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That new million-dollar hotel for Omaha is coming closer.

And another thing that is made in Nebraska is prosperity.

Has Mr. Hearst chosen to play the part of Mad Mullah in the democratic drama?

Omaha's charter convention election next Tuesday. Mark it down on your calendar.

Milwaukee now has a hatpin ordinance. Men are gradually coming into their rights.

President Wilson's order to "stay your hand," makes the pie-belters brigade look like an ordinary bread-line.

For the first time in his life, Bryan's Commoner has now an administration it can unqualifiedly endorse.

The re-election of President Ryan of the structural iron workers, of course, does not change the facts in the case.

When jobbers and retailers fall out, the ultimate consumer gets some interesting light on who fixes the prices he pays.

President Wilson shook hands with only 930 people the second day, in addition to looking after routine matters. But that was not a busy day.

Well, well, well! Things are indeed desperate for our hydraulic politicians when they have to drag the old Tom Dennison bugbear out again.

President Wilson might find forgiveness for declining the Chevy Chase membership, but none if he rejects the annual presidential baseball pass.

Still, we take it that an endorsement signed by "Brother Charley" Bryan would do a pie hunter no serious harm, at least in the State department.

It must be admitted that the oleo bunch are smooth at driving bargains when they can compromise a million-dollar fine for 10 cents on the dollar.

Pity those poor produce commission men who are doing business at a loss from a purely patriotic desire to keep the high cost of living from going higher.

That water meter deal is almost as raw as if a merchant made every customer pay cost and a 50 per cent profit for the cash register that records his purchase.

And now the Commoner will come lagging along behind all the rest with the news of the appointment of its distinguished editor to the most conspicuous office within the gift of the president.

If our water boards would only first redeem their oft-made, and as often broken, promises of lower water rates, the people of Omaha would be disposed to look much more kindly on them.

When the history of Nebraska comes to be written the battle of the boarding house keepers to hold their encroachments around the university campus will rank only below the famous battle of Wounded Knee.

Mr. Bryan evidently does not yet realize that as secretary of state charged with the direction of our foreign relations, he is practically head of the diplomatic corps, and that in diplomacy silence is worth more than speech.

The Warehouse Bills.

The legislature is wrestling with a number of warehouse bills presented to regulate public warehouses in Nebraska. So far as these measures so they are apparently steps in the right direction, but confine their provisions for the most part to grain elevators when, it seems to us, that is only a part of the warehouse proposition.

The grain elevators have evinced generally accepted trade customs which would perhaps be strengthened by being written on the statute books, while warehouses in which other food products are stored for legitimate purposes, or for market manipulation, have up to the present been left to do about as they pleased with no protection guaranteed to the public. From the standpoint of the local consumer it is just as important, if not more important, to place limitations on the cold storage warehouse as it is upon grain elevators, to have inspection of edibles as they go in to storage and as they come out, and to insure publicity of all warehouse operations. If it is deemed wise to subject warehouses to jurisdiction of a state commission they should all be included, and responsibility for redress of evils definitely fixed.

Civil Service and Pie.

One American minister, Henry P. Fletcher, in Chili, declines to tender his resignation pursuant to the custom of ambassadors and ministers resigning with incoming administrations. He will hold his post until asked to retire, maintaining that he entered the diplomatic service as a career; that he began in a minor position and has advanced to his present one and can see no real reason for quitting merely because of a new party in power.

It will be interesting to watch results in his case, which may establish a new precedent. President Taft lent his support to the movement, urged by our commercial interests, for trained diplomatic and consular representatives abroad. The country has rather committed itself to the desirability of this, having discovered how the United States suffers in foreign countries from the lack of experience and skill in its representatives, because we are constantly changing our men, who are seldom in one place long enough to secure the advantages of others.

Now, if we are going to promote this very wise innovation, why not begin at this time to reward merit in men and encourage efficiency? It will be said that a president wishes diplomats in political sympathy with whom he may entrust the most confidential matter. That is no argument against the civil service feature, when the president is at liberty at any moment to supplant unfaithful servants. The real argument against civil service is that it stands in the way of distribution of the pie.

Stiffer Building Regulations.

Recent fires in Omaha, and disclosures of excessive fire risk in many places, suggest that our building regulations should be stiffened all along the line, either by stricter enforcement or by more stringent requirements, or possibly both.

Omaha has simply been lucky in not having to suffer any great fire losses in recent years. The best of fire departments would be handicapped with inadequate water supply and fire-fighting buildings. New and cheaper methods of steel, concrete and tile construction make possible greater reduction of fire danger, but, after all, most depends on sound architectural plans and faithful compliance with safety requirements.

Training Rural Teachers.

In the country life survey it was clearly perceived that one important need was larger efficiency in rural school teachers, as well as rural preachers. It was agreed that before ever achieving the ideal of "better farming, better business and better living," the social factor must be strengthened, and that the school, as a center of social activity as well as education, must come in for a good deal of attention.

The tendency in most states is to send young girls fresh from graduation, without knowledge or special adaptability, to handle the sturdy youths on the farm. The results are often complete failure, so much so, in fact, that the United States Bureau of Education has issued a direct appeal for training courses for rural teachers. In Ohio a most advanced plan has been promulgated by the State Country Life Commission, to employ only well fitted men and women—men, if possible—for the rural schools; to pay them well, give them a tract of land for their own use, where they may earn a supplementary income and rear a family and add to these incentives a long or good behavior tenure. Somewhere between the present laxity and this advanced idea a common solution of this very vital problem must be found and applied.

If all its contracts are to be made by private agreement negotiated in secret, why should the Water board go through the form of inviting competitive bids on anything? And how long will bladders stand for this sort of fraud upon them after they get on to the ropes?

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

H. M. James, city superintendent of Omaha schools, and J. J. Pointz, county superintendent, are both on the program of the Nebraska State Teachers' association which is to meet at Columbus.

Coroner Jacobs is investigating the death of Matthias Rejzka, the tailor, who worked for Frank Rampe, supposed to have possibly been poisoned.

Prof. Blankenfeld has been elected leader of the Concordia Singing society.

Her & Co. are about to introduce the incandescent electric lights in the Willow Springs millinery.

Mr. J. Harris, Jr., celebrated his twenty-second birthday pleasantly at his residence, corner Tenth and Farnam.

Mr. John Bonnier, one of the old-time Union Pacific shophmen, was the victim of a surprise party at his residence, 1309 California street, the occasion being his fortieth birthday.

The return of a light bay pony to El Spiegler's furniture store on South Thirtieth street will beget a reward.

The ladies of the Methodist church gave a Wesleyan sociable at the parsonage.

M. Toft, the cigar man at Twelfth and Farnam, wants to sell his two-story brick residence on Nineteenth and St. Mary's avenue for \$7,000 or rent it at \$85 a month.

Twenty Years Ago—

The great walking match from Omaha to Fremont was "coming on apace." A meeting on organization was held at Schroeder's hall, Twenty-fourth and Cumine streets, when it was decided to offer three prizes—\$100, \$50 and \$25, with single entrance fees of \$5, \$10 and \$15, respectively.

Charles Rombert and William Kopke were named as a committee to make up the entry list.

Sister Mary Martha, 39 years of age, died at St. Joseph's hospital.

The health officer issued statistics showing that whereas in January Omaha had nineteen deaths from diphtheria, typhoid fever, diptheria and scarlet fever, it had only three—two from diphtheria and one from typhoid—in February.

It was said that in all probability the school board at its next meeting would take up the matter of electing a school board architect for a year or six months. Just about a year before John Latenser was elected. The work of erecting new school buildings for which the city a year previous had voted \$400,000, was about half completed.

Rumor in railroad circles was to the effect that the Burlington intended bidding in the Oregon Pacific, when that road is sold, and use it as an extension of the Burlington to the Pacific coast.

Ten Years Ago—

Harry McVea was chairman of a committee from Labor Temple association looking for a site upon which to erect a building for a Labor temple.

James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists, came from Washington, D. C., to cheer on the Union Pacific shophmen in their strike against piece work.

Louis Lawrence Dennis of Chicago, a colored lad of 8, preached at the African Methodist Episcopal church and fairly thrilled a congregation of his peers. He was celebrated as a boy preacher. He preached upon the rather ominous text, "Ezekiel's Vision of the Dry Bones." And he seemed to make a few of those in the house quack by some of his cold and curdling asseverations.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Clem Deaver of O'Neill and Henry Keeler of Deadwood were registered at the Millard.

W. S. Holthrey, who for twenty years traveled out of Omaha for the Booth Packing company and the Hammond Packing company, resigned from the former to go to Chicago.

Here and There

Indiana now proposes to adopt "On the Banks of the Wabash" as the state song.

Before the inauguration souvenir fiends reached Washington, silverware in the national capitol restaurant was locked in a safe.

A medical expert in Pittsburgh has demonstrated that the average resident carries in his lungs a quarter of a pint of black soot.

The new buffalo nickels were put in circulation in New York and Chicago last Saturday. Such was the demand that hawkers buffaloes crowds out of 15 cents for each nickel. No limit to easy money.

For full seven years occupants of several tenements in Flushing, L. I., escaped paying rent because heirs to the property could not be located. Last month the heirs were found and the rent collector surprised the squatters with an official call.

Two women in Kansas City, professional nurses, both nery and muscular, caught a sneak thief in their home and beat him up so thoroughly that he could not give his name to the police for twenty-four hours. The incident shows where to seek the right kind of material for the police force.

St. Louis is quite chasty over the fact that a resident did not bite at the Spanish prisoner fortune bait temptingly offered for an emergency handout in cash. The tender was turned over to the federal authorities. The game excludes more romance than Mabray's sure winning horse race, and has caught several suckers in this country.

Around the Cities

Brewery workers in Philadelphia threaten to strike because they are allowed only seven drinks a day.

Missouri Public Utilities commission comes to the rescue of St. Louis stragglers by ordering into service \$60 more street cars.

Chicago has been advised by social science workers that the best means of checking crime waves is to place women on the police force.

A proposition enlarging the activities of the city treasury into a regular municipal banking house is to be determined by the voters of Seattle at an election called for that purpose.

A Philadelphia man who traveled on nothing but his nerve for two years, living at the best hotels and riding in hired automobiles, schedules his debts in a bankruptcy court at \$1,397.00.

Down in New York a 15-year-old girl unknowingly let a burglar into her home. Discovering her mistake she let out a series of screams and chased the crook into the arms of a policeman.

In Other Lands

Turkey Suing for Peace.

A battered army, demoralized soldiery, revolutionary intrigues and an empty treasury are irresistible forces driving Turkey to a bazaar's attitude in suing for peace. The appeal to the powers two weeks ago having failed, Turkish emissaries were reported asking "our good friend" the czar of Russia to intercede in behalf of the shattered Ottoman empire.

The surrenger of Adrianople, which the Young Turks party resisted and thereby gained control of the government, is now conceded, but the ministry seeks to "save its face" by means of an intermediary.

Direct negotiations with the victors, in the circumstance, is too humiliating to be considered only as a last resort. Evidently the Porte must come to it, for the allies have made known their terms.

These terms are more extensive than the conditions of the treaty rejected by the Turks in January. They include the additional demands for the surrender of the peninsula of Gallipoli and a war indemnity of \$200,000,000. The demand is a joke intended to prevent European holders of Turkish obligations from spreading a proportionate share of the Turkish debt over the territory which the allies will annex.

Winter weather renders military operations impossible and affords the Turks time for negotiation. Evidently the end is in sight, for Europe, knowing Turkey's plight, regards the war as finished.

Prophecies That Failed.

In his written meditations on nations, statesmen and events, recently printed in Berlin, the exiled Sultan Abdul Hamid, while yet on the throne, praised Allah that Anatolia remained as "a last refuge for our fellow countrymen and fellow believers, harassed from all sides." In the same document Abdul ridiculed the notion of German influence and German colonies along the line of the Baghdad railway.

What the wary old ruler then actually prophesied, is a letter signed by Mr. John F. Behm in our issue of February 7, and how true is that old saying that a truth can never catch up with a misstatement. Mr. Behm gives a black eye to California, after a stay here of only a few days. This short sojourn was during a most unfavorable time of the year and supplemented with an unprecedented cold wave of three days that reduced the temperature to ten degrees below freezing and caused the fruit growers unaware, as they were not prepared to combat the calamity; the consequence being that instead of 1,000 carloads of lemons being shipped from this county this year it will be difficult to find fifty carloads. Through climatic conditions and freaks of nature Nebraska and the middle west states have in the past suffered the failure of their main crops. The cold wave in this section this year being the first on record, we hope that it will not be repeated in years to come.

After the sun goes down, in January and February, near the coast, heat is needed for comfort and warm clothing is necessary, but fuel oil being cheap one can keep very comfortable at slight expense.

An aggrade building, Mr. Behm must have looked through dark glasses, as the city of San Diego has just commenced to grow. The building permits of 1912 were over \$11,000,000 and the building permits in process of construction and I can see no reason for any man to be out of work unless he is incapacitated or lazy, I have traveled all over the country and from my point of view San Diego is the largest and busiest small city in the United States and in five years will have a resident population of 150,000.

The San Diego exposition is unique and being built along different lines of past efforts of like character, and will be the exposition of opportunity, progress and development.

Southern California has an ideal climate and by the proper conservation of water the undeveloped areas can support millions of people in comfort and even luxury now sking out an existence in the larger cities of the east and middle west. "A thousand miles it stretches. Beneath its skies of blue From the Bay of San Diego To the hills of Siskiyou; From the snow-crowned mountains To the sunny hills of May. 'Tis the golden land of sunshine, California all the way."

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Twice Told Tales

They were speaking of how frequently we mean well, but express ourselves badly, when Governor Brewer of Mississippi, related an incident that occurred in a church of a small country town.

"The pastor in charge of the church," said the governor, "was a new one. He had occupied the pulpit only a few weeks, but in that time he had preached several exceedingly clever sermons.

"On the Sabbath in question his discourse was particularly good, and as he stepped into the aisle at the conclusion of the service the congregation gathered around to congratulate him.

"Oh, doctor," gushed one of the women, "I want to tell you how much I enjoyed your sermon! What a wonderful knowledge you have of your subjects, and how inspiringly you preach them!"

"He does, indeed!" contributed an elderly deacon, coming up at that moment and seizing the dominie's hand. "Why, doctor, we never knew what sin was until you came!"—Philadelphia Record.

Parthian Arrow.

A well known Louisville physician relates the following incident of his younger days as a practitioner.

"I was sitting in my office one morning," he says, "when there appeared one of the most grotesque hoboes I have ever seen. He bowed with genuine tramp humility and began by stating that he was seeking employment. Rather tartly, I replied that I knew of no service he could render me. Edging out of the office and shooting a malicious glance at me as he went, he called out:

"Well, I kin dig graves!"—Louisville Times.

No Place for Small Talk.

The small son of a devout Kansas City father was visiting his grandparents. The sun had just come out after a long rainy season, and the head of the family, after saying grace at the breakfast table, gave thanks for the bright morning and the beautiful sunshine.

"Why, grandpa," interrupted the youngster, accustomed to a stereotype form of worship and shocked at what he considered his grandfather's irrelevance. "You must pray—don't talk to God about the weather!"—Kansas City Star.

Over the Seas

On a test, paper insulation on exposed electric wires has withstood service for twenty-three years with a sharp knife can cut his name or initials in a cork and use it instead of a rubber stamp.

A new machine gun, with which 60 bullets can be fired a minute is scarcely heavier than an ordinary army rifle.

Mule power is to be entirely eliminated and succeeded by electricity in an Illinois coal mine, which plans to have the largest electric hotel in the United States.

The Bee's Letter Box

Money to Develop Nebraska.

OMAHA, March 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: I was glad to read your article about loaning money to Kiskadee homesteaders.

I have just had called to my attention a condition that exists in one locality that will illustrate how important it is for farmers to be able to get money at a reasonable rate of interest so the state may be developed rapidly.

In the locality mentioned a large number of men want to borrow money to buy milk cows, and the security seemed so good that they could not understand why they could not get it at their local bank, but investigation shows that the local bank is able to place its money as follows: Several farmers finding themselves unable to borrow money are having sales, selling out preparatory to leaving the country, and the local bank gets 2 per cent for clerking the sale and passing upon the paper; takes the notes drawing 10 per cent at a discount of 5 per cent and thereby placing their money at 17 per cent of the face value of the notes, which really costs them only 93 cents on the dollar, or practically 13 per cent on their money paid out.

Does anyone think this is going to build up our state? Not much.

The importance of this matter cannot be over-estimated. The business men of Denver are preparing to meet the needs in Colorado, and Omaha should now come forward and meet the needs in Nebraska. There can be no safer loans than the kind mentioned, and thousands of Nebraska farmers are anxious to keep their farms and get into the dairy business.

D. CLEM DEAVER.

On Behalf of San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: My attention has been called to a letter signed by Mr. John F. Behm in your issue of February 7, and how true is that old saying that a truth can never catch up with a misstatement. Mr. Behm gives a black eye to California, after a stay here of only a few days. This short sojourn was during a most unfavorable time of the year and supplemented with an unprecedented cold wave of three days that reduced the temperature to ten degrees below freezing and caused the fruit growers unaware, as they were not prepared to combat the calamity; the consequence being that instead of 1,000 carloads of lemons being shipped from this county this year it will be difficult to find fifty carloads. Through climatic conditions and freaks of nature Nebraska and the middle west states have in the past suffered the failure of their main crops. The cold wave in this section this year being the first on record, we hope that it will not be repeated in years to come.

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SMILING REMARKS.

"So you think a member of congress has some advantages over a president?"

"Yes, a member of congress can get leave to print, but a president has to stand out-of-doors and read every word of his inaugural address."—Washington Star.

"What brought you here, my poor man?" asked the philanthropic visitor at the jail.

"Bad cooking, ma'am," responded the gloomy prisoner in cell 27.

"Bad cooking? How?"

"The judge had a fit o' indignation when he sentenced me, ma'am."—Chicago Tribune.

"The manager told me he'd give me the job if I'd deposit \$1,000 as security." "I told him I would if he'd deposit \$1,000 as security for my security."—Boston Transcript.

"If women are sent to congress, what will happen?"

"Why, every woman will want to be speaker of the house."—Baltimore American.

"Miss Adair," said the caller, "you kept Bobby in after school one day last week, and I couldn't get him to tell me why. Will you please tell me?"

"Certainly, Mrs. Barker," answered the teacher. "I borrowed his pocket-knife to sharpen a pencil with, and when I opened the little blade I found he had been cutting plug tobacco with it."—Chicago Tribune.

First Lawyer—I was looking over my boy's geometry lesson last night. I was

quite interested in that proposition that the three angles of a triangle are equal to two right angles.

Second Lawyer—That isn't very complicated.

First Lawyer—No, but I was trying to think what a man could do if he had the other side of the case.—Puck.

SISTER'S SHOPPING BAG.

Lida K. Wiggins in Judge. The articles boys stow away in trousers pockets, I must say, are many and diversified; but, see! they're nothing but beads. These found when hunting Pido's tag, I emptied sister's shopping bag!

A card case, coin case, a haretta, A handkerchief, a yard of net, A drinking cup, a collar stay, A ticket to the matinee. A comb, a brush, a powder rag—All these in sister's shopping bag!

Some "violet talcum" in a can, A letter from a playmate, A looking glass, a calling list, The latest "Rules for playing Whist," A clipped out joke from some smart wag—All these in sister's shopping bag!

A crochet needle, spool and lace; A letter from her school chum, Grace; A little manufacturing set, Three postage stamps, a novelette, A safety pin, a small silk flag—All these in sister's shopping bag!

And any boy whose sister prides into his pockets and then cries, "How goodness, brud, see what I've found! How can you pack all this around?" Should say, "Aha, that's no load to drag! Just think what's in your shopping bag!"



You men who like to rub elbows with Fashion, come see the new Crossetts. Note the model boot above. Of dull chrome calf, glove calf uppers. Eight buttons. Style 24.

Crossett Shoe "MAKES LIFE'S WALK EASY" TRADE MARK

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Advertisement for Pennsylvania Lines, featuring a train and text: "Travelers Have Confidence in men in charge of Pennsylvania Trains. The requirements are high, but they are met by master railroad men who are public service experts. Every employee of the PENNSYLVANIA LINES must possess intelligence, courtesy and tact. There's a difference even in the way they answer questions. They hold safety and peace-of-mind of passengers as primary obligations. Other—no—they wouldn't be 'Pennsylvanian' men."

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