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 Do you think the groundhog is making good?
 That loud noise you hear is the Nebraska wheat grower laughing.
 Those one-battleship democrats are to be found up in the gallery.
 If that first spring robin is around now he is probably wearing his galoshes.
 Cleveland is to have a new magazine for bankers. There ought to be money in it.
 Where there is so much smoke as surrounds the arson trust, there must be some fire.
 Check Nebraska off on the list of states to ratify the direct election of senators amendment.
 Bob Fitzsimmons is defendant in another divorce suit, running Nat Goodwin a close race.
 After the State Railway commission looks at the scene of the wreck we will know all about it.
 Accidents will happen in the best regulated families, likewise on the most safeguarded railroads.
 That suggestion of a tax of \$5 a year on spinsters is too much like taxation without representation.
 What a bloody shame for the man with his throat cut to attack the doctor who had come to help him.
 If Senator Tillman misquoted everything as he does the scriptures he would land in the Amen corner of the Ananias club.
 Japan has sent an expert over to study the New York police. Well, they have afforded a rather interesting study of late.
 The new nickel is no uglier than the Roosevelt \$10 gold coin, but much more common, which accounts for the greater comment.
 All nations are disposed to leave Clip Castro unhampered in the selection of his location; that is, none is trying to force him to give it a preferential choice.
 Mr. O'Hara of Illinois, who is shining in the crusade against the social evil, has shown that even a lieutenant governor may find a sphere of usefulness.
 President Wilson evidently thinks there is honor enough in his distinction to go round the whole Wilson family, without putting them all on the government pay roll.
 In the matter of university consolidation, if the money is planned in the purchase of real estate, it cannot be used for erection of the much needed new buildings.
 Looks like another inanity in the same old fight as to whether the foreign insurance companies or the home insurance companies shall have the big end of the stick.
 Presumption is that no possible contingency can be presented by the kaleidoscope of our foreign relations for which Secretary of State Bryan cannot dig down and pull out an old speech that will exactly fit the case.
 Of course, the senate's rejection of the governor's Board of Control appointments is prompted by purely patriotic motives. Still, if the governor would let the senators select two of the three names to be favored, he might possibly overcome their conscientious scruples and arrive at an understanding.

The Pioneer Teacher.
 Every little while we are called upon to chronicle the passing of another pioneer teacher, who taught in our Omaha public schools in the early days. These teachers builded better than they knew, and our people today do not realize the debt of gratitude that is owing to them. The pioneer school teachers, most of them women of exceptional ability, went through trials and hardships out of devotion to their calling which their successors would hesitate to encounter. In rough-built school houses, and with poor equipment, they laid the foundations for Omaha's magnificent public school system of today, and set standards which have required our best efforts to maintain. But few of them have had fitting rewards. For what they did they are entitled to a lasting tribute of respect, and a place on Omaha's roll of honor.
Mr. Bryan's Birthday.
 Mr. Bryan has had many homecomings, but none such as he will have this week. He came home in 1895 after one of the most picturesque campaigns a presidential nominee ever made, in the prime of youthful vigor, still a hero in the hearts of devoted followers, even though without the laurels of victory. Four years later, hardly less dramatic in his striking personnel, he came home again the vanquished leader of undaunted hosts. Then he toured the world and his homecoming upon that occasion, with the plaudits of foreign admirers still ringing in his ears, the favor of crowned rulers upon his brow, was memorable not only in the annals of Nebraska, but the country at large. And finally he came home once more from his third futile attempt at the presidency, still admired by his friends and neighbors. But Secretary Bryan is going to do what Mr. Bryan never did; he is going to come home as the head of one of the great departments of the government, the premier of the cabinet. He will bring new distinction to Nebraska and his Nebraska friends will delight to honor him. It will give him a birthday party not soon to be forgotten. And yet, even in this hour of Mr. Bryan's official distinction at the age of 53, there lingers the same querulous note as to whether this is the zenith of his career or whether the future has greater heights in store for him.

Home for Working Girls.
 Former Senator W. A. Clark of Montana has set aside a large sum of money for the maintenance of a home for working girls in Los Angeles, a timely bequest just now when the country is so greatly exercised for the welfare of the girl who toils. Without assuming to say that the home idea offers the best solution of the grave problems in the lot of the working girl, we have no doubt that it at least affords a profitable field for philanthropic enterprise. Homes of this character ought to become both numerous and useful and especially so in cities with larger industrial problems to meet than Los Angeles has.
 If working girls' homes can be so conducted as, in any measure, to take the place in the life of the girl or young woman of her own home, they should then have far-reaching influence. The lack of proper domestic environment is, we believe, at the very bottom of conditions involving the ruin and despair for so many young people, boys as well as girls, and if the proposed home can be developed into a respectable substitute for the original home, the experiment ought to be worth while.
A Model Expense Account.
 While talking about model city charters, and model laws for this, that and the other, we should not overlook the model expense account for a public officer, which has just been presented for our attention.
 The city of Houston last year commissioned one of its public-spirited citizens as its special ambassador and minister plenipotentiary to inspect and report on conditions of city government in leading municipalities at home and abroad. For his services, extending over six months, the ambassador was to receive \$1,800 and legitimate expenses. The "expense account," duly rendered, is so unique that it is worthy of preservation. The account follows:
 Spent in service of city of Houston, for Transportation—Visiting and working (to procure publicity for Houston) to other municipalities, including municipal governments, in Kansas City, Mo.; Waterloo, Ia.; Chicago, Ill.; New York, N. Y.; Boston, Mass.; Cork and Dublin, Ireland; Glasgow, Scotland; Sheffield and London, England; Paris, France, and the principal cities of Germany, including charges for steamship, railroad, motor boat, carriage, taxicab and other conveyances, covering 15,000 miles, \$2,000.00
 Entertainment—Hotel, cafe, restaurant, theater, dining cars, clubs and social function, to which, as Houston's special commissioner, I was invited, and in entertaining in my turn people who thus aided me in my task of inquiry, \$1,000.15
 Service—Translators, typists, secretary, couriers, porters and gratuity to other servants, \$400.00
 Purchases—Necessitated by the work in hand and the exigencies of travel; books, papers, clothing, postage, pictures, maps, printing, cable and telegrams and other incidentals, \$300.00
 Total amount expended, \$2,700.15
 The frankness here exhibited is to be commended, and is certainly more admirable than that of the traveling man, who, after revising his bill and eliminating objectionable items added, "they are there, just the same."
 It will also be noted that the "model expense account," accounts for carriage and taxi rides, gratuities to servants, clothing necessitated by the exigencies of travel, and even "entertaining in my turn," people whose hospitality and entertainment are accepted. In this connection it is only fair to add the postscript attached to the "expense account," which reads:
 Learning since my return home that some taxpayers think the expenditure of this money was ill-advised, or wasteful, I insist here upon my right to say to such taxpayers, if there be any, that I stand ready on their demand, and on presentation by them of a properly certified voucher from the city tax collector, to refund to each his pro rata share of the cost of the undertaking. For five years, a private citizen, I have served Houston in as many hours daily as I could spare from the task of earning a living; have done it for sporting pride in the town and to make it a more beautiful, more healthful and comfortable place to live in. The only reason I did not make the city a present of this trip and inquiry was because I could not afford to do it. Rather than have any taxpayer feel that I have wasted a penny of his money, I stand ready to take the trifling burden off his hands on demand.
"Kid" Fraternities.
 Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of Chicago's public schools, has rendered valuable service to the cause of common sense by her withering disapproval of "kid" fraternities in school as "hotbeds of snobbery." So far as the schools of Chicago are concerned, we have not a doubt that Mrs. Young will try to keep them free of these nuisances, and the authorities in other cities should be inspired by her sturdy example.
 A secret society, it is agreed by

educators, is wholly out of place in a graded or high school, and cannot exist there without serious detriment, not only to the instruction, but to the child. At such an impressionable age he should not be tempted with distracting foibles and nonsense. It is even questioned whether at any stage of the youth's education he derives enough actual benefit from the fraternity to pay him for going into it.
 But if the frat is justifiable in college, they certainly are not called for in the secondary schools. There, where the entire spirit should breathe democracy, these "hotbeds of snobbery" teach the very opposite of democracy, obscuring young minds with fallacious ideas of life that it would take all of the college course to uproot.
Hub of Apple Country.
 Omaha is the hub of a great apple-growing country, becoming greater each year as the orchardists improve and intensify their culture. The four states—Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri—in 1909 raised 5,000,000 bushels more apples than eleven states to the west, including Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Colorado, from which the Missouri valley imports the best apples it uses, states held up as imperial in apple culture.
 But experts say the Missouri valley apple is superior to the fruit further west. Our orchardists in Nebraska and these other three states are now pursuing the modern scientific methods—cultivating the soil, smudging, thinning, pruning and spraying—and increasing both quality and quantity of their apples. And many men are growing rich on the crop. One Nebraska orchardist is said to have made a net profit of \$5,000 last year off thirty-five acres and another got 3,000 bushels from four and one-half acres. This state alone has 54,000 acres of apples. Some of these orchards are models in culture and equipment. One in Cass county has 5,000 smudge pots and an oil reservoir with a capacity of 27,000 gallons.
 And yet most of us are eating the wind-fall or poorer home-grown apples. The better ones are shipped abroad, many being stored in Chicago and held for the high prices. Now, the proposition is for Omaha to be made the apple market for the Missouri valley, at least for Nebraska and a part of each of the other three states. Apple men are now considering the advisability of interesting capital in the construction in Omaha of storage plants, to accommodate the orchardists now shipping to Chicago. Why could this not be done? We are paying from 38 to 50 cents a bushel box freight on the finer grade of Pacific coast apples, when we are producing as fine or finer ones in our own orchards. We could start with that freightage as our first advantage toward building up our own market and affording our best fruit to our own people.
The Storm in Nebraska.
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 If it is such a good thing for the water works, why not also for our other public service corporations? Why not put the water district, and its Water board, in supreme control of street railways, gas and electric light because all the territory is likewise served from the same plant operating under franchises originally granted by Omaha? Perhaps that is the ultimate object and part of the scheme to nullify home rule.
 We agree that there is no good excuse for public officers spending all their time as lobbyists at Lincoln while drawing salaries paid by taxpayers for attending to other business. And it is equally luscious whether the lobbyist is drawing a \$5,000 salary as water commissioner or only \$2,500 as state auditor.
 "The king of France with one thousand men marched up the hill and then marched down again." This has nothing to do with the suffrage excursion to Lincoln.
 A Texan was arrested in Washington for imagining he was president. That was exactly right. It would be dangerous for a Texan even to hold the office by imagination.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
 COMPILED FROM BEE FILES
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Thirty Years Ago—
 Minnie Madden delighted an audience at the Regal in that romantic drama, "Fog's Ferry."
 John Baumer has presented a valuable clock to St. Joseph's hospital.
 Albert Wesel of Omaha and Miss Annie Collins of Chicago were married last evening at the First Methodist Episcopal church, by Rev. G. W. Savage. After the ceremony the bride was presented with a check by her young friends.
 A call for a meeting of the Sixth Ward Republican club is signed by George R. Rathburn, chairman of the ward committee.
 Dolores Stanton, paymaster of the Department of the Platte, has returned from the west, accompanied by his chief clerk, H. W. Chase.
 Among distinguished hotel guests listed are: W. A. Pinkerton, Chicago; Captain Bogardus and Dr. Carver, the professional rifle shot.
 C. Specht, the cornice maker, is back from a trip to Stanton and Wiener, where he closed contracts for several new jobs, including the Stanton court house and the Bank of Wiener.
 Charles H. Hooper, proprietor of the Union Pacific boarding house on Tenth and Davenport streets, took his departure without leaving an address to the grief of a number of paid-in-advance boarders.
 J. Greene, has gone to Columbus to defend a party in a peculiar libel suit, in which an artist painted a prominent citizen, who, dissatisfied with the work, refused to pay for it, whereupon the artist hung the picture in a questionable resort, for which he was indicted.
Twenty Years Ago—
 Sandy Griswold returned from New Orleans, where he had reported the big prize fight for The Bee.
 County Clerk Sackett returned from Lincoln, where he aided in pushing through the legislature the county clerk's bill.
 Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Roeder went to Brooklyn to attend the marriage of A. B. Roeder, a brother, to Miss Lillian Searle.
 Seth Cole was back from Sioux City, where he went on police business. He was enthusiastic over the police conditions and regulations in Sioux City.
 Charles Hanford's production of the first time at the Farnam Street theater, "marvelously complete and satisfactory," to a large audience. Hanford's production was planned along lines identical with that of Barrett.
 City Electrician Cowgill began a campaign of locating and attending to dead wires and poles.
 Harry Straight, a motor conductor on the Hanson park line, suffered a broken collar bone and other injuries while coupling his car to a snow plow on Thirty-second street.
Ten Years Ago—
 G. Fred Elsasner, county treasurer, showed by his monthly report that the disbursements for February were \$128,402.05, leaving a balance on hand March 1 of \$114,159.33.
 In committee of the whole, Councilmen Lobeck, Karr, Zimmerman, Haswell, Trostler, Hoye and Whitehorn, decided to buy a strip of property forty feet wide by 700 feet long, owned by the assignees of the Harris & Fisher Packing company, in order to open Bancroft street from Twenty-ninth to a subway to be constructed under the Union Pacific tracks.
 Herman Houx, 301 South Thirteenth street, news agent on the Union Pacific, was killed in a collision of the passenger on which he was working and a freight train at Brady Island. M. C. Wallace, conductor, also of Omaha, was injured, but not seriously.
 A force of fifty men began to place poles along the line of extension of the street car tracks to Florence and the general manager announced that with favorable weather the line would be completed in sixty days, ready for operation.
 Mayor Frank E. Moores announced he would shake his first speech of the spring campaign Friday evening in National hall, Sixth and Pierce streets.

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.
 Feasting and fasting do not get on well together.
 Character never so gravestones, for it never dies.
 The higher a little man is lifted the worse it is for him.
 The less we can do for ourselves the more God can do for us.
 It is a waste of time to try to catch a jack rabbit in a mousetrap.
 The man who improves his talent draws pay from God for doing it.
 What a lot of trouble is caused by the man who bites off more than he can chew.
 The world needs a religion with hands and feet more than it does one with wings.
 The surest way to make a bad boy worse is to keep on telling him how bad he is now.
 The man who is always telling how he would do things if he were there never gets there.
 It makes little difference where you were born if you are doing what you should be doing now.
 An earnest man will get there with the goods while his half-hearted brother is loading his wheelbarrow.
 The right kind of a good man will always be found doing something to give the devil's business a black eye.
MUFFLED KNOCKS.
 Charity begins at home, even when the home doesn't need it.
 Even the continual changing of one's mind is apt to wear it out.
 If to the pure all things are pure, how can we have any reformers?
 Many a woman regards a husband simply as a necessary audience.
 Don't count your chickens until they have laid some eggs of their own.
 Travel will broaden some fellows almost as much as a padded coat will.
 Self-conceit is what prompts us to feel sorry for the people who don't like us.
 It isn't our own bad luck that discourages us so much as the good luck of others.
 The fellows who don't succeed are generally those who always want to do something else.
 We can get used to anything. The longer a man is married, the less he seems to mind it.
 Some men are so negative that they have no enemies because it's too much trouble to make any.
 Some men are more sensitive to the touch than others, as many a chronic borrower has discovered.—Boston Herald.
Income Tax Draft.
 Washington Post.
 There is a growing sentiment in congress for imposing the income tax on all salaries over \$1,000, which reminds one of the fact that when public sentiment compelled statesmen to give up railroad passes they made a law that included everybody else.
The Unexpected Happens.
 Philadelphia Bulletin.
 The English mob is beginning to take a hand in women suffrage demonstrations. This is hardly the sort of public attention which the militants counted upon attracting, but it is only what they ought to have expected.
Brilliant Social Affair.
 Chicago Tribune.
 Did you happen to notice the neighborhood fair Luna was making on lovely Venus last Tuesday evening? If not, you missed a most interesting and brilliant social affair in the higher circles.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULEIT.
 Cleveland Plain Dealer: A St. Louis woman has a record of attending 4,000 religious meetings in twenty years. Does it take 200 a year to save a St. Louisian?
 Kansas City Star: Militant members of the Ladies' Aid society of a Kansas City church have been threatening a strike unless they are given recognition that they seek. And everybody knows that if the Ladies' Aid society of the average church should strike the church would pretty nearly have to quit business.
 Springfield Republican: The paper contribution to the modern spirit of publicity is significant and will be widely appreciated. The secret archives of the congregation of the inquisition, hitherto accessible only to the inner circle of the elect, are to be made available for purposes of historical research, according to a dispatch to the New York Sun. It is not to be examined, it is said, was only recently refused to a number of prominent ecclesiastical historians.
"LIFE" SIZE SMILES.
 Lean Dog (trailing a fat man)—I'm going to find out where he takes his meals if I have to follow him all day.
 Benton—Have you tried all the remedies that your friends have recommended for your rheumatism?
 Tuber—Great Scott, no! I haven't had the posky disease more than three years.
 Fussy Old Lady (at the box office)—I want two good seats for this afternoon in the coolest part of the house.
 Ticket Agent—All right, madama, here are two in the Z row.
 Her Darling Boy—Mother, I've decided not to be a soldier when I grow up. I think I'll go to sea instead.
 Mother—Very well, dear, but take care you don't get your feet wet.
 Clara—They say that one evening's dance is equivalent to walking ten miles.
 Mother—That was the old style. Now it's equivalent to climbing about 100 trees.
 Mother (on Easter Sunday)—Good-bye, dear! I'll be home right after church. I hope Terrible-Good-bye, mother. I hope God'll give you new hair.
 Dumpleton—You're sending your daughter to a fashionable school, aren't you?
 You're right, Mr. Dumpleton.
 How does she like it?
 Fairly well, but she complains that she has no time to study.
 Howard—Schuyler says that now he has lost all hope of everything but Heaven.
 Charles—Very gracious! No wonder he's discouraged.
 Jack—Once more, Molly, will you marry me?
 Molly—For the twelfth time this hour I tell you I will not.
 Jack of the Golden Rule, twelve knots an hour is not bad speed for a little craft like you.
AN EASTER SONG.
 C. S. in Life.
 Just a song in season—
 Bonnets, bells and beads;
 Flying a flout at reason,
 And a jibe at prose!
 Life runs now in meters;
 Ribbons are the things;
 These—and much that's sinister—
 Easter brings!
 Violets and candy;
 Frolics, fairs;
 And the Ars Amandi
 In the place of prayers!
 We have had the pliers,
 Now for other things;
 Buds—and much that's ripe—
 Easter brings!
 We have had confession,
 Sombre, sober, staid;
 Now for the procession,
 Now for the parade!
 After stew and stammer
 Thus comes the Easter
 O, the glow and glamor
 Easter brings!

People and Events
 Speaking about signs of spring, Easter shop windows lie at the realm a mile and then some.
 It will cost a voter \$5 to stay away from the polls in Utah hereafter. In most instances it will cost \$5 to collect the penalty.
 The civil salary list of the United States comes mighty close to \$2,000,000 a day. Four-fifths of the huge roll is beyond the reach of patriots at the polls.
 The fact that the newly discovered gold fields in India are safely within the sphere of British influence removes the danger of a Johnson raid or a military scrap for possession.
 The awful and continuous lambasting given the Turks within twelve months robs Islam's "holy wars" of their terrors and shears the beard of the prophet. Modern times are tough on myths.
 Whether are we drifting? The manager of the Illinois children's home, which supplies babies for adoption, announces that the demand for baby girls, boys are not wanted. The triumphant chariot of feminism frowns on boys tagging behind.
 J. P. Morgan is banking heavily on the future of the United States. He expresses his confidence by starting a new four-story building on the site of the old Morgan banking house, and the foundations are to be laid for a forty-story skyscraper. When Mr. Morgan owns the rest of the world he will need more room for his bookkeepers.
 Every shady crook, maverick or brander, are working the gag that low wages caused their fall from grace. First year recruits and the New York police force claim that the minimum salary of \$300 a year is not enough to push away the tempter. This is the only gleam of humor that brightens a sombre situation.
 Uncommon fervor welcomes to Texas the Washington report foreshadowing a modification of the order putting \$5,000 monthly salaries postmasters under civil service rules. "Lord," exclaims the Houston Post, evangelist. "We yearn for a mansion in the skies in the next world, but a postoffice is good enough for use in this vale of tears."

How to Make the Skin Clear and Pinky-White As a Rose
Valeska Saratt, the Self-Made Beauty-Actress Reveals Some of Her Precious Beauty Secrets
 tained for no more than fifty cents at any good drug store. This cream should be applied very liberally and thoroughly rubbed into the skin until it has disappeared. The cream will not grow hair on the face. Keep the cream in an airtight jar or bottle.
 MRS. N. S.—No matter how heavy or obstinate your superfluous hair, you can get rid of it almost by magic by using simple sulfo solution.
 This you can get at the drug store for one dollar. Apply it with the finger tip to the superfluous hair, keeping the hair moist with it for two or three minutes until it has been dissolved. Then wipe off with a damp cloth and wash the skin. It never reddens or irritates the skin.
 MRS. F. T.—Yes, even mothers who have lost all their development as a result of nursing can surely regain it by using this formula for the bust:
 In a half pint of cold water, dissolve two ounces ruetone and half a cup of sugar, all well mixed together. Of this, take two teaspoonfuls three or four times a day in a wine-glass of water, after your meals. The ruetone will cost you one dollar at the drug store.
 PHILICILLA—This is the formula for blackheads which you asked for. It is splendid.
 First wash the face with hot water and soap. Then sprinkle some norexin generously upon a sponge made wet with hot water. Then rub well for a few minutes on the parts of the skin which are affected with blackheads. You should be able to secure the norexin at any druggists for fifty cents.
 LAURA N.—You can surely get rid of every pimple and prevent them from returning.
 Dissolve twelve ounces of granulated sugar in one quart of water, add one ounce of arsenic and mix the water together thoroughly, then add more water until you have a quart. This is the liquid which you can get at the drug store for one dollar. Get it in the original package. Take one or two teaspoonfuls of this mixture three or four times a day, with a little water if desired.
 MRS. T. D.—This formula will force your hair to grow wonderfully, fill in bald spots and stop the hair falling.
 Mix half a pint of alcohol with half a pint of water. To this add one ounce of benzoin, shake thoroughly and then it will be ready to use. If you prefer, you can use imported bay rum instead of alcohol. Four half a pint of bay rum you can get at almost any drug store for not more than fifty cents. This formula should be applied very freely to the scalp after brushing it generously for a few minutes all over. Rub the tonic thoroughly into the scalp with the finger tips.
 Never fail to use this shampoo on your hair. Never use soap. Egoil, which you can get at any drug store, is the best. Twenty-five cents, is superior to any agent in ridding the scalp of every particle of sebum and foreign matter.—Advertisement.

The Book Cemetery.
 "Uncle Joe" Cannon politely declines to consider the suggestion of writing his autobiography, compiling into book form the story of his interesting political career. In the first place he regards his experiences as of insufficient public interest to be preserved in printed pages, and next he is such an ardent conservationist that he is unwilling to contribute to the devastating of our forests, from which must come trees for the manufacture of paper into books and periodicals. These are multiplying amazingly every year at tremendous cost to our timber resources.
 And then Mr. Cannon, buttressing his characteristic humor with his quaint wisdom, points out that not one book in ten is remembered, and only one in 1,000 survives, and, perhaps, he might have added, deserves to survive. Books are now ground out by the hundreds and marketed as any other article of commerce with often least attention to literary merit. They are written upon the slightest provocation, of men and by men with neither the story to tell nor power to tell it that Uncle Joe possesses. It is very considerate, therefore, of him to stay out of the book cemetery. There will be no danger of history forgetting him. Other chroniclers of the times will see to that. His epitaph upon memory's tablet will be fresh and legible, we imagine, when those of some of his contemporary critics are faded and forgotten.
America's Mission.
 The story is told by an immigrant social worker of an Italian father, who had come to this country to live with his son. "America," said the father, "has no fine art, as yet it has no fine music of its own, but I tell you it has taken my son and made a man of him."
 So long as America takes the children of foreign lands who come to its shores and makes men and women of them, it can afford to forego the praise of possessing an art of its own. The most artistic test of America's worth to the world lies in exactly this, that it adapts its influence and institutions to the lives of those who leave home and loved ones in distant lands and come here for self-improvement. The fine arts these people can get at home. It is something else they lack and have come here to get. When they fail to find it in us and our country, then shall we know the lack is with us; we are failing to come up to the standard of old.
 The churches of America have some 10,000 "official," that is, duly commissioned, missionaries on foreign fields with a big work to do. But Americans have even a bigger missionary opportunity here at home, where foreign people come to drink at the fountain source the inspira-

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 "The king of France with one thousand men marched up the hill and then marched down again." This has nothing to do with the suffrage excursion to Lincoln.
 A Texan was arrested in Washington for imagining he was president. That was exactly right. It would be dangerous for a Texan even to hold the office by imagination.

People and Events
 Speaking about signs of spring, Easter shop windows lie at the realm a mile and then some.
 It will cost a voter \$5 to stay away from the polls in Utah hereafter. In most instances it will cost \$5 to collect the penalty.
 The civil salary list of the United States comes mighty close to \$2,000,000 a day. Four-fifths of the huge roll is beyond the reach of patriots at the polls.
 The fact that the newly discovered gold fields in India are safely within the sphere of British influence removes the danger of a Johnson raid or a military scrap for possession.
 The awful and continuous lambasting given the Turks within twelve months robs Islam's "holy wars" of their terrors and shears the beard of the prophet. Modern times are tough on myths.
 Whether are we drifting? The manager of the Illinois children's home, which supplies babies for adoption, announces that the demand for baby girls, boys are not wanted. The triumphant chariot of feminism frowns on boys tagging behind.
 J. P. Morgan is banking heavily on the future of the United States. He expresses his confidence by starting a new four-story building on the site of the old Morgan banking house, and the foundations are to be laid for a forty-story skyscraper. When Mr. Morgan owns the rest of the world he will need more room for his bookkeepers.
 Every shady crook, maverick or brander, are working the gag that low wages caused their fall from grace. First year recruits and the New York police force claim that the minimum salary of \$300 a year is not enough to push away the tempter. This is the only gleam of humor that brightens a sombre situation.
 Uncommon fervor welcomes to Texas the Washington report foreshadowing a modification of the order putting \$5,000 monthly salaries postmasters under civil service rules. "Lord," exclaims the Houston Post, evangelist. "We yearn for a mansion in the skies in the next world, but a postoffice is good enough for use in this vale of tears."

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