps nobody awake.

No sprinter can get over the ground fast enough to overtake the golden opportunity that has escaped.

It is the size of a man's heart that counts, not the size of his head.

There is nothing a man will do with so little encouragement as fishing.

If it were not for the fools, the way of the wise man would be all uphill.

Robbery is robbery, no matter whether it is done by the use of a sandbag or a trick in trade.

SUNDAY SMILES.

"What do you think of a man who says he will live 300 years?"

"Well," replied Mr. Growcher, "the fact that he wants to live that long shows that he must be exceptionally healthy and comfortable."—Washington Star.

"Knicker—is he deeply in love?"

"Booker—Yes, he thinks all the girls on the magazine covers look like her."—New York Sun.

"There were giants in the old days."

"No," replied Mr. Growcher, "the fact that he wants to live that long shows that he must be exceptionally healthy and comfortable."—Washington Star.

"We couldn't build the pyramids today."

"Couldn't, eh? Now here, I'll furnish you a contractor who will duplicate the biggest pyramid in ninety days and sign a penalty clause. How about it?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Casey," said Pat, "how do you tell the age of a tu-u-key?"

"Oh, can always tell by the teeth," said Casey.

"By the teeth?" exclaimed Pat. "But a tu-u-key has no teeth."

"No," admitted Casey, "but Oh, have."—London Opinion.

"What are you doin', Bill?"

"Writin' an item to send to the sportin' editor."

"I see you're usin' a disguised hand, too."

"Disguised hand? What do you mean by that?"

"You've been washin' it."—Chicago Tribune.

"Sorry, sir, but your hat fell off the hook and somebody stepped on it."

"Oh, that's all right. I was going to let the hat boy keep it for his tip."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

MENELIK.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Dead! Menelik's dead!

Grief droops her head.

Fled! Negus Neguti, king of all kings.

Leon of Judah, whose flashing sword swung.

Help of the cradle where Sheba's quest sings!

Sped! Red are the eyes of the swart palace dames;

Red is the night with its funeral flames.

Zoom! zoom! Gone to the tomb.

Boom! boom! Lost in the gloom.

Sorrow for Abyssinia's pride;

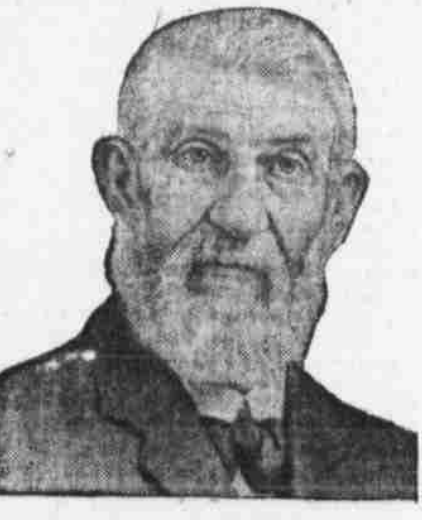
Weep over Ethiopia's wife.

Lay him away; Gloom around the day.

Zoom! Boom! Boom!

Bowels Get Weak As Age Advances

The First Necessity is to Keep the Bowels Gently Open With a Mild Laxative Tonic



DR. O. P. MILLER

Healthy old age is so absolutely dependent upon the condition of the bowels that great care should be taken to see that they act regularly. The fact is that as age advances the stomach muscles become weak and inactive and the liver does not store up the juices that are necessary to prompt digestion.

Some help can be obtained by eating easily digested foods and by plenty of exercise, but this latter is irksome to most elderly people. One thing is certain, that a state of constipation should always be avoided as it is dangerous to life and health. The best plan is to take a mild laxative as often as is deemed necessary. But with equal certainty it is suggested that cathartics, purgatives, physics, salts and pills be avoided, as they do but temporary good and are so harsh as to be a shock to a delicate system.

A much better plan, and one that thousands of elderly people are following, is to take a gentle laxative- tonic like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which acts as nearly like nature as is possible. In fact, the tendency of this remedy is to strengthen the stomach and bowel muscles and so train them to act naturally again, when medicines of all kinds can usually be dispensed with. This is the opinion of many people of different ages, among them Mr. O. P. Miller, Baroda, Mich., who writes: "I am 90 years old and have been constipated for many years. Since receiving your sample bottle I have procured two 50c bottles and find that it is the best remedy I ever used

and does just what you claim for it to the very letter. I can not recommend it too highly."

A bottle can be bought of any druggist at fifty cents or one dollar. People usually buy the fifty cent size first, and then, having convinced themselves of its merits they buy the dollar size, which is more economical. Results always guaranteed or money will be refunded. Any elderly person can follow these suggestions with safety and the assurance of good results.

If no member of your family has ever used Syrup Pepsin and you would like to make a personal trial of it before buying it in the regular way of a druggist, send your address—a postal will do to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 417 Washington St., Monticello, Ill., and a free sample bottle will be mailed