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The King Menckel story may be "thrown in." It is dead now.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, the pie-seekers are marching on to Washington.

The New York World has chronicled "Sulzer's first blunder." What, so soon?

Surely Brigham Young's twenty-one wives did not button their dresses down the back.

Primary election tomorrow, to make nominations for Omaha's first home-rule charter convention.

Our Senator Hitchcock passes up ambassadorships. Very well, then, we shall have to pass them along.

President-elect Wilson's secretary, Mr. Tumulty, is destined to prove that there is something in a name.

The Nevada legislature is formally Sam's door, to ask for railroads as a divorce-mecca. Good riddance of bad rubbish.

If the Boston suffragist is correct in assuming that politics makes folks beautiful, then the J. Ham Lewis secret is out.

As to whether an election commissioner would give us more honest elections, it might depend on who was commissioner.

Color lines exist even among champion pugilists, since Luke McCarty has plucked a pseudo claim to the title of "white champion."

A New York man writes an article to prove that there is happiness in poverty. If there were not, what an impenetrable gloom poverty would be.

A One-Term Presidency. There is fair prospect that the amendment to the constitution for a six-year term of presidency, already acquiesced in by the necessary majority of the senate, may have the approval of the house before the session's adjournment and be submitted to the states for ratification. As one of the promises of the Baltimore platform, the proposed amendment may command the votes of the democrats as a party measure, and in addition appeal to republican support inasmuch as no present political issue is involved. The only determined opposition manifested comes from the followers of Colonel Roosevelt, who seem disposed to regard it as aimed particularly at him, notwithstanding the fact that President Taft and Governor Wilson would be affected in precisely the same way.

While The Bee believes a six-year one-term presidency is desirable for the purpose of lessening the disturbance to business through our frequent elections, and eliminating the disagreeable personalities of our presidential contests, we are free to repeat a previously expressed belief that any expectation that ineffectibility to re-election will stop the president in power from using the influence of his administration for party success will be disappointed. No president can enter the White House without realizing his responsibility to his party, and being possessed of a desire to keep his party in control. Convinced that its policies are for the best interests of the nation, he must direct his efforts to their perpetuation, and must prefer to give the government over to a successor of his own party rather than to one of a different political faith. Every president, whether he is to be in office four years, or six years, or eight years, must find the time too short to complete pet projects, and will want a sympathetic hand to take hold of them when he must let go. This, in fact, is a praiseworthy ambition, helpful in begetting earnest effort to make a good record, for the election of a successor to each president has been, and always will be, regarded as a popular vote of confidence, or want of confidence, in the president for the time being.

In a word, the presidency is a political office, and must be a political office, irrespective of length of term or continuing eligibility.

Wilson and the Social Lions. President-elect Wilson has some very homely notions, one of which is that he can safely dispense with the social lions forming the army and navy entourage at the White House. What could have put such an idea into his mind? This is a blow at the very pillars of Washington official society. A few more like it and the whole structure might topple. And what does the incoming chief magistrate expect these noble chieftains to do—go and take their places in the ranks and the posts along with the common run of soldiers and sailors? And what would become of the White House, then, without its plumbed protectors? The country may survive the extinction of the inaugural ball; it may even endure the reduction to simplicity of the inauguration ceremonies; but how can it withstand the loss of its kid-gloved guardians of the presidential mansion?

Tammany and the Graft. Surely the country will not be shocked at the reported connection of Tammany bosses with the police graft in New York. If any wonder attaches to it at all, it must be at the tardiness of the purported revelation, for, unless all opinions of Tammany's power and function in local politics are out of plumb with the facts, it would seem impossible for systematic grafting to go on there without the knowledge, at least, of this regnant ring-streaked tiger. Sensations in such rapid succession have passed like a bewildering panorama in this upheaval, that no matter what new developments should now be brought to light, it could hardly create an exclamation of incredulosity.

That's the joke of the season! An independent water board to keep the water works out of politics when right now the plant is bossed by a member of a national political committee lobbying at Lincoln for a bill sponsored in the senate by his \$3,000-a-year office manager and in the house by his \$6-a-day inspector. The way to put the water works out of politics is to stop those in control from mixing in politics.

Our democratic reform sheriff could not wait the usual forty days for the mandate in his jail-feeding case to come down from the supreme court. My, but he is in a hurry to get his hands in the treasury.

And now our old friend, Charley Wooster, has convicted Mr. Bryan of "political treason" out of his own mouth. But then, Mr. Bryan has so often been convicted in the same way of so many unnumbered sins that it will make no difference.

The Coming Queer. Chicago Inter Ocean. Good morning! Does your income exceed \$5,000?

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files FEBRUARY 10, 1913

Thirty Years Ago—An adjourned meeting of the school board fixed these salaries: Miss Hattie McCook, principal of the West school, \$75; Mrs. McIntire, principal of the Center Street school, \$75; Miss Hill, \$30 extra while acting principal of the high school.

Twenty Years Ago—Mrs. S. S. Curtis and Miss Curtis left for California to spend the remainder of the winter.

Ten Years Ago—Lorenzo Crouse, W. G. Ure and Mel Uhl returned from Lincoln, where they went to discover the exact status of the pending revenue bill, acting as a special committee of the committee of ten appointed in Omaha to take a hand in shaping this new legislation. They reported that after a vigilant search they found only that conditions surrounding this measure were nebulous and they were unable to predict anything as to results.

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A bill in the Minnesota legislature makes it a felony to entice a prize servant girl away from one job to another.

The hungry crowd of plebeians in Texas and Arkansas pulled Editor Johnston of Houston and Editor Heiskell of Little Rock away from the senatorial job to which they were appointed, although they had barely a month to serve.

Lobbyists are so thick at the Texas capitol that "keep off the grass" signs are invisible. In Indiana the pressure is so great that the doors of the house of representatives are closed during sessions, giving members a chance to think and to save their breath.

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Twice Told Tales

Taking No Chances. Ollie James, senator-elect from Kentucky, weighs somewhere near 80 pounds and hates to ride in an upper berth. Once traveling back to his home from the capital he could not get a lower berth for love or money. The man who had bought the lower berth beneath the bunk on which Ollie was to sleep weighed about 180 pounds and was blind-looking.

Jays of the Unjust. Mrs. Norah Blatch De Forest, editor of the New Journal of the Woman's Political Union, said in New York the other day: "There can be no justice for woman till she gets the vote. Man, having the vote himself and refusing it to the woman, is unjust. You know the story about the just and the unjust? It's very applicable here."

Looking for Business. A temperance lecturer was enthusiastically denouncing the use of all intoxicants.

The Servant Problem. "How many servants have you at your little home?" "Three."

Political New Brooms. Wilsonian cabinet reports, like train schedules, are "subject to change without notice."

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The Bees Letter Box

Possibilities of Our Voting Machines. JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: The enclosed clipping from your paper has just come to us through a newspaper clipping agency.

How Not to Lose Your Money. OMAHA, Feb. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: Writing to The Bee's Letter Box, a contributor advises that the girls guard against losing their money by sewing pockets in their skirts.

Tip for the Millionaire. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: Let me offer these suggestions to President Wilson:

Bryan vs. Bryan. SILVER CREEK, Neb., Feb. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: Mr. Bryan is condemned out of his own mouth, if what he says is true, he is not only not what a democrat, but never has been; he is a criminal, and his political death is in the near future.

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being compelled to lobby or leave your offices, to clerk public sales or take up side lines, at all, where it requires your time to make ends meet, you had better step down and out before the people ask you to."

Marathon of Amendments. Philadelphia Record. Men are creatures of habit in all things—and the American people seem to have caught the constitutional amendment fever.

Vital Point Ignored. Boston Transcript. The decision of the supreme court of the United States on the government's suit against the Shoe Machinery company ignores the very point on which the interest of the public centers.

Blowing the Pipes. Cleveland Plain Dealer. The prince of Wales has been ordered to play the bagpipe in order to strengthen his lungs and prolong his life.

THESE GIRLS OF OURS. "You used to want to hold my hand before we were married," she complained.

What shall I say if Mr. Binkton asks me to marry him? asked the young woman. "Don't bother studying what you will say," replied Miss Carvone. "Rehearse an effort to look surprised."—Washington Star.

Is she pretty? "Yes." "How about her sister?" "How about her sister?" "You ought to see HER coming to market in a sunbonnet."—Yonkers Statesman.

Names. Detroit Free Press. Little Miss Polly with cheeks all glow, Little Miss Polly with cheeks all glow, Daughtersly dutiful, She has a lover, of course, you may be sure.

Makes your headache vanish, drives all rheumatic pains away. New Discovery Eases Stiff, Sore, Swollen Joints and Muscles. Relieving Backache and Bladder Disorders After Few Doses are Taken.

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OMAHA-LINCOLN SERVICE FROM OMAHA. 6:40 A. M.—Chairs, Sun-Parlor-Lounge Car. 8:20 A. M.—Chairs, Observation-Lounge Car. 9:15 A. M.—Coaches and Parlor Car. 1:20 P. M.—Coaches and Parlor Car. 4:10 P. M.—Coaches, Chaircars, Sleepers. 7:25 P. M.—Coaches and Parlor Car. 11:55 P. M.—Coaches, Chaircars, Lounge Car. Except Sunday.

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