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This is still February and the groundhog vindicating himself. Huerta says rebels are showing diminishing activity. Show us. Ak-Sar-Ben is a great promoter of pageants; also of comic operas.

"Idleness is ugliness," says a famous beauty doctor. But beauty is also a work-killer. Evidently bearing in memory the Alamo, those Texas militiamen did not cross the Rio Grande.

No inaugural ball in Washington. Omaha, however, will have one just to show that "it can be did." Any one else want to be "mentioned" for a cabinet place? Hurry up before the entries are closed.

Our Auto show may not be as spectacular as our Horse show used to be, but it is a better business getter. No color line in the suffragettes' ranks when five negro women are permitted to join them "on to Washington."

Some folks continue to show their ears by refusing to "move up in front" when the conductor asks them to. The slogan used to be, "Lower water rates, not next year, but now." But this was only got in on.

Our local Produce exchange seems to have something of a octopus grasp, itself, judging from the testimony of the "small grocer." Our ambassador to Mexico evidently has faith like the mustard seed. He says he accepts the "official" explanation of Madero's death.

University removal is another matter the facts about which are unwholesome to the opposing boarding house keepers and real estate owners. Some pool rooms might be called the vocational schools of crime—Chicago News.

In Chicago, perhaps, but not in a city with a vigilant corps of juvenile court officers. The bill to insure the transaction of public business in public is finding favor with the lawmakers at Lincoln. Every one knows that dark deals shun the daylight.

Mississippi recently executed a negro according to due process of law. First thing you know you will be hearing that a Mississippi jury actually found a negro not guilty. Whenever our hydraulic politician wants to put something across in the dark, he sets up a straw man that he thinks is unpopular and masquerades as a valiant champion of the common people.

It is no doubt with much trepidation to Uncle Sam that the names of the coming cabinet officers are disclosed to Johnny Bull, for fear they may not please him and he may give us another tongue-lashing. The route of the inaugural parade down Pennsylvania avenue traverses the widest thoroughfare in the country. But it will be found some too wide for Governor Morehead's staff of mounted military colonels.

The minority report in the contest case in the state senate directs attention of the attorney general to alleged election frauds in Omaha. Why go over the heads of our county attorney and his staff of four assistant attorneys, all so eager to earn their money?

Appreciating Art.

European critics never tire of ridiculing America's indifference to art and lack of artists. They regard us as totally inpenetrable about such matters, although they must admit that we have some very fine art collectors. At least, certain inartistic Americans have managed to obtain very cordial welcomes abroad as patrons of the best and oldest masters. Art, it appears, is not so ethereal as to perish in contact with the blighting touch of our coarse American money. We may not have the artistic temperament, but we have what seems to cherish and comfort it in those who claim to have it.

Turning from our illustrious peripatetic connoisseurs, we have a few stay-at-homes, not so mean in their way. They display their skill chiefly at the auction sales, the novelty in which just at present is to see how speedily they may be held. The record-breaker is a recent one in New York, at which in fifty minutes \$280,000 worth of art was sold. Single specimens went for as much as \$25,000, \$30,000 and \$40,000. To appreciate the American sense of art, it is necessary to get the proper viewpoint. With us it is not so much a matter of temperament, as the ability to bid. The very best bidders are often the weakest on temperament.

Voice of the Alumni.

The result of the canvass of the alumni of Nebraska on the matter of the consolidating and rebuilding of the university at the state farm upon a modern comprehensive scale shows 841 in favor of the removal as against 311 opposed. Even in the city of Lincoln, where opposition to campus removal originated and chiefly resides, 112 alumni favor consolidation, while ninety-four oppose. Although not controlling, this showing in one not to be disregarded by the legislature in disposing of the measure. Students are the making of every school, college or university and alumni are students post graduation. For that matter the sentiment in favor of this modern movement is said to be equally strong among the undergraduates. At any rate, no argument advanced for the self-interest of local real estate owners or boarding house keepers should stand in the way of real progress of the state's highest educational institution.

White Slave Act Valid.

Now that the validity of the federal white slave act has been determined by the supreme court a more effective enforcement may be expected. While one of those questions which had to run its course through the courts, the principle of the law was never in peril. As Justice McKenna, in delivering the opinion of the tribunal, made clear, a government that can prevent interstate traffic in obscene literature, lotteries, diseased live stock and impure food and drugs, certainly has the inherent power to prohibit traffic whose purpose is the debauchery of womanhood. The complications of state and federal jurisdiction, ever to be encountered, are decisively disposed of here, so that those resisting the law cannot hide behind them.

A Department of Labor.

Having passed the house and senate, the bill creating a Department of Labor in the cabinet, while awaiting the approval of the joint conference and the president, is likely to become a law before congress adjourns. Thus a tenth cabinet portfolio will be created as a distinct recognition of the important position of labor in this country. Under republican rule labor's interests have been consistently advanced, and this new concession, while promised by two national democratic platforms, comes as the logic of events in the evolution of labor's aggrandizement. Republican congresses, in response to the needs of the time, created the Department of Commerce and Labor and Bureau of Mines, and through these and other instrumentalities immense progress has been achieved. The Commerce department will remain in the cabinet, but with some of its functions falling to the new department, into which will be centered other administrative matters pertaining directly to labor. Naturally labor interests will expect some one closely identified with the tollers' side of industry to preside over the new cabinet office.

Wyming's Newcomer.

Somewhere out in Wyoming is a Polelander named Hertzog who is in for a pleasant surprise. The Caledonia arrived in New York Monday with Mrs. Hertzog and Joseph Conrad Caledonia Hertzog, born at sea on Saturday and weighing exactly eighteen pounds and seven ounces.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha COMPILED FROM BEE FILES FEBRUARY 28, 1913

Thirty Years Ago—Will H. Daniel, the champion roller skater of the world, gave an exhibition in Lightford's rink on the third floor of the Crouse block, to the edification of a big crowd of skaters.

General George H. Daniel has been ordered to report as successor to Colonel M. L. Ludington, chief quartermaster of the Department of the Platte. The committee of which Judge Chadwick is chairman and Mr. Burns is secretary has been appointed by the Douglas County Bar association to draft suitable resolutions on the death of W. S. McClain. They will be presented in the district by Mr. McCullough.

The Presbyterian synod is holding a meeting with Rev. George S. Crisman as moderator to fill a vacancy caused by the death of a missionary, Rev. George L. Little. J. H. McConnell of the Union Pacific shops at North Platte was in the city. Two dressmakers and two apprentices are wanted at Mrs. Corbett's, 1945 St. Mary's avenue.

Commissioner George H. Daniels of the Colorado pool is here for a conference on tourist rates. Twenty Years Ago—Chris Riebs left for Washington to be on hand at the inauguration of Grover Cleveland.

J. J. Moriarty, who was forced by ill health to resign from the law firm of Moriarty & Langdon, was preparing to leave for the southwest, where he hoped to regain his physical strength. Ed Pyle, the Syracuse horseman, was in town making arrangements for a series of races either in Omaha or Council Bluffs.

Sheriff G. W. Bennett and Fred Anderson went to Cleveland as representatives of the Omaha American Protective association council in the national convention of the American Protective association. Bishop Fowler, the Methodist prelate, went to St. Paul on church business. The city council finally voted to reject the proposal to appropriate \$10,000 to advertise Omaha at the Chicago World's fair.

Mayor Bemis named Frank L. Haller as a member of library board to succeed A. J. Poppleton, resigned. Mrs. Nordlof and her company arrived from Kansas City for an engagement at the Boyd theater.

Ten Years Ago—W. J. Stricker announced his intention to leave Omaha and locate in New York as attorney for a large western mining company. He could not say how soon he would depart, but added that whenever it was it would be with much regret, for he felt attached to Omaha and Nebraska. Thomas L. Kimball bought a building site with 100 feet frontage on St. Mary's avenue and Twenty-fourth street for \$5,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur English of Lafayette avenue entertained sixteen guests at an elaborate evening dinner. The Woman's Christian association announced it was about to conclude the purchase of a double frame house at Twenty-fourth and Wirt streets as quarters for the Old People's home, on which demands were steadily multiplying. The property was to cost \$6,000 and steps had been taken to raise this amount.

Superintendent Pease of the city schools returned from Cincinnati, where he attended a meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational association. He brought news of the completion of plans long projected looking to a summer school in Omaha in June, where teachers and educators generally might avail themselves of instruction from leading lights of the country, who would be here from all directions.

People Talked About

One hotel manager in New York sees the strain of the tip by giving a 10 per cent rebate on dining room checks. Thirteen persons were enjoying at a festival ball in Evansville, Ind., when a gasoline tank in the basement of the building exploded and carried a hurried motion to adjourn.

Hon. Joseph M. Dixon of Montana, who ceases to be a United States senator at noon on Tuesday, has decided not to hurry up Washington before he quits. Washington's gratitude is too deep for him.

Isador Banor, 102, who was the oldest known survivor of both the Mexican and civil wars, died at his home in Port Clinton, O. He had been a sufferer many years from afflictions resulting from bullets which he carried in his spine since the civil war.

Allison and Addison Bunnell, twins, celebrated their eighty-fourth birthday anniversary by holding a reception in the home of Allison Bunnell at East Plymouth. Gen. Addison Bunnell walked four miles from his home at Plymouth Center to be present.

Howard Butler of Croton Falls, professor of arts and archeology in Princeton university, is now on the way to Smyrna, Asia, to make excavations at Sardis in quest of the pocketbook of Croesus, reputed to have been the richest man in the world.

Mrs. Myra McHenry of Wichita, Kan., a protegee of Mrs. Carrie Nation, proposes to carry the Kansas banner in the suffrage parade in Washington. Mrs. McHenry is a strong arm artist who can shoot a brick with her eyes closed and hit a bootlegger.

Up where St. Paul cuts ice in winter for summer delivery the ice wagon drivers' union have issued an edict against liquid tips at saloons. The edict carries the astonishing statement: "Consuming a quart of beer for every twenty-five pounds of ice delivered is too much for an ice man." Verily, it is. A ton of ice would mean twenty gallons in the interior department, converting the humble dispenser of summer comfort into a tank show. Even brewers concede that a quart of beer for every twenty-five pounds of ice is a shade "too much for an ice man."

Around the Cities

Toledo is talking earnestly of going into municipal ownership of street railways. Six druggists in Muncie, Ind., have been arrested for selling cocaine without a doctor's prescription.

Scranton, Pa., boasts of a club of girls avowedly eager to change their names. "What do you know about that?" "St. Louis backs up a stream with a showing that only two out of 23 mail trains reached the only terminal on time in two weeks.

Boston's city government calculates that \$20,877,192.40 will be needed to oil the municipal machine this year. The figures, observe, are whittled down to the bargain counter level.

Atlantic City, N. J., is about to cultivate a brand of lobster different from the board walk variety. Young crustaceans are to be planted along the coast beyond the bathing life line.

Twice Told Tales

Who owns the block? The street orator interrupted his harangue to address the portly man smoking a fat black cigar. "My friend," he queried, "how much do you spend per day on smoking?" "About 50 cents to \$1."

"Don't you know that it is wrong to waste all that money?" "Oh, I don't know that it is."

"If you had saved it all these years past you might own that big business block over there."

The portly man turned languidly with a question. "Do you smoke?" "Certainly not," answered the fervent speaker, indignantly. "Do you drink?" "I should say not."

"Do you own that business block over there?" "No."

"Well," resumed the portly man, calmly resuming his fat, black cigar, "I do." Chicago Record-Herald.

Unorganized Labor.

A bookseller in New York purchased a lot of books at a sale. Finding several sets of Charles Dickens' works in this stock, he decided to make a special price on them, so he put all of them in the large show window, with the following sign in very large letters: "Charles Dickens Works All Week for Two Dollars."

An Italian who had drifted down that way walked up to this window. Reading the sign, he said: "Dess countries all e' wrong. American he work so week, see six, one, two, free, to five, six; six days for two dol."—New York Mail.

Right and Left.

Pat, who was handcuffed, was being sworn in as a witness in the West Side court of Denver, Colo. "Hold up your right hand," said the judge.

"Up went Pat's left hand. "Hold up your right hand," commanded the judge sternly. "Sure, and I am, yer honor," declared Pat. "The right hand's on the left-hand side."—Woman's Home Companion.

Hot Shot for Mexico

Philadelphia Bulletin: Huerta is the man of the hour in Mexico just now, but there appear to be several others who are only waiting for the clock to strike.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Taking everything into consideration Porfirio may not be making any mistake in declining to hurry home to reap the fruits of his nephew's success. He knows his Mexico.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: In his first official message to President Taft, Huerta signed himself "your obedient servant."

San Francisco Chronicle: "There ought to be plenty of work for laborers in Mexico City now. Digging the bullets out of the wall plaster and repairing the holes in the sides of the office buildings will, from all accounts, require some time.

Chicago Tribune: We have a new neighbor to the south. It is not the autonomy of Diaz. It is not the democracy of Madero. It is the liberality of Huerta. Judas is president of what we may be pleased to call our "Sister Republic."

St. Louis Republic: We watched old Diaz for an epoch without intervening. We can watch Huerta for a little interval. The Mexican people are sound. They have proved it. Out of their number will come the man. Let us wait for him.

New York World: Violence breeds violence, and revolution breeds revolution, as Huerta and Diaz are beginning to discover in Mexico. When Huerta announced "I have overthrown the government" he gave notice to other Mexican states that, if they were willing to take the risks, they might overturn his government. Several of them appear ready to volunteer for the job.

Editorial Snapshots

Pittsburgh Dispatch: It has been decided by the supreme court of Iowa that "cousins" over the phone is not illegal in that state. But we cannot always run over to Iowa just at the right moment.

Houston Post: A New York mugwump declares that democrats need power, not office. How in the devil are we to have any power until we get in the offices? Can you strengthen a man by starving him to death?

New York Sun: The report of the census bureau shows that it cost 134 cities in the United States, of more than 30,000 population \$11,900,000 for the protection of persons and property. This was the next largest item in the aggregate of expenditures, which in the 134 cities was \$133,000,000.

New York World: The dignity of congressional proceedings attains new heights in the resolution of Representative Akin calling for the "relegation of the chief of the weather bureau to the political scrap heap deserved by such political fakery and badger-game officials."

Baltimore American: The supreme court of Iowa has struck a note of human interest in its decision that it is legal to use "cuss" words over the telephone on proper provocation. Doubtless the supreme court in its individual capacity has also made strenuous conversation over the wire.

Never Too Late for Thanks.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Feb. 24.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is a little late, but I want to thank you for the courteous treatment and splendid writup you gave our convention when in your city. C. S. CLINTON, President Neb. Retail Jewellers' Assn.

Veteran Indian Fighter Protests. LINCOLN, Feb. 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: Kindly permit me through your columns to notify the survivors of the old Eighteenth United States regulars who served under the late General Henry B. Carrington, 1862 to 1882, that they are cut out from participation in the proposed pension bill by Hon. Mr. Rucker of Colorado (house roll 19,800) as amended by the committee on pensions. As no regiment, up to the time of the Custer massacre, lost more men in killed and wounded or suffered greater hardships than the Eighteenth infantry during the Red Cloud campaign and in the garrisoning and in keeping open the line of communication between Forts C. F. Smith, Phil Kearney, Reno, Fetterman and Laramie, the omission of the veterans of the Eighteenth infantry from the benefits of the pension bill is either a clerical error or the result of gross ignorance on the part of congressmen since the civil war. Is the massacre at Fort Phil Kearney a forgotten incident? I would suggest that veterans of the Eighteenth infantry communicate with their congressmen and have this justice rectified. JOHN P. BUTTON, Ex-First Sergeant Company H, Eighteenth Infantry.

The Bee's Letter Box

Some Questions Answered.

GREELY, Neb., Feb. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: Will you please publish the total vote received by each presidential candidate in the late election?

Did Mr. Roosevelt receive more than 25 per cent of the total vote? DR. J. H. LONG, VOTE ON PRESIDENT 1912

Wilson \$29,718 Taft 3,811,119 Roosevelt 1,082,277 Clegg 258,562 Chaffin 174,303 Reimer 19,699

Election This Year or Not LINCOLN, Feb. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: The question as to whether or not there shall be an election in 1913 must be decided by the supreme court, but before that decision is made a study of the provisions of the constitution may be interesting and profitable.

The constitutional amendment adopted four or five years ago provided for additional members of the supreme court and increased salaries. It provided for the selection of a chief justice, and since that time Judge Reese has been that chief justice.

The constitutional amendment adopted in 1912, familiarly called the "biennial election law," provided for the election of three judges of the supreme court in 1912 and three in 1913, each to hold for six years, and for the election of a chief justice in 1920 and very six years thereafter.

Provided, That the member of the supreme court whose term of office expired in January, 1914 (Reese), shall be chief justice of the supreme court until the expiration of his term of office.

This plainly pointed to the expiration of the term of Judge Reese in January, 1914, and, therefore, for the election of a successor in the fall of 1913.

The next section of the amendment, fixing the time for holding general elections, is best shown by drawing a parallel between that amendment and the section of the original constitution it sought to amend.

Session Laws, 1913. Constitution of 1875. Page 690, adopted at election of 1912.

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CHEERY CHAFF.

"Did old Closefit give you anything for the charity benefit fund?" "Oh, yes, he gave me his candid opinion of '—Baltimore American.

"Mike, I am going to make you a present of this pig." "Ah, sure, an 'tis just like you, son!"—Woman's Home Companion.

Reggie—My fiancée's father seems to think that she is marrying a fool, but he's wrong. "Why? Are you going to break the engagement?"—Boston Transcript.

Mr. BARRY—If a culled man was to call you a liah, sah, what would ye do? Mr. SLACK—What size culled man, sah?

"See here, Jenkins, didn't you say that it was optional with you to marry Miss Smithers?" "No, I didn't. I merely mentioned that I had the refusal of her hand."—Baltimore American.

"Wouldn't it be fine to live in clover?" said the Optimist. "Huh, you'd only get the hay fever," said the Pessimist.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Real Estate Agent—Wasn't your bath room above the parlor when you took this house?" "Yes, sir, but you refused to have it repaired, so in order to save my furniture, I had to put it over the conservatory."—Life.

"It's remarkable how quickly literary taste change in this country." "That's so, I don't believe I've seen a breakfast food joke for a year or more."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I must confess," said the candid statesman, "that since I have stepped into the limelight of publicity a number of delusions of self-esteem have been dispelled." "Was," replied Senator Sorghum, "many a man finds himself famous and then wakes up."—Washington Star.

"My cook won't obey me," complained the bride. "You mustn't mind her. All cooks are like that." "I don't mind her, but I don't like to have such an example constantly before my husband. Sooner or later it will have its effect."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

On his way home from the Kirk the

parson met Sandy Macgregor. Said the parson: "I don't see Sunday that you're growing remiss. I've not seen ye in the Kirk these three Sabbaths." "It's no that I'm growing remiss, parson," replied Sandy. "But I'm just tinkering' awa' wi' ma' soul mazel."—Boston Transcript.

"The paper says that a crowd of people sat to a woman in a crowded street car yesterday and that she gracefully thanked him." "But you can't believe those newspapers," said the head of the house. "They'll print anything to create a sensation."—St. Louis Republic.

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